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# Introduction to the Original Edition

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A conventional dictionary lists words alphabetically and gives you their meanings. This unconventional dictionary lists an array of meanings alphabetically and gives you the words. That is why it is called a Reverse Dictionary.

The words it discovers for you are those you have momentarily forgotten or those you never knew or those of whose meanings you were not quite certain. If I tell you how the concept originated, it may make the idea more quickly understandable.

One evening a couple of us, in the course of conversation, got onto the subject of Chinese cuisine. My friend said he was especially fond of won ton soup. That led me to remark that the words “won ton” made perhaps even more sense if they were read backward. Whereupon my friend cried out, “Yes, just like that famous sentence, ‘Madam, I’m Adam.’ What *do* you call that kind of sentence?” I replied, “I know the word you want, but I’m damned if I can think of it at this moment. But anyway, ‘won ton’ is not what that word refers to, because then ‘won ton’ would have to read exactly the same backward as forward. And it doesn’t.”

On and off, between drinks, the two of us struggled for the rest of the evening to recall that word, elusive and yet familiar to both of us.

The next morning I telephoned him in triumph. “You know what we needed?” I said. “A reverse dictionary.”

“A what?” said he.

“A reverse dictionary. When we couldn’t think of that word last night we would have gone to the reverse dictionary and looked under the *b*’s for ‘backward,’ and it would have said something like ‘backward—a sentence that reads backward the same as forward: PALINDROME.’ Or we could have looked under the *r*’s for ‘reverse’ and it would have said, ‘reverse—a sentence that reads the same in reverse as forward: PALINDROME.’ Or if neither of those definitions had occurred to us, we could have tried under the *r*’s for ‘right to left—a sentence that reads from right to left just as it does from left to right: PALINDROME.’ Get it?”

He got it, all right, and that is how this project began.

It has entailed labor, to be sure, but it was lovable labor. I found it lovable and so did Jane Wagner, who toiled mightily and perceptively as

my collaborator. Our labor involved two principal tasks. One was selecting the words to be included in this lexicon; the other was framing the definitions in ways that would make the words readily findable.

In selecting the entries, we had to hit a happy medium between commonplace, everyday words that everyone except a thirteen-month-old knows (and would never have to grope for) and words that are so remote from general use that only a specialist in a particular field would have occasion to employ them. Thus you won't find *and* or *the* or *boy* or *box* in this dictionary, nor will you find many words like *bradykinin* or *intratelluric* or *thysanuran*. But you will find *brouhaha* and *cholesterol* and *alliteration* and *danseur*.

Framing the definitions was somewhat more difficult. Let me first set forth two items of terminology that we used and that will be used in this introduction. The word to be defined—that is, the word the user of this dictionary is groping for—we call the *target word*. The first word or words of each definition—that is, the word or phrase that is a synonym for the target word, or at least bears a sense relation to it—we call the *clue word*. It is the clue words that are alphabetized in this vocabulary and it is the clue words that lead into definitions of the target words.

Naturally in most instances these clue words cannot be the first words that ordinarily appear in dictionary definitions, since dictionary definitions often begin with such things as “of or pertaining to” or “the act of” or “any of various substances.” Phrases like those would not be helpful here; the first word of each entry must be meaningful. In addition, it must be a word that most likely would occur to the groper for a target word. Let's say the groper was groping for “Adonis”; most probably he would turn to the *h*'s and look for “handsome” or he would turn to the *m*'s and look for “man.” Either way he would be rewarded: Under the *h*'s he would find “handsome man: ADONIS” and under the *m*'s he would find “man of great beauty: ADONIS.” And he would be at grope's end.

Although we have tried to adhere to dictionary definitions—particularly, although not exclusively, to the concise ones in Funk and Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary—we have sometimes had to modify them so as to begin with meaningful clue words. Moreover, although our definitions give the sense of the target word accurately, their wording on a few occasions does not conform to the part of speech of the target word. For instance, one entry for the noun “agnosticism” is not a noun but rather a phrase: “God's existence questioned.” Using that definition provides a helpful clue word—“God's”—and no damage is done to the word's meaning. This book is not, after all, a conventional dictionary.

Still, for a person momentarily lacking any kind of conventional dictionary whatever, this lexicon could help fill the gap. The target words



appear alphabetically at the back of the book as an index, accompanied by page numbers that tell where their definitions or synonyms may be found. In other words, this reverse dictionary if used *in reverse* could be a conventional dictionary, though a very abridged one. That puts it one up on a normal dictionary, which can be used in only one direction. Of course, the definitions in this one are not so detailed nor so comprehensive as those in a conventional dictionary, and they are not intended to be. Yet they do give more than a hint of what each target word means.

This reverse dictionary is not a thesaurus either, yet within the limitation of the number of words it contains it can serve a similar purpose. The normal thesaurus throws masses of synonyms and closely or distantly related words at you, often leaving you to find your own way out of the jungle it has created. This lexicon gives you, by means of the clue words, synonyms or closely related expressions ranging from one to five or six for each target word. For the target word *ACAUDAL*, all that anyone needs for a synonym or a definition is “tailless.” For the target word *AMBIENCE*, however, more is required, and in this vocabulary you will find five entries, as follows:

- atmosphere of a place or situation
- environmental distinctiveness
- feel of a place or situation
- milieu
- surroundings

Thus when using this dictionary for its principal purpose, if you could not recall the word *AMBIENCE* you could look under any one of those five entries and there the target word would be awaiting you. On the other hand, if you were looking for another way of saying “ambience,” you could look in the index and be referred to all of those five entries. In doing that you would be using this work as a thesaurus.

Parenthetically, listing those five entries referring to *AMBIENCE* brings to mind one of the fascinating difficulties we encountered in devising this dictionary. We found we had to be seers—mind readers for thousands of people. We constantly kept asking ourselves the question, “If Jane Doe Smith couldn’t recall Word A, what kindred word or expression to look under would pop into her mind?” We tried to think of as many relevant look-up words as we could and thus the clue words kept multiplying.

That process gave the book a lagniappe that hadn’t occurred to us at first: the more entries the wider the opportunity for service to word fiends—vocabulary builders, crossword-puzzle workers and double-crostic solvers. After all, the pattern of this book is not unlike that of a crossword puzzle dictionary, though neither could replace the other. But if the crossword puzzle demanded a six-letter word for a “handsome

man,” you would find “Adonis” waiting for you in these pages.

If you wanted to get still more fun out of this basically serious book, you could use it to generate new word games in your living room. For instance, after the first round of cocktails, the host, leafing through these pages, could ask Guest A, “What’s a word for an ancient adding machine?” If the guest came up with “abacus,” the host could reward him with a second cocktail. Then the host could turn to Guest B and say, “Give me any one of a half a dozen definitions of ‘abecedarian,’ ” and if Guest B scratched his head in vain, the host could say, “What you need is another cocktail,” and give it to him. And so it could go.

Fundamentally, however, this book is designed with a serious purpose. It is intended to help all users of English, and particularly serious writers, to find words that temporarily are eluding them or words that they did not know even existed. It has as a chief purpose keeping them from settling for a second-best word by making easily available the precise word they require and should have. And needless to say, precision in language is a continuing imperative.

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Now for three minor details that should be called to the attention of users of this dictionary:

1. The various kinds of phobias are not entered separately. They appear in a listing under the clue word “phobias.”
2. Likewise, the various kinds of manias are not entered separately. They appear in a listing under the clue word “manias.” This listing, as well as that of phobias, is derived in the main from Funk and Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary.
3. Terms for groups, males, females and the young of animals, birds, fish and other creatures are not entered separately, but appear in a chart headed “Creature Terms” under the letter C.

T.M.B.

*New York, New York, September 1975*

### Editor’s Postscript

In addition to the more than 2,500 new terms defined for this edition, two more special or omnibus listings—along the lines of those for phobias, manias, and “Creature Terms”—have been added:

1. A listing of terms for various fields of medicine appears as a box, “Medical Fields,” under the letter M.

2. Nicknames for all fifty states of our country are listed in a box, "U.S. State Nicknames," under the letter S.

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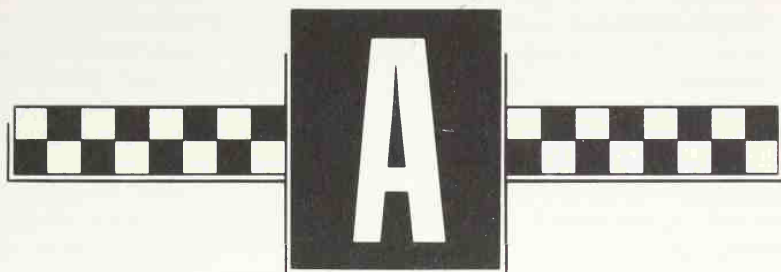
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abandon an undertaking: **SCUTTLE**  
abandoned, deserted, wretched,  
cheerless: **FORLORN**  
abandonment of one's faith, party or  
principles: **APOSTASY**  
abandon, yield, give up: **RELINQUISH**  
abate, calm, quiet: **SUBSIDE**  
abbreviation or sign representing a  
word, such as the dollar sign:  
**LOGOGRAM**  
abdominal pain resulting from muscular  
spasms: **COLIC**  
abhorrence, disgust or dislike in the  
extreme: **LOATHING**  
abide, continue unchanged: **SUBSIST**  
ability, skill: **PROWESS**  
ability to do something adroitly: **KNACK**  
abnormal: **ANOMALOUS**  
abnormal, diverging from the natural  
order: **PRETERNATURAL**  
abnormal, monstrous: **TERATOID**  
abominable, revolting, detestable:  
**EXECRABLE**  
abominable snowman: **YETI**  
abortion-inducing substance, procedure,  
etc.: **ABORTIFACIENT**  
abortion opponent: **RIGHT-TO-LIFER**  
about, approximately: **CIRCA**  
about-face, complete reversal:  
**VOLTE-FACE**  
about to happen without delay:  
**IMMINENT**  
about to occur: **IMPENDING**  
above all else in importance:  
**PARAMOUNT**  
above comparison, preeminently: **PAR**  
**EXCELLENCE**  
abridge, make concise: **CONDENSE**  
abridgement that is brief but  
comprehensive: **COMPENDIUM**

abroad-living citizen: **EXPATRIATE**  
abrogate, repeal, revoke: **RESCIND**  
abrupt, brief, hasty: **CURSORY**  
abruptly cause: **PRECIPITATE**  
abrupt, sharp emphasis: **STACCATO**  
absence of government: **ANARCHY**  
absence of life: **ABIOSIS**  
absent-minded: **DISTRAIT**  
absent, not present: **IN ABSENTIA**  
absolute and unquestioning, unreserved:  
**IMPLICIT**  
absolute, complete, thoroughgoing:  
**UNMITIGATED**  
absolute, full, complete: **PLENARY**  
absolute government by an individual:  
**AUTOCRACY**  
absolute, not to be questioned, final:  
**PEREMPTORY**  
absolute power, supreme command:  
**IMPERIUM**  
absolute rule: **AUTARCHY**  
absolute, without any qualifications:  
**CATEGORICAL**  
absorbed in completely: **RAPT**  
absorb, occupy completely, monopolize:  
**ENGROSS**  
absorption in one's thoughts: **BROWN**  
**STUDY**  
abstainer from alcoholic drinks:  
**TEETOTALER**  
abstaining from sexual intercourse:  
**CELIBATE**  
abstract, concise summary: **PRÉCIS**  
abstracted quality or essence of  
anything: **DISTILLATION**  
abstractly or intellectually apprehended:  
**NOETIC**  
abstract or speculative philosophy:  
**METAPHYSICS**



abstruse, hidden: **RECONDITE**  
 abstruse, secret, unknown except by a few: **ESOTERIC**  
 absurd appearance given to something or someone: **STULTIFIED**  
 absurdity ultimately of an argument or proposition demonstrated: **REDUCTIO AD ABSURDUM**  
 absurd, ridiculous: **LUDICROUS**  
 absurd, senseless: **IRRATIONAL**  
 abundant, lavish, generous: **PROFUSE**  
 abundant, numerous: **GALORE**  
 abundant, plentiful: **RIFE**  
 abuse by words, verbal attack: **INVECTIVE**  
 abuse, handle roughly, manhandle: **MAUL**  
 abuse or satirize in humorous prose or verse: **LAMPOON**  
 abuse, vilify: **REVILE**  
 abusive and defamatory words: **OBLOQUY**  
 abusive and loud: **THERSITICAL**  
 abusive, coarse in language: **SCURRILOUS**  
 abusive denunciation, harangue: **DIATRIBE**  
 abusive, disgracing: **OPPROBRIOUS**  
 abusive language: **VITUPERATION**  
 accented forcibly in music: **SPORZANDO**  
 accent mark consisting of two dots over a letter (ü): **DIERESIS, UMLAUT**  
 accent mark, hooklike, placed under a "c" (ç): **CEDILLA**  
 accent mark, in Arabic, like an apostrophe: **HAMZA**  
 accent mark in the form of an inverted "v" (^): **CIRCUMFLEX**  
 accent mark like a thick acute accent and used for syllable stress or letter differentiation ('): **PRIME**  
 accent mark like a wavy line (~): **TILDE**  
 accent mark that points upward to the left (˘): **GRAVE ACCENT**  
 accent mark that points upward to the right (ˆ): **ACUTE ACCENT**  
 accent, way of speaking a language: **INTONATION**  
 accept as true: **POSTULATE**  
 accepted, popular, everyday speech: **VULGATE**  
 accepted practice: **PRAXIS**  
 accessory: **ACOUTREMENT, ACCOUTERMENT**

accessory: **APPURTENANCE**  
 accidental, fortunate by chance rather than design: **FORTUITOUS**  
 accidental homicide: **CHANCE-MEDLEY**  
 accidentally occurring or acquired: **ADVENTITIOUS**  
 accidental occurrence: **HAPPENSTANCE**  
 accidental, random: **HAPHAZARD**  
 accident in a car that is minor: **FENDER BENDER**  
 accompanying as a factor or circumstance: **CONCOMITANT**  
 accomplice at a carnival, con game, auction, etc., who poses as an onlooker or customer: **SHILL**  
 accomplice in crime: **PARTICEPS CRIMINIS**  
 accomplish, bring about: **EFFECT**  
 accomplished fact or irrevocable thing done: **FAIT ACCOMPLI**  
 accomplishment, creation or performance that is ingenious or impressive: **TOUR DE FORCE**  
 accomplishment or realization of things worked for: **FRUITION**  
 accord, harmonious relationship: **RAPPORT**  
 accord-like small instrument: **CONCERTINA**  
 accumulation that is confusing; jumble, slew: **WELTER**  
 accurate, certain: **UNERRING**  
 accurate, exact, precise: **NICE**  
 accurately verbatim reproduction of a spelling or quotation followed by this word in parentheses: **SIC**  
 accurate reproduction: **FIDELITY**  
 accusation of a formal or serious nature: **J'ACCUSE**  
 accusation of wrongdoing made against a public official: **IMPEACHMENT**  
 accusation or denunciation that is virulent: **INVECTIVE**  
 accusation or the charging of a wrongdoing or fault: **IMPUTATION**  
 accusatory searching out and persecuting of certain people: **WITCH-HUNT**  
 accuse, charge with a crime: **INDICT**  
 accuse falsely: **CALUMNIATE**  
 accuse in return: **RECRIMINATE**  
 accuse of wrongdoing or imply guilt: **INCRIMINATE**  
 accustomed or used to, habituated: **WONT**

accustom or harden someone to something: **CONDITION**  
 accustom to something difficult: **INURE**  
 acme, highest point: **PINNACLE**  
 acorn-shaped: **BALANOID**  
 acquainted or familiar with a subject: **CONVERSANT**  
 acquit, free from accusation or blame: **EXONERATE**  
 acquit, justify: **VINDICATE**  
 acrid: **PUNGENT**  
 acrobat's or gymnast's canvas jumping sheet stretched on a frame: **TRAMPOLINE**  
 across: **ATHWART**  
 acrostic form in which the final letters of successive lines form a word: **TELESTICH**  
 acrostic form in which the middle letters of successive lines form a word: **MESOSTICH**  
 act as a judge: **ADJUDICATE**  
 act as an official: **OFFICIATE**  
 acting hastily: **BRASH**  
 actions that are devious or mischievous: **SHENANIGANS**  
 activator, leader, inspirer: **SPARK PLUG**  
 active, lively: **VIVACIOUS**  
 actor or actress: **THIESPIAN**  
 actor or actress who feeds comedian lines: **STRAIGHT MAN**  
 actual or realized existence as opposed to mere potentiality: **ENTELECHY**  
 actual, real, important: **SUBSTANTIVE**  
 acute, keen, sharp, biting: **INCISIVE**  
 acutely or keenly experienced, as a particular pleasure: **EXQUISITE**  
 adage: **APHORISM**  
 add at the end: **SUBJOIN**  
 added clause appended to a legislative bill: **RIDER**  
 added syllable or syllables at the end of a word: **SUFFIX**  
 adding machine of ancients: **ABACUS**  
 additional and not inherent, acquired, extrinsic, supplementary: **ADSCITITIOUS**  
 additional feature or aspect: **ADJUNCT**  
 addition, increase, something added or gained: **INCREMENT**  
 addition, insertion or interruption in a discourse, process or series: **INTERPOLATION**  
 addition to a will: **CODICIL**

add or inject certain elements: **INCORPORATE**  
 addressing a person or thing absent or in a rhetorical way: **APOSTROPHE**  
 address to graduating class: **BACCALAUREATE**  
 adept at many things: **VERSATILE**  
 adhesive, sticky: **VISCID**  
 adjective linked to a noun to which it normally would not apply: **TRANSFERRED EPITHET**, **HYPALLAGE**  
 adjective used as a noun: **ADNOUN**  
 adjunct: **APPURTENANCE**  
 adjusted or resigned to a situation: **RECONCILED**  
 adjustment: **ORIENTATION**  
 adjustment to meet the demands of the environment: **REALITY PRINCIPLE**  
 adjustment to society's cultural norms: **ACCULTURATION**, **ENCULTURATION**  
 adjust, temper, soften or regulate: **MODULATE**  
 ad lib: **EXTEMPORANEOUS**  
 administration or manner of governing: **GOVERNANCE**  
 admirable, consummate: **EXQUISITE**  
 admittance: **ACCESS**  
 admonish or advise strongly, urge by earnest appeal: **EXHORT**  
 adolescent who is awkward: **HOBBLEDEHOY**  
 adorn magnificently, extol, celebrate: **EMBLAZON**  
 adroit, skillful: **DEXTEROUS**  
 adulterous spouse's named partner in a divorce suit: **CORRESPONDENT**  
 adultery, in law: **CRIMINAL CONVERSATION**  
 adult-learning methods: **ANDRAGOGY**  
 advance announcer of the coming of someone or something: **HARBINGER**  
 advanced beyond what is usual for one's age: **PRECOCIOUS**  
 advantage-intended action, move or temporary sacrifice: **GAMBIT**  
 advantage or weapon held in reserve, secret winner: **ACE IN THE HOLE**  
 advantageous position: **CATBIRD SEAT**  
 advantage spot for observation: **COIGN OF VANTAGE**  
 advantage-taker who is sneaky: **CHEAP-SHOT ARTIST**  
 adverb that is misplaced so it could

- modify either of two words:  
**SQUINTING MODIFIER**
- adverse, unfortunate: **UNTOWARD**
- advertisement explaining or informing  
 in a formal way, as by a  
 corporation or union:  
**ADVERTORIAL**
- advertisement made to look like an  
 editorial: **ADVERTORIAL**
- advertisement or notice distributed by  
 hand: **HANDBILL**
- advertising billboard (British):  
**HOARDING**
- advertising offer of a low-priced item to  
 lure customers into purchasing a  
 higher-priced item:  
**BAIT-AND-SWITCH**
- advertising or promotion that is  
 sensational: **BALLYHOO**
- advertising space measurement: **AGATE  
 LINE**
- advise of a fault: **ADMONISH**
- advise or recommend strongly, urge by  
 earnest appeal: **EXHORT**
- adviser or critic who is frank and  
 severe: **DUTCH UNCLE**
- advisers consulted, usually unofficially,  
 for their expertise: **BRAIN TRUST**
- advisers, usually secret and unofficial:  
**CAMARILLA**
- advocacy or support, as of a cause:  
**ESPOUSAL**
- advocate or originator of a cause:  
**PROPONENT**
- aerial cablecar: **TELPHER**
- aesthetic qualities associated with  
 ancient Greece and Rome:  
**CLASSICISM**
- affectation of style or peculiarity of  
 manner: **MANNERISM**
- affected display of modesty: **PRUDERY**
- affected in writing, behavior, etc.:  
**PRECIOUS**
- affectedly or cutely quaint (British):  
**TWEE**
- affectedly or effeminately prim, elegant  
 or dainty: **MINCING**
- affecter of attitudes to impress others:  
**POSEUR**
- affecting superiority, ostentatious:  
**PRETENTIOUS**
- affection that is foolish or excessive:  
**DOTAGE**
- affirmative meaning expressed by  
 negating its opposite: **LITOTES**
- affront, insult: **INDIGNITY**
- African lute-like musical instrument:  
**ODU**
- African or African-modeled long and  
 colorfully patterned buttonless shirt  
 worn chiefly by men: **DASHIKI**
- African village or native community:  
**KRAAL**
- after death: **POSTHUMOUS**
- afterdinner: **POSTPRANDIAL**
- aftereffect, reverberation:  
**REPERCUSSION**
- aftermath: **WAKE**
- aftermath that is surprising and  
 unfortunate or harmful:  
**AFTERCLAP**
- after-the-event perception, retrospect:  
**HINDSIGHT**
- after the fact: **EX POST FACTO**
- again, from the beginning, anew: **DE  
 NOVO**
- against change or progress,  
 conservative: **REACTIONARY**
- aged, infirm, doting: **SENILE**
- age-estimate a fossil by carbon  
 measurement: **CARBON-DATE**
- age, length of life: **LONGEVITY**
- agency that sells articles, columns,  
 cartoons, etc., to a number of  
 periodicals: **SYNDICATE**
- agent, deputy, substitute: **VICAR**
- agent in financing: **FACTOR**
- agent or adviser who is powerful but  
 unofficial: **ÉMINENCE GRISE**
- agent planted in an organization to  
 incite trouble or dissension: **AGENT  
 PROVOCATEUR**
- agent that remains unchanged while  
 changing other components:  
**CATALYST**
- agent who handles orders to buy and  
 sell securities: **BROKER**
- agent who is an intermediary or  
 go-between in espionage: **CUT-OUT**
- age of a girl before which intercourse is  
 statutory rape: **AGE OF CONSENT**
- aggravated or distraught state: **SWIVET**
- aggravate, worsen, make worse or more  
 severe: **EXACERBATE**
- aggressive, obnoxious: **BUMPTIOUS**
- aggressive, lively: **FEISTY**
- aging and the aged as a scientific study:  
**GERONTOLOGY**
- aging, growing old: **SENESCENT**
- agitated state: **SWIVET**

agitated, worried, tense, bewildered:

**DISTRAUGHT**

agitating violently: **TURBULENT**

agitator, fiery upstart, stirrer-upper:

**FIREBRAND**

agonizing, painful: **EXCRUCIATING**

agreeable in manner or style, apt,

well-chosen: **FELICITOUS**

agreeableness: **COMPLAISANCE**

agreeable to persuasion or change:

**AMENABLE**

agree exactly: **COINCIDE**

agree, go along with: **ACCEDE**

agreeing, conforming: **CONGRUENT**

agree, yell: **JIBE**

agreement: **CONCURRENCE**

agreement, compact, pledge: **COVENANT**

agreement guaranteed solely by the

pledged word of the parties

involved: **GENTLEMAN'S**

**AGREEMENT**

agreement, harmony: **CONSONANCE**

agreement made provisionally or for

practicality pending final accord:

**MODUS VIVENDI**

agreement of all concerned: **UNANIMITY**

agreement or covenant, especially

between church and state:

**CONCORDAT**

agreement or opinion that is general:

**CONSENSUS**

agreement that is mutual: **ENTENTE**

agreement, treaty, contract: **PACT**

agricultural: **AGRARIAN**

aiding, supporting, auxiliary:

**ANCILLARY**

aid, succor: **SUBVENTION**

aimed straight at a target and close

enough so the projectile does not

fall appreciably: **POINT-BLANK**

aim, goal, purpose: **INTENT**

aimless, casual, disconnected, random:

**DESULTORY**

aimless wandering: **MEANDERING**

air-attack a target with machine-gun

fire from low-flying planes: **STRAFE**

air column swirling around a vertical

axis: **WHIRLWIND**

aircraft carrier: **FLATTOP**

aircraft enclosure, especially one

housing an engine: **NACELLE**

aircraft on a single military mission:

**SORTIE**

aircraft workshop or shelter: **HANGAR**

air-cushion vehicle: **HOVERCRAFT**

air hole: **SPIRACLE**

air over a hot surface, such as a

blacktop road, shimmering because

of refraction of light rays:

**LAURENCE EFFECT**

airplane for sophisticated surveillance:

**AWACS (AIRBORNE WARNING**

**AND CONTROL SYSTEM)**

airplane landing that is perfect:

**THREE-POINT LANDING**

airplane's prospective passenger who

fails to claim reservation: **NO-SHOW**

airport luggage conveyor belt: **BAGGAGE**

**CAROUSEL**

airstream behind a propeller, moving

vehicle, etc.: **SLIPSTREAM**

airtight: **HERMETIC**

airy, light, spiritual: **ETHEREAL**

alarm, bell signal: **TOCSIN**

alarm, call to arms: **ALARUM**

alarm, upset, disturb: **PERTURB**

alchemist's sought-after stone or

substance to transmute other

metals into gold: **PHILOSOPHER'S**

**STONE**

alcohol: **AQUA VITAE**

alcoholically abstain or undergo

treatment to stop drinking: **DRY**

**OUT**

alcoholically inclined: **BIBULOUS**

alcoholic appetizer: **APERITIF**

alcoholic derelict: **WINO**

alcoholic hallucinatory delirium:

**DELIRIUM TREMENS**

alcoholic liquor: to add in small

quantity to a beverage: **LACE**

alcoholic strong liquor: **SCHNAPPS**

alcoholism, craving for alcohol:

**DIPSOMANIA**

ale or beer and ginger ale mixed:

**SHANDYGAFF**

alert, watchful: **VIGILANT**

alert, wide-awake; **ON THE QUI VIVE**

alienated, estranged: **DISAFFECTED**

alien or from beyond earth, nonhuman:

**EXTRATERRESTRIAL**

alignment (in a straight line) of three

celestial bodies, as during an

eclipse: **SYZYG**

aligned with or as a margin, not

indented: **FLUSH**

aliqueness of a trait, characteristic or

viewpoint: **COMMON**

**DENOMINATOR**

all at one time: **HOLUS-BOLUS**



alleviate, extenuate: **PALLIATE**  
 alley lined with dwellings that were  
 formerly stables: **MEWS**  
 alliance: **COALITION**  
 alliance of two or more business  
 concerns for a venture:  
**CONSORTIUM**  
 all-important thing: **BE-ALL AND**  
**END-ALL**  
 all kinds of things accepted, as by the  
 mind: **OMNIVOROUS**  
 all life held as sacred: **AHIMSA**  
 all out, using all resources, furiously:  
**TOOTH AND NAIL**  
 all out, with energy and determination:  
**HAMMER AND TONGS**  
 allowable, permissible: **TOLERABLE**  
 allowable, permissible, worthy:  
**ADMISSIBLE**  
 allowance, salary, pension: **STIPEND**  
 allowing for or taking into  
 consideration attendant differences:  
**MUTATIS MUTANDIS**  
 allowing unusual freedom, lenient:  
**PERMISSIVE**  
 all performers take part, in music:  
**TUTTI**  
 all right, fine, satisfactory:  
**HUNKY-DORY**  
 all the more forcefully or logically, even  
 more: **A FORTIORI**  
 almighty: **OMNIPOTENT**  
 almond-flavored liqueur: **AMARETTO**  
 almost, nearly: **WELL-NIGH**  
 alms-giving, charitable: **ELEEMOSYNARY**  
 alone: **ISOLATED**  
 alphabetic characters of one language  
 used to represent the letters of  
 another: **TRANSLITERATION**  
 alphabet in small letters used in  
 printing: **LOWER CASE**  
 alphabet, pertaining to the:  
**ABECEDARIAN**  
 also known as, otherwise called, alias:  
**A.K.A.**  
 altar boy: **ACOLYTE**  
 altar boy who carries the censer:  
**THURIFER**  
 alter a female animal by removal of the  
 ovaries: **SPAY**  
 alteration, destruction, or mutilation,  
 especially of a legal document:  
**SPOILIATION**  
 alternate, change places: **INTERCHANGE**

alter or deter the plans of someone by  
 persuasion: **DISSUADE**  
 altitude-measuring instrument:  
**ALTIMETER**  
 altogether, entirely: **IN TOTO**  
 always prepared: **SEMPER PARATUS**  
 amaze, astound: **FLABBERGAST**  
 amazement, fear or panic that is sudden  
 and paralyzing: **CONSTERNATION**  
 amazing, hard to believe: **INCREDIBLE**  
 amazing, wonderful: **PRODIGIOUS**  
 ambiguity that is usually unintentional  
 and because of grammatical  
 looseness: **AMPHIBOLOGY**  
 ambiguous, insincere: **LEFT-HANDED**  
 ambiguous or oracular: **DELPHIC**  
 ambiguous talk: **DOUBLE TALK**  
 ambiguous, uncertain in origin or  
 character, double-meaninged,  
 dubious: **EQUIVOCAL**  
 ambitious newcomer to success or  
 wealth, upstart, parvenu:  
**ARRIVISTE**  
 ambush: **WAYLAY**  
 ambush: **AMBUSCADE**  
 amends, restoration to proper condition:  
**REPARATION**  
 American and British in mixture, as  
 one's speech: **MID-ATLANTIC**  
 American Indian male who is married:  
**SANNUP**  
 American 19th-century doctrine of  
 justified expansionism: **MANIFEST**  
**DESTINY**  
 ammunition belt worn over the  
 shoulder: **BANDOLIER**  
 ammunition wagon: **CAISSON**  
 amnesia state or period: **FUGUE**  
 among other things: **INTER ALIA**  
 amount: **QUANTUM**  
 amount added to determine the selling  
 price: **MARKUP**  
 amount by which a stock or bond may  
 sell above its dollar value:  
**PREMIUM**  
 amount of stock an individual has sold  
 even though he didn't own it and  
 hasn't yet paid for it: **SHORT**  
**POSITION**  
 amount that must be paid by customer  
 even though he uses his broker's  
 credit for purchase: **MARGIN**  
 amputee's sensation of pain where the  
 lost limb would be: **PHANTOM**  
**LIMB PAIN**

amulet, charm: **TALISMAN**  
 amuse, distract, entertain: **DIVERT**  
 amuse, entertain: **REGALE**  
 amusement: **DIVERTISSEMENT**  
 amusement park having a central theme: **TIEME PARK**  
 amusement, pastime: **DIVERSION**  
 amuse or occupy oneself, frisk about, frolic: **DISPORT**  
 anachronism in the form of a wrongly early date: **PROCHRONISM**  
 anachronism in the form of a wrongly late date: **METACHRONISM**  
 anagram or word puzzle: **LOGOGRIPIH**  
 analysis of something that has happened: **POSTMORTEM**  
 analysis or interpretation of a word, passage or work: **EXEGESIS**  
 analyze, break up or separate into parts: **RESOLVE**  
 ancestor dating furthest back, forefather: **PRIMOGENITOR**  
 ancestor worship: **MANISM**  
 ancestral line: **PEDIGREE**  
 ancestry, pedigree: **LINEAGE**  
 anchor for small boats: **KILLICK**  
 anchoring place, available port: **ANCHORAGE**  
 anchor with sharp flukes or hooked spikes: **GRAPNEL**  
 ancient, outmoded, old-fashioned, out of step with the times: **ANTEDILUVIAN**  
 ancient, venerable, gray- or white-haired: **HOARY**  
 ancient wedge-stroke writing: **CUNEIFORM**  
 ancient writing: **PALEOGRAPHY**  
 and others (et alii): **ET AL.**  
 "and" symbol (&): **AMPERSAND**  
 and the following: **ET SEQ.**  
 anew, again, from the beginning: **DE NOVO**  
 angel of the highest rank: **SERAPH**  
 angered easily, irascible, hot-tempered: **CHOLERIC**  
 anger, embitter: **RANKLE**  
 anger, enrage: **INCENSE**  
 anger or offense shown: **BRIDLE**  
 anger roused by injustice or baseness: **INDIGNATION**  
 angle iron or metal bracket used to strengthen a corner or angle of a structure: **GUSSET**  
 Anglo-Saxon bard: **SCOP**  
 Anglo-Saxon council: **WITENAGEMOT**

angrily and frowningly stare: **GLOWER**  
 angrily or sullenly look, scowl: **LOWER**  
 angry argument: **ALTERCATION**  
 angry behavior: **BELLICOSITY**  
 angry dispute, quarrel: **WRANGLE**  
 angry, enraged: **IRATE**  
 angry or irritated state: **SNIT**  
 angry or resentful to a great degree: **IN HIGH DUDGEON**  
 anguish, distress, pain, suffering: **TRAVAIL**  
 animal and plant comparison as a science: **BIOSTATICS**  
 animal and plant functions and processes as a science: **PHYSIOLOGY**  
 animal and plant structures as a study apart from function: **MORPHOLOGY**  
 animal, a rodent, believed to drown itself in mass numbers: **LEMMING**  
 animal behavior in nature as a study: **ETHIOLOGY**  
 animal bereft of its horns: **POLLARD**  
 animal doctor: **VETERINARIAN**  
*animal group terms*—see "creature terms"  
 animal living in the nest or dwelling of another species: **INQUILINE**  
 animal or plant selected as representative of a new species: **HOLOTYPE**  
 animal or plant surviving from an earlier period or type: **RELICT**  
 animal preservation after death by stuffing and mounting skins: **TAXIDERMY**  
 animal's den: **LAIR**  
 animals living in a given area: **FAUNA**  
 animals or insects that are harmful or offensive pests: **VERMIN**  
 animal's or organism's biological development as an individual: **ONTOGENY**  
 animals' survival or perpetuation because of being the most fit or the most adaptable: **NATURAL SELECTION**  
 animals that are warm-blooded and whose offspring are fed with milk from female mammary glands: **MAMMALS**  
 animal used for heavy work: **BEAST OF BURDEN**  
 animal worship: **ZOOLATRY**  
 animate or pervade: **INFORM**

ankle bones as a group: **TARSUS**  
 annihilation or destruction of an entire  
 people or national group:  
**GENOCIDE**  
 annotate a text between the lines:  
**INTERLINE**  
 announce officially, put into effect:  
**PROMULGATE**  
 annoyance, hindrance, snag,  
 complication: **FLY IN THE**  
**OINTMENT**  
 annoyance that is always a problem:  
**BUGBEAR**  
 annoyed, offended, irritated: **MIFFED**  
 annoying, irritating: **VEXATIOUS**  
 annoying, provoking, prodding person:  
**GADFLY**  
 annoy or harass with taunts or  
 questions: **HECKLE**  
 annoy or taunt by reminding of a fault:  
**TWIT**  
 annoy, weary, vex: **IRK**  
 annually recurring, said of certain  
 Mediterranean summer winds:  
**ETESIAN**  
 annul: **INVALIDATE**  
 annul, as a law or a right: **ABROGATE**  
 answer sharply: **RETORT**  
 antagonistic, alien, not desirable:  
**REPUGNANT**  
 antagonistic, hostile: **INIMICAL**  
 antagonist or opposing thing that  
 threatens retribution or defeat:  
**NEMESIS**  
 anthology of scholarly writings for a  
 special occasion: **FESTSCHRIFT**  
 anti-abortion adherent: **RIGHT-TO-LIFER**  
 anti-aircraft gun used in pairs or more  
 on ships: **POM-POM**  
 antic, caper: **DIDO**  
 antic, caper: **GAMBADO**  
 anticipatory: **PREVENIENT**  
 antidotal, countering poison or  
 infection: **ALEXIPHARMIC**  
 antidote for a poison: **MITHRIDATE**  
 anti-drowning technique for a swimmer:  
**DROWNPROOFING**  
 anti-government in any form:  
**ANARCHIC**  
 anti-guerrilla government activity:  
**COUNTERINSURGENCY**  
 anti-machinery worker: **LUDDITE**  
 antiquated: **ANTEDILUVIAN**  
 antique: **MUSEUM PIECE**  
 anti-smoking viewpoint: **MISOCAPNIA**

anxiety: **DISQUIETUDE**  
 anxiety about one's health, often over  
 imagined symptoms:  
**HYPOCHONDRIA**  
 anxiety, agitation, nervous excitement:  
**DITHER**  
 anxiety, fear, dread, apprehension:  
**ANGST**  
 anxious or in a state of suspense: **ON**  
**TENTERHOOKS**  
 anything: **AUGHT**  
 apartment consisting of a single room  
 with kitchenette and bathroom:  
**EFFICIENCY APARTMENT**  
 apartment house in which occupants  
 own shares of stock in the  
 building: **COOPERATIVE**  
 apartment house in which units are  
 owned separately by individuals:  
**CONDOMINIUM**  
 apartment or lodging, furnished,  
 consisting of one room: **BED-SITTER**  
 apartment or lodging place that is  
 part-time, occasional or temporary;  
**PIED-À-TERRE**  
 apartment whose rooms are in a  
 straight line: **RAILROAD**  
**APARTMENT, RAILROAD FLAT**  
 apathetic: **PHLEGMATIC**  
 apathetic, lackadaisical, indifferent:  
**LISTLESS**  
 apathetic, unconcerned: **INDIFFERENT**  
 apathy, sluggishness, dullness:  
**LETHARGY**  
 apathy, stupor: **TORPOR**  
 ape-like: **SIMIAN**  
 ape-like or man-like primate: **HOMINID**  
 ape-like two-legged creature said to  
 exist in remote areas of western  
 North America: **SASQUATCH,**  
**BIGFOOT**  
 apex, top: **VERTEX**  
 aphrodisiac called Spanish fly:  
**CANTHARIDES**  
 apologetic: **DEPRECATORY**  
 apologetic, meek, shy person:  
**MILQUETOAST**  
 apparatus that functions by itself:  
**AUTOMATON**  
 apparently but not really correct:  
**SPECIOUS**  
 apparent, seeming: **OSTENSIBLE**  
 apparent to sight or understanding,  
 evident, obvious: **MANIFEST**  
 apparition, ghost: **SPECTER**

apparition of a person thought to be alive, seen just before or after death: **WRAITH**  
 apparitions or images in a series, as in a dream: **PHANTASMAGORIA**  
 appeal earnestly, direct, command: **ADJURE**  
 appealing to emotions: **AFFECTIVE**  
 appealing to the audience's greed or financial concerns: **AD CRUMENAM**  
 appealing to the audience's sentiment rather than to reason or fact: **AD POPULUM**  
 appealing to prejudice rather than to reason: **AD HOMINEM**  
 appearance: **SEMBLANCE**  
 appearance, aspect: **GUISE**  
 appearance-improving: **COSMETIC**  
 appearance, manner: **MIEN**  
 appearance or aspect that is false in order to deceive: **GUISE**  
 appearance or likeness of truth or reality: **VERISIMILITUDE**  
 appearance or look of a person or thing: **PHYSIOGNOMY**  
 appearance or manifestation of a deity, a showing forth: **EPIPHANY**  
 appearing in various passages in a book: **PASSIM**  
 appear or come into view as through a mist, often ominously: **LOOM**  
 appeasement gift or bribe: **SOP**  
 appease or satisfy by deceit, put off by lies or evasion: **FOB OFF**  
 appease, pacify: **PLACATE**  
 appease, win goodwill: **PROPITIATE**  
 append: **SUBJOIN**  
 appendix to a will: **CODICIL**  
 appetite so great as to be pathological: **BULIMIA**  
 appetizer in the form of an alcoholic drink: **APERITIF**  
 appetizer of toast and a spread: **CANAPÉ**  
 appetizers: **HORS D'OEUVRES**  
 appetizers of raw vegetables, often with a dip: **CRUDITÉS**  
 appetizing, tasty: **SAVORY**  
 appetizing treat, delicious morsel, delicacy: **BONNE BOUCHE**  
 applauders hired for the purpose: **CLAUQUE**  
 applause: **PLAUDITS**  
 applause outburst: **OVATION**  
 applicable, pertinent: **RELEVANT**

appointment or secret meeting, as of lovers: **TRYST**  
 appointment to meet, meeting place: **RENDEZVOUS**  
 appoint or preempt: **CO-OPT**  
 apprehension, doubt, qualm: **MISGIVING**  
 apprehension, fear, anxiety, dread: **ANGST**  
 apprentice, beginner: **NOVICE, TYRO**  
 approachableness: **ACCESS**  
 approach game or prey in a stealthy manner: **STALK**  
 appropriate, applicable: **RELEVANT**  
 appropriate or pirate the ideas, writings, music, etc., of another: **PLAGIARIZE**  
 appropriate or seize beforehand: **PREEMPT**  
 approval: **APPROBATION**  
 approved status granted an academic institution: **ACCREDITATION**  
 approve, permit, ratify: **SANCTION**  
 approve, support, encourage: **COUNTENANCE**  
 approximately: **CIRCA**  
 approximation, nonexact estimate: **BALLPARK FIGURE**  
 apse: **CHEVET**  
 apt, well-chosen, agreeable in manner or style: **FELICITOUS**  
 aquarium sediment at the bottom of the tank: **MULM**  
 Arab commandos: **FEDAYEEN**  
 Arabic diacritical mark like an apostrophe: **HAMZA**  
 Arabic or decimal system of counting: **ALGORISM**  
 Arab's headband: **AKAL**  
 Arab's hooded cloak: **BURNOOSE**  
 Arab's kerchief worn over head and shoulders: **KAFFIYEH**  
 Arab's sleeveless garment: **ABA**  
 Arab's sleeveless robe: **ABA, ABBA, ABAYA**  
 arbitrary, overbearing: **HIGH-HANDED**  
 arbor or walk with a latticework roof: **PERGOLA**  
 arcade or passageway open on one side: **LOGGIA**  
 arch composed of rows of tapered block-like elements or voussoirs: **ROWLOCK ARCH**  
 archeological excavation: **DIG**  
 architectural decorative patterns, as in stone over a large Gothic window: **TRACERY**



architectural harmony or balance:

**EURHYTHMY**

architectural leaf-like ornament:

**ACANTHUS**

architectural movement of the 1920s and 1930s stressing functional design and synthesis of all arts with technology: **BAUHAUS**

architectural projecting block: **DENTIL**

architectural roof-like fronting that is triangular, classical gable:

**PEDIMENT**

architecture order of Greece

characterized by fluted columns and simple capitals: **DORIC**

architecture order of Greece

characterized by ornate, bell-shaped capitals: **CORINTHIAN**

architecture order of Greece

characterized by scrolls on the capitals: **IONIC**

arch's wedge-shaped piece fitted with others in a curve: **VOUSSOIR**

arch that curves in a reverse way before coming to a point: **OGEE ARCH**

arch that is narrow and acutely pointed:

**LANCET ARCH**

arctic, frigid: **HYPERBOREAN**

ardent, extremely fervid: **PERFERVID**

ardent, passionate: **TORRID**

ardent, violent, impetuous: **VEHEMENT**

ardor, intensity of emotion: **FERVOR**

area of authority or competency:

**BAILIWICK**

area that is unclaimed, unoccupied or indefinite: **NO-MAN'S-LAND**

arena for horse shows or circuses:

**HIPPODROME**

arguable, open to question: **DISPUTABLE**

argue earnestly or debate: **CONTEND**

argue earnestly with someone about the inadvisability of some action:

**EXPOSTULATE**

argue, oppose: **CONTROVERT**

argue or dispute noisily: **WRANGLE**

arguer or contender about trifling matters: **STICKLER**

arguer who takes the opposing side perversely: **DEVIL'S ADVOCATE**

arguing by proving the irrelevant:

**IGNORATIO ELENCHI**

arguing on the basis of new evidence or by stressing unduly a minor point:

**SPECIAL PLEADING**

argument: **POLEMIC**

argumentation, debate: **FORENSICS**

argumentative: **AGONISTIC, ERISTIC**

argumentative, contentious:

**DISPUTATIOUS**

argument fine point: **QUODLIBET**

argument in which one of the premises or the conclusion is not stated but implied: **ENTHYMEME**

aristocrat, member of the upper classes:

**PATRICIAN**

armband: **BRASSARD**

armor hinged piece for the lower face, chin plate: **BEAVER**

arm or leg stiffness or cramp: **CHARLEY HORSE**

armor-like medieval garment of chain mail: **HAUBERK**

armor piece protecting the torso or the breast only, breastplate: **CUIRASS**

armpit: **OXTER**

aromatic substances in a ball:

**POMANDER**

around, about, approximately: **CIRCA**

arouse anger or bitterness: **RANKLE**

arouse interest or curiosity: **INTRIGUE**

arouse, startle, thrill: **ELECTRIFY**

arousing comment, as a piece of furniture or art: **CONVERSATION PIECE**

arrangement according to time of occurrence: **CHRONOLOGY**

arrangement of five things, of which four make a square and one is in the middle: **QUINCUNX**

arrangement of parts: **CONFIGURATION**

arrangement of parts that is harmonious and elegant: **CONCINNITY**

arrangement or progression that is orderly or gradual: **GRADATION**

arrangement, plan or style of presentation of a book, TV show, etc.: **FORMAT**

arrange or organize: **COLLOCATE**

arrest made by a citizen who sees a crime: **CITIZEN'S ARREST**

arrive at or reach a port: **FETCH**

arrogance arising from overbearing pride or passion: **HUBRIS**

arrogance or conceit characterizing one's ways or attitudes:

**OVERWEENING**

arrogant: **SUPERCILIOUS**

arrogant, domineering: **IMPERIOUS**

arrogant, forward: **PRESUMPTUOUS**

arrogant in assertion of beliefs:

**DOGMATIC**

arrow's feathers: **FLETCHING**

art and literary movement that tries to express the workings and images of the subconscious mind:

**SURREALISM**

art as an end in itself: **AUTOTELISM**

art cult that rejected conventions:

**DADA**

artery in the neck, one of two: **CAROTID**

**ARTERY**

artery walls thickened and degenerated:

**ARTERIOSCLEROSIS**

artery walls thickened and degenerated with fatty substances deposited:

**ATHEROSCLEROSIS**

art for art's sake: **ARS GRATIA ARTIS**

art for art's sake, ars gratia artis: **L'ART POUR L'ART**

artful moves or strokes: **MANEUVERS**

artful strategy, cunningness, craftiness:

**FINESSE**

article or book presenting facts on a subject: **TREATISE**

articulate clearly and distinctly:

**ENUNCIATE**

artificial, counterfeit: **POSTICHE**

artificial grass used in baseball stadiums: **ASTROTURF**

artificially elegant style of speech or writing: **EUPHUISM**

artificial manner: **AFFECTATION**

artificial, not natural, sham: **FACTITIOUS**

artificial part of body: **PROSTHESIS**

artillery or cannon, military combat materiel: **ORDNANCE**

artistically or imaginatively unifying or shaping: **ESEMPLASTIC**

artistically thought-of ordinary object:

**OBJET TROUVÉ**

artistic design in the form of five joined leaves, petals or lobes: **CINQUEFOIL**

artistic design in the form of four joined leaves, petals or lobes: **QUATREFOIL**

artistic design in the form of three joined leaves, petals or lobes:

**TREFOIL**

artistic imitator or follower: **EPIGONE**

artistic premise, given idea behind a literary work: **DONNÉE**

artistic small article: **OBJET D'ART**

artistic work combining drama, poetry, music, etc.: **GESAMTKUNSTWERK**

artistic work critically praised but not

commercially successful: **SUCCÈS D'ESTIME**

artistic worth or fineness, or a taste for objects possessing this quality:

**VERTU, VIRTU**

art is to conceal art, or true art

conceals its methods: **ARS EST**

**CELARE ARTEM**

artist or writer who doesn't sell his services exclusively to one employer: **FREE LANCE**

artists' group, literary group: **CENACLE**

artist's work as a whole: **OEUVRE**

artless, candid, sincere: **GUILELESS**

artless, unaffected, simple, candid:

**NAIVE**

art movement characterized by free or distorted expressionist forms and bold colors: **FAUVISM**

art movement that departs from reality to reproduce inner experience:

**EXPRESSIONISM**

art, music or literature schools that seek to produce moods through quick glimpses of subject:

**IMPRESSIONISM**

art of curvilinear designs: **ART**

**NOUVEAU**

art of everyday realism by U.S. group: **ASHCAN SCHOOL**

art of good eating: **GASTRONOMY**

art of strong outlines and geometric forms: **ART DECO**

art or literature of a cheap, popular or sentimental quality: **KITSCH**

art work consisting of arrangement of flat materials pasted on a surface:

**COLLAGE**

art work painted directly on a wall:

**MURAL**

arty (British): **TWEE**

ascribe, attribute: **IMPUTE**

ashamed, degraded, sneaky: **HANGDOG**

ashes of a cremated body: **CREMAINS**

ashes-of-the-dead repository:

**CINERARIUM**

ash gray: **CINEREOUS**

aside directed to a person or thing:

**APOSTROPHE**

as, in the role or capacity of, acting as:

**QUA**

as it should be: **COMME IL FAUT**

ask for humbly, pray earnestly for something: **SUPPLICATE**

ask questions, examine: **INTERROGATE**

aspect, phase or side of a person or subject: **FACET**

aspersion: **SLUR**

assassination or murder, as by secret governmental order: **EXECUTIVE ACTION**

assassination or murder order that is implicit in but euphemized by this term: **EXTREME PREJUDICE**

assault troops who are highly trained: **SHOCK TROOPS**

assault with intent to rob: **MUG**  
assembled from various items or sources: **CUT-AND-PASTE**

assembling of separate parts into a whole: **SYNTHESIS**

assembly place: **AGORA**

assent: **ACQUIESCENCE**

assertion of something made by the negation of its opposite: **LITOTES**

assign, allot, divide up and give out: **ALLOCATE**

assimilation of thoughts or facts that is gradual: **OSMOSIS**

assist: **ABET**

assistance or money furnished to advance a venture: **GRUBSTAKE**

assistant, attendant: **ACOLYTE**

assistant or servant, as of a magician or scholar: **FAMULUS**

associate closely with someone: **FRATERNIZE**

associated item or piece of equipment, accessory: **ACCOUTREMENT, ACCOUTERMENT**

associate on close terms, mingle with: **HOBNOB**

association, fellowship: **SODALITY**

association of individuals to negotiate some business: **SYNDICATE**

assume as a fact: **POSIT**

assumed name or identity: **INCOGNITO**

assume to be true: **POSTULATE**

assumption based on evidence at hand or facts already known:

**EXTRAPOLATION**

assumption provisionally accepted as basis for reasoning or argument:

**HYPOTHESIS**

assure, guarantee: **VOUCH**

astounding, fascinating, spectacular: **EYE-POPPING**

astound, confound: **FLABBERGAST**

astringent: **ACERB**

astrologer's chart of position of planets

and stars for fortunetelling:

**HOROSCOPE**

astrologer's table of planet and star positions: **EPHEMERIS**

astronomer's table or almanac:

**EPHEMERIS**

astronomical alignment of three celestial bodies, as during an eclipse:

**SYZYG**

astronomy muse: **URANIA**

at-hand materials utilized for tools, decoration, etc.: **BRICOLAGE**

athlete paid a bonus to become a professional: **BONUS BABY**

athlete's leap over a high horizontal bar with the aid of a long pole: **POLE VAULT**

athlete who flaunts his skills or is a showoff: **HOT DOG**

athletically vigorous: **STHENIC**

athletic club, gymnast association: **TURNVEREIN**

athletic competition combining cross-country skiing and rifle marksmanship: **BIATHLON**

athletic competition combining swimming, bicycling and distance running: **TRIATHLON**

athletic contest in which each contestant participates in five events: **PENTATHLON**

athletic contest of ten track-and-field events in all of which each contestant participates: **DECATHLON**

athletic meet, automobile steeplechase or horsemanship competition:

**GYMKHANA**

athletic or sturdy in body structure: **MESOMORPHIC**

atmosphere beginning at a height of about seven miles: **STRATOSPHERE**

atmosphere of a place or situation: **AMBIENCE**

atmosphere or influence that is unwholesome or noxious: **MIASMA**

atmospheric and weather phenomena as a science: **METEOROLOGY**

atomic bomb: **A-BOMB**

atomic particle carrying a negative charge: **ELECTRON**

atomic particle carrying a positive charge: **PROTON**

atomic particle carrying no charge: **NEUTRON**

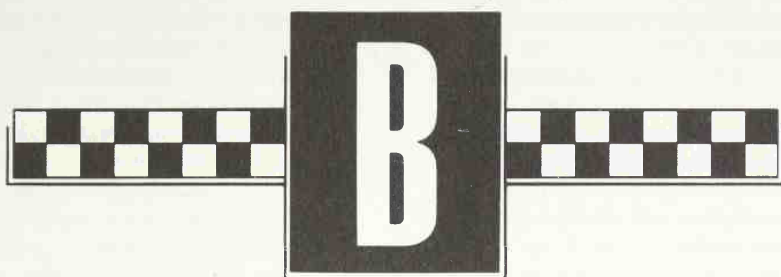
atom splitting: **NUCLEAR FISSION**  
 atone for, make amends for: **EXPIATE**  
 atonement shown for wrongdoing:  
     **PENANCE**  
 atoning: **PIACULAR**  
 atrocious, beyond decency:  
     **OUTRAGEOUS**  
 atrocious, odious, wicked, evil:  
     **HEINOUS**  
 atrocious, wicked: **FLAGITIOUS**  
 attachment of one thing to another:  
     **APPURTENANCE**  
 attachment or learning by offspring that  
     usually occurs early and is  
     long-lasting in effect: **IMPRINTING**  
 attachment psychologically to somebody  
     because of his or her perceived  
     resemblance to one's parent,  
     guardian, etc., in early childhood:  
     **ANACLISIS**  
 attachment to a thing or a person:  
     **FIXATION**  
 attach the property of a person so it  
     can be used to pay a debt:  
     **GARNISHEE**  
 attack, dispute or challenge the truth or  
     validity of: **IMPUGN**  
 attacked, besieged,  
     controversy-embroiled: **EMBATTLED**  
 attack in print: **COUP DE PLUME**  
 attack in writing or speech that is  
     intentful or malicious: **HATCHET**  
     **JOB**  
 attack that is swift and sudden, usually  
     in war: **BLITZKRIEG**  
 attack that is violent: **ONSLAUGHT**  
 attack with scathing criticism: **FLAY**  
 attempting: **CONATION**  
 attendants of a person of rank, escort:  
     **RETINUE**  
 attendants, retainers or followers in a  
     group: **ENTOURAGE**  
 attention grabbing, overshadowing  
     another: **UPSTAGING**  
 attentive: **ASSIDUOUS**  
 attentive to every detail: **CIRCUMSPECT**  
 at the home of: **CHEZ**  
 at the same or an equal rate,  
     progressing together, side by side:  
     **PARI PASSU**  
 at this time: **HEREAT**  
 attitudes and character of a community  
     or individual: **ETHOS**  
 attract, cause or make likely: **INVITE**

attractive in a flashy way:  
     **MERETRICIOUS**  
 attractive photographically:  
     **PHOTOGENIC**  
 attractive physically, sexually appealing:  
     **FOXY**  
 attractive, pleasing: **PREPOSSESSING**  
 attractive, sweet, engaging: **WINSOME**  
 attribute, ascribe: **IMPUTE**  
 attribute to another without just reason:  
     **ARROGATE**  
 auction or sale that is public: **VENDUE**  
 audacity, boldness, impudence:  
     **EFFRONTERY**  
 audacity, brassiness: **CHUTZPAH**  
 aunt-like: **AMITULAR**  
 aura, halo: **NIMBUS**  
 auspices: **AEGIS**  
 auspicious, favorably disposed:  
     **PROPTIOUS**  
 austere: **ASTRINGENT**  
 austere person: **ASCETIC**  
 Australian back country, bush:  
     **OUTBACK**  
 Australian wild dog: **DINGO**  
 authentic item: **REAL MCCOY**  
 authenticity being lacking:  
     **APOCRYPHAL**  
 authoritative because of rank or office:  
     **EX CATHEDRA**  
 authoritative, urgently necessary,  
     unavoidable: **IMPERATIVE**  
 authority, government, etc., that is  
     repressive and ever watchful: **BIG**  
     **BROTHER**  
 authority or power that is absolute or  
     supreme: **IMPERIUM**  
 authority shared: **COLLEGIALITY**  
 authorization: **FIAT**  
 authorize, empower: **WARRANT**  
 author's assumed name: **NOM DE**  
     **PLUME**  
 automatically conditioned, involving  
     trained responses: **PAVLOVIAN**  
 automatic electronic regulating  
     mechanism using little power to  
     control considerable power:  
     **SERVOMECHANISM**  
 automatic, lifeless: **MECHANICAL**  
 automatic response to a stimulus:  
     **TROPISM**  
 automaton, mechanical man: **ROBOT**  
 automobile accident that is minor:  
     **FENDER BENDER**  
 automobile adjusted or reequipped for



quick starts and high speed: **HOT ROD**  
 automobile bought that is defective: **LEMON**  
 automobile device that detects nearby police speed-measuring radar: **FUZZBUSTER**  
 automobile engine that works on rotary combustion: **WANKEL ENGINE**  
 automobile for drag racing or its driver: **DRAGSTER**  
 automobile of standard make modified for racing: **STOCK CAR**  
 automobile sports car long-distance race: **RALLY, RALLYE**  
 automobile steeplechase, athletic meet or horsemanship competition: **GYMKHANA**  
 automobile steeplechase-like competition for small cars on a narrow and twisting course: **AUTOCROSS**  
 automobile wheel-locking clamp used against parking scofflaws: **DENVER BOOT**  
 automobile whose rear and rear window lift up: **HATCHBACK**  
 automobile with a convertible's design but with a rigid top: **HARDTOP**  
 auxiliary: **ADMINICLE**  
 auxiliary, aiding, supporting: **ANCILLARY**  
 available: **UP FOR GRABS**  
 avarice, greed: **CUPIDITY**  
 avenging, punitive: **VINDICATORY**  
 average, moderately good: **RESPECTABLE**

average person: **HOMME MOYEN SENSUEL**  
 avert or prevent: **OBVIATE**  
 avoidable: **EVITABLE**  
 avoidance of extremes; middle or average that is ideal: **GOLDEN MEAN**  
 avoidance strategies or techniques, as to forestall strikes or riots: **CRISIS MANAGEMENT**  
 avoider of paying, shirker, sponger: **DEADBEAT**  
 avoid, escape: **ELUDE**  
 avoid, outwit: **CIRCUMVENT**  
 avoid, turn aside, ward off: **PARRY**  
 awaiting, until: **PENDING**  
 away from the center: **CENTRIFUGAL**  
 awesome, imposing: **AUGUST**  
 awesome, intimidating, challenging: **FORMIDABLE**  
 awesome, ominous: **PORTENTOUS**  
 awkward: **UNGAINLY**  
 awkward, boorish: **UNCOUTH**  
 awkward, clumsy: **GAUCHE**  
 awkward, complicated or problematic situation, predicament: **PLIGHT**  
 awkward fellow, clown, boor: **LOUT**  
 awkward, incompetent, clumsy: **INEPT**  
 awkward or inexperienced person on board a ship: **LANDLUBBER**  
 awkward rustic: **BUMPKIN**  
 awkward youth: **HOBBLEDEHOY**  
 axiomatic, terse, pithy: **SENTENTIOUS**  
 ax- or hatchet-shaped: **DOLABRIFORM**  
 azure blue gem: **LAPIS LAZULI**



baby born in the United States between

1946 and 1965: **BABY BOOMER**

baby delivery by abdominal surgery:

**CESAREAN SECTION**

baby delivery, childbirth: **PARTURITION**

baby-like cupid or cherub, especially in

a work of art: **AMORETTO**

baby's first cry when born: **VAGITUS**

baccarat variation: **CHEMIN DE FER**

backboned creatures: **VERTEBRATES**

backcountry, remote area, inland

region: **HINTERLAND**

backer of a cause: **PROPONENT**

back of a horse, ox or deer, between

shoulder blades: **WITHERS**

back-of-the-head bag-like net for a

woman's hair: **SNOOD**

back of the neck: **NAPE**

back of the skull: **INION**

back out of an agreement, revoke:

**RENEGE**

backward looking, turning or bending:

**RETROVERSION**

backward movement: **RECOIL**

backward movement, reversion:

**REGRESSION**

backward moving, tending to recede:

**RECESSIVE**

backward or remote place, stagnant

area: **BACKWATER**

backward reading of a word or sentence

being the same as normal,

left-to-right reading: **PALINDROME**

backward reasoning, from consequence

to antecedent, considered a logical

fallacy: **HYSTERON PROTERON**

backward tending, worsening, declining:

**RETROGRADE**

backward writing that is readable in a

mirror: **MIRROR-WRITING**

bacon or pork slice used for larding

meat: **LARDON**

bacon slice: **RASHER**

bad breath: **HALITOSIS**

bad check: **KITE**

bad counsel, false information or

advice: **BUM STEER**

bad effect making a medical treatment

inadvisable: **CONTRAINDICATION**

bad, evil, repulsive: **VILE**

badge-like rosette or knot of ribbons as

worn on a hat: **COCKADE**

bad handwriting or spelling:

**CACOGRAPHY**

bad in a conspicuous fashion, glaring,

flagrant: **EGREGIOUS**

bad job: **BOTCH**

bad luck: **AMBSACE**

badminton feathery cone hit back and

forth over the net: **SHUTTLECOCK**

bad money drives out good:

**GRESHAM'S LAW**

bad morally: **UNSAVORY**

bad or incorrigible person who is

atypical or is undesirable to others:

**ROTTEN APPLE**

bad or vile person, villain, scoundrel:

**BLACKGUARD**

bad-tempered: **ATRABILIOUS**

bad-tempered: **CANTANKEROUS**

bad-tempered and moody, peevish,

morose: **SPLENETIC**

bad-tempered outburst: **TANTRUM**

bad-tempered, peevish, snappish:

**WASPISH**

bad-tempered person: **CROSSPATCH**

bad-tempered, spiteful: **SPLENETIC**

baggage checkroom (British):

**LEFT-LUGGAGE OFFICE**

baggage handler at a station, porter:

**REDCAP**

baggage, supplies and equipment carried

by an army: **IMPEDIMENTA**

bag of perfumed powder: **SACHET**

bagpipe part with finger holes:

**CHANTER**

bagpipe's shrill sound: **SKIRL**

bag used by sailors for carrying

personal belongings: **DITTY BAG**

bag worn over one shoulder:

**HAVERSACK**

bag worn strapped across the shoulders

and used for carrying supplies:

**KNAPSACK**

bait, allurement, enticement: **GUDGEON**

balance: **EQUILIBRIUM**

balance by presenting as an opposite or

contrast: **COUNTERPOSE**

balance, counteract or compensate for

something else: **OFFSET**

balanced, calm, ordered, harmonious,

rational: **APOLLONIAN**

balance or counterbalance:

**EQUIPONDERATE**

balancing point: **FULCRUM**

balcony, window or porch with an

excellent view, in Spanish

architecture: **MIRADOR**

baldness: **ALOPECIA**

baldness, especially on top of the head:

**CALVITIES**

balk, move restlessly sidewise or

backward: **JIB**

balky, fretful, jittery: **RESTIVE**

ballet bending of the knees with the

back kept upright: **PLIÉ**

ballet dancer, female: **BALLERINA**

ballet dancer, male: **DANSEUR**

ballet dancer's whirling on the toes:

**PIROUETTE**

ballet dancer who performs only in

groups: **FIGURANT**

ballet dancer who ranks between the

soloists and the corps de ballet:

**CORYPHEE**

ballet leap from one foot to the other:

**JETE**

ballet leap with dancer activating legs

in air: **ENTRECHAT**

ballet position on tiptoe: **EN POINTE**

ballet's principal female dancer: **PRIMA**

**BALLERINA**

ballet's principal male dancer: **PREMIER**

**DANSEUR, DANSEUR NOBLE**

ball game in which players hit a ball

against a wall by striking it with

their hands: **HANDBALL**

ball of small size: **PELLET**

ball's horizontal twist or spin: **ENGLISH**

baloney, bull: **BUSHWA**

banal, trite, commonplace remark:

**PLATITUDE**

ban, curse: **ANATHEMA**

bandaged, bound with a band:

**FASCIATE**

bandage used to compress an artery to

stop the flow of blood:

**TOURNIQUET**

bandleader's or soldier's tall and stiff

cylindrical headdress with a visor

and plume: **SHAKO**

band of commercial or political

interests: **CARTEL**

band or group: **COHORT**

banish, exile: **RELEGATE**

bankrupt: **BELLY-UP**

bankruptcy procedure outlined in U.S.

law: **CHAPTER 11**

bankrupt, lacking sufficient funds:

**INSOLVENT**

banned, forbidden: **TABOO**

banner fixed to a crosspiece rather than

a pole: **GONFALON**

banquet with celebrities featuring

humorous mock attacks on the

guest of honor: **ROAST**

banter: **CHAFF**

banter, flippant talk or writing:

**PERSIFLAGE**

banter, jesting: **RAILLERY**

baptismal water receptacle, usually of

stone, in a church: **FONT**

baptism by immersion: **HOLOBAPTISM**

barbecuing, roasting or broiling

appliance with a rotating spit:

**ROTISSERIE**

barbed wire that has sharp edges:

**RAZOR RIBBON**

barefooted, as certain religious orders:

**DISCALCED**

barely begun: **INCHOATE**

barely get, get with difficulty: **EKE OUT**

barely sufficient despite much work:

**HARDSCRABBLE**

bar for drinks that is equipped with a

sink and running water: **WET BAR**

bargain or argue about terms: **HAGGLE**

bargain-priced, at a good bargain: **À**

**BON MARCHÉ**

baring parts of the body for sexual stimulation of oneself:

**EXHIBITIONISM**

bark, yelp: **YAWP**

barrel maker: **COOPER**

barrel stave: **LAG**

barren, bleak: **STARK**

barren, fruitless, sterile: **INFEUND**

barren, insipid, dry, lacking interest:

**JEJUNE**

barren, not pregnant: said of cows:

**FARROW**

barren, unfruitful: **STERILE**

barren, weak: **EFFETE**

barrier made up of strong stakes:

**PALISADE**

barrier to keep out disease: **CORDON**

**SANITAIRE**

bar serving food and drink: **BRASSERIE**

bar that is upright and forms the principal support: **STANCHION**

bar used to prevent a vehicle from slipping backward on an incline:

**SPRAG**

baseball: a ball grounded or bounced right back to the pitcher:

**COMEBACKER**

baseball barely deflected by the bat:

**FOUL TIP**

baseball batter fourth in the lineup:

**CLEANUP HITTER**

baseball batter in the American League who bats throughout the game for the pitcher but does not function as a fielder: **DESIGNATED HITTER, DH**

baseball batter's fly ball or bunt that results in an out but enables a base runner to advance: **SACRIFICE**

baseball batter's long hit: **CLOUT**

baseball batter's stance in which the front foot is planted closer to the plate than the rear foot: **CLOSED STANCE**

baseball batter's stance in which the front foot is planted farther from the plate than the rear foot: **OPEN STANCE**

baseball batter's weakly hit ball:

**BLOOPER**

baseball catcher's error in failing to catch a pitch, thus allowing a man on base to advance: **PASSED BALL**

baseball decision by a player to try to

put out a baserunner rather than the batter: **FIELDER'S CHOICE**

baseball diamond space within the four base lines: **INFIELD**

baseball errant pitch that the catcher cannot handle, thereby allowing a runner to advance: **WILD PITCH**

baseball field perimeter strip along the outfield fence: **WARNING TRACK**

baseball fly hit in fielding practice by a batsman who tosses the ball up and strikes it as it descends:

**FUNGO**

baseball game division during which each team has a turn at bat:

**INNING**

baseball game with many hits and usually many runs scored by both teams: **SLUGFEST**

baseball hand-held device to measure the speed of a pitch: **RADAR GUN**

baseball hard hit so that it travels in an approximately horizontal trajectory: **LINE DRIVE**

baseball hit ball that rolls or bounces along the ground: **GROUND BALL, GROUNDER**

baseball hit in the air that falls between the infield and the outfield for a base hit: **TEXAS LEAGUER**

baseball hit on which the batter reaches second base: **DOUBLE**

baseball hit on which the batter reaches third base: **TRIPLE**

baseball hit so that it takes a high bounce in front of home plate:

**BALTIMORE CHOP**

baseball hit that allows the batter to touch all bases and score a run:

**HOME RUN, HOMER**

baseball hit that bounces into the stands or is interfered with by a spectator, whereupon the batter is permitted two bases: **GROUND RULE DOUBLE**

baseball home run hit when there is a runner on every base: **GRAND SLAM**

baseball illegal pitched ball that is moistened before being thrown:

**SPITBALL**

baseball infielder stationed between second and third bases:

**SHORTSTOP**

baseball infielder who on a given play



- intercepts a throw from the outfield: **CUTOFF MAN**
- baseball left-handed pitcher: **SOUTHPAW**
- baseball light hit of the ball without swinging the bat: **BUNT**
- baseball outfield areas between the centerfielder and the left and right fielders: **POWER ALLEYS**
- baseball out made when a runner, forced from his base by a teammate's hitting the ball, fails to reach the next base before the ball is caught there: **FORCE-OUT**
- baseball pitch by a right-hander that curves right or by a left-hander that curves left: **SCREWBALL**
- baseball pitcher's illegal motion: **BALK**
- baseball pitcher who replaces another: **RELIEVER**
- baseball pitch like a fastball but that suddenly drops as it approaches home plate: **SPLIT-FINGERED FASTBALL**
- baseball pitch that is fast and curves only slightly: **SLIDER**
- baseball pitch that curves sharply downward as it approaches home plate: **SINKER**
- baseball pitch thrown deliberately close to the batter to move him away from the plate or to intimidate him: **BRUSHBACK PITCH**
- baseball pitch thrown wide to the catcher by prearrangement in hope of throwing out a base runner expected to be attempting a steal: **PITCHOUT**
- baseball pitch thrown with a fast motion but that is slow in movement: **CHANGEUP, CHANGE OF PACE**
- baseball player able to bat both left-handed and right-handed: **SWITCH HITTER**
- baseball player's stirrup-like oversock: **STIRRUP SOCK**
- baseball player who is not a starting player or likes to hector the opponents during the game: **BENCH JOCKEY**
- baseball player who is used as a substitute in different positions: **UTILITY PLAYER**
- baseball play in which a base runner trapped between two bases is put out: **RUNDOWN**
- baseball play in which a man on base starts running with the pitch and the batter's role is to strike at the ball to protect him: **HIT-AND-RUN PLAY**
- baseball play in which a runner is caught off base by a sudden throw: **PICKOFF**
- baseball play in which the batter tries to bunt the ball to allow a man on third to score: **SQUEEZE PLAY**
- baseball play in which three players are put out: **TRIPLE PLAY**
- baseball play in which two players are put out: **DOUBLE PLAY**
- baseball quick throw to a base to catch the baserunner off the bag: **PICKOFF PLAY**
- baseball relief pitcher relied upon to pitch not more than a few innings near or at the end of the game: **SHORT RELIEVER, SHORT MAN, CLOSER**
- baseball relief pitcher relied upon to replace a starting pitcher early in the game if necessary and to continue for four, five or more innings: **LONG RELIEVER, LONG MAN**
- baseball retirement of a batter with three strikes: **STRIKEOUT**
- baseball rule, applicable when there are runners at first and second or first, second and third with fewer than two outs, that a catchable infield fly is an automatic out and may not be deliberately dropped or missed by the infielder in order to trap other runners off base: **INFIELD FLY RULE**
- baseballs caught on the fly in practice: **SHAGGING**
- baseball stadium's area where pitchers warm up: **BULLPEN**
- baseball surprise bunt for a base hit made with the batter already in motion toward first base: **DRAG BUNT**
- baseball tactic, with fewer than two outs, whereby a runner on third base races home to try to score the moment the ball leaves the pitcher's hand: **SUICIDE SQUEEZE**

baseball tactic, with fewer than two outs, whereby a runner on third base races toward home to try to score the instant the batter bunts the ball: **SQUEEZE PLAY**

baseball term for obscure minor leagues: **BUSH LEAGUES**

baseball: to not swing at a pitched ball: **TAKE**

baseball: the pitcher and the catcher: **BATTERY**

base, degraded, vile: **SORDID**

base, dishonorable, degraded: **IGNOBLE**

baseless: **UNFOUNDED**

baseness, vileness, depravity: **TURPITUDE**

base-of-cliff debris or rubble: **SCREE**

base something on known facts or conditions: **PREDICATE**

basic: **ABECEDARIAN**

basically, essentially, fundamentally, at bottom: **AU FOND**

basic, inherent in, fundamental: **ORGANIC**

basic unity in ecology, including both organisms and environment: **ECOSYSTEM**

basis for a discussion or conclusion: **PREMISE**

basis, fundamental principle: **HYPOSTASIS**

basketball defense with two players zoned on either side of the free-throw lane and the remaining defender guarding a particular opponent man-to-man: **BOX AND ONE**

basketball dribbling violation, or the taking of too many steps or moving of the pivot foot by the ball handler: **TRAVELING, WALKING, STEPS**

basketball field goal made by throwing the ball in a sweeping downward motion through the hoop: **SLAM DUNK**

basketball free throw: **FOUL SHOT**

basketball intensive defense by guarding opposing players man-to-man from one end of the court to the other: **FULL-COURT PRESS**

basketball interference by an offensive player with the ball around the backboard or rim in any of various

ways, negating any subsequent basket: **GOALTENDING**

basketball offensive play in which a player momentarily screens an opponent, then whirls to receive a pass from the ball handler: **PICK AND ROLL**

basketball offensive strategy whereby a team upon gaining possession of the ball moves it quickly toward its own basket in hopes of scoring quickly, often the style of a team having swift personnel: **FAST BREAK**

basketball one-handed shot made sideways over the head: **HOOK**

basketball shot made by a player in the air during a jump: **JUMP SHOT**

basketball shot made with one hand from close to the basket: **LAYUP**

basketball shot that touches neither the backboard, rim nor net, or a complete miss: **AIR BALL**

basketball team's loss of possession of the ball because of a steal or other mistake: **TURNOVER**

basketball: to move by bouncing it with the hand: **DRIBBLE**

basket-like handicraft work, furniture, etc.: **WICKERWORK**

basket of fruit done in sculpture: **CORBEIL**

basket of fruit, often shown carried on the head, that was a fertility symbol in Greek and Roman antiquity: **CALATHUS**

basket, usually large and covered: **HAMPER**

bath, cleansing: **ABLUTION**

bathing suit for women that is two-piece and brief: **BIKINI**

batter cake that is crisp and baked in a griddle: **WAFFLE**

battle-ax with two sharp edges: **TWIBIL**

battle flag or other symbol to inspire courage: **ORIFLAMME**

battle formation: **DEPLOYMENT**

battle that is great or decisive: **ARMAGEDDON**

bawl, shout, exclaim loudly: **VOCIFERATE**

bay, bend in a river or coastline: **BIGHT**

bay or stream leading into the land from a larger body of water: **INLET**

bay window: **ORIEL**

beach bathhouse that is often a tent:

**CABANA**

beam-emitting device that amplifies and concentrates light waves: **LASER**

beam going from wall to wall:

**CROSSBEAM**

beam resting horizontally upon the walls of a building and supporting the ends of joists: **SUMMER**

beams placed parallel and horizontally from wall to wall: **JOISTS**

bearable: **TOLERABLE**

beard on the chin: **GOATEE**

beard that is long and somewhat rectangular: **PATRICIAN**

beard that is short and pointed:

**VANDYKE**

bear-like: **URSINE**

beast-like in form: **THERIOMORPHIC**

beat at which the hand of the

conductor is raised: **UPBEAT**

beat, cudgel: **FUSTIGATE**

beating with a stick as punishment:

**BASTINADO**

beat, overcome: **DRUB**

beat rapidly, flutter, quiver: **PALPITATE**

beat, thrash severely, punish: **TROUNCE**

beat with the fists: **PUMMEL**

beautiful in having shapely buttocks:

**CALLIPYGIAN**

beauty: **PULCHRITUDE**

beauty as a subject of study: **ESTHETICS**

because of one's official position: **EX**

**OFFICIO**

because of this: **HEREAT**

become known, leak out: **TRANSPIRE**

become or make better: **AMELIORATE**

becoming sour: **ACESCENT**

bed covering for warmth, comforter, quilt: **DUVET**

bed cover that is quilted: **COMFORTER**

bed, grade, layer: **STRATUM**

bed of straw that lies on the floor:

**PALLET**

bedridden, the person is not:

**AMBULATORY**

bedroom and small living room

combined: **BED-SITTER**

bedroom censoriousness by a wife:

**CURTAIN LECTURE**

bedsore: **DECUBITUS**

bedspread, quilt: **COUNTERPANE**

bed that swings up easily into a closet for storing during the day:

**MURPHY BED**

bed-wetting: **ENURESIS**

beef cattle male: **STEER**

beef cut from the loin end ahead of the rump: **SIRLOIN**

beef marinated in vinegar before cooking: **SAUERBRATEN**

beef tenderloin, lean and thick, broiled: **FILET MIGNON**

beehive, especially one made of straw: **SKEP**

beehives: **APIARY**

beer or ale and ginger ale mixed:

**SHANDYGAFF**

before birth, unborn, in the uterus: **IN UTERO**

before, earlier: **ANTERIOR**

beforehand opinion, to form a: **PRECONCEIVE**

before noon: **ANTE MERIDIEM**

before now, previously: **HERETOFORE**

before the Civil War, especially the pre-1861 South: **ANTEBELLUM**

before the Flood: **ANTEDILUVIAN**

beg: **CADGE**

beget, produce: **PROCREATE**

beggar, sponger: **SCHNORRER**

begging: **MENDICANT**

begin, commence: **INAUGURATE**

begin, commence, originate: **INITIATE**

beginner: **ABECEDARIAN**

beginner: **FLEDGLING**

beginner, apprentice: **NOVICE**

beginner, novice: **TYRO**

beginner, recent convert: **NEOPHYTE**

beginning affixed to a word: **PREFIX**

beginning and end: **ALPHA AND OMEGA**

beginning a series of lines or sentences with the same word or phrase:

**ANAPHORA**

beginning, commencement:

**CONCEPTION**

beginnings, earliest stages of

development: **INCUNABULA**

beginning, start: **INCEPTION**

beginning to appear, coming into existence: **INCIPIENT**

beg something of: **SUPPLICATE**

beg urgently, entreat: **IMPLORE**

behave (oneself): **DEMEAN**

behavior-altering treatment whereby

undesired responses or habits

become associated with unpleasant

stimuli: **AVERSIVE CONDITIONING,**

**AVERSION THERAPY**

behavior, conduct: **DEPORTMENT**

behavior, deportment: **DEMEANOR**  
 behavior that is seemly and proper:

**DECOROUS**

behead: **DECAPITATE**

behind: **BUTTOCKS**

behind: **DERRIÈRE**

behind, after, later: **POSTERIOR**

behold: **VOILÀ**

being nowhere: **NULLIBICITY**

being, objective existence of something  
 in the mind, actual being: **ENTITY**

belch: **ERUCT**

belief, doctrine or principle maintained  
 as true by a person or a group:

**TENET**

belief in a god: **THEISM**

belief in more than one god:

**POLYTHEISM**

belief in one god without denying the  
 existence of others: **HENOTHEISM**

belief in something with too little  
 evidence: **CREDULITY**

belief or opinion contrary to established  
 doctrine: **HERESY**

belief or particular conviction that is  
 necessary, indispensable tenet:

**ARTICLE OF FAITH**

beliefs or opinions held to be true and  
 necessary: **DOGMA**

believability: **CREDIBILITY**

believable, apparently true but open to  
 question: **PLAUSIBLE**

believed but not substantiated assertion,  
 as one often printed or repeated:

**FACTOID**

believing according to a particular  
 religion or philosophy: **SECTARIAN**

belittle: **DISPARAGE**

belittle: **DEPRECIATE**

belittle, detract: **DEROGATE**

belittle, put down: **DISPARAGE**

belittle, speak disparagingly:

**POOH-POOH**

bell casting and ringing:

**CAMPANOLOGY**

belligerent's right to use or destroy  
 neutral's property: **ANGARY**

bell ringing variations: **CHANGE**  
**RINGING**

bell rung at morning, noon and night:

**ANGELUS**

bell-shaped woman's hat: **CLOCHE**

bell signal, alarm: **TOCSIN**

bell sounded slowly and at regular  
 intervals: **TOLLING**

bells ringing: **TINTINNABULATION**

bells rung by hammers operated from a  
 keyboard: **CARILLON**

bell tolling, especially one announcing a  
 death: **KNELL**

bell tower, especially one that is not  
 part of a building: **CAMPANILE**

belly button: **NAVEL**

belly button: **UMBILICUS**

belly that is big and prominent:

**PAUNCH**

belt: **CEINTURE**

belt buckle's tongue-like part: **TANG**

belt or cord put around the waist:

**CINCTURE**

benches not under a roof at a sporting  
 event: **BLEACHERS**

bench that is upholstered and without  
 arms: **BANQUETTE**

bendable, flexible: **PLIABLE**

bend, contort, twist: **WRITHE**

bend, curve in and out: **SINUATE**

bend in a river or coastline, bay: **BIGHT**

bending, curved or bent part: **FLECTION**

bending easily, graceful, limber: **LITHE**

bending of light or heat ray as it moves  
 from one medium to another:

**REFRACTION**

bending or winding, unsteady,  
 wavering: **FLEXUOUS**

bend, misrepresent, twist: **DISTORT**

bend that is sharp or elbow-like:

**DOGLEG**

bend the knee, as in worship:

**GENUFLECT**

beneath, below: **NETHER**

beneath one's dignity: **INFRA DIG**

beneficial: **SALUTARY**

beneficiary or recipient of a legacy:

**LEGATEE**

benefit owed because of status:

**PERQUISITE**

bent backward: **RETROFLEX**

bent like a hook: **UNCINATE**

berate, upbraid, scold severely:

**OBJURGATE**

beseeking: **SUPPLIANT**

beset by a difficult situation: **HARD-SET**

beset or surround: **BELEAGUER**

besides, in addition: **WITHAL**

beside the (real) point: **ACCIDENTAL**

besieged, attacked, beleaguered,

controversy-embroiled: **EMBATTLED**

bespangled with fine stars: **STELLULAR**

best in a given field: **ARISTOCRACY**



best moment, most critical time:  
**PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT**  
 best, most choice or elite people:  
**CRÈME DE LA CRÈME**  
 best, most distinguished: **ELITE**  
 best or most appealing aspect: **BEAUTY PART**  
 bestow, make known, disclose: **IMPART**  
 best quality, highest priced: **GILT-EDGED**  
 bet in which one chooses first- and ,  
 second-place finishers without  
 having to indicate in which order:  
**QUINIELA**  
 bet in which one chooses the first- and  
 second-place finishers: **PERFECTA**  
 bet in which one chooses the first- ,  
 second- and third-place finishers:  
**TRIFECTA**  
 bet-on choice that has little chance of  
 winning: **LONG SHOT**  
 bet on races in which those backing  
 winners share in the total wagered:  
**PARIMUTUEL**  
 bet on winners in two races: **DAILY DOUBLE**  
 betrayal: **SELLOUT**  
 betterment: **MELIORATION**  
 betterment of the world: **MELIORISM**  
 bet the winnings of a previous race on a  
 later one: **PARLAY**  
 between: **INTERVENING**  
 between acts: **ENTR'ACTE**  
 between the devil and the deep blue sea:  
**DILEMMA**  
 between the lines: **INTERLINEAR**  
 between us: **ENTRE NOUS**  
 bevel a surface: **CHAMFER**  
 beverage of chocolate syrup, milk and  
 soda water: **EGG CREAM**  
 bewilder, amaze, stun: **STUPEFY**  
 bewilder, dumbfound, perplex:  
**NONPLUS**  
 bewildered: **BEMUSED**  
 bewildered, tense, worried, agitated,  
 crazed: **DISTRAUGHT**  
 bewildered, uncertain, puzzled:  
**PERPLEXED**  
 beyond earth in origin, nonhuman,  
 alien: **EXTRATERRESTRIAL**  
 beyond the lawful powers of, forbidden:  
**ULTRA VIRES**  
 beyond words: **INEFFABLE**  
 biased: **TENDENTIOUS**  
 biased, favoring one party, prejudiced:  
**PARTIAL**

bias, prejudice: **PRECONCEPTION**  
 bias that is favorable, partiality:  
**PREDILECTION**  
 bible of information, reference, etc.,  
 easily carried around: **VADE MECUM**  
 biblical interpretation: **HERMENEUTICS**  
 bids entered simultaneously for the  
 same stock are resolved by a flip of  
 a coin: **MATCHED AND LOST**  
 big and sudden change or increase:  
**QUANTUM LEAP, QUANTUM JUMP**  
 big belly: **PAUNCH**  
 Big Board: **NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**  
 biggest portion (originally the whole  
 thing): **LION'S SHARE**  
 bigotry: **INTOLERANCE**  
 big, thick-skinned animals with hooves:  
**PACHYDERMS**  
 big toe: **HALLUX**  
 bigwig, chief, important official:  
**POOH-BAH**  
 big-word user, one with an inflated  
 vocabulary: **LEXIPHANES**  
 billboard (British): **HOARDING**  
 bill for merchandise sent or services  
 rendered: **INVOICE**  
 billiard ball caused to recoil after  
 impact: **DRAW**  
 billiard shot in which the ball first  
 strikes the cushion: **BRICOLE**  
 billiard shot in which the cue ball  
 strikes two others in succession:  
**CAROM**  
 billiard stroke in which the cue is held  
 perpendicularly: **MASSÉ**  
 billionth of a second: **NANOSECOND**  
 bind one's arms to render helpless:  
**PINION**  
 biographer, especially a devoted one:  
**BOSWELL**  
 biological and medical technological  
 advances: **BIOENGINEERING**  
 biological cell division process having  
 two phases: **MEIOSIS**  
 biological classification that is a  
 subdivision of a genus: **SPECIES**  
 biological individual's development:  
**ONTOGENY**  
 biologically deteriorating as a strain or  
 type, especially in man: **DYSGENIC**  
 biologically occurring in different or  
 isolated regions: **ALLOPATRIC**

biologically occurring in the same region: **SYMPATRIC**  
 bird cage, usually large: **AVIARY**  
*bird group terms and terms for young—see “creature terms”*  
 bird-like, flying, extinct reptile with a long beak: **PTERODACTYL**  
 bird of Arabian legend that is huge and strong: **ROC**  
 bird of legend that rises from its ashes: **PHOENIX**  
 bird's rump or part that holds the tail feathers: **UROPYGIUM**  
 bird study: **ORNITHOLOGY**  
 birth by abdominal surgery: **CESAREAN SECTION**  
 birth control governing the number and spacing of offspring: **PLANNED PARENTHOOD**  
 birthday or nativity calculation: **GENETHLIALOGY**  
 birth-giving, involving childbirth: **PUERPERAL**  
 birthmark: **NEVUS**  
 birth with the buttocks first: **BREECH DELIVERY**  
 biscuit baked on a griddle: **SCONE**  
 biscuit for army and navy use that is hard and cracker-like: **HARDTACK**  
 bisexual: **AC/DC**  
 bisexual: **DOUBLE-GAITED**  
 bishopric, bishops collectively: **EPISCOPATE**  
 bishop's geographical area of jurisdiction: **DIOCESE**  
 bishop's staff or pole, pastoral staff: **CROSIER**  
 bishop who acts as assistant or auxiliary to another bishop: **SUFFRAGAN**  
 biting: **ASTRINGENT**  
 biting, caustic: **PUNGENT**  
 biting in taste: **ACRID**  
 biting, sarcastic: **CAUSTIC**  
 biting, sharp, keen: **INCISIVE**  
 bit, scrap: **SNIPPET**  
 bitter: **ACERB**  
 bitter: **ACRIMONIOUS**  
 bitter in taste: **ACRID**  
 bitterness: **ASPERITY**  
 bitter, rancorous: **VIRULENT**  
 bizarre, fantastic: **GROTESQUE**  
 black: **JET**  
 black alloy used in cut-in decorations in metal: **NIELLO**  
 black Americans' game of mutual

insult, usually about relatives: **DOZENS**  
 black and blue: **LIVID**  
 black and blue mark, bruise: **ECCHYMOSIS**  
 black and white: **ACHROMATIC**  
 black and white, light and shade: **CHIAROSCURO**  
 black anti-glare pigment applied under the eyes, as by athletes: **LAMPBLACK**  
 blacken, disparage, defame: **DENIGRATE**  
 blackjack-like weapon: **COSH**  
 black letter type: **OLD ENGLISH**  
 black magic, fortune-telling, sorcery: **NECROMANCY**  
 blackmail of sorts of a company by buying much of its stock and posing a threatened takeover: **GREENMAIL**  
 blackness, darkness: **NIGRESCENCE**  
 black person in America of African descent: **AFRO-AMERICAN**  
 blacksmith, horseshoer: **FARRIER**  
 blacksmith's workshop: **SMITHY**  
 bladder examination: **CYSTOSCOPY**  
 bladder inflammation: **CYSTITIS**  
 bladder or bowel lack of control: **INCONTINENCE**  
 blame: **CENSURE**  
 blame, charge with fault: **INCUPLICATE**  
 blame, criticize, find fault with: **REPREHEND**  
 blamed person to whom mistakes of others are attributed: **SCAPEGOAT**  
 blame is mine: **MEA CULPA**  
 blameless: **IRREPROACHABLE**  
 blameless, faultless: **UNIMPEACHABLE**  
 blame, rebuke, disapproval: **REPROOF**  
 blame, reprove, censure: **REPROACH**  
 blameworthy: **CULPABLE**  
 bland, dull, tasteless, flat: **INSIPID**  
 blank check: **CARTE BLANCHE**  
 blank, fixed, uncomprehending: **GLASSY**  
 blank, gap: **LACUNA**  
 blank leaf at the beginning or end of a book: **FLYLEAF**  
 blasphemous: **IMPIOUS**  
 blather, hesitate, equivocate: **WAFFLE**  
 bleach or dry in the sun: **INSOLATE**  
 bleak, barren: **STARK**  
 bleeding condition caused by absence of a clotting factor: **HEMOPHILIA**  
 bleeding in large quantity: **HEMORRHAGE**

bleeding-stopping stick usually of alum:

**STYPTIC PENCIL**

blemish, stain: **MACULATION**

blend: **AMALGAM**

blend and reconcile, as various

philosophies: **SYNCRETIZE**

blend, combine: **INTERLACE**

blending of two vowels generally

pronounced separately: **SYNERESIS**

blending together of variant readings of  
a text: **CONFLATION**

blend or fuse together: **COALESCE**

blessed, blissful, sublimely contented or  
happy: **BEATIFIC**

blessing: **BENEDICTION**

blight: **CANKER**

blind alley: **CUL-DE-SAC**

blindly devoted: **IDOLATROUS**

blindness or impaired vision for blue  
and yellow: **TRITANOPIA**

blind persons, printing method for:  
**BRAILLE**

blind spot: **SCOTOMA**

blissful, blessed, sublimely contented or  
happy: **BEATIFIC**

bliss, release from care and pain:

**NIRVANA**

blister: **BLEB**

blister-producing: **VESICANT**

blockhead: **JACKASS**

blockhead, stupid person: **DOLT**

block, hinder, stop, impede: **OBSTRUCT**

block, obstruct: **STYMIE**

block or stone on which a column or  
statue stands: **PLINTH**

block, shut or close off: **OCCLUDE**

block that projects (architecture):  
**DENTIL**

blood clot in the heart or blood vessel:

**THROMBOSIS**

blood clotting: **COAGULATION**

blood infection: **SEPTICEMIA**

blood poisoning: **TOXEMIA**

blood-pressure, cuff-like measuring  
device: **SPHYGMOMANOMETER**

blood relationship: **CONSANGUINITY**

blood vessels and heart, pertaining to:  
**CARDIOVASCULAR**

bloody: **SANGUINARY**

bloody or slaughterous site, place of  
bloodshed: **ACELDAMA**

bloody slaughter: **CARNAGE**

blossom, bloom forth, flower:

**EFFLORESCE**

blossoming: **FLORESCENCE**

blossoming late: **SEROTINOUS**

blotched, spotted, streaked: **MOTTLED**

blouse-like garment gathered at the  
waist: **TUNIC**

blouse-like garment that hangs loose

over a waistband or belt: **BLOUSON**

blow in puffs: **WHIFFLE**

blow low or almost out, as a candle  
flame: **GUTTER**

blow to back of the neck in boxing:  
**RABBIT PUNCH**

blue appearance of skin due to lack of  
oxygen in blood: **CYANOSIS**

blue blindness: **TRITANOPIA**

blue or shocking in content: **RISQUÉ**

bluffing by talk and posturing:

**SHUCKING AND JIVING**

blundering, clumsy: **MALADROIT**

blunt, direct: **POINT-BLANK**

blunt, dull, insensible: **OBTUSE**

blurred piece of print, blemish or spot:  
**MACKLE**

blurring or softening colors or lines in a  
painting or drawing: **SCUMBLE**

bluster, bragging talk: **GASCONADE**

boardinghouse, rooming house:  
**PENSION**

boards arranged for nailing together  
into barrels or boxes: **SHOOK**

boardwalk-like flooring or slats over a  
wet surface, as behind a counter or  
bar: **DUCKBOARDS**

boardwalk or carnival booth game of  
any sort: **HANKY-PANK**

board with handle underneath used to  
hold plaster or mortar: **HAWK**

board, with letter and other markings,  
used for spiritualistic telepathy:

**OUIJA**

boaster: **GASCON**

boastful defiance: **BRAVADO**

boastfully vain: **VAINGLORIOUS**

boastfulness, bragging: **RODOMONTADE**  
boastful or bullying speech:

**FANFARONADE**

boastful soldier: **MILES GLORIOSUS**

boasting that is ostentatious:

**JACTITATION**

boasting that is pretentious:

**BRAGGADOCIO**

boat basin for pleasure craft: **MARINA**

boat, flat-bottomed with battened sails,  
used by Chinese: **JUNK**

boat for armed antisubmarine combat,

disguised as a merchant ship:

**Q-SHIP, Q-BOAT**

boat for fishing: **SMACK**

boat for pleasure propelled by pedaling:

**PEDAL BOAT**

boat framework that extends beyond

the gunwale: **OUTRIGGER**

boat, narrow and light, for racing:

**SCULL**

boat or ship interior wall or partition:

**BULKHEAD**

boat or ship term for upper edge of

craft's side: **GUNWALE, GUNNEL**

boat or supplies carrying at a place

where a waterway is not navigable,  
or the place where this is

necessary: **PORTAGE**

boat race or series of boat races:

**REGATTA**

boat's crosswise seat for a rower:

**THWART**

boat-shaped: **SCAPHOID**

boat, small and flat-bottomed, used

along the rivers and coasts of

China and Japan: **SAMPAN**

boat song, gondolier's song:

**BARCAROLE**

boat's or ship's pole, or spar, projecting

from the bow: **BOWSPRIT**

boat's or ship's triangular sail to the

front of the mainsail: **SPINNAKER**

boat stairway between decks:

**COMPANIONWAY**

boat that drags a net across a fishing

bank: **TRAWLER**

boat that services another at sea:

**TENDER**

boat with a double hull and sails:

**CATAMARAN**

boat with three parallel hulls and with

sails: **TRIMARAN**

bodily build and constitution as related

to disease: **HABITUS**

bodily disorders being caused by mental

or emotional conditions:

**PSYCHOSOMATIC**

bodily or involving the body's attributes

or elements: **CORPORAL,**

**CORPOREAL**

bodily pleasures or place that provides

them: **FLESHPOT**

bodily processes that continuously build

up and break down protoplasm:

**METABOLISM**

bodily waste matter: **EGESTA**

body chemical that stimulates other  
people: **PIEROMONE**

body-covering tight garment often used  
for exercise: **BODY STOCKING**

body of men summoned to assist a  
peace officer: **POSSE**

body, preoccupied by the: **CARNAL**

body-related, as distinguished from the  
soul: **SOMATIC**

body's inherent timing or cyclical

mechanisms: **BIOLOGICAL CLOCK**

body stealer: **RESURRECTIONIST**

bog down, sink in mud: **MIRE**

bog, marsh: **MORASS**

bog, swamp, backwater: **SLOUGH**

boil down, condense: **DECOCT**

boil gently: **SIMMER**

boiling or agitated condition: **CALDRON**

boil partly or quickly: **PARBOIL**

boisterous, unruly: **OBSTREPEROUS**

bold, dauntless, fearless: **INTREPID**

bold deeds or adventures: **DERRING-DO**

bold, indecent, self-assertive: **IMMODEST**

boldness, audacity, impudence:

**EFFRONTERY**

boldness, daring, audacity: **HARDIHOOD**

bold, saucy, brazen, shameless:

**IMPUDENT**

bombastic: **TUMID**

bombastic, grandiloquent: **TURGID**

bombastic, high-flown: **INFLATED**

bombastic, ornate, florid, showy:

**FLAMBOYANT**

bombastic or pretentious language:

**FUSTIAN**

bombastic, pompous: **GRANDILOQUENT**

bombing intensely concentrated to

obliterate: **SATURATION BOMBING**

bomb or grenade consisting of a bottle

containing flammable liquid:

**MOLOTOV COCKTAIL**

bomb that explodes into jagged pieces:

**FRAGMENTATION BOMB**

bond, connection, link: **NEXUS**

bond issued by a company with a

reputation for showing a profit:

**GILT-EDGED**

bond issue that may be redeemed by

the issuer before maturity:

**CALLABLE BOND**

bond not having the owner's name

registered with the issuing

company and payable to any

holder of the bond: **BEARER BOND**



bond often lacking a specific pledge of assets: **DEBENTURE**

bond of unity or union: **VINCULUM**

bond on which principal and interest are guaranteed by a company other than the issuer of the bond:

**GUARANTEED BOND**

bond, tie that connects: **LIGAMENT**

bond value as it appears on the security: **FACE VALUE**

bond with a low rating and high yield: **JUNK BOND**

bone and muscle branch of surgery: **ORTHOPEDICS**

bone at lower end of the spine: **COCCYX**

bone-forming process: **OSSIFICATION**

bones-of-the-dead receptacle or vault: **OSSUARY**

bones united by muscles: **SYSSARCOSIS**

bookbinding leather: **SKIVER**

bookbinding style characterized by gilded ornamentation: **GROLIER**

bookbinding with leather on the spine and corners and cloth or paper on the sides: **HALF BINDING**

book bound in paper rather than cloth or leather: **PAPERBACK**

book bound in stiff cover as distinguished from paperback:

**HARDCOVER BOOK**

book carrying various versions of a text: **VARIORUM**

book containing rules of spelling, punctuation and typography, used by editors: **STYLEBOOK**

book cover lining, especially when it is ornamental: **DOUBLURE**

book destroyer, book burner: **BIBLIOCLAST**

book for recording one's favorite quotations, literary passages and thoughts: **COMMONPLACE BOOK**

book installment prior to publication: **FASCICLE**

bookish or literary woman, pedantic female: **BLUESTOCKING**

book jacket matter that touts the volume: **BLURB**

book lover and collector: **BIBLIOPHILE**

bookmaker's advantage in the betting odds he creates: **VIGORISH**

book of daily prayers and offices for canonical house: **BREVIARY**

book or Bible peddler: **COLPORTEUR**

book or list of lessons for church service: **LECTIONARY**

book or passage written without using a particular letter: **LIPOGRAM**

book, pamphlet or article on a single subject: **MONOGRAPH**

bookplate, from the library of: **EX LIBRIS**

books kept in print year after year by a publisher: **BACKLIST**

books of an author or on a given subject listed: **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

books of no value, worthless literature: **BIBLIA ABIBLIA**

books or other writings on unusual topics, often pornography: **CURIOSA**

books printed before 1500 A.D.: **INCUNABULA**

book that is useful and handy to carry, handbook: **VADE MECUM**

boom-like platform for a worker that is raised from a truck: **CHERRY PICKER**

boor, clown, awkward fellow: **LOUT**

boorish: **UNCOUTH**

boor, yokel, hick: **MUCKER**

boot covering the leg to the knee in front but cut lower in back:

**WELLINGTON BOOT**

booth, newsstand or bandstand usually lightly constructed and open:

**KIOSK**

boot of sealskin or reindeer skin worn by Eskimos: **MUKLUK**

booty, loot: **PILLAGE**

booty, money: **PELF**

booty, stolen goods: **PLUNDER**

border, contrasting edge: **LIMBUS**

bordered or edged with waviness or even projections: **SCALLOPED**

border on: **ABUT**

bored, dull or depressed state of mind: **DOLDRUMS**

boredom, discontent or weariness: **ENNUI**

bore or displease: **PALL**

boring passage: **LONGUEUR**

boring, tedious: **WEARISOME**

boring, wearisome: **TEDIOUS**

born out of wedlock: **MISBEGOTTEN**

born with: **INHERENT**

borrower's property or securities

pledged to insure repayment of a loan: **COLLATERAL**

borrowing stock expected to decline in

order to sell it at a higher price:

**SHORT SALE**

botany: **PHYTOLOGY**

botany as a descriptive study:

**PHYTOGRAPHY**

botch a job: **BUNGLE**

bother, disturb: **INCOMMODE**

bother, fluster, fuss: **POTIER**

bother, inconvenience, trouble:

**DISCOMMODE**

both hands being used equally well:

**AMBIDEXTROUS**

both sexes being united in one person:

**ANDROGYNOUS**

bottle for vinegar or oil: **CRUET**

bottle of glass that is decorative and

used for wine: **DECANTER**

bottom, basis or foundation that is

solid: **BEDROCK**

bottom-living or -dwelling, as certain

fish: **DEMERSAL**

bounce, jolt, shake up and down:

**JOUNCE**

boundary between the shore and the

ocean: **STRAND LINE**

boundary, limit: **PARAMETER**

boundary line of a figure or area:

**PERIMETER**

boundary line separating language

groups, dialects, etc.: **ISOGLOSS**

boundary, restriction: **PALE**

bound or consecrated by a vow or

promise: **VOTARY**

bound with a band, bandaged:

**FASCIATE**

bountiful, lavish, generous: **MUNIFICENT**

bow decoration on a ship: **FIDDLEHEAD**

bow decoration on a ship in the form of

a carved figure: **FIGUREHEAD**

bowel or bladder lack of control:

**INCONTINENCE**

bowel stimulant, cathartic: **PURGATIVE**

bowling knockdown of all ten pins on

the first bowled ball: **STRIKE**

bowling knockdown of all ten pins with

two deliveries of the ball, or in one

frame: **SPARE**

bowling pins still standing apart or in

two clusters after the first bowled

ball: **SPLIT**

bow of a stringed instrument made to

rebound slightly: **SPICCATO**

boxer belonging to lightest weight class,

weighing 112 pounds or less:

**FLYWEIGHT**

boxer or wrestler weighing between 113

and 118 pounds: **BANTAMWEIGHT**

boxer or wrestler weighing between 127

and 135 pounds: **LIGHTWEIGHT**

boxer or wrestler weighing between 136

and 147 pounds: **WELTERWEIGHT**

boxer or wrestler weighing between 148

and 160 pounds: **MIDDLEWEIGHT**

boxer or wrestler weighing between 161

and 175 pounds: **LIGHT**

**HEAVYWEIGHT**

boxer or wrestler weighing over 175

pounds: **HEAVYWEIGHT**

boxer's deformed ear: **CAULIFLOWER**

**EAR**

boxer weighing up to 126 pounds or a

wrestler up to 134 pounds:

**FEATHERWEIGHT**

boxes fitting into larger boxes: **CHINESE**

**BOXES**

boxing: **PUGILISM**

boxing and matters pertaining to

boxing: **FISTIC**

boxing victory based on points when

there has been no knockout:

**DECISION**

boxing victory in a fight halted by the

referee: **TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT**

box or case in which moisture is

retained, for storing cigars or

tobacco: **HUMIDOR**

box with feinting movements and light

blows: **SPAR**

boy (Spanish): **MUCHACHO**

boy's voice change: **PONTICELLO**

boy used in sodomy: **CATAMITE**

bragged about, praised profusely:

**VAUNTED**

bragging, blustering: **RODOMONTADE**

bragging, boastful: **THRASONICAL**

bragging talk or bluster: **GASCONADE**

braid: **PLAIT**

braided hairstyle as favored by

Rastafarians: **DREADLOCKS**

braid of fabric that is narrow and flat

and woven in a herringbone effect:

**SOUTACHE**

brain examination that traces brain

waves: **ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM**

**(EEG)**

brain inflammation: **ENCEPHALITIS**

brain-lacking: **ANENCEPHALOUS**

brains, intellect: **GRAY MATTER**

brain's opium-like peptide: **ENDORPHIN**

brainwashed assassin: **MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE**  
 brake in which friction pads press on disc that is part of wheel: **DISC BRAKE**  
 branched: **RAMOSE**  
 branch, offshoot: **RAMIFICATION**  
 branch or spread out, diverge: **DIVARICATE**  
 branch or twig that is tough and flexible: **WITHE**  
 brand-nameless, as a discounted medication: **GENERIC**  
 brand-new, unused or original condition: **MINT CONDITION**  
 brandy goblet narrow at the top: **SNIFTER**  
 brass-rubbings executor or expert: **CHALCOTRIPT**  
 bravery pretended: **BRAVADO**  
 brave, staunch: **YEOMANLY**  
 brave, steadfast: **UNFLINCHING**  
 brave, strong, determined: **STALWART**  
 brave, warlike, disciplined: **SPARTAN**  
 brave when drunk: **POT-VALIANT**  
 brawl: **AFFRAY**  
 brawl, fight, conflict, uproar: **FRAY**  
 brawl marked by roughness, free-for-all: **DONNYBROOK**  
 brazen audacity: **CHUTZPAH**  
 brazenly display or parade: **FLAUNT**  
 brazen, shameless, bold, saucy: **IMPUDENT**  
 bread made of cornmeal, eggs, milk and shortening, baked soft enough to be served with a spoon: **SPOON BREAD**  
 bread that is baked yellow and then sliced and toasted: **ZWIEBACK**  
 bread, usually braided, eaten by Jews on holidays and by others: **HALLAH, CHALLAH**  
 breakable, brittle, fragile: **FRANGIBLE**  
 break apart: **RUPTURE**  
 break, as in electric service: **OUTAGE**  
 break away, separate from: **DISSOCIATE**  
 breakdown of social order: **ANOMIE**  
 breakdown or collapse that is sudden and ruinous, spectacular failure: **DEBACLE**  
 breakdown or interruption in electric power: **OUTAGE**  
 breakfast, late, or luncheon: **DÉJEUNER**  
 break in a relationship, parting of the ways: **RIFT**

break in continuity: **INTERREGNUM**  
 break in continuity to present an episode occurring earlier: **FLASHBACK**  
 breaking of a law or a pledge: **INFRACTION**  
 breaking off in the middle of a sentence without completing the idea: **APOSIOPESIS**  
 breaking-off or -up love letter: **DEAR JOHN**  
 breaking or rushing in: **IRRUPTION**  
 breaking up, dividing into parts, disintegrating: **FISSIPAROUS**  
 break off from an association, separate from an association: **DISSOCIATE**  
 break off relations with: **DISAFFILIATE**  
 break or pause in a line of verse: **CAESURA**  
 break or split, especially in layer: **SPALL**  
 break out or erupt afresh: **RECRUDESCENCE**  
 break, tear apart forcibly: **REND**  
 break up a group into small dissenting factions: **BALKANIZE**  
 break up or separate into parts, analyze: **RESOLVE**  
 breastbone: **STERNUM**  
 breast or chest, pertaining to: **PECTORAL**  
 breast of a woman: **POITRINE**  
 breastplate: **CUIRASS**  
 breast-removal surgery: **MASTECTOMY**  
 breasts being prominent with marked cleavage, deep-bosomed: **BATHYCOLPIAN**  
 breast separation line in a woman: **CLEAVAGE**  
 breathe: **RESPIRE**  
 breathe noisily, as a dog following a scent: **SNUFFLE**  
 breathe or blow into or upon: **INSUFFLATE**  
 breathing difficulty caused by swelling in some parts of the body: **EMPHYSEMA**  
 breathing excessively and thus depleting carbon dioxide: **HYPERVENTILATION**  
 breathing that is labored: **DYSPNEA**  
 breathlessness: **APNEA**  
 breeches loose above the knees and tight below: **JODHPURS**  
 breeches of old that were loose and wide: **GALLIGASKINS**

breeding of special races or strains of animals and plants: **STIRPICULTURE**  
breed, multiply by natural reproduction:

**PROPAGATE**

breed rapidly, swarm, teem:

**PULLULATE**

brewing process of fermentation as a

branch of chemistry: **ZYMURGY**

bribeable, corrupt: **VENAL**

bribe of a small nature or a tip:

**BAKSHEESH**

bribe or procure one to commit perjury:

**SUBORN**

bribe or something given as

appeasement: **SOP**

brick that is sun-dried: **ADOBE**

bride's outfit: **TROUSSEAU**

bridge bid that exceeds the preceding bid by more than the minimum:

**JUMP BID**

bridge hand with no card higher than nine: **YARBOROUGH**

bridge-like framework for holding the rails of a traveling crane: **GANTRY**

bridge victory consisting of the winning of all thirteen tricks in a round of play: **GRAND SLAM**

brief and meaningful, terse, concise:

**SUCCINCT**

brief, concise, terse: **LACONIC**

brief general view of a work: **SYNOPSIS**

brief, hasty, abrupt: **CURSORY**

bright, brilliant: **INCANDESCENT**

brighten by rubbing: **FURBISH**

bright idea: **BRAINSTORM**

bright, intense, clear: **VIVID**

bright, rational, clear, easily understood: **LUCID**

bright spot seen in a fog: **FOGDOG**

brilliance of action or effect: **ÉCLAT**

brilliance, radiance, splendor:

**REFULGENCE**

brilliant in a light and playful fashion:

**LAMBENT**

brilliantly wise or intelligent: **LUMINOUS**

brilliant or dashing performance:

**BRAVURA**

brilliant, ostentatious oratory:

**PYROTECHNICS**

brilliant, speedy, dazzling: **METEORIC**

brim at the front of a cap to shade the eyes: **VISOR**

brine for pickling: **SOUSE**

bring about, accomplish: **EFFECT**

bring forth, originate: **SPAWN**

bring on oneself: **INCUR**

bring something about quickly:

**PRECIPITATE**

bring together: **RALLY**

bring up or train: **NURTURE**

bring up partly digested food:

**REGURGITATE**

brisk, cheerful: **CHIPPER**

brisk, dashing, self-confident, stylish, lively: **JAUNTY**

briskly, lively, quickly, in music:

**VIVACE**

bristly: **SETACEOUS**

bristly, spiny: **ECHINATE**

bristly, spiny: **HISPID**

Britain, England: **ALBION**

British and American in mixture, as one's speech: **MID-ATLANTIC**

British late-morning snack: **ELEVENSES**

British military concentric circle

emblem on aircraft: **ROUNDEL**

British military orderly: **BATMAN**

British Parliament member who is not a party leader: **BACKBENCHER**

British record of proceedings in Parliament: **HANSARD**

British upper-class or public school speech or dialect: **RECEIVED**

**STANDARD**

British yeoman of the guard:

**BEEFEATER**

broadcaster who coordinates reports:

**ANCHORMAN, ANCHORWOMAN**

broadheaded: **BRACHYCEPHALIC**

broad in tastes or understanding:

**CATHOLIC**

broad jump: **LONG JUMP**

broadside or leaflet distributed free:

**THROWAWAY**

broken bit of earthenware: **POTSHERD, POTSHARD**

broken down: **DILAPIDATED**

broken down, decrepit: **FLEA-BITTEN**

broken-hearted: **INCONSOLABLE**

broken, incomplete: **FRAGMENTARY**

broken-off piece: **CANTLE**

broken piece of pottery: **SHARD**

broken up into incidents, disjointed: **EPISODIC**

brokerage house that is fraudulent:

**BUCKET SHOP**

broker holding securities in his own name rather than in the name of his customer: **STREET NAME**

broker on the floor of the stock



exchange handling transactions for other brokers: **TWO-DOLLAR BROKER**  
 brokers' broker: **SPECIALIST**  
 bromide, trite expression: **CLICHÉ**  
 bronze or silver gilt: **VERMEIL**  
 brook or stream that is small, rivulet: **RUNNEL**  
 brook, small stream: **RIVULET**  
 brothel: **BORDELLO**  
 brothel: **LUPANAR**  
 brother sharing only one of one's parents: **HALF BROTHER**  
 brothers or sisters: **SIBLINGS**  
 browbeat, bully, cow: **INTIMIDATE**  
 browbeat, torment, rant, bully, bluster: **HECTOR**  
 brown or reddish brown pigment or pictures done in this pigment: **SEPIA**  
 brown paper used for bags and wrapping: **KRAFT**  
 bruise by blow or impact: **CONTUSE**  
 bruise or black-and-blue mark: **ECCHYMOSIS**  
 brutish, stupid, foolish, unmoved: **INSENSATE**  
 bubble, ripple, heave: **POPPLE**  
 bubbling over with enthusiasm or excitement: **EBULLIENT**  
 bucket's or pail's wire handle: **BAIL**  
 Buddhist concept of birth-death-rebirth cycle: **SAMSARA**  
 Buddhist or Hindu religious law: **DHARMA**  
 buffet meal consisting of Scandinavian hors d'oeuvres: **SMORGASBORD**  
 buffet or sideboard, usually without legs: **CREDENZA**  
 buffoon, clown: **MERRY-ANDREW**  
 bugle call in the military indicating good-night or marking a military burial: **TAPS**  
 building construction as an art or science: **TECTONICS**  
 building of corrugated metal that is long, semicylindrical and prefabricated: **QUONSET HUT**  
 building of many stories: **HIGH RISE**  
 building or skyscraper exterior's indentation or part of face squared inward: **SETBACK**  
 built in an ingeniously if impractically complicated way: **RUBE GOLDBERG**  
 bulging: **PROTUBERANT**

bulky, lumbering: **PONDEROUS**  
 bulky, of great volume: **VOLUMINOUS**  
 bull, baloney: **BUSHWA**  
 bulletin board for actors in a theater: **CALLBOARD**  
 bullets, missiles, rockets, etc., science of: **BALLISTICS**  
 bullfight: **CORRIDA**  
 bullfighter's (matador's) red cloak used to lure the bull: **CAPA**  
 bullfighter who kills the bull: **MATADOR**  
 bullfight horseman who pricks the bull's neck with a lance: **PICADOR**  
 bullfight waver of red cloak to distract the bull: **CAPEADOR**  
 bullish, like a bull: **TAURINE**  
 bully, browbeat, torment: **HECTOR**  
 bully, cow, make uneasy: **INTIMIDATE**  
 bulwark, fortification: **RAMPART**  
 bump or lump, protuberance: **KNURL**  
 bump, strike against: **JAR**  
 bums' section of a city: **SKID ROW**  
 bungle, do wrongly, lose an opportunity: **MUFF**  
 bungler and born loser: **SCHLIMAZEL**  
 bungling, clumsy, or domineering: **HEAVY-HANDED**  
 bungling, inept person: **SCHLEMIEL**  
 bun or knot of hair at the back of the head worn by women: **CHIGNON**  
 buoyancy, elasticity: **RESILIENCE**  
 buoyant, optimistic, cheerful: **SANGUINE**  
 burden: **MILLSTONE**  
 burden, discouraging or oppressive thing: **INCUBUS**  
 burden of proof: **ONUS PROBANDI**  
 burden, responsibility: **ONUS**  
 burdens, drawbacks: **IMPEDIMENTA**  
 burdensome: **ONEROUS**  
 bureaucrat, functionary: **APPARATCHIK**  
 bureau of drawers, often with a mirror: **CHIFFONIER**  
 burglar's crowbar: **JIMMY**  
 burial mound: **TUMULUS**  
 burial vault: **SEPULCHER**  
 burlesque imitation of a serious literary or musical work: **PARODY**  
 burlesque or imitation that is grotesque: **TRAVESTY**  
 burlesque rigmarole: **AMPHIGORY**  
 burning at the stake: **AUTO-DA-FÉ**  
 burning, caustic: **VITRIOLIC**  
 burn quickly with great heat and light: **DEFLAGRATE**

burn the midnight oil in writing or studying: **LUCUBRATE**

burn tissue: **CAUTERIZE**

burn up, cremate: **INCINERATE**

bursting or breaking in: **IRRUPTION**

bury, inter: **INHUME**

business licensed branch, outlet or subsidiary, or the main company's license to have such branches: **FRANCHISE**

businessperson who assumes full control and risk of an enterprise: **ENTREPRENEUR**

business source or dealer between the producer and the retailer: **MIDDLEMAN**

business that may hire nonunion workers, who are required to become union members by a specified time: **UNION SHOP**

bustle about, rush pell-mell: **HURRY-SCURRY**

bustle, excitement, fluster: **POTTER**

busybody: **QUIDNUNC**

busybody, nosy person: **NOSEY PARKER, NOSY PARKER**

butterfly, moth: **LEPIDOPTERAN**

butterfly still in cocoon: **CHRYSLIS, PUPA**

buttocks: **DERRIÈRE**

buttocks: **FUNDAMENT**

buttocks: **NATES**

buttocks that are fat, especially in women: **STEATOPYGIA**

buttonhole flower: **BOUTONNIERE**

buttress that juts out some distance away from the wall: **FLYING BUTTRESS**

buyer beware: **CAVEAT EMPTOR**

buying and selling the same stock simultaneously in two different cities to realize a profit: **ARBITRAGE**

buying and selling volume of stocks that is relatively low: **THIN MARKET**

buying or selling sacred things: **SIMONY**

buying securities at stated intervals at a fixed amount: **MONTHLY INVESTMENT PLAN**

buy or sell order for securities good only for the day on which it is entered: **DAY ORDER**

buy up goods for reselling at a profit: **FORESTALL**

buy up with the aim of selling at a higher price: **REGRATE**

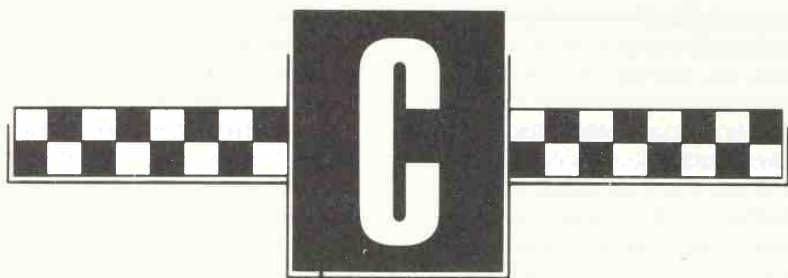
buzzard or hawk: **BUTEO**

buzz, hum, drone: **BOMBINATE**

by-product, new application, incidental result: **SPIN-OFF**

by the very fact: **IPSO FACTO**

by virtue of one's official position: **EX OFFICIO**



cabal: **CAMARILLA**  
cabal, intriguing group: **JUNTA**  
cabaret, nightclub: **BOÎTE**  
cabinet of shelves to display objects:  
**ÉTAGÈRE**  
cabinet whose center projects:  
**BREAKFRONT**  
cablecar that is aerial: **TELPIER**  
cable or rope for mooring or towing:  
**HAWSER**  
cable, wire or rope used to steady or  
secure something: **GUY**  
café or restaurant that provides  
entertainment: **CABARET**  
cafeteria for a movie studio:  
**COMMISSARY**  
cage, usually large, for birds: **AVIARY**  
cajole: **BLANDISH**  
cake made of butter and eggs, with fruit  
or nuts added: **TORTE**  
cake made of sugar, eggs and flour,  
containing no shortening and  
beaten very light: **SPONGE CAKE**  
cake, small and made of unsweetened  
batter: **CRUMPET**  
calamity: **CATASTROPHE**  
calculating device with counters moving  
up and down on rods: **ABACUS**  
calculator of risks and premiums for  
insurance: **ACTUARY**  
calendar used in most of the world:  
**GREGORIAN CALENDAR**  
calfskin or lambskin that is untanned:  
**KIP**  
California gold miner: **ARGONAUT**  
California hot dry wind: **SANTA ANA**  
called, named (archaic): **YCLEPT**  
called or considered so by oneself:  
**SELF-STYLED**

call in question, dispute, challenge:  
**OPPUGN**  
call or whistle that is derisive: **CATCALL**  
callow, immature, but opinionated:  
**SOPHOMORIC**  
call, summon, draw forth: **EVOKE**  
call to account, discipline or chastise:  
**CALL ON THE CARPET**  
call to arms, alarm: **ALARUM**  
call together, as a meeting: **CONVOKE**  
call to troops for service, review, etc.:  
**MUSTER**  
call upon for aid, protection or witness:  
**INVOKE**  
calm: **DISPASSIONATE**  
calm down, quiet, abate: **SUBSIDE**  
calmness, composure, even temper:  
**EQUANIMITY**  
calm, ordered, harmonious, balanced,  
rational: **APOLLONIAN**  
calm, peaceful, tranquil: **PLACID**  
calm, quietly assured, poised:  
**SELF-POSSESSED**  
calm, quiet, serene: **TRANQUIL**  
calm, serene, idyllic: **HALCYON**  
calm, serene, unmoved: **IMPASSIVE**  
calm, unruffled: **IMPERTURBABLE**  
calm, untroubled, tranquil: **SERENE**  
calories with no food value or gained  
without nutrition: **EMPTY**  
**CALORIES**  
Cambridge and Oxford and the British  
tradition and prestige they  
represent: **OXBRIDGE**  
Cambridge (U.K.) resident:  
**CANTABRIGIAN**  
camel with one hump: **DROMEDARY**  
camera in which the framing of the  
viewed image is identical to what

will appear in the finished print:  
**SINGLE LENS REFLEX, SLR**  
 camera lens that shows 180-degree field of vision: **FISH-EYE LENS**  
 camouflaging or imitative, as an animal or insect blending into its background: **APATETIC**  
 camp, temporary, usually without shelter: **BIVOUC**  
 campus-related, involving life within a college: **PARIETAL**  
 cancel a passenger's place on a flight: **BUMP**  
 cancel, recall, rescind, annul: **REVOKE**  
 cancer-causing substance: **CARCINOGEN**  
 cancer of the blood: **LEUKEMIA**  
 cancerous dark mole-like tumor: **MELANOMA**  
 cancerous growth: **CARCINOMA**  
 candelabrum with seven branches used in the Jewish religion: **MENORAH**  
 candidate almost unknown who wins a nomination or election: **DARK HORSE**  
 candidate list: **SLATE**  
 candidate put forward as a cover for another person: **STALKING HORSE**  
 candid, sincere, artless: **GUILELESS**  
 candied or sugared, iced, frozen: **GLACÉ**  
 candlemaker: **CHANDLER**  
 candlestick that is branched: **CANDELABRUM**  
 candy composed of nuts and fruits: **NOUGAT**  
 canine tooth: **CUSPID**  
 cannibals: **ANTHROPOPHAGI**  
 cannon or artillery, military combat materiel: **ORDNANCE**  
 cannon with a relatively high angle of fire: **HOWITZER**  
 canoe made from a tree trunk: **PIROGUE**  
 canoe that is covered except for an opening for the paddler: **KAYAK**  
 can opener: **CHURCH KEY**  
 canopy or large tent, summerhouse: **PAVILION**  
 canopy over a pulpit or bed: **TESTER**  
 canopy used in religious processions: **BALDACHIN**  
 can or cup that is small: **CANNIKIN**  
 cantankerous: **CROTCHETY**  
 cant, lingo: **JARGON**  
 canvas sheet stretched on a frame and used for acrobatics or gymnastics: **TRAMPOLINE**

capable of working, as a plan; able to live: **VIABLE**  
 cap and bells of a jester: **FOOLSCAP**  
 cap cover with long rear flap: **HAVELOCK**  
 caper, antic: **DIDO**  
 caper, antic: **GAMBADO**  
 caper, prance about: **TITTUP**  
 capital for a new or risky enterprise: **VENTURE CAPITAL**  
 capitalist tycoon of the late 19th century who was powerful and exploitive: **ROBBER BARON**  
 capital-letter abbreviations for government agencies or the like, initialisms and acronyms: **ALPHABET SOUP**  
 capital letters in type: **UPPER CASE**  
 capital punishment or execution as a science: **KTENOLOGY**  
 capital that is hardly adequate used in starting a business: **SHOESTRING**  
 cap, knitted and hood-like, with a back-of-neck covering: **BALACLAVA**  
 cap of felt with a tassel, worn by Moslem men: **TARBOOSH**  
 cap of loose and heavy material for men, with a flattened top that can often be snapped against the short brim in front: **TOURING CAP**  
 cap or top being difficult to remove: **CHILDPROOF**  
 caprice, whim, fanciful humor: **WHIMSY**  
 capricious, willful: **WAYWARD**  
 cap that is flat and round: **BERET**  
 cap that is square and stiff and worn by clergy: **BIRETTA**  
 caption or explanatory description on an illustration, chart or map: **LEGEND**  
 capture or seize: **CORRAL**  
 cap worn by sailors for warmth that is knitted, close-fitting and navy-blue: **WATCH CAP**  
 car collision spectator event: **DEMOLITION DERBY**  
 card game called twenty-one: **VINGT-ET-UN**  
 card game series terminated when one side has won two games: **RUBBER**  
 card game situation in which a winner has made more than double his opponent: **LURCH**  
 card game that breaks a tie between players: **RUBBER**



card of a suit that outranks other suits during the playing of a hand:

**TRUMP**

cards left on the table after the deal:

**TALON**

cards used in fortune-telling: **TAROT**

career or biographical description or chronology, résumé: **CURRICULUM VITAE**

carefree: **FOOTLOOSE**

carefree and indifferent, easygoing, irresponsible: **GALLIONIC**

carefree existence, drink and play: **BEER AND SKITTLES**

carefree, lighthearted, gay: **ROLLICKING**

carefreeness: **RHATHYMIA**

carefree, unconcerned, lighthearted:

**INSOUCIANT**

carefree, uninvolved, easygoing: **DÉGAGÉ**

carefree, worry-free: **SANS SOUCI**

careful about what one says, prudent, tactful: **DISCREET**

careful and diligent: **PAINSTAKING**

careful, cautious, frugal: **CHARY**

carefully, cautiously: **GINGERLY**

carefully or deliberately receive, consider seriously: **TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT**

careful, prudent, discreet: **CIRCUMSPECT**

careful, scrupulous about detail or observance of forms: **PUNCTILIOUS**

careful, wise: **JUDICIOUS**

carelessly done: **SLIPSHOD**

careless, negligent: **REMISS**

careless or untidy person: **SLOVEN**

careless, reckless: **DEVIL-MAY-CARE**

careless, reckless, weak: **FECKLESS**

cargo cast overboard from an imperiled ship: **JETSAM**

carnival or boardwalk booth game of any sort: **HANKY-PANK**

carnival performer of repellent acts, such as biting the head off a live chicken: **GEEK**

carpet of velvety texture: **WILTON**

carp, raise trivial objections: **CAVIL**

carriage for four horses driven by one person: **FOUR-IN-HAND, TALLYHO**

carriage, four-wheeled and light, with two seats facing forward (one behind the other) and a more or less flat-bottomed chassis: **SURREY**

carriage, four-wheeled, low and open, in which passengers sit sideways on a

bench (or astride it) with their feet near the ground: **DROSHKY**

carriage, four-wheeled, that has a simple flat and springless platform: **BUCKBOARD**

carriage, four-wheeled, the back section of whose covered body can be folded down: **LANDAU**

carriage, light and either two-wheeled (England) or four-wheeled (United States), drawn by one horse:

**BUGGY**

carriage, light and two-wheeled, that has a simple seat and is drawn by one horse: **GIG**

carriage, two-wheeled and drawn by one horse, that is covered and has an elevated driver's seat to the rear: **HANSOM**

carriage, two-wheeled and drawn by one horse, with a folding top and usually a rear platform for a groom: **CABRIOLET**

carriage with four wheels, facing seats, a folding top and a high seat in front for the driver: **BAROUCHE**

carriage, with four wheels, in the form of a closed box with a driver's seat in front: **BROUGHAM**

carriage with hood and with high seat for horse driver: **CABRIOLET**

carried away by foolish love: **INFATUATED**

carried booth-like and upright box for one person, borne on poles by litter bearers: **SEDAN CHAIR**

carried enclosed horizontal shuttered box for one person, borne on poles by litter bearers: **PALANQUIN**

carrier of microorganisms: **VECTOR**

carry a person face down by the arms and legs: **FROG MARCH**

carry away wrongfully: **ABDUCT**

carry, haul, lug, drag: **SCHLEP**

carry or move gently, float: **WAFT**

carry through or accomplish something: **TRANSACT**

carry through, put into effect: **IMPLEMENT**

cart carrying prisoners to the guillotine during the French Revolution:

**TUMBREL**

cartoon-like drawing, characterization, version, etc.: **CARICATURE**

cart with two wheels for a passenger,  
pulled by one person: **RICKSHA**,  
**RICKSHAW**

carved design beneath the surface:  
**INTAGLIO**

carved ivory, stone or shells:  
**SCRIMSHAW**

carve, engrave, cut into: **INCISE**  
carving or engraving, especially on  
gems: **GLYPTICS**

case for small articles that is often  
ornamental: **ETUI**

case, light and rectangular, for carrying  
papers: **ATTACHE CASE**

case or example: **INSTANCE**

cash in a prize coupon, gift certificate,  
etc.: **REDEEM**

cash-lacking: **ILLIQUID**

cash payment made by customer when  
he uses his broker's credit for  
purchase of a security: **MARGIN**

casino card game played against the  
bank: **BACCARAT**

casino game that is a variation of  
baccarat: **CHEMIN DE FER**

casket platform: **BIER**

cask holding half a barrel: **KILDERKIN**

cassock: **SOUTANE**

casting or molding of footprints, tire  
marks, etc., for use in criminal  
investigation: **MOULAGE**

castle battlement notch or opening  
between merlons: **CRENEL**

castle battlement solid or tooth-like part  
between crenels: **MERLON**

castle-like in structure: **CASTELLATED**

castle opening in a projecting support of  
a battlement: **MACHICOLATION**

castle tower at a drawbridge or gate:  
**BARBICAN**

castle tower or keep: **DONJON**

castle turret projecting or overhanging:  
**BARTIZAN**

cast off, as dead skin: **SLOUGH**

cast off or discard a sweetheart: **JILT**  
cast out an evil spirit by prayers or  
incantations: **EXORCISE**

cast-out matter or refuse, as from a  
volcano: **EJECTA**

castrated animal, especially a horse:  
**GELDING**

castrated man or youth: **EUNUCH**

castrated rooster: **CAPON**

castrate, geld, weaken, make effeminate:  
**EMASCULATE**

casual, aimless, disconnected, random:  
**DESULTORY**

casual, minor, secondary: **INCIDENTAL**

casual or indiscriminate, especially  
sexually: **PROMISCUOUS**

casual, spontaneous, impromptu:  
**OFF-THE-CUFF**

casualties evaluated and sorted to fix  
priorities for treatment: **TRIAGE**

catalog with scholarly notes of  
particular books, paintings, etc.:  
**CATALOGUE RAISONÉE**

catching: **INFECTIOUS**

catch, snag, complication: **HITCH**

catch up with or get ahead of, as a  
ship: **FOREREACH**

categorize, classify: **PIGEONHOLE**

cat family member: **FELINE**

cathedral grounds: **CLOSE**

cathedral or church gallery above the  
side aisle: **TRIFORIUM**

cathedral or church upper wall, above a  
lateral roof, that contains windows

and admits light: **CLERESTORY**

cat, particularly an old female one:  
**GRIMALKIN**

cat's-eye: **CHATOYANT**

Catskill and White Mountain hotels  
that provide entertainment:

**BORSCHT CIRCUIT**, **BORSCHT BELT**

Catskill Mountains resort entertainer  
and activities director: **TUMMLER**

cat that is an adult female: **CATTA**,  
**QUEEN**

cattle food: **PROVENDER**

cattle herder: **COWBOY**, **COWHAND**,  
**COWPUNCHER**

cattle movement seasonally to more  
suitable pastures: **TRANSHUMANCE**

caught in the act: **IN FLAGRANTE**  
**DELICTO**

caught in the very act, incriminatingly:  
**RED-HANDED**

cause-and-effect theory in philosophy,  
especially of human behavior:

**DETERMINISM**

cause a result creditable or  
discreditable: **REDOUND**

cause, bring about: **INDUCE**

caused estrangement, by another,  
between husband and wife:

**ALIENATION OF AFFECTIONS**

cause or make likely, attract: **INVITE**  
 causes and origins as subjects of study:

**ETIOLOGY**

cause something abruptly or

unexpectedly: **PRECIPITATE**

cause that produces a result: **FACTOR**

cause to effect, prior to: **A PRIORI**

caustic: **ACRIMONIOUS**

caustic, biting: **PUNGENT**

caustic, burning: **VITRIOLIC**

caustic, cutting, sarcastic: **MORDANT**

caustic, mercilessly severe, withering:

**SCATHING**

cautious: **WARY**

cautious, careful, frugal: **CHARY**

cautious checking of every detail:

**CIRCUMSPECT**

cautiously, carefully: **GINGERLY**

cautiously shrewd: **CANNY**

cautious, moderate, opposed to change:

**CONSERVATIVE**

cave entrance exposed to daylight:

**TWILIGHT ZONE**

cave explorer: **SPELUNKER**

cave formation, cone-shaped, that is

built up on the floor: **STALAGMITE**

cave formation, long and tapering, that

hangs from the roof: **STALACTITE**

cave-like underground chamber or

passageway: **CATACOMB**

cave man: **TROGLODYTE**

cave or cavern: **GROTTO**

cave or fall in, sink, collapse, fail:

**FOUNDER**

caves as a subject of study:

**SPELEOLOGY**

cavities in the skull leading into the

nasal cavities: **SINUSES**

cease-fire, armistice: **TRUCE**

ceiling decorated with a painted or

carved design: **PLAFOND**

ceiling with recessed panels: **LACUNAR**

celebrate, make merry, delight (in):

**REVEL**

celebration, festival: **FIESTA**

celebrity banquet featuring humorous

mock attacks on the guest of

honor: **ROAST**

celebrity, fame: **RENOWN**

celebrity genius whose scandalous ways

and actions are news: **MONSTRE**

**SACRÉ**

celestial, heavenly: **SUPERNAL**

celestial, sublime, superior, fiery:

**EMPYREAL**

cellar or underground shelter used  
 during cyclones or tornadoes:

**CYCLONE CELLAR**

cells: study of their structure,

organization and function:

**CYTOLOGY**

cement or plaster used to surface walls:

**STUCCO**

cemetery for paupers: **POTTER'S FIELD**

censor by deleting offensive passages:

**BOWDLERIZE**

censor by removing obscene or

otherwise objectionable material:

**EXPURGATE**

ensorious prude: **MRS. GRUNDY**

ensorship that is puritanical:

**COMSTOCKERY**

censure, blame, rebuke: **REPROACH**

censure or rebuke severely: **REPRIMAND**

censure, scold, reproach: **UPBRAID**

censure vehemently: **INVEIGH**

center being in common: **CONCENTRIC**

centerless: **ACENTRIC**

center of attention, activity or interest:

**FOCAL POINT**

center of attraction: **CYNOSURE**

central or essential element, core:

**NUCLEUS**

central point, hub, navel: **OMPHALOS**

century-and-a-half observance:

**SESQUICENTENNIAL**

century, era, period: **SIÈCLE**

century's end, especially the end of the

19th century; also decadence: **FIN**

**DE SIÈCLE**

ceremonial procession: **CORTEGE**

ceremonial soft drumroll and fanfare:

**RUFFLE AND FLOURISH**

ceremonial washing of hands:

**ABLUTION**

ceremonies commemorating the

founding of a city or university or

the consecration of a church:

**ENCAENIA**

ceremony that is pretentious or

hypocritical: **MUMMERY**

certain: **APODICTIC**

certain: **COCKSURE**

certain, accurate: **UNERRING**

certainly, without doubt: **SANS DOUTE**

certain, unavoidable: **INEVITABLE**

certain, unquestionable: **INDUBITABLE**

certificate acknowledging debt:

**DEBENTURE**

certificate entitling the holder to receive shares of stock, money, etc.: **SCRIPT**  
 cesspool, sewer: **CLOACA**  
 chain hanging from a woman's belt to hold keys or purse: **CHATELAINE**  
 chain of colored paper, ribbon or flowers hung in loops: **FESTOON**  
 chain of things or events: **CONCATENATION**  
 chain or closely connected series: **CATENA**  
 chair of wood with spindle back and slanting legs: **WINDSOR CHAIR**  
 chair, usually of leather, that is armless: **BARCELONA CHAIR**  
 chair with a high back and high side pieces: **WING CHAIR**  
 challenge: **THROW DOWN THE GAUNTLET**  
 challenge, dispute or attack the truth or validity of: **IMPUGN**  
 challenge the honesty or validity of: **IMPEACH**  
 challenge to combat, in the form of a glove being thrown down, in the Middle Ages: **GAGE**  
 chamberpot in a low chair or cabinet: **COMMODE**  
 champagne bottle's metal bands over the cork: **COIFFE, AGRAFE**  
 champagne designation for moderately dry: **SEC**  
 chance occurrence: **HAPPENSTANCE**  
 changeable: **AMBIVALENT**  
 changeable, erratic: **INCONSISTENT**  
 changeable, inconstant: **FICKLE**  
 changeable in luster: **CHATOYANT**  
 changeable into different forms or shapes: **PROTEAN**  
 changeable, lively, clever: **MERCURIAL**  
 changeable person: **CHAMELEON**  
 changeable, transformable: **MUTABLE**  
 changeable, unstable: **LABILE**  
 change a person's personal convictions by coercion: **BRAINWASH**  
 change in the form, character or appearance: **METAMORPHOSIS**  
 change into a different shape: **TRANSMOGRIFY**  
 change in vowel for changed tense: **ABLAUT**  
 change of opinion that is complete: **ABOUT-FACE**  
 change one substance into another: **TRANSUBSTANTIATE**

change or movement that is constant: **FLUX**  
 change or vary often and in an irregular manner: **FLUCTUATE**  
 change places, alternate: **INTERCHANGE**  
 change plans of someone by persuasion against: **DISSUADE**  
 change sides, apostatize: **TERGIVERSATE**  
 changes in price that can be absorbed by the market in a particular security: **LIQUIDITY**  
 changes in series of plant or animal formations: **SERE**  
 changes or variations occurring irregularly, as of fortune: **VICISSITUDES**  
 change the appearance of: **TRANSFIGURE**  
 change the form or quality of: **TRANSMUTE**  
 changing or confusingly shifting situation: **MUSICAL CHAIRS**  
 changing rapidly and intricately: **KALEIDOSCOPIIC**  
 channel for water, as under a road: **CULVERT**  
 chant: **INTONE**  
 chanted formula or magic words: **INCANTATION**  
 chanted, nonmetrical hymn: **CANTICLE**  
 chanting by monks unaccompanied and without harmonizing: **GREGORIAN CHANT**  
 chaos, disorder, confusion: **CHINESE FIRE DRILL**  
 chapel for private prayer: **ORATORY**  
 character and attitudes of a community or individual: **ETHOS**  
 character in a play or novel who comments: **RAISONNEUR**  
 characteristic or typifying factor or element: **PARAMETER**  
 characterization, often disparaging, of a person or thing: **EPITHET**  
 characterless: **INVERTEBRATE**  
 characterless, not distinctive: **NONDESCRIPT**  
 character, mark or stamp that is distinctive: **IMPRESS**  
 charcoal pencil or a sketch or drawing done in charcoal: **FUSAIN**  
 charge a public official with a crime or misdemeanor: **IMPEACH**  
 charge at cabarets, hotels or clubs for



entertainment or service: **COVER CHARGE**

charged, filled: **FRAUGHT**

charge with a crime, accuse: **INDICT**

charging of a wrongdoing or fault,

accusation: **IMPUTATION**

charitable, alms-giving: **ELEEMOSYNARY**

charity case, a very poor person:

**PAUPER**

charity to aid mankind: **PHILANTHROPY**

charlatan, vendor of quack medicines:

**MOUNTEBANK**

charm: **AMULET**

charm: **ENAMOR**

charm, amulet: **TALISMAN**

charm as if by magic: **BEWITCH**

charm, divert: **BEGUILE**

charm, talisman: **GRIGRI**

chart or diagram of the stages of a

process: **FLOW CHART**

chart showing a line or lines

representing changes in growth,

value, etc.: **GRAPH**

chasm or fissure, as in a glacier:

**CREVASSE**

chastise or rebuke severely: **CASTIGATE**

chat, gossip: **CONFABULATE**

chat, informal conversation: **CAUSERIE**

chat, talk idly: **SCHMOOZE**

chatter, talk senselessly: **PRATE**

chauvinist: **JINGO**

cheap and showy: **BRASSY**

cheap and showy: **TAWDRY**

cheap and showy, designed merely to

sell: **CATCHPENNY**

cheap and showy, gaudy, tawdry,

phony: **BRUMMAGEM**

cheap, flashy dress or ornamentation:

**FRIPPERY**

cheap-looking, shabby, seedy: **TACKY**

cheap or sensational talk: **CLAPTRAP**

cheap, poor quality: **SCHLOCK**

cheap red wine: **VIN ORDINAIRE**

cheap, shoddy, tacky: **SLEAZY**

cheap, trashy, measly: **CHINTZY**

cheat: **BAMBOOZLE**

cheat, dawdle, or pass time: **DIDDLE**

cheated or fooled easily: **GULLIBLE**

cheat, fool, deceive, frustrate, con:

**SNOOKER**

cheating on taxes by concealing full

profits: **SKIMMING**

cheat or deceive in a petty way: **COZEN**

cheat or defraud a person: **MULCT**

cheat or extort: **GOUGE**

cheat, outwit: **EUCHRE**

cheat, swindle: **ROOK**

cheat, swindler, corrupt official:

**HIGHBINDER**

cheat, trick: **HOODWINK**

cheat, trick, deceive: **FINAGLE**

checkered, mosaic-like: **TESSELLATED**

checkered or plaid pattern of dark lines

on a light ground: **TATTERSALL**

checking-out of validity, good faith,

authentication or verifications,

credentials: **BONA FIDES**

check or restrain, as an impulse:

**INHIBIT**

check or stop the flow of: **STANCH**

check out, examine for validity or

acceptability, authenticate: **VET**

check stub or stub of money order kept

as record: **COUNTERFOIL**

cheerful: **BLITHE**

cheerful: **BUOYANT**

cheerful, brisk: **CHIPPER**

cheerful, buoyant, optimistic: **SANGUINE**

cheerful, gay: **JOCUND**

cheerful, lively, urbane: **DEBONAIR**

cheerful, optimistic: **ROSEATE**

cheerful willingness: **ALACRITY**

cheese-and-crumbs crust: **AU GRATIN**

cheese, Italian, that is hard and is

sprinkled on spaghetti or soup:

**PARMESAN**

cheese, melted and cooked, often with

beer or ale added, and served on

toast or crackers: **WELSH RABBIT**

cheese, to turn into or become like:

**CASEFY**

chemist's shallow glass dish for

cultures: **PETRI DISH**

chess draw resulting when a player can

make no move without placing his

or her king in check: **STALEMATE**

chess player's explanation that he or

she is only adjusting a piece:

**J'ADOUBE**

chess player who is a beginner or

blunderer: **PATZER**

chess position in which no move by a

player will be advantageous:

**ZUGZWANG**

chest of drawers, high and often with a

mirror: **CHIFFONIER**

chest of drawers, on short legs, about

table height: **LOWBOY**

chest of drawers, usually in two sections, the lower on legs:

**HIGHBOY**

chest or respiratory high vibrating sound or whistling: **STRIDOR**

chest pain recurrent because of lack of oxygen in heart muscles: **ANGINA PECTORIS**

chest rattling or whistling sound from bronchial obstruction: **RHONCHUS**

chewing food thoroughly as an aid to good health: **FLETCHERISM**

chew noisily, munch: **CHAMP**

chewy, as lightly cooked spaghetti: **AL DENTE**

chic, elegant, showy, arty: **CHICHI**  
chicken a few months old: **SPRING**

**CHICKEN**

chicken-and-leeks soup: **COCK-A-LEEKIE**

chicken pox: **VARICELLA**

chicken stewed in wine: **COQ AU VIN**

chicken stewed Italian style: **CHICKEN CACCIATORE**

chief, bigwig, important official: **POOH-BAH**

chief commodity of a place or region: **STAPLE**

chief, leader: **COCK OF THE WALK**

chief, leader: **RHONCHUS**

chief of a political party: **SACHEM**

child being related to parents: **FILIAL**

childbirth, delivery: **PARTURITION**

childbirth pangs: **TRAVAIL**

childbirth ritual among primitive people in which father of newly born goes through motions as if he had given birth: **COUVADE**

childbirth time: **ACCOUCHEMENT**

childish talk: **PRATTLE**

childish, trivial, silly: **PUERILE**

child left alone at home for part of the day: **LATCHKEY CHILD**

child murder: **INFANTICIDE**

child murder by a parent: **FILICIDE**

child prodigy: **WUNDERKIND**

children, aversion to or dislike of: **MISOPEDIA**

children's diseases and hygienic care as a study: **PEDIATRICS**

child's nurse or female caretaker, nursemaid: **NANNY**

child who because of neglect spends his or her time in the streets:

**GUTTERSNIPE**

child with extraordinary aptitude or talent: **PRODIGY**

chilling: **FRIGORIFIC**

chimney channel or duct: **FLUE**

china or porcelain that is very thin and delicate: **EGGSHELL CHINA**

Chinese dumpling appetizers: **DIM SUM**

Chinese karate-like art of self-defense: **KUNG-FU**

Chinese-originated use of needles in medical practice: **ACUPUNCTURE**

Chinese ornate decoration or an object so decorated: **CHINOISERIE**

Chinese shrine or temple: **JOSS HOUSE**

Chinese system for transliterating Chinese into the Western (Latin) alphabet, in 1979 officially succeeding (e.g., "Beijing" instead of "Peking") the Wade-Giles system: **PINYIN**

chivalric, romantic or daring in intentions but impractical: **QUIXOTIC**

chivalry: **KNIGHT-ERRANDRY**

chocolate (or other flavor) chilled pudding-like dessert: **MOUSSE**

choice: **OPTION**

choice between what is offered and nothing: **HOBSON'S CHOICE**

choice, excellent, of exceptional quality: **VINTAGE**

choice that must be made between two equally undesirable alternatives: **DILEMMA**

choke to death: **STRANGLE**

choking: lifesaving countermeasure by squeezing the victim's upper abdomen from behind: **HEIMLICH MANEUVER**

choose, elect: **OPT**

choose with care: **HANDPICK**

choral songs and dance muse: **TERPSICHORE**

chord's notes played in quick succession: **ARPEGGIO**

Christian Creed, beginning "I believe in God," part of the Mass: **CREDO**

Christian embrace or handshake as a gesture of fellowship in a church: **KISS OF PEACE**

Christian Holy Communion, Christ's Body and Blood: **EUCHARIST**

Christian "Lord have mercy upon us"

prayer and part of the Mass:

**KYRIE**

Christian penitential 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter: **LENT**

Christian prayer beginning "Glory be to God on High," part of the Mass:

**GLORIA**

Christian prayer beginning "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts," part of the Mass: **SANCTUS**

Christian prayer to Christ as Savior (Lamb of God) and a part of the Mass: **AGNUS DEI**

Christian who emphasizes spiritual zeal or ecstasy and the power of healing: **CHARISMATIC**

Christmas display of stable, scene of Jesus' birth: **CRÈCHE**

chronic worrier: **WORRYWART**

chronology as estimated by growth rings on trees:

**DENDROCHRONOLOGY**

chuckle with glee: **CHORTLE**

church-and-state conflict:

**KULTURKAMPF**

church architecture and decoration as a study: **ECCLESIOLOGY**

church area behind the altar:

**RETROCHOIR**

church area or community under jurisdiction of a bishop: **DIOCESE**

church baptismal basin, usually on a stone pedestal: **FONT**

church building with a nave and side aisles, clerestory, transept or crossing and apse: **BASILICA**

church caretaker: **SEXTON**

churchman of high rank: **PRELATE**

church or cathedral crossing near the choir: **TRANSEPT**

church or cathedral gallery above the side aisle: **TRIFORIUM**

church or cathedral upper wall, above a lateral roof, that contains windows and admits light: **CLERESTORY**

church plainsong chanted by monks: **GREGORIAN CHANT**

church rule by prelates: **PRELACY**

church's usually semicircular projection behind the altar, bay at the eastern end of the nave: **APSE**

church vestibule or portico: **NARTHEX**

church wall repository for sacraments:

**AMBRY**

church whose side aisle roofing rises as

high or almost as high as the nave:

**HALL CHURCH**

cigar that is cut square at both ends:

**CHEROOT**

cigar that is long and slim: **PANATELA**

cigar that is long, slender and

inexpensive: **STOGIE**

cigar that is strong and dark: **MADURO**

cigar that tapers at both ends:

**PERFECTO**

circle boundary: **CIRCUMFERENCE**

circle-closing or -opening motion

picture shot, using an iris lens: **IRIS SHOT**

circle of prehistoric monumental stone slabs, as at Stonehenge: **CROMLECH**

circle, persons having an interest or interests in common: **COTERIE**

circle's circumference in relation to its diameter: **PI**

circle with locked arms as formed by dancers in this Romanian and Israeli folk dance: **HORA**

circling back to the original problem results after its solution raises other problems: **VICIOUS CIRCLE**

circular graph divided into proportionate sections: **PIE CHART**

circular, revolving or whirling in motion: **GYRAL**

circulate, permeate: **DIFFUSE**

circumference, especially of the waist:

**GIRTH**

circumlocution, wordiness: **PERIPHRAISIS**

circus springboard, like a small seesaw, for launching a person at one end into the air: **TEETERBOARD**

cite for proof or example: **ADDUCE**

citizen, middle-class resident, town dweller: **BURGHER**

citizen of the world: **COSMOPOLITE**

citizenship bestowal, freeing from

slavery: **ENFRANCHISEMENT**

city area where vice and corruption

flourish: **TENDERLOIN**

civic or local promotionalism and optimism: **BOOSTERISM**

civic or town resident: **OPPIDAN**

civilian clothes, especially when worn by one who usually wears a uniform: **MUFTI**

civilians arming spontaneously in times of military emergency: **LEVY EN**

**MASSE**

civilities: **AMENITIES**

civility: **COMITY**

civil liberties advocate: **LIBERTARIAN**

civil magistrate, officer representing a government: **SYNDIC**

claim on property in payment of or as security for a debt: **LIEN**

claim without right: **ARROGATE**

clairvoyance, telepathy: **CRYPTESTHESIA**

clam: **QUAHOG**

clam of the littleneck variety but larger: **CHERRYSTONE**

clam that is the young of the quahog: **LITTLENECK**

clannish set: **CLIQUE**

clarify, enlighten, illuminate, light up: **IRRADIATE**

clarify, explain: **INTERPRET**

clarinet's lowest register: **CHALUMEAU**

classical-music lover: **LONGHAIR**

classic, venerable, time-honored: **VINTAGE**

classification laws and principles, especially in biology and botany: **TAXONOMY**

classified biologically or botanically according to the binomial system of Swedish botanist Carl von Linne: **LINNAEAN**

classify, categorize: **PIGEONHOLE**

classify under or within, subordinate: **SUBSUME**

classiness or nobleness in being generous, understanding, etc.: **NOBLESSE OBLIGE**

class or group in society: **CASTE**

class, sort, kind: **ILK**

clattering or rattling noise: **BRATTLE**

clauses in a sentence with connectives and dependent syntax: **HYPOTAXIS**

clauses of a sentence without connectives between them: **PARATAXIS**

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claw, hoof, nail: **UNGUIS**

clay-like: **FICTILE**

clay pottery: **CERAMICS**

clean, correct, flawless: **IMMACULATE**

cleanse or wipe off: **DETERGE**

cleansing: **ABLUTION**

clean slate: **TABULA RASA**

clear and resounding: **CLARION**

clear, bright, intense: **VIVID**

clear, comprehensible: **INTELLIGIBLE**

clear, definite, straightforward, outspoken: **EXPLICIT**

clear, easily understood, rational, bright, shining: **LUCID**

clearing area in a fog bank: **FOGDOG, SEADOG**

clearing in the woods: **GLADE**

clear, lucid, understandable:

**PERSPICUOUS**

clear of accusation: **VINDICATE**

clear of blame or accusation, acquit:

**EXONERATE**

clear, rounded or full in voice:

**OROTUND**

clear the throat audibly: **HAWK**

clear, transparent, lucid, pure: **LIMPID**

clear, understandable: **PELLUCID**

clear, understandable in one way only:

**UNEQUIVOCAL**

cleavage-prominent, deep-bosomed:

**BATHYCOLPIAN**

clergyperson jointly officiating at a communion service:

**CONCELEBRANT**

clergyperson officiating at a Mass or service: **CELEBRANT**

clergyperson's residence: **RECTORY**

clergyperson's salary paid out of church revenues: **PREBEND**

clerical cap that is square and stiff:

**BIRETTA**

clerical cloak with a clasp at the neck:

**COPE**

clerical full-length white vestment with sleeves: **ALB**

clerical knee-length garment that is loose and white and has wide sleeves: **SURPLICE**

clerical or professional worker:

**WHITE-COLLAR WORKER**

clerical scarf-like garment: **TIPPET**

clerical sleeved garment worn over the alb: **DALMATIC**

clerical sleeveless garment hanging loosely from the shoulders:

**SCAPULAR**

clerical sleeveless mantle worn by priest at a communion service: **CHASUBLE**

clever person, thinker: **SOPHIST**

clever remark: **BON MOT**

clever, skillful, inventive: **INGENIOUS**

cliché: **BROMIDE**

clichéd and no longer vivid metaphor:

**DEAD METAPHOR**

clichéd idea: **RECEIVED IDEA**

clicking or clapper pieces used



percussively by Spanish dancers:

**CASTANETS**

cliff at the rim of a plateau: **SCARP**

cliff debris or rubble piled at the base:

**SCREE**

cliff on the side of a hill: **SCAR**

cliff projecting into the water:

**HEADLAND**

cliff's edge: **PRECIPICE**

cliff that extends a distance: **PALISADES**

climax: **APOGEE**

climax in sexual intercourse: **ORGASM**

climb, as a tree, by clasping with the arms and legs: **SWARM**

clinging closely: **OSCULANT**

clinging mollusk: **LIMPET**

clinging, retentive: **TENACIOUS**

clique: **CAMARILLA**

clique or group: **FACTION**

clockwise: **DEASIL**

close association, confidential friendship:

**INTIMACY**

close call, near accident: **NEAR MISS**

closed or secret, as a session: **IN**

**CAMERA**

closed session, as of a legislature, to consider confidential business:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

closed to others' opinions or beliefs:

**INTOLERANT**

closed to outside influence, incapable of being passed through: **IMPERVIOUS**

closely contested with the advantage going back and forth: **NIP AND TUCK**

closemouthed, reserved: **TACITURN**

closeness: **PROPINQUITY**

close off, block or shut up: **OCCLUDE**

close one's eyes to something as if it had not happened: **CONDONE**

close one's eyes to wrongdoing:

**CONNIVE**

close quarters or close contact, at or in:

**HAND-TO-HAND**

close together, jammed: **CHOCKABLOCK**

close, touching: **CONTIGUOUS**

clot formation causing dead tissue:

**INFARCTION**

cloth containing an intricate design that usually includes loops ending in curlicues: **PAISLEY**

clothed negligently or partly as a state:

**DISHABILLE**

clothe richly: **CAPARISON**

cloth for the head on a chair or sofa:

**ANTIMACASSAR**

clothing, accoutrements, furnishings:

**HABILIMENTS**

clothing-related: **SARTORIAL**

cloth laid on the lap of a bishop

officiating at a mass or ordination:

**GREMIAL**

cloth of yellowish brown: **KHAKI**

cloud formation at low altitude that is stretched horizontally and almost even along the bottom: **STRATUS**

cloud formation that is dense and usually white, with a domed top and horizontal base, seen in fair weather: **CUMULUS**

cloud of rounded mass appearing before a thunderstorm: **THUNDERHEAD**

clouds in a fine, whitish veil, giving a hazy appearance: **CIRROSTRATUS**

clouds in a mass of fleecy globular cloudlets: **CIRROCUMULUS**

clouds in large globular masses, disposed in waves, groups or bands: **STRATOCUMULUS**

clouds in white wispy tufts or bands across the sky: **CIRRUS**

clouds, long and fibrous, supposed to foretell a storm: **MARE'S TAIL**

cloud streamers or wisps of precipitation: **VIRGA**

cloud study as a branch of meteorology: **NEPHOLOGY**

cloudy, foggy, obscure, indefinite: **NUBIOUS**

cloudy, murky: **TURBID**

cloudy, overcast: **LOWERY**

clown, buffoon: **MERRY-ANDREW**

clown face painted with exaggerated features: **AUGUSTE**

club, cudgel, stick for beating:

**TRUNCHEON**

clubfoot: **TALIPES**

clump along pompously: **GALUMPH**

clump or tuft, as of grass or hair:

**TUSSOCK**

clumsily done: **BOTCHED**

clumsily handle, botch the job: **BUNGLE**

clumsiness in handling things:

**BUTTERFINGERS**

clumsy, awkward, heavy in appearance or movement: **LUMBERING**

clumsy, awkward, incompetent: **INEPT**

clumsy, blundering: **MALADROIT**

clumsy, boorish, awkward: **GAUCHE**

clumsy, bungling, domineering:

**HEAVY-HANDED**

clumsy, labored: **PONDEROUS**

clumsy or stupid person: **CLODHOPPER**

clumsy person: **KLUTZ**

clumsy rustic: **BUMPKIN**

coal mining by stripping off soil rather than sinking a shaft: **STRIP MINING**

coarse food: **ROUGHAGE**

coarse, loud, rough in sound: **RAUCOUS**

coarsely or vulgarly joking: **RIBALD**

coarse or abusive in language:

**SCURRILOUS**

coarse, unrefined, natural: **EARTHY**

coastal inlet, estuary: **FIRTH**

coastal land projection: **CAPE**

coastal narrow sea inlet between steep cliffs: **FJORD**

coat a metal protectively: **ANODIZE**

coat lapel: **REVERS**

coat-of-arms-possessing or -worthy, having a heraldic device:

**ARMIGEROUS**

coat of which the sleeves are in one piece up to the collar: **RAGLAN**

coat or covering, as of a seed: **TEGMEN**

coats of arms, genealogies, etc.:

**HERALDRY**

coat with tails for formal wear by a man: **CUTAWAY**

coax or flatter to persuade: **WHEEDLE**

coax with flattery: **CAJOLE**

cocked in angle, as the way a hat is worn: **ARAKE**

cock less than a year old: **COCKEREL**

cocktail discount hour: **HAPPY HOUR**

coddle: **COCKER**

code deciphering: **CRYPTANALYSIS**

coded message in decoded form:

**PLAINTEXT**

coded writing: **CRYPTOGRAPHY**

code of words representing each letter of the alphabet, such as *Alpha* for A and *Zulu* for Z, used in radio communication: **ALPHABET CODE**

codfish that is young: **SCROD**

coercion, compulsion: **DURESS**

coercive measures taken to force a country to comply with demands:

**SANCTIONS**

coffee, black: **CAFÉ NOIR**

coffee or coffee-flavored: **MOCHA**

coffepot basket holding the grounds:

**BIGGIN**

coffee, small cup of: **DEMITASSE**

coffee with milk: **CAFÉ AU LAIT**

coffin of stone: **SARCOPHAGUS**

coffin platform: **BIER**

coffin-supporting framework:

**CATAFALQUE**

coherence-lacking: **DISJOINTED**

coiled: **TORTILE**

coiled spirally: **HELICOID**

coin a word: **MINT, NEOLOGIZE**

coincidence: **CONJUNCTION**

coined money: **SPECIE**

coin or medal disc apart from lettering or a stamped design: **FLAN**

coin or medal space for date, place of coining, etc.: **EXERGUE**

coins, medals, etc., as a study:

**NUMISMATICS**

cold in the head: **CORYZA**

cold-like condition from inflamed

mucous membranes: **CATARRH**

cold sore: **HERPES LABIALIS**

collaborator with the enemy, traitorous leader: **QUISLING**

collapse, fail, sink: **FOUNDER**

collapse inward violently: **IMPLODE**

collapsible or barely-holding-together structure, plan, etc.: **HOUSE OF CARDS**

collar or cord used to strangle:

**GARROTE**

colleague or fellow member: **CONFRERE**

collected excerpts from literary works:

**ANALECTS**

collect, gather or store: **GARNER**

collect, incorporate, make part of a whole: **EMBODY**

collection during a religious ceremony:

**OFFERTORY**

collection, gathering, treasure: **TROVE**

collection of choice extracts for instruction in a language:

**CHRESTOMATHY**

collection of poems, stories, etc.:

**ANTHOLOGY**

collection of things, mass, heap:

**CONGERIES**

collection of works and roles of a performance or company:

**REPERTORY**

collection or cluster that is

heterogeneous: **CONGLOMERATE**

collective farm in the Soviet Union:

**KOLKHOZ**

collective farm or settlement in Israel:

**KIBBUTZ**

collector or connoisseur of works of art:

**VIRTUOSO**

college athlete not in varsity sports for a year: **REDSHIRT**

college enrollment: **MATRICULATION**

colleges all of which were once  
all-female and which are  
considered prestigious Eastern  
women's colleges (Barnard, Bryn  
Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe,  
Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley):  
**SEVEN SISTERS**

collegiate with regard to rules:

**PARIETAL**

collusion in a lawsuit to get a share of  
the matter sued for: **CHAMPERTY**

color blending or changing by skillfully  
smooth gradations: **SFUMATO**

color blindness: **ACHROMATOPSIA**

color blindness: **DALTONISM**

color change showing in different lights:  
**VERSCOLOR**

colored differently in different parts:

**PARTICOLORED**

colored material of fluorescent hue:

**DAY-GLO**

colored variously, as wires or pipes, to  
ease identification: **COLOR-CODED**

coloring matter: **PIGMENT**

colorless or not refracting light into  
colors; neutral in hue; black and  
white: **ACHROMATIC**

colorless, pale: **PALLID**

color or tint uniform throughout:

**ISOCHROMATIC**

color slightly: **TINGE**

colors of the rainbow in shifting hues  
and patterns: **IRIDESCENCE**

color study: **CHROMATICS**

colum in the form of a female figure:

**CARYATID**

columns that are regularly spaced:

**COLONNADE**

combative: **PUGNACIOUS**

comb for horses: **CURRYCOMB**

combination of circumstances or events:

**CONJUNCTURE**

combination of two or more substances:

**AMALGAM**

combine, blend and reconcile, as  
various philosophies: **SYNCRETIZE**

combustible substance that will ignite  
with a spark: **TINDER**

come between, especially as a barrier:

**INTERPOSE**

comedian who is the star: **TOP BANANA**

comedy that is broad or exaggerated:

**FARCE**

comedy that is loud, physical and  
crude: **SLAPSTICK**

come forth into the open, emerge:

**DEBOUCH**

come into office or dignity: **ACCEDE**

come into view or appear as through a  
mist, often ominously: **LOOM**

come out or be channeled into a larger  
area, as into a river or valley:

**DEBOUCH**

comer into a country not his or her  
own: **IMMIGRANT**

comforter, quilt: **DUVET**

comfort in grief: **SOLACE**

comic antics: **HARLEQUINADE**

comic muse: **THALIA**

coming from without, unrelated to the  
matter at hand: **EXTRANEOUS**

coming in continually, as of people or  
things: **INFLUX**

coming into existence, beginning to  
appear: **INCIPIENT**

coming together, crowd: **CONCOURSE**

comma: erroneous use, instead of a  
period or semicolon: **COMMA  
FAULT, COMMA SPLICE**

comma-minimal punctuation style:

**OPEN PUNCTUATION**

commandeer a plane in transit: **HIJACK**

command level: **ECHELON**

command, order, forbid: **ENJOIN**

comma-rich punctuation style: **CLOSE  
PUNCTUATION**

commence, begin: **INAUGURATE**

commencement headgear with a flat,  
square top: **MORTARBOARD**

commence, originate, begin: **INITIATE**

commendation: **PLAUDIT**

commendatory: **LAUDATORY**

comment-arousing object:

**CONVERSATION PIECE**

commentary, explanatory note: **GLOSS**

comment critically on another's action,  
choice, etc.: **SECOND-GUESS**

commenting character in a play or  
novel: **RAISONNEUR**

comment that is not binding, a remark  
made in passing: **OBITER DICTUM**

commerce, communication, exchange:

**INTERCOURSE**

commissions and other costs of distribution included in the price paid by the purchaser of securities:

**LOAD**

commit or carry out, as a crime or hoax: **PERPETRATE**

committed, involved, earnest: **ENGAGÉ**  
committee consisting of all members of a legislative body: **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

committee determining the order of business: **STEERING COMMITTEE**

committee formed for a specific purpose: **AD HOC COMMITTEE**

common, everyday speech: **VULGATE**

common good, public or civic welfare: **COMMONWEAL**

common notion: **RECEIVED IDEA**

common people, masses: **HOI POLLOI**

common people, pertaining to: **DEMOTIC**

commonplace: **TOLERABLE**

commonplace, basic:

**BREAD-AND-BUTTER**

commonplace, dull: **STODGY**

commonplace, ordinary, simple:

**EXOTERIC**

commonplace, trite idea or expression: **CLICHÉ**

commonplace, trite statement:

**PLATITUDE**

commonplace, uninspired, unimaginative: **PROSAIC**

common rather than literary language: **VERNACULAR**

common run, ordinary people: **RUCK**

common sense: **MOTHER WIT**

common stock earnings as affected by bond interest and preferred stock dividends: **LEVERAGE**

common to the masses: **VULGAR**

common, vulgar: **PLEBEIAN**

common, widely practiced: **PREVALENT**

commotion: **TURBULENCE**

commotion, fluster, bustle: **POTTER**

communication, exchange, commerce: **INTERCOURSE**

communication of minds by other than normal sensory means: **TELEPATHY**

communication system for immediate, direct exchange in an emergency:

**HOT LINE**

communication system that is secret

and usually person to person:

**GRAPEVINE**

communication that is primitive, as in the jungle: **BUSH TELEGRAPH**

Communion received as bread dipped in wine: **INTINCTION**

Communism seen as spreading from one takeover to another: **DOMINO THEORY**

Communist emblem: **HAMMER AND SICKLE**

community laws against drinking, dancing, etc.: **BLUE LAWS**

community promotionism and optimism: **BOOSTERISM**

compact, agreement, pledge: **COVENANT**

companionship: **SODALITY**

company's or corporation's breakup or selling off of holdings:

**DIVESTITURE**

company that uses its capital to invest in other companies: **INVESTMENT TRUST**

compare critically, as writings or facts: **COLLATE**

comparison implied in a figure of speech: **METAPHOR**

compass holder or stand on a boat: **BINNACLE**

compatible, congenial: **SIMPATICO**

compelling, fascinating: **IRRESISTIBLE**

compel or force to go: **HALE**

compensate for or counteract something else: **OFFSET**

compensate, make up, offset:

**COUNTERVAIL**

compensate, pay back: **REIMBURSE**

compensate, pay for: **REMUNERATE**

compensate, repay in kind: **REQUITE**

compensate, right a wrong: **REDRESS**

compensational unconscious behavior

opposite to one's repressed desires:

**REACTION FORMATION**

compensation for injury to the feelings: **SOLATIUM**

compensation for loss or damage, exemption from penalties or

liabilities: **INDEMNITY**

compensation, pay, fee, or tip:

**EMOLUMENT**

compete: **VIE**

competent legally to take care of one's own affairs: **SUI JURIS**

competition, rivalry: **CONTENTION**

competitive field day: **GYMKHANA**



competitor not among the top winners  
or finishers: **ALSO-RAN**  
competitor on a team who is a fill-in or  
outsider: **RINGER**  
complacent, self-satisfied: **SMUG**  
complain: **CARP**  
complain about being poor:  
**POOR-MOUTH**  
complainer, irritable or whining person:  
**CRAB**  
complain, fret: **REPINE**  
complaining, whining: **QUERULOUS**  
complaint, grievance: **PLAINT**  
complaint receiver in government,  
consumer organizations, etc.:  
**OMBUDSMAN**  
complain, whine: **KVETCH**  
complement or mate to another:  
**COUNTERPART**  
complete, absolute: **UNMITIGATED**  
complete, absolute, full: **PLENARY**  
complete confidence: **CERTITUDE**  
complete, entire: **INTEGRAL**  
completely organized and active:  
**FULL-FLEDGED**  
completely, to the fullest, thoroughly: **À  
FOND**  
completeness: **INTEGRITY**  
complex, subtle, highly intellectual:  
**METAPHYSICAL**  
compliant, manageable: **TRACTABLE**  
complicate, confuse, entangle:  
**EMBRANGLE**  
complicated, involved, puzzling:  
**INTRICATE**  
complicated, involved, twisted or  
intricate: **CONVOLUTED**  
complicate, disconcert, hamper:  
**EMBARRASS**  
complicatedly constructed in an  
ingenious if impractical way: **RUBE  
GOLDBERG**  
complicated or confused state of affairs:  
**IMBROGLIO**  
complicated or problematic situation,  
predicament: **PLIGHT**  
complicated or refined in design:  
**SOPHISTICATED**  
complication, annoyance, hindrance,  
snag: **FLY IN THE OINTMENT**  
complication, intertwining,  
entanglement: **INVOLUTION**  
complication, snag, catch: **HITCH**  
compliment that is dubious or insulting:  
**LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENT**

comply, either in fact or only  
apparently: **TEMPORIZE**  
comport (oneself): **DEMEAN**  
compose, write out: **REDACT**  
composure, coolness: **SANGFROID**  
composure, even temper, calmness:  
**EQUANIMITY**  
composure, serenity, self-assurance:  
**POISE**  
comprehension or awareness  
independent of the senses: **ESP  
(EXTRASENSORY PERCEPTION)**  
compromising too readily or out of  
weakness, adapting to the opposing  
party or view:  
**ACCOMMODATIONIST**  
compulsive, excessive preoccupation  
with a thought or feeling:  
**OBSESSION**  
compulsively neat, finicky and rigid:  
**ANAL-RETENTIVE**  
compulsory service: **CONSCRIPTION**  
computer basic unit of information: **BIT,  
BINARY DIGIT**  
computer design and apparatus:  
**HARDWARE**  
computer group of adjacent bits,  
commonly eight, processed as a  
unit: **BYTE**  
computer information delivered in  
printed form: **PRINTOUT**  
computer information fed into the  
apparatus: **INPUT**  
computerized, robotic or mechanical  
autonomy, as in performing tasks,  
solving problems or playing games:  
**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
computer or equipment being linked up  
to a main computer system:  
**ON-LINE**  
computer products not yet existing:  
**VAPORWARE**  
computer programs: **SOFTWARE**  
computers: designed to be easily  
understood and used:  
**USER-FRIENDLY**  
computers and human nervous system  
under study: **CYBERNETICS**  
computer screen symbol that moves or  
blinks: **CURSOR**  
conceal, disguise, feign, make a false  
show of: **DISSEMBLE**  
concealed: **ABSTRUSE**  
concealed priority: **HIDDEN AGENDA**  
concealed, secret or sheltered: **COVERT**

concealing language: **AESOPIAN LANGUAGE**

concealment by a public official of an offense, crime or wrongdoing by another official: **MISPRISION**

concealment of one's real activities, designs or misdeeds: **COVER-UP**

concealment of profits or theft of money off the books: **SKIMMING**

conceal, pretend, dissemble: **DISSIMULATE**

conceited, arrogant: **BUMPTIOUS**

conceited, boastful: **VAINGLORIOUS**

conceited or arrogant in one's ways or attitudes: **OVERWEENING**

conceit, egotism: **EGO**

concentration of psychic energy upon a person, idea, fantasy: **CATHEXIS**

concern, anxious attentiveness: **SOLICITUDE**

concerned: **SOLICITOUS**

concerning, in the matter of: **IN RE**

conciliate opposing sides: **MEDIATE**

conciliate, win over: **PROPITIATE**

conciliatory present: **DOUCEUR**

concise: **TERSE**

concise summary or abstract: **PRÉCIS**

concise, terse, brief: **LACONIC**

concise, terse, meaningful: **SUCCINCT**

conclude or accept from evidence: **INFER**

conclude or suppose from incomplete evidence: **CONJECTURE**

conclusion in a sentence that follows from the protasis, or condition: **APODOSIS**

conclusive test: **LITMUS TEST**

concrete example or proof: **OBJECT LESSON**

concretize, make real: **REIFY**

concubine, harem slave: **ODALISQUE**

concurrent: **SIMULTANEOUS**

condemn: **CENSURE**

condemn or denounce: **DECRY**

condemn, prohibit, outlaw: **PROSCRIBE**

condense: **ABBREVIATE**

condense: **ABRIDGE**

condense, boil down: **DECOCT**

condescend: **DEIGN**

condescend to, grant or permit: **VOUCHSAFE**

conditional transaction authorized for when, as and if a security is issued: **WHEN ISSUED**

conditioned, involving trained responses, automatic: **PAVLOVIAN**  
condition existing at a particular time: **STATUS QUO**

conditioning in which the pairing of one stimulus, as a bell, with another, as food, induces a response to the first: **CLASSICAL CONDITIONING**

conditioning of behavior by immediate reward or punishment: **OPERANT CONDITIONING**

condition set forth in a clause that leads to apodosis, or conclusion: **PROTASIS**

condition, stipulation: **PROVISO**  
conduct, behavior: **DEPORTMENT**

cone-like mound in volcanic area: **CINDER CONE**

cone- or funnel-shaped: **INFUNDIBULIFORM**

cone or pyramid with top sliced off: **FULSTRUM**

conference: **POWWOW**  
conference of opposing sides, talk: **PARLEY**

conference or conversation that is formally arranged: **COLLOQUY**

conference or seminar of scholars: **COLLOQUIUM**

confidence game, operation to defraud or swindle: **STING**

confidence lack, timidity, shyness: **DIFFIDENCE**

confidential friendship, close association: **INTIMACY**

confidential or private conversation: **TÊTE-À-TÊTE**

confined without means of communication: **INCOMMUNICADO**

confine, imprison: **INCARCERATE**

confinement that is forced, imprisonment: **DURANCE**

confine or detain, as during war: **INTERN**

confine, surround, enclose within walls, imprison: **IMMURE**

confining or checking item, as a rope: **TETHER**

conflicting, mismatched, discordant: **INCOMPATIBLE**

con, fool, deceive, cheat, frustrate: **SNOOKER**

conforming, done in accordance with: **PURSUANT**

conforming or agreeing: **CONGRUENT**  
 conformity-forcing ruthlessly:

**PROCRUSTEAN**

confused: **ADDLED, ADDLE-BRAINED, ADDLEPATED**

confused and hurried: **HELTER-SKELTER**

confused condition, mess: **MARE'S NEST**

confused, disjointed: **INCOHERENT**

confused, disorderly situation (from military slang acronym "situation normal, all fucked up"): **SNAFU**

confuse, defeat the plans of, frustrate: **DISCOMFIT**

confuse, distract, upset, throw off:

**DISCOMBOBULATE**

confuse, divert: **DISTRACT**

confused mixture, medley: **FARRAGO**

confused or complicated state of affairs:

**IMBROGLIO**

confused or meaningless talk:

**GALIMATIAS**

confused, random: **INDISCRIMINATE**

confused, vague: **HAZY**

confuse, mix up: **DISORIENT**

confuse, muddle: **EMBROIL**

confuse, obscure: **OBFUSCATE**

confuse or mix up, as ideas or things:

**CONFOUND**

confuse, upset, frustrate: **DISCONCERT**

confusion, chaos, disorder: **CHINESE**

**FIRE DRILL**

confusion, hodgepodge:

**KATZENJAMMER**

confusion that is noisy: **BEDLAM**

congenial, compatible: **SIMPATICO**

congratulate: **FELICITATE**

congratulation on a witty retort or a successful point made: **TOUCHÉ**

conjunctions omitted: **ASYNDETON**

con man's confederate who directs potential victims to the place, game, etc.: **STEERER**

connection, bond, link: **NEXUS**

connection or common boundary point: **INTERFACE**

connect like links of a chain: **CATENATE**

connect with a crime or fault:

**IMPLICATE**

connive, conspire: **COLLUDE**

connoisseur: **MAVEN, MAVIN**

connoisseur, collector of works of art: **VIRTUOSO**

consciously or deliberately done:

**WITTINGLY**

consciousness: **SENTIENCE**

conscious of oneself as being observed by others, ill at ease:

**SELF-CONSCIOUS**

conscious perception: **APPERCEPTION**  
 consecrated or bound by a vow or

promise: **VOTARY**

consecrate, make holy: **HALLOW**

consent: **ACCEDE**

consent given passively: **SUFFERANCE**

consent quietly: **ACQUIESCE**

consequence: **AFTERMATH**

consequence: **SEQUELA**

consequence or result that is normal:

**COROLLARY**

conservative in beliefs, especially in politics: **TORY**

conservative or entrenched element, traditionalists: **OLD GUARD**

conservative or old-fashioned person:

**FOGY, MOSSBACK**

conservative or reactionary worker:

**HARD HAT**

conservative, reactionary: **RIGHTIST**

consider as real: **HYPOSTATIZE**

consider carefully, think about, reflect:

**PONDER**

considered or called so by oneself:

**SELF-STYLED**

consider seriously: **TAKE UNDER**

**ADVISEMENT**

consign, as to an obscure place or inferior position: **RELEGATE**

consistency brought about, as in ideas:

**RECONCILED**

consolation in grief: **SOLACE**

consonant or combination of

consonants, such as "s," "sh," "f" or "v," pronounced with breath

friction: **SPIRANT**

conspicuous public position: **LIMELIGHT**

conspicuous, striking, standing out:

**SALIENT**

conspiracy, plot, secret and underhanded activity: **INTRIGUE**

conspire, connive: **COLLUDE**

conspire, scheme: **MACHINATE**

constant: **INVARIABLE**

constantly cause irritation, rankle:

**FESTER**

constantly changing or confusingly

shifting situation: **MUSICAL CHAIRS**

constant movement or change: **FLUX**

constipated: **COSTIVE**

constructed in an ingeniously if

impractically complicated way:  
**RUBE GOLDBERG**  
 construction as a science: **TECTONICS**  
 construction material of plaster and  
 fiber that is temporary: **STAFF**  
 consumers susceptible to mass-media  
 persuasion: **ADMASS**  
 contact at a single point, as of a curved  
 line: **TANGENT**  
 contacting and sharing with others in a  
 profession: **NETWORKING**  
 contagious disease that breaks out  
 suddenly and affects many  
 individuals at the same time:  
**EPIDEMIC**  
 container: **RECEPTACLE**  
 container of miscellaneous things:  
**CATCHALL**  
 container's weight deducted to find  
 weight of contents: **TARE**  
 container usually of metal, as for tea or  
 spices: **CANISTER**  
 contain or include: **COMPRISE**  
 contemplation of the navel:  
**OMPHALOSKEPSIS**  
 contemporary: **COEVAL**  
 contemptible, trivial, petty: **PALTRY**  
 contemptible, vile: **DESPICABLE**  
 contemptuous sound: **BRONX CHEER**  
 contender or arguer about trifling  
 matters: **STICKLER**  
 contentious, argumentative:  
**DISPUTATIOUS**  
 contentious, railing, carping:  
**RABULISTIC**  
 contentment or smugness:  
**COMPLACENCY**  
 contestant not among the top winners  
 or finishers: **ALSO-RAN**  
 contest in which each player engages  
 every other player: **ROUND ROBIN**  
 contest won without much opposition:  
**WALKAWAY**  
 continue unchanged, abide: **SUBSIST**  
 continuing, lasting a long time:  
**CHRONIC**  
 continuing throughout the year, lasting  
 a long time: **PERENNIAL**  
 continuing, undecided: **PENDING**  
 continuing without interruption:  
**INCESSANT**  
 continuity interrupted to present an  
 episode occurring earlier:  
**FLASHBACK**  
 continuous, pitiless: **RELENTLESS**

continuum of four dimensions—three of  
 space plus time: **SPACE-TIME**  
 contraceptive medication for women:  
**PILL (THE PILL)**  
 contraceptive or anti-infection sheath  
 for the penis: **CONDOM**  
 contraceptive pessary: **DIAPHRAGM**  
 contract between union official and  
 management that betrays the  
 interests of the union membership:  
**SWEETHEART CONTRACT**  
 contract obligating a person to work for  
 another for a period: **INDENTURE**  
 contradict, deny, oppose: **GAINSAY**  
 contradiction between two individually  
 reasonable statements, laws, etc.,  
 thoughts inconsistent as a pair:  
**ANTINOMY**  
 contradiction, inconsistency:  
**DISCREPANCY**  
 contradictory-appearing statement that  
 is in some sense true: **PARADOX**  
 contradictory feelings: **DISSONANCE**  
 contradictory feelings, attitudes, etc.,  
 held at once by a person:  
**COGNITIVE DISSONANCE**  
 contradictory terms combined in one  
 phrase: **OXYMORON**  
 contradictory thoughts or attitudes:  
**AMBIVALENCE**  
 contradict, repudiate, deny: **DISAFFIRM**  
 contrary, nonconforming: **PERVERSE**  
 contrary to: **ATHWART**  
 contrast: **ANTITHESIS**  
 contrast by reverse parallelism in  
 phraseology: **CHIASMUS**  
 con trick or job, swindle: **FIDDLE**  
 contrition: **PENITENCE**  
 control and communication as they  
 apply to the operation of complex  
 machines and functions of human  
 organisms: **CYBERNETICS**  
 control artfully: **MANIPULATE**  
 controlled course of living: **REGIMEN**  
 controversy-embroiled, besieged,  
 attacked: **EMBATTLED**  
 conveniently introduced person or event  
 to untangle a story plot: **DEUS EX**  
**MACHINA**  
 conventional person uninformed about  
 culture or aesthetics: **PHILISTINE**  
 conventional, proper: **ORTHODOX**  
 conversation about unimportant things:  
**SMALL TALK**  
 conversational: **COLLOQUIAL**



conversational wit: **REPARTEE**  
 conversation or conference that is  
 formally arranged: **COLLOQUY**  
 conversation or dialogue participant:  
**INTERLOCUTOR**  
 conversation that is informal, chat:  
**CAUSERIE**  
 convert by intensive indoctrination:  
**BRAINWASH**  
 convert ill-gained money to an  
 unsuspecting form or area:  
**LAUNDER**  
 convert into a different shape:  
**TRANSMOGRIFY**  
 convert or try to convert a person to  
 one's religion or cause:  
**PROSELYTIZE**  
 convert the energy of instinctual drives  
 into socially acceptable  
 manifestations: **SUBLIMATE**  
 convert, transform: **RESOLVE**  
 convincing: **COGENT**  
 convincing, influential: **POTENT**  
 convulsive: **SPASMODIC**  
 convulsive seizure, as in pregnancy or  
 childbirth: **ECLAMPSIA**  
 cooked in a simple way or uncooked:  
**AU NATUREL**  
 cookery or the kitchen, pertaining to:  
**CULINARY**  
 cook gently: **CODDLE**  
 cooking, its style and quality: **CUISINE**  
 cooking pot that is airtight and  
 prepares food quickly under  
 pressure: **PRESSURE COOKER**  
 cool, casually indifferent: **NONCHALANT**  
 coolness, composure: **SANGFROID**  
 cooperate secretly: **COLLUDE**  
 cooperative, working together:  
**SYNERGETIC**  
 coop or pen for small animals: **HUTCH**  
 coordinator of a broadcasting team:  
**ANCHORMAN, ANCHORWOMAN**  
 copy, duplicate made by the originator:  
**REPLICA**  
 copy, imitation of a person or thing:  
**CLONE**  
 copy in form, as a legislative bill:  
**ENGROSS**  
 copying device, as for duplicating a  
 map, made up of four rods in  
 parallelogram shape: **PANTOGRAPH**  
 copying process employing electrostatic  
 attraction: **XEROGRAPHY**

copy or reproduction that is exact:  
**FACSIMILE**  
 copyright or patent has run out: **PUBLIC**  
**DOMAIN**  
 cord: **LANYARD, LANIARD**  
 cordiality: **EMPRESSEMENT**  
 cord-like decoration used on clothes:  
**PIPING**  
 cord or belt worn around the waist:  
**CINCTURE**  
 cord or metal collar used to strangle:  
**GARROTE**  
 cord that is elastic, often with hooked  
 ends, and used to secure large  
 packages, luggage, etc.: **BUNGEE**  
**CORD, SHOCK CORD**  
 corduroy ridge: **WALE**  
 core, central or essential element:  
**NUCLEUS**  
 core group: **CADRE**  
 cork-holding wire on a champagne  
 bottle: **COIFFE, AGRAFE**  
 cornmeal dough ball fried in deep fat:  
**HUSH PUPPY**  
 cornstalks: **STOVER**  
 corny political rhetoric: **BOMFOG**  
**(BROTHERHOOD OF MAN,**  
**FATHERHOOD OF GOD)**  
 coronary tissue death (necrosis) caused  
 by obstruction: **INFARCTION**  
 corporation embracing companies in  
 unrelated industries:  
**CONGLOMERATE**  
 corporation's total amount of securities  
 issued: **CAPITALIZATION**  
 corporation that holds securities of  
 another corporation that it  
 normally controls: **HOLDING**  
**COMPANY**  
 corporeal, physical: **SOMATIC**  
 corpulent, very fat: **OBESSE**  
 correctable, reformable: **CORRIGIBLE**  
 correct a manuscript, edit: **BLUE-PENCIL**  
 correctness of judgment, uprightness:  
**RECTITUDE**  
 correct or change a literary work,  
 especially after scholarly study:  
**EMEND**  
 correct speech that is strained and  
 actually erroneous:  
**HYPERCORRECTION**  
 corrupt: **ADULTERATE**  
 corrupt: **PERVERT**  
 corrupting, destructive or diseased  
 thing, blight: **CANKER**

corrupt, invalidate, debase: **VITIATE**  
 corruption in officeholding:  
   **MALVERSATION**  
 corrupt, morally degraded:  
   **SCROFULOUS**  
 corrupt official, swindler, cheat:  
   **HIGHBINDER**  
 corrupt or dishonest profiting in politics  
   or business: **GRAFT**  
 corrupt, pervert: **DEPRAVE**  
 corrupt, rotten: **PUTRID**  
 corrupt, seduce, deprave: **DEBAUCH**  
 corrupt, sinful: **PECCANT**  
 corrupt, subject to bribery: **VENAL**  
 corrupt, undermine the morale of:  
   **SUBVERT**  
 cosmopolitan person, sophisticate:  
   **COSMOPOLITE**  
 costs of transaction included in the  
   price paid by a purchaser of  
   securities: **LOAD**  
 costs or continuous operating expenses  
   of a business: **OVERHEAD**  
 cottage cheese: **SMEARCASE**  
 cottage, duplex apartment: **MAISONETTE**  
 couch-like chair with an elongated seat  
   to support one's legs: **CHAISE**  
   **LONGUE**  
 couch or sofa that is upholstered and  
   without a back or arm rests: **DIVAN**  
 couch without arms or a back:  
   **OTTOMAN**  
 cough drop: **TROCHE**  
 cough up (phlegm): **HAWK**  
 couldn't-care-less in feeling: **APATHETIC**  
 counterbalance: **EQUIPONDERATE**  
 countercharge: **RECRIMINATION**  
 counterclockwise: **WIDDERSHINS**  
 counterfeit, artificial: **POSTICHE**  
 counterfeit, illegitimate: **SPURIOUS**  
 counterpart: **OBVERSE**  
 counting time in reverse: **COUNTDOWN**  
 countries that are underdeveloped and  
   belong to neither the communist  
   nor the capitalist bloc: **THIRD**  
   **WORLD**  
 country home in Russia: **DACHA**  
 country person who is awkward:  
   **BUMPKIN**  
 country that is dependant: **CLIENT**  
   **STATE**  
 country, to live in or adopt a rural way  
   of life: **RUSTICATE**  
 courage, initiative, shrewd common  
   sense: **GUMPTION**

courage inspired by alcohol: **DUTCH**  
   **COURAGE**  
 courageous: **GAME**  
 courageous, valiant: **METTLESOME**  
 courage, pluck, spirit: **METTLE**  
 course for advanced study: **SEMINAR**  
 court agreement prompting the  
   defendant to plead guilty to a  
   lesser charge: **PLEA BARGAIN**  
 court clerk who is chief:  
   **PROTHONOTARY**  
 court command that a thing be done:  
   **MANDAMUS**  
 court engaged in arbitrary or illegal  
   procedures: **STAR CHAMBER**  
 courteous, gallant, generous:  
   **CHIVALROUS**  
 courtesan: **HETAERA**  
 courtesy: **COMITY**  
 court fool's cap: **FOOLSCAP**  
 court has it under consideration: **SUB**  
   **JUDICE**  
 courtly or gallant man: **CAVALIER**  
 court-martial in the field for an offense  
   committed during operations:  
   **DRUMHEAD COURT-MARTIAL**  
 court official's cry to obtain silence:  
   **OYEZ**  
 court or central spacious recess:  
   **ATRIUM**  
 court order to appear and testify:  
   **SUBPOENA**  
 court-summoned person called in to  
   advise, "friend of the court":  
   **AMICUS CURIAE**  
 court that is unauthorized and  
   irregular: **KANGAROO COURT**  
 court writ ordering production of  
   documents or other evidence:  
   **SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM**  
 coverall worn by paratroops, mechanics,  
   etc., or a similar one-piece garment  
   worn as streetwear: **JUMPSUIT**  
 covered with matted woolly hair:  
   **TOMENTOSE**  
 covered with matted woolly masses:  
   **FLOCCULENT**  
 covering or outer coating, especially a  
   natural covering: **INTEGUMENT**  
 cover oneself for alternative possibilities  
   or outcomes: **HEDGE ONE'S BETS**  
 cover or suffuse with a liquid or color:  
   **PERFUSE**  
 cover up, gloss over: **WHITEWASH**  
 coward: **POLTROON**

cowardly: **CRAVEN**  
cowardly, timid: **CHICKEN-HEARTED**,  
    **CHICKEN-LIVERED**  
cowardly, unfaithful: **RECREANT**  
cowardly, weak: **PUSILLANIMOUS**  
coward, sneak: **DASTARD**  
cowboy's leather trousers: **CHAPS**  
cow not pregnant: **FARROW**  
cow that is young and hasn't yet  
    produced a calf: **HEIFER**  
coy, shy, modest, reserved: **DEMURE**  
cozily, privately with one other person:  
    **A DEUX**  
coziness, friendliness, hospitality:  
    **GEMÜTLICHKEIT**  
crablike: **CANCROID**  
crack, cleft, chink: **CREVICE**  
cracked or fissured, chinky: **RIMOSE**  
crackle, rattle: **CREPITATE**  
cracklings: **GREAVES**  
cracks in the surface of a painting:  
    **CRAQUELURE**  
crack, small space: **INTERSTICE**  
cracks that intersect, as in glazed  
    pottery: **CRAZE**  
craft, cunning: **SLEIGHT**  
craftiness, cunning: **WILES**  
craftsman: **ARTIFICER**  
crafty, fox-like, sly: **VULPINE**  
crafty, insincere: **DISINGENUOUS**  
cramped, uncomfortably small:  
    **INCOMMODIOUS**  
cramp, muscle pain: **MYALGIA**  
cranky, stubborn: **PERVERSE**  
crashing noisily, as waves:  
    **PLANGENT**

crash or run into a person from the  
    side and unseen: **BLINDSIDE**  
craven, mean-spirited person:  
    **POLTROON**  
crave, yearn, desire: **HANKER**  
craving: **APPETENCE**  
crawl face downward, lie prostrate:  
    **GROVEL**  
crawl-into unfinished level in a house or  
    building: **CRAWL SPACE**  
crazed: **DISTRAUGHT**  
craze for or irrational interest in one  
    thing: **MONOMANIA**  
craze, obsession: **MANIA**  
crazy: **CRACKBRAINED**  
crazy: **DAFT**  
crazy: **HAYWIRE**  
crazy: **MESHUGA**, **MESHUGGA**  
crazy, absurd: **COCKAMAMIE**  
cream of the crop: **CRÈME DE LA**  
    **CRÈME**  
creating ill will or dislike: **INVIDIOUS**  
creation that turns on its creator or  
    becomes uncontrollable:  
    **FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER**  
creation theory founded on belief in the  
    Bible: **CREATIONISM**  
creative efforts to devise new products  
    and services: **RESEARCH AND**  
    **DEVELOPMENT, R & D**  
creative force or power: **DEMIURGE**  
creative, original: **PROMETHEAN**  
creative principle in living things, life  
    force: **ÉLAN VITAL**  
creative, productive, potential, germinal:  
    **SEMINAL**

CREATURE TERMS

<i>Creature</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Young</i>
antelope	herd	buck	doe	kid
ass	herd, drove, pace	jack	jenny	colt, foal
badger	cete	boar	sow	
bear	sloth			cub
beaver				kitten
bee	swarm, hive	drone	queen	
boar	sounder			squeaker, calf
buffalo	herd	bull	cow	
camel	herd, flock	bull	cow	foal, calf, colt
cat	kindle (young), clowder, cluster	tom	she-cat, queen (fancy breed)	kitten
cattle	herd, drove	bull	cow	calf, heifer (fe- male)

CREATURE TERMS (*Continued*)

<i>Creature</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Young</i>
chicken	brood, flock	rooster, cock	hen	chicken, pullet (female), cockerel (male)
cod			codling, sprag	
crane	herd			
crow	murder			
deer	herd	buck, stag	doe	fawn
dog	pack, kennel	hound	bitch	puppy, whelp
duck	team (in flight), paddling (in water)	drake	duck	duckling
eagle	convocation			eaglet
eel	swarm, congeries			elver
elephant	herd	bull	cow	calf
elk	gang	bull	cow	calf
ferret	business	dog	bitch	
finch	charm			
fish (general)	shoal, school, run			fry
frog	army			tadpole
fox	earth, skulk	vix	vixen	cub
giraffe	herd			
goat	flock, herd, tribe	billy	nanny	kid
goose	flock, skein (on the wing), gaggle (on water)	gander	goose	gosling
grouse	covey (family), pack (larger group)			
gull	colony			
hare	drove, trace	buck	doe	leveret
hawk	flight			eyas
heron	siege			
herring	army, glean, shoal			
hippopotamus				calf
horse	herd, stable	stallion	mare	colt, foal, filly
hummingbird	charm			
jay	band			
kangaroo	troop			joey
lark	exaltation			
leopard	leap	leopard	leopardess	cub
lion	pride, flock, troop	lion	lioness	cub
lobster			hen	chicken lobster
mackerel	shoal			spike, blinker, tinker
monkey	troop, tribe			



CREATURE TERMS (Continued)

<i>Creature</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Young</i>
moose		bull	cow	calf
mouse	nest			
mule	barren, rake			
nightingale	watch			
owl	parliament			owlet
otter		dog	bitch	
ox	herd, drove			
parrot	flock			
partridge	covey			squeaker
peafowl	muster	peacock	peahen	
pheasant	nye (young), brood			
pigeon	flight, flock			squab, squealer, squeaker
pig	herd	boar	sow	pig, farrow, shote, shoat
polecat		hob	jill	
porpoise	school			
quail	bevy			
raven	unkindness			
rhinoceros	crash			
seal	crash, herd, pod			cub
sheep	flock	ram	ewe	lamb
sparrow	host			
squirrel	dray			
starling	chattering			
stork	mustering			
swallow	flight			
swan	herd, wedge	cob	pen	cygnet
swine	sounder	boar	sow	
tiger		tiger	tigress	cub
toad	knot			
trout	hover			
turkey	flock	tom	hen	poult
turtle	bale			
whale	herd, school, gam, pod	bull	cow	calf
wolf	herd, rout, pack	dog wolf	bitch	whelp, cub
wren	herd			
zebra	herd	stallion	mare	foal, colt

credit amount that may legally be  
advanced by brokers to customers  
for purchase of securities:

REGULATION T

credit for an achievement: KUDOS

credits in a film or TV show that move  
upward vertically on screen:

CRAWL

credulous, unaffected, simple, candid,  
artless: NAIVE

creek, stream, channel: KILL

creep who charms and lives off women:

LOUNGE LIZARD

cremate, burn up: INCINERATE

cremation repository:

CINERARIUM

crescent or crescent-shaped item:

**MENISCUS**

cricket noises: **STRIDULATION**

cricket over, or period, in which no

runs are scored: **MAIDEN OVER**

cricket set of three upright sticks, or

stumps, with two small crosspieces,

or bails, at which the ball is

bowled: **WICKET**

cricket: to deflect a ball by a slight turn

of the bat: **DRAW**

crier, or caller to prayer, from a

minaret: **MUEZZIN**

crime, criminals and prisons as a study:

**PENOLOGY**

crime or concealment of an offense by a

public official: **MISPRISION**

crime, proof of a: **CORPUS DELICTI**

crime shocking for its wanton cruelty

or sadism: **ATROCITY**

crime study: **CRIMINOLOGY**

crime such as murder, rape, arson or

burglary: **FELONY**

crime syndicate chief: **CAPO**

crime syndicate chief's

second-in-command: **CAPOREGIME**

crime syndicate leader's close adviser:

**CONSIGLIERE**

crime syndicate member of low rank:

**BUTTON, SOLDIER**

criminal, evildoer: **MALEFACTOR**

cringe fondly, toady: **FAWN**

crinkled and light fabric usually with a

striped pattern: **SEERSUCKER**

cripple by shooting in the knee:

**KNEECAP**

crisis, critical situation: **CONJUNCTURE**

crisis or conflict between opposing

groups: **CONFRONTATION**

criterion or standard for testing the

qualities of something:

**TOUCHSTONE**

critical: **CAPTIOUS**

critical and biased article, book or

speech: **HATCHET JOB**

critical comment, harsh remark:

**BRICKBAT**

critical, demanding immediate action,

urgent: **EXIGENT**

critical in a detached or scientific way:

**CLINICAL**

critical in a harsh way, acid, unsparing:

**ACIDULOUS**

critical to an excessive degree, hard to

please: **HYPERCRITICAL**

critical year or period: **CLIMACTERIC**

criticism: **ANIMADVERSION**

criticism or difficulties from both sides:

**GANTLET, GAUNTLET**

criticism that is bitter or malicious:

**DIATRIBE**

criticism that is petty: **QUIBBLE**

criticism that is severe: **STRICTURE**

criticize as if by perforation: **RIDDLE**

criticize by hindsight: **SECOND-GUESS**

criticize, find fault with, rebuke, blame:

**REPREHEND**

criticize sharply: **SCARIFY**

criticizing angrily or caustically:

**VITRIOLIC**

critic or adviser who is frank and

severe: **DUTCH UNCLE**

critic who is strict but fair: **ARISTARCH**

cross bearer: **CRUCIFER**

crossbreed: **INTERBREED**

cross-country race along a course

containing obstacles:

**STEEPLECHASE**

cross-country runner: **HARRIER**

cross-country skiing run: **LANGLAUF**

crosser of the equator by ship:

**SHELLBACK**

cross-eyed condition: **STRABISMUS**

cross-fertilization: **XENOGAMY**

cross from one side to another:

**TRANSVERSE**

cross in form of an X, intersect:

**DECUSSATE**

cross-shaped: **CRUCIATE**

cross-shaped: **CRUCIFORM**

cross surmounted: **CRUX ANSATA**

cross surmounted by a loop, the ancient

Egyptian symbol of life: **ANKH**

cross threads in cloth: **WEFT**

cross whose arms narrow toward the

center and have V-shaped ends:

**MALTESE CROSS**

cross with a circle behind the

crossbeam: **CELTIC CROSS**

cross woman who is old-fashioned in

dress: **FRUMP**

crossword puzzle doer:

**CRUCIVERBALIST**

crouch or shrink in servility: **CRINGE**

crowbar used by burglars: **JIMMY**

crowd: **RUCK**

crowd, a coming together: **CONCOURSE**

crowd, a flocking together:

**CONFLUENCE**

crowded, densely populated: **IMPACTED**

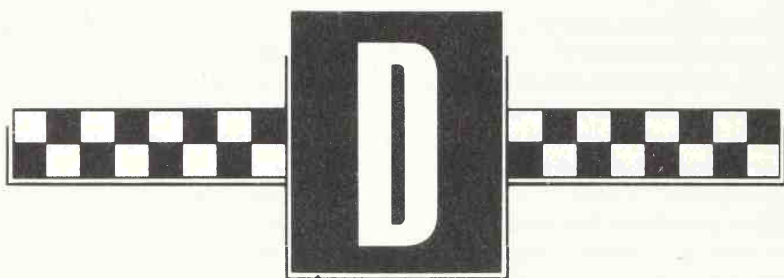
crowded dwelling: **WARREN**  
 crowd or push roughly, shake up,  
 elbow, shove: **JOSTLE**  
 crown, headband: **DIADEM**  
 crown-like, jeweled headdress worn by  
 women: **TIARA**  
 crucially important, essential: **PIVOTAL**  
 crucial or ultimate test: **ACID TEST**  
 crucifixion of Jesus site: **GOLGOTHA**  
 crude: **INDELICATE**  
 crude and stupid person, boor: **YAHOO**  
 crude, backward and stupid person:  
**NEANDERTHAL**  
 crude, unpolished, uncultured: **INCULT**  
 crude, unrefined, rough: **UNCOUTH**  
 cruel exercise of power: **TYRANNY**  
 cruel, harsh or severe to an extreme  
 degree: **DRACONIAN**  
 cruel or hideous being: **OGRE**  
 cruel or wantonly pitiless person:  
**HELLKITE**  
 cruel, stubborn: **TRUCULENT**  
 cruel, vicious, inhuman: **FELL**  
 crumb, food scrap: **ORT**  
 crumbly, pulverizable: **FRIABLE**  
 crusade, fanatic campaign: **JIHAD**  
 crusading: **MESSIANIC**  
 crushable, crumbly: **FRIABLE**  
 crush, subdue utterly, silence: **SQUELCH**  
 cry from the heart, passionate appeal or  
 lament: **CRI DE COEUR**  
 crying out or shouting together:  
**CONCLAMANT**  
 cry loudly, scream, bawl: **SQUALL**  
 cry or whine with low, broken sounds:  
**WHIMPER**  
 cry, wail, whimper: **PULE**  
 cuddle: **SNUGGLE**  
 cuddle, snuggle for comfort: **NESTLE**  
 culminating or highest point: **ZENITH**  
 culminating point: **SOLSTICE**  
 cultivable, as land: **ARABLE**  
 cultivate deliberately the confidence or  
 favor of others: **INGRATiate**  
 cultural change in one society being  
 effected by the culture of another:  
**ACCULTURATION**  
 cunning, craft: **SLEIGHT**  
 cunning, craft, deceit: **GUILE**  
 cunning, craftiness: **WILE**  
 cunning, ingenious, intricate: **DAEDAL**  
 cunningness, artful strategy, craftiness:  
**FINESSE**  
 cunning, treacherous, wily: **INSIDIOUS**

cup for drinking that is large, often  
 with a cover: **TANKARD**  
 cup holder into which a handleless mug  
 fits: **ZARF**  
 cupid or cherub, especially in a work of  
 art: **AMORETTO**  
 cup or glass filled to the brim: **BUMPER**  
 cup or glass for measuring liquor:  
**JIGGER**  
 cup or goblet: **CHALICE**  
 cup-shaped: **CALATHIFORM**  
 cup that is the object of the quest in  
 Arthurian legend: **HOLY GRAIL**  
 curative, healing: **THERAPEUTIC**  
 curb around a hatchway or skylight to  
 keep out water: **COAMING**  
 cure-all, remedy for all ailments:  
**PANACEA**  
 cure-all, remedy, panacea: **ELIXIR**  
 cure oneself of alcoholism through  
 special treatment: **DRY OUT**  
 cure or solution that is or would be  
 miraculous: **MAGIC BULLET**  
 curious to an offensive degree:  
**INQUISITORIAL**  
 curling: competitor's broom used to  
 sweep the ice before the sliding  
 stone: **BESOM**  
 curling: to play the stone gently: **DRAW**  
 curly- or wavy-haired: **CYMOTRICHIOUS**  
 curse against someone, slander,  
 calumny: **MALEDICTION**  
 curse, call down a calamity: **IMPRECATE**  
 curse, denounce violently: **EXECRATE**  
 curse or ban: **ANATHEMA**  
 cursing: **BLASPHEMY**  
 curtain across a doorway: **PORTIÈRE**  
 curtain at the rear of a stage:  
**BACKDROP**  
 curvature of the spine: **LORDOSIS**  
 curved and tapered furniture leg:  
**CABRIOLE**  
 curved or arch-like long corrugated  
 metal prefabricated building:  
**QUONSET HUT**  
 curved or bent part, bending: **FLECTION**  
 curved wall or screen usually containing  
 pictures: **CYCLORAMA**  
 curve, especially inward: **INCURVATE**  
 curve in and out, bend: **SINUATE**  
 curve pattern that circles around a  
 central point or in either direction  
 around an axis: **SPIRAL**  
 curve shaped like a bell in statistics:  
**BELL-SHAPED CURVE**

curving inward: **CONCAVE**  
 curving outward: **CONVEX**  
 cushion for sitting or the feet: **HASSOCK**  
 custard dessert with caramel topping:  
     **FLAN**  
 custard or a similar easily digested dish:  
     **FLUMMERY**  
 custodian or superintendent in charge  
 of a museum or similar institution:  
     **CURATOR**  
 customary practice, habit: **WONT**  
 custom-made (British): **BESPOKE**  
 customs officer: **DOUANIER**  
 customs or folkways of a social group:  
     **MORES**  
 cut across, divide: **INTERSECT**  
 cutely or affectedly quaint (British):  
     **TWEE**  
 cut expenses: **RETRENCH**  
 cut into, carve, engrave: **INCISE**  
 cutlet, especially veal: **SCHNITZEL**  
 cut off by ecclesiastical authority:  
     **EXCOMMUNICATE**  
 cutoff of operation or service by  
 accident: **OUTAGE**  
 cut or mark the edge of a border with  
 notches: **INDENT**

cut or notch carved out by a saw or ax:  
     **KERF**  
 cut or part into two sections:  
     **DICHOTOMIZE**  
 cut or split into long thin pieces:  
     **SLIVER**  
 cut or trim branches, as from a tree:  
     **LOP**  
 cutout decorating art in which snippets  
 are lacquered: **DÉCOUPAGE**  
 cut out, excise: **EXSCIND**  
 cut, scratch: **SCOTCH**  
 cut the top or end from: **TRUNCATE**  
 cutting, intersecting: **SECANT**  
 cutting off: **ABSCISSION**  
 cutting, splitting: **SCISSION**  
 cutting teeth, teething: **DENTITION**  
 cut up or stir the surface, as of topsoil:  
     **SCARIFY**  
 cyclone in the western Pacific:  
     **TYPHOON**  
 cymbals mounted vertically as a pair on  
 a rod and brought together by a  
 drummer by means of a pedal:  
     **HIGH-HAT CYMBALS**  
 cynical, sneering, scornful: **SARDONIC**





dabbler with a superficial interest in an art or science: **DILETTANTE**

dagger mark, double, in printing (‡):

**DIESIS**

dagger or sword with wavy-edged blade: **KRIS**

daily expense allowance: **PER DIEM**

daily in cycle or recurrence: **DIURNAL**

daily in occurrence: **QUOTIDIAN**

daily prayers said by Catholic clergy:

**BREVIARY**

daily walk for exercise:

**CONSTITUTIONAL**

dainty, elegant, affectedly or

effeminately prim: **MINCING**

dainty, oversensitive: **FASTIDIOUS**

damage as if by perforation: **RIDDLE**

damage or destruction done deliberately to obstruct, thwart, delay, etc.:

**SABOTAGE**

damages awarded in excess of actual loss: **EXEMPLARY DAMAGES**

damage to a person's reputation done through a false or malicious written statement or graphic representation: **LIBEL**

damaging or destruction of property willfully: **VANDALISM**

damnation, hell: **PERDITION**

damning with faint praise: **DIASYRM**

dam placed in a stream to divert the water, as in irrigation: **WEIR**

damp, moist: **HUMID**

damp, moist, humid: **DANK**

dam side channel or apron to divert excess flow: **SPILLWAY**

dance and choral songs muse:

**TERPSICHORE**

dance in which couples form sets in squares: **SQUARE DANCE**

dance in which the performer's shoes sharply accentuate the rhythm with the toes and heels: **TAP DANCE**

dance like a slow polka: **SCHOTTISCHE**

dance movement in which a couple swing round with hands joined:

**POUSETTE**

dance notation: **CHOREOLOGY**

dance of Romanians and Israelis in which dancers lock arms in a circle: **HORA**

dance of Slavs in which a man performs the prisiadka, a step in which from a squatting position each leg is kicked out alternately: **KAZATSKY**

dancer: **TERPSICHOREAN**

dancing art: **CHOREOGRAPHY**

dancing mania, characteristic of a nervous disorder: **TARANTISM**

dandified man or one who dresses overfastidiously: **FOP**

dandruff: **FURFUR**

dandruff or similar scales shed by the skin: **SCURF**

dandy, fop, man who dresses flashily:

**DUDE**

danger: **JEOPARDY**

danger on both sides: **BETWEEN**

**SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS**

danger or trap always possible or to be feared: **PITFALL**

dangerous, as a degree of speed:

**BREAKNECK**

dangerous or potentially explosive situation or place: **TINDERBOX**

dangerous, perilous, risky: **PARLOUS**

dangerous to society: **PESTILENT**

danger-signaling or -warning, as by an animal: **SEMAPHORE**

danger that is looming or imminent:

**SWORD OF DAMOCLES**

daredevil, bravo, swaggering adventurer:

**SWASHBUCKLER**

daring, audacity, impudence, boldness:

**HARDIHOOD**

daring deeds or adventures:

**DERRING-DO**

dark: **APHOTIC**

dark and threatening, as the weather:

**LOWERING**

dark-complexioned, dusky: **SWARTHY**

darken, dim, make opaque: **OPACATE**

darkened or tinged with brown, as a

part of an insect's wing:

**INFUSCATE**

dark, gloomy: **CIMMERIAN**

dark, gloomy: **TENEBOUS**

dark, gloomy, infernal: **STYGIAN**

dark in appearance or pigmentation:

**MELANOID**

dark, obscure, misty: **MURKY**

dark shape or profile with light

background: **SILHOUETTE**

dash, enthusiasm, vivacity: **ÉLAN**

dashing, gay, smart: **RAKISH**

dashing, large, vigorous, swift:

**SPANKING**

dashing, self-confident, stylish, lively,

brisk: **JAUNTY**

dash, spirited style: **PANACHE**

dash, vigor: **VERVE**

date on which a loan or bond comes

due: **MATURITY**

daughter's sexual attachment to her

father: **ELECTRA COMPLEX**

dauntless, fearless, bold: **INTREPID**

dawdle, pass time, cheat: **DIDDLE**

dawdle, waste time: **DILLYDALLY**

dawdle, waste time: **PIDDLE**

dawn: **COCKCROW**

day blindness: **HEMERALOPIA**

day-by-day account of events:

**CHRONOLOGY**

daydreamer, one with his or her head

in the clouds: **LUFTMENSCH**

daydreaming, musing: **REVERIE**

daydreaming tendency that removes one

from reality: **AUTISM**

day or month being added to the

calendar: **INTERCALARY**

days and nights are equal at these

times, March 21 and September 21:

**VERNAL EQUINOX** and **AUTUMNAL**

**EQUINOX**

daytime rather than nighttime:

**DIURNAL**

day when night and day are of equal

length, marking the start of spring

or autumn: **EQUINOX**

dazzling, brilliant, swift: **METEORIC**

dazzling, shining with brilliance, vividly

bright: **RESPLENDENT**

dead at birth: **STILLBORN**

deaden, paralyze with fear: **PETRIFY**

dead, extinct: **DEFUNCT**

deadlocked situation: **STALEMATE**

deadly-eyed or fatal to look at:

**BASILISK**

deadly, fatal: **LETHAL**

deadly, injurious, malicious:

**PERNICIOUS**

deadly to both sides of a group:

**INTERNECINE**

dead or rotten flesh: **CARRION**

dead person: **DECEDENT**

dead; say nothing but good about them:

**DE MORTUIS NIL NISI BONUM**

dead's oppressive influence on the

living: **DEAD HAND**

deaf-mute alphabet: **DACTYLOLOGY**

dealer, trader: **MONGER**

dealing with people or situations

delicately and without giving

offense: **TACT**

deal maker, operator, shrewd business

person: **WHEELER-DEALER**

death: **DEMISE**

death anniversary observed by Jews:

**YAHREZIT**

death blow, mortal blow: **COUP DE**

**GRACE**

death house: **CHARNEL HOUSE**

death investigation: **INQUEST**

deathly looking: **CADAVEROUS**

death-near, at the point of death: **IN**

**EXTREMIS**

death omen: **KNELL**

death only apparent and not real:

**ANABIOTIC**

death or mortality reminder: **MEMENTO**

**MORI**

death, resurrection and immortality as a

subject of study: **ESCHATOLOGY**

death that is painless and peaceful:

**EUTHANASIA**

debase: **ADULTERATE**

debase, corrupt, invalidate: **VITIATE**

debase oneself out of fear or servility:

**GROVEL**

debatable, academic or so hypothetical  
as to be without significance:

**MOOT**

debate, argumentation: **FORENSICS**

debate or argue earnestly: **CONTEND**

debate that is formal: **DISPUTATION**

debating fine point: **QUODLIBET**

debauched, immoral: **DISSOLUTE**

debt-acknowledging certificate:

**DEBENTURE**

debt acknowledgment that is  
non-negotiable and usually  
exchangeable for goods or services:

**DUE BILL**

debt acquittal or payment, recompense:

**QUITTANCE**

debt or liability extinguished gradually,  
as by installment payments:

**AMORTIZED**

debutante-type young woman: **JUNIOR**

**LEAGUER**

decayed: **CARIOUS**

decayed, neglected, shabby:

**DILAPIDATED**

decay or decline, as in art or morals:

**DECADENCE**

decay, rot: **PUTREFY**

deceit, cunning, craft: **GUILE**

deceit, dishonest dealing: **INDIRECTION**

deceitful: **MENDACIOUS**

deceitfulness, trickery, double-dealing:

**DUPLCITY**

deceitfulness, trickery, rascality:

**KNAVERY**

deceitful, treacherous: **DOUBLE-DEALING**

deceive: **BEGUILE**

deceive, cheat, trick: **FINAGLE**

deceive, mislead: **EQUIVOCATE**

deceive or cheat in a petty way: **COZEN**

deceiver: **IMPOSTOR**

deception or pretended blow meant to  
distract: **FEINT**

deception, trickery: **HOCUS-POCUS**

deceptively appearing to be true or

correct: **SPECIOUS**

deceptive, pretended, sham: **FEIGNED**

deceptive talk: **SHUCKING AND JIVING**

decided previously by judicial authority:

**RES JUDICATA**

deciding statement: **CLINCHER**

deciding vote: **CASTING VOTE**

decimal system of counting: **ALGORISM**

decision maker in a dispute: **ARBITER**

decisive, final, absolute, positive:

**PEREMPTORY**

declare relevant and operative, as a law:

**INVOKE**

declare solemnly: **ASSEVERATE**

decline or decay, as in art or morals:

**DECADENCE**

declining market: **BEAR MARKET**

declining, worsening, going backward:

**RETROGRADE**

decoded message: **PLAINTEXT**

decoding: **CRYPTANALYSIS**

decomposing naturally, as bacterially, in  
the environment: **BIODEGRADABLE**

decorate an initial page or word of a  
manuscript with designs or bright  
colors: **ILLUMINATE**

decorate, dress up: **TITIVATE**

decorated with material embedded flush  
with the surface: **INLAID**

decorate lavishly, as with jewels:

**INCRUST, ENCRUST**

decorate or dress up with showy

ornaments: **PRANK**

decorate or enrich with engraved or  
inlaid work: **ENCHASE**

decorate, ornament: **EMBELLISH**

decorate or ornament the edge, adorn  
the border: **PURFLE**

decoration à la Chinoise: **CHINOISERIE**

decoration, patch or trimming glued or  
sewn on: **APPLIQUÉ**

decorative glitter on a fabric:

**DIAMANTÉ**

decorative horizontal strip, as along the  
top of a wall: **FRIEZE**

decorative inlaid work: **MARQUETRY**

decorative plan of a room: **DECOR**

decrease, lessening, diminution:

**DECREMENT**

decree: **RESCRIPT**

decree, command or prohibition: **EDICT**

decree, establish: **ORDAIN**

decree, law: **STATUTE**

decree that is official and arbitrary:

**UKASE**

dedicate or sign a book for  
presentation: **INSCRIBE**

dedicatory words or lines at the end of  
a poem: **ENVOY**

deduce by logical methods:

**RATIOCINATE**

deduce, conclude from evidence: **INFER**

deduction, conjecture: **INFERENCE**

deduction, discount: **REBATE**

deduction, inference: **ILLATION**

deductive reasoning formula:

**SYLLOGISM**

deep-freezing the dead or diseased in  
hope of future revival or cure:

**CRYONICS**

deep in intellect or feeling: **PROFOUND**

deep involvement: **IMMERSION**

deeply established habits: **SECOND**

**NATURE**

deeply felt or suffered: **DE PROFUNDIS**

deep red or purplish red: **CARMINE**

deep-rooted, firmly established:

**INGRAINED**

deep-sea chamber: **BATHYSPHERE**

deep-sea-fishing boat's anchored chair:

**FIGHTING CHAIR**

deep-sea navigable research vessel with

a spherical cabin, submersible

exploratory craft: **BATHYSCAPE**

deer meat: **VENISON**

deer's tail: **FLAG**

defamation that is spoken: **SLANDER**

defamatory and abusive words:

**OBLOQUY**

defame, dishonor: **SMIRCH**

defame, disparage, blacken: **DENIGRATE**

defame, disparage, despise: **VILIPEND**

defame, revile: **VILIFY**

defame, say malicious things: **TRADUCE**

defame, traduce: **MALIGN**

defeat another force but with great

losses: **CADMEAN VICTORY,**

**PYRRHIC VICTORY**

defeat by cleverness: **OUTWIT**

defeat by skillful maneuver:

**CHECKMATE**

defeated officeholder having time

remaining in office: **LAME DUCK**

defeatist or pacifist propaganda:

**BOLOISM**

defeat, nullify, prevail over: **OVERRIDE**

defeat suffered abruptly: **REBUFF**

defeat that is final or decisive:

**WATERLOO**

defeat the plans or purposes of,

frustrate, vanquish: **DISCOMFIT**

defeat utterly: **DRUB**

defect existing at birth: **CONGENITAL**

**DEFECT**

defendable, maintainable: **TENABLE**

defending-oneself system that is a form  
of jujitsu: **JUDO**

defenseless or not defendable, as an  
attitude: **UNTENABLE**

defense or justification: **APOLOGIA**

defensive tactic: **PARRY**

defer, put off, postpone: **WAIVE**

defiance of established doctrine: **HERESY**

defiant in an aggressive way:

**TRUCULENT**

deficiency: **INSUFFICIENCY**

defile, besmirch, soil: **SULLY**

defile, dirty: **POLLUTE**

defined word or term: **DEFINIENDUM**

definite, clear, straightforward,

outspoken: **EXPLICIT**

definition part of a dictionary entry:

**DEFINIENDUM**

definitive, judicial, established by

decree: **DECRETORY**

deflect, turn aside, distract, amuse,

entertain: **DIVERT**

deformation of the earth's crust,

forming mountains, continents:

**DIASTROPHISM**

defraud or cheat a person: **MULCT**

defy, scoff, mock, jeer: **FLOUT**

degrade: **DEMEAN**

degraded, base, dishonorable: **IGNOBLE**

degraded, morally debased:

**SCROFULOUS**

degraded, sneaky, skulking: **HANGDOG**

degree of personal excellence: **CALIBER**

degree or range of occurrence:

**INCIDENCE**

degree or strength of a feeling, quality

or action: **INTENSITY**

deification: **APOTHEOSIS**

deign to grant or permit: **VOUCHSAFE**

dejected: **CHAPFALEN**

dejected: **DISPIRITED**

dejected: **INCONSOLABLE**

dejected, depressed: **CRESTFALLEN**

dejected, gloomy, saddened:

**DISCONSOLATE**

dejection, despair: **SLOUGH OF**

**DESPOND**

dejection of spirits, hopelessness:

**DESPONDENCY**

delayed effect in physics, electricity or

magnetism: **HYSTERESIS**

delayed reaction to a joke or unusual

situation: **DOUBLE TAKE**

delay, hinder, put obstacles in the way

of: **IMPEDE**

delay, hinder, slow: **RETARD**

delaying: **DILATORY**

delay or suspension authorized in some

specific activity: **MORATORIUM**



delay, postponement, interval of relief  
or rest: **RESPITE**

delay that is temporary: **ABEYANCE**  
delete obscene or otherwise

objectionable material: **EXPURGATE**

deletion, erasure: **EXPUNCTION**

deliberate decision: **VOLITION**

deliberately or consciously done:

**WITTINGLY**

delicate, flimsy substance: **GOSSAMER**

delicious morsel, appetizing treat,

delicacy: **BONNE BOUCHE**

delicious, richly sweet: **LUSCIOUS**

delightful, entrancing: **RAVISHING**

delight, give unusual pleasure, entertain:

**REGALE**

delight (in), celebrate, make merry:

**REVEL**

deliver up or surrender an accused

individual to another state or

country: **EXTRADITE**

delusion, insane notion: **DELIRAMENT**

delusion, misleading phenomenon:

**WILL-O'-THE-WISP**

delusion shared by two people: **FOLIE À**

**DEUX**

delusions of persecution or grandeur:

**PARANOIA**

demagnetize: **DEGAUSS**

demand for a customer to put money or  
securities with his broker: **MARGIN**

**CALL**

demanding constant hard work:

**EXACTING**

demanding insistently: **IMPORTUNATE**

demand rigorously, require as a matter  
of justice: **EXACT**

demand, summons: **REQUISITION**

demolish, level to the ground: **RAZE**

demon-like carved figure on a building:

**GARGOYLE**

demon-possessed: **DEMONIAC**

demonstrable: **APODICTIC**

demonstrate convincingly, show clearly:

**EVINCE**

demon that takes possession of a living

person: **DYBBUK**

denial, as of a charge, by a government

or official body: **DEMENTI**

denominational: **SECTARIAN**

denounce, condemn: **DECRY**

denounce violently, curse: **EXECRATE**

dense, incomprehensible:

**IMPENETRABLE**

dentistry branch that is devoted to

gums and bones supporting the  
teeth: **PERIODONTICS**

dentistry branch that strives to prevent  
and correct tooth irregularities:

**ORTHODONTICS**

denunciation: **REPROBATION**

denunciation or accusation that is

violent: **INVECTIVE**

denunciation or threat, especially from

a divine source: **COMMINATION**

denunciation that is loud and violent:

**FULMINATION**

denunciatory speech: **TIRADE**

denying believability of excuses in case

things go wrong: **DENIABILITY**

deny oneself something: **ABSTAIN**

deny, oppose, contradict: **GAINSAY**

deny or renounce one's own rights,

desires, etc.: **ABNEGATION**

deny, repudiate: **DISAFFIRM**

depart suddenly: **ABSCOND**

departure in mass numbers, general

flight, group emigration: **EXODUS**

departure that is furtive or without a

farewell: **FRENCH LEAVE**

dependable, firm: **STAUNCH**

dependent clauses used in syntax:

**HYPOTAXIS**

dependent country: **CLIENT STATE**

dependent on luck: **ALEATORY**

deportment, manner in which one bears

oneself: **DEMEANOR**

deposit eggs or roe: **SPAWN**

deprave, corrupt, seduce: **DEBAUCH**

depravity, baseness, vileness:

**TURPITUDE**

depreciatory or derogatory: **PEJORATIVE**

depressed, bored, or dull state of mind:

**DOLDRUMS**

depressed, dejected: **CRESTFALLEN**

depressed, downhearted: **DISPIRITED**

depressed, gloomy, dusky: **SOMBER**

depressed mood: **FUNK**

depressing person, pessimist, killjoy:

**CRAPEHANGER, CREPEHANGER**

depressing, unhappy: **DOWNBEAT**

deprive as a punishment: **AMERCE**

deprive of rights or possessions: **DIVEST**

deprive of rights or privileges, as of a

citizen's right to vote:

**DISFRANCHISE, DISENFRANCHISE**

deprive of, strip, rob: **DESPOIL**

deputy, agent, substitute: **VICAR**

deranged or twisted mentality:

**ABERRATION**

derelict's section of a city: **SKID ROW**  
deride, sneer, laugh coarsely, jeer:

**FLEER**

derisive or mocking speech or manner:

**JEER**

derisive sound: **BRONX CHEER**

derivations and development of words  
as a study: **ETYMOLOGY**

derogatory or depreciatory: **PEJORATIVE**

descendant, offspring: **SCION**

descended from the same parent,  
language, etc.: **COGNATE**

descent of an individual traced from a  
certain ancestor: **GENEALOGY**

describe, portray, paint, draw: **LIMN**

description of a person, as of a criminal  
for identification: **SIGNALMENT**

desecrate, pollute: **PROFANE**

desert, change sides: **TERGIVERSATE**

deserted, wretched, abandoned,  
cheerless: **FORLORN**

deserter, traitor: **RENEGADE**

desertion of faith or principles:

**APOSTASY**

desert monument of a mythical  
creature: **SPHINX**

deserved or suitable, as a punishment:  
**CONDIGN**

design cut on a gem: **GLYPTOGRAPH**

design in nature, as studied in  
cosmology: **TELEOLOGY**

design in relief, as in metal: **REPOUSSE'**

design of five things of which four  
make a square and one is in the  
middle: **QUINCUNX**

design of interlaced foliage or flowers,  
geometric tendrils, etc.:

**ARABESQUE**

design or shape that doesn't adhere to  
any rigid pattern: **FREE-FORM**

desire: **APPETENCE**

desire, crave, yearn: **HANKER**

desired, wanted or aimed-for thing:

**DESIDERATUM**

desire, feel the need for or the lack of:  
**DESIDERATE**

desire or lust for something belonging  
to another: **COVET**

desolate or saddened through loss:

**BEREAVED**

despair, dejection: **SLOUGH OF**

**DESPOND**

despise, defame, disparage: **VILIPEND**

despise, scorn: **CONTEMN**

despotic subordinate governor: **SATRAP**

despotism: **ABSOLUTISM**

dessert of custard topped with caramel:

**FLAN**

dessert that is pudding-like: **MOUSSE**

destroy completely, wipe out:

**OBLITERATE**

destroyer of images or of venerated  
objects or ideas: **ICONOCLAST**

destroy or kill a large proportion of:

**DECIMATE**

destroy or weaken the affection of:

**DISAFFECT**

destroy utterly, pull up by the roots,  
uproot, erase: **ERADICATE**

destroy wholly, root out: **EXTIRPATE**

destruction, mutilation or alteration,  
especially of a legal document:

**SPOLIATION**

destruction of great scope, especially by  
fire: **HOLOCAUST**

destruction or extermination of an  
entire people or national group:

**GENOCIDE**

destruction, ruin: **HAVOC**

destructive, diseased or corrupting  
thing, blight: **CANKER**

destructive force that is slow and  
relentless: **JUGGERNAUT**

detached, isolated: **INSULAR**

detachedly observant or analytical:

**CLINICAL**

detached, unbiased: **OBJECTIVE**

detail, declare, state: **EXPOUND**

detailed examination or discussion:

**CANVASS**

detain or confine, as during war:

**INTERN**

detective: **HAWKSHAW**

detective novel stressing realistic police  
investigation: **POLICE PROCEDURAL**

detective or private detective: **GUMSHOE**

deteriorated, rickety: **RAMSHACKLE**

deteriorating biologically, as a strain or  
type, especially of man: **DYSGENIC**

determined, brave, strong: **STALWART**

determinedly, energetically, all out:

**HAMMER AND TONGS**

determined, resolved, unflinching:

**RESOLUTE**

deter or alter the plans of someone by  
persuasion against: **DISSUADE**

detest: **ABHOR**

detestable, revolting, abominable:

**EXECRABLE**

detestation: **ABHORRENCE**

detraction: **DISPARAGEMENT**  
 detract, take away from: **DEROGATE**  
 developed or advanced more rapidly  
 than is usual: **PRECOCIOUS**  
 develop or work out gradually: **EVOLVE**  
 develop, sit on and hatch eggs:  
**INCUBATE**  
 develop to the utmost, make the most  
 of: **OPTIMIZE**  
 deviating from the normal rule:  
**ANOMALOUS**  
 deviating from what is generally  
 accepted: **PERVERSE**  
 deviation: **ABERRATION**  
 deviation from the main current: **EDDY**  
 deviation from the normal: **PERVERSION**  
 devil, in Moslem countries: **SHAITAN**  
 devilish: **CLOVEN-HOOVED**  
 devious: **AMBAGIOUS**  
 devious: **TORTUOUS**  
 devise, make up: **CONCOCT**  
 devise, think out carefully: **EXCOGITATE**  
 devitalize, sap the strength of, weaken:  
**ENERVATE**  
 devoted: **ASSIDUOUS**  
 devoted admirer or follower: **VOTARY**  
 devoted blindly: **IDOLATROUS**  
 devotee: **AFICIONADO**  
 devotee of a particular pursuit,  
 enthusiast: **VOTARY**  
 dew formation: **DEWFALL**  
 dexterity or skill in manipulation:  
**SLEIGHT**  
 dexterous: **ADROIT**  
 diabetics' needed protein hormone:  
**INSULIN**  
 diagonal: **CATERCORNERED**  
 diagonal or oblique line: **BIAS**  
 diagram or chart of the stages of a  
 process: **FLOW CHART**  
 diagrams, charts, drawings, etc., used as  
 explanatory matter: **GRAPHICS**  
 diagram showing a sequence of  
 operations for a program or  
 process: **FLOW CHART**  
 diagram, synopsis or summary, as of a  
 process: **SCHEMA**  
 dialect closest to the standard major  
 language of a country: **ACROLECT**  
 dialect dictionary: **IDIOTICON**  
 dialect, especially one that is crude:  
**PATOIS**  
 dialect least like the standard major  
 language of a country: **BASILECT**  
 dialect midway between an acrolect and

basilect in likeness to the standard  
 major language of a country:  
**MESOLECT**  
 dialect of a region that has become the  
 language of a larger area: **KOINE**  
 dialect or jargon mixed with English:  
**PIDGIN ENGLISH**  
 dialogue: **INTERLOCUTION**  
 dialogue or conversation participant:  
**INTERLOCUTOR**  
 diameter-measuring instrument:  
**CALIPERS**  
 diametrically opposed: **ANTIPODAL**  
 diamond or rhombus, as used in decor  
 or heraldry: **LOZENGE**  
 diarrhea and nausea afflicting a tourist  
 in a foreign country: **TURISTA**,  
**TOURISTA**  
 diarrhea or stomach upset:  
**COLLYWOBBLES**  
 dictatorial, imperious: **PEREMPTORY**  
 dictionary compiling: **LEXICOGRAPHY**  
 dictionary, especially a polyglot  
 dictionary: **CALEPIN**  
 dictionary of proper names:  
**ONOMASTICON**  
 die: **BUY THE FARM**  
 died without having made a will:  
**INTESTATE**  
 dieting establishment: **FAT FARM**  
 difference: **DISSIMILITUDE**  
 difference, as of opinion: **DIVERGENCE**  
 difference of opinion, discord, quarrel:  
**DISSENSION**  
 difference or remainder paid to equalize  
 a business transaction: **OWELTY**  
 differences in outlook between  
 individuals: **PERSONAL EQUATION**  
 different: **DIVERSE**  
 different directions, move in: **DIVERGE**  
 different, dissimilar, distinct: **DISPARATE**  
 differing: **DISSIDENT**  
 differing in names that show a  
 relationship: **HETERONYMOUS**  
 differing, not all alike: **HETEROGENEOUS**  
 differ in opinion: **DIVERGE**  
 difficult and interminable: **SISYPHEAN**  
 difficulties or criticism from both sides:  
**GAUNTLET, GANTLET**  
 difficult or puzzling problem: **STICKLER**  
 difficult or tricky situation (British):  
**STICKY WICKET**  
 difficult position: **QUAGMIRE**  
 difficult situation: **MORASS**

difficult, stubborn, unruly:

**INTRACTABLE**

difficult to accomplish: **HERCULEAN**

difficult to deal with: **SCABROUS**

difficult to understand: **ABSTRUSE**

diffuse or scatter, as if by sowing:

**DISSEMINATE**

diffusion of a fluid through a  
membrane: **OSMOSIS**

digestion that is good: **EUPEPSIA**

digest, summary: **CONSPECTUS**

digital watch display-reading

mechanism: **LED (LIGHT-EMITTING  
DIODE)**

dignified and well-bred: **DISTINGUÉ**

dig out the facts: **PLUMB**

digression: **APOSTROPHE**

digressive, rambling: **EXCURSIVE**

digress, wander or stray from the  
subject: **DIVAGATE**

digs, the study of: **ARCHEOLOGY**

dig up a corpse or some buried thing:

**EXHUME**

diligent and careful: **PAINSTAKING**

diligent, constant, working steadily:

**SEDULOUS**

diminish: **ABATE**

diminish, lessen: **DWINDLE**

diminution, lessening, decrease:

**DECREMENT**

diminutive: **LILLIPUTIAN**

dimming of lights: **BROWNOUT**

dim, obscure, pertaining to twilight:

**CREPUSCULAR**

dimple, small depression: **FOSSETTE**

dining hall in a college or monastery:

**REFECTORY**

dinner menu with a complete meal at a

set price: **TABLE D'HÔTE**

dinner menu with each item having a

separate price: **À LA CARTE**

dinner precooked and frozen, often in

an aluminum-foil-covered tray: **TV  
DINNER**

dinosaur-age flying reptile:

**PTERODACTYL**

dinosaur, herbivorous, having a large  
rounded body, long neck and small  
head: **BRONTOSAUR**

dinosaur that was large and carnivorous  
and walked on two legs:

**TYRANNOSAUR**

dinosaur with a small head and large  
tooth-like bony plates along its

curved back and tail:

**STEGOSAURUS**

dinosaur with hooves, three horns, a

beak-like mouth and a bony

fan-like crest around the neck:

**TRICERATOPS**

diphtheria test: **SCHICK TEST**

dip into liquid for pickling: **SOUSE**

dip lightly or suddenly into water, as a  
bird does: **DAP**

diplomatic etiquette: **PROTOCOL**

diplomatic move, response or statement  
of position: **DÉMARCHE**

diplomatic, prudent, wise: **POLITIC**

direct, blunt: **POINT-BLANK**

directed firmly, unwavering, steadfast:

**INTENT**

direct into set channels: **CANALIZE**

direction or sense of direction lost or  
mixed up: **DISORIENTATION**

direct opposite: **ANTITHESIS**

direct, plain: **FLAT-FOOTED**

direct relationship, freedom from

intervention: **IMMEDIACY**

dirge, funeral hymn: **EPICEDIMUM**

dirge, funeral song: **THRENODY**

dirty, defile: **POLLUTE**

dirty, foul, appearing neglected:

**SQUALID**

dirty language: **COPROLALIA**

dirty, squalid: **SORDID**

dirty, stain or soil another's name or  
reputation, sully: **BESMIRCH**

disable: **INCAPACITATE**

disadvantage: **DRAWBACK**

disadvantage imposed on contestants of

superior ability in a contest or

race: **HANDICAP**

disagree: **DISSENT**

disagreeable, offensive: **UNSAVORY**

disagreeable, ugly, unpleasant in  
appearance: **ILL-FAVORED**

disagreeing, quarreling: **AT**

**LOGGERHEADS**

disagreement: **DISSIDENCE**

disagreement, quarrel, estrangement:

**FALLING-OUT**

disappear by degrees, vanish gradually:

**EVANESCE**

disappearing by normal biological  
action, decomposing:

**BIODEGRADABLE**

disappointment or distress over one's  
own acts, plight, etc.: **CHAGRIN**

disapproval: **ANIMADVERSION**



disapprove, plead against: **DEPRECATE**  
 disarrayed, partly dressed: **DISHABILLE**  
 disassemble a weapon for cleaning:

**FIELD STRIP**

disaster that brings violent change:

**CATACLYSM**

disavow a former belief: **RECAN**

disbelief or denial of any purpose in  
 existence or in customary  
 institutions: **NIHILISM**

disbelieving, doubting: **INCREDULOUS**

discard or cast off a favored sweetheart:

**JILT**

discard something that hampers:

**JETTISON**

discerning, perceptive, keen:

**PERSPICACIOUS**

discernment, wisdom: **SAGACITY**

discharged debt, recompense:

**QUITTANCE**

discharge of repressed emotions:

**CATHARSIS**

discharge suddenly and quickly,

exclaim: **EJACULATE**

disciplinarian of extreme militaristic

severity: **MARTINET**

disciplinary action that is swift:

**CRACKDOWN**

discipline or chastise, call to account:

**CALL ON THE CARPET**

disclose, bring to light, reveal: **EXHUME**

disclose, make known, bestow: **IMPART**

disclose, reveal, give vent to: **UNBOSOM**

disclose, reveal, tell: **DIVULGE**

disclosure in a trial or hearing that a  
 defendant is compelled to make:

**DISCOVERY**

discolored or stained, as pages of an old  
 book: **FOXED**

disconcerted by some occurrence:

**ABASHED**

disconcert, embarrass:

**DISCOURTENANCE**

disconcert, impede, complicate:

**EMBARRASS**

disconnect: **UNCOUPLE**

disconnected, aimless, casual, random:

**DESULTORY**

disconnected, lacking in coherence:

**DISJOINTED**

disconnected, separate: **DISCRETE**

discontent or illness, a chronic feeling  
 of either: **DYSPHORIA**

discordant: **ABSONANT**

discordant, conflicting, mismated:

**INCOMPATIBLE**

discordant or harsh sound: **JANGLE**

discordant sound: **CACOPHONY**

discord, harsh disagreement:

**DISSONANCE**

discord, quarrel, difference of opinion:

**DISSENSION**

discourage: **DISHEARTEN**

discourteous or rude manner:

**INCIVILITY**

discover with the eye, discern, observe:

**DESCRY**

discovery and investigation as a way of  
 learning: **HEURISTICS**

discreet fee or token of appreciation:

**HONORARIUM**

discreet, prudent, careful: **CIRCUMSPECT**

discriminate against or keep out specific  
 people: **BLACKLIST**

discriminate, distinguish: **SECERN**

discriminating taster or enjoyer of food  
 and drink: **GOURMET**

discrimination against black people  
 historically in the United States:

**JIM CROW**

discrimination against older people:

**AGEISM**

discrimination perceived as existing in  
 effect against the group originally  
 cited for discriminatory practices:

**REVERSE DISCRIMINATION**

discussing or discussed in a way that is  
 informal and rambling:

**CRACKER-BARREL**

discussion, conversational get-together:

**PALAUVER**

discussion or series of remarks:

**DESCANT**

disdainful, arrogant: **SUPERCILIOUS**

disease breaking out suddenly and  
 affecting many individuals at the  
 same time: **EPIDEMIC**

disease causing tics, twitches and  
 uncontrollable vocal outbursts:

**TOURETTE'S SYNDROME**

disease correction by manipulation of  
 parts of the body: **OSTEOPATHY**

diseased, destructive or corrupting  
 thing, blight: **CANKER**

disease moving from one part of the  
 body to another: **METASTASIS**

disease of the intestine usually caused

- by eating undercooked pork:  
**TRICHINOSIS**
- disease of the nervous system causing jerkiness and uncontrollable movements, chorea: **SAINT VITUS'S DANCE**
- disease-preventing treatment:  
**PROPHYLAXIS**
- disease-producing: **MORBIFIC**
- diseases and their nature as a branch of medicine: **PATHOLOGY**
- diseases classified and described:  
**NOSOGRAPHY**
- disease treatment effected by producing incompatible conditions:  
**ALLOPATHY**
- disembowel or remove vital part of:  
**EVISCERATE**
- disentangle, free from entanglement:  
**EXTRICATE**
- disgrace attached to a person or group:  
**STIGMA**
- disgraceful: **INGLORIOUS**
- disgraceful, shocking, notorious:  
**FLAGRANT**
- disgrace, infamy: **OBLOQUY**
- disgracing, abusive: **OPPROBRIOUS**
- disguise, feign, conceal, make a false show of: **DISSEMBLE**
- disguise, shelter: **COVERTURE**
- disguise to avoid recognition:  
**INCOGNITO**
- disguise to blend with the environment:  
**CAMOUFLAGE**
- disgusting, offensive, hateful, repugnant:  
**ODIOUS**
- disgusting, offensive, stinking, noxious:  
**NOISOME**
- disgust or dislike in the extreme, abhorrence: **LOATHING**
- dishes other than the main course, side dishes, dessert: **ENTREMETS**
- disheveled, untidy: **UNKEMPT**
- dish-like concave large antenna used for extensive television signal reception: **DISH ANTENNA**
- dish made light by adding beaten egg whites: **SOUFFLÉ**
- dish of chopped meat, eggs, onions, anchovies: **SALMAGUNDI**
- dish of veal or chicken stuffed or layered with ham and cheese before sautéing: **CORDON BLEU**
- dishonest or corrupt profiting in politics or business: **GRAFT**
- dishonesty, deceitfulness, trickery:  
**KNAVERY**
- dishonesty, lack of integrity: **IMPROBITY**
- dishonorable: **IGNOMINIOUS**
- dishonorable, degraded, base: **IGNOBLE**
- dishonor, defame: **SMIRCH**
- dish served at the end of a meal or as an appetizer: **SAVORY**
- dish that is deep and covered, for serving soup: **TUREEN**
- disintegrating, dividing into parts, breaking up: **FISSIPAROUS**
- disinterested, free from bias, fair:  
**IMPARTIAL**
- disjoin, dislocate: **LUXATE**
- disjointed, broken up into separate incidents: **EPISODIC**
- disjointed, confused: **INCOHERENT**
- dislike of children: **MISOPEDIA**
- dislike of debate, argument or reasoning: **MISOLOGY**
- dislike or disgust in the extreme, abhorrence: **LOATHING**
- dislocate, throw out of joint: **LUXATE**
- dismayed: **AGHAST**
- dismissal, leavetaking: **CONGÉ**
- dismiss in disgrace: **CASHIER**
- disobedient: **INSUBORDINATE**
- disobedient, insolently so:  
**CONTUMACIOUS**
- disobedient, stubborn, rebellious:  
**RECALCITRANT**
- disorder and inertness as an irreversible tendency of a system: **ENTROPY**
- disorder, confusion: **HUGGER-MUGGER**
- disorder, destruction or carnage, scene of: **SHAMBLES**
- disordered, jumbled, topsy-turvy:  
**HIGGLEDY-PIGGLEDY**
- disorderly and wildly in haste:  
**PELL-MELL**
- disorderly, boisterous, rude:  
**RAMBUNCTIOUS**
- disorderly, loud: **RAUCOUS**
- disorder, purposelessness, anxiety, lawlessness, malaise: **ANOMIE**
- disorder resulting from lack of a leader or a plan: **ANARCHY**
- disorganized, giddy, frivolous, screwy:  
**SCATTERBRAINED**
- disorientation in a foreign or alien environment: **CULTURE SHOCK**

disown, reject, refuse to accept:

**REPUDIATE**

disparage, defame, blacken: **DENIGRATE**  
disparage, treat with contempt:

**VILIPEND**

disparaging term used to describe  
something neutral or inoffensive:

**DYSPHEMISM**

dispassionately critical: **CLINICAL**

dispel, waste, squander: **DISSIPATE**

displaced, uprooted, away from one's  
native place: **DERACINATED**

display or parade brazenly or gaudily:  
**FLAUNT**

display ostentatiously: **FLOURISH**

displease, bore: **PALL**

dispose of a matter quickly: **DISPATCH**

dispose of by fraud or trickery: **FOB**  
**OFF**

dispose of, make unnecessary: **OBVIATE**

dispose of swiftly: **MAKE SHORT SHIRTS**  
**OF**

dispose quickly of a matter: **DISPATCH**  
disposition, tendency, leaning:

**PROCLIVITY**

dispossession that is unlawful:

**DISSEIZIN**

disproportionate, inadequate:

**INCOMMENSURATE**

disprove, demonstrate an error: **REFUTE**

dispute: **ALTERCATION**

dispute, challenge, attack the truth or  
validity of: **IMPUGN**

dispute, challenge, call in question:  
**OPPUGN**

disregard, forgetfulness: **OBLIVION**

disregard for the rules or for fact to  
achieve artistic effect: **POETIC**

**LICENSE**

disregard, neglect: **SLIGHT**

disreputable, ill-tempered, perverse  
woman, hussy: **JADE**

disreputable, tawdry, vulgar: **RAFFISH**

disrespectful, insulting: **INSOLENT**

disrespect toward one to whom  
deference is due: **LESE MAJESTY**,  
**LESE MAJESTÉ**

dissension, disagreement, lack of  
harmony: **DISCORD**

dissenter: **RECUSANT**

dissimilar, distinct, different: **DISPARATE**

dissimilar, unrelated, unlike:

**HETEROGENEOUS**

dissolute, lustful: **WANTON**

dissolve out, filter, percolate: **LEACH**

distance around: **CIRCUMFERENCE**

distance light travels in a vacuum in  
one year: **LIGHT-YEAR**

distance measured by determination of  
angles: **TELEMETRY**

distance of an eighth of a mile:

**FURLONG**

distance of 3,280.8 feet: **KILOMETER**

distance-traveled recording instrument:  
**ODOMETER**

distant and unknown region: **ULTIMA**  
**THULE**

distended, swollen: **TURGID**

distinct, different, dissimilar: **DISPARATE**

distinctive mark: **CACHET**

distinct, separate, disconnected from  
others: **DISCRETE**

distinguish, discriminate: **SECERN**

distinguished: **PRESTIGIOUS**

distinguished, dignified, well-bred:  
**DISTINGUÉ**

distinguished, renowned: **ILLUSTRIOUS**

distinguishing characteristic, facial

contour or feature: **LINEAMENT**

distorted vision or view: **ASTIGMATISM**

distortion of shape: **ANAMORPHISM**

distort, misapply: **PERVERT**

distract, amuse, entertain: **DIVERT**

distraction from the real issue: **RED**  
**HERRING**

distract, turn aside, deflect: **DIVERT**

distress, cause of: **BANE**

distress or disturb the mind or feelings  
painfully: **HARROW**

distress, pain, suffering, anguish:

**TRAVAIL**

distribute or divide in proportion:

**PRORATE**

district of a city in which a minority  
lives: **GHETTO**

distrustfully, suspiciously: **ASKANCE**

distrust or hatred of mankind:

**MISANTHROPY**

disturb, alarm, upset: **PERTURB**

disturbance, civil disorder: **DISTEMPER**

disturbance of the peace: **AFFRAY**

disturb, bother: **INCOMMODE**

disturb, ruffle: **DISTEMPER**

disturb the mind or feelings painfully,  
distress: **HARROW**

disturb the smoothness of: **RUFFLE**

disturb, trouble, inconvenience:

**DISCOMMODE**

ditch-like depression in a desert region:

**WADI**

ditch or moat artificially created: **FOSSE**  
 dive down suddenly, as a whale when  
 harpooned: **SOUND**

dive in which one does a back flip and  
 plunges into the water headfirst  
 and facing the board: **HALF**

**GAINER**

divergency, inconsistency: **DISCREPANCY**  
 diverge, spread apart or branch out at a  
 wide angle: **DIVARICATE**

diverse in sources used: **ECLECTIC**  
 diverse, varied to a great degree:

**MULTIFARIOUS**

diversify or vary by adding something  
 different: **INTERLARD**

diversion: **RED HERRING**

diver's rapture of the deep caused by  
 excess nitrogen: **NITROGEN**  
**NARCOSIS**

diver's sickness, sometimes fatal, caused  
 by bloodstream nitrogen bubbles:  
**DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS, THE**  
**BENDS, CAISSON DISEASE**

divert, confuse: **DISTRACT**

diverted by thought, preoccupied:  
**BEMUSED**

dive that is perilous or suicidal: **BRODIE**

divide, branch into two parts, separate:  
**BIFURCATE**

divide by cutting or passing across:  
**INTERSECT**

divided in half: **DIMIDIATE**

divide into opposing groups or views:  
**POLARIZE**

divide into two sections: **DICHOTOMIZE**

dividend, either regular or scheduled,  
 that has been omitted: **PASSED**  
**DIVIDEND**

dividend on stock, paid in securities  
 instead of cash: **STOCK DIVIDEND**

divide or distribute in proportion:  
**PRORATE**

divide or shape a voting area to  
 advance the interests of one  
 political party: **GERRYMANDER**

divide or spread out into divisions:  
**RAMIFY**

divide, separate, part: **DISSEVER**

divide up and give out, assign, allot:  
**ALLOCATE**

dividing evenly into another number, as  
 3 into 9: **ALIQUOT**

dividing into parts, breaking up,  
 disintegrating: **FISSIPAROUS**

dividing not evenly into another

number, as 4 into 9: **ALIQUANT**

divination by means of figures formed  
 when particles of earth are thrown  
 down at random: **GEOMANCY**

divination by use of a divining rod:

**RHABDOMANCY**

divinatory, mystical or magical: **OCCULT**  
 divine or supernatural intervention in  
 human affairs: **THEURGY**

division: **SCISSION**

division of a church or other  
 organization into factions: **SCHISM**

dizziness: **VERTIGO**

dizzy, whirling, spinning: **VERTIGINOUS**  
 do away with, as a law or a right:

**ABROGATE**

dock on a river or waterway, landing  
 place: **EMBARCADERO**

dock post for mooring a ship: **BOLLARD**  
 doctor-prompted as an illness:

**IATROGENIC**

doctor's auxiliary or assistant:

**PARAMEDIC**

doctor serving apprenticeship in a  
 hospital: **INTERN**

doctor's hammer used on the knee:

**PERCUSSOR**

doctor who is a fraud or charlatan:

**QUACK**

doctor who treats animals:

**VETERINARIAN**

doctrine, belief or principle maintained  
 as true by a person or a group:

**TENET**

doctrine holding that reality has  
 existence independent of the mind:

**OBJECTIVISM**

doctrines held to be true and necessary:

**DOGMA**

doctrine that all life is sacred: **AHIMSA**  
 document accrediting an envoy to a

foreign power: **LETTER OF**

**CREDENCE**

document wholly in the handwriting of  
 the person whose signature it  
 bears: **HOLOGRAPH**

dodge, avoid: **SIDESTEP**

dodge or device to avoid, conceal, etc.:

**SUBTERFUGE**

dog family member: **CANINE**

dog lover: **PHILOCYNIC**

dogmatic, arrogant, haughty, pompous:  
**PONTIFICAL**



dogmatic or unproved assertion: **IPSE**

**DIXIT**

dog of the Australian outback: **DINGO**

dogs and their history as a subject:

**CYNOLOGY**

dog's short and vestigial claw or digit:

**DEWCLAW**

doings that are devious or mischievous:

**SHENANIGANS**

dollar per share of stock: **POINT**

doll collecting: **PLANGONOLGY**

doll made of wood representing spirit  
ancestors of Pueblo Indians:

**KACHINA**

doll of painted wood, Russian and  
somewhat bowling-pin-shaped, that  
is one of a "nest" of such dolls  
that fit one within the other:

**MATRUSHKA**

domain: **DEMESNE**

domain of authority: **BAILIWICK**

domelike Buddhist shrine: **STUPA**

dome-like structure of polygonal

sections: **GEODESIC DOME**

dome, roof that is rounded: **CUPOLA**

dominant, prevalent: **REGNANT**

dominate thoughts, engross:

**PREOCCUPY**

domination of one state over another or  
leadership: **HEGEMONY**

domineering, arrogant: **IMPERIOUS**

domineering, overwhelming:

**OVERBEARING\***

done-beyond-recall action, accomplished

fact: **FAIT ACCOMPLI**

done or said thing for effect or as a

formality: **GESTURE**

done with great effort: **LABORED**

doomed, in great trouble, in a hopeless

situation: **UP THE CREEK**

doomed person or thing: **GONER**

doomed-to-failure situation: **FORLORN**

**HOPE**

do or commit something, as a crime or

hoax: **PERPETRATE**

door divided horizontally so that either  
half can be opened separately:

**DUTCH DOOR**

door, entrance: **PORTAL**

doorkeeper of a building: **CONCIERGE**

door or window part, above the opening  
and supporting structure above it:

**LINTEL**

doorway curtain that replaces a door:

**PORTIERE**

doorway or window drapery that covers  
only the top half of the opening:

**LAMBREQUIN**

doorway side post: **JAMB**

do penance, be humbled: **GO TO**

**CANOSSA**

dormant: **LATENT**

dots of many colors used as a method  
of painting: **POINTILLISM**

dots or hyphens in a horizontal row  
serving to guide the eye across a  
page: **LEADER**

dots or shadings used in  
photoengraving: **BENDAY**

dots over the second of two adjacent  
vowels to indicate it is pronounced  
separately (ö): **DIERESIS**

dots used to indicate the omission of  
words: **POINTS OF ELLIPSIS**

dotted pattern woven into fabric:

**SHARKSKIN**

dotted, spotted, marked with minute

spots: **PUNCTULATE**

double, become doubled: **GEMINATE**

double chin: **BUCCULA**

double-dagger symbol used in printing  
(‡): **DIESIS**

double dealing, trickery: **DUPLICITY**

double image, blot: **MACKLE**

double in meaning: **AMBIGUOUS**

double in meaning, ambiguous,  
uncertain in origin or character,  
dubious: **EQUIVOCAL**

double in pulse beat with each  
heartbeat: **DICROTIC**

double meaning attributable to  
grammatical looseness:

**AMPHIBOLOGY**

double meaning, equivocation, pun:

**EQUIVOQUE**

double seat or small sofa: **LOVE SEAT**

double-spouted cruet or bottle: **GEMEL**

double tablet, picture or carving, often  
depicting a religious subject:

**DIPTYCH**

double, twofold: **DUPLE**

double, two or paired: **BINARY**

double vision: **DIPLOPIA**

doubling of a syllable or sound in a  
word: **REDUPLICATION**

doubling the stakes in gambling to  
recover previous losses:

**MARTINGALE**

doubter: **SKEPTIC**

doubtful: **DUBIOUS**

doubtfulness: **INCERTITUDE**

doubtful state: **DUBIETY**

doubting, disbelieving: **INCRECULOUS**

doubting, resisting, ignoring attitude:

**NEGATIVISM**

doubt, qualm, apprehension: **MISGIVING**

doughnut in elongated, twisted shape:

**CRULLER**

dowdy, sometimes ill-tempered woman:

**FRUMP**

down in spirits, dejected: **DISPIRITED**

down-in-the-dumps feeling,

down-in-the-mouth state:

**DOLDRUMS**

down in the mouth: **CHAPFALLEN**

down to earth, practical rather than

speculative: **PRAGMATIC**

downward trend in stock market prices:

**DOWNSIDE**

down with: **À BAS**

downy, covered with soft fine hair:

**LANUGINOUS**

dowry, woman's marriage portion: **DOT**

drab, frumpish, not smartly dressed:

**DOWDY**

draft: **CONSCRIPTION**

drag, haul, lug: **SCHLEP**

drag in the mud, lag, follow slowly:

**DRABBLE**

dragon breathing fire: **FIREDRAKE**

dramatic or sudden change or increase:

**QUANTUM LEAP, QUANTUM JUMP**

dramatic repartee in classical and

Elizabethan theater:

**STICHOMYTHIA**

drapery or board across the top of a

window: **VALANCE**

draw a line around: **CIRCUMSCRIBE**

draw back, as claws: **RETRACT**

drawback, burden: **IMPEDIMENTA**

draw forth, call or summon: **EVOKE**

draw forth, evoke, bring to light: **ELICIT**

drawing a conclusion based on

reasoning from the general to the

particular: **DEDUCTION**

drawing or model with the exterior left

off to show the interior: **CUTAWAY**

drawing together, reconciliation:

**RAPPROCHEMENT**

drawn-out, as speech or writing:

**LONG-WINDED**

drawn parallel-line shading to show

elevation or steepness: **HACHURE**

draw or a tie, as in a game: **STANDOFF**

draw or scribble aimlessly: **DOODLE**

draw, paint, engrave with dots instead of lines: **STIPPLE**

draw so as to create the illusion of depth and distance while keeping the proper proportions:

**FORESHORTEN**

dread, abnormal and persistent, of a

particular thing: **PHOBIA** (also see

listing under that word)

dreaded or hated object or person: **BÊTE**

**NOIRE**

dreaded thing: **BUGBEAR**

dread, fear, anxiety, apprehension:

**ANGST**

dreamer, visionary: **FANTAST**

dream interpreter: **ONEIROCRITIC**

dream-like apparitions or images in a

series: **PHANTASMAGORIA**

dream-like, visionary: **HYPNAGOGIC**

dreamy repose caused by smoking

narcotics: **KEF**

dregs of wine or liquor: **LEES**

dregs or lees, grain refuse from

breweries and distilleries: **DRAFF**

drench or stain, especially with blood:

**IMBRUE**

dress fussily: **PRIMP**

dress hanging straight from the

shoulders: **CHEMISE**

dress in clothes of the opposite sex:

**CROSS-DRESS**

dressing gown of a woman, negligee:

**PEIGNOIR**

dressing in garments of the opposite

sex, a compulsion to do so:

**TRANSVESTISM**

dressing room for a woman: **BOUDOIR**

dressmaker: **COUTURIER**

dress showily, primp: **PREEN**

dress that is long, simple and shapeless:

**MOTHER HUBBARD**

dress that is negligent or partial:

**DISHABILLE**

dress up, decorate: **TTIVATE**

dress up, make showy: **ENGAD**

dressy person: **CLOTHESHORSE**

dribbling of saliva: **SLAVER**

dried meat used as rations: **PEMMICAN**

drink: **IMBIBE**

drinkable: **POTABLE**

drink and play, carefree existence: **BEER**

**AND SKITTLES**

drink, given to: **BIBULOUS**

drink greedily or to excess: **GUZZLE**

drink heartily: **QUAFF**

drinking at a festive time, carousal,  
revelry: **WASSAIL**  
drinking bowl or its contents: **JORUM**  
drinking cup or goblet: **MAZER**  
drinking glass like a goblet but  
narrowed at the top: **SNIFTER**  
drinking glass of large size for beer:  
**SCHOONER**  
drinking sparingly: **ABSTEMIOUS**  
drink liquor: **TIPPLE**  
drink of chocolate syrup, milk and soda  
water: **EGG CREAM**  
drink of mild nature to wash down  
hard liquor: **CHASER**  
drink or eat greedily, gorge:  
**INGURGITATE**  
drinks-at-a-reduced-price time at a bar:  
**HAPPY HOUR**  
drink that is drugged: **MICKEY FINN**  
drive a sharp stake through: **IMPALE**  
drive away, dispel: **DISSIPATE**  
drive away or remove, as by scattering:  
**DISPEL**  
drive back, ward off: **REPEL**  
drivel, talk incoherently: **MAUNDER**  
driven by idealistic or religious zeal:  
**MESSIANIC**  
drive off, dispel, scatter: **DISPERSE**  
drive on roads other than toll roads and  
highways, motor via back roads:  
**SHUNPIKE**  
drive or force to action, urge on: **IMPEL**  
drive out of hiding: **FERRET OUT**  
driving force: **IMPETUS**  
driving too closely behind another  
vehicle: **TAILGATING**  
droop gradually, pine, weaken:  
**LANGUISH**  
droop, hang down loosely: **LOP**  
droop, hang loosely: **LOLL**  
drooping: **NUTANT**  
droop, weaken: **FLAG**  
drop heavily and clumsily, flop: **FLUMP**  
drop of liquid, in pharmacy: **GUTTA**  
drop or plunge straight down:  
**PLUMMET**  
dropping a sound at the end of a word:  
**APOCOPE**  
dropping of sounds or letters from the  
middle of a word: **SYNCOPE**  
dropping the initial letter or sound in a  
word: **APHERESIS**  
dropping to earth of particles after a  
nuclear explosion: **FALLOUT**

drowning as a form of execution:  
**NOYADE**  
drowsy: **SOMNOLENT**  
drudge, one who hires himself out to do  
routine or tedious work: **HACK**  
drug being neither harmful nor healing:  
**ADIAPHOROUS**  
druggist: **APOTHECARY**  
drugs as a science: **PHARMACOLOGY**  
drugs, to use them occasionally:  
**JOYPOP**  
drug that overcomes effects of sedatives:  
**ANALEPTIC**  
drug users' and sellers' illicit meeting  
place: **SHOOTING GALLERY**  
drug withdrawal: **COLD TURKEY**  
drum: **TAMBOUR**  
drumbeat repetitions, drum sounds:  
**RATAPLAN**  
drumbeat with two sticks striking  
almost simultaneously: **FLAM**  
drumhead with jingles in its rim, held  
in the hand and shaken or rapped:  
**TAMBOURINE**  
drum in the form of a hemisphere with  
a parchment top: **KETTLEDUM**  
drum-like: **TYMPANIC**  
drumming continuously: **TATTOO**  
drumming with the fingers or feet:  
**DEVIL'S TATTOO**  
drum or tap monotonously: **THRUM**  
drum or trumpet signal for a parley:  
**CHAMADE**  
drums, in a pair, used in Indian (Asian)  
music and played with the hands:  
**TABLA**  
drum, small and double-headed, with a  
wire string across the bottom:  
**SNARE DRUM**  
drunk: **BESOTTED**  
drunk: **INEBRIATED**  
drunkard: **TOPER**  
drunkard: **TOSSPOT**  
drunken, gluttonous: **CRAPULENT**  
drunkenly brave but only then:  
**POT-VALIANT**  
drunken revelry: **BACCHANAL**  
drunk-making liquid: **INTOXICANT**  
drunk straight or iceless and without  
anything added: **NEAT**  
drying: **SICCATIVE**  
dry in taste, as a champagne: **BRUT**  
dry, lacking interest, naive, barren,  
insipid: **JEJUNE**  
dry, low in moisture: **XERIC**

dry or roast by exposing to heat:

**TORREFY**

dry up, make thirsty: **PARCH**

dry up or out: **EXSICCATE**

dualism in theology, belief in two

coequal gods: **DITHIEISM**

dualistic religiously or philosophically:

**MANICHAEAN**

dubious use of ploys to gain an

advantage: **GAMESMANSHIP**

duck feathers used for pillows and

quilts: **EIDERDOWN**

ducking chair on a long pole once used

for punishment: **DUCKING STOOL**

dueling sword with sharp point and no

cutting edge: **ÉPÉE**

dull: **LACKLUSTER**

dull, blunt or make stupid: **HEBETATE**

dull, commonplace: **STODGY**

dull, depressed or bored state of mind:

**DOLDRUMS**

dulled from overindulgence, worn-out,

exhausted, sated: **JADED**

dull, heavy, lethargic: **LOGY**

dull, inactive, sluggish: **TORPID**

dull, insensible, not acute: **OBTUSE**

dull, lifeless, insipid, flat: **VAPID**

dull, light-resistant: **OPAQUE**

dull, mediocre, prosaic: **PEDESTRIAN**

dull, monotonous: **HUMDRUM**

dullness, apathy, sluggishness:

**LETHARGY**

dullness, stagnation, weakness, fatigue,

dreaminess, spiritlessness:

**LANGUOR**

dullness, yawning: **OSCITANCY**

dull, ordinary, uninspired: **PROSAIC**

dull, tasteless, flat, bland, vapid: **INSIPID**

dull, trite: **BANAL**

dull, zestless: **PERFUNCTORY**

dumbfound, perplex, bewilder:

**NONPLUS**

dunghill: **MIDDEN**

dupe, tool: **CAT'S-PAW**

duplicate of a work made by the

originator, close copy: **REPLICA**

duplicate the foregoing or the above:

**DITTO**

durable, binding: **INDISSOLUBLE**

durable, permanent: **PERDURABLE**

durable products such as automobiles,

refrigerators and furniture: **HARD**

**GOODS**

dusky, dark-complexioned: **SWARTHY**

dusky, gloomy, depressed: **SOMBER**

dusty, powdery: **PULVERULENT**

duty to be nobly generous,

understanding, etc.: **NOBLESSE**

**OBLIGE**

dwarf, midget: **HOMUNCULUS**

dwelling: **ABODE**

dwelling, house, home, abode:

**DOMICILE**

dwelling that is wretched and small,

shed: **HOVEL**

dwelt or stay temporarily: **SOJOURN**

dying: **IN EXTREMIS**

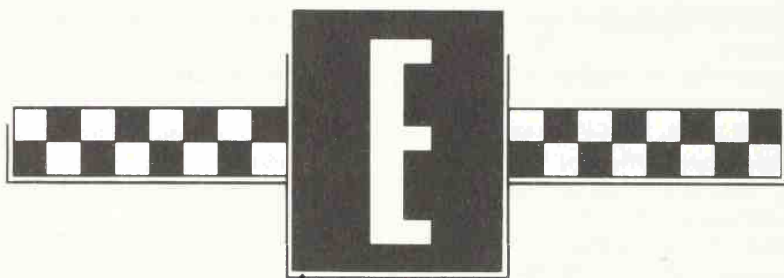
dying work, as of a writer or composer:

**SWAN SONG**

dynamically active person: **BALL OF**

**FIRE**





eager for food in quantity: **VORACIOUS**

eagerly curious or excited: **AGOG**

eagle-eyed: **ARGUS-EYED**

earache: **OTALGIA**

ear deformed by blows: **CAULIFLOWER  
EAR**

ear diseases as a study: **OTOLOGY**

ear-inspecting instrument used by  
doctors: **OTOSCOPE**

earlier, before: **ANTERIOR**

earliest stages of development,  
beginnings: **INCUNABULA**

ear-like projections for holding  
something, as a pot or a kettle:  
**LUGS**

early edition of a newspaper: **BULLDOG  
EDITION**

early in the morning: **MATUTINAL**

early morning: **COCKCROW**

early or youthful works by a writer or  
artist: **JUVENILIA**

early spring, pertaining to:  
**PRIMAVERAL**

early-retirement incentive offered to an  
older employee: **GOLDEN  
HANDSHAKE**

earnest, committed, involved: **ENGAGÉ**

earnestly appeal: **ADJURE**

earnest, warm, glowing: **FERVENT**

earnings of common stock as affected  
by bond interest and preferred  
stock dividends: **LEVERAGE**

ear reception, pertaining to: **AURAL**

ear's largest, shell-like hollow: **CONCHA**

ears ringing: **TINNITUS**

earthenware piece in broken condition:  
**POTSHERD, POTSHARD**

earthenware that is glazed, usually blue  
and white: **DELFT**

earth inhabitant: **TELLURIAN**

earthly: **TERRESTRIAL**

earthquake: **TEMBLOR**

earthquake center at the earth's surface:  
**EPICENTER**

earthquake-measuring scale: **RICHTER  
SCALE**

earthquake phenomena as a science:  
**SEISMOLOGY**

earth's physical structure as a science:  
**GEOLOGY**

earth's shape and surface points,  
determination and study of:  
**GEODESY**

earth's structure and the forces that  
change it as a scientific study:  
**TECTONICS**

earth's surface above sea level treated as  
a science: **HYPSOGRAPHY**

earth study of materials, their structure  
and characteristics: **GEOGNOSY**

earthy and extravagant or bold in  
humor: **RABELAISIAN**

earwax: **CERUMEN**

easily: **HANDILY**

easily achieved, ready or quick in  
performance, skillful: **FACILE**

easily, effortlessly, without any question  
about it: **HANDS DOWN**

easily-taken-advantage-of person,  
sucker: **SOFT TOUCH**

easing, as of discord, between nations:  
**DETENTE**

easterly wind in Mediterranean regions:  
**LEVANTER**

Eastern Hemisphere: **ORIENT**

easy for the consumer to learn and use,  
as a personal computer:

**USER-FRIENDLY**

easygoing, carefree, uninvolved: **DÉGAGÉ**

easy mark: **GULL**

easy-money position, situation, source,  
etc.: **GRAVY TRAIN**

easy to approach: **AFFABLE**

eater and drinker with discriminating  
taste: **GOURMET**

eater of much food: **TRENCHERMAN**

eater to excess: **GOURMAND**

eat, especially with someone: **BREAK  
BREAD**

eat greedily: **ENGORGE**

eating all kinds of food both animal and  
vegetable: **OMNIVOROUS**

eating as an art: **GASTRONOMY**

eating at the same table: **COMMENSAL**

eating disorder characterized by dieting  
to the point of emaciation:

**ANOREXIA NERVOSA**

eating implements: **CUTLERY**

eating many foods: **POLYPHAGIA**

eating or wearing away of a substance:  
**CORROSION**

eating sparingly: **ABSTEMIOUS**

eating to excess: **GLUTTONOUS**

eating varied foods: **PLEOPHAGOUS**

eat, nibble, snack: **NOSH**

eat or drink greedily, gorge:  
**INGURGITATE**

eat ravenously: **GUTTLE**

eat voraciously or gluttonously:  
**GOURMANDIZE**

ebb, flowing back: **REFLUX**

ebbing, flowing back: **REFLUENT**

eccentric, irregular, nonconforming:  
**ERRATIC**

eccentric, queer: **CRANKY**

ecclesiastical council: **SYNOD**

ecclesiastical cutting off of one from  
fellowship of a church:

**EXCOMMUNICATION**

ecclesiastical property being transferred  
to laymen: **IMPROPRIATED**

echoic as pertaining to words:

**ONOMATOPOEIC, ONOMATOPOETIC**

echoing loudly: **REBOANT**

echo, response: **REPLICATION**

ecology: nonavailable water of the soil:  
**ECHARD**

ecology of plant and animal  
communities: **SYNECOLOGY**

ecology: plant adjustment to a new  
habitat: **ECESIS**

ecology's basic unit, including both  
organisms and environment:

**ECOSYSTEM**

ecology: soil rather than climate as an  
affective factor: **EDAPHIC**

ecology: zone wherein two different  
species contend for dominance:

**ECOTONE**

economical: **SPARING**

economically favoring governmental  
money and tax management to  
increase employment and control  
inflation: **KEYNESIAN**

economically favoring tax reduction and  
encouragement of the business  
sector: **SUPPLY-SIDE**

economical, worth the investment or  
expense: **COST-EFFECTIVE**

economic self-sufficiency: **AUTARKY**

economic union of Belgium,  
Netherlands and Luxembourg:  
**BENELUX**

economic union of Western Europe:  
**COMMON MARKET, EUROPEAN  
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

economize, save in expenditures, be  
frugal: **SCRIMP**

economy or thrift in managing:  
**HUSBANDRY**

economy spur of governmental  
expenditures financed by  
borrowing: **DEFICIT FINANCING**

ecstasy of a religious nature:  
**THEOPATHY**

edge-adorn, decorate a border: **PURFLE**

edge of fabric so woven as not to ravel:

**SELVAGE**

edge of paper that resembles the ragged  
edge of handmade paper: **DECKLE**

**EDGE**

edge, outer part: **PERIPHERY**

edge that slopes: **BEVEL**

edging decorated with a series of  
indentations: **ENGRAILED**

edging of small loops of ribbon or  
thread: **PICOT**

edging, selvage, strip, as of cloth: **LIST**

edible: **ESCULENT**

edit: **REDACT**

edit, correct a manuscript: **BLUE-PENCIL**

editing of a text by reference to varying  
manuscripts: **RECENSION**

editorial-we use or overuse: **NOSISM**

editor of manuscripts in newspaper or  
publishing house: **COPY EDITOR**

editor's insertion mark (^): **CARET**

editor who contracts authors for a  
publishing house, often conceiving

book ideas and dealing with agents:

**ACQUISITIONS EDITOR**

edit prudishly: **BOWDLERIZE**

educated people or individuals

collectively: **INTELLIGENTSIA**

eel fishing by putting bait into the eels'

hiding places: **SNIGGLING**

eel-shaped: **ANGUILLIFORM**

eerie, strange, weird, unnatural:

**UNCANNY**

eerie, weird: **ELDRITCH**

efface, destroy completely: **OBLITERATE**

effective: **POTENT**

effective as of or from a specified past time: **RETROACTIVE**

effective, moving, working: **OPERATIVE**

effect or symptom making a certain medical treatment inadvisable:

**CONTRAINDICATION**

effect, result: **RAMIFICATION**

effect to cause: **A POSTERIORI**

effeminate: **EMASCULATED**

effeminately or affectedly prim, elegant or dainty: **MINCING**

effeminate, sexless: **EPICENE**

efficacy, potency: **VIRTUE**

efficient quickness: **DISPATCH**

eggs baked with crumbs in a buttered dish: **SHIRRED EGGS**

eggs cooked and served on toast spread with anchovy paste: **SCOTCH WOODCOCK**

eggs laid at one time: **CLUTCH**

egg white: **ALBUMEN**

egg-white glaze: **GLAIR**

egg yolk: **VITELLUS**

Egyptian monument of a mythical creature: **SPHINX**

Egyptian symbol of life: **CRUX ANSATA**

Egyptian symbol of life, a cross having as its top piece a loop: **ANKH**

eight-fold: **OCTUPLE**

eight-fold or based on the number 8:

**OCTONARY**

eight tones above or below a given one:

**OCTAVE**

eight-year period: **OCTENNIAL**

elaborate, speak or write more fully:

**EXPATiate**

elasticity, buoyancy: **RESILIENCE**

elated: **COCK-A-HOOP**

elate or excite to a degree of rapture, frenzy, etc.: **INTOXICATE**

elderly woman companion, governess, chaperon: **DUENNA**

elderly woman of dignified bearing and wealth: **DOWAGER**

eldest or senior member of a group:

**DOYEN, DOYENNE**

elect, choose: **OPT**

electioneer on a political trip, campaign on the road: **STUMP**

election held between regular ones:

**BY-ELECTION**

election that finally decides: **RUN-OFF**

electrical device for adjusting or varying current, as to brighten or dim light: **RHEOSTAT**

electrical plug third prong in addition to two standard blades:

**GROUNDING PRONG**

electric strength, unit that measures:

**AMPERE**

electromotive force measured in volts:

**VOLTAGE**

electronic devices without moving parts or heated elements: **SOLID STATE**

electronic solid-state device that controls flow of current without use of a vacuum: **TRANSISTOR**

elemental, original, primitive:

**PRIMORDIAL**

elementary: **ABECEDARIAN**

elementary: **RUDIMENTARY**

elementary in stage or form of instruction: **PROPAEDEUTIC**

element that causes a thing to be what it is: **FACTOR**

elephant keeper and driver, in India:

**MAHOUT**

elephant-like extinct mammal with curved tusks, a shaggy coat and (unlike the mammoth) complex teeth: **MASTODON**

elephant male's period (in rut) of unpredictable violence and sexual frenzy: **MUSTH**

elephant rider's seat: **HOWDAH**

elevator for conveying food from floor to floor: **DUMBWAITER**

eleven-sided figure: **HENDECAGON**

elf: **OUPHE, OUPH**

elf, sprite: **PIXIE**

elite group, place or level: **PANTHEON**

elite group within an organization:

**CADRE**

elk, large North American deer: **WAPITI**

emaciate, become thin: **MACERATE**

emaciated, haggard, hollow-eyed, gloomy, desolate: **GAUNT**

emaciation: **MARASMUS**  
 emanate, exude: **EFFUSE**  
 emanation: **EFFLUX**  
 emanation, especially foul-smelling  
     exhalation from decaying matter:  
     **EFFLUVIUM**  
 emancipate, liberate, free: **MANUMIT**  
 emasculate: **CASTRATE**  
 embarrass, disconcert:  
     **DISCOURAGEMENT**  
 embarrassed: **ABASHED**  
 embarrassed smiling: **DRY GRINS**  
 embarrassing occurrence:  
     **CONTEMPT**  
 embarrassment or distress, as at one's  
     own acts, plight, etc.: **CHAGRIN**  
 embed a material such as gold or ivory  
     into a surface so as to form a  
     decorative pattern: **INLAY**  
 embellish a speech or writing with  
     quotations, etc.: **LARD**  
 embellish, as with ornamental lines or  
     figures: **FLOURISH**  
 embellishment: **GARNITURE**  
 embezzle or misappropriate:  
     **DEFALCATE**  
 embezzle, steal funds, especially public  
     funds: **PECULATE**  
 embitter: **ENVENOM**  
 embitter, stir enduring ire: **RANKLE**  
 embodiment of an attribute or a quality  
     in a person: **PERSONIFICATION**  
 embroidery at the ankle of a sock or  
     stocking: **CLOCK**  
 embroidery that is rich: **ORPHREY**  
 emerge, come forth into the open:  
     **DEBOUCH**  
 emergency medical squad member:  
     **PARAMEDIC**  
 emergency or temporary, as applied to  
     a ship's rigging: **JURY-RIGGED**  
 emergency program that has top  
     priority: **CRASH PROGRAM**  
 emergency solution or remedy: **QUICK**  
     **FIX**  
 emigration of scientists, technicians,  
     etc., for better opportunity or pay:  
     **BRAIN DRAIN**  
 emotional for effect, theatrical:  
     **HISTRIONIC**  
 emotional in appeal: **AFFECTIVE**  
 emotional intensity, ardor: **FERVOR**  
 emotional or mental block: **INHIBITION**  
 emotional or sentimental, tearfully so:  
     **MAUDLIN**

emotional shock, injury: **TRAUMA**  
 emotionless: **APATHETIC**  
 emotionless, unfeeling, dispassionate:  
     **AFFECTLESS**  
 emotion, subjective aspect of: **AFFECT**  
 employees tend to rise to their level of  
     incompetence: **PETER PRINCIPLE**  
 employer's barring employees from  
     work until they accept his terms:  
     **LOCKOUT**  
 employer who is excessively demanding:  
     **SLAVE DRIVER**  
 employment of more workers than  
     needed: **FEATHERBEDDING**  
 empower, authorize: **WARRANT**  
 emptiness: **VACUITY**  
 empty compliment or flattery:  
     **FLUMMERY**  
 empty, flow out of, pour out from:  
     **DISEMBOGUE**  
 empty tomb: **CENOTAPH**  
 enact, establish, decree: **ORDAIN**  
 enamel-and-metal work: **CLOISONNÉ**  
 enamel- or lacquer-ornamented  
     metalware: **TOLE**  
 enchantress who changed men into  
     swine: **CIRCE**  
 enclosed feeling of boredom or  
     restlessness: **CABIN FEVER**  
 enclosed grounds or yard, as around a  
     cathedral: **CLOSE**  
 enclosed yard, close: **GARTH**  
 enclose within walls, imprison, confine,  
     surround: **IMMURE**  
 encourage: **ABET**  
 encourage: **HEARTEN**  
 encouraging, exhorting: **HORTATORY**  
 encroach, infringe: **IMPINGE**  
 end a parliamentary session: **PROROGUE**  
 end, cease: **SURCEASE**  
 ending of debate in parliamentary  
     procedure: **CLOSURE, CLOTURE**  
 ending of one or more syllables affixed  
     to a word: **SUFFIX**  
 ending section of a book or a play that  
     adds commentary or explanation:  
     **EPILOGUE**  
 ending that is unsurprising or  
     disappointing, unexciting  
     conclusion, letdown: **ANTICLIMAX**  
 endless: **INTERMINABLE**  
 endless and difficult: **SISYPHEAN**  
 end of the world: **CRACK OF DOOM**  
 end-of-the-world battle between good  
     and evil: **ARMAGEDDON**



end or withdraw by plan: **PHASE OUT**  
 endowment: **APPANAGE**

endowment, gift, estate or inheritance,  
 as of a church: **PATRIMONY**

ends being tangent or touching:

**ABUTTING**

end, termination: **EXPIRY**

end unexpectedly: **ABORT**

endurance test: **MARATHON**

endurance test, painful experience: \*

**ORDEAL**

endurance, vigor, strength: **STAMINA**  
 enemy-aiding internal force or group:

**FIFTH COLUMN**

energetic doer, fast worker: **BALL OF  
 FIRE**

energetic, in music: **VIGOROSO**  
 energy and matter as a science:

**PHYSICS**

energy, enthusiasm: **VERVE**

energy or force held as the basis for  
 phenomena of the universe:

**DYNAMISM**

enfeebled, worn out by age or use:

**DECREPIT**

engine mounted on the rear of a small  
 boat: **OUTBOARD MOTOR**

England, Britain: **ALBION**

English dessert consisting of sponge  
 cake soaked in wine and topped  
 with jam, custard and whipped  
 cream: **TRIFLE**

English holiday, November 5, honoring  
 the man who attempted to blow up  
 the Houses of Parliament in 1605:

**GUY FAWKES DAY**

English provincial university, apart  
 from Oxford and Cambridge:

**RED-BRICK UNIVERSITY**

English sporting cap with front and  
 back visors and earflaps that can  
 be tied together atop:

**DEERSTALKER**

engrave, cut into, carve: **INCISE**

engraver of precious stones: **LAPIDARY**

engross, dominate thoughts:

**PREOCCUPY**

engrossed intensely: **RAPT**

engross, involve deeply: **IMMERSE**

enigmatic, mysterious: **INSCRUTABLE**

enigmatic, prophetic: **ORACULAR**

enjoyment: **DELECTATION**

enjoyment of possessions: **FRUITION**

enlarge: **AGGRANDIZE**

enlarge a hole: **REAM**

enlarge excessively, increase unduly,  
 puff up: **INFLATE**

enlargement: **AMPLIFICATION,  
 AMPLIATION**

enlarging, growing, waxing:

**INCRESCENT**

enlighten, benefit, uplift: **EDIFY**

enlighten, illuminate, light up, make  
 clear: **IRRADIATE**

enmity, ill feeling, hostility: **BAD BLOOD**

enmity, malice: **RANCOR**

enormous, hideous: **MONSTROUS**

enormous, unwieldy, ponderous:

**ELEPHANTINE**

enormous, vast: **PRODIGIOUS**

enrage, anger: **INCENSE**

enraged, angry: **IRATE**

enroll or register in a college or  
 university as a candidate for a  
 degree: **MATRICULATE**

entangle, complicate, confuse:

**EMBRANGLE**

entangle, intertwine, involve: **IMPLICATE**  
 entanglement, complication,

intertwining: **INVOLUTION**

enter office, assume dignity: **ACCEDE**

entertain, amuse, distract: **DIVERT**

entertain, delight, give unusual pleasure  
 to: **REGALE**

enter without leave or invitation:

**INTRUDE**

enthusiasm, dash, vivacity: **ÉLAN**

enthusiasm, energy: **VERVE**

enthusiasm, zest: **GUSTO**

enthusiast: **AFICIONADO**

enthusiastic, excited, bubbling:

**EBULLIENT**

enthusiastic, fervent: **ZEALOUS**

entice by flattery or guile, draw, cajole:

**INVEIGLE**

entirely: **TOUT À FAIT**

entirely, altogether: **IN TOTO**

entire range of anything: **GAMUT**

entrance, going in, place or means to

enter: **INGRESS**

entrance hall, lobby: **FOYER**

entrance or gate: **PORTAL**

entrance or passageway, as into a mine:

**ADIT**

entreating earnestly and humbly:

**SUPLIANT**

entreaty or appeal for assistance:

**INVOCATION**

entreaty or prayer in behalf of others:

**INTERCESSION**

entrée, sure means of admission or success, access: **OPEN SESAME**  
 entry: **ACCESS**  
 envelope markings used instead of stamps: **INDICIA**  
 environmental distinctiveness: **AMBIENCE**  
 environment in relation to organisms: **ECOLOGY**  
 environment, setting: **MILIEU**  
 epic poetry muse: **CALLIOPE**  
 epidemic among animals: **EPIZOOTIC**  
 episode that is minor: **INCIDENT**  
 epithet or title substituted for one's proper name: **ANTONOMASIA**  
 equal before the law or in ability or social position: **PEER**  
 equal in number of parts: **ISOMEROUS**  
 equal in size: **COMMENSURATE**  
 equal intervals of time, characterized by: **ISOCHRONAL**  
 equality in dimensions or measurements: **ISOMETRIC**  
 equality in rank, power, condition, etc.: **PARITY**  
 equality or mingling of racial and ethnic groups: **INTEGRATION**  
 equal or equivalent: **TANTAMOUNT**  
 equal political power in a government: **ISOCRACY**  
 equal socially and politically: **EGALITARIAN**  
 equal time given to opposing viewpoints as a policy in radio and television: **FAIRNESS DOCTRINE**  
 equestrian execution of trotting slowly in place: **PIAFFE**  
 equilibrium of an organism: **HOMEOSTASIS**  
 equipment, gear, personal effects: **PARAPIERNALIA**  
 equipment or skills needed, as in medicine: **ARMAMENTARIUM**  
 equivalent, equal: **TANTAMOUNT**  
 equivocate, be evasive: **TERGIVERSATE**  
 equivocate, hesitate, blather: **WAFFLE**  
 equivocate, lie: **PREVARICATE**  
 eradicate, dislocate, uproot: **DERACINATE**  
 era, period, century: **SIÈCLE**  
 erase, delete: **EXPUNGE**  
 erase, destroy utterly, pull up by the roots, uproot: **ERADICATE**  
 erase, rub out, cancel, obliterate: **EFFACE**

erection of the penis as a persistent pathological condition: **PRIAPISM**  
 ermine in its brown summer coat: **STOAT**  
 errata: **CORRIGENDA**  
 erratic, unexpected: **WAYWARD**  
 erring, wicked: **PERVERSE**  
 erroneous, misleading: **FALLACIOUS**  
 erroneous name: **MISNOMER**  
 erroneous placement of something in time: **ANACHRONISM**  
 erroneous situating of something, something out of place or inappropriate to a country: **ANACHORISM**  
 error in reading or speaking lines: **FLUFF**  
 error in speaking that is thought to disclose a person's true feelings or thinking: **FREUDIAN SLIP**  
 errorless, faultless, flawless: **IMPECCABLE**  
 errors in a book noted as needing correction: **CORRIGENDA**  
 errors in a list: **ERRATA**  
 escape, avoid: **ELUDE**  
 escape from the law by secret departure: **ABSCOND**  
 escapism or aloofness: **IVORY TOWER**  
 escort, attendants of a person of rank: **RETINUE**  
 Eskimo boot or one similar in style: **MUKLUK**  
 Eskimo-type heavy pullover jacket with a hood, parka: **ANORAK**  
 essence of a legal complaint or accusation: **GRAVAMEN**  
 essence of something: **QUIDDITY**  
 essence of something in concentrated form: **QUINTESENCE**  
 essence or abstracted quality of anything: **DISTILLATION**  
 essential, inherent: **INTRINSIC**  
 essentially, basically, fundamentally, at bottom: **AU FOND**  
 essential matter, crux: **BOTTOM LINE**  
 essential qualities of anything: **DISTILLATION**  
 essential source of life, actions, energy: **ANIMA**  
 essential theme or part, gist: **PITH**  
 essential thing, indispensable ingredient: **SINE QUA NON**  
 essential, whole: **INTEGRAL**

established firmly by long continance:

**INVETERATE**

established firmly, deep-rooted:

**INGRAINED**

established rule or principle: **CANON**

esteem, high regard: **REPUTE**

estimate based on a guess:

**GUESSTIMATE**

estimate from evidence at hand, project  
on the basis of facts already

known: **EXTRAPOLATE**

estranged, alienated: **DISAFFECTED**

estrangement, disagreement, quarrel:

**FALLING-OUT**

estuary, coastal inlet: **FIRTH**

eternity or period of time that is

incalculable: **EON**

ethical consequences of all one's acts

(Buddhism and Hinduism): **KARMA**

ethics, science of moral obligation:

**DEONTOLOGY**

ethnic or racial slur: **ETHNOPHAULISM**

etiquette in diplomacy: **PROTOCOL**

Eucharist as given just before death:

**VIATICUM**

eulogy or praise formally delivered:

**ENCOMIUM**

European Economic Community:

**COMMON MARKET**

European or white gentleman or official  
in imperial India: **SAHIB**

European or white woman in imperial  
India, lady: **MEMSAHIB**

European rooming house: **PENSION**

European time of peace and cultural  
progress before World War I

(1871–1914): **BELLE EPOQUE**

evangelist preacher: **REVIVALIST**

evasion of main point by stressing a  
trivial point: **QUIBBLE**

evasion of painful emotions or  
unacceptable impulses by adjusting  
behavior or mental attitude:

**DEFENSE MECHANISM**

evasive action to gain time:

**TEMPORIZATION**

evasive talk or explanation, beating  
around the bush: **SONG AND  
DANCE**

even beat, as in music or speech:

**CADENCE**

even horizontally, level, flattened:

**COMPLANATE**

evening prayers or services: **VESPERS**

evening star: **HESPERUS**

even more so, all the more forcefully or  
logically: **A FORTIORI**

even on the same line or with a margin:

**FLUSH**

evergreen: **INDECIDUOUS**

everyday speech, popular or accepted

parlance: **VULGATE**

everything included: **OVERALL**

every two weeks: **BIWEEKLY**

everywhere in presence, omnipresent,

universal: **UBIQUITOUS**

everywhere present simultaneously:

**OMNIPRESENT**

evidence or proof of wrongdoing, crime,  
etc.: **SMOKING GUN**

evidence that a defendant is compelled  
to disclose in a trial or hearing:

**DISCOVERY**

evidence that if unrefuted establishes

the fact alleged: **PRIMA FACIE CASE**

evident, manifest, obvious: **PATENT**

evident, obvious, plainly apparent:

**MANIFEST**

evident, open, unconcealed: **OVERT**

evildoer, criminal: **MALEFACTOR**

evildoer, villain: **MISCREANT**

evildoing, treachery, murder: **FOUL**

**PLAY**

evil-eye-protection charm: **AMULET**

evilly treacherous person: **SNAKE IN  
THE GRASS**

evil notoriety: **INFAMY**

evil omens be absent, heaven help us,  
knock on wood: **ABSIT OMEN**

evil person: **SHAITAN**

evil, repulsive, flagrantly bad: **VILE**

evil, vile: **NEFARIOUS**

evil, wicked, odious, atrocious:

**HEINOUS**

evoke, draw forth, bring to light: **ELICIT**

evolution of any animal or plant group:

**PHYLOGENY**

evolution theory according to the Bible,  
not Darwin: **CREATIONISM**

evolving at a slower rate: **BRADYTELIC**

evolving at a faster rate: **TACHYTELIC**

evolving at a standard rate: **HOROTELIC**

exact, accurate: **PRECISE**

exact copy or reproduction: **FACSIMILE**

exact, honest: **SCRUPULOUS**

exact in rendering the words of the  
original: **LITERAL**

exact, precise, accurate: **NICE**

exact, scrupulous about detail or

observance of forms: **PUNCTILIOUS**

exaggerate a narrative with fictitious details: **EMBROIDER**  
 exaggerated drawing, characterization, version, etc.: **CARICATURE**  
 exaggerated praise or promotion: **PUFFERY**  
 exaggerated sense of buoyancy and vigor: **EUPHORIA**  
 exaggeration or overstatement intended for effect and not to be taken seriously: **HYPERBOLE**  
 exalting human to divine status: **APOTHEOSIS**  
 examination of prospective witnesses and jurors: **VOIR DIRE**  
 examination of something that has already happened: **POSTMORTEM**  
 examination of tissue removed from a living organism: **BIOPSY**  
 examination or discussion that is detailed: **CANVASS**  
 examine by feeling or touching: **PALPATE**  
 examine carefully: **SCRUTINIZE**  
 examine for validity or acceptability, authenticate, check out: **VET**  
 examine or analyze minutely, sift: **WINNOW**  
 examine or read thoroughly, scrutinize: **PERUSE**  
 examine or scrutinize carefully: **TRAVERSE**  
 example in practical terms or real life: **OBJECT LESSON**  
 example, model: **PARADIGM**  
 example of excellence: **PARAGON**  
 example or case: **INSTANCE**  
 excavation for archeological purposes: **DIG**  
 excavations as a historical study: **ARCHEOLOGY**  
 exceed a limit: **TRANSCEND**  
 exceed, excel: **OUTSTRIP**  
 exceed or surpass in cruelty or extravagance: **OUT-HEROD HEROD**  
 excel: **TRANSCEND**  
 excel, beat, surpass: **TRUMP**  
 excel, exceed: **OUTSTRIP**  
 excellence exemplified: **PARAGON**  
 excellent, fine: **COPACETIC**  
 excellent, of exceptional quality, choice: **VINTAGE**  
 excerpts or selections from literary works: **ANALECTS**

excess, abundance beyond need: **SUPERFLUITY**  
 excess in eating or drinking: **SURFEIT**  
 excessive: **INORDINATE**  
 excessive beyond usual limits: **EXORBITANT**  
 excessive, extreme: **INTEMPERATE**  
 excessive, insincere: **FULSOME**  
 excessively: **UNDULY**  
 excessiveness, extremeness, overenthusiasm: **OVERKILL**  
 excessive, unrestrained: **WANTON**  
 excess merchandise, money or value: **OVERAGE**  
 excess word or phrase: **PLEONASM**  
 exchange, as ideas: **INTERCHANGE**  
 exchange of something for something else: **QUID PRO QUO**  
 exchange or mutual granting, as by two countries, of concessions: **RECIPROCITY**  
 excited, confused, hasty: **HECTIC**  
 excited to a feverish pitch: **FRENETIC**  
 excite, enliven, stimulate: **QUICKEN**  
 excite, exhilarate, intoxicate: **INEBRIATE**  
 excitement that is great and intense: **WHITE HEAT**  
 excite or elate to a degree of rapture, frenzy, etc.: **INTOXICATE**  
 excite, rouse to action, stimulate: **GALVANIZE**  
 excite, stimulate, raise the spirits of: **ELATE**  
 excite, stimulate, sharpen: **WHET**  
 exciting or producing similar reactions in others: **INFECTIOUS**  
 exclaim, discharge suddenly and quickly: **EJACULATE**  
 exclaim loudly, shout, bawl: **VOCIFERATE**  
 exclamation, often profane: **EXPLETIVE**  
 exclamation point: **ECPHONEME**  
 exclamation that is usually one word: **INTERJECTION**  
 exclude from sacraments and solemn services, as in the Roman Catholic Church: **INTERDICT**  
 exclude, make impossible, shut out: **PRECLUDE**  
 exclude, shut out: **OSTRACIZE**  
 exclusive control of a product or service: **MONOPOLY**  
 exclusive set: **CLIQUE**  
 excrement: **DEJECTA**  
 excrement: **FECES**



excrement of humans as fertilizer:

**NIGHT SOIL**

excrete waste matter: **DEFECATE**

excusable or pardonable, as a fault:

**VENIAL**

excuse or exempt, as from a regulation:

**DISPENSE**

excuse or reason for being: **RAISON**

**D'ÊTRE**

excuse or try to excuse from blame: •

**EXTENUATE**

excuse that clears from censure,  
criticism or suspicion:

**EXCULPATION**

excuse that is not quite honest: **SALVO**

execute or attack with a cord or metal

collar that is tightened: **GARROTE**

execution or capital punishment as a

science: **KTENOLOGY**

executive recruiter: **HEADHUNTER**

executive's lavish contractual

assurances: **GOLDEN PARACHUTE**

exemption, as from a rule or law:

**DISPENSATION**

exemption from local law granted to  
members of the diplomatic corps:

**DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY**

exemption from obligation or penalty:

**IMMUNITY**

exemption from penalties or liabilities,  
compensation for loss or damage:

**INDEMNITY**

exemption or freedom from

punishment, harm or unpleasant  
consequences: **IMPUNITY**

exercise by lifting weights at different  
speeds in a continuous motion, as

with certain machines: **ISOTONIC**

**EXERCISE**

exercise by using one muscle against an  
object or another muscle without  
motion: **ISOMETRIC EXERCISE**

exercise or conditioning to improve the  
heart, lungs and circulation  
through increased oxygen  
consumption: **AEROBICS**

exercises to promote bodily grace and  
health: **CALISTHENICS**

exhausted, helpless, lying flat:

**PROSTRATE**

exhibit in which modeled figures are set  
in a naturalistic foreground, which  
blends into a painted background:

**DIORAMA**

exhibition or parade that is spectacular:

**PAGEANT**

exhibit, show or present to advantage:

**SHOWCASE**

exhilarate, excite: **INEBRIATE**

exhorting, encouraging: **HORTATORY**

existing, surviving: **EXTANT**

exit, going out, place or means to leave:

**EGRESS**

expand a business by increasing the  
variety of its products: **DIVERSIFY**

expand, grow, increase step by step:

**ESCALATE**

expanding with age: **ACCRESCENCE**

expand, stretch out, swell: **DISTEND**

expand, widen, swell: **DILATE**

expectorated matter: **SPUTUM**

expedient and wise: **POLITIC**

expedition, journey: **SAFARI**

expenditures being limited or regulated,  
as by law: **SUMPTUARY**

expense account: **SWINDLE SHEET**

expense allowance for each day: **PER**  
**DIEM**

expenses or continuous costs of  
operating a business: **OVERHEAD**

experience alone as the source of  
knowledge: **EMPIRICISM**

experience or moment spiritually or  
existentially transcendent: **PEAK**  
**EXPERIENCE**

experiment subject: **GUINEA PIG**

expert: **ADROIT**

expert: **MAVEN, MAVIN**

expert in matters of art and taste:

**CONNOISSEUR**

expertness, manual skill: **HANDINESS**

expert on recorded music: **DISCOPHILE**

expert on social elegance or aesthetic  
taste: **ARBITER ELEGANTIAE,**  
**ARBITER ELEGANTIARUM**

expert unofficial advisers or consultants:  
**BRAIN TRUST**

explain actions or happenings on  
rational grounds, which may not  
be the real motives: **RATIONALIZE**

explain away: **GLOZE**

explain away: **RESOLVE**

explainer or interpreter, scholarly critic:

**EXEGETE**

explainer or promoter: **EXPONENT**

explain, make clear: **INTERPRET**

explain or interpret: **EXPLICATE**

explanation for something complex but

that is too simple or broad:  
**PANCHRESTON**  
 explanation of a word, passage or work:  
**EXEGESIS**  
 explanation that is detailed:  
**EXPLICATION**  
 explanatory description or caption on a  
 chart, map or illustration: **LEGEND**  
 explanatory note, commentary: **GLOSS**  
 explicit, most accurate and complete:  
**DEFINITIVE**  
 explode suddenly and with violence:  
**DETONATE**  
 exploitive and powerful capitalist  
 tycoon of the late 19th century:  
**ROBBER BARON**  
 exploration of enemy positions:  
**RECONNAISSANCE**  
 explosive force of a thousand tons of  
**TNT: KILOTON**  
 explosive's effect: **BRISANCE**  
 explosive sound, or a throwing off of  
 small particles, as by frying meat:  
**SPLUTTER**  
 explosive that is trinitrotoluene: **TNT**  
 expose actual or alleged corruption:  
**MUCKRAKE**  
 expose to the sun, as for bleaching:  
**INSOLATE**  
 exposure to risk to achieve some end:  
**BRINKMANSHIP**  
 express by gestures: **GESTICULATE**  
 expressing much in a single word or  
 phrase: **HOLOPHRASTIC**  
 expressing something by negating its  
 opposite: **LITOTES**  
 expressive style: **FAÇON DE PARLER**  
 expurgate: **BOWDLERIZE**  
 extemporize: **AD LIB**  
 extended to great subtlety: **FINE-DRAWN**  
 extend, spread out: **SPLAY**  
 extension: **AMPLIFICATION**  
 extent, scope, range: **PURVIEW**  
 extenuate, alleviate: **PALLIATE**  
 extermination or destruction of an  
 entire people or national group:  
**GENOCIDE**  
 extinct, dead: **DEFUNCT**  
 extinct marine arthropod, found in  
 rocks, like a flattened oval with  
 two furrows: **TRILOBITE**  
 extinguish or satisfy thirst: **QUENCH**  
 extirpate, uproot, dislocate, eradicate:  
**DERACINATE**  
 extort: **EXACT**

extortionist: **SHYLOCK**  
 extort or swindle to get goods or  
 money: **FLAY**  
 extract or passage, especially from the  
 Bible: **PERICOPE**  
 extra day in leap year: **BISSEXTILE DAY**  
 extraneous, superfluous:  
**SUPEREROGATORY**  
 extra or complementary payment to  
 close a deal: **OWELTY**  
 extraordinary happening: **PHENOMENON**  
 extrasensory: **PARANORMAL**  
 extrasensory perception of distant  
 objects: **TELESTHESIA**  
 extra something given beyond  
 obligation: **LAGNIAPPE**  
 extravagance to impress: **CONSPICUOUS**  
**CONSUMPTION**  
 extravagant, as in entertaining or in  
 style of living: **LUCULLAN**  
 extravagant in ornamentation:  
**BAROQUE**  
 extravagantly, broadly and grossly  
 humorous: **RABELAISIAN**  
 extravagantly praise: **ADULATE**  
 extravagant, pompous: **HIGHFALUTIN**  
 extravagant, wasteful, lavish: **PRODIGAL**  
 extra vowel inserted into word:  
**ANAPTYXIS**  
 extreme, excessive: **INTEMPERATE**  
 extremely, radically, to the utter limit:  
**A OUTRANCE**  
 extremist or pretentious person:  
**HIGHFLIER**  
 extrinsic: **ADVENTITIOUS**  
 exude, emanate: **EFFUSE**  
 exult over another's bad luck: **GLOAT**  
 eyeballs being protruding or bulging:  
**EXOPHTHALMIC**  
 eyebrows being bushy and prominent:  
**BEETLE-BROWED**  
 eye disease marked by pressure within  
 the eyeball: **GLAUCOMA**  
 eye disorder in which both eyes cannot  
 be focused simultaneously on the  
 same spot: **STRABISMUS**  
 eye examination to determine response  
 to light and shadow: **SKIASCOPY**  
 eye examiner: **OPTOMETRIST**  
 eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth:  
**RETALIATION**  
 eyeglass dealer: **OPTICIAN**  
 eyeglasses that grip the bridge of the  
 nose: **PINCE-NEZ**

eyeglasses with handle into which they  
may be folded: **LORGNETTE**

eyeglasses with three-part lenses:

**TRIFOCALS**

eyeglasses with two-part lenses:

**BIFOCALS**

eye-handicapped in having divergent  
strabismus, having the eye directed  
outward: **WALLEYED**

eye in which the iris is light-colored:

**WALLEYE**

eyelet of metal or a flexible loop:

**GROMMET**

eyelid or eye wrinkles surgery:

**BLEPHAROPLASTY**

eye, make eyes at suggestively: **OGLE**

eye or sight, involving: **OCULAR**

eyes as a medical study:

**OPHTHALMOLOGY**

eyes being dark and velvety: **SLOE-EYED**

eye's circular dark aperture, within the

iris, that admits light: **PUPIL**

eye's colored circular diaphragm,

perforated by the pupil: **IRIS**

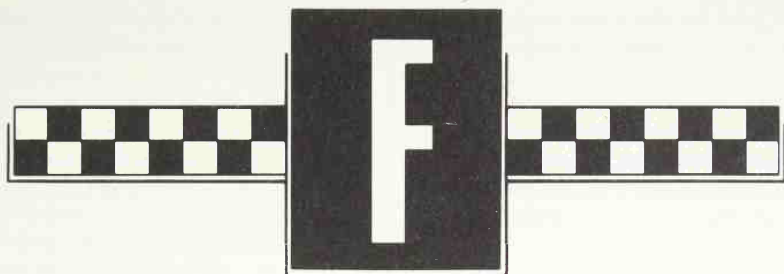
eye sees an object double: **DIPLOPIA**

eye's membrane covering over the iris

and pupil: **CORNEA**

eyes see what appear to be specks or

threads: **MUSCAE VOLITANTES**



fable or tale with a moral: **APOLOGUE**  
fabrication, fiction: **FIGMENT**  
fabric edge so woven as not to ravel:

**SELVAGE**

fabric gathered in parallel rows:

**SHIRRING**

fabric having fibers that make the  
surface fuzzy: **NAPPED**

fabric piece, usually triangular, inserted  
in a garment for reinforcement or  
roomier fit: **GUSSET**

fabric sample: **SWATCH**

fabric surface of velvet, plush or  
corduroy: **PILE**

fabric that is light, crinkled and usually  
striped: **SEERSUCKER**

fabric with a soft pile: **VELOUR**

fabric woven with a dotted pattern:

**SHARKSKIN**

fabulous or treasure-filled place: **EL**  
**DORADO**

facade, fakery or show to hide an  
unvarnished truth, false front:

**POTEMKIN VILLAGE**

face-down, lying on the stomach:

**PRONE**

face, facial expression: **VISAGE**

face that is pale and sallow: **WHEYFACE**

face to face: **VIS-À-VIS**

face-to-face meeting: **CONFRONTATION**

face upward, lying on the back: **SUPINE**

facial contour or feature, distinguishing  
characteristic: **LINEAMENT**

facial expression indicative of pain or  
annoyance: **GRIMACE**

facial features regarded as clues to  
character: **PHYSIOGNOMY**

facile, too glib: **PAT**

facilitate, quicken, speed up: **EXPEDITE**

facing each other directly to compete,  
man to man, dueling: **MANO A**  
**MANO**

facing toward one: **OBVERSE**

factual condition as distinguished from  
legal or official condition: **DE**

**FACTO**

fail disastrously: **COME A CROPPER**

fail, sink, collapse: **FOUNDER**

fail to carry out a mission: **ABORT**

fail to keep a promise: **RENEGE**

failure in duty, willful omission or

neglect: **DERELICTION**

failure or neglect to meet an obligation:

**DEFAULT**

failure that is complete or humiliating:

**FIASCO**

failure to do one's duty or what is  
required: **NONFEASANCE**

failure to realize one's intentions:

**MISCARRIAGE**

faint, hidden, unclear: **OBSCURE**

faintness or a tendency to faint:

**LIPOTHYMIA**

faint wish or desire, inclination,  
tendency: **VELLEITY**

fair, disinterested: **IMPARTIAL**

fair, impartial: **UNBIASED**

fair, impartial, reasonable: **EQUITABLE**

fairness, impartiality, justness: **EQUITY**

fairy, elf, goblin: **SPRITE**

faithful devotion to obligations:

**FIDELITY**

faithful follower: **MYRMIDON**

faithful forever: **SEMPER FIDELIS**

faithfulness, obligation owed, loyalty:

**FEALTY**

fake, false, sham, counterfeit, phony:

**BOGUS**



- falconry term for the short strap on each leg of a hawk, used for attaching a leash: **JESS**
- fallacy of a proof that misses the point: **IGNORATIO ELENCHI**
- fallacy that a book can be interpreted from biographical information about the author: **BIOGRAPHICAL FALLACY**
- fallacy that a sequence of occurrences implies a causative connection (after this, therefore on account of this): **POST HOC, ERGO PROPTER HOC**
- falling-behind or slow person, straggler: **LAGGARD**
- falling objects always roll to the most inaccessible spot: **BERNSTEIN'S FIRST LAW**
- falling off or shedding, as petals, leaves or fruit: **DECIDUOUS**
- falling out of hair: **PSILOSIS**
- falling short or the amount or degree of this: **SHORTFALL**
- fall on or pass to, as a responsibility: **DEVOLVE**
- fall or cave in, sink, collapse, fail: **FOUNDER**
- fall straight down, plunge: **PLUMMET**
- fall that is heavy: **CROPPER**
- fall upon, strike against: **IMPINGE**
- false appearance, pretense: **GUISE**
- false charges: **ASPERSIONS**
- false conception or deceptive appearance: **ILLUSION**
- false, fraudulently invented: **TRUMPED-UP**
- false front: **FACADE**
- false front: **POTEMKIN VILLAGE**
- falsehood: **FABRICATION**
- falsehood, lying, prevarication, deception: **MENDACITY**
- false information or advice, bad counsel: **BUM STEER**
- false, invented, not real: **FICTITIOUS**
- false lead: **RED HERRING**
- falsely alarm others: **CRY WOLF**
- falseness in word, treachery, perfidy: **PUNIC FAITH**
- false, not genuine: **SPURIOUS**
- false or malicious written statement or graphic representation that damages a person's reputation: **LIBEL**
- false pathos: **BATHOS**
- false sentimentality: **MAWKISHNESS**
- false, sham, counterfeit, phony, fake: **BOGUS**
- false step, mistake, error, especially in etiquette: **FAUX PAS**
- false story circulated for political purposes: **ROORBACK**
- false story, rumor: **CANARD**
- falsesetto and normal chest tones alternated in song: **YODEL**
- false verdict, unfair or undeserved accusation or judgment: **BUM RAP**
- falsify, misrepresent: **BELIE**
- fame, celebrity: **RENOWN**
- fame, publicity, fashionableness: **RECLAME**
- familiar phrase or person that represents a type: **BYWORD**
- family, branch of a family: **STIRPS**
- family, clan or group symbolic object, revered emblem: **TOTEM**
- family name: **COGNOMEN**
- family name: **PATRONYMIC**
- family or kindred, collectively: **COUSINRY**
- family tree, descent of an individual from a certain ancestor: **GENEALOGY**
- famous: **RENOWNED**
- famous and fashionable luminaries, party-going elite: **GLITTERATI**
- famous, distinguished: **ILLUSTRIOUS**
- fan: **AFICIONADO**
- fanatical enthusiast, one possessed by evil spirits: **ENERGUMEN**
- fanatical, raging: **RABID**
- fanatic, partisan who is rabid: **ZEALOT**
- fanciful humor, caprice: **WHIMSY**
- fanciful idea or notion that emerges suddenly: **WHIM**
- fanciful thought or expression: **CONCEIT**
- fancy trappings, finery: **REGALIA**
- fancy, whim, peculiarity: **CROTCHET**
- fanfare, as of trumpets: **FLOURISH**
- fan who literally follows a rock star or other entertainer: **GROUPIE**
- fan-oriented or amateurs' magazine, as for science fiction buffs: **FANZINE**
- fan-shaped: **FLABELLATE**
- fan-shaped structure: **FLABELLUM**
- fantastic: **CHIMERICAL**
- Far East two-wheeled passenger vehicle pulled by one person: **RICKSHA, RICKSHAW**
- farewell: **ADIEU**

farewell: **VALE**

farewell-bidding, as a speech:

**VALEDICTORY**

farewell drink: **STIRRUP CUP**

farm horse: **DOBBIN**

farming: **HUSBANDRY**

farming-related, rural: **GEORGIC**

farm on which vegetables are grown for market: **TRUCK FARM**

farm operated cooperatively:  
**COLLECTIVE**

farseeing: **PRESCIENT**

farsightedness as an abnormal condition of the eye: **HYPERMETROPIA**

farsightedness that accompanies aging:  
**PRESBYOPIA**

farthest possible point: **ULTIMA THULE**

fascinate, beguile: **INTRIGUE**

fascinating, enchanting: **IRRESISTIBLE**

fascinating, spectacular, astonishing:  
**EYE-POPPING**

fascist party member: **BLACKSHIRT**

fashionable: **DE RIGUEUR**

fashionable adoption of a radical or minority cause by the rich:  
**RADICAL CHIC**

fashionable and famous luminaries, party-going elite: **GLITTERATI**

fashionable dresser: **FASHION PLATE**

fashionable, in style: **À LA MODE**

fashionable, wealthy people: **JET SET**

fashionable world, high society: **BEAU MONDE**

fashion-conscious person:  
**CLOTHESHORSE**

fasten firmly: **RIVET**

fastening in the form of a hook and loop: **AGRAFE**

fasten, tie together: **COLLIGATE**

faster than the speed of sound:  
**SUPERSONIC**

fastidious, overly exacting: **FINICKY**

fasting or other ascetic practices to keep from sinning: **MORTIFICATION**

fast-talk to bluff or deceive, glib posturing: **SHUCKING AND JIVING**

fast time in music: **ALLEGRO**

fast worker, energetic doer: **BALL OF FIRE**

fat: **ADIPOSE**

fatal, deadly: **LETHAL**

fatal or ruinous act: **KISS OF DEATH**

fat and red-faced: **BLOWZY**

fat and short person: **SQUAB**

fate: **KISMET**

fat, fleshy: **CORPULENT**

fatherly: **PATERNAL**

father of a newly born child in

primitive tribes going through

motions as if he had given birth, as

by taking to bed: **COUVADE**

father's side of the family, in kinship:  
**AGNATE**

fatigue, spiritlessness, dreaminess,

dullness, stagnation: **LANGUOR**

fat-like substance: **LIPOID**

fatness: **EMBOINPOINT**

fat of beef or mutton used in making soap and candles: **TALLOW**

fat of hogs in melted form: **LARD**

fats that limit cholesterol level are:  
**POLYUNSATURATED**

fatten: **BATTEN**

fatty buttocks, especially in women:  
**STEATOPYGIA**

fatty pocked or lumpy flesh, as on the upper thigh: **CELLULITE**

fatty substance linked to atherosclerosis:  
**CHOLESTEROL**

fat, very stout: **OBESE**

faucet or valve used to drain off water or air: **PETCOCK**

faultfinder: **MOMUS**

faultfinding: **CAPTIOUS**

faultfinding: **CENSORIOUS**

faultfinding, berating: **VITUPERATION**

faultfinding, complaining, whining:  
**QUERULOUS**

fault in character that is minor: **FOIBLE**

faultless, blameless: **UNIMPEACHABLE**

faultless, flawless, errorless:

**IMPECCABLE**

fault, trivial sin: **PECCADILLO**

faulty or illogical reasoning:

**PARALOGISM**

favorable, mild, gentle: **BENIGN**

favorable, opportune, promising:

**AUSPICIOUS**

favorably disposed, auspicious, gracious:

**PROFITIOUS**

favoring one party, prejudiced, biased:

**PARTIAL**

favoritism shown to relatives in jobs:

**NEPOTISM**

fawn, cower: **CRINGE**

fawning, servile, overly obedient:

**OBSEQUIOUS**

fawning, servile person: **TOADY**

fawn upon: **ADULATE**

fear, abnormal and persistent, of a

particular thing: **PHOBIA** (also see listing under that word)  
 fear, amazement or panic that is sudden and paralyzing: **CONSTERNATION**  
 fear, anxiety, dread, apprehension: **ANGST**  
 feared thing: **BUGBEAR**  
 fearful anxiety: **TREPIDATION**  
 fearful feeling that something is about to happen: **PRESENTIMENT**  
 fearful or nervously timid person: **SCAREDY-CAT**  
 fearful, timid: **TIMOROUS**  
 fearful, timid, trembling: **TREMULOUS**  
 fear-inspiring, formidable: **REDOUBTABLE**  
 fearless, bold, dauntless: **INTREPID**  
 fear of losing sexual power: **APHANISIS**  
 fearsome, awesome: **FORMIDABLE**  
 feast, picnic or pleasure trip: **JUNKET**  
 feather beginning to emerge through the skin: **PINFEATHER**  
 feathers, from a sea duck, used for pillows and quilts: **EIDERDOWN**  
 feather shaft: **RACHIS**  
 feathers on the neck of a rooster or pigeon or hairs on the neck of a dog: **HACKLES**  
 feces, waste matter from bowels: **EXCREMENT**  
 federal funds appropriated to help an official with his constituents: **PORK BARREL**  
 federally regulated amount of credit that a bank may extend to a customer for the purchase of stock: **REGULATION U**  
 feebleminded: **ANILE**  
 feebleminded person: **AMENT**  
 feeding on other animals, exploiting others: **PREDATORY**  
 feeding on vegetables, plant-eating: **HERBIVOROUS**  
 feeding through a stomach tube: **GAVAGE**  
 feed or fodder for cattle: **STOVER**  
 feed or supply to excess: **SURFEIT**  
 feed, support, rear, train: **NURTURE**  
 feel about with the hands, grope, sprawl, flounder: **GRABBLE**  
 feeling for language: **SPRACHGEFÜHL**  
 feeling or feelings shared: **COMPATHY**  
 feelings or desires related to childhood repression newly directed toward

the psychiatrist or another person: **TRANSFERENCE**  
 feelings or emotions shared with another: **EMPATHY**  
 feel of a place or situation: **AMBIENCE**  
 feel or examine by touching: **PALPATE**  
 fee paid to obtain the services of an attorney or a consultant: **RETAINER**  
 feet or toes being characteristically turned in: **PIGEON-TOED**  
 feign, conceal, disguise, make a false show of: **DISSEMBLE**  
 fellow member, colleague: **CONFRERE**  
 fellowship: **CAMARADERIE**  
 fellowship, association: **SODALITY**  
 female and male sexual organs in one individual: **HERMAPHRODITE**  
 female demon: **SUCCUBUS**  
 female external genitals: **PUDENDUM**  
 female figure forming a column or pillar: **CARYATID**  
 female genitalia or the vulva represented as the female principle in Hinduism: **YONI**  
 female genitals subjected to oral stimulation: **CUNNILINGUS**  
 female line of kinship, involving the: **ENATE**  
 female line or maternal branch of family: **DISTAFF SIDE**  
 female nightclub singer: **CHANTEUSE**  
 female office worker with varied responsibilities: **GIRL FRIDAY, GAL FRIDAY**  
 female opera singer of note, prima donna: **DIVA**  
 female professional singer: **CANTATRICE**  
 female sex hormone: **ESTROGEN**  
 female singer in the principal role: **PRIMA DONNA**  
 female spirit, in Irish folklore, whose wail portends somebody's death: **BANSHEE**  
 feminine in conduct or role: **FEMME**  
 femininity, womanhood: **MULIEBRITY**  
 fence of rails crossed at ends so that the fence zigzags: **WORM FENCE**  
 fence or wall placed in a ditch so as not to interfere with the view: **HA-HA**  
 fermentation, as in brewing: **ZYMOLYSIS**  
 ferocious, stubborn, defiant: **TRUCULENT**  
 fertile: **PROLIFIC**  
 fertile, fruitful: **FERACIOUS**  
 fertile, fruitful, prolific: **FECUND**

fertilizer composed of bird or bat droppings: **GUANO**  
 fertilize, saturate, permeate: **IMPREGNATE**  
 fervid to an extreme, ardent: **PERFERVID**  
 fester, form pus: **SUPPURATE**  
 festival, celebration: **FIESTA**  
 fetus death by killing: **FETICIDE**  
 fetus's connection, a vascular organ, to the uterus: **PLACENTA**  
 fetus that is malformed, monstrosity: **TERATISM**  
 feud, usually a blood feud, involving families: **VENDETTA**  
 fever: **PYREXIA**  
 feverish: **FEBRILE**  
 feverishly excited: **FRENETIC**  
 feverless: **AFEBRILE**  
 fewer-words-than-the-original book or article: **ABRIDGMENT**  
 few in varieties, inferior in growth or numbers, underdeveloped: **DEPAUPERATE**  
 fewness, small quantity: **PAUCITY**  
 few words being characteristic: **LACONIC**  
 fickle: **INCONSTANT**  
 fickle: **SKITTISH**  
 fickle, frivolous, shallow: **FLIGHTY**  
 fickleness, lightness, gaiety that is inappropriate, frivolity: **LEVITY**  
 fickle person, variable thing: **WEATHERCOCK**  
 fickle, unstable, fleeting, transient: **VOLATILE**  
 fiction, fabrication: **FIGMENT**  
 fictitious: **MYTHICAL**  
 fictitious name, pen name: **PSEUDONYM**  
 fiddle-shaped: **PANDURATE**  
 fidgety, unruly, restless: **RESTIVE**  
 field near a stable where horses are exercised: **PADDOCK**  
 fiendish: **DEMONIAC**  
 fierce, harsh: **FELL**  
 fierce, malicious, unruly: **VICIOUS**  
 fierce, wild, unsociable: **FAROUCHE**  
 fiery upstart, agitator, stirrer-upper: **FIREBRAND**  
 fifth of a gallon, especially of liquor: **FIFTH**  
 fight among people that is confused and noisy: **MELEE**  
 fight, brawl or dispute that is noisy: **FRACAS**  
 fight, conflict, uproar, brawl: **FRAY**

fighter in an independent raiding band: **GUERRILLA**  
 fighting in public: **AFFRAY**  
 fighting or contending with spirit, unfaltering, courageous, plucky: **GAME**  
 fighting over words, verbal contention: **LOGOMACHY**  
 fighting with an imaginary or make-believe foe: **SCIAMACHY**  
 fig-shaped: **CARICOUS**, **SYCOSIFORM**  
 figure of a demon or grotesque creature on a building: **GARGOYLE**  
 figure of any shape with straight-line sides: **POLYGON**  
 figure of speech endowing inanimate things with human qualities: **PERSONIFICATION**  
 figure of speech, figurative turn of language: **TROPE**  
 figure of speech implying a comparison: **METAPHOR**  
 figure of speech in which an assertion is made by the negation of its opposite: **LITOTES**  
 figure of speech in which an attribute or an associated term is substituted for the name of the thing itself: **METONYMY**  
 figure of speech in which a word relating to or modifying two others accords grammatically with only one of them: **ZEUGMA**  
 figure of speech in which contradictory ideas are combined: **OXYMORON**  
 figure of speech in which the normal order of things or events is reversed: **HYSTERON PROTERON**  
 figure of speech in which two words are joined by "and" instead of the more literal, correct wording: **HENDIADYS**  
 figure of speech or construction in which a word relating to or modifying two or more words acquires different meanings: **SYLLEPSIS**  
 figure of speech that describes an event as happening before it could have happened: **PROLEPSIS**  
 figure of speech that makes a comparison by use of "as" or "like": **SIMILE**  
 figure or letter above and to the side of a character: **SUPERSCRIPT**



figure or letter below and to the side of a character: **SUBSCRIPT**  
 file of particular information, accumulated records or data: **DOSSIER**  
 filled, laden: **FRAUGHT**  
 filler for holes or cracks: **BEAUMONTAGE**  
 fill-in in a job: **LOCUM TENENS**  
 fill-in team member brought in from outside: **RINGER**  
 fill or impregnate thoroughly, permeate: **SATURATE**  
 film director or maker regarded as having a notable personal style: **AUTEUR**  
 film documentary close to reality: **CINEMA VERITÉ**  
 film of part of a television series used for trial purposes: **PILOT FILM**  
 film of tiny size for reproducing texts, pictures, etc.: **MICROFILM**, **MICROFICHE**  
 filter, dissolve out, percolate: **LEACH**  
 filth or indecency in art or literature: **COPPROLOGY**  
 filthy or foul sediment: **FECULENCE**  
 filthy or very corrupt situation or problem: **AUGEAN STABLES**  
 final and deciding election: **RUN-OFF**  
 final contestant of a team, as in a relay race: **ANCHORMAN**  
 finalism, final causes as studied in cosmology: **TELEOLOGY**  
 final lines of a poem, usually a dedication: **ENVOY**  
 final unraveling or solution in a plot: **DENOUEMENT**  
 financial: **FISCAL**  
 fine change or gradation in meaning: **NUANCE**  
 fine, delicate or lace-like surface ornamentation or design: **FILIGREE**  
 fine, excellent: **COPACETIC**  
 finely or carefully made: **WROUGHT**  
 fine point of behavior or etiquette: **PUNCTILIO**  
 fine point, subtlety: **NICETY**  
 finery, fancy trappings: **REGALIA**  
 finger: **DIGIT**  
 finger beside the little finger: **RING FINGER**  
 fingerboard bar, movable, to change the pitch of a guitar: **CAPO**  
 fingerless: **ADACTYLOUS**

fingerprint: **DACTYLOGRAM**  
 fingerprint ridge: **WHORL**  
 finger snap or quick tap with the nail of a finger that has been snapped: **FILLIP**  
 fingertip infection that is painful: **WHITLOW**  
 finicky, fussy: **NIGGLING**  
 finish used to coat fabrics, paper or other surfaces: **SIZE**  
 firearm of old used with the butt held against the chest: **PETRONEL**  
 fire-breathing monster, part goat, lion and serpent: **CHIMERA**  
 firecracker that burns with a spitting sound before exploding: **SQUIB**  
 fire engine's hydraulic ladder mounted on a turntable: **TOWER LADDER**  
 firefighter who parachutes into or near a forest fire: **SMOKE JUMPER**  
 fireflies' fire: **LUCIFERIN**  
 fire-like: **IGNEOUS**  
 fireplace, furnace floor: **HEARTH**  
 fireplace support for wood: **ANDIRON**  
 fireproof: **INCOMBUSTIBLE**  
 fire that is great and destructive: **CONFLAGRATION**  
 fireworks: **PYROTECHNICS**  
 firework that rotates: **GIRANDOLE**  
 firm, dependable: **STAUNCH**  
 firm, durable: **INDISSOLUBLE**  
 firm foundation of anything, bedrock: **HARDPAN**  
 firm, hard, obdurate: **FLINTY**  
 firm in chewing, as lightly cooked spaghetti: **AL DENTE**  
 firmly committed, ardent, thoroughgoing: **DYED-IN-THE-WOOL**  
 firmly established by long continuance: **INVETERATE**  
 firmly faithful, unwavering: **STEADFAST**  
 firm, solid, forthright: **FOURSQUARE**  
 firm, unshakable: **IMPREGNABLE**  
 first among equals: **PRIMUS** or **PRIMA INTER PARES**  
 first in rank: **PREMIER**  
 first mention or suggestion, to make: **BROACH**  
 first, original, principal: **PRIMAL**  
 first principle, fundamental: **RUDIMENT**  
 fish as a branch of zoology: **ICHTHYOLOGY**  
 fish basket used by anglers: **CREEL**  
 fish cured by splitting and drying in the air, without salting: **STOCKFISH**



fish eggs, especially in masses: **SPAWN**  
*fish group terms—see “creature terms”*

fishing boat's anchored chair for use in  
 reeling in large fish: **FIGHTING**  
**CHAIR**

fishing by dragging a hook and line  
 near the surface: **TROLLING**

fishing pronged spear: **LEISTER**  
 fish net, large, that hangs vertically

from surface floats: **SEINE**

fish or hunt illegally: **POACH**

fish resembling a sardine: **SPRAT**

fish stew of several kinds of fish:

**BOUILLABAISSE**

fish with suction discs that clings to  
 sharks: **REMORA**

fissured or cracked, chinky: **RIMOSE**

fissure or chasm, as in a glacier:

**CREVASSE**

fitness, agreement: **CONGRUITY**

fit of bad temper: **TANTRUM**

fitting, as to proportion:

**COMMENSURATE**

fit together nicely or fit together with,  
 mesh: **DOVETAIL**

fit together, unify, bring together into a  
 whole: **INTEGRATE**

five-element design of four squared  
 things and one in the middle:

**QUINCUNX**

five-fold: **QUINTUPLE**

five-fold or based on the number 5:

**QUINARY**

five-line stanza: **CINQUAIN**

five-year period: **LUSTRUM**

fixed amount, as of work to be done in  
 a specified time: **STINT**

fixed, blank, uncomprehending: **GLASSY**

fixed idea: **IDÉE FIXE**

fixed in one place: **STABILE**

fixed price for a whole meal: **PRIX FIXE**

fixed, unchangeable: **INFLEXIBLE**

fix in place: **IMMOBILIZE**

fix the eyes or attention of: **RIVET**

fix upon a sharp stake: **IMPALE**

flabby, intellectually or morally:

**INVERTEBRATE**

flabby, not firm or vigorous, weak,  
 limp: **FLACCID**

flag fixed to a crosspiece rather than a  
 pole: **GONFALON**

flagrant, glaring, conspicuously bad:

**EGREGIOUS**

flag's upper inner corner or the box  
 part of its design: **CANTON**

flaming, flaring: **IGNESCENT**

flaming, said of food served flaming  
 with ignited brandy or other  
 liquor: **FLAMBÉ**

flaring, flaming: **IGNESCENT**

flash like lightning: **FULGURATE**

flashy, cheap dress or ornamentation:

**FRIPPERY**

flask-shaped: **LAGENIFORM**

flat and broad blade-like instrument for  
 spreading, as plaster or cake icing:

**SPATULA**

flat and open country: **CHAMPAIGN**

flat, bland, dull, tasteless: **INSIPID**

flat, broad piece: **SLAB**

flat, dull, lifeless, insipid: **VAPID**

flattened, made horizontal or level:

**COMPLANATE**

flatterer who is servile, parasite:

**SYCOPHANT**

flatter or coax to persuade: **WHEEDLE**

flatter, wheedle: **BLANDISH**

flatter worshipfully: **ADULATE**

flattery, empty compliment: **FLUMMERY**

flattery or blather contrived as a means

of persuasion: **SNOW JOB**

flatulence remedy: **CARMINATIVE**

flavor-enhancing chemical:

**MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE**

flavor or odor imbued in a substance:

**TINCTURE**

flavor, taste: **SAPOR**

flawless, errorless, faultless:

**IMPECCABLE**

flawless, warranting no criticism:

**UNEXCEPTIONABLE**

fleeting, quickly passing: **FUGACIOUS**

fleeting, transient, fickle, unstable:

**VOLATILE**

fleeting, transitory: **EVANESCENT**

fleet of large merchant ships: **ARGOSY**

flesh-eating mammals: **CARNIVORES**

fleshly: **CARNAL**

flesh of the mid-body that is uneven  
 and unattractive: **CELLULITE**

fleshy, fat: **CORPULENT**

fleshy part below the lower jaw: **JOWL**

flexible, bendable: **PLIABLE**

flexible, easily bending or shifting:

**SUPPLE**

flexible, pliable: **MALLEABLE**

flickering, radiating softly: **LAMBENT**

flicker low, as a candle flame: **GUTTER**

flight overnight or late at night:

**RED-EYE**

flighty, giddy, foolish: **HAREBRAINED**  
 flighty, haughty: **HOITY-TOITY**  
 flimsily built: **JERRYBUILT**  
 flimsy, delicate substance: **GOSSAMER**  
 flimsy, delicate, thin: **TENUOUS**  
 flippant, light manner of talk or writing: **PERSIFLAGE**  
 flippantly humorous, jesting: **FACETIOUS**  
 flirtatious glance, ogling look: **OEILLADE**  
 flirtatious woman who stays a virgin: **DEMI-VIERGE**  
 flirt or act in a trifling manner: **COQUET**  
 float, carry or move gently: **WAFI**  
 floating cylinder or boat to support a temporary bridge: **PONTOON**  
 floating goods after a shipwreck, flotsam: **WAVESON**  
 floating objects on a body of water: **FLOTSAM**  
 floating or living near the water's surface, as certain aquatic organisms: **EMERSAL**  
 floating, swimming: **NATANT**  
 floating wreckage: **FLOTSAM**  
 flocking together, a crowd: **CONFLUENCE**  
 floodlight used in making motion pictures: **KLIEG LIGHT**  
 flood of the tide in an estuary: **EAGRE**  
 flood or overwhelm with abundance or excess: **INUNDATE**  
 flood, pertaining to, especially the flood at the time of Noah: **DILUVIAL**  
 floors of inlaid woodwork: **PARQUETRY**  
 floral essence for perfume: **ATTAR**  
 florid, overelaborate, profusely or finely baroque: **ROCOCO**  
 florid, showy, bombastic, ornate: **FLAMBOYANT**  
 florid, showy, excessively ornamented: **ORNATE**  
 flounder, splash: **SLOSH**  
 flourish at the end of a signature: **PARAPH**  
 flourishing, happy, prosperous: **PALMY**  
 flower and ornamental-plant culture: **FLORICULTURE**  
 flower, bloom forth, blossom: **EFFLORESCE**  
 flower bunch, small bouquet, posy: **NOSEGAY**  
 flowering, flourishing: **INFLORESCENCE**  
 flowerless: **ANANTHOUS**  
 flowers, in a bunch: **BOUQUET**

flowers or foliage planted in an abstract design: **CARPET BEDDING**  
 flower that is small: **FLORET**  
 flowery, excessively ornate: **FLORID**  
 flowery, metaphorical: **FIGURATIVE**  
 flowery speech or writing: **EUPHUIISM**  
 flowing and sweet-sounding: **MELLIFLUOUS**  
 flowing back, ebb: **REFLUX**  
 flowing back, ebbing: **REFLUENT**  
 flowing, discharge: **FLUX**  
 flowing in: **INFLUENT**  
 flowing out: **EFFLUENCE**  
 flowing together: **CONFLUENCE**  
 flow into a larger area, as into a river or valley: **DEBOUCH**  
 flow of water beneath and opposite to the surface current: **UNDERTOW**  
 flow out of, pour out from, empty: **DISEMBOGUE**  
 fluctuate, swing back and forth: **OSCILLATE**  
 fluffy-particle-like, woolly in loose bits, like soft flakes: **FLOCCULENT**  
 fluid, in mythology, that flows in the veins of the gods: **ICHOR**  
 fluidless: **ANEROID**  
 flushed, ruddy: **FLORID**  
 fluster, excitement, bustle: **POTTER**  
 fluted or crimped ornamentation, as along the edge of fabric: **GOFFER**  
 flute played while held outward from the mouth and having a plug, or fipple, near the mouthpiece: **RECORDER**  
 flutter, beat rapidly: **PALPITATE**  
 flying, able to fly: **VOLANT**  
 flying horse: **PEGASUS**  
 flying or gliding one-person apparatus like a kite: **HANG GLIDER**  
 flying saucers as a field of inquiry: **UFOLOGY**  
 foam, scum, froth: **SPUME**  
 fodder, food suitable for horses and cattle: **FORAGE**  
 fodder or feed for cattle: **STOVER**  
 fog containing ice particles: **POGONIP**  
 foggy, misty, indefinite: **NUBILOUS**  
 fog, mist: **BRUME**  
 foil, frustrate, obstruct: **THWART**  
 folded backward: **REPLICATE**  
 folded fan-like: **PLICATED**  
 fold of cloth doubled back and pressed flat: **PLEAT**

foliage that has fallen in a forest: **DUFF**  
 folklore as a study: **STORIOLOGY**  
 folk singers' meeting for a public performance: **HOOTENANNY**  
 folkways or customs of a social group: **MORES**  
 follies or vices attacked by ridicule or wit: **SATIRE**  
 follow closely upon something: **SUPERVENE**  
 follower or favorite who behaves servilely: **MINION**  
 followers or companions in a group: **COHORT**  
 followers, retainers or attendants in a group: **ENTOURAGE**  
 follower with material or selfish motives, opportunistic parasite: **HANGER-ON**  
 following, as an effect or conclusion: **CONSEQUENTIAL**  
 following in time: **SUBSEQUENT**  
 fond overly of or submissive to one's wife: **UXORIOUS**  
 fond of others' company: **GREGARIOUS**  
 fond overly of or submissive to one's husband: **MARITORIOUS**  
 food: **ALIMENT**  
 food: **NUTRIMENT**  
 food, cheap and popular among Southern blacks: **SOUL FOOD**  
 food, especially a choice type or morsel: **VIAND**  
 food expert: **EPICURE**  
 food for body or mind: **ALIMENT**  
 food, means of support, livelihood: **SUSTENANCE**  
 food mixture of oatmeal, nuts, raisins, etc.: **GRANOLA**  
 food-poisoning bacteria: **PTOMAINE**  
 food poisoning often fatal: **BOTULISM**  
 food prepared by highly skilled chefs: **HAUTE CUISINE**  
 food reheated: **RECHAUFFÉ**  
 food scrap, crumb: **ORT**  
 food suitable for horses or cattle, fodder: **FORAGE**  
 food that is coarse: **ROUGHAGE**  
 fool around or hesitate, dawdle, be irresolute, vacillate: **SHILLY-SHALLY**  
 fool around, waste time, be idle: **FUTZ**  
 fool around, waste time, dawdle: **LALLYGAG, LOLLYGAG**

fool, deceive, cheat, frustrate, con: **SNOOKER**  
 fooled or cheated easily: **GULLIBLE**  
 foolhardiness, heedlessness: **TEMERITY**  
 foolish appearance given to something or someone: **STULTIFIED**  
 foolish, flighty, giddy: **HAREBRAINED**  
 foolish, idiotic, stupid: **FATUOUS**  
 foolish love, unreasoning passion: **INFATUATION**  
 foolishly wasteful and involved procedure: **RIGMAROLE**  
 foolish or excessive affection: **DOTAGE**  
 foolish or senseless talk: **DRIVEL**  
 foolish, stupid, brutish, unmoved: **INSENSATE**  
 foolish, talkative person: **BLATHERSKITE**  
 fool, stupid person: **BONEHEAD**  
 foot and toenail treatment: **PEDICURE**  
 football action after the ball has been snapped by the center: **SCRIMMAGE**  
 football area between the goal line and the end line where a touchdown may be scored: **END ZONE**  
 football catch, indicated to officials by an arm signal by the waiting receiver, upon which the receiver may not advance or be tackled: **FAIR CATCH**  
 football change in the planned play or formation called out at the line of scrimmage: **AUDIBLE**  
 football defense in which extra backs or extra linebackers are used to thwart a long pass: **PREVENT DEFENSE**  
 football defense using five backs, or one extra back instead of a linebacker: **NICKEL DEFENSE**  
 football defense using six backs, or two extra backs instead of linebackers: **DIME DEFENSE**  
 football defensive player stationed just behind the linemen: **LINEBACKER**  
 football field corner at the goal line: **COFFIN CORNER**  
 football illegality consisting of blocking from behind an opponent who is not carrying the ball: **CLIPPING**  
 football kicked after being dropped from the hands but before touching the ground: **PUNT**  
 football kick in which the ball is

- dropped, then kicked as it bounces up from ground: **DROP KICK**
- football kickoff method tried by the losing team to recover the ball immediately, usually through a low and oblique kick easily fumbled by the opponent: **ON-SIDE KICK**
- football lineman between the guard and the end: **TACKLE**
- football line parallel to the goal line along which teams take positions at the start of play: **LINE OF SCRIMMAGE**
- football maneuver in which one back hands the ball to another: **HANDOFF**
- football offensive formation with the quarterback behind the center and the fullback behind him flanked by the halfbacks: **T FORMATION**
- football offensive play in which two backs from opposite sides run toward the quarterback with one receiving a handoff and the other feigning it: **CROSS BUCK**
- football official supervising at the sidelines: **LINESMAN**
- football pass having little probability of being completed, as a long and high one coming down near a cluster of players in the end zone: **HAIL MARY PASS**
- football pass play initiated to look like a running play, as with a faked handoff: **PLAY-ACTION PASS**
- football pass that moves parallel to the passer's goal line rather than forward: **LATERAL PASS**
- football place kick that starts play at the beginning of each half or following a touchdown: **KICKOFF**
- football player, one of a pair who with the quarterback and fullback make up the backfield: **HALFBACK**
- football players behind the linemen: **BACKFIELD**
- football players providing protection for the ball carrier: **INTERFERENCE**
- football player stationed behind the quarterback: **FULLBACK**
- football player who calls the signals: **QUARTERBACK**
- football play involving both a lateral pass or handoff and a forward pass in either order: **FLEA-FLICKER**
- football play in which a player grounds the ball behind his own goal line after it has been moved there by an opponent: **TOUCHBACK**
- football play in which the ball is thrown toward the passer's goal: **FORWARD PASS**
- football play that goes awry: **BROKEN PLAY**
- football play whereby the quarterback retreats as though to pass but hands off to a back who exploits the opening left by the onrushing defenders: **DRAW PLAY**
- football score of six points made by touching the ball down or catching it behind the opponent's goal line: **TOUCHDOWN**
- football scoring of one or two extra points after a touchdown: **CONVERSION**
- football sideline officials who move the box showing the down and the ten-yard measuring chain: **BOX-AND-CHAIN CREW**
- football tactic of a concerted rush by several defenders at the quarterback: **BLITZ**
- football term for a player's touching the ball to the ground or catching it behind his own goal line at the cost of two points: **SAFETY**
- football term for being ahead of the ball before it is snapped by the center: **OFFSIDE**
- football term for charging the opposing quarterback by rushing through the line: **BLITZ**
- football term for putting the ball in play: **SNAP**
- footprint or other trace of a wild animal: **SPOOR**
- foot race 26.2 (42.2 kilometers) long: **MARATHON**
- footrest or stool-like seat that is padded: **HASSOCK**
- foot section above the arch, on the upper side, between the ankle and the toes: **INSTEP**
- footstool, usually upholstered: **HASSOCK**
- foot that is flat and turned out: **SPLAYFOOT**
- foot medical treatment: **PODIATRY**
- forbearance, patient endurance or suffering: **LONGANIMITY**



forbid a person to have or do something: **INTERDICT**  
 forbidden: **VERBOTEN**  
 forbidden, banned: **TABOO**  
 forbidden, beyond the lawful powers of: **ULTRA VIRES**  
 forbidden but clandestinely printed literature in the U.S.S.R.: **SAMIZDAT**  
 forbidding by law reporters or others from disclosing details of a case to the public: **GAG ORDER**  
 forced feeding: **GAVAGE**  
 forced labor, particularly for repairing roads: **CORVÉE**  
 force of destruction that is slow and irresistible: **JUGGERNAUT**  
 force oneself or one's opinion on someone else: **OBTRUDE**  
 force oneself upon others: **INTRUDE**  
 force or compel to go: **HALE**  
 force or drive to action, urge on: **IMPEL**  
 force or pack down by repeated pressure: **TAMP**  
 force or spirit from within that guides: **NUMEN**  
 force others aboard a ship through use of violence or intoxicants: **SHANGHAI**  
 forces at work in any field: **DYNAMICS**  
 force that balances another force: **COUNTERPOISE**  
 force that is overpowering or coercive: **FORCE MAJEURE**  
 force that sets a body in motion: **IMPETUS**  
 force unjustly: **EXACT**  
 force, use of: **DURESS**  
 forcible separation, as surgically or by a flood: **AVULSION**  
 foreboding: **PREMONITION**  
 foreboding: **PRESENTIMENT**  
 forefather, earliest ancestor: **PRIMOGENITOR**  
 forefather, source: **PROGENITOR**  
 forefinger: **INDEX FINGER**  
 forefront, as of technological research or progress: **CUTTING EDGE**  
 forehead just above the nose and between the eyebrows: **GLABELLA**  
 forehead mark worn by Hindus: **TILAK**  
 foreign dweller but a native of another country: **EXPATRIATE**  
 foreign geographical name, place name in a different language: **EXONYM**

foreignness or uncertainty as a feeling in a very different place: **CULTURE SHOCK**  
 foreign workers or influence thought to be excessive, foreign infiltration: **ÜBERFREMDUNG**  
 foreknowledge: **PRESCIENCE**  
 foreknowledge by God theorized as well as salvation and damnation being preordained: **PREDESTINATION**  
 forerunner, preliminary comer or manifestation: **PRECURSOR**  
 foreshadow: **ADUMBRATE**  
 foreshadow, warn: **PORTEND**  
 foresight, prudent economy: **PROVIDENCE**  
 foreskin: **PREPUCE**  
 forest fire spreading at treetops: **CROWN FIRE**  
 forests of a certain region and their characteristics: **SILVA**  
 foretell: **VATICINATE**  
 foreteller of events: **SOOTHSAYER**  
 foretell, indicate beforehand: **PROGNOSTICATE**  
 foretelling by omens: **AUGURY**  
 foretelling the future, prophecy: **DIVINATION**  
 forethought: **CALCULATION**  
 forever: **AD INFINITUM**  
 for example, by way of example: **E.G. (EXEMPLI GRATIA)**  
 forgetfulness, disregard: **OBLIVION**  
 forgetfulness, forgetting, obliviousness: **OBLIVESCENCE**  
 forgetfulness, oblivion: **LETHÉ**  
 forgetting temporarily a word, tip-of-the-tongueness: **LETHOLOGICA**  
 forgivable, as sins: **REMISSIBLE**  
 forgiveness: **ABSOLUTION**  
 forgo, relinquish, give up: **WAIVE**  
 forked, branching: **FURCATE**  
 forked twig or branch popularly thought to be effective in finding underground water: **DIVINING ROD**  
 fork with three broad tines, one sharp: **RUNCIBLE SPOON**  
 formal in an artificial way, pompous: **STILTED**  
 form a point of view beforehand: **PRECONCEIVE**  
 formation in ranks or steps, as with troops, fleets or airplanes: **ECHELON**



formed, fashioned: **WROUGHT**

formed into a rounded mass:

**GLOMERATE**

former: **QUONDAM**

former, onetime, previous: **ERSTWHILE**

formidable, fear-inspiring:

**REDOUBTABLE**

form-lacking or indefinite: **AMORPHOUS**

formless: **INCHOATE**

form only: **PRO FORMA**

form, shape, outline: **FIGURATION**

forsaking one's faith, party or

principles: **APOSTASY**

forte, one's occupation for which he or

she is particularly suited: **MÉTIER**

for the time being, temporary,

provisional: **PRO TEMPORE**

forthright, firm, solid: **FOURSQUARE**

fortification, bulwark: **RAMPART**

fortification, stronghold, remote and

secure place: **FASTNESS**

fortified place: **BASTION**

fortnightly: **BIWEEKLY**

fortune-teller, sorceress: **SIBYL**

fortune-telling card deck: **TAROT**

fortune-telling from the lines of the

palm: **PALMISTRY**

fortune-telling, sorcery, black magic:

**NECROMANCY**

for want of something better: **FAUTE DE**

**MIEUX**

forward, overconfident, arrogant:

**PRESUMPTUOUS**

forward-thrusting or -moving:

**POSIGRADE**

fossil study or examination of

prehistoric forms of life:

**PALEONTOLOGY**

foul or filthy sediment: **FECULENCE**

foul-smelling: **MEPHITIC**

foul-up, malfunction, snag: **GLITCH**

foundation of stones thrown together:

**RIPRAP**

foundation or basic facilities of a

community: **INFRASTRUCTURE**

four-dimensional continuum—three of

space plus time: **SPACE-TIME**

four-fold: **QUADRUPLE**

four-fold or based on the number 4:

**QUATERNARY**

four, group of four: **TETRAD**

four-year period: **QUADRENNIUM**

fox hunter's usually scarlet coat: **PINK**

**COAT, PINKS**

fox-like, sly, crafty: **VULPINE**

fracas, rough-and-tumble clash:

**SCRIMMAGE**

fragilely delicate or collapsible

structure, plan, etc.: **HOUSE OF**

**CARDS**

fragment, as of pottery: **SHARD**

fragments or particles separated from

rock masses by erosion or glaciers:

**DETRITUS**

fragments or selections from literary

works: **ANALECTS**

fragrant, suggestive of something:

**REDOLENT**

frame of mind: **DISPOSITION**

frame of mind: **POSTURE**

frame of wood used for sawing wood:

**SAWHORSE**

framework like a bridge for holding the

rails of a traveling crane: **GANTRY**

framework, structure: **FABRIC**

France's nuclear strike force: **FORCE DE**

**FRAPPE**

frank and private: **HEART-TO-HEART**

frank, innocent, simple, naive,

straightforward: **INGENUOUS**

fraudulently invented, false:

**TRUMPED-UP**

fraudulent or illegitimate doctor,

charlatan: **QUACK**

fraudulent or tricky action: **JOCKEYING**

freakish, strange: **OUTLANDISH**

freckle: **LENTIGO**

free advance to the next round, as by a

highly ranked competitor: **BYE**

free and easy, offhand: **CAVALIER**

freedom from restrictions: **LATITUDE**

freedom or exemption from

punishment, harm or unpleasant

consequences: **IMPUNITY**

free, emancipate, liberate: **MANUMIT**

free-for-all, brawl marked by roughness:

**DONNYBROOK**

free from blame, prove innocent:

**EXCULPATE**

free from bondage or restraint:

**EMANCIPATE**

free from fever: **A FEBRILE**

free from slavery, admit to citizenship:

**ENFRANCHISE**

free of charge: **GRATIS**

free ticket, pass: **ANNIE OAKLEY**

free-ticket possessor or user: **DEADHEAD**

free, unpaid-for thing or privilege:

**FREEBIE**

free will denied or minimized in regard to human behavior: **DETERMINISM**  
 freezing the dead or diseased in hope of future revival or cure: **CRYONICS**  
 freight train's rear car: **CABOOSE**  
 French city district: **ARRONDISSEMENT**  
 French cooking stressing light sauces, vegetables and less richness or fat: **NOUVELLE CUISINE**  
 French for "good-bye," "till next time": **AU REVOIR**  
 French for "good day": **BON JOUR**  
 French for "good evening": **BON SOIR**  
 French for "thank you": **MERCI**  
 French iris-like symbol: **FLEUR-DE-LIS**  
 French king's oldest son: **DAUPHIN**  
 French kiss: **CATAGLOTTISM**  
 French quotation marks (<< >>): **GUILLEMETS**  
 French strong liqueur containing wormwood (now illegal): **ABSINTHE**  
 French working girl, especially one with free and easy manners: **GRISSETTE**  
 frenzied, raging: **MADDING**  
 frequently occurring: **PREVALENT**  
 frequent visitor to a place: **HABITUÉ**  
 fresh, springlike, youthful: **VERNAL**  
 fret, complain: **REPINE**  
 fretful, jittery, balky: **RESTIVE**  
 fried rapidly with little fat: **SAUTÉD**  
 friendliness, hospitality, coziness: **GEMÜTLICHKEIT**  
 friendliness that is warm and effusive: **EMPRESSEMENT**  
 friendly: **AFFABLE**  
 friendly: **AMICABLE**  
 friendly and solicitous toward guests: **HOSPITABLE**  
 friendship and mutual help among influential female comrades: **OLD GIRL NETWORK**  
 friendship and mutual help among influential male comrades: **OLD BOY NETWORK**  
 friendship or loyalty weakened or destroyed: **DISAFFECTION**  
 friend who is exceedingly close to one: **ALTER EGO**  
 friend who is no friend, cunning betrayer: **SNAKE IN THE GRASS**  
 frightened easily: **SKITTISH**  
 frightened, panicky mood: **FUNK**  
 frighten with threats: **INTIMIDATE**  
 frightful: **HORRENDOUS**  
 frigid, arctic: **HYPERBOREAN**

fringed, as a plant: **LACINIATE**  
 frisk about, frolic: **DISPORT**  
 frisk about or prance: **CAVORT**  
 frivolity, fickleness, lightness, gaiety that is inappropriate: **LEVITY**  
 frivolous, impulsive, irresponsible: **FLIGHTY**  
 frivolous, restless, superficial: **YEASTY**  
 frolic or amuse oneself, frisk about: **DISPORT**  
 frolic, skip or leap about: **GAMBOL**  
 frolic with hilarity: **SKYLARK**  
 from another source, not from the document or evidence at hand: **ALIUNDE**  
 from nothing: **EX NIHILO**  
 from the beginning, again, anew: **DE NOVO**  
 from the depths of sorrow or anguish: **DE PROFUNDIS**  
 frontal, in front of: **ANTERIOR**  
 front end of a boat: **BOW**  
 front or phony corporation: **DUMMY CORPORATION**  
 front or primary side of something, such as a coin: **OBVERSE**  
 froth, foam, scum: **SPUME**  
 frozen, icy: **GELID**  
 frozen layered dessert of ice cream, syrup and fruit in a slender glass: **PARFAIT**  
 frugal, careful, cautious: **CHARY**  
 fruit-bearing: **FRUITION**  
 fruit-eating: **FRUGIVOROUS**  
 fruitful: **PROCREANT**  
 fruitful, fertile: **FERACIOUS**  
 fruitful, fertile, prolific: **FECUND**  
 fruitful, inventive, productive: **PREGNANT**  
 fruitless, unsuccessful: **INEFFECTUAL**  
 fruit's (citrus) white covering beneath the rind: **ALBEDO**  
 fruits stewed in syrup: **COMPOTE**  
 frustrate, confuse, defeat the plans of: **DISCOMFIT**  
 frustrate, obstruct, foil: **THWART**  
 frying pan of iron and with a long handle: **SPIDER**  
 fulfillment: **FRUITION**  
 full, absolute, complete: **PLENARY**  
 full and rounded, as a voice: **OROTUND**  
 full attendance, as in a legislative body: **PLENUM**  
 fuller statement, addition for fuller explanation: **EPEXEGESIS**

full length: **IN EXTENSO**  
 full moon after the harvest moon:  
   **HUNTER'S MOON**  
 fullness of a container lacking by this  
   amount: **ULLAGE**  
 full of meaning: **PREGNANT**  
 full, overflowing: **TEEMING**  
 full power being conferred:  
   **PLENIPOTENTIARY**  
 full, sated, amply supplied: **REPLETE**  
 full-sounding, loud: **SONOROUS**  
 fully and energetically, with  
   determination, all out: **HAMMER**  
   **AND TONGS**  
 fumble, bungle, misplay: **FOOZLE**  
 fumbler who drops things:  
   **BUTTERFINGERS**  
 functionary, bureaucrat: **APPARATCHIK**  
 fundamental, basic, inherent: **ORGANIC**  
 fundamental principle, basis:  
   **HYPOSTASIS**  
 fund invested so that its gradual  
   accumulations will pay a debt:  
   **SINKING FUND**  
 funds for a new or risky enterprise:  
   **VENTURE CAPITAL**  
 funeral hymn, dirge: **EPICEDUM**  
 funeral hymn, lament: **DIRGE**  
 funeral loving, pleasure in attending  
   obsequies: **TAPHOPHILIA**  
 funeral pile: **PYRE**  
 funeral rites: **OBSEQUIES**  
 funeral song, dirge: **THRENODY**  
 funnel- or cone-shaped:  
   **INFUNDIBULIFORM**  
 funny to a great degree, hilarious:  
   **UPROARIOUS**  
 fun, quip, playfulness: **JEST**  
 fun that is noisy and rough:  
   **HORSEPLAY**  
 fur hat that is cylindrical, worn by

hussars, marching band leaders,  
 etc.: **BUSBY**  
 Furies: **EUMENIDES**  
 furious, enraged: **LIVID**  
 furiously angry, maddened: **HORN-MAD**  
 furnace floor, fireplace: **HEARTH**  
 furnace or oven for baking or drying  
   bricks, pottery, cement: **KILN**  
 furnished one-room apartment:  
   **BED-SITTER**  
 furnishings, clothing, accoutrements:  
   **HABILIMENTS**  
 furnishings, equipment, interior decor:  
   **APPOINTMENTS**  
 furnish, supply: **PURVEY**  
 furniture leg that is curved and tapered:  
   **CABRIOLE**  
 fur, or other covering of a mammal:  
   **PELAGE**  
 furtive: **CLANDESTINE**  
 furtively move about: **SKULK**  
 furtive, sneaky, sly: **WEASELLY**  
 fuse or blend together: **COALESCE**  
 fuss, commotion in a relatively simple  
   situation: **TSIMMES**  
 fuss over something trivial: **FOOFARAW**  
 fussy, old-fashioned person:  
   **FUDDY-DUDDY**  
 fussy, overprecise, finicky: **NIGGLING**  
 fussy person: **FUSSBUDGET**  
 fussy, precise, overly fastidious,  
   exacting: **FINICKY**  
 futile endeavor: **WILD-GOOSE CHASE**  
 futilely sought thing that is a delusion:  
   **WILL-O'-THE-WISP**  
 futile, unsuccessful: **UNAVAILING**  
 future event referred to as if it had  
   already happened: **PROLEPSIS**  
 future generations: **POSTERITY**  
 fuzzy or hairy, in botany: **COMATE**



gad about, walk about idly or aimlessly:  
**TRAIPSE**

gadget or device, the name of which is  
forgotten: **DINGUS**

gaiety: **JOLLITY**

gaiety or merriment that is exuberant  
and noisy: **HILARITY**

gaiety that is inappropriate, frivolity,  
fickleness, lightness: **LEVITY**

gains equaling losses in a system, game,  
etc.: **ZERO-SUM**

gallant, courteous, generous:  
**CHIVALROUS**

gallant or courtly man: **CAVALIER**

gallery or portico at the side of a  
building and usually roofed:  
**VERANDA**

gallery or portico that is arcaded and  
built into the side of a building:  
**LOGGIA**

gallows: **GIBBET**

gambling or luck being a cause or  
reason: **ALEATORY**

gambling system in which one doubles  
the stakes to recover previous  
losses: **MARTINGALE**

game in which one team fails to score:  
**SHUTOUT**

game of ball, popular in Latin America,  
played with a curved basket  
fastened to the arm: **JAI ALAI**

game with shells or cups that is a con  
game, calling for the bettor to  
guess under which covering a pea  
or similar object lies: **THIMBLERIG**

gang once empowered to seize and force  
men into naval or military service:  
**PRESS-GANG**

gangrenous: **SPHACELATE**

gap, blank: **LACUNA**

gape, stare stupidly: **GAWK**

gap in a mountain through which a  
torrent passes: **FLUME**

gaping or expanse of open mouth:  
**RICTUS**

gap, opening, break or interruption of  
continuity: **HIATUS**

garbage or refuse, large container for:  
**DUMPSTER**

garden cultivation: **HORTICULTURE**

garden for quiet pleasure: **PLEASANCE**

garden's protective ground covering, as  
of compost, sawdust or moss:  
**MULCH**

garden party or picnic on a grand scale:  
**FÊTE CHAMPÊTRE, FÊTE GALANTE**

garlic-like or onion-like in taste or  
smell: **ALLIACEOUS**

garment like a skirt worn by both sexes  
in the Malay Archipelago: **SARONG**

garment of one piece often worn over  
regular clothes: **COVERALL**

garment, one-piece and tight-fitting,  
worn by dancers and acrobats:  
**LEOTARD**

garments that dry quickly after washing  
and need no ironing are: **DRIP-DRY**

garments that need no ironing after  
washing are: **WASH-AND-WEAR**

garment that blouses over a waistband  
or belt: **BLOUSON**

garment with no sleeves worn by Arabs:  
**ABA**

garment worn by an official or a  
clergyman: **VESTMENT**

gash, cut: **INCISION**

gas in the intestine: **FLATUS**

gasoline that vaporizes at a relatively  
low temperature: **HIGH-TEST**

gate controlling the flow of water into a canal lock: **HEAD GATE**  
 gate controlling water flow: **PENSTOCK**  
 gate raised or lowered at a fortress entrance: **PORTCULLIS**  
 gate that revolves to admit passengers after deposit of fare: **TURNSTILE**  
 gateway or porch, covered, at the entrance of a building: **PORTE-COCHÈRE**  
 gathered into a mass: **AGGLOMERATE**  
 gathering, collection, treasure: **TROVE**  
 gathering of people, animals or things: **CLUTCH**  
 gather or store, accumulate: **GARNER**  
 gather sheets of manuscript into a unified whole: **COLLATE**  
 gauge or pattern used to copy something accurately, as in woodworking: **TEMPLATE**  
 gaunt, pale, ghastly: **CADAVEROUS**  
 gaunt, wild or worn looking, as from fatigue, hunger or anxiety: **HAGGARD**  
 gay, carefree, lighthearted: **ROLICKING**  
 gay, cheerful: **JOCUND**  
 gay, puckish, strange: **FEY**  
 gay, smart, dashing: **RAKISH**  
 gear, equipment, personal effects: **PARAPHERNALIA**  
 geld, weaken, castrate, make effeminate: **EMASCULATE**  
 gem cutting, engraving or polishing, pertaining to: **LAPIDARY**  
 gems as a study: **GEMOLOGY**  
 gem that is cut in oblong shape: **BAGUETTE**  
 gem unit of weight (200 milligrams): **CARAT**  
 genealogies, armorial bearings, etc.: **HERALDRY**  
 general and undetailed, sweeping: **BROAD-BRUSH**  
 general good, public or civic welfare: **COMMONWEAL**  
 general handyman, all-purpose worker, jack-of-all-trades: **FACTOTUM**  
 general idea, vague concept: **NOTION**  
 generalization to particular instances: **A PRIORI**  
 generally epidemic, widespread, universal: **PANDEMIC**  
 general pardon: **AMNESTY**  
 general store: **EMPORIUM**

general to the particular, as in reasoning: **DEDUCTION**  
 general, undirected, unfocused, uncommitted: **FREE-FLOATING**  
 generous: **BOUNTEOUS**  
 generous, bountiful, lavish: **MUNIFICENT**  
 generous, high-minded, great of soul: **MAGNANIMOUS**  
 generous in giving or spending: **LAVISH**  
 genitalia wig, once popular during smallpox epidemics: **MERKIN**  
 Gentile: **GOY**  
 Gentile man or boy: **SHEGETZ**  
 Gentile woman or girl: **SHIKSA**  
 gentle, mild, favorable: **BENIGN**  
 gentle reproof: **ADMONITION**  
 genuine thing: **REAL MCCOY**  
 genus-and-species classifying is: **LINNAEAN**  
 geographic measured angular distance from a so-called zero meridian, shown as vertical parallels on a map or globe: **LONGITUDE**  
 geographic measured angular distance from the equator and shown as horizontal parallels on a map or globe: **LATITUDE**  
 geological groundwater source, as for springs and wells: **AQUIFER**  
 geometry that deals with three-dimensional figures: **SOLID GEOMETRY**  
 German black-letter type: **FRAKTUR**  
 German double-S letter resembling a capital B ( $\beta$ ): **ES-ZET, ESZETT**  
 German for "so long": **AUF WIEDERSEHEN**  
 German for "thank you": **DANKE SCHÖN**  
 German leather shorts worn especially in Bavaria: **LEDERHOSEN**  
 German military iron cross symbol: **CROSS-PATTEE**  
 German prisoner-of-war camp: **STALAG**  
 German Rhine wine: **LIEBFRAUMILCH**  
 German song: **LIED**  
 germfree, sterilized: **AXENIC**  
 germ killer: **GERMICIDE**  
 gestures as a communicational science: **PASIMOLOGY**  
 gestures without words: **PANTOMIME**  
 get by begging: **CADGE**  
 get-rich-quick scheme involving an initial investment, recruitment of



other participants and presumed returns that multiply with doubling and redoubling membership: **PYRAMID SCHEME**  
 get rid of, shed: **SLOUGH**  
 get something from a person by violence or threats: **EXTORT**  
 getting even with someone: **REPRISAL**  
 getting somebody to do something by pretending one doesn't want this or doesn't care: **REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY**  
 ghost: **REVENANT**  
 ghost, apparition: **SPECTER**  
 ghost believed to cause sounds: **POLTERGEIST**  
 ghostly double of someone: **DOPPELGÄNGER**  
 ghostly, weird: **EERIE**  
 gibberish: **GALIMATIAS**  
 gibberish, speech that is confused or meaningless: **JARGON**  
 gibberish, unintelligible speech, jargon: **BARAGOUIN**  
 gibe, witty remark: **QUIP**  
 giddy, flighty: **HOITY-TOITY**  
 giddy, flighty, foolish: **HAREBRAINED**  
 gift given as an apology or for conciliation: **DOUCEUR**  
 gift given at start of new year or new venture: **HANDSEL**  
 gift of money, tip: **GRATUITY**  
 gift reclaiming: **INDIAN GIVING**  
 gifts bestowed liberally: **LARGESS**  
 gift that is small and comes from one who can barely afford it: **WIDOW'S MITE**  
 gift to a beggar: **HANDOUT**  
 gigantic: **BROBDINGNAGIAN**  
 gigantic, strong, having enormous power: **HERCULEAN**  
 gigantic unidentified water beast: **LEVIATHAN**  
 gilt of bronze or silver: **VERMEIL**  
 gin or vodka mixed with bouillon as a cocktail: **BULLSHOT**  
 gin or vodka mixed with dry vermouth as a cocktail: **MARTINI**  
 gin or vodka mixed with water and sweetened lime juice as a cocktail: **GIMLET**  
 giraffe: **CAMELOPARD**  
 girdle or belt: **CEINTURE**  
 girls in a group: **BEVY**

girl (Spanish): **MUCHACHA**  
 gist, essential theme or part: **PITH**  
 give and take: **BANDY**  
 give back: **RETROCEDE**  
 give cause for just complaint: **AGGRIEVE**  
 give grudgingly: **STINT**  
 given idea behind a literary work, artistic premise: **DONNÉE**  
 given without requirement of payment or return: **GRATUITOUS**  
 give off or send forth, as light or heat: **EMIT**  
 give out, distribute: **DISPENSE**  
 giver of benefits or favors: **BENEFACTOR**  
 give to another in a will: **BEQUEATH**  
 give up: **ABDICATE**  
 give up, abandon, yield: **RELINQUISH**  
 give up or turn over something to someone: **CONSIGN**  
 give up, relinquish, forgo: **WAIVE**  
 give up rights, powers, etc.: **ABNEGATE**  
 give up something: **CEDE**  
 give up something as a penalty: **FORFEIT**  
 give up, usually conditionally: **CAPITULATE**  
 give vent to, reveal, disclose: **UNBOSOM**  
 giving of something back or in retaliation: **TIT FOR TAT**  
 giving or spending generously: **LAVISH**  
 giving something equivalent in return, repayment in kind, retaliation: **TIT FOR TAT**  
 giving up or resigning an office: **DEMISSION**  
 glacial snow or snow on high mountains that becomes ice: **NÉVÉ**  
 glaciers as a scientific study: **GLACIOLOGY**  
 gladiator who fought with a short sword and a long shield: **SAMNITE**  
 gladiator who fought with a small and often curved sword: **THRACE**  
 gladiator who fought with a standard sword and shield: **MIRMILLON**  
 gladiator who fought with a trident and a net: **RETIARIUS**  
 gladly, willingly: **FAIN**  
 glance at, read quickly: **SCAN**  
 glance over or read hastily: **SKIM**  
 glandular secretion that is internal: **ENDOCRINE**  
 glass, broken or refuse, that is gathered for remelting: **CULLET**

glasses with three lenses: **TRIFOCALS**  
 glasses with two lenses: **BIFOCALS**  
 glass-like, transparent: **HYALINE**  
 glass of large size for drinking beer:  
   **SCHOONER**  
 glass or cup filled to the brim: **BUMPER**  
 glass or cup for measuring liquor:  
   **JIGGER**  
 glass or plastic small sealed container  
   for liquid in medicine: **AMPULE**  
 glass showcase, as for art objects:  
   **VITRINE**  
 glass that is colored and used in  
   mosaics: **SMALTO**  
 glassware with embedded ornaments of  
   colored glass: **MURRHINE GLASS**  
 glassy: **VITREOUS**  
 glaze made of raw egg white: **GLAIR**  
 gleefully chuckle: **CHORTLE**  
 glib and swift talk: **PATTER**  
 glib, talkative, speaking fluently:  
   **VOLUBLE**  
 glide or skim over water: **SKITTER**  
 glide or slide, as a snake: **SLITHER**  
 gliding, sinuous motion: **UNDULATION**  
 glitter: **SPANGLE**  
 glitter, flash, sparkle: **SCINTILLATE**  
 glittering brilliants, glass spangles, etc.,  
   on a garment: **DIAMANTE**  
 glittering, tinselly, showy: **CLINQUANT**  
 gloating over another's troubles:  
   **SCHADENFREUDE**  
 globe of the world's attached metal  
   semicircle, with calibrations and  
   anchored to pins at the poles:  
   **MERIDIAN**  
 globular: **CONGLOBATE**  
 gloomy, dark: **CIMMERIAN**  
 gloomy, dark: **TENEBOUS**  
 gloomy, dejected: **DISCONSOLATE**  
 gloomy, depressed, murky: **SOMBER**  
 gloomy, desolate, haggard: **GAUNT**  
 gloomy, grave, morose: **SATURNINE**  
 gloomy, ill-humored, sullen: **MOROSE**  
 gloomy, infernal, dark: **STYGIAN**  
 gloomy, melancholy: **SEPULCHRAL**  
 gloomy, peevish: **DYSPEPTIC**  
 gloomy, saddened, dejected:  
   **DISCONSOLATE**  
 gloomy, stern, morose, ill-tempered:  
   **DOUR**  
 Gloria Patri, Gloria in excelsis Deo:  
   **DOXOLOGY**  
 glorification: **APOTHEOSIS**  
 glorify, idealize: **TRANSFIGURE**

glory of the world thus passes away:  
   **SIC TRANSIT GLORIA MUNDI**  
 gloss over, cover up: **WHITEWASH**  
 gloss-producing machine, used on paper  
   or fabric: **CALENDER**  
 glove-containing protective or sterilized  
   container used in laboratories:  
   **GLOVE BOX**  
 glove part joining back and front parts  
   of adjacent fingers: **FOURCHETTE**  
 glove thrown down as a medieval  
   challenge to combat: **GAGE**  
 glowing: **LUMINOUS**  
 glowing by living organisms:  
   **BIOLUMINESCENCE**  
 glowing or luminous with heat:  
   **INCANDESCENT**  
 glue: **MUCILAGE**  
 glum, resentfully morose: **SULLEN**  
 glut, offer more than enough: **SATIATE**  
 gluttonous, drunken: **CRAPULENT**  
 gnome who lives underground, in  
   German folklore: **KOBOLD**  
 go about, roam in search of diversion:  
   **GALLIVANT**  
 goad, incite, foment, provoke, spur on  
   to some drastic action: **INSTIGATE**  
 go along with, agree: **ACCEDE**  
 goat-like, lustful: **HIRCINE**  
 goat or sheep newly born: **YEANLING**  
 gobbledygook: **BAFFLEGAB**  
 go-between: **INTERMEDIARY**  
 go-between: **INTERNUNCIO**  
 goblet, large drinking cup: **MAZER**  
 God as the uncaused creator of all  
   things: **FIRST CAUSE**  
 God conceived as having human  
   characteristics: **THEANTHROPISM**  
 God evidenced in every feature of the  
   universe: **PANTHEISM**  
 God's existence denied: **ATHEISM**  
 God's existence questioned:  
   **AGNOSTICISM**  
 God viewed as human in nature:  
   **ANTHROPOPHUISM**  
 going before, preceding: **PREVENIENT**  
 going in, entrance, place or means to  
   enter: **INGRESS**  
 going or traveling from place to place:  
   **ITINERANT**  
 going out, exit, place or means to leave:  
   **EGRESS**  
 go in peace: **VADE IN PACE**  
 gold-colored alloys used in cheap  
   jewelry and ornaments: **ORMOLU**

Golden Fleece searchers with Jason:

**ARGONAUTS**

golden mean, especially as a

government policy: **JUSTE-MILIEU**

gold-rich paradise: **EL DORADO**

golf ball being on the green on a line

perpendicular to the line of

approach: **HOLE-HIGH**

golf course obstacle or trap: **HAZARD**

golfer's shouted warning that the ball is  
about to be hit: **FORE**

golf: one stroke over par on a hole:

**BOGEY**

golf: one stroke under par on a hole:

**BIRDIE**

golf play in which the ball goes into the  
hole on the drive from the tee:

**HOLE IN ONE**

golf shot, short and lofted, made in  
approaching the green: **CHIP SHOT**

golf situation in which an opponent's  
ball lies on the green in a direct  
line between a player's ball and the  
hole: **STYMIE**

golf stroke on the green to move the  
ball into or near the hole: **PUTT**

golf: three strokes under par: **DOUBLE  
EAGLE**

golf: two strokes over par: **DOUBLE  
BOGEY**

golf: two strokes under par on a hole:  
**EAGLE**

gondolier's song, boat song:

**BARCAROLE**

good breeding, sophistication:

**SAVOIR-VIVRE**

good-bye (French): **ADIEU**

good-bye (German): **AUF WIEDERSEHEN**

good-bye (Spanish): **HASTA LA VISTA,  
HASTA LUEGO, HASTA MAÑANA**

good deed (Hebrew): **MITZVAH**

good, dignified and mature person:  
**MENSCH**

good faith, authentication or  
verifications, credentials: **BONA  
FIDES**

good life (the), the sweet life: **DOLCE  
VITA**

good living: **CAKES AND ALE**

good luck: **MAZEL TOV**

good-luck piece: **AMULET**

good nature: **BONHOMIE**

good-natured, polite remark:  
**PLEASANTRY**

goodness, moral excellence: **VIRTUE**

good-or-bad personal judgment about  
something: **VALUE JUDGMENT**

good or benevolent spirit: **EUDEMON**

good or proper to a fulsome degree:

**GOODY-GOODY**

goods accumulated as a reserve:

**STOCKPILE**

goods paid for by dealer only after  
they've been sold: **ON**

**CONSIGNMENT**

goods sold in a miscellany collection to  
a retailer: **JOB LOT**

goods that may not be imported or  
exported: **CONTRABAND**

good things of life: **AMENITIES**

good-versus-evil-oriented: **MANICHAEAN**

goof, social blunder: **FAUX PAS**

goose flesh: **HORRIPILATION**

gory drama or theater: **GRAND**

**GUIGNOL**

gospel-spreading through preaching and  
revival meetings: **EVANGELISM**

gossip, chat: **CONFABULATE**

gossipmonger, teller of secrets and  
rumors: **TALEBEARER**

Gothic or historical romance novel:

**BODICE RIPPER**

gourd musical percussion instrument  
played by scraping with a stick:

**GUIRO**

gourmet, sensualist: **EPICURE**

gout: **PODAGRA**

government administration by routine  
procedures or by stolid or inflexible  
officials: **BUREAUCRACY**

governmental or diplomatic denial:

**DEMENTI**

governmental organization of a state or  
society: **POLITY**

government, authorities, etc., that are  
repressive and ever watchful: **BIG  
BROTHER**

government by a few: **OLIGARCHY**

government by holy men: **HAGIARCHY,  
HAGIOCRACY**

government by men only: **PATRIARCHY**

government by priests or members of  
the clergy: **HIEROCRACY**

government by the military:

**STRATOCRACY**

government by the old: **GERONTOCRACY**

government by the rich: **PLUTOCRACY**

government by women or a woman:

**GYNARCHY**

- government council, local or national, in the Soviet Union: **SOVIET**
- government expenditures financed by borrowing in order to increase productivity and consumption: **DEFICIT FINANCING**
- government in which people as a whole control production and distribution of goods: **COLLECTIVISM**
- government-must-go theory: **ANARCHISM**
- government or authority shared jointly by two men: **DUUMVIRATE**
- government seizure, usually sudden and often accompanied by violence: **COUP D'ÉTAT**
- government's seizure or punishment of foreigners to counter a similar measure by their government: **ANDROLEPSY**
- government's unlimited authority: **ABSOLUTISM**
- government with absolute power: **AUTARCHY**
- go without sleep, keep vigil: **WATCH**
- gown, loose and flowing, gathered from the neckline: **MUUMUU**
- graceful in bending, bending easily, limber: **LITHE**
- graceful in structure or movement: **EURYTHMIC**
- graceful, slender young woman: **SYLPH**
- graceful, smooth, expressive: **FLUENT**
- gracious: **BENIGNANT**
- gracious gesture: **BEAU GESTE**
- gradation or subtle change in meaning: **NUANCE**
- grade, layer, bed: **STRATUM**
- gradually slow down, recover or stretch after exercise: **COOL DOWN**
- gradually, slowly but surely: **INCHMEAL**
- gradual reduction and extinction of debt or liability, as by installment payments: **AMORTIZATION**
- graduation address: **BACCALAUREATE**
- graduation speech of farewell: **VALEDICTORY**
- grain that has been or is to be ground, meal: **GRIST**
- grammatical change of construction within a sentence: **ANACOLUTHON**
- grammatically analyze a sentence by giving the form, function and syntactical relationship of its words: **PARSE**
- grammatical or syntactical violation: **SOLECISM**
- grammatical system consisting of a set of rules for producing sentences: **GENERATIVE GRAMMAR**
- grammatical term for possessive case: **GENITIVE**
- grammatical theory that holds that all sentences are kernel sentences or transformations of them in accordance with transformational rules: **TRANSFORMATIONAL GRAMMAR**
- grandiloquent: **TURGID**
- grandiloquent political oratory: **BOMFOG (BROTHERHOOD OF MAN, FATHERHOOD OF GOD)**
- grand, imposing: **GRANDIOSE**
- grand-jury report on an offense, based on its own knowledge and with no indictment: **PRESENTMENT**
- grandparental: **AVAL**
- grand, stately, impressive: **IMPOSING**
- grant with condescension: **VOUCHSAFE**
- grape cultivation for wine: **VINICULTURE**
- grape growing: **VITICULTURE**
- grape refuse after pressing, from which brandy is distilled: **MARC**
- graphic symbol representing an object or idea: **IDEOGRAPH**
- graph in the form of a circle divided into proportionate sections: **PIE CHART**
- graph's statistics or frequency curve shaped like a bell: **BELL-SHAPED CURVE**
- graph using rectangular columns: **BAR GRAPH, BAR CHART**
- grasping, greedy: **RAPACIOUS**
- grasping, holding: **PREHENSION**
- grass-covered land, turf: **SWARD**
- grass-eating: **GRAMINIVOROUS**
- grass in second growth after regular cutting, usually tall and rank: **FOG**
- grassland or open country of South Africa: **VELDT**
- gratify, yield to one's own or another's desires: **INDULGE**
- grating, shrill: **STRIDENT**
- gratuity, something extra given: **LAGNIAPPE**
- grave, gloomy, morose: **SATURNINE**
- grave robber, revolting monster: **GHOUL**



grave robber, stealer of bodies:

**RESURRECTIONIST**

graveyard of the West, gunfighters' cemetery: **BOOT HILL**

graveyard shift in newspaper work: **LOBSTER SHIFT**

gravy in natural form included: **AU JUS**

grayish, often with a mottled

appearance: **GRISEOUS**

grayish painting or decoration with a sculptural look: **GRISAILLE**

gray or graying, gray-haired: **GRIZZLED**

gray- or white-haired, ancient,

venerable: **HOARY**

grease, oil: **LUBRICATE**

greasy, slippery-feeling: **UNCTUOUS**

great of soul, generous, high-minded:

**MAGNANIMOUS**

great style: **BRAVURA**

great work, masterpiece: **MAGNUM OPUS**

greed, avarice: **CUPIDITY**

greedy and opportunistic woman in her relations with men: **GOLD DIGGER**

greedy, envious: **COVETOUS**

greedy, grasping: **RAPACIOUS**

greedy, insatiable, immoderate:

**VORACIOUS**

greedy, rapacious person: **HARPY**

greedy, wanting ever more: **INSATIABLE**

Greek architecture characterized by elaborateness: **CORINTHIAN**

Greek architecture characterized by ornamental scrolls on capitals:

**IONIC**

Greek architecture characterized by simplicity and plain capitals on columns: **DORIC**

Greek folk dance, traditionally but not exclusively danced by men:

**SYRTAKI**

Greek long-necked stringed instrument: **BOUZOUKI**

Greek monster with the head and trunk of a man, the body and legs of a horse: **CENTAUR**

Greek red or white wine flavored with resin: **RETSINA**

green all year long, not deciduous: **EVERGREEN**

green coating on bronze or copper: **PATINA**

green crops for animal fodder: **SOILAGE**

green, grassy: **VERDANT**

greenish: **VIRESCENT**

greenish dull color common in military uniforms: **OLIVE DRAB**

greenish-yellow: **LUTEOUS**

green pigment in plant cells involved in photosynthesis: **CHLOROPHYLL**

greeting: **SALUTATION**

greeting in chiefly Islamic countries

consisting of a low bow with the right palm at the forehead:

**SALAAM**

greet overenthusiastically or somewhat insincerely: **GLAD-HAND**

grief or sorrow, to cause: **AGGRIEVE**

grief or weeping that is false:

**CROCODILE TEARS**

grievance: **GRAVAMEN**

grievance, complaint: **PLAINT**

grieve or sympathize with someone: **CONDOLE**

grim, severe, strict: **STARK**

grinding of teeth, especially during sleep: **BRUXISM**

grind or scrape harshly, cut, pierce: **GRIDE**

grin, laugh: **RISUS**

gritty like sand: **SABULOUS**

groggy: **PUNCH-DRUNK**

grooved, striped: **STRIATED**

grooved with long, rounded channels: **FLUTED**

grotesque carved figure on a building: **GARGOYLE**

ground, as of a region or territory: **TERRAIN**

ground plan of a building or other structure: **ICHNOGRAPHY**

ground that is solid and unbroken: **HARDPAN**

group arranged by rank: **HIERARCHY**

group behavioral tendencies that reflect the personality of one individual:

**SYNTALITY**

group, clique: **FACTION**

group of girls: **BEVY**

group of persons sharing same interest or interests: **COTERIE**

group of two or more business concerns for a venture: **CONSORTIUM**

group spirit: **ESPRIT DE CORPS**

group that is select and supreme, place or level for the elite: **PANTHEON**

group with common interests living together: **COMMUNE**

grove of small trees: **COPSE, COPPICE**



grow, increase, expand step by step:

**ESCALATE**

growing along the ground, lying down:

**DECUMBENT**

growing old, aging: **SENESCENT**

growing or blooming indefinitely, not seasonal: **PERENNIAL**

growing or coming together:

**CONCRETION**

growing plants in solutions rather than in soil: **HYDROPONICS**

growing, waxing, enlarging:

**INCRESCENT**

growing white: **ALBESCENT**

growing with age: **ACCRESCENCE**

growth arrested: **ATROPHY**

growth-favoring, as a particular climate:

**GROWTHY**

growth on a field, as of corn: **STAND**

growth rings on trees as a means of determining approximate dates of past events: **DENDROCHRONOLOGY**

growth that is abnormal:

**HYPERTROPHY**

growth that is gradual: **ACCRESCENCE**

gruesome, horrible, ghastly: **MACABRE**

gruesomeness theatrically: **GRAND**

**GUIGNOL**

gruff or irritable person, usually elderly:

**CURMUDGEON**

grumble, complain: **GROUSE**

G-string: **CACHE-SEXE**

guarantee: **WARRANTY**

guarantee, assure: **VOUCH**

guarantee, promise: **STIPULATE**

guard against, hinder or prevent in

advance: **FORESTALL**

guardian, trustee: **FIDUCIARY**

guarding and watching carefully: **WARY**

guard line, as of men or ships enclosing an area: **CORDON**

guard, watchman, keeper: **WARDER**

guess: **CONJECTURE**

guess correctly, surmise: **DIVINE**

guessing game based on pantomimed actions: **CHARADES**

guesswork-involving, random:

**STOCHASTIC**

guidebook, especially for travelers:

**BAEDEKER**

guidebook, manual: **HANDBOOK**

guideline, factor or element that is signally informative: **PARAMETER**

guide or interpreter for travelers in the Near East: **DRAGOMAN**

guide who explains to tourists:

**CICERONE**

guiding or animating spirit from within:

**NUMEN**

guiding principle or example:

**LODESTAR**

guillotine hole for victim's head:

**LUNETTE**

guilt feeling: **COMPUNCTION**

guilt feeling, self-reproach: **REMORSE**

guilt felt by a survivor when others perish: **SURVIVOR GUILT**

guilt or wrongdoing implied:

**INCRIMINATION**

guitar string clamp to change the key:

**CAPO**

Gulf State inhabitant, Spanish

American or West Indian of

European descent: **CREOLE**

gully or ravine in a desert region:

**WADI**

gullibility: **CREDULITY**

gully that is deep and dry: **ARROYO**

gum inflammation: **GINGIVITIS**

gunfighters' cemetery, graveyard of the West: **BOOT HILL**

gunfire that sweeps across the length of a trench or a troop of men:

**ENFILADE**

gun that is mounted and used in pairs or more on ships as an antiaircraft

weapon: **POM-POM**

gush forth, squirt: **SPURT**

gushing, overdemonstrative: **EFFUSIVE**

gush or spurt of liquid from a narrow orifice: **JET**

gut reaction, deeply felt: **VISCERAL**

gutter or channel of a street: **KENNEL**

gymnastics (men's) cross-like position held between the rings: **IRON**

**CROSS**

gymnastics to promote grace and health: **CALISTHENICS**

gymnastic wheeling vertically, forward or backward, from feet to hands and back to feet: **WALKOVER**

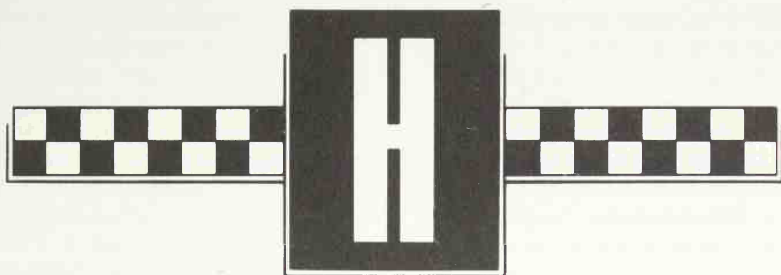
gymnasts' association, athletic club:

**TURNVEREIN**

gymnast's or acrobat's canvas jumping sheet stretched on a frame:

**TRAMPOLINE**

gypsy: **TZIGANE**



habitat protected for an animal or species: **ECONICHE**  
habit, customary practice: **WONT**  
habit-ridding treatment whereby undesired responses become associated with unpleasant stimuli: **AVERSIVE CONDITIONING, AVERSION THERAPY**  
habits deeply established: **SECOND NATURE**  
habitual or hardened in a particular character or opinion: **INVETERATE**  
habitual or usual way of reacting: **DISPOSITION**  
habituated, accustomed, used to: **WONT**  
habitué, inhabitant: **DENIZEN**  
hack, mangle, cut unskillfully: **HAGGLE**  
hack writers: **GRUB STREET**  
Hades: **ACHERON**  
hag: **CRONE**  
haggard, hollow-eyed, gloomy, desolate, emaciated: **GAUNT**  
hag, hateful old woman: **HARRIDAN**  
hag who is ugly and malicious: **BELDAM**  
hair being smooth or straight: **LISSOTRICHOUS, LEIOTRICHOUS**  
hair being woolly or crisp: **ULOTRICHOUS**  
hair covering that is matted and woolly: **TOMENTOSE**  
hair covering that is soft like velvet: **VELUTINOUS**  
hairdo in which the hair is bound by a ribbon in back and hangs loosely below it: **PONYTAIL**  
hairdresser (female): **COIFFEUSE**  
hairdresser (male): **COIFFEUR**  
hair dressing that glosses and is scented: **BRILLIANTINE**

hair growing to a point on the forehead: **WIDOW'S PEAK**  
hair in a braided style as favored by Rastafarians: **DREADLOCKS**  
hair loss: **PSILOSIS**  
hair net for women that is bag-like and for the back of the head: **SNOOD**  
hair of a woman: **TRESSES**  
hair remover: **DEPILATORY**  
hairs in the nostrils: **VIBRISSA**  
hair sticking up: **COWLICK**  
hair that is matted or tangled as if by elves: **ELFLOCKS**  
hair that is styled, on a man, like a brush: **EN BROSSE**  
hair that is woolly or crisp is: **ULOTRICHOUS**  
hairy: **HIRSUTE**  
hairy or fuzzy, in botany: **COMATE**  
hairy two-legged creature said to exist in remote areas of western North America: **SASQUATCH, BIGFOOT**  
half-baked, small-time: **TINHORN**  
half-breed, someone or something of mixed origin: **HYBRID**  
half-man, half-horse monster of Greek mythology: **CENTAUR**  
half-moon shape: **LUNETTE**  
half, portion, share: **MOIETY**  
half turn made by horse with rider: **CARACOLE**  
hallucination-causing or mind-intensifying: **PSYCHEDELIC**  
hallucinations from drunkenness: **DELIRIUM TREMENS**  
halo: **AUREOLE**  
halo: **GLORIOLE**  
halo, aura: **NIMBUS**  
halved: **DIMIDIATE**

hammered or stamped, as the figure or design on a coin: **INCUSE**  
 hammer-shaped: **MALLEIFORM**  
 ham that is smoked or cured: **GAMMON**  
 ham that is spicy and thin: **PROSCIUTTO**  
 handbag that is small, used by women: **RETICULE**  
 handbook: **VADE MECUM**  
 handbook, manual: **ENCHIRIDION**  
 handcuff, fetter, shackle: **MANACLE**  
 hand down, transmit, grant in a will: **BEQUEATH**  
 handle, especially of a knife, sickle, sword: **HAFT**  
 handle or move skillfully: **MANIPULATE**  
 hand measure, with the thumb and little finger extended: **SPAN**  
 hand-operated portable musical organ: **HURDY-GURDY, BARREL ORGAN**  
 hand over or give up something to someone: **CONSIGN**  
 handrail supported by balusters: **BALUSTRADE**  
 handsome man: **ADONIS**  
 hands on hips, having: **AKIMBO**  
 hand's V-shaped space between the thumb and the forefinger: **PURLICUE**  
 handwriting analysis: **GRAPHOLOGY**  
 handwriting art: **CHIROGRAPHY**  
 handwriting or type that is bad: **CACOGRAPHY**  
 handwriting or type that resembles it: **SCRIPT**  
 handwriting that is illegible: **GRIFFONAGE**  
 handwritten by the signer: **HOLOGRAPH**  
 handwritten signature's flourish: **PARAPH**  
 hang around, waste time, loiter: **DAWDLE**  
 hang down, droop loosely: **LOP**  
 hanger-on: **CAMP FOLLOWER**  
 hanging in a loose position: **PENSILE**  
 hanging in a swinging position: **PENDULOUS**  
 hanging on in spite of difficulties: **TENACIOUS**  
 hang loosely, droop: **LOLL**  
 haphazard: **RANDOM**  
 happening at the same rate: **SYNCHRONOUS**  
 happening, event: **INCIDENT**  
 happen or come into being as a final outcome: **EVENTUATE**

happen, take place: **SUPERVENE**  
 happiness or well-being as found in a life of moderation: **EUDEMONIA**  
 happiness, relaxation, well-being: **EUPHORIA**  
 happy and healthy: **EUPEPTIC**  
 happy condition: **SEVENTH HEAVEN**  
 happy-go-lucky behavior: **RHATHYMIA**  
 happy, optimistic: **UPBEAT**  
 happy, prosperous, flourishing: **PALMY**  
 hara-kiri: **SEPPUKU**  
 harangue, abusive denunciation: **DIATRIBE**  
 harangue that is lengthy: **SCREED**  
 harass or annoy with taunts or questions: **HECKLE**  
 harass with persistency: **IMPORTUNE**  
 harass, worry: **CHIVY, CHIVVY**  
 hard, cruel, obdurate: **FLINTY**  
 harden, become rigid: **OSSIFY**  
 harden, deaden, paralyze with fear: **PETRIFY**  
 hardened, unfeeling: **INDURATE**  
 hardening of the arteries: **ARTERIOSCLEROSIS**  
 hardening of the arteries with fatty substances deposited: **ATHIEROSCLEROSIS**  
 harden or accustom someone to something: **INURE**  
 hardhearted, stubborn, pitiless: **OBDURATE**  
 hard legendary mineral: **ADAMANT**  
 hardness: **CALLOSITY**  
 hard or impossible to explain, as of something causing wonder: **UNCANNY**  
 hard problem or test for a beginner, stumbling block: **PONS ASINORUM**  
 hard-shelled: **TESTACEOUS**  
 hard, stony: **PETROUS**  
 hard to believe, amazing: **INCREDIBLE**  
 hard-to-express quality: **JE NE SAIS QUOI**  
 hard to grasp: **ELUSIVE**  
 hard to handle because of size, strength or difficulty: **FORMIDABLE**  
 hard to please: **FASTIDIOUS**  
 hard to please, excessively critical: **HYPERCRITICAL**  
 hard to understand: **ABSTRUSE**  
 hard-worked-for with meager returns: **HARDSCRABBLE**  
 harem: **SERAGLIO**  
 harem slave, concubine: **ODALISQUE**

harmful, injurious: **NOCUOUS**  
 harmful, mischievous: **MALEFICENT**  
 harmful, noxious: **VIRULENT**  
 harmful, unwholesome: **NOXIOUS**  
 harmful with intent, spiteful:  
   **MALICIOUS**  
 harmless: **INNOCUOUS**  
 harmless or concocted person or thing:  
   **STRAW MAN**  
 harmless substance given to comfort a  
 patient or as a test control:  
   **PLACEBO**  
 harmonious, calm, ordered, balanced,  
 rational: **APOLLONIAN**  
 harmonious or pleasing in sound,  
 smooth: **EUPHONIOUS**  
 harmonious relationship, accord:  
   **RAPPORT**  
 harmonizing of old popular songs:  
   **BARBERSHOP**  
 harmony, agreement: **CONSONANCE**  
 harmony and elegance in arrangement  
 of parts: **CONCINNITY**  
 harmony, in sympathy: **EN RAPPORT**  
 harmony restored: **RECONCILED**  
 harm the reputation of: **DISCREDIT**  
 harpsichord, small piano: **SPINET**  
 harsh: **ACERB**  
 harsh, caustic, withering: **SCATHING**  
 harsh, cruel or severe to an extreme  
 degree: **DRACONIAN**  
 harsh cry or sound like a donkey's:  
   **BRAY**  
 harsh, discordant sound: **JANGLE**  
 harsh, fierce: **FELL**  
 harsh, merciless: **INCLEMENT**  
 harshness: **ASPERITY**  
 harsh or high in sound: **STRIDENT**  
 harsh, pitiless: **RELENTLESS**  
 harsh sound: **CACOPHONY**  
 harsh, stern: **ASTRINGENT**  
 hasten, hurry: **HIE**  
 hastening the tempo, in music:  
   **STRINGENDO**  
 haste, turmoil, excitement: **HECTIC**  
 hasty, brief, abrupt: **CURSORY**  
 hasty or impulsive in actions or speech:  
   **HALF-COCKED**  
 hasty, rash, impulsive: **IMPETUOUS**  
 hatchet- or ax-shaped: **DOLABRIFORM**  
 hate, deep enmity: **RANCOR**  
 hated or dreaded object or person: **BÊTE**  
   **NOIRE**  
 hateful, repugnant, loathsome,  
 disgusting, offensive: **ODIOUS**

hat for a woman that is stylishly  
 wide-brimmed and plumed or  
 flower-decked: **GAINSBOROUGH,**  
   **PICTURE HAT**  
 hat for men of soft felt with a low and  
 creased crown: **FEDORA**  
 hat for men of soft felt with an  
 indented crown: **TRILBY**  
 hat for men with a high, creased crown  
 and stiff brim with a curled edge:  
   **HOMBURG**  
 hat for men with a low and flat crown  
 and brim usually turned up or  
 down: **PORKPIE**  
 hat for tropical climates that is hard  
 and brimmed: **PITH HELMET**  
 hat of soft felt with a wide brim, for  
 men: **BORSALINO**  
 hat, often of silk, that is high and stiff:  
   **TILE**  
 hatred: **ANIMUS**  
 hatred of men: **MISANDRY**  
 hat rosette or knot of ribbons: **COCKADE**  
 hat that is round and close-fitting:  
   **TOQUE**  
 hat with a broad brim turned up at the  
 sides: **SHOVEL HAT**  
 hat with its brim turned up to form  
 three sides: **TRICORN**  
 hat worn by a soldier or bandleader  
 that is tall and stiff, cylindrical in  
 shape, with visor and plume:  
   **SHAKO**  
 haughty, arrogant: **CAVALIER**  
 haughty, arrogant, pompous, dogmatic:  
   **PONTIFICAL**  
 haughty, cultivated person: **BRAHMIN**  
 haughty person who sets great store by  
 social status, wealth, etc.: **SNOB**  
 haul, drag, lug: **SCHLEP**  
 haunt, place to which one often returns:  
   **PURLIEU**  
 have a warning or negative effect, be  
 adverse or dissuasive to: **MILITATE**  
   **AGAINST**  
 have-it-made state or situation,  
 prosperity: **EASY STREET**  
 Hawaiian feast with entertainment:  
   **LUAU**  
 Hawaiian salutation: **ALOHA**  
 Hawaii newcomer or stranger:  
   **MALIHINI**  
 hawk or buzzard: **BUTEO**  
 hay fever: **POLLENOSIS**

hay or grain raked into a long ridge or pile: **WINDROW**  
 haystack with the top fashioned to protect the interior from rain: **RICK**  
 hazy, misty, vague, unclear: **NEBULOUS**  
 headache on one side, as in migraine: **HEMICRANIA**  
 headband: **BANDEAU**  
 headband, crown: **DIADEM**  
 head being broad: **BRACHYCEPHALIC**  
 head cold: **CORYZA**  
 headdress, crown-like and jeweled, worn by women: **TIARA**  
 headdress of Moslems consisting of wound cloth: **TURBAN**  
 head enlargement caused by an excess of fluid in the cranium: **HYDROCEPHALUS**  
 head-in-the-clouds person, impractical daydreamer: **LUFTMENSCH**  
 headland, high land extending into the sea: **PROMONTORY**  
 headless: **ACEPHALOUS**  
 head of a human being joined to animal body: **ANDROCEPHALOUS**  
 head of the line: **VAN**  
 head to foot: **CAP-A-PIE**  
 healing: **SANATIVE**  
 healing, curative: **THERAPEUTIC**  
 health-conscious person unduly anxious about illness: **VALETUDINARIAN**  
 healthful: **SALUBRIOUS**  
 healthful and spiritual, natural: **HOLISTIC**  
 health resort: **SANITARIUM**  
 health, spirits: **FETTL**  
 health that is sound and vigorous, robust: **HALE**  
 healthy and happy: **EUPEPTIC**  
 heap, mass or collection of things: **CONGERIES**  
 heard at a frequency range beyond that of human hearing: **ULTRASONIC**  
 heard information that is not positively known to be true: **HEARSAY**  
 hearing diminution that accompanies aging: **PRESBYCUSIS**  
 hearing distance: **EARSHOT**  
 heart and blood vessels, pertaining to: **CARDIOVASCULAR**  
 heart area tissue death (necrosis) caused by obstruction: **INFARCTION**  
 heart attack: **CORONARY THROMBOSIS**  
 heart attack factor, according to

experimental evidence: **CHOLESTEROL**  
 heartbeat being abnormal, with double pulse beat: **DICROTIC**  
 heartbeat instability correcting by emergency procedures: **DEFIBRILLATION**  
 heartbeat regulating device that is implanted: **PACEMAKER**  
 heartbeats that are weak and irregular: **FIBRILLATION**  
 heartburn: **PYROSIS**  
 heart examination that traces changes in electric potential: **ELECTROCARDIOGRAM (EKG)**  
 heartfelt cry, passionate appeal or lament: **CRI DE COEUR**  
 heart rhythm disturbance: **EXTRASYSTOLE**  
 heart-shaped: **CORDIFORM**  
 heart's regular contraction: **SYSTOLE**  
 heart's regular dilatation: **DIASTOLE**  
 heat and cold sensitivity: **THERMESTHESIA**  
 heat and then cool to soften and strengthen, as glass or steel: **ANNEAL**  
 heat being oppressive or overpowering: **SWELTERING**  
 heat-causing or -producing: **PYROGENIC**  
 heated room with dry air rather than steam: **SAUNA**  
 heat energy being employed after nuclear fusion: **THERMONUCLEAR**  
 heat measurement: **CALORIMETRY**  
 heat or light ray bent in passage from one medium to another: **REFRACTION**  
 heat- or warmth-producing, like a mustard plaster: **CALEFACIENT**  
 heat-producing: **CALORIFIC**  
 heat-producing medical treatment: **DIATHERMY**  
 heave, convulse or strain to vomit: **RETCH**  
 heaven help us: **ABSIT OMEN**  
 heavenly, celestial: **SUPERNAL**  
 heavens, sky: **FIRMAMENT**  
 heavy, clumsy, awkward in appearance or movement: **LUMBERING**  
 heavy shoe: **BROGAN**  
 hedge or wall set low in a ditch so as not to obstruct the view: **HA-HA**  
 heedless, inattentive: **UNAWARE**



heedlessness, foolhardiness: **TEMERITY**  
 heel-stamping Spanish dance, flamenco-like: **ZAPATEADO**  
 height, instrument for measuring: **ALTIMETER**  
 height of power, thriving period, exuberance: **HEYDAY**  
 held notes, prolonged tempo, in music: **SOSTENUTO**  
 held or sustained, in music: **TENUTO**  
 helicopter landing place: **HELIPORT**  
 hell: **INFERNO**  
 hell: **NETHER WORLD**  
 helmet-like woolen cap with a back-of-neck covering: **BALACLAVA**  
 helmet that bears a spike, as worn by Prussians: **PICKELHAUBE**  
 helmet, often of pith, worn as protection against the sun: **TOPEE**  
 help: **ABET**  
 help, form of assistance: **ADMINICLE**  
 helpful person, rescuer: **GOOD SAMARITAN**  
 helping to make possible: **CONDUCTIVE**  
 helpless, ineffective: **IMPOTENT**  
 helplessly distraught person: **BASKET CASE**  
 helplessly vulnerable person: **SITTING DUCK**  
 hence: **ERGO**  
 hen that has been spayed: **POULARD**  
 heraldically worthy or possessing a coat of arms: **ARMIGEROUS**  
 heraldic blue banner with three fleurs-de-lis of gold: **ORIFLAMME**  
 heraldic vertical band through the middle of the shield: **PALE**  
 heraldic white or silver: **ARGENT**  
 herald or announcement of the coming of something or someone: **HARBINGER**  
 heraldry depiction of an animal lying down: **COUCHANT**  
 heraldry depiction of an animal reared on its hind legs: **RAMPANT**  
 heraldry depiction of an animal sitting with the forelimbs upright: **SEJANT**  
 heraldry depiction of an animal walking with a forepaw raised: **PASSANT**  
 heraldry depiction of a square table set diagonally, displaying arms of a deceased person: **HATCHMENT**  
 heraldry depiction of two coats of arms

placed side by side on an escutcheon: **IMPALE**  
 heraldry design including many small figures, as stars: **SEMÉ**  
 heraldry device placed above the shield in a coat of arms: **CREST**  
 heraldry division of the quarter, usually on the dexter side: **CANTON**  
 heraldry: left: **SINISTER**  
 heraldry: vertical bands of alternating colors: **PALY**  
 here and there in a book: **PASSIM**  
 heredity biochemical basis: **GENETIC CODE**  
 heredity study to improve quality of humans: **EUGENICS**  
 hermaphroditic: **ANDROGYNOUS**  
 hermit: **ANCHORITE**  
 hermit: **EREMITE**  
 hero as a rogue in fiction, involving the: **PICARESQUE**  
 heroic deeds or adventures: **DERRING-DO**  
 hero, knight, chivalrous rescuer: **PALADIN**  
 "he," "she" or "one" used instead of "I": **ILLEISM**  
 hesitancy or uneasiness regarding a question of ethics, morality or conscience: **SCRUPLE**  
 hesitate, equivocate, blather: **WAFFLE**  
 hesitate foolishly, dawdle, be irresolute, vacillate: **SHILLY-SHALLY**  
 hesitate in speaking: **HEM AND HAW**  
 hesitate, take exception, object: **DEMUR**  
 hesitating: **IRRESOLUTE**  
 hick, boor, yokel: **MUCKER**  
 hidden: **ABSTRUSE**  
 hidden goods or articles: **CACHE**  
 hidden or unknown difficulty: **JOKER**  
 hidden, profound: **RECONDITE**  
 hidden, secret: **ARCANE**  
 hidden tendency: **UNDERCURRENT**  
 hidden, unclear, faint: **OBSCURE**  
 hide, obscure: **CAMOUFLAGE**  
 hideous, enormous: **MONSTROUS**  
 hideous or cruel being: **OGRE**  
 hiding of one's real activities, designs or misdeeds: **COVER-UP**  
 hiding or safety place for an animal: **CREEPHOLE**  
 hiding place for goods or articles: **CACHE**  
 hieroglyphics key: **ROSETTA STONE**

high and level land formation: **PLATEAU**  
 high and mighty: **HAUGHTY**  
 high-and-mighty position: **CATBIRD SEAT**  
 high-born or high in rank: **AUGUST**  
 higher price on a stock transaction than the preceding transaction price: **UP TICK, PLUS-TICK**  
 highest bid to buy and lowest offer to sell a given stock at a given time: **QUOTATION**  
 highest grade, usually said of diamonds and pearls: **FIRST WATER**  
 highest honors awarded at graduation: **SUMMA CUM LAUDE**  
 highest in kind, quality, or degree: **SUPERLATIVE**  
 highest in rank: **PARAMOUNT**  
 highest or culminating point: **ZENITH**  
 highest point: **APOGEE**  
 highest point: **PINNACLE**  
 highest point of anything, zenith: **MERIDIAN**  
 highest point, topmost stone: **CAPSTONE**  
 highest priced or of the best quality: **GILT-EDGED**  
 high fashion: **HAUTE COUTURE**  
 high, harsh, as a sound: **STRIDENT**  
 high-minded, great of soul, generous: **MAGNANIMOUS**  
 high or culminating point: **SOLSTICE**  
 high platform for, a worker that is raised from a truck: **CHERRY PICKER**  
 high-pressure peddling by phone of stocks of dubious value: **BOILER ROOM**  
 high priest, prelate: **HIERARCH**  
 high regard, esteem: **REPUTE**  
 high society: **HAUT MONDE**  
 high society, the fashionable world: **BEAU MONDE**  
 high spirits, elated: **COCK-A-HOOP**  
 high-strung, overexcited or easily excitable, worked up: **HYPER**  
 high-up dwelling on a hill or mountain, as a house or stronghold: **AERIE**  
 high voice above natural register: **FALSETTO**  
 highway around a city or urban area: **BELTWAY**  
 highway interchange with overpass and curved ramps: **CLOVERLEAF**  
 high-wire acrobat: **AERIALIST**  
 high-wire walker: **FUNAMBULIST**

hillock or knoll: **HUMMOCK**  
 hillside hollow serving as a shelter: **ABRI**  
 hillside vineyard: **COTE**  
 hill, small round mound: **KNOLL**  
 hill that is rocky or its craggy peak: **TOR**  
 hilly, having mounds: **TUMULOSE**  
 hinder, block or guard against in advance: **FORESTALL**  
 hinder, impede, crowd with useless additions: **ENCUMBER**  
 hinder, interfere with the movements of, impede: **HAMPER**  
 hinder, obstruct: **CRIMP**  
 hinder, put obstacles in the way of, retard: **IMPEDE**  
 hinder, slow, delay: **RETARD**  
 hindrance, impediment: **TRAMMEL**  
 Hindu ascetic philosophy that involves deep meditation: **YOGA**  
 Hindu loincloth: **DHOTI**  
 Hindu mythology triad of Brahma, Vishnu and Siva: **TRIMURTI**  
 Hindu or Buddhist religious law: **DHARMA**  
 Hindu system of exercises practiced in the self-freeing Yoga discipline: **YOGA**  
 Hindu women's garment consisting of a long piece of fabric artfully wound about the body: **SARI**  
 hint at, signify: **IMPLY**  
 hint, imply: **INTIMATE**  
 hint, notion, slight suggestion, vague idea: **INKLING**  
 hint, sly intimation: **INSINUATION**  
 hint, suggestion, insinuation, usually derogatory: **INUENDO**  
 hip raised in a pose: **HIPSHOT POSE**  
 hired applauders: **CLAUQUE**  
 Hispanic grocery store: **BODEGA**  
 hissing, making "s" sounds: **SIBILANT**  
 historical subjects represented in ornamental design: **STORIATION**  
 history muse: **CLIO**  
 history study based on excavations: **ARCHAEOLOGY**  
 hit and rebound: **CAROM**  
 hit or graze along the side: **SIDESWIPE**  
 hit or run into a person from the side and unseen: **BLINDSIDE**  
 hit repeatedly: **PELT**  
 hit repeatedly with the fists: **PUMMEL**  
 hives, nettle rash: **URTICARIA**

hoarding riches: **AVARICE**  
 hoarse, husky-voiced: **ROUPY**  
 hoax: **SPOOF**  
 hockey enclosure to seat players removed because of a penalty: **PENALTY BOX**  
 hockey feint or faked movement by the puck handler: **DEKE**  
 hockey foul of touching the opponent's body with the stick held in both hands: **CROSS-CHECK**  
 hockey movement of the puck with light taps of the stick: **DRIBBLE**  
 hockey pass in which the puck is suddenly or deceptively left for or tapped back to a trailing teammate: **DROP PASS**  
 hockey penalizing call for illegal entry into opponent's zone ahead of the puck: **OFFSIDE**  
 hockey player substitution without a stopping of play: **CHANGING ON THE FLY**  
 hockey rectangular area in front of the goal cage: **CREASE, GOAL CREASE**  
 hockey starting of a play by dropping the puck between the sticks of two opposing players: **FACE-OFF**  
 hockey team's preventing of a score by the opponent while it is short a player or players because of a penalty: **PENALTY KILLING**  
 hockey: uncharacteristically physical or rough in style of play: **CHIPPY**  
 hocus-pocus, sleight of hand, trickery: **LEGERDEMAIN**  
 hodgepodge, confusion: **KATZENJAMMER**  
 hodgepodge, hash: **GALLIMAUFRY**  
 hodgepodge, medley: **MÉLANGE**  
 hoggish, piggish, swinish: **PORCINE**  
 hold back from something: **ABSTAIN**  
 hold forth, discuss: **DESCANT**  
 hold forth with cant, talk in a windy way, speechify: **BLOVIATE**  
 holding, as of land or a term of office: **TENURE**  
 holding of an office: **INCUMBENCY**  
 holding temporarily of money, property, etc., by a third party: **ESCROW**  
 holding together: **COHERENT**  
 hold someone by binding the arms: **PINION**  
 hole drilled through the ocean floor: **MOHOLE**

hole in a paved road: **POTHOLE**  
 hole or pit at the bottom of a shaft or hole to collect water: **SUMP**  
 holiday spent in activity similar to one's regular work: **BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY**  
 holiness or righteousness pretended: **SANCTIMONIOUS**  
 hollowed-out recess or space, cavern: **GROTTO**  
 hollow in a wall, as for a bust or statue: **NICHE**  
 Holy Communion: **EUCCHARIST**  
 Holy Communion plate for consecrated bread: **PATEN**  
 Holy Communion received as bread dipped in wine: **INTINCTION**  
 Holy Communion wafer receptacle: **PYX**  
 holy men as the hierarchy of a government: **HAGIARCHY, HAGIOCRACY**  
 holy objects or relics repository, as a box or a shrine: **RELIQUARY**  
 holy of holies, most sacred place: **SANCTUM SANCTORUM**  
 holy oil: **CHRISM**  
 holy-water basin: **STOUP**  
 holy-water sprinkler held in the hand: **ASPERGILLUM**  
 homage, respect, reverence: **OBEISANCE**  
 home: **ABODE**  
 home, house or dwelling: **DOMICILE**  
 homeless person forced by a war to live in a foreign country: **DISPLACED PERSON**  
 homeless, roaming: **NOMADIC**  
 homeless rover, vagabond: **VAGRANT**  
 homeless wanderer: **WAIIF**  
 homeless, wandering youngster: **GAMIN**  
 homeless woman of the streets with her possessions: **BAG LADY**  
 home stayer, one remaining in the same place: **SEDENS**  
 homosexual female: **LESBIAN**  
 homosexuality, especially among males: **URANISM**  
 homosexual male: **URANIST, URNING**  
 honest and straightforward dealing: **PLAIN-DEALING**  
 honest, conscientious: **SCRUPULOUS**  
 honest, morally proper: **UPRIGHT**  
 honesty: **VERACITY**  
 honesty, probity: **INTEGRITY**  
 honorable, respectable, in good usage: **REPUTABLE**

- honoree for excellence in his or her achievements: **LAUREATE**
- honors awarded according to property owned, as a form of government: **TIMOCRACY**
- honors awarded at graduation: **CUM LAUDE**
- honor with festivities: **FETE**
- hood and mask worn at masquerades: **DOMINO**
- hooded: **COWLED**
- hooded cloak: **BURNOOSE**
- hoof, nail, claw: **UNGUIS**
- hook at the end of the pole for landing large fish: **GAFF**
- hooked, curved: **AQUILINE**
- hooked or claw-like anchor: **GRAPNEL**
- hook-like: **UNCIFORM**
- hoot, wail, howl: **ULULATE**
- hopeless, incapable of being reformed: **INCORRIGIBLE**
- hopelessness, dejection of spirits: **DESPONDENCY**
- hopeless plight: **CHANCERY**
- hope that is desperate or futile: **FORLORN HOPE**
- horizon arc measurement in navigation and astronomy: **AZIMUTH**
- hormone associated with male or masculine drives: **TESTOSTERONE**
- horn-bereft animal: **POLLARD**
- hornlike, horny: **CORNEOUS**
- horn overflowing with fruit, vegetables, grain: **CORNUCOPIA**
- horn that is low-pitched, especially one used on ships to signal alarms: **KLAXON**
- horrible fancy: **CHIMERA**
- horrified: **AGHAST**
- horror in a lurid dramatic or sensational form: **GRAND GUIGNOL**
- hors d'oeuvres in the form of raw vegetables: **CRUDITÉS**
- horseback riding: **EQUITATION**
- horse, bred near Trieste, that is white or gray, finely shaped, spirited and noted as a dressage performer: **LIPPIZANER**
- horse breed notable for its trotters and pacers: **STANDARD BRED**
- horse comb: **CURRYCOMB**
- horse command word meaning to turn left: **HAW**
- horse command word meaning to turn right: **GEE**
- horse-drawn two-wheeled vehicle for one person: **SULKY**
- horse, in breeding, that is a female parent: **DAM**
- horse less than a year old: **FOAL**
- horse-like: **EQUINE**
- horse-like mythical animal with one horn: **UNICORN**
- horsemanship competition, athletic meet or automobile steeplechase: **GYMKHANA**
- horsemanship execution of trotting slowly in place: **PIAFFE**
- horsemen symbolizing pestilence, war, famine and death: **FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE**
- horse of heavy build with feathered or brush-like pasterns and fetlocks: **CLYDESDALE**
- horse of light tan color with ivory-colored mane and tail: **PALOMINO**
- horse of medium size used for ordinary driving or riding: **HACKNEY**
- horse race in which any entry is subject to purchase at a previously set price: **CLAIMING RACE**
- horse race in which the competitors are selected far in advance: **FUTURITY**
- horse race with only one starter: **WALKOVER**
- horse-racing informant or consultant: **TOUT**
- horse-racing information sheet: **DOPE SHEET**
- horse-racing term for the designated weight carried by a horse in a handicap race: **IMPOST**
- horseshoer, blacksmith: **FARRIER**
- horseshoe-shaped: **HIPPOCREPIFORM**
- horse's lifting of a forefoot and the opposite hind foot without moving forward or backward: **PIAFFER**
- horses or horsemanship, relating to: **EQUESTRIAN**
- horses or oxen in a matched pair: **SPAN**
- horse that has been castrated: **GELDING**
- horse that is a female foal: **FILLY**
- horse that is a male parent or in breeding: **SIRE**
- horse that is a mature female: **MARE**
- horse that is a mature male: **STALLION**
- horse that is gentle and plodding, farm horse: **DOBBIN**



horse that is male and four years of age or under, male foal: **COLT**

horse that is male and uncastrated: **STALLION**

horse that is spirited, as for riding or use in combat: **STEED**

horse that is worn out or useless: **RIP**

horse that races well on a muddy track: **MUDDER**

horse-trained gait whereby the horse moves partly sidewise: **VOLT**

horse training for performance of precise movements: **DRESSAGE**

horse used for heavy work: **PERCHERON**

horse whose coloring is permeated with gray or white: **ROAN**

hospital cot or stretcher with wheels: **GURNEY**

hospital department in which outpatients are treated: **POLYCLINIC**

hospitality, friendliness, coziness: **GEMÜTLICHKEIT**

hospitality, pertaining to: **XENIAL**

hospital or program for the terminally ill: **HOSPICE**

hospital or ship for the treatment of contagious diseases: **LAZARETTO**

hospital teenage nursing aide: **CANDY STRIPER**

hostile, antagonistic: **INIMICAL**

hostile behavior: **BELLICOSITY**

hostile feeling: **ANIMUS**

hostile, inharmonious, incongruous: **DISSONANT**

hostility, enmity, ill feeling: **BAD BLOOD**

hot days of July and August: **DOG DAYS**

hotel designed to accommodate motorists: **MOTEL**

hotel system in which the price includes room, service and meals: **AMERICAN PLAN**

hotel system of charging for room and service without meals: **EUROPEAN PLAN**

hotheaded person: **HOTSPUR**

hot, scorched: **TORRID**

hourly: **HORAL**

household: **MÉNAGE**

household gods: **LARES AND PENATES**

house used by spies as a secret refuge or meeting place: **SAFE HOUSE**

housewife who is extremely efficient and tidy: **BALEBOSTE**

house with a steep triangular shape or roof reaching to the ground: **A-FRAME**

house with a view: **BELVEDERE**

house with each floor half a story above or below the adjacent one: **SPLIT-LEVEL**

housing for low-income people scattered rather than concentrated in a middle-class area: **SCATTERSITE HOUSING**

howl, hoot, wail: **ULULATE**

H-shaped: **ZYGAL**

hubbub, turmoil: **HURLY-BURLY**

huge: **TITANIC**

huge: **BROBDINGNAGIAN**

huge and powerful creature or thing, monstrosity: **BEHEMOTH**

huge or powerful thing or creature: **LEVIATHAN**

human attributes ascribed to inanimate things: **PATHETIC FALLACY**

human nature, form, etc., ascribed to the inanimate in figurative speech: **PERSONIFICATION**

human behavior as a study: **PRAXEOLOGY**

human being requiring artificial parts, respiration system, etc., to function in an alien environment: **CYBORG**

human character, mores, etc., as a study: **ETHOLOGY**

human embodiment: **INCARNATION**

human emotions or passions attributed to gods or objects: **ANTHROPOPATHY**

human excrement as fertilizer: **NIGHT SOIL**

human form or characteristics ascribed to something not human: **ANTHROPOMORPHISM**

human improvement through control of environment: **EUTHENICS**

human improvement through control of factors that affect heredity: **EUGENICS**

human knowledge as a subject of study, cognition: **EPISTEMOLOGY**

human-looking robot: **ANDROID**

humanly made object or art: **ARTIFACT**

human nature attributed to God: **ANTHROPOPHUIISM**

human settlements as a study: **EKISTICS**

human-shaped: **ANDROID**



human Upper Paleolithic precursor:

**CRO-MAGNON**

humbly and earnestly entreating:

**SUPPLIANT**

hum, buzz, drone: **BOMBINATE**

humid, damp, moist: **DANK**

humiliate: **ABASE**

humor directed against danger, death,  
etc.: **GALLOWS HUMOR**

humorous: **WAGGISH**

humorously extravagant, caricatural and  
ribald: **RABELAISIAN**

humorous, witty or ribald writings:

**FACETIAE**

humpback, curvature of the spine:

**KYPHOSIS**

hundred-fold: **CENTUPLE**

hunger that is abnormal and continual:

**BULIMIA**

hungry, greedy: **ESURIENT**

hungry in a wild or greedy way:

**RAVENOUS**

hunted creature: **QUARRY**

hunt or fish illegally: **POACH**

hurl from a height: **PRECIPITATE**

hurried and confused: **HELTER-SKELTER**

hurry: **POSTHASTE**

hurry, hasten: **HIE**

hurry off, run: **SCAMPER**

hurtful: **DELETERIOUS**

hurtful or touching to the feelings,  
affecting: **POIGNANT**

hurtle through air: **CATAPULT**

husbandly to an excessive degree, fond  
of or submissive to one's wife:

**UXORIOUS**

husband of an unfaithful wife:

**CUCKOLD**

husband of a reigning female sovereign:

**PRINCE CONSORT**

husband or wife: **CONSORT**

husband who murders his wife:

**UXORICIDE**

hush-hush or involving intrigue,  
plotting, spying, etc.:

**CLOAK-AND-DAGGER**

husk, shell, pod: **SHUCK**

husky-voiced, hoarse: **ROUPY**

hussy: **JADE**

hybrid offspring of a stallion and a  
female ass: **HINNY**

hymn for the dead: **REQUIEM**

hymn or verse in praise of God:

**DOXOLOGY**

hype: **PUFFERY**

hypocrisy: **PHARISAISM**

hypocrisy: **SANCTIMONY**

hypocrite: **TARTUFFE**

hypocrite: **WHITED SEPULCHER**

hypocrite who is fawning and scheming:

**URIAH HEEP**

hypocritical behavior: **DISSEMBLANCE**

hypocritical, insincere: **PECKSNIFFIAN**

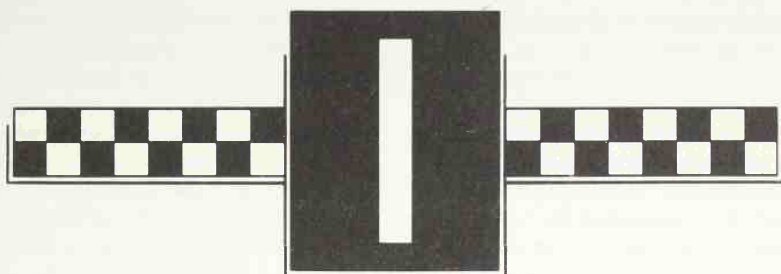
hypocritically pious expression: **CANT**

hypocritical, pretentious or ostentatious  
ceremony: **MUMMERY**

hypothetical, academic, debatable:

**MOOT**

hysterical outburst, rage: **CONNIPTION**



I adjust my chess piece only (and do not move it): **J'ADOUBE**

I am at fault: **MEA CULPA**

I came, I saw, I conquered: **VENI, VIDI, VICI**

ice cream frozen layered dessert with syrup and fruit in a slender glass:

**PARFAIT**

iced or chilled beverage as a dessert:

**FRAPPE**

ice game, in which heavy stones are slid toward a goal: **CURLING**

ice-surface-smoothing tractor-like vehicle: **ZAMBONI**

icy, frozen: **GELID**

idea conference: **BRAINSTORMING**

idea forming, entertaining or relating:

**IDEATION**

idealize, glorify: **TRANSFIGURE**

identification card: **ID CARD**

identification with another usually

well-known person as an

unconscious disorder:

**APPERSONATION**

identifying journalistic sources:

**ATTRIBUTION**

identifying oneself with other persons or

objects: **INTROJECTION**

idiocy: **AMENTIA**

idiom, language, speaking style:

**PARLANCE**

idiot: **AMENT**

idiotic, inane, stupid: **FATUOUS**

idle chatter: **PALAUVER**

idle, dormant: **FALLOW**

idle, lazy: **OTIOSE**

idler, do-nothing: **FAINÉANT**

idle tramp who is subject to arrest:

**VAGRANT**

idle, unoccupied: **VACUOUS**

idly talk, chatter: **PRATE**

idyllic, serene, calm: **HALCYON**

if anything can go wrong, it will:

**MURPHY'S LAW**

if you please, please: **S'IL VOUS PLAÎT**

ignorance: **NESCIENCE**

ignorance or alibi backup planned as

self-protective excuse: **DENIABILITY**

ignorance pretended to expose errors of

opponent's argument: **SOCRATIC**

**IRONY**

ignorant: **BENIGHTED**

ignore the indicated correction and let

the original stand (a direction used

in proofreading): **STET**

ignoring the complexity of problems,

oversimplifying: **SIMPLISTIC**

I have found it: **EUREKA**

ill-assorted, incongruous: **DISSOCIABLE**

ill-disposed, wishing evil toward others:

**MALEVOLENT**

illegal bargain made in a lawsuit to get

a share of the matter sued for:

**CHAMPERTY**

illegal commerce in goods that may not

be exported or imported:

**CONTRABAND**

illegal influencing of a judge or jury:

**EMBRACERY**

illegal-money trafficker, payoff

messenger: **BAGMAN**

illegal resident without authorized

papers: **ILLEGAL ALIEN**

illegible handwriting: **GRIFFONAGE**

illegitimate, counterfeit: **SPURIOUS**

ill-humored, cross, gloomy: **SULKY**

ill-humored, sullen, gloomy: **MOROSE**

illiterate, uneducated: **UNLETTERED**

ill-natured or rude person: **CHURL**

illness, disorder: **DISTEMPER**

illness or discontent, a chronic feeling of either: **DYSPHORIA**  
 illness or disorder of the mind or body: **DISTEMPER**  
 illness that is slight: **INDISPOSITION**  
 illogical or faulty reasoning: **PARALOGISM**  
 ill-starred: **STAR-CROSSED**  
 ill-tempered or peevish: **BILIOUS**  
 ill temper, spitefulness, peevishness: **SPLEEN**  
 illusion of reality, in art or decoration: **TROMPE L'OEIL**  
 illusion that a new experience has happened before: **DÉJÀ VU**  
 illusory or unreal, as an imagined banquet: **BARMECIDAL**  
 illustrate a book already in print with illustrations removed from another book: **GRANGERIZE**  
 illustrative: **EXEMPLARY**  
 ill will, spitefulness: **RANCOR**  
 image: **EIDOLON**  
 image in the mind, specter: **PHANTASM**  
 image, likeness or picture, usually an object of veneration: **ICON**  
 image, likeness or representation, usually crudely done, of a disliked person: **EFFIGY**  
 images in works of art studied to determine the thematic significance of the subject: **ICONOGRAPHY**  
 imaginable, possible, secular: **EARTHLY**  
 imaginary, assumed, supposed: **HYPOTHETICAL**  
 imaginary, flimsy: **INSUBSTANTIAL**  
 imaginary grotesque monster: **CHIMERA**  
 imaginary or visionary semblance: **SIMULACRUM**  
 imaginary romantic and picturesque kingdom: **RURITANIA**  
 imaginary sought thing, delusion, misleading phenomenon: **WILL-O'-THE-WISP**  
 imaginary, unrealistic: **VISIONARY**  
 imaginative resources: **INGENUITY**  
 imagined or recalled with photographic vividness: **EIDETIC**  
 imagined or unreal, as a banquet that is an illusion: **BARMECIDAL**  
 imagined symptoms as part of anxiety about one's health: **HYPOCHONDRIA**  
 imitate in attempt to equal or surpass: **EMULATE**

imitate, look or act like someone or something: **SIMULATE**  
 imitating a sound, as an expressive word: **ECHOIC**  
 imitation, especially in literature and art: **MIMESIS**  
 imitation marble: **SCAGLIOLA**  
 imitation of a literary or musical work, meant humorously: **PARODY**  
 imitation of a person or thing, copy: **CLONE**  
 imitation or burlesque that is farcical: **TRAVESTY**  
 imitation or reproduction of the original: **ECTYPE**  
 immature: **CALLOW**  
 immature, callow but opinionated: **SOPHOMORIC**  
 immature, inexperienced: **UNFLEDGED**  
 immediate: **INSTANTANEOUS**  
 immediately: **TOUT DE SUITE**  
 immediately following this: **HEREUPON**  
 immigrant without proper papers, unlawful resident: **ILLEGAL ALIEN**  
 immoral, debauched: **DISSOLUTE**  
 immoral man, roué: **RAKE**  
 immortality: **ATHANASIA**  
 immovable: **ADAMANT**  
 immune, resistant: **INSUSCEPTIBLE**  
 immune to injury, unconquerable: **INVULNERABLE**  
 immunity to disease as a study: **IMMUNOLOGY**  
 immunize by an injection: **INOCULATE**  
 impair secretly, weaken by degrees: **UNDERMINE**  
 impair, spoil: **VITIATE**  
 impart gradually: **INSTILL**  
 impartial, fair: **UNBIASED**  
 impartial, fair, reasonable: **EQUITABLE**  
 impartiality, justness, fairness: **EQUITY**  
 impartial, objective: **DISPASSIONATE**  
 impartial, unbiased: **DISINTERESTED**  
 impassioned: **FERVID**  
 impassive, unaffected by pain or pleasure: **STOICAL**  
 impassive, unfeeling: **STOLID**  
 impede, block, hinder, stop: **OBSTRUCT**  
 impede, disconcert, complicate: **EMBARRASS**  
 impede, hinder, obstruct, crowd with useless additions: **ENCUMBER**  
 impede, restrain, interfere with the movements of: **HAMPER**  
 impediment, hindrance: **TRAMMEL**

impending, threatening: **IMMINENT**  
imperialistic or expansionist doctrine of  
the 19th-century United States:

**MANIFEST DESTINY**

imperious, dictatorial: **PEREMPTORY**

impetuous: **BRASH**

impetuous, ardent, violent: **VEHEMENT**

impetus of a body in motion:

**MOMENTUM**

impish, mischievously merry: **PUCKISH**

implanted device to regulate heartbeat

electronically: **PACEMAKER**

implant ideas or opinions: **INSEMINATE**

implanting synthetic replacement

material in the human body:

**ALLOPLASTY**

implicate: **INVOLVE**

implication of a word, an expression or  
a text: **CONNOTATION**

implied, not directly stated: **TACIT**

implied or understood matter in  
addition to what is expressed:

**SUBAUDITUR**

imply, hint: **INTIMATE**

imply or give the appearance of fact,  
often falsely: **PURPORT**

important: **CONSEQUENTIAL**

important, conclusive or inescapable  
consideration, essential matter,

crux: **BOTTOM LINE**

important, essential: **PIVOTAL**

important, highly regarded:

**PRESTIGIOUS**

important official, chief, bigwig:

**POOH-BAH**

important or outstanding feature:

**HIGHLIGHT**

important person: **HIGH MUCK-A-MUCK**

important person in a group: **KINGPIN**

impose, introduce or insert

unwelcomely: **FOIST**

imposing, awesome: **AUGUST**

imposing, pretentiously grand:

**GRANDIOSE**

impossible to extricate oneself from,

impossible to disentangle or undo:

**INEXTRICABLE**

impressive, grand, stately: **IMPOSING**

impress on the mind, instill: **INCULCATE**

imprison: **INCARCERATE**

imprison, confine, surround, enclose  
within walls: **IMMURE**

imprisonment, forced confinement:

**DURANCE**

improbable person or event introduced  
to untangle a story plot: **DEUS EX**  
**MACHINA**

impromptu, spontaneous, casual:

**OFF-THE-CUFF**

improper: **UNSEEMLY**

improper, unseemly: **UNTOWARD**

improve: **AMELIORATE**

improvements to property: **CAPITAL**

**EXPENDITURE**

improvise: **AD LIB**

improvised: **EXTEMPORANEOUS**

improvised measure to fill a need

temporarily: **STOPGAP**

improvised musical passage: **CADENZA**

improvised, temporary, substitute:

**MAKESHIFT**

imprudent: **IMPOLITIC**

imprudent, unwise: **INDISCREET**

impudence: **CHUTZPAH**

impudence, boldness, audacity:

**EFFRONTERY**

impudently or ostentatiously display:

**FLAUNT**

impudent young woman: **BAGGAGE**

impulse that is creative: **AFFLATUS**

impulsive, hasty, rash: **IMPETUOUS**

impulsive or hasty in action or speech:

**HALF-COCKED**

impulsive, without forethought:

**SPONTANEOUS**

impure, to make: **ADULTERATE**

inability to decide or act, loss of

willpower: **ABULIA**

inability to experience pleasure or

happiness: **ANHEDONIA**

inability to swallow: **APIAGIA**

inability to understand or use objects:

**APRAXIA**

inactive for a period, especially winter:

**HIIBERNATING**

inactive, indolent, listless: **SUPINE**

inactive, settled, seated a great part of

the time: **SEDENTARY**

inactive, sluggish, dull: **TORPID**

inactive, still, placid: **QUIESCENT**

in addition, besides: **WITHAL**

inadequate, disproportionate:

**INCOMMENSURATE**

inadequate, not quite enough: **SCANT**

inadvertent or random action,

accidental homicide:

**CHANCE-MEDLEY**

in a hopeless situation, in great trouble,

doomed: **UP THE CREEK**

in a living organism, not in a laboratory or artificial environment: **IN VIVO**  
 in an artificial environment or test tube, not within the living body or organism: **IN VITRO**  
 inane or idle thing: **VACUITY**  
 inanimate objects possess souls, as a belief: **ANIMISM**  
 in an undertone, softly or privately spoken, whispered: **SOTTO VOCE**  
 inappropriate, at odds with, unsuitable: **INCONGRUOUS**  
 inappropriate, out of place: **MALAPROPOS**  
 inattentive, heedless: **UNAWARE**  
 inaudible to humans: **INFRASONIC**  
 inborn: **INHERENT**  
 inborn: **INNATE**  
 incantation, magical unintelligible words: **MUMBO JUMBO**  
 incantation used to conjure an evil spirit: **INVOCATION**  
 incapable of being passed through: **IMPERVIOUS**  
 incapable of being transferred or removed: **INALIENABLE**  
 incarnation of a quality or idea: **AVATAR**  
 incautious, thriftless, rash: **IMPROVIDENT**  
 incense ingredient: **TACAMAHAC**  
 incentive, motivating force: **IMPETUS**  
 incentive, stimulus: **FILLIP**  
 inch by inch: **INCHMEAL**  
 incidental result, by-product, new application: **SPIN-OFF**  
 incident or controversy attracting wide attention: **CAUSE CÉLÈBRE**  
 incised carving: **INTAGLIO**  
 incite, foment, provoke, spur on or goad, especially to some drastic action: **INSTIGATE**  
 incite, instigate, stir up: **FOMENT**  
 inclination, slope of countryside: **VERSANT**  
 inclination, tendency: **BENT**  
 inclination, tendency, bent: **PROPENSITY**  
 incline downward, be of greater weight: **PREPONDERATE**  
 incline that links different levels: **RAMP**  
 include, embrace: **COMPRISE**  
 include or take in as a part of the whole: **INCORPORATE**  
 include within or beneath, subordinate: **SUBSUME**

incoherent, rapid talk: **GIBBERISH**  
 incoherent talk: **GABBLE**  
 income in dollars of individuals adjusted to take account of inflation: **REAL INCOME**  
 incompetence tends to be the level achieved by the promotion of employees: **PETER PRINCIPLE**  
 incompetent, clumsy, awkward: **INEPT**  
 incomplete, broken: **FRAGMENTARY**  
 incomprehensible, dense: **IMPENETRABLE**  
 incongruity, lack of harmony: **DISSONANCE**  
 incongruous, ill-assorted: **DISSOCIABLE**  
 incongruously nonsensical statement, droll self-contradiction: **IRISH BULL**  
 inconsistency, contradiction: **DISCREPANCY**  
 inconsistent, opposed, undesirable: **REPUGNANT**  
 inconstant, changeable: **FICKLE**  
 inconvenience, bother, trouble: **DISCOMMODE**  
 incorporate, collect, make part of a whole: **EMBODY**  
 incorrect though popular idea of the origin of a word: **FOLK ETYMOLOGY**  
 increase, addition, something added or gained: **INCREMENT**  
 increase, grow, expand step by step: **ESCALATE**  
 increase power, rank or wealth: **AGGRANDIZE**  
 increase unduly, puff up, enlarge excessively: **INFLATE**  
 increasing, enlarging, growing: **INCRESCENT**  
 increasing the number of shares of a company by dividing the outstanding shares: **SPLIT**  
 incriminate: **INCULPATE**  
 incriminatingly, in the very act: **RED-HANDED, IN FLAGRANTE DELICTO**  
 incurable, unremediable: **IRREMEDIABLE**  
 indecency or pornography in art or literature: **COPROLOGY**  
 indecent: **UNSEEMLY**  
 indecent, bold, self-assertive: **IMMODEST**  
 indecent, risqué: **SCABROUS**  
 indecisive: **VACILLATING**  
 indefinable something: **JE NE SAIS QUOI**



indefinite, misty, foggy: **NUBIOUS**  
 indefinite, vague: **INTANGIBLE**  
 indention of all lines of a paragraph  
   except the first, as in the format of  
   this entry: **HANGING INDENTION**  
 independent: **AUTONOMOUS**  
 independent and dangerous adventurer,  
   individual deemed loose and  
   beyond the control of a group:  
   **ROGUE ELEPHANT**  
 independent and supreme in authority:  
   **SOVEREIGN**  
 independent in resources: **SUBSTANTIVE**  
 independent, needing no help:  
   **SELF-SUFFICIENT**  
 independent of an original or main  
   body or group: **SPLINTER**  
 independent of outside control:  
   **AUTONOMOUS**  
 independent person, particularly in  
   politics: **MUGWUMP**  
 indescribable, ineffable: **INENARRABLE**  
 index to the individual words in a  
   particular book: **CONCORDANCE**  
 Indian (Asian) drums, played as a pair  
   with the hands: **TABLA**  
 Indian (Native American) conical tent:  
   **TEPEE**  
 Indian (Native American) feast in  
   which the host bestows lavish gifts  
   or destroys possessions with the  
   guests expected to follow suit:  
   **POTLATCH**  
 Indian (Native American) group  
   dwelling or dwellings often of  
   adobe, terraced and having ladders  
   for access: **PUEBLO**  
 Indian (Native American) rounded hut  
   of skins, mats or bark supported by  
   poles: **WIGWAM**  
 indicate, point out, signify: **DENOTE**  
 indicator or forerunner of something:  
   **BELLWETHER**  
 indifference, dullness, stagnation,  
   weakness, fatigue, spiritlessness:  
   **LANGUOR**  
 indifferent: **APATHETIC**  
 indifferent, apathetic: **PHLEGMATIC**  
 indifferent, apathetic, lackadaisical:  
   **LISTLESS**  
 indifferent in a casual way, cool:  
   **NONCHALANT**  
 indifferently careless, easygoing or  
   irresponsible: **GALLIONIC**  
 indifferent to pleasure or pain: **STOICAL**

indifferent, uncaring: **POCOCURANTE**  
 indigenous: **ABORIGINAL**  
 indigenous, native: **ENCHIRIAL**  
 indignity: **AFFRONT**  
 indirect mention: **ALLUSION**  
 indirect, not obvious: **SUBTLE**  
 indirect, roundabout: **CIRCUTOUS**  
 indirect, slanted: **OBLIQUE**  
 indirect wording used to say something:  
   **PERIPHRAISIS**  
 indiscretions of youth: **WILD OATS**  
 indiscriminate, especially sexually:  
   **PROMISCUOUS**  
 indispensable, essential, whole:  
   **INTEGRAL**  
 indispensable, required: **REQUISITE**  
 indispensable thing, that without which  
   there is nothing: **SINE QUA NON**  
 indisputable: **APODICTIC**  
 indisputable, uncontested:  
   **IRREFRAGABLE**  
 indisputable, unquestionable:  
   **INCONTESTABLE**  
 individual deemed loose and beyond the  
   control of a group, independent  
   and dangerous adventurer: **ROGUE**  
   **ELEPHANT**  
 individual's language or dialect:  
   **IDIOLECT**  
 individuals or items chosen in the  
   expectation they will be  
   representative of a whole group:  
   **RANDOM SAMPLE**  
 indoctrination that is coercive:  
   **BRAINWASHING**  
 indolent and irresponsible individual:  
   **LOTUS-EATER**  
 indolent, listless, inactive: **SUPINE**  
 indoor swimming pool: **NATATORIUM**  
 induced by a physician or his  
   treatment: **IATROGENIC**  
 induce or bribe one to commit perjury:  
   **SUBORN**  
 indulgence that is excessive:  
   **DISSIPATION**  
 industrial worker: **BLUE COLLAR**  
   **WORKER**  
 indwelling, existing within: **IMMANENT**  
 inebriate: **INTOXICATE**  
 ineffable, indescribable: **INENARRABLE**  
 ineffective, lazy, useless: **FAINÉANT**  
 ineffectual person: **WEAK SISTER**  
 ineffectual, useless: **OTIOSE**  
 inequality, unlikeness: **DISPARITY**

inertness and disorder as an irreversible tendency of a system: **ENTROPY**  
 inevitability: **FATALISM**  
 inevitable, unavoidable: **INELUCTABLE**  
 inexperienced: **CALLOW**  
 inexperienced: **VERDANT**  
 inexperienced: **WET BEHIND THE EARS**  
 inexperienced or new person, newcomer, novice: **GREENHORN**  
 infallible authority, wise person: **ORACLE**  
 infamy, disgrace: **OBLOQUY**  
 infantile concept of a parent or loved one persisting in the adult: **IMAGO**  
 infantry, soldiers vulnerable to artillery: **CANNON FODDER**  
 inference, deduction: **ILLATION**  
 inference resulting from concealment or misrepresentation of facts: **SUBREPTION**  
 infer from incomplete evidence: **CONJECTURE**  
 inferior as a substitute: **ERSATZ**  
 inferior in any way: **SUBORDINATE**  
 inferior in quality: **SHODDY**  
 inferior in rank, subordinate: **SUBALTERN**  
 inferior, paltry, pitiable: **SORRY**  
 inferior to an appalling degree: **EXECRABLE**  
 infernal: **AVERNAL**  
 infernal, dark, gloomy: **STYGIAN**  
 infinitive in which an adverb intervenes between the "to" and the verb: **SPLIT INFINITIVE**  
 inflamed, sore: **IRRITATED**  
 inflated or a bombastic, as a style of speech: **TURGID**  
 inflated, overloaded: **PLETHORIC**  
 inflated, pompous: **TUMID**  
 inflated, pretentious: **OVERBLOWN**  
 inflation designed by government to bring back a former price structure: **REFLATION**  
 inflection of words: **ACCIDENCE**  
 inflexible, rigid: **HARD-SHELL**  
 inflict or enforce in an arbitrary fashion: **IMPOSE**  
 influence another with talk or insinuations: **EARWIG**  
 influential or powerful person in determining political candidates, power broker: **KINGMAKER**  
 inform: **APPRISE**  
 informal noisy gathering: **CLAMBAKE**

informal word or phrase: **COLLOQUIALISM**  
 information exchanging, useful professional intercommunication: **NETWORKING**  
 information gathered on a person or subject: **DOSSIER**  
 information that is false and deliberately disseminated by a government, intelligence agency, etc.: **DISINFORMATION**  
 informed, acquainted with the facts: **AU FAIT**  
 informed on current things: **AU COURANT**  
 informer for the police: **STOOL PIGEON**  
 in front of, frontal: **ANTERIOR**  
 ingenious, cunning, skillful: **DAEDAL**  
 ingenious, refined: **SUBTLE**  
 in great trouble, in a hopeless situation, doomed: **UP THE CREEK**  
 inhabitant, habitué: **DENIZEN**  
 inharmonious, incongruous, hostile: **DISSONANT**  
 inharmonious state or quality: **DISSONANCE**  
 inherent: **INNATE**  
 inherent, essential: **INTRINSIC**  
 inherited racial memory: **COLLECTIVE UNCONSCIOUS**  
 inhuman, cruel, vicious: **FELL**  
 initial, beginning: **INCEPTIVE**  
 initialisms and acronyms: **ALPHABET SOUP**  
 initial letter or sound dropped in the development of a word: **APHERESIS**  
 initial letter or sound the same in a series of words: **ALLITERATION**  
 initial letters of a series of words combined to form a word: **ACRONYM**  
 initial letters of lines forming a word: **ACROSTIC**  
 initiate someone by subjecting him to pranks and humiliating horseplay: **HAZE**  
 injection under the skin: **HYPODERMIC**  
 inject or add certain elements: **INCORPORATE**  
 injured feeling, resentment: **UMBRAGE**  
 injured or victimized by one's plans to injure another: **HOIST BY ONE'S OWN PETARD**  
 injurious: **DELETERIOUS**

injurious, deadly, malicious:

**PERNICIOUS**

injurious, harmful: **NOCOIOUS**

injurious, unwholesome: **NOXIOUS**

injury, damage: **LESION**

injury, harmful action, ill service:

**DISSERVICE**

injury or emotional shock that is severe:

**TRAUMA**

ink blot test used to analyze

personality: **RORSCHACH TEST**

inland region, remote area,

backcountry: **HINTERLAND**

inlet of the sea between steep cliffs:

**FJORD**

inlet of the sea or mouth of a river

where tide and current meet:

**ESTUARY**

inmost parts, as in a house of worship:

**PENETRALIA**

in name alone, not in fact: **NOMINAL**

innards, internal organs such as the

stomach, heart, lungs: **VISCERA**

inner force that animates or guides:

**NUMEN**

inn, hostelry: **CARAVANSARY**

innkeeper: **BONIFACE**

innocence, peace and simplicity being

portrayed as associated with rural

life: **PASTORAL**

innocence-proving: **EXCULPATORY**

innocent or simple in style in a

deliberate and often somewhat false

way: **FAUX NAÏF**

innocent young woman: **INGENUUE**

innumerable, vast indefinite number:

**MYRIAD**

in on a secret: **PRIVY TO**

in opposition to: **ATHWART**

in or by itself, as such, by nature: **PER**

**SE**

in passing: **EN PASSANT**

in place, in proper position: **IN SITU**

in place of: **IN LIEU OF**

in place of a parent: **IN LOCO PARENTIS**

in private, secretly: **IN PETTO**

in proper position, in place: **IN SITU**

insane: **DAFT**

insane notion, delusion: **DELIRAMENT**

insanity: **ALIENATION**

insatiable, immoderate, greedy:

**VORACIOUS**

inscribe or adorn with names or

symbols: **BLAZON**

inscription on a tomb or monument:

**EPIGRAPH**

inscriptions or their deciphering or

interpreting: **EPIGRAPHY**

inscriptions, scribbblings or drawings on

walls: **GRAFFITI**

insect chirping sound, as made by

crickets and grasshoppers:

**STRIDULATION**

insect encased or cocoon stage:

**CHRYSLIS, PUPA**

insect noises: **FRITINIENCY**

insect study: **ENTOMOLOGY**

insensible, blunt, dull: **OBTUSE**

insert an organ within the body:

**IMPLANT**

insert an unacknowledged addition into

a text: **INTERPOLATE**

insert, as an additional day in the

calendar: **INTERCALATE**

inserting one's own ideas into a text

being explained: **EISEGESIS**

insertion, as in a wooden joint, to hide

a bad fitting or to replace a broken

piece: **DUTCHMAN**

insertion of a sound or letter into a

word: **EPENTHESIS**

insertion of a word between the parts of

a compound word: **TMESIS**

insertion of one thing into another:

**INTROMISSION**

insertion sign in typewritten or printed

matter ( ^ ): **CARET**

insert-one's-hand protective or sterilized

container, as used in laboratories,

with interior gloves attached to

holes for the hands: **GLOVE BOX**

insert, throw in between other things,

introduce abruptly: **INTERJECT**

inside exclusive group: **CLIQUE**

inside of a curved surface: **CONCAVITY**

insider, one in the know: **COGNOSCENTE**

inside talk of a special group: **CANT**

insightful impression, immediate

perception, intuition: **APERÇU**

insignia that is V-shaped: **CHEVRON**

insignificant amount: **IOTA**

insignificant or trifling in size or

amount: **NEGLIGIBLE**

insignificant, trifling, tiny: **MINUTE**

insignificant, unimportant, trifling:

**PETTY**

insincere, ambiguous: **LEFT-HANDED**

insincere, crafty: **DISINGENUOUS**

insincere, excessive: **FULSOME**

insincere, hypocritical: **PECKSNIFFIAN**  
 insincere religious or moralistic talk:

**CANT**

insincere support, avowal, etc.: **LIP  
 SERVICE**

insincere sympathy: **BATHOS**

insinuation, hint, suggestion, usually  
 derogatory: **INNUENDO**

insipid, dry, lacking interest, naive,  
 barren: **JEJUNE**

insipid, flat, dull, lifeless: **VAPID**

insolence, rudeness: **IMPERTINENCE**

insolent: **BRASSY**

insolent, rebellious: **CONTUMACIOUS**

insolent treatment: **AFFRONT**

inspection of one or a few typical things  
 out of many, to insure quality:

**SPOT CHECK**

inspirer, activator, leader, as of a group:

**SPARK PLUG**

inspire with ideas: **IMBUE**

install, as an official: **INAUGURATE**

installment ceremony: **INVESTITURE**

install or place in office formally:

**INVEST**

instantly: **IN A TRICE**

instigate an evil act: **SUBORN**

instigate, incite, stir up: **FOMENT**

instill, impress on the mind: **INCULCATE**

institute legal proceedings: **PROSECUTE**

instruct in doctrines, principles or

systems of belief: **INDOCTRINATE**

instructional, boringly pedagogical:

**DIDACTIC**

instrument recording distance traveled:

**ODOMETER**

instrument similar to the xylophone:

**MARIMBA**

instrument that is long and tubular  
 with a curving stem: **BASSOON**

instrument to measure diameter or  
 thickness: **CALIPERS**

insubstantial, nonmaterial, spiritual:

**INCORPOREAL**

insult, affront: **INDIGNITY**

insult game about relatives traditional  
 among some black Americans:

**DOZENS**

insulting: **ABUSIVE**

insulting, disrespectful: **INSOLENT**

insulting rudeness in speech:

**CONTUMELY**

insult openly: **AFFRONT**

insult that is wittily veiled:

**CHARIENTISM**

insurance risk and premium calculator:

**ACTUARY**

insurrection: **INSURGENCE**

intact: **INVIOULATE**

intangible: **IMPALPABLE**

integrity, honesty: **PROBITY**

integrity lack, dishonesty: **IMPROBITY**

intellect, brains: **GRAY MATTER**

intellectually or abstractly apprehended:

**NOETIC**

intellectual perception of something

unknowable through the senses:

**NOUMENON**

intellectual quickness, keenness:

**ACUMEN**

intellectuals' center for interdisciplinary  
 problem solving and research:

**THINK TANK**

intemperance: **DISSIPATION**

intensify: **AGGRANDIZE**

intensify, elevate: **HEIGHTEN**

interbreeding of races: **MISCEGENATION**

inter, bury: **INHUME**

interchangeable or worthy as a

replacement, as with a debt:

**FUNGIBLE**

interesting and agreeable: **SAPID**

interest not compounded but computed  
 on the original principal alone:

**SIMPLE INTEREST**

interferer in a plan, project, etc.:

**MARPLOT**

interferer, meddler: **BUTTINSKY**

intermediary, intercessor: **GO-BETWEEN**

intermediate point between two

extremes, sometimes an average:

**MEAN**

interminable and difficult: **SISYPHEAN**

internal aider of the foreign enemy:

**FIFTH COLUMNIST**

internal-examining machine:

**FLUOROSCOPE**

internal falling or slipping of an organ:

**PROLAPSE**

internal organs, innards, such as

stomach, heart, lungs: **VISCERA**

internal rhyme, in which a word within  
 a line of verse rhymes with the  
 final word of the line: **LEONINE**

**RHYME**

International Criminal Police

Organization: **INTERPOL**

interpolation of one's own ideas into a  
 text being explained: **EISEGESIS**



interpretation, especially of the Bible:

**HERMENEUTICS**

interpretation of a word, passage or work: **EXEGESIS**

interpretation of words in a spiritual and mystical sense: **ANAGOGÉ**

interpretation or performance of a text, role, etc.: **RENDITION**

interpretation that is facetious rather than literal: **PICKWICKIAN SENSE**

interpreter, annotator or commentator in scholarship: **SCHOLIAST**

interpreter or explainer, scholarly critic: **EXEGETE**

interpreter or guide for travelers in the Near East: **DRAGOMAN**

interpret, explain: **EXPLICATE**

interrupted, broken: **DISCONTINUOUS**

interruption, as of electric service:

**OUTAGE**

interruption, break in continuity:

**INTERREGNUM**

interruption, insertion or addition in a discourse, process or series:

**INTERPOLATION**

intersect, cross so as to form an X:

**DECUSSATE**

intersecting, cutting: **SECANT**

intertwining, entanglement,

complication: **INVOLUTION**

interval between events or activities,

recess: **INTERMISSION**

intervene in behalf of another or to

mediate: **INTERCEDE**

interweave: **PLEACH**

intestinal: **ENTERIC**

intestinal disease usually caused by eating undercooked pork:

**TRICHINOSIS**

intestinal inflammation: **COLITIS**

intestinal waves of contraction that push the contents outward:

**PERISTALSIS**

in the matter of, concerning: **IN RE**

in the morning, early: **MATUTINAL**

in the place cited: **LOC. CIT. (LOCO CITATO)**

intimate friend: **ALTER EGO**

intimately: **CHEEK BY JOWL**

intimately, privately with one other person: **À DEUX**

intimidating, awesome, challenging:

**FORMIDABLE**

intricate: **INVOLVED**

intricate, skillful, cunning, ingenious:

**DAEDAL**

intriguers, cabal: **JUNTA**

intriguing secret group: **CABAL**

introduce abruptly, throw in between other things: **INTERJECT**

introduce additions, comments, or interruptions into a discourse or process: **INTERPOLATE**

introduce, bring in something new:

**INNOVATE**

introduced (conveniently or improbably) person or event to untangle a story

plot: **DEUS EX MACHINA**

introduce, impose, insert fraudulently:

**FOIST**

introduce some new element into:

**INJECT**

introduce subtly and gradually:

**INSINUATE**

introducing one's own ideas into a text being explained: **EISEGESIS**

introduction, as to a field of study:

**ISAGOGÉ**

introduction, preface: **PREAMBLE**

introduction to a book or thesis:

**PREFACE**

introductory, as to an art or science:

**PROPAEDEUTIC**

introductory remark, foreword:

**PROLEGOMENON**

introductory statement, preface: **PROEM**

intrude gradually, make inroads,

trespass, advance beyond the

proper limit: **ENCROACH**

intrude, meddle in the affairs of others:

**INTERLOPE**

intrude oneself or one's opinion on someone else: **OBTRUDE**

intuition, insightful impression,

immediate perception: **APERÇU**

intuitive, emotional: **VISCERAL**

intuitive knowledge, direct awareness:

**IMMEDIACY**

invalid: **VALETUDINARIAN**

invalidate, debase, corrupt: **VITIATE**

invasion, raid: **INCURSION**

invasion that is sudden: **IRRUPTION**

invent a word: **MINT, NEOLOGIZE**

invent details to compensate for loss of memory: **CONFABULATE**

invented, false, not real: **FICTITIOUS**

inventive, clever, skillful: **INGENIOUS**

inventive, fruitful, productive:

**PREGNANT**



invent or make up as a story or a lie:

**FABRICATE**

invent, produce, perform without previous thought or preparation:

**IMPROVISE**

inversion in order of words:

**ANASTROPIE**

inversion of the structure of the second of two parallel clauses: **CHIASMUS**

inverted "V" placed under a line to indicate insertion: **CARET**

inverted word order: **HYPERBATON**

investigate or search for information:

**DELVE**

investigation and discovery as a way of learning: **HEURISTICS**

investigation, officially done, of the beliefs and activities of individuals:

**INQUISITION**

investment swindle: **PONZI, PONZI GAME, PONZI SCHEME**

invigorate, cheer up, pep up, stimulate:

**EXHILARATE**

inviolable, as an oath: **STYGIAN**

inviting attack, vulnerable: **PREGNABLE**

involved, committed, earnest: **ENGAGÉ**

involved, complicated, puzzling:

**INTRICATE**

involved, complicated, twisted or intricate: **CONVOLUTED**

involved or foolishly wasteful

procedure: **RIGMAROLE**

involve, entangle, intertwine: **IMPLICATE**

involve in trouble: **EMBROIL**

involve necessarily or naturally: **IMPLY**

invulnerable, unfeeling: **IMPASSIBLE**

inward carrying or conducting, as neural pathways conveying

impulses to the brain: **AFFERENT**

inward violent collapse: **IMPLOSION**

in wine there is truth: **IN VINO VERITAS**

iota: **TITTLE**

Iranian language: **FARSI**

iridescence: **OPALESCENCE**

iridescence, especially on pottery:

**REFLET**

iridescent: **VERSICOLOR**

iridescent, pearl-like: **NACREOUS**

iridescent, resembling a peacock's tail:

**PAVONINE**

Irish pronunciation: **BROGUE**

iron for pressing clothes that is pointed at both ends: **SADIRON**

irony: **ANTIPHRAISIS**

irregular: **ANOMALOUS**

irregular, eccentric, nonconforming:

**ERRATIC**

irregularity: **ABNORMALITY**

irregular, occasional: **SPORADIC**

irrelevant: **INAPPOSITE**

irrelevant ("nothing to the matter"):

**NIHIL AD REM**

irrelevant remark: **NON SEQUITUR**

irreligious, unbelieving: **HEATHEN**

irresistibly attractive: **BEWITCHING**

irresponsible, reckless, wild:

**HARUM-SCARUM**

irreverent: **IMPIOUS**

irreverent remarks about God or sacred things: **BLASPHEMY**

irritability or excitability in any part of the body to an abnormal degree:

**ERETHISM**

irritableness, peevishness: **PETULANCE**

irritable or gruff person, usually elderly:

**CURMUDGEON**

irritable person: **CROSSPATCH**

irritable, quick-tempered: **IRASCIBLE**

irritable, touchy: **TETCHY**

irritable, unruly, cranky, rebellious:

**FRACTIOUS**

irritated, annoyed, offended: **MIFFED**

irritated or angry state: **SNIT**

irritate, embitter: **RANKLE**

irritate or upset: **RUFFLE**

irritating, annoying: **VEXATIOUS**

irritating thing: **BUGBEAR**

is it not so? (German): **NICHT WAHR?**

Islamic fasting period: **RAMADAN**

Islamic prophet or messiah expected before the end of the world:

**MAHDI**

Islamic respected scholar: **AYATOLLAH**

Islamic spiritual ruler: **IMAM**

island of coral that is ring shaped

(almost closed): **ATOLL**

island or reef, especially one of coral,

that is low and beside a coast: **KEY**

islands, chain of: **ARCHIPELAGO**

Isle of Man native: **MANXMAN**

isn't it so? (French): **N'EST-CE PAS?**

isolate: **INSULATE**

isolate a thought: **PRESCIND**

isolated, detached: **INSULAR**

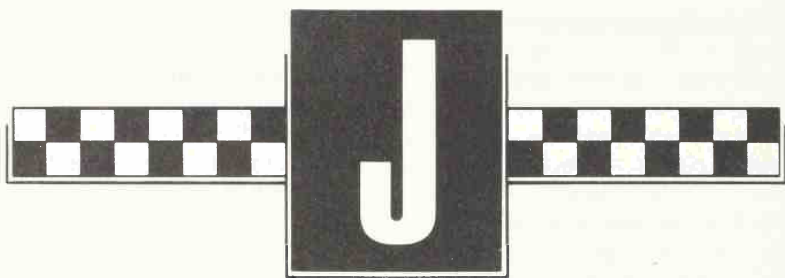
isolated or private room: **SANCTUM**

isolated, separated: **SPORADIC**

Israeli and Romanian folk dance in which dancers lock arms in a circle: **HORA**

Israeli collective farm or settlement:  
**KIBBUTZ**  
 Israeli Constituent Assembly: **KNESSET**  
 Israeli native: **SABRA**  
 Italian appetizers: **ANTIPASTO**  
 Italian bowling played outdoors on a  
 narrow dirt court: **BOCCIE**  
 Italian dessert containing layers of  
 different ice creams: **SPUMONI**  
 Italian for "enough" or "stop": **BASTA**  
 Italian for "goodbye": **ARRIVEDERCI**  
 Italian frothy dessert made of eggs,  
 sugar and wine: **ZABAGLIONE**  
 Italian greeting used at meeting or  
 parting: **CIAO**

Italian ice cream low in butterfat:  
**GELATO, GELATI**  
 Italian pastry confections shaped like  
 tubes: **CANNOLI**  
 Italian small eating place: **TRATTORIA**  
 itemized list of securities held by a  
 person or an institution:  
**PORTFOLIO**  
 items too small or too numerous to be  
 separately specified: **SUNDRIES**  
 ivory, bone or shells ornamented by  
 cutting or carving: **SCRIMSHAW**



jabbering: **BLITHERING**

jacket that binds the arms to the body  
to restrain a violent person:

**STRAITJACKET**

jacket that is short and sleeveless for a  
woman: **HUG-ME-TIGHT**

jack-of-all-trades: **FACTOTUM**

jai alai building or stadium: **FRONTON**

jai alai court: **CANCHA**

jammed, close together: **CHOCKABLOCK**

Japanese-American born in the United  
States: **NISEI**

Japanese-American born in the United  
States but educated in Japan: **KIBEI**

Japanese-American, third generation,  
born in the United States: **SANSEI**

Japanese art of paperfolding: **ORIGAMI**

Japanese broad sash with a bow in the  
back: **OBİ**

Japanese classical drama: **NO, NŌH**

Japanese dish of raw fish sliced thin:  
**SASHIMI**

Japanese dish of shaped pieces of raw  
fish atop cold rice: **SUSHI**

Japanese dish of thinly sliced meat and  
vegetables usually cooked rapidly  
at the table: **SUKIYAKI**

Japanese fencing with bamboo weapons  
and body-protective equipment:  
**KENDO**

Japanese feudal-military code of honor:  
**BUSHIDO**

Japanese floor mat: **TATAMI**

Japanese for "thank you": **ARIGATO**

Japanese gardening art of dwarfed  
shaped trees: **BONSAI**

Japanese gateway shaped somewhat like  
the pi symbol (II): **TORII**

Japanese immigrant to the United  
States: **ISSEI**

Japanese Kabuki actor who plays  
female roles: **ONNAGATA**

Japanese marinated chicken: **YAKITORI**

Japanese play on popular or comic  
themes: **KABUKI**

Japanese ritual suicide by  
disembowelment: **HARA-KIRI,**  
**SEPPUKU**

Japanese stone collecting and arranging:  
**SUISEKI**

Japanese stringed musical instrument:  
**KOTO**

Japanese suicidal air attack: **KAMIKAZE**

Japanese syllabic writing: **KANA**

Japanese thin mattress used as a floor  
bed: **FUTON**

Japanese translucent paper screen used  
as a partition or door: **SHOJI**

Japanese upright wrestling engaged in  
by large and obese men: **SUMO**

Japanese verse form: **HAIKU**

Japanese wide and bowl-like cooking  
pan: **WOK**

Japanese wrestling system that uses size  
and strength of an opponent  
against him: **JUJITSU**

Japan's influential conglomerates in  
business, finance and industry:  
**ZAIBATSU**

jargon: **ARGOT**

jargon, gibberish, unintelligible speech:  
**BARAGOUIN**

jargon or vocabulary of a profession or  
class: **LINGO**

jargon that is mystifying, gibberish,  
gobbledygook: **BAFFLEGAB**

jar of antiquity that is narrow at the  
top and base and has two handles:  
**AMPHORA**

jar or pot that is broad-mouthed and of earthenware: **OLLA**

jaundice: **ICTERUS**

jaunty, gay, dashing: **RAKISH**

jaw, pertaining to: **GNATHIC**

jazz improvised singing in nonsense syllables: **SCAT**

jazz that is loud and improvised: **BARRELHOUSE**

jeer, defy, scoff, mock: **FLOUT**

jeer, deride, sneer, laugh coarsely: **FLEER**

jeer or reproach sarcastically: **TAUNT**

jeer, taunt: **GIBE**

jell, agree: **JIBE**

jelly-making substance: **PECTIN**

jerkiness and uncontrollable movements as a nervous disorder, chorea: **SAINT VITUS'S DANCE**

jerky, unsteady movement: **JIGGLE**

jester's cap: **FOOLSCAP**

jesting, flippantly humorous: **FACETIOUS**

jesting, playful: **JOCOSE**

jesting, teasing talk: **RAILLERY**

Jesus' sayings not found in Bible: **AGRAPHA**

jewelers' or watchmakers' magnifying glass: **LOUPE**

jewelers' weights system: **TROY**

jewelry: **BIJOUTERIE**

jewels set so closely as to hide metal are: **PAVÉ**

Jewish boy's coming-of-age ceremony at 13: **BAR MITZVAH**

Jewish civil and religious law and commentaries thereon: **TALMUD**

Jewish culture, customs or literature: **JUDAICA**

Jewish daughter supposedly having materialistic values or spoiled: **JAP (JEWISH AMERICAN PRINCESS)**

Jewish day of atonement: **YOM KIPPUR**

Jewish doorpost faith symbol, a holy scripture on parchment in a small case or tube: **MEZUZAH**

Jewish eight-day commemoration of the Temple of Jerusalem's rededication: **HANUKKAH**

Jewish folklore robot like a human being: **GOLEM**

Jewish food in which dietary standards are observed is: **KOSHER**

Jewish girl's coming-of-age ceremony: **BAS (or BAT or BATH) MITZVAH**

Jewish greeting: **SHALOM**

Jewish holiday commemorating deliverance by Esther from Haman's massacre: **PURIM**

Jewish holiday commemorating the revelation of the Ten Commandments: **SHABUOTH, SHAVUOTH**

Jewish law and literature, the Pentateuch: **TORAH**

Jewish leather cases containing scriptural passages that are placed on the forehead and left arm during morning prayers: **PHYLACTERIES**

Jewish marriage broker: **SCHATCHEN**

Jewish mourning prayer: **KADDISH**

Jewish New Year: **ROSH HASHANA**

Jewish observance of mourning period: **SIT SHIVA**

Jewish Passover feast commemorating the exodus from Egypt: **SEDER**

Jewish school or college: **YESHIVA**

Jewish seven-day period of mourning: **SHIVA**

Jewish seven- or nine-branched candelabrum: **MENORAH**

Jewish thanksgiving festival: **SUKKOTH, FEAST OF TABERNACLES**

Jewish traditional toy spun like a top: **DREIDEL**

Jewish village of Eastern Europe: **SHTETL**

Jews' dispersion: **DIASPORA**

Jews of German or Eastern European descent: **ASHKENAZIM**

Jews of Spanish or Portuguese descent: **SEPHARDIM**

jittery, balky, fretful: **RESTIVE**

jobholder who does little: **CHAIRWARMER**

job that is monumentally dirty: **AUGEAN STABLES**

jockey's (short) whip: **BAT**

joined together: **CONJUNCTIVE**

jointed: **ARTICULATED**

joint formed in carpentry: **MITER**

joint government or authority shared by two men: **DUUMVIRATE**

joke, mischief: **WAGGERY**

joke, mock: **JAPE**

joke or witticism that is brief and self-contained: **ONE-LINER**

joker: **WAG**

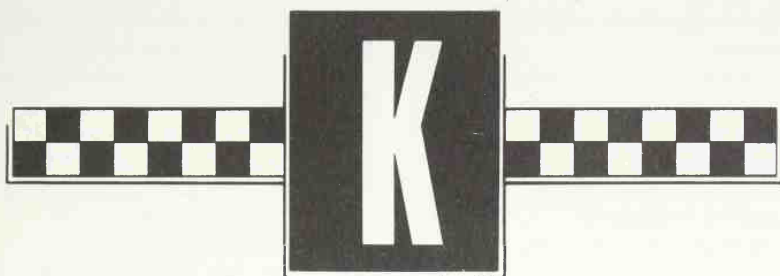
joker in a card deck: **MISTIGRIS**

joker, wag: **FARCEUR**

joke that is a one-liner with an adverbial pun: **TOM SWIFTIE**  
 jolt, bounce, shake up and down: **JOUNCE**  
 jolting of the neck or base of the brain, as in an automobile crash: **WHIPLASH**  
 jot: **TITTLE**  
 journalism advocating a cause or purveying a viewpoint or opinion: **ADVOCACY JOURNALISM**  
 journalism that is irresponsibly sensational or exploitive: **YELLOW JOURNALISM**  
 journalism that is routine and hackneyed in style: **MORKRUMBO**  
 journalistically spontaneous, unconventional and often outrageous in approach or style: **GONZO**  
 journalists' corps or profession, the press: **FOURTH ESTATE**  
 journey, expedition: **SAFARI**  
 journey, laborious trip: **TREK**  
 journey made for safety or as an escape: **HEGIRA**  
 journey, usually short and for pleasure: **JAUNT**  
 joyful, triumphant: **JUBILANT**  
 joyful, vigorous, vital, spirited: **EXUBERANT**  
 joy of living: **JOIE DE VIVRE**  
 joy to the utmost, ecstasy: **RAPTURE**  
 J-shaped: **UNCIFORM**  
 jubilant, triumphant, joyful: **EXULTANT**  
 judge: **ADJUDICATE**  
 judge: **ARBITER**  
 judge's private room in court: **CAMERA**  
 judgment being lacking: **INJUDICIOUS**  
 judgment, personally, as to something's being either good or bad: **VALUE JUDGMENT**  
 judicial, definitive, established by decree: **DECRETORY**

judicial order requiring one to take, or refrain from, certain action: **INJUNCTION**  
 jug or mug in the form of an old man wearing a three-cornered hat: **TOBY**  
 jug or pitcher with a wide mouth: **EWER**  
 jug that is narrow-necked and often enclosed in wickerwork: **DEMIJOHN**  
 juice of grapes or other fruit that is unfermented: **MUST**  
 juicy: **SUCCULENT**  
 July and August hot sultry days: **DOG DAYS**  
 jumbled heap: **AGGLOMERATE**  
 jumbled, topsy-turvy, disordered: **HIGGLEDY-PIGGLEDY**  
 jumble, slew, accumulation that is confusing: **WELTER**  
 jumping-off place: **SPRINGBOARD**  
 jumpy, shy: **SKITTISH**  
 jungle or wilds primitive communication: **BUSH TELEGRAPH**  
 junk dealer, seller of trash: **SCHLOCKMEISTER**  
 junk, trash, rubbish: **DRECK**  
 junky, showy and worthless: **GIMCRACK**  
 jurors summoned to fill vacancies: **TALES**  
 jury of twelve selected after each party strikes a given number of names from a panel: **STRUCK JURY**  
 justice, prudence, temperance and fortitude: **CARDINAL VIRTUES**  
 justice that is ideal, with the good rewarded and the evil punished: **POETIC JUSTICE**  
 justify, acquit, restore: **VINDICATE**  
 justify, provide sufficient grounds for: **WARRANT**  
 just right, appropriate: **PAT**  
 juvenile, trivial, silly: **PUERILE**  
 juxtaposition of words, one to explain the other: **APPOSITION**





Kabuki actor playing female roles:  
**ONNAGATA**

karate hand-held sticks joined by a  
chain or rope: **NUNCHAKU**,  
**NUNCHAKUS**, **NUN-CHUCKS**,  
**KARATE STICKS**

karate-like but more aggressive  
(Korean) martial art stressing  
punches, chokes and leaping kicks:  
**TAE KWON DO**

karate-like Chinese art of self-defense:  
**KUNG-FU**

karate-like martial art emphasizing  
balance and slow, stylized  
movements: **T'AI CHI CH'UAN**

karate-like martial art emphasizing  
gripping of the opponent's arms:  
**AIKIDO**

keen, acute as in pleasure or pain:  
**EXQUISITE**

keen, cutting, acute, sharp: **INCISIVE**

keen, discerning, perceptive:  
**PERSPICACIOUS**

keen, discriminating: **SUBTLE**

keen, incisive: **TRENCHANT**

keenly desirous, as for food: **SHARP-SET**

keenness of mind: **ACUMEN**

keep back, suppress: **STIFLE**

keeper, guard, watchman: **WARDER**

keeper or withholder of something he  
or she doesn't need: **DOG IN THE  
MANGER**

keep out or discriminate against certain  
people: **BLACKLIST**

keep vigil, go without sleep: **WATCH**

kept man: **GIGOLO**

kerchief worn by Arabs over the head  
and shoulders: **KAFFIYEH**

kerchief worn on head: **BABUSHKA**

kettledrums: **TIMPANI**

keyhole-shaped: **CLITHRIDATE**

key that is all-purpose, passkey, master  
key: **PASSE-PARTOUT**

key to admission or success, entrée,  
access: **OPEN SESAME**

key to hieroglyphics: **ROSETTA STONE**

kidnap: **ABDUCT**

kidney bean and other edible beans:  
**HARICOT**

kidney disease: **NEPHRITIS**

kidney removal by surgery:  
**NEPHRECTOMY**

kidney stone: **NEPHROLITH**

kill by choking: **STRANGLE**

killer who pathologically murders  
repeatedly and often  
indiscriminately: **SERIAL KILLER**

killing action: **QUIETUS**

killing a person upon secret official  
order or contract: **EXECUTIVE  
ACTION**

killing of a human being by another:  
**HOMICIDE**

killing of a king: **REGICIDE**

killing of a legislative bill by a chief  
executive: **VETO**

killing of one's brother or one's  
countryman: **FRATRICIDE**

killing of one's sister: **SORORICIDE**  
killjoy, pessimist, depressing person:  
**CRAPEHANGER, CREPEHANGER**

kill or destroy a large portion of:  
**DECIMATE**

kilt: **FILLEBEG, FILEBEG**

kind in disposition: **BENIGN**

kindly disposed, auspicious: **PROFITIOUS**

kind or type, as in art or literature:  
**GENRE**

kind, sort, class: **ILK**

King Arthur's legendary court site:

**CAMELOT**

kingdom, imaginary, of proverbial  
romance and picturesqueness:

**RURITANIA**

king-killing: **REGICIDE**

king's deputy who rules a country,  
colony, etc.: **VICEROY**

kinship, nearness: **PROPINQUITY**

kissing: **OSCULATION**

kiss of betrayal or treachery: **JUDAS  
KISS**

kiss-off love letter: **DEAR JOHN**

kitchen utensil with small holes through  
which potatoes and other foods are  
pressed: **RICER**

kite-like glider with a pilot harness for  
gliding off a cliff: **HANG GLIDER**

knack: **INSTINCT**

knapsack: **RUCKSACK**

knee and back-of-thigh tendon:  
**HAMSTRING**

kneecap: **PATELLA**

knee (hammered) reflex, knee jerk:

**PATELLAR TENDON REFLEX**

knee inflammation: **HOUSEMAID'S KNEE**

kneel on one knee, as in worship:

**GENUFLECT**

knickerbockers extra long and sporty:

**PLUS-FOURS**

knickknacks: **BRIC-A-BRAC**

knife-sharpening stone: **WHETSTONE**

knife that is sword-like: **SNICKERSNEE**

knife with a folded-in blade that springs  
open when a button is pressed:

**SWITCH-BLADE KNIFE**

knife with a handle at each end:

**DRAWKNIFE**

knife with the blade at a right angle to  
the handle: **FROE**

knight's usually sleeveless garment worn  
over the armor: **TABARD**

knitted fabric that is machine-made:

**TRICOT**

knitted to follow the contour of the leg  
or body: **FULL-FASHIONED**

knitting stitch that gives a ribbed  
appearance: **PURL**

knobby: **TOROSE**

knob, knot, or swelling: **NODE**

knock about, cuff: **BUFFET**

knock-kneed condition: **VALGUS**

knock on wood: **ABSIT OMEN**

knoll or hillock: **HUMMOCK**

knot or bun of hair worn by women at  
the back of the head: **CHIGNON**

knot that forms a loop having no free  
ends: **HARNESS HITCH**

knowing all things, all-knowing:

**OMNISCIENT**

knowing, perception: **COGNITION**

knowing something before it occurs:

**PRESCIENCE**

knowledge: **KEN**

knowledgeable or familiar with a  
subject: **CONVERSANT**

knowledge derived from sense

perception: **PERCEPT**

knowledge of something without  
conscious attention or reasoning:

**INTUITION**

knowledge of the right thing to say or  
do: **SAVOIR-FAIRE**

knowledge or cognition as a subject of  
study: **EPISTEMOLOGY**

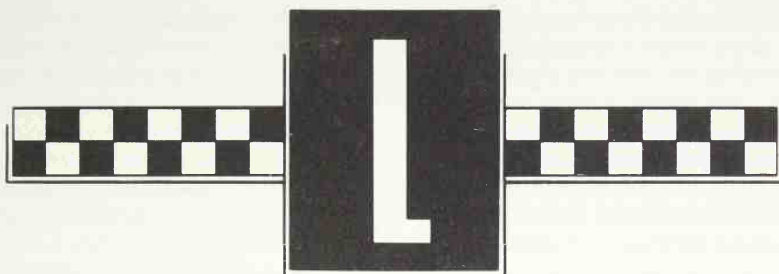
knowledge, skill: **EXPERTISE**

knowledge that is superficial: **SCIOLISM**

known or able to be known,

characterized by awareness:

**PRESENTATIVE**



“l” pronounced like “r” or “w,” or “r”  
pronounced like “l”: **LALLATION**

label someone as infamous: **BRAND**

labored, clumsy: **PONDEROUS**

laborer on river vessels or on the  
waterfront: **ROUSTABOUT**

laborer, unskilled worker (British):

**NAVVY**

labor, toil: **TRAVAIL**

labyrinth monster with a human body  
and a bull's head: **MINOTAUR**

lace in which patterns are held together  
by connecting threads rather than  
by a net ground: **GUIPURE**

lace-like ornamental work or design:

**FILIGREE**

lackadaisical: **LANGUID**

lackadaisical, indifferent, apathetic:

**LISTLESS**

lacking animation, weak, listless:

**LANGUID**

lacking any easing: **UNMITIGATED**

lacking common measure or a standard  
of comparison:

**INCOMMENSURABLE**

lacking fulfillment, unsuccessful:

**MANQUÉ**

lacking particular character, not  
distinctive: **NONDESCRIPT**

lacking understanding: **PURBLIND**

lack in meeting a goal or the amount or  
degree of this deficiency:

**SHORTFALL**

lack of control of urinating or  
defecating: **INCONTINENCE**

lack of energy: **ANERGY**

lack of power or ability, impotence:

**IMPUISSANCE**

lack of understanding between two  
generations: **GENERATION GAP**

lack, scarcity, famine: **DEARTH**  
ladder hung over the side of a ship:

**ACCOMMODATION LADDER**

ladies' man, seducer of women:

**LOTHARIO**

lady's maid: **ABIGAIL**

lag, follow slowly, drag in the mud:

**DRABBLE**

lake-like or involving a lake or lakes:

**LACUSTRINE**

lake or pond that is shallow and near a  
larger body of water or that is  
enclosed by an atoll: **LAGOON**

lake surface waving movement: **SEICHE**

lamb chunks broiled on a skewer:

**SHASHLIK**

lamb or other meat chunks skewered  
and broiled with tomatoes, onions,  
peppers: **SHISH KEBAB**

lambskin or calfskin that is untanned:

**KIP**

lamentation or mourning in verse or  
song: **ELEGY**

lament by wailing for the deceased:

**KEEN**

lament, woeful tale, complaint:

**JEREMIAD**

lampshade framework or spokes:

**SPIDER**

lampshade's metal loop above the  
lightbulb: **HARP**

lamp with light directed upward by a  
bowl reflector: **TORCHIER**

land-and-water vehicle or creature:

**AMPHIBIAN**

land between hills, especially along a  
river: **INTERVALE**

land cultivation based on scientific  
principles: **AGRONOMY**

- land extending in a narrow point from the shore into the water: **SPIT**
- land extending into the sea, the high point of it: **PROMONTORY**
- landing of a plane using only electronic signals: **INSTRUMENT LANDING**
- landing of a spacecraft on water: **SPLASHDOWN**
- landing place, dock on a river or waterway: **EMBARCADERO**
- landlord who lets slum dwellings run down: **SLUMLORD**
- land or soil being capable of being cultivated: **ARABLE**
- land or territory projection, narrow extension: **PANHANDLE**
- land projecting into water: **PENINSULA**
- land strip plowed or cleared to prevent the spread of fire: **FIREBREAK**
- land tenure or distribution, involving: **AGRARIAN**
- land that is unclaimed, unoccupied or indefinite: **NO-MAN'S-LAND**
- land, usually a narrow strip, extending into a body of water and connecting two larger land masses: **ISTHUS**
- language aptitude or instinct, feeling for idiom and usage: **SPRACHGEFÜHL**
- language as a science or a study: **LINGUISTICS**
- language expert, word authority: **LOGOGOGUE**
- language, idiom, speaking style: **PARLANCE**
- language, informal and substandard, that consists of coined words, new meanings of existing words and often colorful metaphors: **SLANG**
- language invented for international use: **ESPERANTO**
- language lacking sincere meaning or intention: **RHETORIC**
- language making no sense: **JABBERWOCKY**
- language mixture: **POLYGLOT**
- language native to an area, common rather than literary language: **VERNACULAR**
- language, official, that is deliberately ambiguous and deceptive (Orwell coinage): **NEWSPEAK**
- language or grammatical forms that are customary: **USAGE**
- language-origin theory that mankind's first utterances were imitative of sounds in nature, such as those of animals, water or thunder: **BOWWOW THEORY**
- language-origin theory that mankind's first utterances were interjections that gradually acquired meanings: **POOH-POOH THEORY**
- language-origin theory that mankind's first utterances were spontaneous vocal reactions: **DINGDONG THEORY**
- language-related, linguistic: **LINGUAL**
- language's smallest meaningful unit: **MORPHEME**
- language study that assumes a formal system of signs and examines their nature and arrangement: **STRUCTURAL LINGUISTICS**
- language that conceals: **AESOPIAN LANGUAGE**
- language that is an amalgam of two different languages and evolves as a simplified form of one of them: **PIDGIN**
- language that is pretentious gibberish: **GOBBLEDYGOOK**
- language that was a pidgin but has become the native form of speech in a community: **CREOLE**
- language theory that stresses tagmemes, the smallest meaningful grammatical forms: **TAGMEMICS**
- language, usually hybrid, that is used as a common speech by people having different tongues: **LINGUA FRANCA**
- lapel of a coat: **REVERS**
- large and powerful creature or thing, monstrosity: **BEHEMOTH**
- large, as capital letters: **MAJUSCULE**
- large groups involved make something: **MACROSCOPIC**
- large system regarded as a unity: **MACROCOSM**
- lasso, lariat: **RIATA**
- last and often inferior remnant: **RUMP**
- lasting a short time, transitory, fleeting: **EPIHEMERAL**
- lasting condition, sometimes specifically for life: **PERPETUITY**
- lasting or continuing a long time: **CHRONIC**
- lasting through the year: **PERENNIAL**

last part or remnant, usually of no further use: **FAG END**  
 last resort or recourse, expedient alternative: **PIS ALLER**  
 last stage of any journey or project: **HOMESTRETCH**  
 late-blossoming: **SEROTINOUS**  
 latecomer or newcomer: **JOHNNY-COME-LATELY**  
 later, soon, shortly: **ANON**  
 latest fashion, trend or word: **DERNIER CRI**  
 latest stage, as of technological research or progress: **CUTTING EDGE**  
 Latin American of mixed ancestry: **LADINO, MESTIZO**  
 Latin American term for a foreigner, especially an American or Englishman: **GRINGO**  
 latitude, additional space for freedom of action: **LEEWAY**  
 laughable or having the power to laugh: **RISIBLE**  
 laugh at with contempt: **DERIDE**  
 laugh immoderately or noisily: **CACHINNATE**  
 laughing: **RIANT**  
 laughing gas: **NITROUS OXIDE**  
 laugh or laughter outburst: **YUK**  
 laughter in a loud and boisterous burst: **GUFFAW**  
 laughter that is uproarious and irrepressible: **HOMERIC LAUGHTER**  
 launch at high speed: **CATAPULT**  
 lavish, bountiful: **MUNIFICENT**  
 lavish, copious, generous: **PROFUSE**  
 lavish, overflowing: **EXUBERANT**  
 lavish, wasteful, extravagant: **PRODIGAL**  
 law and its administration, as a science: **JURISPRUDENCE**  
 law based on usage rather than legislation: **UNWRITTEN LAW**  
 lawbreaker whose violations are habitual: **SCOFFLAW**  
 law case in which an accident's mere occurrence indicates defendant's negligence: **RES IPSA LOQUITUR**  
 law derived from custom, usage or court opinions: **COMMON LAW**  
 law, especially of a municipal body: **ORDINANCE**  
 law-establishing, legislative: **NOMOTHETIC**  
 lawful: **LICIT**

lawful act performed in an unlawful way: **MISFEASANCE**  
 law jargon: **GRIMGRIBBER**  
 lawless confusion: **ANARCHY**  
 lawmaker, particularly a wise one: **SOLOON**  
 law of locality not applied to foreign diplomats: **DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY**  
 laws that are puritanically strict and prohibitive: **BLUE LAWS**  
 laws to protect investors against securities frauds: **BLUE SKY LAWS**  
 lawsuit: **LITIGATION**  
 lawsuit on behalf of a group: **CLASS ACTION**  
 law that limits the time during which a particular legal action may be brought: **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**  
 law violation less serious than a felony: **MISDEMEANOR**  
 lawyer expelled from the profession is: **DISBARRED**  
 lawyer, not highly competent, who deals with small cases: **PETTIFOGGER**  
 lawyer who is unethical or deceitful: **SHYSTER**  
 lawyer who opportunistically seeks out accident victims for business: **AMBULANCE CHASER**  
 laxative: **APERIENT**  
 layer, bed, grade: **STRATUM**  
 laziness in self-assertion: **LACHES**  
 lazy: **SHIFTLESS**  
 lazy: **SLOTHFUL**  
 lazy, idle: **INDOLENT**  
 lazy person: **SLUGGARD**  
 lazy person, idler: **FAINÉANT**  
 lazy person, loafer: **LAYABOUT**  
 lazy, useless, futile: **OTIOSE**  
 lead astray: **DELUDE**  
 leader: **BELLWETHER**  
 leader, chief: **COCK OF THE WALK**  
 leader, chief: **HONCHO**  
 leader, inspirer or activator, as of a group: **SPARK PLUG**  
 leaderless: **ACEPHALOUS**  
 leader of singing in church: **PRECENTOR**  
 leader, one who sets an example: **FUGLEMAN**  
 leadership or domination of one state over another: **HEGEMONY**  
 leadership person lacking real power: **FIGUREHEAD**



leadership quality that captures  
imagination and inspires loyalty:

**CHARISMA**

leaders of new movements, especially in  
the arts: **AVANT-GARDE**

leader who appeals to prejudices and  
passions: **DEMAGOGUE**

leading character in a drama or a  
cause: **PROTAGONIST**

leading to: **CONDUCTIVE**

lead poisoning: **PLUMBISM, SATURNISM**

lead taker, setter of a pace for others:  
**PACESETTER**

leaf-like architectural ornament:  
**ACANTHUS**

leafy: **FOLIATE**

leak out, become known: **TRANSPIRE**

lean in body structure: **ECTOMORPHIC**

leaning, bent, liking, tendency:  
**INCLINATION**

leaning, lying down, reclining:  
**RECUMBENT**

leaning, usually toward something  
objectionable: **PROCLIVITY**

leaning, weighing or resting upon  
something: **INCUMBENT**

lean, thin: **SPARE**

leap year's extra day, Feb. 29:  
**BISSEXTILE DAY**

learned person: **PUNDIT**

learned person in many fields,  
polyhistor: **POLYMATH**

learned person in many fields,  
polymath: **POLYHISTOR**

learned person, scholar: **SAVANT**

learned response: **CONDITIONED REFLEX**

learned, scholarly: **ERUDITE**

learner: **ABECEDARIAN**

learning, a branch of: **DISCIPLINE**

learning or attachment by offspring that  
usually occurs early and is  
long-lasting in effect: **IMPRINTING**

learning or teaching through discovery  
and investigation: **HEURISTICS**

learn the facts, fathom: **PLUMB**

least amount possible: **AMBSACE**

leather-like: **CORIACEOUS**

leather produced by some process not  
using tanning liquor: **TAW**

leather shorts worn with suspenders in  
Bavaria: **LEDERHOSEN**

leather used for bookbinding: **SKIVER**

leave one country to settle in another:  
**EMIGRATE**

leavetaking or dismissal: **CONGÉ**

leaving in mass numbers, general flight,  
group emigration: **EXODUS**

leaving one's faith, party or principles:  
**APOSTASY**

leaving quickly or sneakily: **FRENCH  
LEAVE**

lecherous, lewd, obscene: **SALACIOUS**

lecherous man: **SATYR**

lecherous or malicious look: **LEER**

lecture or political dinner circuit:

**RUBBER CHICKEN CIRCUIT**

lecturer, tutor, teacher without faculty  
rank: **DOCENT**

lecture, sermonize: **PRELECT**

lecture that is brief and sets forth  
details: **BRIEFING**

lecture with diagrams made on  
blackboard: **CHALK TALK**

left- and right-handed: **AMBIDEXTROUS**

left-handed: **SINISTRAL**

left-handedness: **MANCINISM**

left-hand page of a book: **VERSO**

leftover: **REMNANT**

leftover or miscellaneous item, remnant:  
**ODDMENT**

leftover part, remainder: **RESIDUE**

left side as opposed to the right side or  
dexter, especially in heraldry:  
**SINISTER**

left side of a vessel or plane as one  
faces forward: **PORT**

legal arrangement by which diplomatic  
corps members are exempt from  
local law: **DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY**

legal authority to act for another:  
**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

legalistic gobbledygook: **GRIMGRIBBER**

legal, legitimate, respectable:  
**ON-THE-UP-AND-UP**

legally based, or authorized, by law: **DE  
JURE**

legally settled matter: **CHOSE JUGÉE**

legal questions to which medical  
knowledge is applied: **MEDICAL  
JURISPRUDENCE**

legal-rights advisory read to  
apprehended suspects (based on  
*Miranda v. Arizona*, 1966):  
**MIRANDA WARNING**

legal right to use and profit from the  
property of another: **USUFRUCT**

leg instep and above-ankle cloth or  
leather covering above the shoe:  
**GAITER, SPAT**

legislative bill's added clause or section:

**RIDER**

legislative body's calling to account of an administrative official:

**INTERPELLATION**

legislative, law-establishing:

**NOMOTHETIC**

legislatively having two houses or chambers:

**BICAMERAL**

legislative receptacle, figuratively, for bills to be taken up at a future time:

**HOPPER**

legitimize in appearance illegal moneys:

**LAUNDER**

leg or arm stiffness or cramp:

**CHARLEY HORSE**

legs far apart:

**ASTRIDE**

legs kicked out alternately from a squatting position in this Slavic folk dance by a male:

**KAZATSKY**

leg-warming footless stockings for dance classes, exercise, etc.:

**LEG WARMERS**

leisurely gait:

**AMBLE**

lender of his or her name:

**PRÊT-NOM**

lender who charges illegal rates of interest:

**LOAN SHARK**

lengthened toward the poles:

**PROLATE**

length measurement of old, from elbow to the tip of the middle finger, or approximately 20 inches:

**CUBIT**

lenient:

**INDULGENT**

lenient, tolerating unusual freedom:

**PERMISSIVE**

lens used in a camera or projector that adjusts rapidly for close-up or distance shots while holding focus:

**ZOOM LENS**

lesbian and acting as a feminine

partner:

**FEMME**

lesbian and acting as a masculine

partner:

**BUTCH**

lesbianism:

**SAPPHISM**

lesbianism:

**TRIBADISM**

lessen:

**ABATE**

lessen:

**ABRIDGE**

lessen, diminish:

**DWINDLE**

lessening, decrease, diminution:

**DECREMENT**

lessening of productivity in proportion to increase in expenditure:

**DIMINISHING RETURNS**

lessening of speed:

**RETARDATION**

lessen in quality or value, make worse:

**IMPAIR**

lessen the guilt or odiousness of an offense:

**EXTENUATE**

less severe, more moderate, milder:

**MITIGATED**

less than one would expect:

**NOMINAL**

let go, give up:

**RELINQUISH**

lethargy:

**HEBETUDE**

let it stand (a direction used in proofreading):

**STET**

letter delivered from the same post

office at which it was posted:

**DROP LETTER**

lettered in forms like rounded capitals,

as in ancient Greek and Latin

manuscripts:

**UNCIAL**

letter jilting a person:

**DEAR JOHN**

letter or figure above and to the side of

a character:

**SUPERSCRIPT**

letter or figure below and to the side of

a character:

**SUBSCRIPT**

letter- or letters-related, involving

correspondence:

**EPISTOLARY**

letter or sound inserted into a word:

**EPENTHESIS**

letter that each member of a group

signs:

**ROUND ROBIN**

letter that is long and formal:

**EPISTLE**

letter with flourishes that is ornamental:

**SWASH LETTER**

letting business act without regulation:

**LAISSEZ-FAIRE**

level land with few or no trees:

**SAVANNA**

level, made horizontal, flattened:

**COMPLANATE**

level of command:

**ECHELON**

level to the ground, demolish:

**RAZE**

lewd, grossly ribald:

**ITHYPHALLIC**

lewd, lascivious:

**LUBRICIOUS**

lewd, lustful:

**LECHEROUS**

lewd, obscene, lecherous:

**SALACIOUS**

lewd or dissipated person:

**DEBAUCHEE**

lewd or wanton:

**CYPRIAN**

lewd, sexually abandoned:

**LICENTIOUS**

lewd, sexually aroused:

**RANDY**

liability or debt gradually extinguished,

as by installment payments, is:

**AMORTIZED**

liability to conviction and punishment:

**JEOPARDY**

liable, possible:

**CONTINGENT**

liable to err, to be misled or to be

deceived:

**FALLIBLE**

liable to injury, attack or criticism:

**VULNERABLE**

liar: **ANANIAS**  
 liberal or radical political figure:  
     **LEFTIST**  
 liberal or unorthodox in attitudes or  
     beliefs: **LATITUDINARIAN**  
 liberate, free, emancipate: **MANUMIT**  
 lie: **PREVARICATE**  
 lie detector: **POLYGRAPH**  
 lie, equivocate: **PALTER**  
 lie, falsehood: **FABRICATION**  
 lie or lean in a relaxed manner: **LOLL**  
 lie that is trivial and told to be polite or  
     spare someone's feelings: **WHITE**  
     **LIE**  
 life and matter viewed as inseparable:  
     **HYLOZOISM**  
 life force, creative principle in living  
     things: **ÉLAN VITAL**  
 life generation from living organisms  
     only: **BIOGENESIS**  
 life insurance policy in which the  
     payment is double the face value in  
     case of accidental death: **DOUBLE**  
     **INDEMNITY**  
 life is like that: **C'EST LA VIE**  
 lifeless, automatic: **MECHANICAL**  
 lifeless state: **ABIOSIS**  
 life-like three-dimensional image  
     produced by a laser process:  
     **HOLOGRAM**  
 life-manifesting: **VITAL**  
 lifesaving anti-choking squeeze of the  
     upper abdomen: **HEIMLICH**  
     **MANEUVER**  
 lifesaving technique involving  
     mouth-to-mouth resuscitation: **CPR**  
     **(CARDIOPULMONARY**  
     **RESUSCITATION)**  
 life-size drawing or illustration:  
     **MACROGRAPH**  
 life's work of an artist: **OEUVRE**  
 lift to test weight or gauge: **HEFT**  
 lift up your hearts (part of the Mass):  
     **SURSUM CORDA**  
 light according to wavelengths:  
     **SPECTRUM**  
 light-admitting but not transparent:  
     **TRANSLUCENT**  
 light, airy, spiritual: **ETHEREAL**  
 light and frothy dish fixed in that  
     condition by adding beaten egg  
     whites: **SOUFFLÉ**  
 light and shade, black and white:  
     **CHIAROSCURO**  
 light beam that passes over a surface

for television or other production:  
     **SCAN**  
 lightbulb thread-like conductor that  
     glows: **FILAMENT**  
 light emanating from certain organisms:  
     **BIOLUMINESCENCE**  
 light emitted by a substance after  
     exposure to some form of energy:  
     **PHOSPHORESCENCE**  
 lighthearted: **BUOYANT**  
 lighthearted, carefree, unconcerned:  
     **INSOUCIANT**  
 lighthearted, gay, carefree: **ROLLICKING**  
 lightheartedness: **RHATHYMIA**  
 lighthouse: **PHAROS**  
 light meal: **COLLATION**  
 lightness, gaiety that is inappropriate,  
     frivolity, fickleness: **LEVITY**  
 lightning without thunder, in fitful play  
     usually near the horizon on hot  
     evenings: **HEAT LIGHTNING**  
 light or heat ray bent in its passage  
     from one medium to another:  
     **REFRACTION**  
 light-producing or light-conveying:  
     **LUMINIFEROUS**  
 light reflected by a celestial body, cloud,  
     snow, etc.: **ALBEDO**  
 light-resistant, dull: **OPAQUE**  
 light thrown by a candle on one square  
     foot of surface one foot away:  
     **FOOT-CANDLE**  
 light up, make clear, enlighten,  
     illuminate: **IRRADIATE**  
 light-wave or sound-wave change that  
     seems to accompany a change in  
     distance between source and  
     observer: **DOPPLER EFFECT**  
 light wind: **CAT'S-PAW**  
 like it or not: **WILLY-NILLY**  
 likeness, image, representation, usually  
     crudely done, of a disliked person:  
     **EFFIGY**  
 likeness in sound: **ASSONANCE**  
 likeness to what is real or true, truthful  
     representation: **VERISIMILITUDE**  
 likening one thing to something else in  
     a figure of speech using "like" or  
     "as": **SIMILE**  
 liking for something: **PENCHANT**  
 liking, tendency, trend, leaning or bent:  
     **INCLINATION**  
 limber, bending easily and gracefully:  
     **LITHE**  
 limit, boundary: **PARAMETER**

limited, as by human or natural conditions: **FINITE**  
 limited, narrow, provincial: **PAROCHIAL**  
 limit freedom: **TRAMMEL**  
 limiting of damage, loss, adverse publicity, etc.: **DAMAGE CONTROL**  
 limitless: **AD INFINITUM**  
 limitless, vast: **INFINITE**  
 limit or range, as of power or action: **TETHER**  
 limits: **AMBIT**  
 limp, flabby, not firm or vigorous, weak: **FLACCID**  
 linear markings: **STRIATION**  
 line, as of men or ships, enclosing an area: **CORDON**  
 lined: **LINEATE**  
 linen for a household: **NAPERY**  
 line over a vowel indicating a long sound: **MACRON**  
 lines-in-parallel marking on a product to indicate classification and price electronically: **BAR CODE**, **UNIVERSAL PRODUCT CODE (UPC)**  
 lines that make up a page, an article, an ad, etc.: **LINAGE**  
 line that slants, used in printing or writing: **VIRGULE**  
 linger, walk aimlessly: **LOITER**  
 lingo, cant: **JARGON**  
 linguistic study of the structure of words: **MORPHOLOGY**  
 linguistic boundary line: **ISOGLOSS**  
 linguistic law accounting for certain exceptions to Grimm's law: **VERNER'S LAW**  
 linguistic law accounting for consonant changes in languages from Proto-Indo-European to Germanic: **GRIMM'S LAW**  
 link, connection, bond: **NEXUS**  
 linked things or events: **CONCATENATION**  
 lion-like: **LEONINE**  
 lip deformity consisting of a cleft, usually on the upper lip: **HARELIP**  
 lip-like: **LABIATE**  
 lip movement without sound: **MUSSITATION**  
 lip-piercing ornament: **LABRET**  
 liqueurs served in layers: **POUSSE-CAFÉ**  
 liquid measure of 63 or more gallons: **HOGSHEAD**  
 liquid medicine: **POTION**

liquid poured ceremonially, as in honor of a deity: **LIBATION**  
 liquid-surface-with-solid attraction or repulsion: **CAPILLARY ACTION**  
 liquor mixed with water, soda or ginger ale and served in a tall glass: **HIGHBALL**  
 liquor quantity, a fifth of a gallon: **FIFTH**  
 listen: **HARK**  
 listener whose patience, response or opinion is useful: **SOUNDING BOARD**  
 listen in at a college class: **AUDIT**  
 listening distance: **EARSHOT**  
 listless: **LACKADAISICAL**  
 listless discontent or weariness, boredom: **ENNUI**  
 listless, inactive, indolent: **SUPINE**  
 listless, lacking animation, weak: **LANGUID**  
 list of acknowledgments in film or TV show: **CREDITS**  
 list of acknowledgments in film or TV show that moves upward vertically on screen: **CRAWL**  
 list of articles on hand with description and quantity of each: **INVENTORY**  
 list of candidates: **SLATE**  
 list of goods being shipped: **WAYBILL**  
 list of merchandise sent or services rendered as well as price to purchaser: **INVOICE**  
 list of names: **ROSTER**  
 list of securities held by a person or an institution: **PORTFOLIO**  
 list of supplications, with a fixed response after each: **LITANY**  
 list, with definitions, of technical, obscure or foreign words of a work or field: **GLOSSARY**  
 literal translation of a word or construction from one language to another: **LOAN TRANSLATION**  
 literary attack: **COUP DE PLUME**  
 literary club: **ATHENEUM**  
 literary composition in a mixture of languages: **MACARONIC**  
 literary effort that is labored and pedantic: **LUCUBRATION**  
 literary group, artists' group: **CENACLE**  
 literary imitator or follower: **EPIGONE**  
 literary or artistic premise: **DONNEE**  
 literary or bookish woman, pedantic female: **BLUESTOCKING**

literary passage used as a classic or illustrative model: **LOCUS CLASSICUS**

literary professional, man or woman of letters: **LITTERATEUR**

literary rendering of the thoughts and feelings of a character: **INTERIOR MONOLOGUE**

literary study or scholarship: **PHILOLOGY**

literary thought, cogent or provocative observation: **PENSÉE**

literary work that is short, depicting something subtly: **VIGNETTE**

literature: **BELLES-LETTRES**

literature or art of a cheap, popular or sentimental quality: **KITSCH**

lithe, pliant, supple, agile: **LISSOME**

little by little: **INCHMEAL**

little or a bit, rather, somewhat: **TAD**

little universe: **MICROCOSM**

live in distressing conditions: **LANGUISH**

live in the country or adopt a country way of life: **RUSTICATE**

livelihood, food, means of support: **SUSTENANCE**

liveliness: **ALACRITY**

liveliness: **BRIO**

lively, active, spirited: **VIVACIOUS**

lively, aggressive: **FEISTY**

lively behavior: **TITTUP**

lively, brisk, dashing, self-confident: **JAUNTY**

lively, changeable, volatile: **MERCURIAL**

lively, cheerful, urbane: **DEBONAIR**

lively, energetic: **VIBRANT**

lively or playful movement in music: **SCHERZO**

lively person: **GRIG**

lively, quickly, briskly, in music: **VIVACE**

lively, racy: **PIQUANT**

lively, saucy: **PERT**

lively spirits, vivacity, gaiety, sparkle: **EFFERVESCENCE**

live now, seize the day: **CARPE DIEM**

live or reside in, occupy as a home: **INHABIT**

live passively, monotonously or dully: **VEGETATE**

liver degenerative disease: **CIRRHOSIS**

liver inflammation: **HEPATITIS**

live together: **COHABIT**

live well at another's expense: **BATTEN**

living, biologically, in different or isolated regions: **ALLOPATRIC**

living, biologically, in the same region: **SYMPATRIC**

living together of dissimilar organisms, usually in a mutually advantageous partnership: **SYMBIOSIS**

load that a missile can lift and carry to a target: **THROW-WEIGHT**

loafer, lazy person: **LAYABOUT**

loafer or idler who lives off others: **DRONE**

loafer, spendthrift: **WASTREL**

loan or prepayment of money from public funds: **IMPREST**

loan that may be terminated at any time: **CALL LOAN**

loathing: **ABHORRENCE**

loathsome, hateful, repugnant, disgusting: **ODIOUS**

lobby, entrance hall: **FOYER**

lobster liver, considered a delicacy: **TOMALLEY**

local or civic promotionalism and optimism: **BOOSTERISM**

locking hinged metal plate with a slot used with a padlock or pin: **HASP**

lock in the form of a springless bolt shifted by turning a key: **DEAD BOLT**

lockjaw: **TRISMUS**

locomotive's jutting triangular frame to clear tracks (steam locomotive): **COWCATCHER**

lodging for soldiers in a private home: **BILLET**

lodging place that is part-time, occasional or temporary: **PIED-À-TERRE**

lofty, extravagant, overly ambitious, pretentious: **HIGH-FLOWN**

lofty, impressive or noble, as in quality or style: **SONOROUS**

logical argument in examining ideas or opinions: **DIALECTIC**

logical pedanticism: **ERGOISM**

logical rather than intuitive: **DIANOETIC**

logical reasoning from the general to the particular: **DEDUCTION**

logic formula in which two premises are laid down and a conclusion is drawn from them: **SYLLOGISM**

logic, reasoning from the particular to the general: **INDUCTION**



logic that is faulty or specious: **CHOPLOGIC**  
 logic with regard to truth and error: **ALETHIOLOGY**  
 loincloth or waistcloth of printed calico worn by Samoan natives: **LAVALAVA, PAREU**  
 loincloth worn by Hindus: **DIHOTI**  
 loiter, waste time: **DAWDLE**  
 Londoner of the East End: **COCKNEY**  
 London press: **FLEET STREET**  
 loner, outsider, person apart from others: **ODD MAN OUT**  
 long and boring passage: **LONGUEUR**  
 long and polysyllabic, as a word or words: **SESQUIPEDALIAN**  
 long and wordy, tedious: **PROLIX**  
 long-drawn-out explanation or narrative: **MEGILLAH**  
 long-drawn-out story or anecdote that is humorously pointless: **SHAGGY DOG STORY**  
 longheaded: **DOLICHOCEPHALIC**  
 longing for something distant in time or place: **NOSTALGIA**  
 long jump, as formerly known: **BROAD JUMP**  
 long life: **LONGEVITY**  
 long live: **VIVE, VIVA**  
 long or lengthy in shape: **ELONGATE**  
 long-sleeved robe, sashed, worn in Mediterranean countries: **CAFTAN**  
 long-term study or experiment: **LONGITUDINAL STUDY**  
 long time: **MONTH OF SUNDAYS**  
 long-winded: **DIFFUSE**  
 long-windedness: **CIRCUMLOCUTION**  
 longwindedness: **AEOLISM**  
 look at closely, scrutinize: **SCAN**  
 look, countenance, face: **VISAGE**  
 look like or act like someone or something: **SIMULATE**  
 look or appearance lacking reality: **SEMBLANCE**  
 look that implies malice, lechery or slyness: **LEER**  
 loop that is flexible, eyelet: **GROMMET**  
 loose in morals: **WANTON**  
 loosening-up remark, gesture, etc.: **ICEBREAKER**  
 loosen or limber up after exercise: **COOL DOWN**  
 loose, not rigid: **LAX**  
 loose, weak: **SLACK**  
 lopsided, unsymmetrical: **SKEWED**

Lord's Prayer, the Our Father: **PATERNOSTER**  
 Lord's Supper: **EUCHARIST**  
 lose heart, withdraw in fear: **QUAIL**  
 loser, hapless bungler: **SCHLIMAZEL**  
 losing contender, one expected to lose: **UNDERDOG**  
 loss from sale of assets: **CAPITAL LOSS**  
 loss of an unaccented vowel at the beginning of a word: **APHESIS**  
 loss of consciousness that is brief: **SYNCOPE**  
 loss of income anticipated from eventual reduction in the supply of natural resources: **DEPLETION**  
 loss of memory: **AMNESIA**  
 loss of muscular coordination: **ATAXIA**  
 loss of power of speech: **APHASIA**  
 loss of scientists, technicians, etc., to a country offering them more: **BRAIN DRAIN**  
 loss of sight without organic defect: **AMAUROSIS**  
 loss of willpower, inability to decide or act: **ABULIA**  
 loss or impairment of sense of taste: **AGEUSIA**  
 lottery, often based on a horse race, in which all the wagers may be won by one or a few bettors: **SWEEPSTAKES**  
 loud and abusive: **THERSITICAL**  
 loud and noisy: **UPROARIOUS**  
 loud, full-sounding: **SONOROUS**  
 loudness measure: **DECIBEL**  
 loud, rough in sound: **RAUCOUS**  
 loud to an extreme: **STENTORIAN**  
 loud-voiced person: **STENTOR**  
 Louisiana descendant of the Acadian French: **CAJUN**  
 louse infestation: **PEDICULOSIS**  
 love affair that is secret or illicit: **INTRIGUE**  
 love insincerely (applied to a man): **PHILANDER**  
 love letter: **BILLET-DOUX**  
 love of other people: **ALTRUISM**  
 love of women: **PHILOGYNY**  
 love potion: **PHILTER**  
 lover, illicit sexual companion: **PARAMOUR**  
 lover or gallant of a married woman: **CICISBEO**  
 lovers, secret meeting of: **ASSIGNATION**  
 love unbridled: **AMOUR FOU**

loving, inviting or seductive glances:

**GOO-GOO EYES**

loving or fellowship feast: **AGAPE, LOVE FEAST**

low blood sugar: **HYPOGLYCEMIA**

lowdown, rumor, gossip: **SCUTTLEBUTT**

lower: **NETHER**

lower-class and considered shiftless:

**LUMPEN**

lower in dignity or reputation: **DEMEAN**

lowering of esteem: **DISPARAGEMENT**

lower middle class: **PETITE**

**BOURGEOISIE**

lower oneself to do something:

**CONDESCEND**

lower price on a stock transaction than on the preceding transaction:

**DOWN TICK, MINUS-TICK**

lower someone in prestige or estimation:

**ABASE**

lowest point: **NADIR**

lowest point in an orbit: **PERIGEE**

low in condition or state, hopelessly downcast, desperate: **ABJECT**

low neckline in a dress: **DÉCOLLETAGE**

low-priced stocks, selling at less than \$1 a share: **PENNY STOCKS**

loyal: **STAUNCH**

loyal adherent: **MYRMIDON**

loyalty, obligation owed, faithfulness: **FEALTY**

loyalty or friendship weakened or destroyed: **DISAFFECTION**

lozenge that is medicated, as for a sore throat: **TROCHIE**

lucid, clear, understandable:

**PERSPICUOUS**

lucid, pure, clear, transparent: **LIMPID**

lucky and unexpected gain or acquisition: **WINDFALL**

lucky discoveries made accidentally: **SERENDIPITY**

lucky stroke, good luck: **FLUKE**

ludicrous or ridiculous situation: **FARCE**

lukewarm: **TEPID**

lumbering, bulky: **PONDEROUS**

luminous, glowing with heat:

**INCANDESCENT**

lump, bump, protuberance: **KNURL**

lunatic, maniacal: **DEMONIAC**

lunching at work or school on food

brought from home: **BROWN**

**BAGGING**

lurch or twist from side to side:

**CAREEN**

lust for or desire something belonging to someone else: **COVET**

lustful: **LASCIVIOUS**

lustful: **LIBIDINOUS**

lustful, amorous: **RANDY**

lustful, dissolute: **WANTON**

lustful, lewd: **LECHEROUS**

lust, sexual desire: **CONCUPISCENCE**

luxurious, sensual: **VOLUPTUOUS**

luxury-loving person: **VOLUPTUARY**

lying: **MENDACIOUS**

lying abnormally: **MYTHOMANIA**

lying down, growing along the ground:

**DECUMBENT**

lying down, reclining, leaning:

**RECUMBENT**

lying face down: **PRONE**

lying flat, helpless, exhausted:

**PROSTRATE**

lying-in, confinement for childbirth:

**ACCOUCHEMENT**

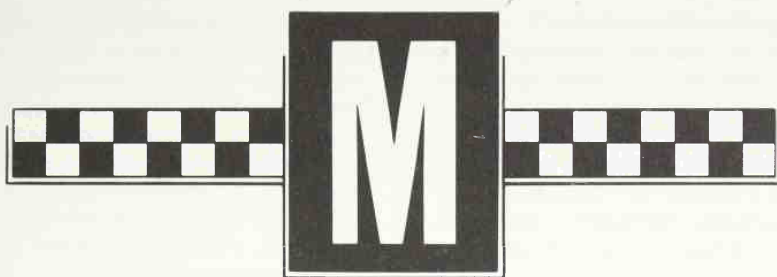
lying on the back, face upward: **SUPINE**

lying, prevarication, falsehood,

deception: **MENDACITY**

lying under oath: **PERJURY**

lyric poetry muse: **ERATO**



machine for giving gloss to paper or fabric: **CALENDER**  
machinery or technology opposer in the workplace: **LUDDITE**  
“madam-I’m-Adam” type of reversible sentence: **PALINDROME**  
madam (in imperial India): **MEMSAHIB**  
mad, crazy: **DAFT**  
maddened, furiously angry: **HORN-MAD**  
made of different pieces or elements, pieced together: **PATCHWORK**  
made to order (British): **BESPOKE**  
Mafia chief: **CAPO**  
Mafia chief’s second-in-command: **CAPOREGIME**  
Mafia code of silence: **OMERTÀ**  
Mafia leader’s close adviser: **CONSIGLIERE**  
Mafia member of low rank: **BUTTON, SOLDIER**  
magazine oriented to fans or amateurs, as to science fiction buffs: **FANZINE**  
magic: **CONJURATION**  
magic: **THIEURGY**  
magical, mystical or divinatory arts: **OCCULT**  
magical, occult, relating to alchemy: **HERMETIC**  
magical, unintelligible words, incantation: **MUMBO JUMBO**  
magician: **THIAUMATURGE**  
magician, sorcerer: **CONJURER**  
magic tricks: **PRESTIDIGITATION**  
magic tricks: **SLEIGHT OF HAND**  
magic word: **ABRACADABRA**  
magic words or formula: **INCANTATION**  
magnifying glass used by jewelers or watchmakers: **LOUPE**  
maiden name of a married woman preceded by this word: **NÉE**

maid role in a play or the actress playing it: **SOUBRETTE**  
maid to a lady, lady’s maid: **ABIGAIL**  
mail piece undeliverable because of an illegible or inadequate address: **NIXIE**  
mail sent without charge, as by congressmen: **FRANKED MAIL**  
maim by shooting in the knee: **KNEECAP**  
main clause of a sentence at the beginning: **LOOSE SENTENCE**  
main clause of the sentence completed at the end: **PERIODIC SENTENCE**  
main course of a meal: **ENTRÉE**  
main dish or chief item in a collection: **PIÈCE DE RÉSISTANCE**  
main idea or substance of an argument, discussion, question: **GIST**  
main or central attraction: **FOCAL POINT**  
main or principal vein of ore: **MOTHER LODE**  
maintainable, defendable: **TENABLE**  
majestic: **AUGUST**  
make a face: **GRIMACE**  
make amends for, atone for: **EXPIATE**  
make eyes at suggestively, stare at: **OGLE**  
make known, disclose, bestow: **IMPART**  
make merry, delight (in), celebrate: **REVEL**  
make noteworthy, call attention to: **SIGNALIZE**  
make or become better: **AMELIORATE**  
make outwardly real: **EXTERNALIZE**  
make over, renovate: **REVAMP**  
make poor or fruitless: **IMPOVERISH**  
makeshift materials utilized for tools, decoration, etc.: **BRICOLAGE**

make specific: **CONCRETIZE**  
 make stupid or obtuse: **HEBETATE**  
 make to seem sweeter, more pleasant or appealing, etc.: **SUGARCOAT**  
 make up, be the parts or elements of, represent: **CONSTITUTE**  
 make up, compensate: **COUNTERVAIL**  
 make up, devise: **CONCOCT**  
 makeup of a book, newspaper, etc.:  
     **FORMAT**  
 make up or invent, as a story or lie:  
     **FABRICATE**  
 make worse or more severe, aggravate, worsen: **EXACERBATE**  
 making sense: **COHERENT**  
 male adoption of female clothing and mannerisms: **EONISM**  
 male and female sexual organs in one individual make him/her a:  
     **HERMAPHRODITE**  
 male ballet dancer: **DANSEUR**  
 male ballet dancer who is the principal performer: **PREMIER DANSEUR**  
 male counterpart of a ballerina:  
     **DANSEUR NOBLE**  
 male dominance or favoritism:  
     **ANDROCENTRISM**  
 male figure used as a supporting pillar:  
     **TELAMON**  
 male figure with pointed ears, horns and goat's legs, in Greek mythology: **SATYR**  
 male flirt: **PHILANDERER**  
 male genitalia or the phallus represented as the male principle in Hinduism: **LINGAM**  
 male genitals subjected to oral stimulation: **FELLATIO**  
 male government: **PATRIARCHY**  
 male head of household, father:  
     **PATERFAMILIAS**  
 male homosexual: **URANIST, URNING**  
 male line of kinship, involving the:  
     **AGNATE**  
 male of beef cattle: **STEER**  
 male sex hormone: **ANDROGEN**  
 male sex hormone, a type of androgen:  
     **TESTOSTERONE**  
 male singer in the principal role:  
     **PRIMO**  
 male sterilization by surgery:  
     **VASECTOMY**  
 malevolent: **ILL-DISPOSED**  
 malformation: **ABNORMALITY**  
 malfunction, foul-up, snag: **GLITCH**

malice, hate: **RANCOR**  
 malice, spite: **VENOM**  
 malicious, cutting: **SNIDE**  
 malicious, fierce, unruly: **VICIOUS**  
 malicious or lecherous look: **LEER**  
 malicious or mean behavior: **DOGGERY**  
 malicious, unprovoked, unjust: **WANTON**  
 malicious, wicked: **PERNICIOUS**  
 malicious, wishing evil toward others:  
     **MALEVOLENT**  
 malignant, as a disease: **VIRULENT**  
 malnutrition: **CACHEXIA**  
 mammals bringing forth living young are: **VIVIPAROUS**  
 man about town: **BOULEVARDIER**  
 manageable, compliant: **TRACTABLE**  
 management, superintendence:  
     **INTENDANCE**  
 manager of another's affairs:  
     **PROCURATOR**  
 manager, sponsor or organizer of performers for entertainment:  
     **IMPRESARIO**  
 manage shrewdly: **MANIPULATE**  
 manage to live: **SUBSIST**  
 man as center: **ANTHROPOCENTRIC**  
 maneuver by craftiness: **FINAGLE**  
 maneuver, especially in diplomacy:  
     **DÉMARCHE**  
 maneuver for an advantage: **JOCKEY**  
 maneuvering, methods or management to gain an end: **TACTICS**  
 maneuvering with ploys to gain an advantage: **GAMESMANSHIP**  
 maneuver or stratagem to outwit someone: **PLOY**  
 maneuver, trick, device for obtaining advantage: **STRATAGEM**  
 mangle, cut unskillfully, hack: **HAGGLE**  
 mangle, tear raggedly: **LACERATE**  
 manhandle, abuse, handle roughly:  
     **MAUL**  
 man hatred: **MISANDRY**  
 mania: **CACOËTHES**  
 maniacal, lunatic: **DEMONIAC**  
 manias (*In the following list read the words obsession with ahead of each entry.*)  
 alcoholic liquor: **DIPSOMANIA**  
 animals: **ZOOMANIA**  
 ballet: **BALLETOMANIA**  
 bees: **APIMANIA**  
 birds: **ORNITHOMANIA**  
 books: **BIBLIOMANIA**  
 cats: **AILUROMANIA**

children: **PEDOMANIA**  
 crowds: **OCHLOMANIA**  
 dancing: **CHOREOMANIA**  
 dogs: **CYNOMANIA**  
 eating: **SITOMANIA**  
 fire: **PYROMANIA**  
 fish: **ICHTHYOMANIA**  
 flowers: **ANTHIOMANIA**  
 gaiety: **CHIEROMANIA**  
 grandiose things: **MEGALOMANIA**  
 horses: **HIPPOMANIA**  
 ideas: **IDEOMANIA**  
 insects: **ENTOMOMANIA**  
 money: **CHIREMATOMANIA**  
 nakedness: **GYMNOMANIA**  
 one subject or thing: **MONOMANIA**  
 pleasure: **HEDONOMANIA**  
 reptiles: **OPHIDIOMANIA**  
 roaming: **DROMOMANIA**  
 solitude: **AUTOMANIA**  
 speech: **LALOMANIA**  
 stealing: **KLEPTOMANIA**  
 stillness: **EREMIOMANIA**  
 wandering: **DROMOMANIA**  
 wealth: **PLUTOMANIA**  
 women: **GYNEMANIA**  
 manic-depressive condition that is mild:  
     **CYCLOTHYMIA**  
 manifestation or appearance of a deity,  
     showing forth: **EPIPHANY**  
 manifest, demonstrate convincingly,  
     show clearly: **EVINCE**  
 manifest, evident, obvious: **PATENT**  
 man in relation to environment:  
     **ANTHROPOLOGY**  
 manipulation of parts of the body to  
     correct diseases: **OSTEOPATHY**  
 manipulator of another person:  
     **SVENGALI**  
 mankind hater: **MISANTHROPE**  
 man-like: **ANDROID**  
 man-like: **HOMINOID**  
 man-like or ape-like primate: **HOMINID**  
 manly vigor: **VIRILITY**  
 man (male) hater: **MISANDRIST**  
 manner: **MIEN**  
 manner in which one bears oneself,  
     deportment: **DEMEANOR**  
 mannerism, personal peculiarity: **QUIRK**  
 mannerism, quirk, habit peculiar to an  
     individual: **IDIOSYNCRASY**  
 manner of operating: **MODUS OPERANDI**  
 manner of speaking, way of talking,  
     natural wording: **FAÇON DE**  
     **PARLER**

manner of speech: **LOCUTION**  
 man of great beauty: **ADONIS**  
 man-of-prehistory specimen remains  
     that proved to be a hoax:  
     **PILTDOWN MAN**  
 man or boy who is not Jewish:  
     **SHEGETZ**  
 man's nature regarded as consisting of  
     decisive actions rather than inner  
     dispositions: **EXISTENTIALISM**  
 man supported by a woman to whom  
     he is not married: **GIGOLO**  
 man to man, in direct competition,  
     dueling: **MANO A MANO**  
 man to whom a woman is engaged:  
     **FIANCE**  
 manual, guidebook: **HANDBOOK**  
 manual, handbook: **ENCHIRIDION**  
 manual laborer (British): **NAVY**  
 manual skill, expertness: **HANDINESS**  
 manual training system: **SLOYD**  
 manual worker: **BLUE-COLLAR WORKER**  
 manure heap: **MIDDEN**  
 manuscript copier: **AMANUENSIS**  
 manuscript of a play, film or television  
     show: **SCRIPT**  
 manuscript sheets being gathered into a  
     unified whole: **COLLATED**  
 manuscripts sent unsolicited to a  
     publisher: **SLUSH PILE**  
 man who dresses flashily: **DUDE**  
 man-woman relationship without sexual  
     activity is: **PLATONIC**  
 many and varied in form: **MANIFOLD**  
 many-headed serpent of classical  
     mythology: **HYDRA**  
 many-sided: **VERSATILE**  
 maple sap tree spike that is hollow and  
     drips into a pail: **SPILE**  
 mapmaking: **CARTOGRAPHY**  
 map of the earth with parallel longitude  
     lines intersected by parallel latitude  
     lines: **MERCATOR PROJECTION**  
 map or chart circle-and-star symbol:  
     **COMPASS ROSE**  
 map or survey used for taxation basis:  
     **CADASTER**  
 mapping of regions or districts:  
     **CHOROGRAPHY**  
 mapping or charting of area in detail:  
     **TOPOGRAPHY**  
 marble used for shooting: **TAW**  
 marching exercises or discipline:  
     **DISMOUNTED DRILL**



marching in precise movements and formations: **CLOSE-ORDER DRILL**  
marching manner that is close together:

**LOCKSTEP**

marginal note of explanation:

**SCHOLIUM**

marginal, not essential: **PERIPHERAL**

marijuana: **CANNABIS**

marijuana: **GANJA**

marine animal and plant organisms that drift or float: **PLANKTON**

marital: **CONJUGAL**

marital: **CONNUBIAL**

mark as questionable or doubtful (with an obelus, or dagger symbol):

**OBELIZE**

mark between parts of a compound word: **HYPHEN**

marked with lines, striped: **LINEATE**

marker or memorial of heaped-up stones: **CAIRN**

marketable: **VENDIBLE**

market influence by several producers: **OLIGOPOLY**

market on the decline: **BEAR MARKET**

market on the rise: **BULL MARKET**

market, outdoor, for dealing in

secondhand goods: **FLEA MARKET**

marketplace: **AGORA**

mark, in Arabic, like an apostrophe:

**HAMZA**

marking of a spotted animal or plant:

**MACULATION**

markings on an envelope used in place of stamps: **INDICIA**

mark like a hook under the letter "c"

(ç): **CEDILLA**

mark, mark as infamous: **BRAND**

mark of authenticity: **CACHET**

mark of identification: **EARMARK**

mark of infamy or disgrace: **STIGMA**

mark or proof of genuineness or high quality: **HALLMARK**

mark or spot on a domino, die or playing card: **PIP**

mark out boundaries or limits, separate: **DEMARCATÉ**

mark out extent or limits:

**CIRCUMSCRIBE**

mark, stamp or character that is distinctive: **IMPRESS**

mark used over or under certain foreign letters: **DIACRITICAL MARK**

marriageable because of physical maturity: **NUBILE**

marriage after the death or divorce of first spouse: **DIGAMY**

marriage a man is forced into because of prior sexual relations with the woman: **SHOTGUN WEDDING**

marriage between royal or noble unequals in which titles and estates are not passed on to the inferior partner is: **MORGANATIC**

marriage broker, Jewish: **SCHATCHEN**

marriage estrangement or breakup caused by another: **ALIENATION OF AFFECTIONS**

marriage for the second time:

**DEUTEROGAMY**

marriage for the second time: **DIGAMY**

marriage in trial form: **COMPANIONATE MARRIAGE**

marriage late in life: **OPSIGAMY**

marriage outside the group or tribe:

**EXOGENY**

marriage within the group or tribe, inbreeding: **ENDOGENY**

marriage with one of lower position: **MESALLIANCE**

married male American Indian:

**SANNUP**

married man who was a long-time bachelor: **BENEDICT**

married woman: **FEME COVERT**

married woman's acknowledged lover or gallant: **CICISBEO**

married woman's legal status:

**COVERTURE**

marrying while already married:

**BIGAMY**

Mars as a study: **AREOLOGY**

marsh, bog: **MORASS**

marshy body of water: **BAYOU**

marshy ground, bog: **QUAGMIRE**

marshy low ground: **SWALE**

martial art (chiefly Japanese) of blows used in self-defense: **KARATE**

martial art emphasizing balance and slow, stylized movements: **T'AI CHI**

**CH'UAN**

martial art emphasizing gripping of the opponent's arms: **AIKIDO**

martial arts sticks joined by a chain or rope: **NUNCHAKU, NUNCHAKUS,**

**NUN-CHUCKS, KARATE STICKS**

martial art that is Korean and more aggressive than karate, stressing punches, chokes and leaping kicks: **TAE KWON DO**

martini served with pickled onion:

**GIBSON**

marvelous, wonderful: **PRODIGIOUS**

marvelous, wonderful to tell: **MIRABILE**

**DICTU**

Mary holding the body of Jesus

represented in art: **PIETÀ**

masculine in conduct or role: **BUTCH**

masculine, strong, sturdy: **VIRILE**

masculine woman: **AMAZON**

masculinity: **VIRILITY**

masculinity, aggressive virility:

**MACHISMO**

mask for the eyes, worn at

masquerades: **DOMINO**

masochism or sadism: **ALGOLAGNIA**

massacre, especially directed against

Jews: **POGROM**

massacre, slaughter: **CARNAGE**

massage system concentrating on the

feet and hands to benefit other

parts of the body: **REFLEXOLOGY**

massage that uses acupressure on

specific points of the body:

**SHIATSU**

masses: **DEMOS**

masses, common people: **HOI POLLOI**

masses, pertaining to: **DEMOTIC**

mass, heap or collection of things:

**CONGERIES**

mass-market advertising or the public

so influenced: **ADMASS**

mass of things indiscriminately thrown

together: **AGGLOMERATE**

master: **SAHIB**

master of technique: **VIRTUOSO**

masterpiece: **CHEF D'OEUVRE**

masterpiece, great work: **MAGNUM**

**OPUS**

masterstroke, sudden telling blow,

brilliant stratagem: **COUP**

mast-located high-up lookout platform

on a ship: **CROW'S NEST**

mast or boom on a sailboat: **SPAR**

masturbation: **AUTOEROTICISM**

masturbation or interruption of coitus:

**ONANISM**

masturbatory rubbing against another:

**FROTAGE**

matador's red cloak used to lure the

bull: **CAPA**

matchbook striking surface: **FRICTION**

**STRIP**

matchless: **INIMITABLE**

matchless, unequaled: **NONPAREIL**

mate or complement to another:

**COUNTERPART**

materialize, concretize: **REIFY**

material, real, having definite shape:

**TANGIBLE**

maternal or female line of a family:

**DISTAFF SIDE**

maternal-side family name:

**MATRONYMIC**

mathematically incapable of being

expressed in rational numbers:

**SURD**

mathematical progression in which the

difference between numerical terms

remains constant: **ARITHMETIC**

**PROGRESSION**

mathematical sequence in which the

ratio between each two numbers is

the same: **GEOMETRIC**

**PROGRESSION**

mathematical term indicating parts into

which the whole is to be divided:

**DENOMINATOR**

mat or small napkin for table

decoration or under something:

**DOILY**

matter and energy as a science:

**PHYSICS**

mattress of straw: **PALLIASSE**

mature: **FULL-FLEDGED**

maxim: **APOTHEGM**

maxim: **AXIOM**

maxim, rule, moral guide: **PRECEPT**

maxim, wise saying: **GNOME**

maze, intricate structure: **LABYRINTH**

meal: **REPAST**

meal at which guests serve themselves:

**BUFFET**

meal-related, particularly dinner:

**PRANDIAL**

meals and room included in the hotel

rate: **AMERICAN PLAN**

meal served in a restaurant complete at

a fixed price: **TABLE D'HÔTE**

meal that is light: **REFECTION**

meal that is light and informal:

**COLLATION**

mean: **PETTY**

meaningless language or utterance:

**JABBERWOCKY**

meaningless or merely sociable as talk:

**PHATIC**

meaningless performance: **CHARADE**

meaningless speech: **BALDERDASH**

meaningless talk: **ABRACADABRA**

meaningless, worthless: **NUGATORY**

meaning, purport, general course:

**TENOR**

meaning-related as applying to words or language forms: **SEMANTIC**

meanings of language forms as a subject of study: **SEMANTICS**

meaning that is exact as stated:

**LITERAL**

meaning that is suggested, significance:

**PURPORT**

mean keeper or withholder of

something he or she doesn't need:

**DOG IN THE MANGER**

meanly stingy or petty: **MINGY**

mean or malicious behavior: **DOGGERY**

mean or stingy practice: **CHEESEPARING**

means of support, livelihood, food:

**SUSTENANCE**

meantime, time between periods or

events: **INTERIM**

measure (about 9 inches), as made by

the hand with the thumb and little finger extended: **SPAN**

measurement from side to side:

**BREADTH**

measurement of advertising space:

**AGATE LINE**

measurement of distance by

determination of angles:

**TELEMETRY**

measure of length for yarn: **SPINDLE**

measure that is practical rather than

scientifically accurate: **RULE OF**

**THUMB**

measure the depth of water: **PLUMB**

meat-and-vegetable stew and its broth:

**POT-AU-FEU**

meat broiled on a skewer: **BROCHETTE**

meat chunks marinated: **KEBAB**

meat pie topped with mashed potatoes:

**SHEPHERD'S PIE**

meat portion that is small: **COLLOP**

mechanical man, automaton: **ROBOT**

mechanical way of doing something or

doing it solely by memory: **ROTE**

medal or coin disc apart from lettering

or a stamped design: **FLAN**

meddle, intrude in the affairs of others:

**INTERLOPE**

meddler in a plan, project, etc.:

**MARPLOT**

meddler, interferer: **BUTTINSKY**

meddler in the affairs of others:

**KIBITZER**

mediating factor between opposite

things: **TERTIUM QUID**

medical and biological technological

advances: **BIOENGINEERING**

medical-appearing substance given to

comfort a patient or as a test

control: **PLACEBO**

medical auxiliary or assistant:

**PARAMEDIC**

medical effect making a treatment or

procedure inadvisable:

**CONTRAINDICATION**

medical graduate serving in and living

at a hospital for clinical training:

**INTERN**

medical insertion of a tube into the

larynx: **INTUBATION**

medical-instruments sterilizing heater:

**AUTOClave**

medical instrument to widen a body

opening for inspection or

treatment: **SPECULUM**

medical knowledge applied to questions

of law: **FORENSIC MEDICINE**

medical oath setting forth a code of

ethics: **HIPPOCRATIC OATH**

medical profession symbol, wand or

staff of Mercury: **CADUCEUS**

medical radiographic instrument for

three-dimensional images: **CAT**

**SCAN (COMPUTERIZED AXIAL**

**TOMOGRAPHY SCAN)**

medical technique employing needles

inserted into body: **ACUPUNCTURE**

medical term for the branch of

medicine dealing with functions

and diseases of women:

**GYNECOLOGY**

medicinal liquid injected into the colon

as a purgative: **ENEMA**

medicine obtainable without

prescription: **OFFICINAL**

medicine of one's own invention, quack

medicine, cure-all: **NOSTRUM**

medicines described and listed in a

book: **PHARMACOPOEIA**

medicine that causes vomiting: **EMETIC**

medicine that eases irritation:

**ABIRRITANT**

medicine that increases the flow of

urine: **DIURETIC**

medieval chemistry: **ALCHEMY**

mediocre: **INDIFFERENT**

mediocre, prosaic, dull: **PEDESTRIAN**

meditate, ponder: **RUMINATE**

## MEDICAL FIELDS

aging: GERONTOLOGY, GERIATRICS  
allergies: ALLERGOLOGY  
anesthesia: ANESTHESIOLOGY  
bacteria: BACTERIOLOGY  
birth: OBSTETRICS, TOCOLOGY  
blood: HEMATOLOGY  
body functions: PHYSIOLOGY  
body movement: KINESIOLOGY  
bones: OSTEOLOGY  
bones (manipulation): OSTEOPATHY\*

### ORTHOPEDICS

cells: CYTOLOGY  
children: PEDIATRICS  
digestive system:

### GASTROENTEROLOGY

disease, autopsies: PATHOLOGY  
disease causes and factors: ETIOLOGY  
disease classification: NOSOLOGY  
disease description: NOSOGRAPHY  
disease identification: DIAGNOSTICS  
ears: OTOLOGY  
ears, nose, and throat:

### OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY (OTOLARYNGOLOGY)

epidemic diseases: EPIDEMIOLOGY  
eyes: OPHTHALMOLOGY  
eye testing, vision correction:  
OPTOMETRY\*

feet: PODIATRY,\* CHIROPODY\*

female health: GYNECOLOGY

glands: ADENOLOGY

gums: PERIODONTICS

hearing: AUDIOLOGY\*

heart: CARDIOLOGY

hernias: HERNIOLOGY

hormones and glands:

### ENDOCRINOLOGY

immune system: IMMUNOLOGY

internal organs: INTERNAL MEDICINE

intestines: ENTROLOGY

joints: ARTHROLOGY

kidneys: NEPHROLOGY

ligaments and tendons:

### DESMOPATHOLOGY

liver: HEPATOLOGY

lungs and respiration:

### PULMONOLOGY

lymphatic system: LYMPHOLOGY  
malformations and monstrosities:

### TERATOLOGY

medicinal dosage: POSOLOGY

mental disease: PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

mouth: STOMATOLOGY, ORALOGY

muscles: MYOLOGY

nervous system: NEUROLOGY,

### NEUROPATHOLOGY

newborn children: NEONATOLOGY

nose: RHINOLOGY

parasites: PARASITOLOGY

physical medicine and therapy:

### PHYSIATRICS

plastic surgery: PLASTIC SURGERY

poisons: TOXICOLOGY

rectum: PROCTOLOGY

rheumatic diseases:

### RHEUMATOLOGY

secretions: ECCRINOLOGY

serums: SEROLOGY

sexually transmitted diseases:

### VENERELOGY

skin: DERMATOLOGY

skull: CRANIOLOGY

spine (adjustment):

### CHIROPRACTIC\*

stomach: GASTROLOGY

surgery for major injuries:

### TRAUMATOLOGY

symptoms: SYMPTOMATOLOGY

teeth: DENTISTRY

teeth alignment and correction:

### ORTHODONTICS

tissue: HISTOLOGY

tumors: ONCOLOGY

ulcers: HELCOLOGY

urinary and genitourinary tracts:

### UROLOGY

veins: PHLEBOLOGY

vessels (blood and lymph):

### ANGIOLOGY

viruses: VIROLOGY

vomiting agents or causes:

### EMETOLOGY

X rays, radiation therapy:

### RADIOLOGY

\*Practitioners are not M.D.s or D.D.S.s.

meditative or religious commune:

**ASHRAM**

medium or moderate, in music: **MEZZO**

medium, person speaking for a spirit:

**CHANNEL**

medley: **SALMAGUNDI**

medley, confused mixture: **FARRAGO**

medley, mixture: **POTPOURRI**

meek, apologetic or shy person:

**MILQUETOAST**

meeting at the same point,

simultaneous: **CONCURRENT**

meeting or secret appointment, as of

lovers: **TRYST**

meeting place, meeting or appointment

to meet: **RENDEZVOUS**

meeting to achieve communication with

the dead: **SÉANCE**

meeting to confer on a particular

subject: **SYMPOSIUM**

melancholy: **ATRABILIOUS**

melancholy, gloomy: **SEPULCHRAL**

melancholy, pessimism, romantic

world-weariness: **WELTSCHMERZ**

melodic, songlike: **ARIOSE**

melodious, musical: **CANOROUS**

melodious, soothing, sweetly pleasant:

**DULCET**

melody added to another melody:

**COUNTERPOINT**

melting: **LIQUESCENT**

membership on a stock exchange: **SEAT**

members or body of an organization

apart from the leaders: **RANK AND**

**FILE**

members or items chosen out of a

group in the expectation they will

be representative of the whole

group: **RANDOM SAMPLE**

memorable or prominent object in the

landscape: **LANDMARK**

memorable or vivid in a photographic

way: **EIDETIC**

memorandum to remind one of

something in the future: **TICKLER**

memory: **RETENTION**

memory abnormally keen:

**HYPERMNESIA**

memory aid: **MNEMONIC**

memory alone as a way of doing

something, mechanical action:

**ROTE**

memory blocks, speech errors or faulty

actions: **PARAPRAXIS**

memory helper, reminder,

memorandum: **AIDE-MÉMOIRE**

memory involving clear visualization of

objects previously seen: **EIDETIC**

**IMAGERY**

memory loss: **AMNESIA**

memory loss concerning muscular

movements: **APRAXIA**

memory with precise visual images:

**PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY**

menacing, threatening: **MINACIOUS,**

**MINATORY**

men's furnishings: **HABERDASHERY**

menstruation cessation: **MENOPAUSE**

menstruation's beginning in a female's

life: **MENARCHE**

mental age, as tested, divided by

chronological age and multiplied

by 100: **INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENT**

**(IQ)**

mental confusion: **AMENTIA**

mental derangement: **ALIENATION**

mental disorder marked by separation

of thought from emotions:

**SCHIZOPHRENIA**

mental disorders treated by study of the

unconscious: **PSYCHOANALYSIS**

mental lapse: **ABERRATION**

mentally defective person brilliant in

one skill or field: **IDIOT SAVANT**

mentally deficient person: **AMENT**

mentally imagined, vividly or

photographically: **EIDETIC**

mentally retarded person: **IMBECILE**

mentally sound, sane: **COMPOS MENTIS**

mentally unsound: **NON COMPOS**

**MENTIS**

mental or emotional block: **INHIBITION**

mental or emotional rather than

physical: **PSYCHOGENIC**

mental position, frame of mind:

**POSTURE**

mental powers impaired: **DEMENTIA**

mental quickness, keenness: **ACUMEN**

mental telepathy: **CRYPTESTHESIA**

mental torpor, pathological: **ACEDIA**

mention of something by saying it will

not be mentioned: **APOPHASIS**

mention or suggest for the first time:

**BROACH**

menu with each item having a separate

price: **À LA CARTE**

mercenary, subject to bribery: **VENAL**

merciless: **RUTHLESS**

merciless, unrelenting: **IMPLACABLE**



mercy killing: **EUTHANASIA**

merge gradually one into another:

**INTERGRADE**

merging into one of two vowels

generally pronounced separately:

**SYNERESIS**

merited or deserved, as a punishment:

**CONDIGN**

merriment, spirited gaiety: **MIRTH**

merry-go-round: **WHIRLIGIG**

mess, confused condition: **MARE'S NEST**

messenger, especially one on urgent or diplomatic business: **COURIER**

messiah or prophet in Islam: **MAHDI**

messily difficult, troublesome or risky

situation: **HORNET'S NEST**

metal-and-enamel work: **CLOISONNÉ**

metal condition as regards hardness and elasticity: **TEMPER**

metal disk, spangle: **PAILLETTE**

metals and alloys as a science:

**METALLURGY**

metalware with enameled or lacquered

design: **TOLE**

metaphorical, flowery: **FIGURATIVE**

metaphor that is stale and lifeless: **DEAD**

**METAPHOR**

meteors as a study: **AEROLITHOLOGY**

meter being mixed within a poem:

**LOGAOEDIC**

metrical or poetic unit of time

equivalent to that of a short

syllable or sound: **MORA**

metric basic unit of weight ( $1/16$

pound): **GRAM**

Mexican-American settlement or district

in the Southwest: **COLONIA**

Mexican blanket-like cloak worn by

men: **SERAPE**

Mexican dish of hot-seasoned meat and

corn wrapped in corn husks:

**TAMALES**

Mexican farm laborer who enters the

United States illegally: **WETBACK**

Mexican flat, round cake: **TORTILLA**

Mexican strong liquor: **TEQUILA**

microfilm sheet for filing: **MICROFICHE**

microscopic animal: **ANIMALCULE**

microscopic cell-less or one-celled

animal, usually water-dwelling and

often a parasite: **PROTOZOAN**

microscopic one-celled organism

(protozoan): **AMOEBIA**

microscopic ovoid organism with cilia:

**PARAMECIUM**

microscopic, small to the point of being

incalculable: **INFINITESIMAL**

middle-class: **BOURGEOIS**

middle-class resident, citizen, town

dweller: **BURGHIER**

Middle Eastern cylindrical men's hat,

usually with a tassel: **FEZ**

middle finger: **MEDIUS**

middle ground, especially as a

government policy: **JUSTE-MILIEU**

middle letters inserted into a word:

**INFIX**

middleman handling transactions

between a company issuing new

securities and the public:

**INVESTMENT BANKER**

middle number in a series of statistics:

**MEDIAN**

middle or average that is ideal,

avoidance of extremes: **GOLDEN**

**MEAN**

middle way: **VIA MEDIA**

midget, dwarf: **HOUNCULUS**

midway in the action rather than at the

start: **IN MEDIAS RES**

mighty, powerful: **PUISSANT**

milder, less severe, more moderate:

**MITIGATED**

mild, gentle, favorable: **BENIGN**

mildly given reproof: **ADMONITION**

mild or bland word substituted for one

that might give offense or pain:

**EUPHEMISM**

milieu: **AMBIENCE**

military aircraft on a single mission:

**SORTIE**

military campsite after a day's march:

**ETAPE**

military class in command of the

government: **STRATOCRACY**

military court: **COURT-MARTIAL**

military detachment designated to do a

particular job: **DETAIL**

military dull shade of green: **OLIVE**

**DRAB**

military equipment and supplies:

**MATERIEL**

military equipment of the heavy variety:

**HARDWARE**

military expedition: **ANABASIS**

military headgear with a visor and a

flat top: **KEPI**

military hierarchy arrangement: **CHAIN**

**OF COMMAND**

military inspection without warning:

**SHOWDOWN INSPECTION**

military intervention used as a threat in diplomacy: **GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY**

military materiel, cannon: **ORDNANCE**

military or naval academy freshman:

**PLEBE**

military persecution: **DRAGONNADE**

military position taken on the enemy side of a river, defile, etc.:

**BRIDGEHEAD**

military post in the western United States: **PRESIDIO**

military science that deals with

procurement, maintenance,

movement and disposition of

supplies and personnel: **LOGISTICS**

military-strategy game played in

miniature: **KRIEGSPIEL**

milk fermented by a bacterium:

**YOGURT**

milk from mare or camel, fermented:

**KUMISS**

milk included: **AU LAIT**

milk-like: **LACTESCENT**

milk's thin part that separates from

solids, as in making cheese: **WHEY**

milky: **LACTEAL**

milky liquid: **EMULSION**

million tons of TNT as the

measurement of an explosive:

**MEGATON**

mimic, play the part of: **IMPERSONATE**

mind controlling matter:

**PSYCHOKINESIS**

mind-originating rather than physical:

**PSYCHOGENIC**

mine entrance passage: **ADIT**

mineral-springs treatment of disease:

**BALNEOLOGY**

mingle in a friendly fashion with people of an enemy or conquered country:

**FRATERNIZE**

mingle with, associate on close terms:

**HOBNOB**

minister's or clergyperson's residence:

**MANSE**

minister's or clergyperson's residence:

**PARSONAGE**

minister's or priest's residence:

**RECTORY**

minority incursion into a neighborhood used to frighten homeowners into

selling: **BLOCKBUSTING**

minor leagues of no note: **BUSH**

**LEAGUES**

minor player, member, participant, etc.:

**SPEAR CARRIER**

minor, secondary, casual: **INCIDENTAL**

miracles as a study: **THAUMATOLOGY**

miraculous cure or solution: **MAGIC**

**BULLET**

miraculous sought-after stone or other

substance to transmute other

metals into gold: **PHILOSOPHER'S**

**STONE**

mirage, especially as observed in the

Strait of Messina: **FATA MORGANA**

mirror between two windows: **PIER**

**GLASS**

mirror for signaling by flashes of light:

**HELIOGRAPH**

mirror, hung on horizontal pivots, that is full-length and tiltable in a floor

frame: **CHEVAL GLASS, PSYCHE**

misapply, distort: **PERVERT**

misappropriate, embezzle: **DEFALCATE**

miscarry: **ABORT**

miscarry (said of animals): **SLINK**

miscellaneous collection, variety of

things: **OMNIUM-GATHERUM**

miscellany: **POTPOURRI**

miscellany, hodgepodge: **OLIO**

mischief, joke: **WAGGERY**

mischief-maker: **HELLION**

mischief, pranks, roguish sportiveness, frolicking: **ESPIÈGLERIE**

mischievous, harmful: **MALEFICENT**

mischievously merry, impish: **PUCKISH**

misconduct of an official: **MISPRISION**

miser: **SKINFLINT**

miserable person: **WRETCH**

miserliness: **PARSIMONY**

miserly: **AVARICIOUS**

miserly and hard man: **SCROOGE**

misery, suffering: **TRIBULATION**

misfortune: **AMBSACE**

misgiving, fear: **QUALM**

mishaps in actions, speech or memory:

**PARAPRAXIS**

misinformation or deception that is deliberate by a government, intelligence agency, etc.:

**DISINFORMATION**

mislead: **BAMBOOZLE**

mislead: **DELUDE**

mislead, deceive: **EQUIVOCATE**

misleading talk: **HUMBUG**

mismated, conflicting, discordant:

**INCOMPATIBLE**

misrepresent: **BELIE**

misrepresent, twist, bend: **DISTORT**

missile's forward separable section  
designed to stand intense heat:

**NOSE CONE**

missile's nose containing the explosive:

**WARHEAD**

missile with two or more warheads  
aimed at separate targets: **MIRV**  
(**MULTIPLE INDEPENDENTLY**  
**TARGETABLE REENTRY**)

mistroke, misplay: **FOOZLE**

mistake, blunder, faux pas (British):

**BLOOMER**

mistake, error, false step: **FAUX PAS**

mistakes in a book noted as needing  
correction: **CORRIGENDA**

mist, fog: **BRUME**

mistress of any fashionable household:

**CHATELAINE**

misty, unclear, dark: **MURKY**

misunderstanding between two  
generations: **GENERATION GAP**

misuse of words: **CATACHRESIS**

miswriting of words or phrases,  
generally caused by cerebral injury:  
**PARAGRAPHHIA**

mixed fruits or vegetables as a dessert  
or salad: **MACEDOINE**

mixed metaphor: **CATACHRESIS**

mixed-meter poem: **LOGAOEDIC**

mixed of origin, half-breed: **HYBRID**

mixed-up: **ADDLED, ADDLE-BRAINED,**  
**ADDLEPATED**

mixture, hodgepodge: **OLIO, OLLA**  
**PODRIDA**

mixture, in an artistic composition, of  
features from various sources:  
**PASTICHE**

mixture in a society of ethnic, racial,  
religious or cultural groups:  
**PLURALISM**

mixture, medley: **POTPOURRI**

mixture of a confused mass of elements:  
**MEDLEY**

mixture of languages in one literary  
composition: **MACARONIC**

mix up, confuse: **DISORIENT**

mix up ingredients for a drink or a  
dish: **CONCOCT**

mobile-home area: **TRAILER PARK**

mob rule: **OCHLOCRACY**

mock, jeer, defy, scoff: **FLOUT**

mock, joke: **JAPE**

model of an apparatus or structure:

**MOCKUP**

model of the human body used to show  
off clothes: **MANNEQUIN**

model or drawing with the exterior left  
off to show the interior: **CUTAWAY**

model or exemplary literary passage:

**LOCUS CLASSICUS**

model, pattern, typical example:

**EXEMPLAR**

model, perfect standard: **PROTOTYPE**

moderate, cautious, opposed to change:  
**CONSERVATIVE**

moderately good, average:

**RESPECTABLE**

moderate, restrained: **TEMPERATE**

moderate tempo in music: **ANDANTE**

moderation produced by addition of  
another element: **TEMPER**

modernization, bringing up to date:

**AGGIORNAMENTO**

modest, shy, coy, reserved: **DEMURE**

modesty: **PUDENCY**

modesty and self-control, prudence,  
restraint, temperance: **SOPHROSYNE**

Mohammedan fasting period:

**RAMADAN**

Mohammedan respected scholar:

**AYATOLLAH**

Mohammedan spiritual ruler: **IMAM**

moist, damp: **HUMID**

moist, damp, humid: **DANK**

moisten and rub the body with oil:

**EMBROCATE**

moisture-absorbing: **DELIQUESCENT**

moisture formation: **DEWFALL**

moisture measurement in the air:

**HYGROMETRY**

moldable: **PLASTIC**

moldable or shapable as a material,  
clay-like: **FICTILE**

molding around the walls and close to  
the ceiling: **CORNICE**

molding or casting of footprints, tire  
marks, etc., for use in criminal  
investigation: **MOULAGE**

mold in which something is cast or  
shaped: **MATRIX**

mole that becomes lethally cancerous:  
**MELANOMA**

molten rock within the earth: **MAGMA**

molting or shedding of skin:

**EXUVIATION**

moment or experience spiritually or  
existentially transcendent: **PEAK**  
**EXPERIENCE**

monetary matters, concerning:

**PECUNIARY**

money: **DO-RE-MI**

money acquisition as a science:  
**CHIREMATISTICS**

money bet or invested by supposedly  
knowing people: **SMART MONEY**

money, booty: **PELF**

money carried by a woman on a date to  
let her get home alone if need be:  
**MAD MONEY**

money-changing, foreign exchange:  
**AGIOTAGE**

money for a new or risky enterprise:  
**VENTURE CAPITAL**

money given to one who helped a  
person or company obtain a job or  
contract: **KICKBACK**

money in circulation lessened and  
resulting in a decline in prices:  
**DEFLATION**

money kept secretly aside for corrupt  
purposes: **SLUSH FUND**

moneylender who extorts: **SHYLOCK**

money-making: **LUCRATIVE**

money-making position, situation,  
source, etc., requiring little effort:  
**GRAVY TRAIN**

money-making recruiting scheme  
promising ever multiplying profits,  
as through stocks or a chain letter:  
**PYRAMID SCHEME**

money or assistance furnished to  
advance a venture: **GRUBSTAKE**

money or payment associated with  
murder: **BLOOD MONEY**

money paid to a person to prevent his  
disclosing something: **HUSH**  
**MONEY**

money pooled for any specific purpose:  
**KITTY**

money pursuer: **CHIREMATIST**  
money-related, concerning money  
circulation: **MONETARY**

money that is ill-gotten, to "clean" or  
channel to respectability: **LAUNDER**

money to start a venture or attract  
investors: **SEED MONEY**

money used for corrupt political  
purposes: **SLUSH FUND**

mongolism: **DOWN'S SYNDROME**

monkey or ape: **SIMIAN**

monk's haircut, with the crown of the  
head shaved: **TONSURE**

monologue: **SOLILOQUY**

monopolistic association: **CARTEL**

monopolistic power by several buyers:  
**OLIGOPSONY**

monopoly of a single buyer:  
**MONOPSONY**

monotonous or repetitive, narrow,  
belabored: **ONE-NOTE**

monster of classical mythology with  
many heads: **HYDRA**

monstrosity, in biology: **TERATISM**

monstrous: **BROBDINGNAGIAN**

monstrous act, wickedness: **ENORMITY**  
monthly: **MENSAL**

monument to a dead person, which  
contains no body: **CENOTAPH**

moody to extremes or psychologically  
alternating between elation and  
depression: **MANIC-DEPRESSIVE**

moo like a cow: **LOW**

moon as a study: **SELENOLOGY**

moon, pertaining to the: **SELENIAN**

moon's dark side facing earth: **NEW**  
**MOON**

moon showing a thick sickle shape:  
**GIBBOUS MOON**

moon showing a thin sickle shape:  
**CRESCENT MOON**

moon's surface as a subject of scientific  
study: **SELENOGRAPHY**

mooring rope or cable: **HAWSER**

moral corruption: **DRY ROT**

moral decline or decay: **DECADENCE**

moral guide, maxim, rule: **PRECEPT**

moralizing, pedantic: **DIDACTIC**

moralizing, trite: **SENTENTIOUS**

morally bad: **UNSAVORY**

morally debased, degraded:  
**SCROFULOUS**

morally degraded: **DEGENERATE**

morally neutral: **ADIAPHOROUS**

morally unrestrained, unchaste:  
**LIBERTINE**

morbid humor: **GALLOWS HUMOR**

more than one wife or husband at once:  
**POLYGAMY**

more than usual in number:

**SUPERNUMERARY**

morning call by a bugle or drum  
signaling the time to rise:

**REVEILLE**



morning snack (British): **ELEVENSES**  
 morose, gloomy, grave: **SATURNINE**  
 mortal blow or death blow: **COUP DE**

**GRACE**

mortar that is thin and used to fill  
 crevices between bricks or tiles:

**GROUT**

mosaic-like in pattern, checkered:

**TESSELLATED**

mosaic piece, as of stone or glass:

**TESSERA**

mosaic woodwork style, popular in

Renaissance Italy: **INTARSIA**

Moses' books in the Bible: **TORAH,**

**PENTATEUCH**

Moslem fasting period: **RAMADAN**

Moslem law as observed by the

orthodox: **SUNNA**

Moslem prince or commander,

especially in Arabia: **EMIR**

Moslem scholars: **ULEMA**

Moslem's sacred book: **KORAN**

Moslems who slew during Crusades:

**ASSASSINS**

Moslem term for the devil: **SHAITAN**

Moslem title of respect for one who has

memorized the Koran: **HAFIZ**

most advanced stage, as of

technological research or progress:

**CUTTING EDGE**

moth, butterfly: **LEPIDOPTERAN**

mother being the head of the family:

**MATRIARCHY**

mother considered legally as a child

bearer: **VENTER**

mother-of-pearl shellfish: **ABALONE**

mother's side of the family, in kinship:

**ENATE**

mother who is full of advice and

overprotective: **JEWISH MOTHER**

motionless: **STOCK-STILL**

motionless, not moving: **IMMOBILE**

motionless with horror or awe:

**TRANSFIXED**

motion picture abrupt-movement effect

achieved usually by cutting film

from the middle of a continuous

shot: **JUMP CUT**

motion picture art and production:

**CINEMATOGRAPHY**

motion picture back-and-forth

sequencing between two different

but parallel scenes or actions:

**CROSS-CUTTING**

motion picture computerized process of  
 coloring black-and-white films:

**COLORIZATION**

motion picture continuous-movement

shot by a camera on tracks, a dolly

or a vehicle: **TRACKING SHOT,**

**TRAVELING SHOT, DOLLY SHOT**

motion picture effect in which the scene

in view is seemingly gradually

edged off the screen by the next

scene: **WIPE**

motion picture fast and blurred pan

shot: **FLASH PAN**

motion picture gradual superimposition

shot: **DISSOLVE**

motion picture initial shot indicating

place, situation or mood:

**ESTABLISHING SHOT**

motion picture or recording term for an

uninterrupted run of a camera or

recording apparatus: **TAKE**

motion picture recording of sound

following filming, as for a clearer

sound track or to dub in voices:

**POSTSYNCHRONIZATION**

motion picture shot combining live

action with a prephotographed or

fake background: **MATTE SHOT**

motion picture shot in which the

camera keeps pace with the person

or object in motion: **RUNNING**

**SHOT**

motion picture shot that opens from or

closes to a central circle, made

with an iris lens: **IRIS SHOT**

motion picture special effect in which

the camera is briefly stopped and a

change is made, as to make

somebody or something suddenly

appear, disappear or move in the

viewed scene: **STOP-MOTION,**

**STOP-ACTION**

motion picture still image effect, with

motion stopped: **FREEZE FRAME**

motion picture studio projection of a

still or moving image from behind

a translucent screen to provide

background for the live-action

actors: **BACK PROJECTION**

motion picture transition from one

scene to a different one by gradual

fading of the former: **LAP**

**DISSOLVE, DISSOLVE**

motion study without reference to



- particular forces or bodies:  
**KINEMATICS**
- motivating force, incentive: **IMPETUS**
- motivation or reward offered for an action: **INDUCEMENT**
- motor mounted on the rear of a small boat: **OUTBOARD MOTOR**
- mottled, especially in white and black: **PIEBALD**
- motto or quotation prefixed to a book: **EPIGRAPH**
- mound, small round hill: **KNOLL**
- mound that is manmade, often of great size and very old: **TUMULUS**
- mound-possessing, hilly: **TUMULOSE**
- mountain base, foot of a mountain: **PIEDMONT**
- mountain climber's spike: **PITON**
- mountaineering descent of a cliff using a rope: **RAPPEL**
- mountaineer's rope-fastening ring: **CARABINER, KARABINER**
- mountaineer's spiked shoe plate for use on ice: **CRAMPON**
- mountain lake: **TARN**
- mountain mass of separate peaks: **MASSIF**
- mountain nymph: **OREAD**
- mountain on the sea floor: **SEAMOUNT**
- mountain or hill in the midst of glacial ice: **NUNATAK**
- mountain range or chain: **SIERRA**
- mountain ridge, saddle or pass between two peaks: **COL**
- mountains as a study: **OROGRAPHY**
- mountainside area that is bowl-like or a wide semicircular depression: **CIRQUE**
- mountainside gorge or gully: **COULOIR**
- mountaintop's reddish glow before sunrise or after sunset: **ALPENGLOW**
- mountain with steep sides and a usually level top: **BUTTE**
- mournful, sad in a ludicrous manner: **LUGUBRIOUS**
- mournful, sad, painful: **DOLOROUS**
- mournful, sorrowful: **PLAINTIVE**
- mournful, wretched: **WOEBEGONE**
- mourning or lamentation in verse or song: **ELEGY**
- mouth and its diseases as a branch of medicine: **STOMATOLOGY**
- mouth gaping, expanse of open mouth: **RICTUS**
- mouth, jaws or gullet of an animal: **MAW**
- mouth, opening: **ORIFICE**
- move across: **TRAVERSE**
- move ahead slowly but steadily: **FORGE**
- move a light boat by means of a long pole: **PUNT**
- move backward, withdraw: **RECEDE**
- move designed to gain an advantage: **GAMBIT**
- move dreamily or idly: **MAUNDER**
- move, especially in diplomacy: **DÉMARCHE**
- move heavily and clumsily: **FLUMP**
- movement of inanimate objects without apparent external cause: **TELEKINESIS**
- movement or change that is constant: **FLUX**
- movement or shift to the eye of an object due to a different point of observation: **PARALLAX**
- movement or structure that is graceful or proportioned is: **EURYTHMIC**
- movements or strokes that are artful: **MANEUVERS**
- move or roll tumultuously: **WELTER**
- move rapidly, scour, search: **SKIRR**
- move sideways: **SIDLE**
- move swiftly and with force: **HURTLE**
- move the camera so as to photograph an entire scene, in movies or television: **PAN**
- move unsteadily or irregularly at sea: **YAW**
- move with exaggerated tosses of the body: **FLOUNCE**
- move with rumbling noise, move clumsily: **LUMBER**
- movie: **FLICK**
- movie change in the sound track from the original language to another: **DUBBING**
- movie device to translate dialogue from one language to another by superimposing lines low on the screen: **SUBTITLE**
- moviemaking: **CINEMATOGRAPHY**
- moviemaking hand-held blackboard with hinged top that is "clapped" to begin a take: **CLAPPER**
- movie showing in advance of regular showings: **SNEAK PREVIEW**
- movies of post-World War II America notable for their grim urban

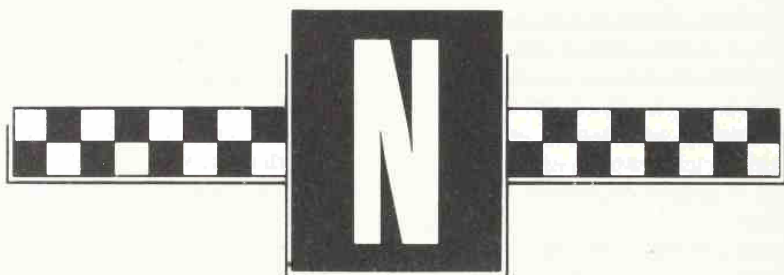
realism and usually in black and white: **FILM NOIR**  
 movie studio cafeteria or lunchroom: **COMMISSARY**  
 movie theater that is run-down or dirty: **FLEAPIT**  
 moving imperceptibly but harmfully: **INSIDIOUS**  
 moving in an emotional way, touching: **POIGNANT**  
 moving out in a different direction: **DIVERGENT**  
 moving rapidly: **SPANKING**  
 moving sideways: **LATERIGRADE**  
 moving-water-dwelling; living in rivers, seas, etc.: **LOTIC**  
 much, very much, in music: **MOLTO**  
 muddled, confused: **TURBID**  
 muddle, obscure: **OBFUSCATE**  
 muddle or confuse: **EMBROIL**  
 mud or silt deposited by flowing water: **SULLAGE**  
 mug or jug in form of an old man wearing a three-cornered hat: **TOBY**  
 multilingual: **POLYGLOT**  
 multiply by natural reproduction, breed: **PROPAGATE**  
 mummies as a study: **MOMIOLOGY**  
 mumps: **PAROTITIS**  
 munch or chew noisily: **CHAMP**  
 municipal government by elected commission: **COMMISSION PLAN**  
 mural painting using pigments mixed with water glass: **STEREOCHROMY**  
 murder, evildoing, treachery: **FOUL PLAY**  
 murder of husband by wife or wife by husband: **MARITICIDE**  
 murder or assassination, as by secret governmental order: **EXECUTIVE ACTION**  
 murder or assassination order that is implicit in but euphemized by this term: **EXTREME PREJUDICE**  
 murderous: **HOMICIDAL**  
 murmuring softly, rustling, whispering: **SUSURRANT**  
 murmuring sound, as of the wind: **SOUGH**  
 muscle along the front of the thigh: **QUADRICEPS**  
 muscle-and-bone branch of surgery: **ORTHOPEDICS**  
 muscle pain or cramp: **MYALGIA**  
 muscles as a scientific study: **MYOLOGY**

muscle sense: **KINESTHESIA**  
 muscle spasm that pulls the head to one side: **TORTICOLLIS**  
 muscle-strength measuring device: **ERGOMETER**  
 muscle that is triangular and covers the shoulder joint: **DELTOID**  
 muscle that surrounds an opening or tube in the body and can open or close it: **SPHINCTER**  
 muscular coordination loss: **ATAXIA**  
 muscular development that is light: **ASTHENIA**  
 muscular rigidity and irresponsiveness to stimuli: **CATALEPSY**  
 muscular rigidity, stupor, occasional mental agitation: **CATATONIA**  
 muscular spasm: **CLONUS**  
 muscular strength: **BRAWN**  
 muse of astronomy: **URANIA**  
 muse of comedy: **THALIA**  
 muse of dance and choral songs: **TERPSICHORE**  
 muse of epic poetry: **CALLIOPE**  
 muse of history: **CLIO**  
 muse of lyric poetry: **ERATO**  
 muse of music: **EUTERPE**  
 muse of religious music or sacred poetry: **POLYHYMNIA**  
 muse of tragedy: **MELPOMENE**  
 museum or library overseer: **CURATOR**  
 musical bass instrument, large, of brass and having three to five valves: **TUBA**  
 musical brass valved instrument shorter than a trumpet and less brilliant in tone: **CORNET**  
 musical brass valved instrument with a coiled-tube body and a wide bell pointing down and backward when played: **FRENCH HORN**  
 musical brass wind instrument with long, doubled-up tube: **TROMBONE**  
 musical composition, especially for piano, that is free in form and lively in tempo: **CAPRICCIO**  
 musical composition for a story that is sung but not acted: **CANTATA**  
 musical composition for several male voices having no accompaniment: **GLEE**  
 musical composition for solo instruments and orchestra: **CONCERTO**

- musical composition in which a theme is repeated contrapuntally: **FUGUE**
- musical composition on a religious subject for voices and orchestra: **ORATORIO**
- musical composition suggestive of improvisation: **RHAPSODY**
- musical composition that is playful or whimsical: **HUMORESQUE**
- musical direction meaning more: **PIÙ**
- musical direction to perform tenderly: **AFFETTUOSO**
- musical double-reed woodwind instrument: **OBOE**, **HAUTBOY**
- musical, dramatic or ballet offering given between acts of play or opera: **INTERMEZZO**
- musical flourish: **CADENZA**
- musical instrument in the flute category: **PICCOLO**
- musical instrument like a piano in which strings are plucked: **HARPSICHORD**
- musical instrument that has wooden bars of graduated length that are struck with wooden hammers: **XYLOPHONE**
- musical instrument with double reed and low pitch: **ENGLISH HORN**
- musical instrument with metal bars that produce bell-like tones when struck: **GLOCKENSPIEL**
- musical instrument with metal strings that is played with two small hammers: **DULCIMER**
- musical, melodious: **CANOROUS**
- musical mouth instrument somewhat oval in shape, with finger holes and a mouthpiece not at the end: **OCARINA**, **SWEET POTATO**
- musical notation for some stringed instruments that indicates rhythm and fingering: **TABULATURE**
- musical notes that are short and detached: **STACCATO**
- musical note that ornaments or embellishes a more important note: **GRACE NOTE**
- musical once considered essential to a proper performance but now often optional: **OBBLIGATO**
- musical passage ending a composition: **CODA**
- musical passage or movement that is stately: **MAESTOSO**
- musical pendulum device for keeping the beat: **METRONOME**
- musical percussion instrument in the form of a serrated gourd that the player scrapes with a stick: **GUIRO**
- musical piece consisting of parts of different songs: **MEDLEY**
- musical play in a light vein: **OPERETTA**
- musical sliding effect: **GLISSANDO**
- musical solo composition or an exercise designed to perfect some technique: **ÉTUDE**
- musical stringed table-played instrument: **ZITHER**
- musical string instrument, like a zither, played by touching buttons: **AUTOHARP**
- musical style of the West Indies: **CALYPSO**
- musical term for gradual slackening of tempo: **RITARDANDO**
- musical term for medium, moderate: **MEZZO**
- musical term for quick: **PRESTO**
- musical term for repeating from the beginning: **DA CAPO**
- musical term for slightly, somewhat: **POCO**
- musical term for slowing down gradually: **RALLENTANDO**
- musical term for very fast: **PRESTISSIMO**
- musical term for very soft: **PIANISSIMO**
- musical trembling effect caused by rapid, tiny variations in pitch: **VIBRATO**
- musical use of vocal syllables: **SOLMIZATION**
- musical use vocally of the syllables do, re, mi, etc.: **SOLFEGGIO**
- musical valved brass instrument mellow than the cornet and having a wider bore and larger bell: **FLÜGELHORN**
- music at performer's pleasure: **A CAPRICCIO**
- music by a small group, as a string quartet: **CHAMBER MUSIC**
- music direction calling for slowness: **LENTO**
- music direction to perform very loudly: **FORTISSIMO**
- musician of eminence or a master in any art: **MAESTRO**

musician's book of lead sheets for  
standard songs: **FAKE BOOK**  
musician's shift in style to increase  
audience appeal: **CROSSOVER**  
music intended to be depictive in  
evoking or reflecting a place, event,  
mood of nature, etc.: **PROGRAM**  
**MUSIC**  
music lacking tonality because of  
disregard of key: **ATONALITY**  
music muse: **EUTERPE**  
music played between stanzas of a  
hymn or acts of a play: **INTERLUDE**  
music style that is smooth and flowing:  
**LEGATO**  
music swelling in loudness: **CRESCENDO**  
music teacher or critic strict about  
rules: **BECKMESSER**  
music tempo that is moderate:  
**ANDANTE**  
music tempo that is slow: **LARGO**  
music with fast time: **ALLEGRO**  
music with two or more voices, parts or  
melodies that blend harmonically:  
**POLYPHONY**  
musing, daydreaming: **REVERIE**  
Muslim respected scholar: **AYATOLLAH**  
Muslim spiritual ruler: **IMAM**  
muslin of a thin weave: **TARLATAN**  
mustard plaster: **POULTICE**  
mustard plaster: **SINAPISM**

musty, moldy, old-fashioned: **FUSTY**  
mutilate a book by cutting out the  
illustrations: **GRANGERIZE**  
mutilation, destruction or alteration,  
especially of a legal document:  
**SPOILIATION**  
mutual: **RECIPROCAL**, **BILATERAL**  
mysterious: **ARCANE**  
mysterious: **CABALISTIC**  
mysterious, defying understanding:  
**INSCRUTABLE**  
mystery novel stressing realistic police  
investigation: **POLICE PROCEDURAL**  
mystery story: **WHODUNIT**  
mystical: **ANAGOGIC**  
mystical or secret system: **CABALA**  
mystical poem or song: **RUNE**  
mystical status attributed to a person,  
institution, activity, etc.: **MYSTIQUE**  
mystifying, secret, hidden, puzzling:  
**CRYPTIC**  
mythical creature part lion and part  
eagle: **GRYPHON**, **GRIFFIN**  
mythological fluid in the veins of the  
gods: **ICHOR**  
mythological monster with a human  
body and a bull's head: **MINOTAUR**  
mythology's Greek Furies: **EUMENIDES**  
myths explained on the premise that  
they are based on actual events:  
**EUHEMERISM**



nag at: **BADGER**  
nagging, petty: **NIGGLING**  
nag, pest, whiner: **NUDGE**, **NOODGE**  
nail biting: **ONCHYOPHAGY**  
nail, claw, hoof: **UNGUIS**  
nail that is slender and small with a small head: **BRAD**  
naive, insipid, dry, lacking interest, barren: **JEJUNE**  
naive or artless in style in a deliberate and often somewhat false way: **FAUX NAÏF**  
naive, straightforward, frank, innocent, simple: **INGENUOUS**  
naked: **AU NATUREL**  
name: **APPELLATION**  
named, called (archaic): **YCLEFT**  
name derived from a place, place name: **TOPONYM**  
name, in antonomasia, devised to be characterizing or descriptive, such as "Miss Neat": **APTRONYM**  
nameless, anonymous: **INNOMINATE**  
namely: **VIZ**  
namely, that is to say: **TO WIT**  
namely, to wit: **SCILICET**  
name of a place in a different language, foreign geographical name: **EXONYM**  
name of a plant or creature in common rather than scientific language: **VERNACULAR**  
name of the broker rather than the customer used in securities holdings: **STREET NAME**  
name of one person taken by another: **ALLONYM**  
name of the person from which the name of a state or institution is derived: **EPONYM**

name of the writer at the head of an article: **BYLINE**  
name or title only, nominal: **TITULAR**  
name plate, signature, trademark, etc., on a single type plate: **LOGOTYPE**  
name replaced by a title or epithet: **ANTONOMASIA**  
names as a study: **ONOMASTICS**  
name spelled backward as a pseudonym: **ANANYM**  
names, terminology: **NOMENCLATURE**  
names that are several for one thing: **POECILONYMY**  
naming a parent after his or her child: **TEKNONYMY**  
naming a thing by substituting one of its attributes or a term it suggests: **METONYMY**  
naming journalistic sources: **ATTRIBUTION**  
nape: **SCRUFF**  
nape, back of the neck: **NUCHA**  
narcotic made from Indian hemp: **HASHISH**  
narrow, close or small margin or space: **HAIRBREADTH**  
narrow elevated walking space: **CATWALK**  
narrow focus or outlook, narrow-mindedness: **TUNNEL VISION**  
narrow, limited, provincial: **PAROCHIAL**  
narrow-minded: **PETTY**  
narrow-mindedness, narrow focus or outlook: **TUNNEL VISION**  
narrow-minded, obstinate: **HIDEBOUND**  
narrow or limited in outlook, provincial: **INSULAR**  
narrow, unsophisticated: **PROVINCIAL**  
nasal tone: **SNUFFLE**



nation's total production of goods and services: **GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (GNP)**

native, indigenous: **AUTOCHTHONOUS**

native, indigenous: **ENCHORIAL**

native language of a place:

**VERNACULAR**

native of one country living in another:

**EXPATRIATE**

native person, animal or thing:

**INDIGENE**

native to a given area, peculiar to a

given country or people: **ENDEMIC**

native to a place: **ABORIGINAL**

native to a region: **INDIGENOUS**

natural accompaniment, attribute or

endowment: **APPANAGE**

natural attraction: **AFFINITY**

natural, coarse, unrefined: **EARTHY**

natural, existing from birth: **INBORN**

natural, healthful and spiritual:

**HOLISTIC**

naturally rough or showing a lack of

polish: **AGRESTIC**

natural resources diminishing in supply

and therefore reducing income

from them: **DEPLETION**

natural response to stimulus: **INSTINCT**

natural virtues: **CARDINAL VIRTUES**

naughtiness: **HANKY-PANKY**

nauseated: **QUEASY**

nauseated or shocked easily, prudish:

**SQUEAMISH**

nautical whistle that is slender and

silver: **BOATSWAIN'S WHISTLE**

Navaho log-and-mud dwelling: **HOGAN**

navel: **UMBILICUS**

navel contemplation: **OMPHALOSKEPSIS**

navigating by deduction, record

checking and guesswork: **DEAD**

**RECKONING**

navigation by means of the heavens:

**CELESTIAL NAVIGATION**

Nazi storm trooper: **BROWNSHIRT**

Nazi symbol (卐): **SWASTIKA**,

**HAKENKREUZ**

near accident, close call: **NEAR MISS**

nearly, almost: **WELL-NIGH**

near, neighboring, adjoining: **VICINAL**

nearness: **CONTIGUITY**

nearness: **PROXIMITY**

nearness, kinship: **PROPINQUITY**

nearsighted, obtuse: **MYOPIC**

neat, finicky and rigid in a compulsive

way: **ANAL-RETENTIVE**

necessarily: **PERFORCE**

necessary changes having been made:

**MUTATIS MUTANDIS**

necessary means: **WHEREWITHAL**

neck ailment caused by muscle

contraction: **TORTICOLLIS**,

**WRYNECK**

neck artery, one of two: **CAROTID**

**ARTERY**

neck-chain ornament, pendant:

**LAVALIERE**

neck cloth on the back of a soldier's

hat, protecting against the sun:

**HAVELOCK**

necklace worn high around the throat:

**CHOKER**

neckline cut low in a dress:

**DÉCOLLETAGE**

neck or base of the brain jolted, as in

an automobile crash: **WHIPLASH**

neck's back part: **SCRUFF**

neck thyroid swelling that is grotesque:

**GOITER**

necktie knot that is a simple slip knot:

**FOUR-IN-HAND**

necktie knot wider than a four-in-hand:

**WINDSOR**

necktie, scarf: **CRAVAT**

necktie, Western-style, consisting of a

cord or thong and an ornamental

clasp: **BOLO TIE**

needful or right to be: **BEHOOVE**

needle-pricking of body tissues to

diagnose or remedy ills:

**ACUPUNCTURE**

needles, scissors, etc., small case for:

**ETUI**

negative of a statement's opposite used

to express an affirmative: **LITOTES**

neglect, disregard: **SLIGHT**

neglected, abandoned, unused condition:

**DESUETUDE**

neglected, decayed, in disrepair:

**DILAPIDATED**

neglect or failure to meet an obligation:

**DEFAULT**

neglect or willful omission, failure in

duty: **DERELICTION**

neglect, overlook, disregard: **PRETERMIT**

negligee: **PEIGNOIR**

negligee jacket or underwear concealer:

**CAMISOLE**

negligence, carelessness or laxity in

self-assertion: **LACHES**

negligence in duty or responsibility:  
**NONFEASANCE**  
 negligent, careless: **REMISS**  
 negotiations between organized workers  
 and their employers: **COLLECTIVE**  
**BARGAINING**  
 neighboring, near: **VICINAL**  
 neither good nor bad, middling, so-so:  
**COMME ÇI, COMME ÇA**  
 nerve inflammation: **NEURITIS**  
 nervous excitement, anxiety, agitation:  
**DITHER**  
 nervously excited, overstrained:  
**OVERWROUGHT**  
 nervously or restlessly move: **FIDGET**  
 nervous system and its disorders as a  
 study: **NEUROLOGY**  
 nest of a predatory bird in high place:  
**AERIE**  
 net-like: **RETICULAR**  
 network: **RETICULATION**  
 network, complicated interconnection of  
 parts: **PLEXUS**  
 network or system to catch a criminal:  
**DRAGNET**  
 neurotic condition caused by feelings of  
 inferiority: **INFERIORITY COMPLEX**  
 nevertheless: **NOTWITHSTANDING**  
 new birth, revival: **RENASCENCE**  
 newcomer, novice: **GREENHORN**  
 newcomer to an organization, cult,  
 fraternity: **INITIATE**  
 new convert, beginner, novice:  
**NEOPIIYTE**  
 New England or New Englishish:  
**NOVANGLIAN**  
 new enterprise, money to begin: **SEED**  
**MONEY**  
 new life, restoration, reconstitution:  
**REGENERATION**  
 newly born sheep or goat: **YEANLING**  
 newly conceived, just developing:  
**NASCENT**  
 newly introduced element: **INNOVATION**  
 newly married man who was a  
 long-time bachelor: **BENEDICT**  
 newly rich or influential, upstart:  
**PARVENU**  
 new-movement leaders, especially in the  
 arts: **AVANT-GARDE**  
 news copy, ready-to-print for  
 syndication and usually standard  
 or unremarkable: **BOILERPLATE**  
 news correspondent who works

part-time for a paper elsewhere:  
**STRINGER**  
 newspaper brief follow-up item:  
**SHIRTTAIL**  
 newspaper or magazine listing of  
 editors, staff and owners:  
**MASTHEAD**  
 newspaper page opposite the editorial  
 page: **OP-ED PAGE**  
 newspaper's early edition: **BULLDOG**  
**EDITION**  
 newspaper section in European papers  
 and usually at the bottom of the  
 page, where fiction is printed:  
**FEUILLETON**  
 newspaper with sheets half the standard  
 size and usually emphasizing  
 pictures: **TABLOID**  
 newspaper work shift beginning during  
 the late-night hours: **LOBSTER**  
**SHIFT**  
 news reporting that is irresponsibly  
 sensational or exploitive: **YELLOW**  
**JOURNALISM**  
 newsstand, bandstand or booth, usually  
 lightly constructed and open:  
**KIOSK**  
 news writing that is routine and  
 hackneyed in style: **MORKRUMBO**  
 new word or expression: **NEOLOGISM**  
 New York Stock Exchange: **BIG BOARD**  
 next: **PROXIMATE**  
 next to nothing: **AMBSACE**  
 next to the last: **PENULTIMATE**  
 niches for cinerary urns or as vaults for  
 the dead: **COLUMBARIUM**  
 nickname: **SOBRIQUET**  
 nickname, epithet or character name  
 use instead of a full name, such as  
 "Eric the Red," "a Silas Marner":  
**ANTONOMASIA**  
 night and day of equal length, marking  
 the start of spring or autumn:  
**EQUINOX**  
 night blindness: **NYCTALOPIA**  
 nightcap, sleeping cap: **BIGGIN**  
 nightclub, cabaret: **BOÎTE**  
 nightclub with recorded music for  
 dancing: **DISCOTHEQUE**  
 nightmare: **INCUBUS**  
 night or moon blindness: **NYCTALOPIA**  
 night-sky luminous streaks in the  
 Northern Hemisphere, northern  
 lights: **AURORA BOREALIS**

night vigil over a body before burial:

**WAKE**

nine-day prayer recitation: **NOVENA**

nine-fold: **NONUPLE**

nine-fold or based on the number 9:

**NOVENARY**

nine-inch measurement: **SPAN**

90-to-100-year-old person:

**NONAGENARIAN**

nip, pinch, tickle, twitch: **VELLICATE**

nipple coverings worn by strippers,

showgirls, etc.: **PASTIES**

nipple's dark circular background:

**AREOLA**

nobility's obligations: **NOBLESSE OBLIGE**

noble, lofty or impressive, as in quality

or style: **SONOROUS**

no-contest plea in criminal case without

admission of guilt: **NOLO**

**CONTENDERE**

nodding of the head: **NUTATION**

no ifs, ands or buts: **CATEGORICAL**

noise measure: **DECIBEL**

noise that is clattering: **BRATTLE**

noise that is shrill, creaking or grating:

**STRIDOR**

noisily crashing, as waves: **PLANGENT**

noisy: **CLAMOROUS**

noisy: **VOCIFEROUS**

noisy and loud: **UPROARIOUS**

noisy celebration around newlyweds:

**CHARIVARI, SHIVAREE**

noisy commotion of a crowd: **TUMULT**

noisy confusion: **BEDLAM**

noisy confusion, din of voices: **BABEL**

noisy disturbance: **FRACAS**

noisy gaiety, boisterous merriment:

**HILARITY**

noisy ghost: **POLTERGEIST**

nominal, in name only: **TITULAR**

nonconforming, contrary: **PERVERSE**

nonconformist: **MAVERICK**

nonconformist: **RECUSANT**

nonconformity: **DISSENT**

nonessential attribute: **ACCIDENTAL**

noninterference, especially by

government in business:

**LAISSEZ-FAIRE**

nonmaterial, spiritual, insubstantial:

**INCORPOREAL**

nonsense: **ABRACADABRA**

nonsense: **AMPHIGORY**

nonsense: **BALDERDASH**

nonsense, meaningless chatter:

**SKIMBLE-SCAMBLE**

nonsense, rubbish: **TRUMPERY**

nonsensical and drolly self-contradictory

statement: **IRISH BULL**

nontraditional medically or

scientifically: **HOLISTIC**

nonviolent civil disobedience or

resistance: **SATYAGRAHA**

nonviolent opposition: **PASSIVE**

**RESISTANCE**

noodles, broad and flat, served with

butter or a sauce: **FETTUCCHINE**

normal consequence: **COROLLARY**

North African city's crowded section:

**CASBAH**

northern lights, or night-sky luminous

streaks in the Northern

Hemisphere: **AURORA BOREALIS**

North Star: **POLARIS**

nose and its diseases as a branch of

medicine: **RHINOLOGY**

nosebleed: **EPISTAXIS**

nose, humorous name for a large nose:

**PROBOSCIS**

nose inflamed or red from drunkenness:

**COPPERNOSE**

nose plastic surgery, nose job:

**RHINOPLASTY**

nose ridge above the lip and separating

the nostrils: **COLUMELLA**

nose-thumb somebody: **COCK A SNOOT,**

**COCK A SNOOK**

nostalgia for the common or earthy life,

"nostalgia for the mud":

**NOSTALGIE DE LA BOUE**

nostrils-separating ridge of flesh:

**COLUMELLA**

nosy person, busybody: **NOSEY**

**PARKER, NOSY PARKER**

not audible to human beings:

**ULTRASONIC**

not characterized by fraud or trickery:

**ABOVEBOARD**

notched at the edge: **SERRATED**

notched or indented, as a battlement on

a fortress: **CRENELATED**

notched pattern on edge of fabric:

**PINKED**

notches along an edge or border, space

from a margin: **INDENTION**

notch or cut carved out by a saw or ax:

**KERF**

not concrete: **ABSTRACT**

notes in music lengthened or shortened arbitrarily: **RUBATO**  
 notes in music that are short and detached: **STACCATO**  
 notes of a chord played in quick succession: **ARPEGGIO**  
 note well: **N.B. (NOTA BENE)**  
 not hearable by humans: **INFRASONIC**  
 nothing (Spanish): **NADA**  
 nothing to all intents and purposes, piddling thing or amount, peanuts: **BUPKES**  
 notify: **APPRISE**  
 not inherent: **ADVENTITIOUS**  
 notion or fancy that emerges suddenly: **WHIM**  
 not letting up: **CONTINUOUS**  
 not mixable: **IMMISCIBLE**  
 not moving, motionless: **IMMOBILE**  
 notoriety that is evil: **INFAMY**  
 notoriously bad: **ARRANT**  
 notoriously bad, odious, vile in reputation: **INFAMOUS**  
 "not to mention . . .": **APOPHASIS**  
 nouns linked by a conjunction to express the same thought as a noun with a modifier: **HENDIADYS**  
 nourishment: **ALIMENT**  
 nourish, rear, train: **NURTURE**  
 novel about a young person's development or maturing: **BILDUNGSROMAN**  
 novel of great length or several volumes that chronicles the life of a family or a society: **ROMAN-FLEUVE**  
 novel that includes actual persons under fictitious names: **ROMAN À CLEF**  
 novel that is brief and often contains a moral: **NOVELLA**  
 novice: **ABECEDARIAN**  
 novice, beginner: **NEOPHYTE**  
 novice, beginner: **TYRO**  
 noxious, harmful: **VIRULENT**  
 noxious, unwholesome atmosphere, influence, effect, etc.: **MIASMA**  
 nuclear bomb: **A-BOMB**  
 nuclear bomb lethal to people but causing less physical damage: **NEUTRON BOMB**  
 nuclear explosion's precise detonation point: **GROUND ZERO**  
 nucleus or core of a group: **CADRE**  
 nudge or touch with a slight jar, shake lightly, stimulate: **JOG**  
 null and void: **DIRIMENT**

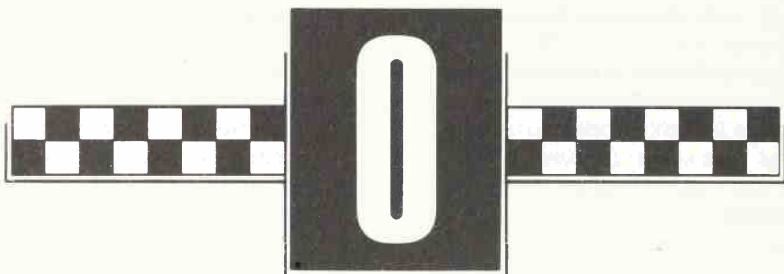
null and void: **INVALID**  
 numb: **TORPID**  
 number divided into another: **DIVISOR**  
 number in arithmetic from which the subtrahend is to be subtracted: **MINUEND**  
 number indicating relative position or sequence adjectivally, such as 1st, 2nd or 3rd: **ORDINAL NUMBER**  
 numberless: **MYRIAD**  
 number midway between the highest and the lowest numbers in a series: **MEDIAN**  
 number of members necessary for an assembly to transact business: **QUORUM**  
 number or figure 1 followed by 100 zeros, or  $10^{100}$ : **GOOGOL**  
 number or figure 1 followed by zeros for a total of  $10^{10^{100}}$ : **GOOGOLPLEX**  
 number representing the ratio of the speed of a body to that of the immediate speed of sound: **MACH NUMBER**  
 number sequence in which the difference between numerical terms remains constant: **ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION**  
 number sequence in which the ratio between each two numbers is the same: **GEOMETRIC PROGRESSION**  
 numbers expert or accountant who is a short-sighted bureaucrat: **BEAN COUNTER**  
 number symbols from 0 to 9: **DIGITS**  
 number that is divisible by two or more numbers: **COMMON MULTIPLE**  
 number the pages of a book: **FOLIATE, PAGINATE**  
 number to be divided: **DIVIDEND**  
 number to be multiplied: **MULTPLICAND**  
 number to be subtracted from another: **SUBTRAHEND**  
 number used in counting, rather than adjectivally, such as 1, 2 or 3: **CARDINAL NUMBER**  
 number-using computer: **DIGITAL COMPUTER**  
 numerous, great numbers: **MULTITUDINOUS**  
 nun's headdress covering head, cheeks and neck: **WIMPLE**  
 nuptial poem or song: **EPITHALAMIUM**



nursemaid, child's nurse or female  
 caretaker: **NANNY**  
 nurse's teenage helper: **CANDY STRIPER**  
 nurse who rears a child without  
 suckling it: **DRY NURSE**  
 nut coated with sugar: **DRAGÉE**  
 nutrition and diet as a science:  
**SITOLOGY**

nutrition-related: **TROPHIC**  
 nutrition that is defective or perverted:  
**DYSTROPHY**  
 nutritious snack: **GORP**  
 nymph dwelling in or presiding over  
 woods and trees: **DRYAD**  
 nymph fabled to live and die in the tree  
 that she inhabited: **HAMADRYAD**





oath plus a written statement:

**AFFIDAVIT**

oath taker: **JURANT**

obedient: **DUTEOUS**

obedient to an excessive degree, servile:

**OBSEQUIOUS**

objectionable, offensive: **OBNOXIOUS**

objection that is trivial: **QUIDDITY**

objective, impartial, unbiased:

**DISPASSIONATE**

objective, unbiased: **DISINTERESTED**

objectivity: **DISINTEREST**

object made by man: **ARTIFACT**

object of attention: **CYNOSURE**

object regarded as having magical

powers: **FETISH**

object serving as a boundary mark or

guide to travelers: **LANDMARK**

object to, hesitate, take exception to:

**DEMUR**

obligation or penalty established by

authority: **IMPOSITION**

obligation owed, faithfulness, loyalty:

**FEALTY**

obligation to be nobly generous,

understanding, etc.: **NOBLESSE**

**OBLIGE**

obligatory: **INCUMBENT**

obligatory: **IRREMISSIBLE**

obligatory, required: **MANDATORY**

obligingness: **COMPLAISANCE**

oblique direction taken: **SKEW**

oblique or diagonal line: **BIAS**

oblivion, forgetfulness: **LETHE**

oblivion-producing potion: **NEPENTHE**

oblong-shaped cut gem: **BAGUETTE**

obscene: **SCATOLOGICAL**

obscene, lecherous, lewd: **SALACIOUS**

obscene talk: **COPROLALIA**

obscene talk or conduct: **BAWDRY**

obscene, vulgar: **FESCENNINE**

obscure: **AMBIGUOUS**

obscure: **INCOMPREHENSIBLE**

obscure, dim, pertaining to twilight:

**CREPUSCULAR**

obscure, muddle: **OBFUSCATE**

obscure or ambiguous saying, riddle,

puzzle: **ENIGMA**

obscure, overshadow, surpass: **ECLIPSE**

obscure poem or song: **RUNE**

obscure, unclear, misty, dark: **MURKY**

obsequious, servile: **SUBSERVIENT**

observation and analysis of one's own  
thoughts and feelings:

**INTROSPECTION**

observation area built on the roof of a

house: **WIDOW'S WALK**

observation, experiment, actuality, etc.,

being the basis: **A POSTERIORI**

observation spot or point: **COIGN OF**

**VANTAGE**

observe, discern, discover with the eye:

**DESCRY**

obsession: **IDÉE FIXE**

obsession, craze: **MANIA** (*For a listing of  
such conditions see "manias."*)

obsolete object: **MUSEUM PIECE**

obsolete, outdated, discarded:

**SUPERANNUATED**

obstacle: **IMPEDIMENT**

obstinacy: **PERTINACITY**

obstinately resistant: **DIEHARD**

obstinate, narrow-minded: **HIDEBOUND**

obstinate, shrewd, practical:

**HARDHEADED**

obstinate, sinful: **UNREGENERATE**

obstinate, unmanageable: **REFRACTORY**

obstruct, block: **STYMIE**

obstruct, frustrate, foil: **THWART**

obstruct, hinder: **CRIMP**

obstructing: **OBSTRUENT**  
 obstruction of action through  
   time-killing tactics: **FILIBUSTER**  
 obtain by entreaty: **IMPETRATE**  
 obtrude, force oneself or one's will on  
   another without right: **IMPOSE**  
 obtrusive, forward, pushy: **OFFICIOUS**  
 obtuse, nearsighted: **MYOPIC**  
 obvious, manifest, evident: **PATENT**  
 occasional: **SPORADIC**  
 occult doctrine, art or matter: **CABALA**  
 occult sciences: **HERMETICS**  
 occupation, avocation, interest: **PURSUIT**  
 occupation, career: **VOCATION**  
 occupation for which one is suited and  
   well equipped: **MÉTIER**  
 occupy, amuse oneself: **DISPORT**  
 occupy completely, monopolize, absorb:  
   **ENGROSS**  
 occurring or existing at the same time:  
   **SIMULTANEOUS**  
 occurring together: **CONCOMITANT**  
 ocean grave of the drowned: **DAVY**  
   **JONES'S LOCKER**  
 oceanic: **PELAGIC**  
 oceanic: **THALASSIC**  
 ocean wave, destructive, caused by an  
   underwater earthquake: **TSUNAMI**  
 odd, freakish: **WHIMSICAL**  
 odd item, remnant, scrap: **ODDMENT**  
 odd-jobs worker or itinerant:  
   **ROUSTABOUT**  
 odd, unconventional: **OUTRÉ**  
 odd, wild idea: **VAGARY**  
 odious, bad or vile in reputation:  
   **INFAMOUS**  
 odor from decaying matter: **EFFLUVIUM**  
 odors as a scientific study: **OSMICS**  
 off-color, suggestive: **RISQUÉ**  
 offended, annoyed, irritated: **MIFFED**  
 offense against sovereign authority,  
   treason: **LESE MAJESTY, LÈSE**  
   **MAJESTÉ**  
 offense given or taken: **UMBRAGE**  
 offense not so serious as a felony, in  
   law: **MISDEMEANOR**  
 offensive because of excessiveness or  
   insincerity: **FULSOME**  
 offensive, disagreeable: **UNSAVORY**  
 offensive, disgusting, stinking, noxious:  
   **NOISOME**  
 offensive, objectionable: **OBNOXIOUS**  
 offer: **PROFFER**  
 offer, as money: **TENDER**  
 offhand: **CASUAL**

offhand, free and easy: **CAVALIER**  
 offhand, spur-of-the-moment:  
   **IMPROMPTU**  
 officeholder who does little:  
   **CHAIRWARMER**  
 office or position that pays but involves  
   few or no duties: **SINECURE**  
 officer's servant in the British army:  
   **BATMAN**  
 offices filled through political power:  
   **PATRONAGE**  
 official approval, as of a literary work:  
   **IMPRIMATUR**  
 official arbitrary decree: **UKASE**  
 official defeated in an election but filling  
   out an unexpired term: **LAME**  
   **DUCK**  
 official denial: **DEMENTI**  
 official or politician who is inept:  
   **THROTTLEBOTTOM**  
 officials, leaders, etc., arranged by rank:  
   **HIERARCHY**  
 official who is foolish or stupid:  
   **DOGBERRY**  
 official who is pompous or pretentious:  
   **PANJANDRUM**  
 official who is tyrannical: **SATRAP**  
 offset: **COUNTERBALANCE**  
 offset, make up for, compensate:  
   **COUNTERVAIL**  
 offshoot, branch: **RAMIFICATION**  
 offspring: **PROGENY**  
 offspring, descendant: **SCION**  
 offspring of a stallion and a female ass:  
   **HINNY**  
 offspring of parents of different racial  
   stock: **HALF-BREED**  
 offstage waiting room for performers:  
   **GREEN ROOM**  
 ogling look, flirtatious glance: **OEILLADE**  
 oil consecrated for use in church:  
   **CHRISM**  
 oil or grease something: **LUBRICATE**  
 oil prospector: **WILDCATTER**  
 oil well from which oil spouts: **GUSHER**  
 oily: **OLEAGINOUS**  
 oily, greasy: **PINGUID**  
 oily in flattery, ingratiating, phony and  
   sweet: **SMARMY**  
 oily-tongued, fulsomely suave:  
   **UNCTUOUS**  
 okay, fine, all right, satisfactory:  
   **HUNKY-DORY**  
 old age as a branch of medicine:  
   **GERIATRICS**

- old age, senility: **DOTAGE**  
 old-age weakness: **CADUCITY**  
 old and forgotten object: **MUSEUM**  
**PIECE**  
 Old English bard: **SCOP**  
 old-fashioned: **ANTEDILUVIAN**  
 old-fashioned: **DÉMODÉ**  
 old-fashioned: **PASSÉ**  
 old-fashioned, fussy person:  
**FUDDY-DUDDY**  
 old-fashioned, musty, moldy: **FUSTY**  
 old-fashioned or conservative person:  
**FOGY**  
 old-fashioned, out of date, old hat:  
**VIEUX JEU**  
 old-fashioned, out of step with the  
 times, ancient, outmoded:  
**ANTEDILUVIAN**  
 old, infirm, doting: **SENILE**  
 old maid: **SPINSTER**  
 old men forming a governing body:  
**GERONTOCRACY**  
 old or extremely long-lived person:  
**METHUSELAH**  
 old or former government or social  
 system, order no longer existing:  
**ANCIEN RÉGIME**  
 old-process photograph on a metal  
 plate: **DAGUERREOTYPE**  
 old salt, veteran sailor: **SHELLBACK**  
 Old Testament interpretation that is  
 largely mystical: **ANAGOGE**  
 old-woman-like: **ANILE**  
 omelet containing a sauce of tomato,  
 onion and green pepper: **SPANISH**  
**OMELET**  
 omelet prepared with ham, onion and  
 green pepper: **WESTERN OMELET**  
 omen of death: **KNELL**  
 omen, portent: **AUGURY**  
 omen, warning, portent: **PRESAGE**  
 ominous, awesome: **PORTENTOUS**  
 omission of a letter or sound in  
 pronunciation: **ELISION**  
 omission of conjunctions: **ASYNDETON**  
 omission of understood word or words:  
**ELLIPSIS**  
 omit a vowel or syllable in  
 pronunciation: **ELIDE**  
 omitting, passing over: **PRETERITION**  
 omnipresent: **UBIQUITOUS**  
 one behind the other, as on a bicycle  
 built for two: **TANDEM**  
 one-colored: **MONOCHROME**  
 one dollar per share of stock: **POINT**  
 one-eyed giant, or Cyclops, blinded by  
 Ulysses: **POLYPHEMUS**  
 one following another: **SERIATIM**  
 "one," "he" or "she" used instead of  
 "I": **ILLEISM**  
 one hundred years: **CENTENARY**,  
**CENTENNIAL**  
 one husband at a time: **MONANDROUS**  
 one leg on each side of something:  
**ASTRIDE**  
 one-man rule with absolute power:  
**AUTOCRACY**  
 one of a kind, unique: **SUI GENERIS**  
 one-sided: **UNILATERAL**  
 one-sided in heaviness or disproportion:  
**LOPSIDED**  
 one-sided, partisan: **EX PARTE**  
 onetime, former, previous: **ERSTWHILE**  
 onion-like or garlic-like in taste or  
 smell: **ALLIACEOUS**  
 onomatopoeia: **ECHOISM**  
 on the agenda for consideration: **ON**  
**THE TAPIS**  
 on the alert, wide-awake: **ON THE QUI**  
**VIVE**  
 on the contrary: **AU CONTRAIRE**  
 on the up-and-up: **ABOVEBOARD**  
 ooze or trickle forth: **EXUDE**  
 open: **ABOVEBOARD**  
 open-handed in giving: **MUNIFICENT**  
 opening, break or interruption of  
 continuity, gap: **HIATUS**  
 opening cut in an interior wall of a  
 church to allow those in a side  
 aisle to see the main altar:  
**HAGIOSCOPE**  
 opening flared or slanted outward for a  
 window or door: **EMBRASURE**  
 opening for dropping missiles on  
 attackers, one of several sheltered  
 apertures in a projecting support of  
 a battlement: **MACHICOLATION**  
 opening, mouth: **ORIFICE**  
 opening move in chess: **GAMBIT**  
 opening oration at a commencement:  
**SALUTATORY**  
 opening or slit in the upper part of a  
 dress or skirt: **PLACKET**  
 opening performance: **PREMIERE**  
 open level path or grass area that is  
 often scenic, promenade:  
**ESPLANADE**  
 open or in open air, outdoors:  
**ALFRESCO**  
 open out, develop: **EVOLVE**

open paved area adjoining a home:

**PATIO**

open to injury, attack or criticism:

**VULNERABLE**

open to question, arguable: **DISPUTABLE**

open to the sky, unroofed: **HYPETHRAL**

open, unconcealed, evident: **OVERT**

opera hat, flattenable when not being used: **GIBUS**

opera in which music is subordinated to words: **SINGSPIEL**

opera singer of note: **DIVA**

opera's verbal text: **LIBRETTO**

operatic singing technique that is light but precise: **BEL CANTO**

operator, deal-maker, shrewd business person: **WHEELER-DEALER**

operetta form in Spain: **ZARZUELA**

opinion adopted beforehand:

**PRECONCEPTION**

opinionated but immature:

**SOPHOMORIC**

opinionated political or philosophical theorist: **IDEOLOGUE**

opinion or agreement that is general: **CONSENSUS**

opinion or belief contrary to established doctrine: **HERESY**

opinion that is conventional: **RECEIVED IDEA**

opium addiction: **MECONISM**

opium preparation or tincture: **LAUDANUM**

opponent, pursuer, or antagonist who is unusually troublesome or tenacious: **NEMESIS**

opponent who takes the wrong side perversely: **DEVIL'S ADVOCATE**

opportune, favorable, promising: **AUSPICIOUS**

opportune time to accomplish something: **WINDOW**

oppose, argue: **CONTROVERT**

oppose, contradict, deny: **GAINSAY**

opposed, inconsistent, undesirable: **REPUGNANT**

opposed to change or progress, conservative: **REACTIONARY**

opposed to usual beliefs: **HETERODOX**

oppose or balance with an opposite or alternative: **COUNTERPOSE**

oppose or protest by pleading: **REMONSTRATE**

oppose, thwart: **TRAVERSE**

opposing or antagonistic in nature,

purpose or relationship:

**ADVERSARIAL**

opposite: **POLAR**

opposite meaning to words said sarcastically or humorously or with opposite result to what is seemingly said: **IRONY**

opposite or reversed in order or effect: **INVERSE**

opposite-sided: **ANTIPODAL**

opposite terms combined in one phrase: **OXYMORON**

opposite word: **ANTONYM**

opposition expressed: **ADVERSATIVE**

opposition that is nonviolent: **PASSIVE RESISTANCE**

opposition to shared knowledge, deliberate abstruseness or mystification: **OBSCURANTISM**

oppressed, tormented: **HAGRIDDEN**

oppressive thing, burden: **INCUBUS**

optical device in which pictures on both sides of a card or disk appear to blend when the card is twirled:

**THAUMATROPE**

optimistic about rising prices, as in the stock market: **BULLISH**

optimistic, buoyant, cheerful: **SANGUINE**

optimistic, happy: **UPBEAT**

optimistic to a foolish degree, credulously innocent:

**PANGLOSSIAN**

optimist to such a degree that he or she is foolish, blindly or naively positive: **POLLYANNA**

oracular, ambiguous: **DELPHIC**

oral defamatory statement: **SLANDER**

oral, not written (referring especially to will): **NUNCUPATIVE**

oral sex that is simultaneous by two partners: **SOIXANTE-NEUF, SIXTY-NINE**

oral, spoken: **VIVA VOCE**

oral teaching: **CATECHESIS**

oration opening a commencement: **SALUTATORY**

oratory that is bombastic and artificial: **DECLAMATION**

orbital point of a celestial body or satellite that is farthest from the earth: **APOGEE**

orbital point of a celestial body or satellite that is nearest to the earth:

**PERIGEE**

orbital point of a celestial body or

satellite that is nearest to the sun:  
**PERIHELION**  
 orbiting man-made body: **SATELLITE**  
 orchestra keyboard player: **CEMBALIST**  
 orchestra seats in a theater: **PARQUET**  
 order, command, forbid: **ENJOIN**  
 order, decree, enact: **ORDAIN**  
 order of military rank or authority:  
**CHAIN OF COMMAND**  
 order requiring certain action:  
**MANDAMUS**  
 order requiring one to take, or refrain  
 from, a certain action: **INJUNCTION**  
 order, send back: **REMAND**  
 order that is positive and authoritative:  
**FIAT**  
 order to buy or sell at the most  
 advantageous price: **MARKET**  
**ORDER**  
 order to buy or sell securities that is  
 good only for the day on which it  
 was entered: **DAY ORDER**  
 ordinary, commonplace: **MUNDANE**  
 ordinary, hackneyed: **BANAL**  
 ordinary people, common run: **RUCK**  
 ordinary, simple, commonplace:  
**EXOTERIC**  
 ordinary, standard, usual,  
 commonplace: **GARDEN VARIETY**  
 ordinary, uninspired, commonplace:  
**PROSAIC**  
 organic equilibrium: **HOMEOSTASIS**  
 organic whole has a reality other and  
 greater than the sum of its parts:  
**HOLISM**  
 organisms derived asexually from a  
 common ancestor: **CLONES**  
 organisms in relation to their  
 environment: **ECOLOGY**  
 organization's members apart from its  
 leaders: **RANK AND FILE**  
 organizer, manager or sponsor of  
 performers for entertainment:  
**IMPRESARIO**  
 organ-like instrument with steam  
 whistles: **CALLIOPE**  
 organ out-of-placeness internally:  
**PROLAPSE**  
 organ that uses reeds and resembles a  
 harmonium: **MELODEON**  
 orgasmically incapable, not sexually  
 responsive: **ANORGASTIC**  
 orgiastic, wild, frenzied, pagan,  
 passionate: **DIONYSIAN**

orgy: **BACCHANAL**  
 Oriental art (chiefly Japanese) of blows  
 used in self-defense: **KARATE**  
 origin: **PROVENANCE**  
 original condition, unused, brand new:  
**MINT CONDITION**  
 original, creative: **PROMETHEAN**  
 original, first, principal: **PRIMAL**  
 original pattern: **ARCHETYPE**  
 original, primitive, elemental:  
**PRIMORDIAL**  
 originate, begin, commence: **INITIATE**  
 originate, bring forth: **SPAWN**  
 ornamental designs representing  
 historical subjects: **STORATION**  
 ornamental elaborate foliage or flower  
 design: **ARABESQUE**  
 ornamental italic capital letter: **SWASH**  
**LETTER**  
 ornamental openwork usually composed  
 of interlaced parts: **FRETWORK**  
 ornamental relief work in metal:  
**TOREUTICS**  
 ornamental stand with shelves:  
**ÉTAGÈRE**  
 ornamental vertical grooves, as in  
 architectural columns: **FLUTING**  
 ornamentation done with tools, as on  
 leather: **TOOLING**  
 ornamentation or style that is  
 extravagant: **BAROQUE**  
 ornamentation with wavy lines or  
 patterns, or with inlaying or  
 etching, as on iron or steel:  
**DAMASCENE**  
 ornament, decorate: **EMBELLISH**  
 ornamented excessively: **ORNATE**  
 ornamented tastelessly, showy and  
 cheap: **TAWDRY**  
 ornament or mark used in typography:  
**DINGBAT**  
 ornament or trinket either gaudy or  
 trifling: **FALLAL**  
 ornament resembling a twisted cable or  
 cord: **TORSADE**  
 ornament that hangs: **PENDANT**  
 ornament the edge with a series of  
 indentations: **ENGRAIL**  
 ornament topping a spire, gable, etc.:  
**FINIAL**  
 ornament with raised figures worked on  
 a surface as decoration: **EMBOSS**  
 ornament worn on a neck chain,  
 pendant: **LAVALIERE**



ornate, excessively flowery: **FLORID**  
 ornate, florid, showy, bombastic:  
     **FLAMBOYANT**  
 ornateness to excess: **FROUFROU**  
 ornate writing: **PURPLE PROSE**  
 ostentatious, affecting superiority:  
     **PRETENTIOUS**  
 ostracize: **BLACKBALL**  
 ostracize, banish from society: **SEND TO**  
     **COVENTRY**  
 other person to whom one is talking:  
     **INTERLOCUTOR**  
 other times, other customs: **AUTRES**  
     **TEMPS, AUTRES MOEURS**  
 O the times! O the customs!  
     **O TEMPORA! O MORES!**  
 Our Father prayer, Lord's Prayer:  
     **PATERNOSTER**  
 out and out: **ARRANT**  
 outbreak of violence: **RAMPAGE**  
 outburst of passion or emotion: **ACCESS**  
 outburst that is sudden and turbulent:  
     **PAROXYSM**  
 outcast, one socially rejected: **PARIAH**  
 outcome in a plot: **DENOUEMENT**  
 outcome that is possible: **EVENTUALITY**  
 outcry, clamor, shouting: **HUE AND CRY**  
 outdated, obsolete, discarded:  
     **SUPERANNUATED**  
 outdo in cruelty or extravagance:  
     **OUT-HEROD HEROD**  
 outdoor banquet or entertainment: **FÊTE**  
     **CHAMPÊTRE, FÊTE GALANTE**  
 outdoor celebration, especially a dinner  
     or bazaar: **FETE**  
 outdoors, in open air: **ALFRESCO**  
 outer coating or covering, especially a  
     natural covering: **INTEGUMENT**  
 outermost limit: **JUMPING-OFF PLACE**  
 outflow: **EFFLUENT**  
 outgoing person: **EXTROVERT**  
 outgrowth that is unnatural, such as a  
     wart: **EXCRESCENCE**  
 outlaw, condemn, prohibit: **PROSCRIBE**  
 outline: **PROSPECTUS**  
 outline, form, shape: **FIGURATION**  
 outline of a film plot or television play:  
     **TREATMENT**  
 outline of the main points of a course  
     of study: **SYLLABUS**  
 outline or structure of something:  
     **CONFORMATION**  
 outline sketchily: **ADUMBRATE**  
 outline, trace out, describe: **DELINEATE**

outlying area: **PURLIEU**  
 outmoded, old-fashioned, ancient, out of  
     step with the times: **ANTEDILUVIAN**  
 out of action: **HORS DE COMBAT**  
 out of business: **DEFUNCT**  
 out of control: **RAMPANT**  
 out-of-date, not current: **OBSOLETE**  
 out-of-date, old-fashioned, old hat:  
     **VIEUX JEU**  
 out-of-date or no longer useful thing:  
     **MUSEUM PIECE**  
 out of nothing: **EX NIHILO**  
 out of place, inappropriate:  
     **MALAPROPOS**  
 out of proportion, not in accordance:  
     **INCOMMENSURABLE**  
 out-of-the-blue element introduced to  
 untangle a story plot: **DEUS EX**  
     **MACHINA**  
 out of work, laid off (British):  
     **REDUNDANT**  
 outpatient department of a hospital:  
     **POLICLINIC**  
 outpouring, as of words: **SPATE**  
 outrageous, notorious, shocking,  
     disgraceful: **FLAGRANT**  
 outside, not central: **PERIPHERAL**  
 outsider, person apart from others,  
     loner: **ODD MAN OUT**  
 outside the jurisdiction of a state or  
     country: **EXTRATERRITORIAL**  
 outside the nature of something:  
     **EXTRINSIC**  
 outspoken, definite, clear,  
     straightforward: **EXPLICIT**  
 outstanding: **PREEMINENT**  
 outstanding, important feature:  
     **HIGHLIGHT**  
 outward carrying or conducting, as  
     neural pathways conveying  
     impulses from a nerve center:  
     **EFFERENT**  
 outwardly real, or made outwardly real:  
     **EXTERNALIZED**  
 outwit, avoid: **CIRCUMVENT**  
 outwit, cheat: **EUCHRE**  
 ovary removal from a female animal:  
     **SPAYING**  
 oven or furnace for baking or drying  
     bricks, pottery, cement: **KILN**  
 overabundance: **PLETHORA**  
 overbearing, arbitrary: **HIGH-HANDED**  
 overcoat that is heavy: **GREATCOAT**  
 overcome, beat: **DRUB**

overdemonstrative: **EFFUSIVE**

overdevelopment, excessive growth:

**HYPERTROPHY**

overdo, as an argument: **BELABOR**

overelaborate, florid, profusely or finely  
baroque: **ROCOCO**

overexcited or easily excitable, worked  
up, high-strung: **HYPER**

overflowing: **INUNDANT**

overflowing, full: **TEEMING**

overflowing, lavish: **EXUBERANT**

overflow or rise of a stream occurring  
suddenly: **FRESHET**

overland bearing of a boat or supplies  
where a waterway is not navigable,  
or the place for this: **PORTAGE**

overlapping condition: **IMBRICATION**

overlapping edges, as of tiles or  
shingles: **IMBRICATE**

overloaded, inflated: **PLETHORIC**

overlook, disregard: **PRETERMIT**

overlook something as if it had not  
happened: **CONDONE**

overly polite: **CEREMONIOUS**

overnice, squeamish: **FASTIDIOUS**

overprecise, finicky: **NIGGLING**

overreacher, attempter of something  
beyond his or her abilities:

**ULTRACREPIDARIAN**

overrefined in behavior, writing, etc.:

**PRECIOUS**

overrun, occur in large numbers so as  
to be annoying or dangerous:

**INFEST**

overseeing to supervise or monitor:

**OVERSIGHT**

overshadowing: **ADUMBRAL**

overshadow, obscure, surpass: **ECLIPSE**

oversight: **INADVERTENCE**

oversimplifying: **SIMPLISTIC**

oversleeping, profound sleepiness:

**HYPERSOMNIA**

overspread, as with color: **SUFFUSE**

overstatement or exaggeration intended  
for the effect and not to be taken  
seriously: **HYPERBOLE**

overstrained, nervously excited:

**OVERWROUGHT**

overthrow of a government, usually  
sudden and often accompanied by  
violence: **COUP D'ÉTAT**

overthrow, reversal or disruption,  
disorder, confusion, upset:

**BOULEVERSEMENT**

overthrow, undermine: **SUBVERT**

overweight condition: **EMBONPOINT**

overwhelming, domineering:

**OVERBEARING**

overwhelm, swallow up: **ENGULF**

owned by a proprietor, protected as by  
patent or copyright: **PROPRIETARY**

owner or tycoon of the late 19th  
century who was powerful and  
exploitive: **ROBBER BARON**

ownership of securities: **LONG**

Oxford and Cambridge and the British  
tradition and prestige they

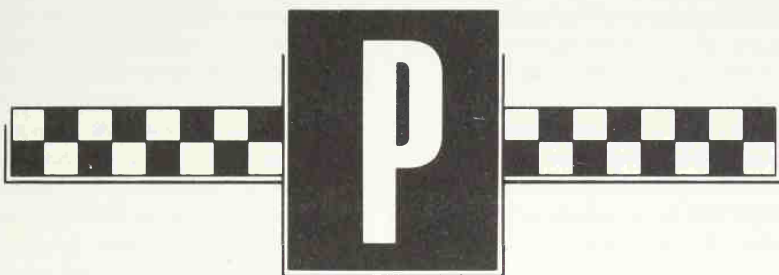
represent: **OXBRIDGE**

Oxford or Cambridge English:

**RECEIVED STANDARD**

Oxford resident: **OXONIAN**

oxygen in liquid form: **LOX**



pacesetter, leader: **FUGLEMAN**  
pacifist or defeatist propaganda:

**BOLOISM**

pacify, appease, quiet down: **MOLLIFY**  
pacifying measures to avoid or temper  
popular discontent: **BREAD AND  
CIRCUSES**

pacify, soothe: **SALVE**

packaging of clear plastic affixed to  
cardboard: **BLISTER PACK**

pack animal, beast of burden: **SUMPTER**  
packed or wedged firmly, thickly  
populated: **IMPACTED**

packing material composed of thin  
wood shavings: **EXCELSIOR**

pack or force down by repeated  
pressure: **TAMP**

pagan, wild, frenzied, orgiastic,  
passionate: **DIONYSIAN**

page at the start of a book:  
**FRONTISPIECE**

page in a book or magazine that is  
larger than page size and can be  
unfolded: **GATEFOLD**

page number in a book: **FOLIO**

page on the left-hand side of a book:  
**VERSO**

page on the right-hand side of a book:  
**RECTO**

pages of a magazine or newspaper that  
face each other and include related  
material: **DOUBLE TRUCK, SPREAD**

paid for in cash without delivery: **CASH  
AND CARRY**

pail's or bucket's wire handle: **BAIL**

pain-combating: **ANALGESIC**

pain-free state: **ANALGESIA**

painful, agonizing: **EXCRUCIATING**

painful experience, endurance test:  
**ORDEAL**

painful inflammation near the shoulder:

**BURSITIS**

painful, sad, mournful: **DOLOROUS**

painful sensation of a lost limb felt by

amputees: **PHANTOM LIMB PAIN**

pain inflicted on others as a source of  
pleasure for the inflicter: **SADISM**

pain-relieving: **ANODYNE**

painstaking, overly precise about details:

**METICULOUS**

pains that are violent: **THROES**

pain, suffering, anguish, distress:

**TRAVAIL**

paint atomizer for delicate work or  
photographic retouching:

**AIRBRUSH**

paint, engrave or draw with dots  
instead of lines: **STIPPLE**

painter's (housepainter's) paste for  
filling surface cracks: **SPACKLE**

painting by splattering, dripping,  
smearing, etc., for a spontaneous or  
random effect: **ACTION PAINTING**

painting in open air to render natural  
atmosphere and light: **PLEINAIRISM**

painting in water colors on wet plaster:  
**FRESCO**

painting in which pigment is applied  
thickly to a surface: **IMPASTO**

painting-like, finely artistic or  
descriptive: **PAINTERLY**

painting medium like oils but made of  
resin-based dilutable paint:

**ACRYLICS**

painting medium made from a mixture  
of water and other substances such  
as egg yolks or glue: **TEMPERA**

painting method of using varicolored  
dots: **POINTILLISM**

painting, using shades of gray only,

often in imitation of bas-relief: **GRISAILLE**  
 painting with opaque watercolors: **GOUACHE**  
 paired, double, two: **BINARY**  
 paired, separated into pairs: **DICHOTOMIZED**  
 pair of matched horses or oxen: **SPAN**  
 pair of objects considered as a single unit: **DUAD**  
 pale and thin: **PEAKED**  
 pale, colorless: **PALLID**  
 pale, ghastly, gaunt: **CADAVEROUS**  
 pale or sallow face: **WHEYFACE**  
 pale, pallid, wan: **PEAKED**  
 palmistry: **CHIROMANCY**  
 palm off: **FOB OFF**  
 palm of the hand, sole of the foot: **VOLAR**  
 palm of the hand's rounded part below the thumb: **THENAR**  
 paltry, pitiable, inferior: **SORRY**  
 paltry, trivial: **PICAYUNE**  
 pamper: **CODDLE**  
 pampered, overindulged: **SPOON-FED**  
 pamper, pet: **COSSET**  
 panacea: **CATHOLICON**  
 pancakes that are thin and have a filling: **CRÊPES**  
 pancakes that are thin and rolled in hot orange sauce: **CRÊPES SUZETTE**  
 paneled lower part of an inner wall: **WAINSCOT**  
 panel of prospective jurors: **VENIRE**  
 panic, amazement or fear that is sudden and paralyzing: **CONSTERNATION**  
 pantomime, especially in which Harlequin and a clown play leading parts: **HARLEQUINADE**  
 pantomime in shadows thrown on a screen or wall: **GALANTY SHOW**  
 pants for leisure that end just below the knee: **CLAM DIGGERS**  
 pants for men that are wide and gathered just below the knees: **KNICKERBOCKERS, KNICKERS**  
 pants of old that were loose and wide: **GALLIGASKINS**  
 panty-like garment that is tiny and revealing: **CACHE-SEXE**  
 papal envoy who carries insignia to new cardinals: **ABLEGATE**  
 papal letter addressed to the bishops of the world: **ENCYCLICAL**

papal letter replying to an ecclesiastical question: **DECRETAL**  
 paper at the front and back of a book, one half of which is pasted to the binding: **END PAPER**  
 paper being of high grade with a smooth surface: **WIRE-WOVE**  
 paper chewed into a wet wad for throwing: **SPITBALL**  
 paper cover slipped around a book: **DUST JACKET**  
 paper fastener made of thin wire: **STAPLE**  
 paper hole reinforcing ring for loose-leaf sheets: **REINFORCEMENT**  
 paper in a unit of 480 to 516 sheets: **REAM**  
 paper-like pulp that can be molded: **PAPIER-MÂCHÉ**  
 paper mark of translucent lines or designs: **WATERMARK**  
 paper money in small amounts: **SCRIP**  
 paper piece or scrap: **SCRIP**  
 paper size, 23 by 31 inches: **IMPERIAL**  
 paper that does not carry the marks of the wire gauze on which it was laid: **WOVE PAPER**  
 paper that measures 13 by 16 inches: **FOOLSCAP**  
 paper used by lawyers and usually measuring about 8½ by 13 inches: **LEGAL CAP**  
 paper watermarked with fine parallel lines: **LAI D PAPER**  
 parade: **CAVALCADE**  
 parade of slaves, prisoners or animals fastened together: **COFFLE**  
 parade or display brazenly or gaudily: **FLAUNT**  
 parade or exhibition that is spectacular: **PAGEANT**  
 paradise: **ELYSIAN FIELDS**  
 paradise for riches or opportunity: **EL DORADO**  
 paragon, unequaled: **NONPAREIL**  
 paragraph symbol (§): **PILCROW**  
 parallel lines slanting on each side of a spine: **HERRINGBONE**  
 parallelogram with oblique angles and its opposite sides equal: **RHOMBOID**  
 paralysis of both arms and both legs or from the neck down: **QUADRIPLÉGIA**

paralysis of one side of the body:

**HEMIPLEGIA**

paralysis of the lower part of the body:

**PARAPLEGIA**

paralyze with fear, harden, deaden:

**PETRIFY**

parasite and opportunist around another or others: **HANGER-ON**

parched, arid: **TORRID**

parchment or tablet on which earlier writing has been erased to make room for a new inscription:

**PALIMPSEST**

pardonable, as sins: **REMISSIBLE**

pardonable or excusable, as a fault:

**VENIAL**

pardon by a government given in general: **AMNESTY**

parentage, line of descent: **FILIATION**

parentally replacing, acting in lieu of a mother or father: **IN LOCO**

**PARENTIS**

parent killing: **PARRICIDE**

parents of an adopted child: **ADOPTIVE PARENTS**

Paris shopgirl or seamstress: **MIDINETTE**

parka: **ANORAK**

parking meter support emplaced in the sidewalk: **PIPE STANDARD**

parley to gain time: **TEMPORIZE**

parroting, rote repetition in speech:

**PSITTACISM**

part, divide, separate: **DISSEVER**

partiality or bias held in advance:

**PREDILECTION**

particle hypothesized by physicists:

**QUARK**

particle, speck: **MOTE**

particular in application, not general:

**AD HOC**

particular instances to generalization: **A**

**POSTERIORI**

particularize: **INDIVIDUATE**

particular to the general, as in reasoning: **INDUCTION**

parting of the ways, break in a relationship: **RIFT**

partisan, doctrinal: **SECTARIAN**

partisan who is rabid, fanatic: **ZEALOT**

partnership of dissimilar organisms:

**SYMBIOSIS**

partnership or company distinguished from a corporation: **FIRM**

part of a debt or of a serial story:

**INSTALLMENT**

part-of-speech shifting, as when a noun is used as a verb: **FUNCTIONAL**

**SHIFT**

part that is the best or the most

appealing: **BEAUTY PART**

part-time amusement: **DIVERSION**

part-time, occasional or temporary

lodging place: **PIED-A-TERRE**

part used to stand for the whole:

**SYNECDOCHE**

party given in the evening: **SOIREE**

passage of ornate writing: **PURPLE**

**PROSE**

passage or extract, especially from the Bible: **PERICOPE**

passageway, as between a house and garage: **BREEZEWAY**

passageway or arcade open on one side: **LOGGIA**

passageway or entrance, as into a mine: **ADIT**

passageway that is narrow, especially at an English cathedral: **SLYPE**

pass assuring the bearer protection on a journey, as in time of war:

**SAFE-CONDUCT**

pass away, slip by (said of time):

**ELAPSE**

pass imperceptibly from one shade or degree to another: **GRADATE**

passing lightly from one subject to another, wandering from the point:

**DISCURSIVE**

passing out of use, becoming obsolete:

**OBSOLESCE**

passionate, ardent: **TORRID**

passion or love that is foolish or unreasoning: **INFATUATION**

passive consent: **ACQUIESCENCE**

passive consent: **SUFFERANCE**

passive resistance: **SATYAGRAHA**

passkey, master key: **PASSE-PARTOUT**

Passover book containing story of the Exodus: **HAGGADAH**

passport endorsement granting entry into or passage through a country:

**VISA**

pass through or survive, as a crisis:

**WEATHER**

pass through tissue: **TRANSPIRE**

pass to the next round by a competitor:

**BYE**



password, rallying cry: **WATCHWORD**

password, test word: **SHIBBOLETH**

pasta in the form of dumplings:

**GNOCCHI**

pastoral and simple, rustic, peaceful:

**ARCADIAN**

pastoral, rustic: **BUCOLIC**

pastry shell, fried, in which food may  
be served: **TIMBALE**

pastry shell to be filled with meat\*or  
fish: **VOL-AU-VENT**

pastry store: **PATISSERIE**

patch, decoration or trimming glued or  
sewn on: **APPLIQUE**

path: **ACCESS**

path of an object moving through  
space: **TRAJECTORY**

patient endurance or suffering,  
forbearance: **LONGANIMITY**

patient treated at a hospital but not  
staying there: **OUTPATIENT**

patient waiting as a strategy: **WAITING  
GAME**

patriotism that is overzealous:  
**CHAUVINISM**

patriot of an aggressive and boastful  
nature: **JINGO**

patrol wagon: **BLACK MARIA**

patronizing: **CONDESCENDING**

patron of the arts: **MAECENAS**

pattern, model, example: **PARADIGM**

pattern, model, typical example:  
**EXEMPLAR**

pattern or gauge used to copy  
something accurately, as in  
woodworking: **TEMPLATE**

pause or interruption of continuity, gap,  
opening: **HIATUS**

pause temporarily, stop at intervals:  
**INTERMIT**

pawn, pledge: **IMPIGNORATE**

pay back, compensate: **REIMBURSE**

pay, fee or a tip, compensation:  
**EMOLUMENT**

pay for, compensate: **REMUNERATE**

paying back money originally invested:  
**SELF-LIQUIDATING**

payment by each of his own meal  
ticket, party fee, etc.: **DUTCH  
TREAT**

payment extorted to prevent disclosure:  
**BLACKMAIL**

payment for exclusive stories,  
interviews, etc.: **CHECKBOOK  
JOURNALISM**

payment for release of a seized person  
or stolen property: **RANSOM**

payment, from earnings of a  
corporation, to be made to  
shareholders: **DIVIDEND**

payment immediately on delivery: **SPOT  
CASH**

payment in addition to salary, such as  
pension, insurance, etc.: **FRINGE  
BENEFIT**

payment offered for something  
ordinarily not remunerated:  
**HONORARIUM**

payment or favor beyond regular salary  
or profit: **PERQUISITE**

payoff messenger, illegal-money  
trafficker: **BAGMAN**

pay out: **DISBURSE**

pay that is more than normal given to a  
dismissed employee: **SEVERANCE  
PAY**

pay to a clergyman from church  
revenues: **PREBEND**

peaceable, showing goodwill: **AMICABLE**

peace be with you: **PAX VOBISCUM**

peaceful civil disobedience:

**SATYAGRAHA**

peaceful in purpose: **IRENIC**

peaceful, placid: **PACIFIC**

peaceful, tranquil, calm: **PLACID**

peace of mind: **ATARAXIA**

peace pipe: **CALUMET**

peace terms imposed by a dominant  
country, or a state of peace that is  
precarious: **PAX ROMANA**

peanuts, piddling thing or amount,  
nothing to all intents and purposes:  
**BUPKES**

pearl-like, iridescent: **NACREOUS**

pear-shaped: **PYRIFORM**

peculiarity in behavior or speech,  
affectation of style: **MANNERISM**

peculiarity, whim, fancy: **CROTCHET**

peculiar to a given country or people,  
native to a given area: **ENDEMIC**

pedantic: **DIDACTIC**

pedantic, dogmatic teacher: **PEDAGOGUE**

pedantic literary effort: **LUCUBRATION**

pedantic love of logic: **ERGOISM**

pedantic, moralizing: **DIDACTIC**

pedantic music teacher or critic:

**BECKMESSER**

pedantic or affected erudite word:

**INKHORN WORD**

pedantic, smug or overexacting person:  
**PRIG**  
 peddler of Bibles and other books:  
**COLPORTEUR**  
 peddler of food, liquor, etc. to an army:  
**SUTLER**  
 peddle, sell goods in the street: **HAWK**  
 pedestal on which a statue or column  
 stands: **PLINTH**  
 pedestal part between the base and the  
 cornice: **DADO**  
 pedestrian who disregards traffic rules:  
**JAYWALKER**  
 pedigree record of thoroughbred stock:  
**STUD BOOK**  
 peeping Tom: **VOYEUR**  
 peep show, street show: **RAREE SHOW**  
 peevish: **PETTISH**  
 peevish, bad-tempered, snappish:  
**WASPISH**  
 peevish, gloomy: **DYSPEPTIC**  
 peevish, ill-tempered: **BILIOUS**  
 peevishness, ill temper, spitefulness:  
**SPLEEN**  
 peevishness, irritableness: **PETULANCE**  
 pelt, shower, spatter: **PEPPER**  
 penalty in which something is given up  
 or taken away: **FORFEIT**  
 penalty or obligation established by  
 authority: **IMPOSITION**  
 pencil lead: **GRAPHITE**  
 pencil-like stick, often of alum, used to  
 stop bleeding: **STYPTIC PENCIL**  
 pendant, neck-chain ornament:  
**LAVALIERE**  
 pendulum's length of swing: **RATING**  
 penetrate, spread through completely:  
**PERMEATE**  
 peninsula: **CHERSONESE**  
 penis erection as a persistent  
 pathological condition: **PRIAPISM**  
 penis in rigid, enlarged condition:  
**ERECTION**  
 penis-like: **PHALLIC**  
 penis-like representation: **PHALLUS**  
 penis-representing or -symbolizing in a  
 prominent way, as in certain  
 primitive art: **ITHYPHALLIC**  
 penmanship as an art: **CHIROGRAPHY**  
 penmanship that is beautiful:  
**CALLIGRAPHY**  
 pen name: **NOM DE PLUME**  
 penniless, poor: **IMPECUNIOUS**  
 pension, allowance, salary: **STIPEND**

pension drawing while holding another  
 job: **DOUBLE-DIPPING**  
 pension recipient, retired person:  
**PENSIONER**  
 Pentateuch, Jewish law and literature:  
**TORAH**  
 people collectively, especially those  
 outside a specific profession or  
 occupation: **LAITY**  
 people forced by circumstances to  
 listen: **CAPTIVE AUDIENCE**  
 people's protector or champion:  
**TRIBUNE**  
 pep up, cheer up, stimulate, invigorate:  
**EXHILARATE**  
 perceived below the threshold of  
 consciousness: **SUBLIMINAL**  
 perceive, recognize as different:  
**DISCERN**  
 percentage of total that must be paid by  
 customer when the broker's credit  
 is used to buy a security: **MARGIN**  
 perception after the event: **HINDSIGHT**  
 perception independent of senses:  
**EXTRASENSORY PERCEPTION (ESP)**  
 perception of distant objects by other  
 than normal sensory means:  
**TELESTHESIA**  
 perception of one's own consciousness:  
**APPERCEPTION**  
 perception or knowing of a fact:  
**COGNIZANCE**  
 perception that has no external  
 stimulus: **HALLUCINATION**  
 perceptive, keen, discerning:  
**PERSPICACIOUS**  
 perfect example: **ARCHETYPE**  
 perfection: **NE PLUS ULTRA**  
 perform a ceremony: **SOLEMNIZE**  
 performance added in response to  
 audience demand: **ENCORE**  
 performance or interpretation of a text,  
 role, etc.: **RENDITION**  
 performance that is dazzling or a  
 triumph: **STAR TURN**  
 performer having a very small part, as  
 in a play: **WALK-ON**  
 performer's special talent or piece of  
 business: **SHTICK**  
 performing services for a fixed payment:  
**STIPENDIARY**  
 performing to win applause or approval:  
**GRANDSTAND PLAY**  
 perform, invent or produce without

previous thought or preparation:  
**IMPROVISE**  
 perform the functions of an office:  
**OFFICIATE**  
 perfumed powder in a bag: **SACHET**  
 perfume floral essence or ingredient:  
**ATTAR**  
 perfume or oil from the East Indies:  
**PATCHOULI**  
 peril that is imminent: **SWORD OF \*  
 DAMOCLES**  
 period, century, era: **SIÈCLE**  
 periodical of a company for its  
 employees: **HOUSE ORGAN**  
 period of happiness, comfort or wealth:  
**MILLENNIUM**  
 period of temporary amity or  
 agreement: **HONEYMOON**  
 period of time that is incalculable,  
 eternity: **EON**  
 periods used to indicate the omission of  
 words: **POINTS OF ELLIPSIS**  
 period that divides some longer or  
 periodic process: **INTERLUDE**  
 period when work is not being done,  
 equipment is broken, etc.:  
**DOWNTIME**  
 perjure oneself: **FORSWEAR**  
 permanence of position: **TENURE**  
 permanent: **INDELIBLE**  
 permanent, durable: **PERDURABLE**  
 permeable through pores: **POROUS**  
 permeate, circulate: **DIFFUSE**  
 permeate, fertilize: **IMPREGNATE**  
 permeate, fill or impregnate thoroughly:  
**SATURATE**  
 permeation gradually of thoughts or  
 facts: **OSMOSIS**  
 permissible, allowable, worthy:  
**ADMISSIBLE**  
 permission given or implied by failure  
 to prohibit: **SUFFERANCE**  
 permit, ratify, approve: **SANCTION**  
 permit with condescension: **VOUCHSAFE**  
 perplex, dumbfound, bewilder:  
**NONPLUS**  
 perplexing situation: **QUANDARY**  
 persecution complex: **PARANOIA**  
 persecution imposed by the military:  
**DRAGONNADE**  
 persecutor, torturer: **TORQUEMADA**  
 persecutory campaign to blame or  
 punish certain people: **WITCH-HUNT**  
 persevering: **ASSIDUOUS**  
 persevering, stubborn: **INDOMITABLE**

persistent: **ASSIDUOUS**  
 persistently demand: **IMPORTUNE**  
 persistent striving: **PERSEVERANCE**  
 persistent, stubborn: **PERTINACIOUS**  
 persistent, tough, stubborn: **TENACIOUS**  
 persist in error: **MUMPSIMUS**  
 persnickety person: **FUSSBUDGET**  
 person acting as if mechanically:  
**AUTOMATON**  
 personal-attack propaganda, political  
 slander, reputation-damaging  
 campaign: **CHARACTER  
 ASSASSINATION**  
 personal excellence: **CALIBER**  
 personal feelings of one's mind being  
 the source of judgment, as opposed  
 to objective criteria: **SUBJECTIVE**  
 personality characterized  
 psychologically as aggressive,  
 impatient and competitive and  
 hence making the individual  
 possibly more prone to heart  
 disease: **TYPE-A PERSONALITY**  
 personality characterized  
 psychologically as relaxed, patient  
 and tolerant and hence making the  
 individual possibly less prone to  
 heart disease: **TYPE-B  
 PERSONALITY**  
 personality test involving interpretation  
 of standard ink blots: **RORSCHACH  
 TEST**  
 personal need as motivation:  
**BREAD-AND-BUTTER**  
 personal property: **CHATEL**  
 personal property, one's own possession:  
**PECULIUM**  
 person, animal or plant that lives off  
 another: **PARASITE**  
 person apart from others, outsider,  
 loner: **ODD MAN OUT**  
 person from whom a family descends:  
**STIRPS**  
 person from whom a nation, city or  
 epoch is said to derive its name:  
**EPONYM**  
 personification: **PROSOPOPEIA**  
 personified: **INCARNATE**  
 person moved out of a destroyed or  
 threatened area: **EVACUEE**  
 personnel reduction through retirement,  
 etc.: **ATTRITION**  
 personnel specialist who recruits  
 executives: **HEADHUNTER**  
 person of the same age: **AGEMATE**

person seeking wealth: **CHIREMATIST**  
 person thought of as a perfect example:

**PERSONIFICATION**

person to whom secrets are confided:  
**CONFIDANT**

person who buys and sells for another,  
 on commission: **BROKER**

person who drops things:

**BUTTERFINGERS**

person who enjoys good living: **BON  
 VIVANT**

person who goes beyond his or her  
 abilities: **ULTRACREPIDARIAN**

person who identifies with the opposite  
 sex and undergoes surgery and  
 hormone treatments to that end:

**TRANSSEXUAL**

person who is a cultured or aristocratic  
 snob: **BRAHMIN**

person who is admirable but not  
 polished: **DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH**

person who is decent, reliable and  
 mature: **MENSCH**

person who remains in the same locale:  
**SEDENS**

person whose success is short-lived:  
**FLASH IN THE PAN**

person who utters prophecies of  
 disaster: **CASSANDRA**

person with specialized knowledge,  
 expert: **COGNOSCENTE**

person with two or more distinct  
 personalities, a psychiatric disorder:  
**MULTIPLE PERSONALITY**

perspective point in a linear drawing  
 where parallel lines converge:

**VANISHING POINT**

perspiration that is copious:  
**DIAPHORESIS**

perspiration that smells bad:  
**BROMIDROSIS**

perspiration that smells bad,  
 bromidrosis: **KAKIDROSIS**

persuadable, tractable: **PLIANT**

persuade one to act or speak: **INDUCE**

persuade or try to persuade by flattery:  
**WHEELDE**

persuasive, insincere flattery or blather:  
**SNOW JOB**

persuasively forceful: **COGENT**

persuasive pressure or intimidation,  
 especially by a president:

**JAWBONING**

pertinent, appropriate: **RELEVANT**

pertinent, related to what is being  
 discussed, relevant: **GERMANE**

Peruvian corded device for counting:  
**QUIPU**

pervade, animate: **INFORM**

pervade, saturate, wet thoroughly:  
**IMBUE**

pessimism, melancholy, romantic  
 world-weariness: **WELTSCHMERZ**

pessimist, depressing person, killjoy:

**CRAPEHANGER, CREPEHANGER**

pessimistic about stock prices: **BEARISH**

pester, press a debtor for payment: **DUN**

pest, nag, whiner: **NUDGE, NOODGE**

pests: **VERMIN**

pet idea or notion: **MAROTTE**

petitioner: **POSTULANT**

pet name or endearing diminutive:  
**HYPCORISM**

pet phrase: **BYWORD**

petty, cheap, sleazy: **CHINTZY**

petty, contemptible, trivial: **PALTRY**

petty, nagging: **NIGGLING**

petty, trivial: **INSIGNIFICANT**

petty, trivial, mean: **PICAYUNE**

petulant, self-important: **HOITY-TOITY**

phallus-representing or -symbolizing in  
 a prominent way, as in certain  
 primitive art: **ITHYPHALIC**

phantom: **EIDOLON**

pharmacist: **APOTHECARY**

phase, side or aspect of a person or  
 subject: **FACET**

philosophical or political enthusiast  
 with a definite viewpoint or bias:

**IDEOLOGUE**

philosophical rule that theories or  
 concepts should be simple:

**OCCAM'S RAZOR**

phobias (*In the following listing read the  
 words irrational fear of ahead of  
 each entry.*)

air or drafts: **AEROPHOBIA**

aloneness: **AUTOPHOBIA**

animals: **ZOOPHOBIA**

bad men: **SCELEROPHOBIA**

being touched: **HAPTEPHOBIA**

blood: **HEMOPHOBIA**

blushing: **ERYTHROPHOBIA**

bridges: **GEPHYROPHOBIA**

burial alive: **TAPHEPHOBIA**

cats: **AILUROPHOBIA**

children: **PEDOPHOBIA**

cold: **PSYCHROPHOBIA**

confinement: **CLAUSTROPHOBIA**



contamination: **MYSOPHOBIA**  
 crowds: **DEMOPHOBIA**,  
**OCHLOPHOBIA**  
 dead bodies: **NECROPHOBIA**  
 death: **THANATOPHOBIA**,  
**NECROPHOBIA**  
 defecation: **RHYPOPHOBIA**  
 depths: **BATHOPHOBIA**  
 dirt: **MYSOPHOBIA**, **RUPOPHOBIA**  
 dogs: **CYNOPHOBIA**  
 dust: **AMATHOPHOBIA**  
 eating: **PHAGOPHOBIA**  
 England, the English: **ANGLOPHOBIA**  
 failure: **KAKORRHAPHIOPHOBIA**  
 fire: **PYROPHOBIA**  
 floods: **ANTLOPHOBIA**  
 foreigners, strangers: **XENOPHOBIA**  
 ghosts: **PHASMOPHOBIA**  
 heights: **ACROPHOBIA**  
 high objects: **BATOPHOBIA**  
 ideas: **IDEOPHOBIA**  
 infinity: **APEIROPHOBIA**  
 insects: **ACAROPHOBIA**,  
**ENTOMOPHOBIA**  
 knives: **AICHMOPHOBIA**  
 lice: **PEDICULOPHOBIA**  
 marriage: **GAMOPHOBIA**  
 men: **ANDROPHOBIA**  
 mice: **MUSOPHOBIA**  
 missiles: **BALLISTOPHOBIA**  
 movement: **KINESOPHOBIA**  
 night: **NYCTOPHOBIA**  
 noise: **PHONOPHOBIA**  
 novelty: **NEOPHOBIA**  
 number 13: **TRISKAIDEKAPHOBIA**  
 ocean: **THALASSOPHOBIA**  
 open spaces: **AGORAPHOBIA**  
 pain: **ALGOPHOBIA**  
 poison: **TOXICOPHOBIA**  
 precipices: **CREMNOPHOBIA**  
 red: **ERYTHROPHOBIA**  
 responsibility: **HYPENGYOPHOBIA**  
 ridicule: **CATAGELOPHOBIA**  
 robbers: **HARPAXOPHOBIA**  
 sexual intercourse: **COITOPHOBIA**  
 sharp objects: **AICHMOPHOBIA**  
 sinning: **PECCATIPHOBIA**  
 sleep: **HYPNOPHOBIA**  
 snakes: **OPHIDIOPHOBIA**  
 snow: **CHIONOPHOBIA**  
 solitude: **AUTOPHOBIA**  
 speaking: **LALOPHOBIA**  
 spiders: **ARACHNEOPHOBIA**  
 stillness: **EREMIOPHOBIA**  
 stars: **ASTROPHOBIA**

thunderstorms: **ASTRAPHOBIA**,  
**BRONTOPHOBIA**  
 touched, being: **HAPHEPHOBIA**  
 venereal disease: **CYPRIDOPHOBIA**  
 women: **GYNOPHOBIA**  
 phonograph-record catalog, as one of  
 those by a particular artist:  
**DISCOGRAPHY**  
 phonograph-record collector or  
 connoisseur: **DISCOPHILE**  
 phony and sweet, oily in flattery,  
 ingratiating: **SMARMY**  
 phony corporation or front: **DUMMY**  
**CORPORATION**  
 phony, false, sham, counterfeit, fake:  
**BOGUS**  
 phony in speech, not frank:  
**MEALYMOUTHED**  
 photographer of celebrities: **PAPARAZZO**  
 photograph improvement through  
 handwork to remove blemishes or  
 add details: **RETOUCHING**  
 photograph on a silver or copper plate,  
 an old process: **DAGUERREOTYPE**  
 photographs attractively: **PHOTOGENIC**  
 phrase, clause or word inserted in a  
 sentence to add explanation or  
 comment: **PARENTHESIS**  
 phraseology peculiar to a language or  
 region and accepted though it may  
 differ from the normal pattern:  
**IDIOM**  
 phraseology, verbal expression:  
**LOCUTION**  
 phrase or put into words: **COUCH**  
 phrase or watchword of a group:  
**SHIBBOLETH**  
 physical build and constitution as  
 related to disease: **HABITUS**  
 physically strong: **POTENT**  
 physically suitable for marriage: **NUBILE**  
 physician's training period at a hospital:  
**RESIDENCY**  
 piano-like instrument: **CLAVICHORD**  
 pickle in a spicy and vinegary solution:  
**MARINATE**  
 pick, sort out, select: **CULL**  
 picnic or garden party on a grand scale:  
**FÊTE CHAMPÊTRE, FÊTE GALANTE**  
 picnic, pleasure trip, feast, banquet:  
**JUNKET**  
 picture, image, likeness, usually an  
 object of veneration: **ICON**  
 picture-like scene represented by silent



and motionless persons: **TABLEAU VIVANT**  
 picture or symbol representing a word, sound or object: **HIEROGLYPHIC**  
 picture painted on transparent curtains: **DIORAMA**  
 picture printed from an engraving made with a hard needle: **DRYPOINT**  
 picture produced by superimposing different pictorial elements to make a single composition: **MONTAGE**  
 picturesque, pleasant: **IDYLLIC**  
 piddling thing or amount, nothing to all intents and purposes, peanuts: **BUPKES**  
 piece cut or broken off: **CANTLE**  
 pierced or perforated for design purposes, openwork: **À JOUR, AJOURÉ**  
 pierce through, impale: **TRANSFIX**  
 pier or wharf to protect a harbor or beach: **JETTY**  
 pie that is custard-like and made of cheese, bacon, etc., and served hot: **QUICHE LORRAINE**  
 pigeon, especially when an unfledged nestling: **SQUAB**  
 pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding: **OBSTINATE**  
 pig-like, swinish, hoggish: **PORCINE**  
 pigmentation deficiency: **ALBINISM**  
 pike with a battle-ax as a head: **HALBERD**  
 pile of stones as a marker, monument or grave: **CAIRN**  
 pile of wood, etc., for burning a dead body: **PYRE**  
 piles: **HEMORRHOIDS**  
 pilfer: **FILCH**  
 pillage during a search: **RANSACK**  
 pillage, plunder, prey upon: **DEPREDATE**  
 pillage, ruin, wreck: **RAVAGE**  
 pillar in the shape of a female figure: **CARYATID**  
 pillar in the shape of a male figure: **TELAMON**  
 pimp: **PANDER**  
 pimp (British): **PONCE**  
 pincers of small size: **TWEEZERS**  
 pincers, small tongs: **FORCEPS**  
 pinch, nip, tickle, twitch: **VELLICATE**  
 pineapple-shaped: **PINEAL**  
 pine cone's wood-like petal: **SCALE**  
 pine, weaken, droop gradually: **LANGUISH**

pin for locking inserted into a wheel's shaft or axle: **LINCHPIN**  
 pink-eyed and white-skinned person: **ALBINO**  
 pinkie: **LITTLE FINGER**  
 pin someone or something with or upon a sharp stake: **IMPALE**  
 pins, ribbons and other small miscellaneous articles for sale: **NOTIONS**  
 pin that is split with ends that can be bent to affix after passing through a hole: **COTTER PIN**  
 pinwheel-like firework: **CATHERINE WHEEL**  
 pipe exclusive of the stem, including the bowl and the shank: **STUMMEL**  
 pipe for smoking made of light white silicate material and often with a flared bowl: **MEERSCHAUM**  
 pipe that is vertical or tower for water: **STANDPIPE**  
 pipe with a tube passing through water to cool the smoke: **HOOKAH**  
 pirate: **PICARON**  
 pirate black flag with a white skull and crossbones: **JOLLY ROGER**  
 pirate or appropriate the ideas, writings, music, etc., of another: **PLAGIARIZE**  
 pitcher or jug with a wide mouth: **EWER**  
 pitching-speed hand-held measuring device used at baseball games: **RADAR GUN**  
 pithy saying: **APOTHEGM**  
 pitiable, inferior, paltry: **SORRY**  
 pitiful, causing sorrow, sad: **PATHETIC**  
 pitiless, hardhearted, stubborn: **OBDURATE**  
 pitiless, harsh: **RELENTLESS**  
 pit of the stomach: **SOLAR PLEXUS**  
 pivot about: **SLUE**  
 pivotal, pivoting on its own axis: **TROCHOID**  
 place for storing goods: **REPOSITORY**  
 place in a female mammal where young are generated and developed: **UTERUS, WOMB**  
 place name, or name derived from a place: **TOPONYM**  
 place names, pertaining to: **TOPONOMASTIC**  
 place of rest or shelter: **HOSPICE**  
 place or install in office formally: **INVEST**

place or position forces according to a plan: **DEPLOY**

place's general atmosphere, feeling or spirit: **GENIUS LOCI**

place to stand on: **POU STO**

place to withdraw from reality or practicality: **IVORY TOWER**

place where a crime is committed or a trial is to be held: **VENUE**

place where criminals, addicts, etc., are helped to readjust to society: **HALFWAY HOUSE**

placing or situating of something erroneously: **ANACHORISM**

plaid or pattern of colored lines forming squares of solid background: **TATTERSALL**

plain: **UNVARNISHED**

plain, clear, obvious, evident: **MANIFEST**

plain devoid of forest, especially one of the extensive plains in Russia: **STEPPE**

plain, direct: **FLAT-FOOTED**

plain of Arctic regions, treeless and vast: **TUNDRA**

plain, rolling tract of open land: **WOLD**

plain, simple, rough: **RUSTIC**

plait: **PLEACH**

plane designed for short takeoffs and landings: **STOL**

plane designed for vertical takeoffs and landings: **VTOL**

planets and stars shown as models or images on a circular dome: **PLANETARIUM**

planing tool having a blade set between two handles: **SPOKESHAVE**

planned deliberately, premeditated: **STUDIED**

planning for the future, prudence: **PROVIDENCE**

plan of top priority to meet an emergency: **CRASH PROGRAM**

plan, proposal, undertaking: **PROJECT**

plant adapted to extreme changes of weather: **TROPOPHYTE**

plant and animal comparison as a science: **BIOSTATICS**

plant and animal periodicity as a study: **PIENOLOGY**

plant and animal structures, apart from function, as a study: **MORPHOLOGY**

plant-eating, feeding on vegetables: **HERBIVOROUS**

plant-growing method using nutrient mineral solutions rather than soil:

**HYDROPONICS**

planting of flowers or foliage in an abstract design: **CARPET BEDDING**

plant or animal selected as representative of a new species: **HOLOTYPE**

plant or animal series of changes in formation: **SERE**

plant or animal surviving from an earlier period or type: **RELICT**

plants growing in a given region: **FLORA**

plaster of Paris and glue mixed as a base for painting or for making of bas-reliefs: **GEDSO**

plaster or a similar wall coating:

**PARGET**

plastic disk flipped and sailed in a game of catch: **FRISBEE**

plastic that is transparent or translucent: **LUCITE**

plateau that is small and steep-walled: **MESA**

platform for a coffin: **BIER**

platform, low and wheeled: **DOLLY**

platform or small porch with steps, at the entrance to a house or apartment building: **STOOP**

platform that an orchestra conductor or a speaker stands on: **PODIUM**

platform that is raised and on which guests of honor or speakers are seated: **DAIS**

platitude: **BROMIDE**

plausible but not true: **SPECIOUS**

player in sports who is not on the regular team: **SCRUB**

playful conversation: **BANTER**

playful, jesting: **JOCOSE**

playfully leap about: **CAPER**

playful mischief, pranks, roguish sportiveness, frolicking:

**ESPIÈGLERIE**

playfulness, fun, quip: **JEST**

playful or lively movement in music: **SCHERZO**

playful teasing: **BADINAGE**

play rehearsal, usually the final one, performed exactly as the play will be on opening night: **DRESS**

**REHEARSAL**

play side by side: **COLLOCATE**

play written for reading rather than performance: **CLOSET DRAMA**

plead against, disapprove: **DEPRECATE**

plead in protest or opposition:

**REMONSTRATE**

plead poverty: **POOR-MOUTH**

pleasantness: **AMENITY**

pleasant-tasting, savory: **SAPID**

please, if you please: **S'IL VOUS PLAÎT**

please reply: **RÉPONDEZ S'IL VOUS**

**PLAÎT (R.S.V.P.)**

pleasing: **PREPOSSESSING**

pleasing, attractive: **WINSOME**

pleasing in sound, harmonious, smooth:

**EUPHONIOUS**

pleasing-the-people measures to avoid

or temper discontent: **BREAD AND**

**CIRCUSES**

pleasurable and unpleasurable states as

a psychological study: **HEDONICS**

pleasurably excited: **TITILLATED**

pleasure as the only good and proper

goal or moral behavior: **HEDONISM**

pleasure at one's own suffering or pain:

**MASOCHISM**

pleasure in another's troubles:

**SCHADENFREUDE**

pleasure-loving and luxury-loving

person: **SYBARITE**

pleasure or self-indulgence as a way of

life: **PRIMROSE PATH**

pleasure-seeking and pain-avoiding drive

of the ego: **PLEASURE PRINCIPLE**

pleasure trip, banquet, picnic, feast:

**JUNKET**

pleated or plaited, as a fan: **PLICATED**

pleats that resemble bellows folds of an

accordion: **ACCORDION PLEATS**

pledged property set aside by a

borrower to insure repayment of a

loan: **COLLATERAL**

pledge of securities or property as

collateral for a loan:

**HYPOTHECATION**

pledge, pawn: **IMPIGNORATE**

pledge, security, challenge: **GAGE**

plentiful: **BOUNTEOUS**

plentiful, abundant: **RIFE**

pliable: **PLASTIC**

pliable, flexible: **MALLEABLE**

pliant, supple, agile, lithe: **LISSOME**

plod, as through mud: **SLOG**

plot, conspiracy, secret and

underhanded activity: **INTRIGUE**

plotting group of evildoers: **CAMORRA**

plot to foil another, oppose in a secret

way: **COUNTERMINE**

plucking an instrument's strings:

**PIZZICATO**

plucking handpiece for playing a

stringed instrument: **PLECTRUM**

plucking out, forcible extracting,

uprooting: **EVULSION**

pluck, spirit, courage: **METTLE**

plucky: **GAME**

plug or seal edges or crevices: **CAULK**

plume on a helmet: **PANACHE**

plump in a pleasing way, well-rounded,

buxom, as a woman: **ZOFTIG,**

**ZAFTIG**

plump in body structure:

**ENDOMORPHIC, PYKNIC**

plumpness: **EMBONPOINT**

plump, rounded out: **ROTUND**

plunder: **PILLAGE**

plunder during a search: **RANSACK**

plunder, invade for booty, raid:

**MARAUD**

plunder or destroy a city: **RAPE**

plunder, pillage, prey upon: **DEPREDATE**

plunder, pillage, raid: **FORAY**

plunge straight down: **PLUMMET**

pocket for a watch: **FOB**

pod, husk, shell: **SHUCK**

poem being metrically complete:

**ACATALECTIC**

poem in which one poet mourns the

death of another: **MONODY**

poem of a short, pastoral nature:

**ECLOGUE**

poem of eight lines and two rhymes

with two of the lines repeated:

**TRIOLET**

poem of ten or thirteen lines with two

rhymes: **RONDEAU**

poem of three stanzas and an envoy,

the last lines of which are the

same: **BALLADE**

poem or arrangement of words in

which certain letters of each line

spell a word: **ACROSTIC**

poem or composition in which the end

letters of successive lines form a

word: **TELESTICH**

poem or composition in which the

middle letters of successive lines

form a word: **MESOSTICH**

poem or stanza of four lines: **QUATRAIN**

poem retracting something stated in an earlier one: **PALINODE**

poem, using only two rhymes, of five three-line stanzas followed by a quatrain (aba aba aba aba abaa): **VILLANELLE**

poem usually of fourteen lines in rhymed iambic pentameter: **SONNET**

poem with a "where are" theme of the fleetingness of life: **UBI SUNT**

poet: **BARD**

poetic forms as a study: **PROSODY**

poetic, involving poetry: **PARNASSIAN**

poetic irregular rhythm similar to that of normal speech and using initial stresses and an undetermined number of unstressed syllables:

**SPRUNG RHYTHM**

poetic line of 12 syllables in iambic meter, usually with a caesura following the third foot:

**ALEXANDRINE**

poetic metrical foot consisting of three syllables, the first accented, the others not: **DACTYL**

poetic metrical foot consisting of three syllables with the middle one accented: **AMPHIBRACH**

poetic metrical foot consisting of two equally accented syllables: **SPONDEE**

poetic metrical foot consisting of two syllables, the first accented and the second not: **TROCHEE**

poetic metrical foot consisting of two syllables, the first unaccented and the second accented: **IAMB**, **IAMBUS**

poetic metrical foot consisting of two unaccented syllables followed by one accented: **ANAPEST**

poetic or metrical unit of time equivalent to that of a short syllable or sound: **MORA**

poetic pair of rhymed lines in iambic pentameter: **HEROIC COUPLET**

poetic use of different meters in the same poem: **POLYMETRY**

poet in the Old English tongue: **SCOP**

poet regarded as scorned and downtrodden: **POÈTE MAUDIT**

poetry free of conventional meter and rhyme: **FREE VERSE**

poetry (lyric) muse: **ERATO**

poetry with the final lines usually in the form of a dedication: **ENVOY**

poet without much talent: **POETASTER**

pointed, sharp-edged: **CULTRATE**

pointed three-part flower symbol:

**FLEUR-DE-LIS**

point in a linear drawing where parallel lines converge: **VANISHING POINT**

pointless, merely hypothetical:

**ACADEMIC**

pointless, silly, empty-headed: **INANE**

point made by showing the contrary to be absurd: **APAGOGUE**

point of contact, interaction or communication: **INTERFACE**

point of view from which facts or matters are seen or judged:

**PERSPECTIVE**

point or rod on which something rotates: **PIVOT**

point out, signify, indicate: **DENOTE**

points on sole of shoe to prevent slipping: **CALK**

poison: **ENVENOM**

poison antidote: **MITHRIDATE**

poisonous: **TOXIC**

poison-proofing or achieving immunity to poison by ingesting gradually increased doses: **MITHRIDATISM**

poisons as a science: **TOXICOLOGY**  
poker demanding of a disclosure of hands: **CALL**

poker game in which the first card is dealt face down, the four others face up: **STUD POKER**

poker hand having only four cards of a suit: **FOUR FLUSH**

poker hand made up of three of a kind and a pair: **FULL HOUSE**

poker hand of cards all of one suit: **FLUSH**

poker hand of cards in sequence: **STRAIGHT**

pole a boat forward: **PUNT**

police car, ambulance, etc., roof light whose beam rotates: **ROTATING BEACON**, **CHERRY**

police elite squad with paramilitary training: **S.W.A.T. TEAM (SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS or SPECIAL WEAPONS ATTACK)**

police officer on a naval vessel: **MASTER-AT-ARMS**

police patrol wagon: **BLACK MARIA**

police spy: **MOUCHARD**



police surveillance of a suspect or  
suspected place: **STAKEOUT**  
polish, burnish: **FURBISH**  
polished appearance: **SPIT AND POLISH**  
polishing rock that is porous and  
lightweight rock: **PUMICE**  
polite and good-natured remark:  
**PLEASantry**  
polite behavior: **AMENITIES**  
politeness stalemate between two  
mutually deferring people:  
**ALPHONSE AND GASTON**  
polite, suave, refined: **URBANE**  
political appearance that is brief:  
**WHISTLE-STOP**  
political candidate unexpectedly  
nominated: **DARK HORSE**  
political corruption: **MALVERSATION**  
political determination by an area or  
culture to be absorbed by a  
kindred state and get rid of foreign  
control: **IRREDENTISM**  
political device of altering the bounds of  
a voting area to promote the  
interests of one political party:  
**GERRYMANDER**  
political dinner or lecture circuit:  
**RUBBER CHICKEN CIRCUIT**  
political disorder: **ANARCHY**  
politically amoral and unscrupulously  
cunning: **MACHIAVELLIAN**  
political organization, machinery of  
government or power: **APPARAT**  
political or governmental organization:  
**POLITY**  
political or philosophical enthusiast  
with a definite viewpoint or bias:  
**IDEOLOGUE**  
political pact between church and state:  
**CONCORDAT**  
political party chief: **SACHEM**  
political party meeting to select  
candidates and plan campaign:  
**CAUCUS**  
political power to appoint to offices:  
**PATRONAGE**  
political professional, party politician:  
**POLITICO**  
political slander, personal-attack  
propaganda, reputation-damaging  
campaign: **CHARACTER**  
**ASSASSINATION**  
political rhetoric that is corny and  
high-flown: **BOMFOG**

(**BROTHERHOOD OF MAN,**  
**FATHERHOOD OF GOD**)  
political theory that one Communist  
takeover leads to another: **DOMINO**  
**THEORY**  
politician from outside who is resented:  
**CARPETBAGGER**  
politician or public officeholder who is  
inept: **THROTTLEBOTTOM**  
politician's declared final refusal to be a  
candidate: **SHERMAN**  
politicians' practice of trading votes and  
influence: **LOGROLLING**  
politician's route in campaigning:  
**HUSTINGS**  
politician who appeals to prejudices and  
passions: **DEMAGOGUE**  
politicking in rural districts:  
**BARNSTORMING**  
politics of power: **REALPOLITIK**  
pollens and spores as a study:  
**PALYNOLOGY**  
poll tax: **CAPITATION**  
pollute, desecrate: **PROFANE**  
polo time period: **CHUKKER**  
polysyllabic, long (as a word):  
**SESQUIPEDALIAN**  
pompous, artificially formal: **STILTED**  
pompous, dogmatic, arrogant, haughty:  
**PONTIFICAL**  
pompous, inflated: **TUMID**  
pompous in speech: **OROTUND**  
pompously conceited: **VAINGLORIOUS**  
pompous official jargon:  
**GOBBLEDYGOOK**  
pompous or bombastic language:  
**FUSTIAN**  
pompous or bombastic style of  
speaking: **GRANDILOQUENCE**  
pompous person: **BASHAW**  
ponder, meditate upon: **RUMINATE**  
poor judgment shown: **INJUDICIOUS**  
poorly made, cheap, shoddy, tacky:  
**SLEAZY**  
poorly made, underdone: **SLACK-BAKED**  
poor, penniless: **IMPECUNIOUS**  
poor person, charity case: **PAUPER**  
poor, stingy: **PENURIOUS**  
Pope's ambassador to a foreign  
government: **NUNCIO**  
Pope's letter replying to an  
ecclesiastical question: **DECRETAL**  
popular: **DEMOTIC**  
popular, accepted, everyday speech:  
**VULGATE**



popular but incorrect idea of the origin of a word: **FOLK ETYMOLOGY**  
 populated densely, crowded: **IMPACTED**  
 population science: **DEMOGRAPHY**  
 populous large urban region of many cities: **MEGALOPOLIS**  
 porcelain or china that is very thin and delicate: **EGGSHELL CHINA**  
 porch: **VERANDA**  
 porch or platform, relatively small\*, with steps, at the entrance to a house or apartment building: **STOOP**  
 porch with room held up by columns: **PORTICO**  
 pores admit fluids, air or light: **POROUS**  
 pornographic movie in which a person is actually murdered: **SNUFF FILM**  
 pornography: **SMUT**  
 pornography as a study: **COPROLOGY**  
 porous and lightweight volcanic rock used in polishing: **PUMICE**  
 portent, omen: **AUGURY**  
 portent, omen, warning: **PRESAGE**  
 port for anchoring: **ANCHORAGE**  
 portion, serving: **DOLLOP**  
 portion, share, half: **MOIETY**  
 portray, trace out, outline: **DELINEATE**  
 port side of a ship: **LARBOARD**  
 Portuguese sad folk song: **FADO**  
 pose with one hip higher than the other: **HIPSHOT POSE**  
 posing or fake customer working with the pitchman or seller: **SHILL**  
 posing under a false name or character: **IMPOSTURE**  
 position or office that pays but involves few or no duties: **SINECURE**  
 position specially suited to a person: **NICHE**  
 positive declaration: **ASSEVERATION**  
 positive, final, decisive, absolute: **PEREMPTORY**  
 positive or arrogant in assertion of opinion: **DOGMATIC**  
 positive, with no qualifications: **CATEGORICAL**  
 possession that is more trouble than it's worth: **WHITE ELEPHANT**  
 possessive case in grammar: **GENITIVE**  
 possible but not in existence: **POTENTIAL**  
 possible, imaginable, secular: **EARTHLY**  
 possible, liable: **CONTINGENT**  
 possible outcome: **EVENTUALITY**  
 postage stamp sold at a higher price,

the markup going to a charity or public service: **SEMIPOSTAL**  
 post at end of handrail of a staircase: **NEWEL**  
 poster: **PLACARD**  
 poster or large sheet of paper with a printed message: **BROADSIDE**  
 postponement, delay, interval of relief or rest: **RESPIRE**  
 postponement of punishment or pain: **REPRIEVE**  
 postpone or forgo a right: **WAIVE**  
 postpone, put off habitually: **PROCRASTINATE**  
 posts supporting a handrail: **BALUSTER**  
 posture: **STANCE**  
 potatoes prepared with finely sliced fried onions: **LYONNAISE**  
 potency, efficacy: **VIRTUE**  
 pot or jar that is broad-mouthed and of earthenware: **OLLA**  
 pottery, glazed, usually blue and white: **DELFT**  
 pottery-like or involving pottery: **FICTILE**  
 pottery of a very hard variety: **STONEWARE**  
 pot that is airtight and cooks food quickly under pressure: **PRESSURE COOKER**  
 pot that is small and made of earthenware: **PIPKIN**  
 pouch-like receptacle on the abdomen of a female marsupial for carrying the young: **MARSUPIUM**  
 pouch-shaped: **BURSIFORM**  
 pouch worn hanging in front of a kilt: **SPORRAN**  
 pour off a liquid without disturbing its sediment: **DECANT**  
 pour or spread out in all directions: **DIFUSE**  
 pouting facial expression: **MOUE**  
 poverty: **INDIGENCE**  
 powdered, demolished: **PULVERIZED**  
 powdery, dusty: **PULVERULENT**  
 power equal to a thousand watts: **KILOWATT**  
 powerful manipulator: **POWER BROKER**  
 powerful, mighty: **PUISSANT**  
 powerful only seemingly and actually ineffective: **PAPER TIGER**  
 powerful or influential person in determining political candidates, power broker: **KINGMAKER**

powerful or wealthy man: **NABOB**  
 powerful to a prodigious degree,  
 gigantic: **HERCULEAN**  
 power interruption or breakdown:  
**OUTAGE**  
 powerless: **IMPUISANT**  
 powerless, incapable of producing the  
 effect desired: **INEFFECTUAL**  
 powerless to act or accomplish  
 anything: **IMPOTENT**  
 powerless, worthless: **NUGATORY**  
 power of thought or feeling: **INTENSITY**  
 power or high office used to exhort:  
**BULLY PULPIT**  
 power or might in arms, weaponry-rich  
 status: **ARMIPOTENCE**  
 power that is absolute: **DESPOTISM**  
 practicable, workable: **VIABLE**  
 practical, not theoretical: **PRAGMATIC**  
 practical, obstinate, shrewd:  
**HARDHEADED**  
 practical or functional only, utilitarian,  
 prosaic: **BANAUSIC**  
 practical rather than scientific as a  
 measure: **RULE OF THUMB**  
 practical, suitable: **FEASIBLE**  
 practical, useful or valuable in a  
 functional way: **UTILITARIAN**  
 practice rather than theory: **PRAXIS**  
 praise: **LAUD**  
 praised profusely, bragged about:  
**VAUNTED**  
 praise, especially when formal and  
 delivered publicly: **EULOGY**  
 praise extravagantly: **ADULATE**  
 praise for an achievement: **KUDOS**  
 praise in the highest terms, exalt, laud:  
**EXTOL**  
 praise or eulogy formally delivered:  
**ENCOMIUM**  
 praise that is elaborate, laudation:  
**PANEGYRIC**  
 praise that is exaggerated, hype,  
 ballyhoo: **PUFFERY**  
 prance, caper about: **TITTUP**  
 prance, frisk about: **CAVORT**  
 prank, spree, fling, reckless behavior:  
**ESCAPADE**  
 pray earnestly for something, ask for  
 humbly: **SUPPLICATE**  
 prayer at the opening of a ceremony:  
**INVOCATION**  
 prayer caller or crier from a minaret:  
**MUEZZIN**  
 prayer consisting of a long list of

supplications with a fixed response  
 after each: **LITANY**  
 prayer or entreaty in behalf of others:  
**INTERCESSION**  
 prayer shawl worn by Orthodox and  
 Conservative Jewish men: **TALLITH**  
 prayers made on nine days: **NOVENA**  
 prayers or services in the evening:  
**VESPERS**  
 prayer stand with a shelf for a book:  
**PRIE-DIEU**  
 prayer stool, usually folding and  
 cushioned: **FALDSTOOL**  
 prayer that is brief: **EJACULATION**  
 prayer that is short and suitable to an  
 occasion: **COLLECT**  
 pray for or call down a calamity or a  
 curse: **IMPRECATE**  
 pray for us: **ORA PRO NOBIS**  
 precarious position: **SWORD OF**  
**DAMOCLES**  
 precarious state of peace or peace terms  
 imposed by a dominant country:  
**PAX ROMANA**  
 preceding: **PREVENIENT**  
 pre-Christmas season: **ADVENT**  
 precipice that extends a distance:  
**PALISADES**  
 precise about details, overly painstaking:  
**METICULOUS**  
 precise, accurate, exact: **NICE**  
 precisely, meticulously, "to the  
 fingernail": **AD UNGUEM**  
 precise, overly fastidious, fussy,  
 exacting: **FINICKY**  
 preconceived judgment: **PARTI PRIS**  
 predecessor, forerunner, something in  
 advance: **PRECURSOR**  
 predetermination: **FATALISM**  
 predetermined fate of the soul as a  
 belief: **PREDESTINATION**  
 predicament: **QUANDARY**  
 predicament, complicated or  
 problematic situation: **PLIGHT**  
 predicament entailing a choice between  
 two undesirable alternatives:  
**DILEMMA**  
 prediction, forecast: **PROGNOSIS**  
 predictor of the future: **SOOTHSAYER**  
 predisposition to certain forms of  
 disease: **DIATHESIS**  
 preempt or appoint: **CO-OPT**  
 preface, introductory remark:  
**PROLEGOMENON**  
 preface, introductory statement: **PROEM**

preference preconceived: **PREDILECTION**  
 preferred stock on which unpaid dividends do not accrue: **NONCUMULATIVE**  
 preferred stock that is entitled to dividends beyond those stated: **PARTICIPATING PREFERRED**  
 pregnancy: **GESTATION**  
 pregnant: **ENCEINTE**  
 pregnant: **GRAVID**  
 pregnant-for-the-first-time mother or the mother of just one: **PRIMIPARA**  
 prehistoric circle of monumental stone slabs, as at Stonehenge: **CROMLECH**  
 prehistoric human remains that proved to be a hoax: **PILTDOWN MAN**  
 prehistoric monument of one stone (capstone) atop two others (megaliths): **DOLMEN**  
 prehistoric monument of one upright stone, monolith: **MENHIR**  
 prejudice another with talk or insinuations: **EARWIG**  
 prejudice, bias: **PRECONCEPTION**  
 prejudiced, biased, favoring one party: **PARTIAL**  
 prejudicial or emotional in appeal: **AD HOMINEM**  
 prelate, high priest: **HIERARCH**  
 prelate with the highest rank in the country: **PRIMATE**  
 preliminary work for a project: **SPADEWORK**  
 prematurely born animal, especially a calf: **SLINK**  
 prematurely bring forth young: **ABORT**  
 prematurely developed: **PRECOCIOUS**  
 premeditated, deliberately designed: **STUDIED**  
 preoccupation with a thought or feeling that is compulsive and excessive: **OBSESSION**  
 preoccupied: **BEMUSED**  
 preparatory work for a project: **SPADEWORK**  
 preposition used to end a sentence: **ADDISONIAN TERMINATION**  
 prerequisite: **POSTULATE**  
 Presbyterian minister's residence: **MANSE**  
 present everywhere at once: **UBIQUITOUS**  
 present or tip, gratuity: **CUMSHAW**  
 present period or occasion: **NONCE**

present tense used to narrate a past event: **HISTORICAL PRESENT**  
 President's or other leader's unofficial advisers: **KITCHEN CABINET**  
 preside over, as a meeting: **MODERATE**  
 press a debtor for payment: **DUN**  
 pressed against, lying flat against, close to: **APPRESSED**  
 press food, drinks, etc., on a person: **PLY**  
 press, journalists' corps or profession: **FOURTH ESTATE**  
 pretend, dissemble, conceal: **DISSIMULATE**  
 pretended blow or deception meant to distract: **FEINT**  
 pretended, deceptive, sham: **FEIGNED**  
 pretended indifference to or dislike of what one doesn't or can't have: **SOUR GRAPES**  
 pretend, feign: **SIMULATE**  
 pretending to be important: **TINHORN**  
 pretending to be someone else in order to deceive: **IMPOSTURE**  
 pretending to be what one is not or to be better than one is, pretending to be virtuous or good: **HYPOCRISY**  
 pretend not to see wrongdoing: **CONNIVE**  
 pretense, false appearance: **GUISE**  
 pretentious behavior: **AFFECTATION**  
 pretentious boasting: **BRAGGADOCIO**  
 pretentious, inflated: **OVERBLOWN**  
 pretentious language: **CLAPTRAP**  
 pretentious, lofty, extravagant, overly ambitious: **HIGH-FLOWN**  
 pretentiously grand, imposing: **GRANDIOSE**  
 pretentiousness, windy promposity: **FLATULENCE**  
 pretentious official: **PANJANDRUM**  
 pretentious or extremist person: **HIGHFLIER**  
 pretentious, ostentatious or hypocritical ceremony: **MUMMERY**  
 pretentious, overdignified, self-important: **POMPOUS**  
 prevalent, dominant: **REGNANT**  
 prevent, avert: **OBVIATE**  
 prevent, guard against or hinder in advance: **FORESTALL**  
 preventing sleep: **AGRYPNOTIC**  
 preventive treatment against disease: **PROPHYLAXIS**

prevent, render impossible, exclude:

**PRECLUDE**

previously, before now: **HERETOFORE**

previous, onetime, former: **ERSTWHILE**

previous to consideration or

examination: **A PRIORI**

prey, game: **QUARRY**

prey upon, pillage, plunder: **DEPREDATE**

price at which a bond may be redeemed

before it reaches maturity:

**REDEMPTION PRICE**

price at which a person is ready to buy

a security: **BID**

price at which a person is ready to sell

a security: **OFFER**

price changes that can be absorbed by  
the market in a particular security:

**LIQUIDITY**

price fall caused by decrease of money

in circulation: **DEFLATION**

price is fixed for a whole meal: **PRIX**

**FIXE**

price last reported at which security

was sold: **MARKET PRICE**

priceless: **INESTIMABLE**

priceless: **INVALUABLE**

price level reduced to increase

purchasing power but avoid

deflation: **DISINFLATION**

price of a stock transaction higher than  
the preceding transaction: **UP TICK,**

**PLUS-TICK**

price range of buyer and seller of a  
given stock at a given time:

**QUOTATION**

price rise and fall in value of money:

**INFLATION**

price that is the lowest at which  
something will be sold at an

auction: **UPSET PRICE**

prickly: **SPINOUS**

prickly heat: **MILIARIA**

pride, especially in someone else's  
accomplishments (Yiddish):

**NACHUS**

priestly: **SACERDOTAL**

priestly, sacerdotal: **HIERATIC**

priest or minister jointly officiating at a  
communion service:

**CONCELEBRANT**

priest or minister officiating at a

communion service: **CELEBRANT**

priest's forgiveness of sin, in confession:

**ABSOLUTION**

priests or clergy in charge of  
government: **HIEROCRACY**

priest's or minister's residence:

**RECTORY**

priest's sacrament and anointing for the  
critically ill or injured: **EXTREME**

**UNCTION, LAST RITES**

prima donna, female operatic singer:

**DIVA**

primary in which people rather than

delegates select candidates: **DIRECT**

**PRIMARY**

primitive: **ABORIGINAL**

primitive, pure: **PRISTINE**

primitive state, reversion to: **ATAVISM**

primp, dress showily: **PREEN**

principal commodity, regularly in

demand: **STAPLE**

principal, original, first: **PRIMAL**

principle, belief or doctrine maintained

as true by a person or a group:

**TENET**

print a line, paragraph, etc., in from the

margin: **INDENT**

printed character containing two or

more letters joined together:

**LIGATURE**

printed sheets, loosely bound together:

**CAHIER**

printer's jumble, bollixed-up type: **PI**

printer's opening cut in a plate for the  
insertion of type: **MORTISE**

printer's part of a letter that extends  
downward: **DESCENDER**

printer's part of a letter that extends  
upward: **ASCENDER**

printer's shallow tray for holding type  
before it is put into a form:

**GALLEY**

printer's thinnest of metal spaces

separating letters or words: **HAIR**

**SPACE**

printing being even with the outside  
margin: **FLUSH**

printing from a flat stone or metal plate  
on which the material to be printed

is treated with grease that absorbs

ink: **LITHOGRAPHY**

printing from raised surfaces: **LETTER**

**PRESS**


printing impression that is blurred:

**MACKLE**

printing machines that cast type in

single characters: **MONOTYPE**



printing ornament or symbol: **DINGBAT**  
 printing or writing with flowing lines:  
     **CURSIVE**  
 printing press that prints both sides of a  
 sheet simultaneously: **PERFECTING**  
     **PRESS**  
 printing press that uses webs, or rolls of  
 paper, rather than separate sheets:  
     **WEB PRESS**  
 printing press using curved plates and  
 rolls of paper: **ROTARY PRESS**  
 printing process in which subjects are  
 reproduced by photography on  
 plates in relief: **PHOTOENGRAVING**  
 printing process in which the  
 impression is transferred to a  
 rubber roller and then to the  
 paper: **OFFSET**  
 printing receptacle for broken or  
 battered type: **HELLBOX**  
 printing sign () to direct attention:  
     **INDEX FIST**  
 printing type characteristic consisting of  
 a fine line that finishes off a stroke:  
     **SERIF**  
 printing type group containing all the  
 characters in one size and style:  
     **FONT**  
 printing type set in excess of the space  
 available: **OVERSET**  
 printing type that is bold and somewhat  
 fancy: **OLD ENGLISH**  
 printing type with thin light lines:  
     **LIGHTFACE**  
 prints transferred from specially  
 prepared paper to glass or wood:  
     **DECALCOMANIA**  
 prisoner delivering-up or transfer to the  
 jurisdiction of another state or  
 country: **EXTRADITION**  
 prisoner of captors who are setting  
 terms for his release: **HOSTAGE**  
 prissily good or proper in behavior:  
     **GOODY-GOODY**  
 private and frank: **HEART-TO-HEART**  
 private, isolated room: **SANCTUM**  
 privately said, in an undertone: **SOTTO**  
     **VOCE**  
 privately with one other person,  
 intimately, cozily: **À DEUX**  
 private or confidential conversation:  
     **TÊTE-À-TÊTE**  
 private or side entrance: **POSTERN**  
 private property, one's own possession:  
     **PECULIUM**

privilege extended to stockholders  
 ahead of others, to buy new issues,  
 usually at lower than market price:  
     **RIGHTS**  
 privilege or benefit owed or expected  
 because of status: **PERQUISITE**  
 privilege or exemption, as in right to  
 send mail without charge: **FRANK**  
 prize that is the biggest one possible to  
 win: **JACKPOT**  
 problem of choosing between unpleasant  
 alternatives: **DILEMMA**  
 problem-solving group or research  
 center bringing together people  
 from different disciplines: **THINK**  
     **TANK**  
 problems pile up as the solution of one  
 raises another and leads back to  
 the original one: **VICIOUS CIRCLE**  
 problem that is complicated: **GORDIAN**  
     **KNOT**  
 proclamation, decree, edict: **UKASE**  
 proclamation, public declaration:  
     **PRONUNCIAMENTO**  
 prod, incite: **GOAD**  
 produce, beget: **PROCREATE**  
 produce, perform or invent without  
 previous thought or preparation:  
     **IMPROVISE**  
 producing many or much: **PROLIFIC**  
 producing or capable of producing a  
 desired effect: **EFFICACIOUS**  
 production of goods and services by a  
 nation: **GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT**  
     **(GNP)**  
 productive, creative, potential, germinal:  
     **SEMINAL**  
 productive equipment owned by  
 businesses: **CAPITAL GOODS**  
 productive, inventive, fruitful:  
     **PREGNANT**  
 product striped marking to indicate  
 classification and price  
 electronically: **BAR CODE**,  
     **UNIVERSAL PRODUCT CODE**  
     **(UPC)**  
 profane, use sacrilegiously: **DESECRATE**  
 profaning, violation of anything sacred:  
     **SACRILEGE**  
 professional or clerical worker:  
     **WHITE-COLLAR WORKER**  
 profile or dark shape with a light  
 background: **SILHOUETTE**  
 profitable: **LUCRATIVE**  
 profitable: **REMUNERATIVE**



profitable source: **PAY DIRT**  
 profit amount added by the seller to what he or she paid originally: **MARKUP**  
 profit anticipated but not yet realized on a security still held: **PAPER PROFIT**  
 profit from the sale of assets: **CAPITAL GAIN**  
 profound, hidden: **RECONDITE**  
 progression in which the difference between numerical terms remains constant: **ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION**  
 progression in which the ratio between each two numbers is the same: **GEOMETRIC PROGRESSION**  
 progression or arrangement that is orderly or gradual: **GRADATION**  
 progress resulting from planning: **TELESIS**  
 prohibit, debar, forbid a person to have or do something: **INTERDICT**  
 prohibited by convention or tradition: **TABOO**  
 prohibited, unlawful: **ILLICIT**  
 prohibiting by law reporters or others from disclosing details of a case to the public: **GAG ORDER**  
 prohibition: **INJUNCTION**  
 prohibit, outlaw, condemn: **PROSCRIBE**  
 projecting part of a battle line: **SALIENT**  
 projecting point of land at a coast: **CAPE**  
 projecting structure supported at only one end: **CANTILEVER**  
 project on the basis of facts already known, infer from evidence at hand: **EXTRAPOLATE**  
 proliferate, sprout: **BURGEON**  
 prolific, fruitful, fertile: **FECUND**  
 prolific or fond of children: **PHILOPROGENITIVE**  
 prologue: **PROLUSION**  
 prolonged or held, in music: **SOSTENUTO**  
 promenade, open level path or grass area that is often scenic: **ESPLANADE**  
 promenade, strut: **CAKEWALK**  
 prominent or memorable object in the landscape: **LANDMARK**  
 promiscuous woman, slut: **SLATTERN**  
 promiscuous woman, tramp: **BIMBO**  
 promise, guarantee: **STIPULATE**

promising, opportune, favorable: **AUSPICIOUS**  
 promotion awarded on the battlefield: **BREVET**  
 promotion or advertising that is sensational: **BALLYHOO**  
 promotion that is exaggerated, hype, ballyhoo: **PUFFERY**  
 promptness, speed: **DISPATCH**  
 pronounced without stress when in combination with a following word: **PROCLITIC**  
 pronounced without stress when in combination with a preceding word: **ENCLITIC**  
 pronounced with the back of the tongue touching or near the soft palate, as the "c" in "cool": **VELAR**  
 pronouncement: **DICTUM**  
 pronounce with a sound omitted: **ELIDE**  
 pronouncing "r" like "l" or "l" like "r" or "w": **LALLATION**  
 pronunciation mark over or under a letter: **DIACRITICAL MARK**  
 pronunciation standards: **ORTHOEPY**  
 proof of a crime: **CORPUS DELICTI**  
 proof of printed matter used for making corrections: **GALLEY**  
 proof of the genuineness of a document such as a will: **PROBATE**  
 proof or evidence of wrongdoing, crime, etc.: **SMOKING GUN**  
 proof or safe against attack: **UNASSAILABLE**  
 proof, the burden of: **ONUS PROBANDI**  
 propensity: **APPETENCE**  
 proper, advisable, suitable: **EXPEDIENT**  
 proper, conventional: **ORTHODOX**  
 properness, conformity with accepted usage: **PROPRIETY**  
 proper or customary act or procedure: **FORMALITY**  
 proper or fitting, appropriate, respectable: **COMME IL FAUT**  
 proper, seemly in behavior: **DECOROUS**  
 property improvement: **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**  
 property ownership as the key to political power: **TIMOCRACY**  
 property reverting to government in absence of legal heirs: **ESCHEAT**  
 property seizure in a legal proceeding: **ATTACHMENT**  
 property transfer: **CONVEYANCE**

prophesying, foretelling the future:

**DIVINATION**

prophetess of doom: **CASSANDRA**

prophetic, enigmatic: **ORACULAR**

prophetic, having divinatory power:

**MANTIC**

prophetic, inspired: **PYTHONIC**

prophetic, oracular: **VATIC**

prophet-like in zeal of leadership:

**MESSIANIC**

prophet or messiah in Islam: **MAHDI**

proportionate: **COMMENSURATE**

proposal in outline form for a written work or business project:

**PROSPECTUS**

propose, suggest: **PROPOUND**

proposition that is demonstrably true, as in geometry: **THEOREM**

propriety or aptness of behavior:

**CONVENANCES**

prosaic, dull, mediocre: **PEDESTRIAN**

prose style that is simple and

straightforward: **PLAIN STYLE**

prose that is long and tiresome: **SCREED**

prosperity: **EASY STREET**

prosperous, especially as a mark of the times: **FLUSH**

prosperous, happy, flourishing: **PALMY**

prosperous or successful period:

**FLORESCENCE**

prostitute: **COCOTTE**

prostitute: **DOXY**

prostitute: **FILLE DE JOIE**

prostitute: **HARLOT**

prostitute: **HOOVER**

prostitute: **STRUMPET**

prostitute: **TROLLOP**

prostitute: **TRULL**

prostitute catering to men of wealth or high rank: **COURTESAN**

prostitute's agent: **PIMP**

prostitutes as a group: **DEMIMONDE**

prostitute's customer: **JOHN**

prostitute who works in response to telephone calls: **CALL GIRL**

prostitution, as of talent or office, for gain: **VENALITY**

protect against loss or damage:

**INDEMNIFY**

protected against malfunctioning:

**FAIL-SAFE**

protected legally by patent or copyright, owned by a proprietor:

**PROPRIETARY**

protection against disease:

**PROPHYLAXIS**

protective influence: **AEGIS**

protective medieval garment of chain mail: **HAUBERK**

protector of the people: **TRIBUNE**

Protestant clergyperson's residence:

**MANSE**

Protestant clergyperson's residence:

**PARSONAGE**

protest or oppose by pleading:

**REMONSTRATE**

protoplasm building and breaking down as continuous bodily processes:

**METABOLISM**

prototype: **ARCHETYPE**

protozoan with a long and rounded body with cilia: **PARAMECIUM**

protruding: **EXsertile**

protruding-eyed, having bulging eyeballs: **EXOPHTHALMIC**

protrusion or slipping of one internal organ, as part of the intestines, into another: **INTUSCEPTION**,

**INVAGINATION**

protuberance, swelling: **TUBEROSITY**

prove false, contradict: **BELIE**

proverb: **ADAGE**

proverb: **APHORISM**

prove someone or something wrong:

**CONFUTE**

provincial in regarding one's own ethnic or racial group as central:

**ETHNOCENTRIC**

provincial, limited in outlook: **INSULAR**

provincial, limited, narrow: **PAROCHIAL**

provisions for a journey: **VIATICUM**

provoker of punishable acts: **AGENT**

**PROVOCATEUR**

provoking anger or resentment by being unjustly discriminatory: **INVIDIOUS**

provoking, annoying person: **GADFLY**

prude: **MRS. GRUNDY**

prudence: **CALCULATION**

prudent, careful, discreet: **CIRCUMSPECT**

prudent, diplomatic, wise: **POLITIC**

prudent, tactful, careful about what one says: **DISCREET**

prudent, wary: **CANNY**

prudish editing: **BOWDLERIZATION**

prudish euphemism, refined but affected term: **GENTEELISM**

prudish, shocked or nauseated easily:

**SQUEAMISH**

Prussian helmet with a spike:

**PICKELHAUBE**

prying or offensively curious:

**INQUISITORIAL**

pry or break open, as with a crowbar:

**JIMMY**

pseudonym in the form of one's name

spelled backward: **ANANYM**

psychiatric disorder marked by

separation of thought from

emotions: **SCHIZOPHRENIA**

psychiatric disorder marked by two or

more distinct personalities:

**MULTIPLE PERSONALITY**

psychic: **PARANORMAL**

psychic phenomenon or phenomena: **PSI**

psychoanalysis patient: **ANALYSAND**

psychoanalyst, psychiatrist: **SHRINK**

psychoanalytical arrested development:

**FIXATION**

psychological attachment to somebody

because of his or her perceived

resemblance to one's parent,

guardian, etc., in early childhood:

**ANACLISIS**

psychological conditioning in which the

pairing of one stimulus, as a bell,

with another, as food, induces a

response to the first: **CLASSICAL**

**CONDITIONING**

psychological conditioning of behavior

by immediate reward or

punishment: **OPERANT**

**CONDITIONING**

psychological dream-like period with

loss of memory: **FUGUE**

psychological persuading of another by

pretending the opposite of what

one actually desires: **REVERSE**

**PSYCHOLOGY**

psychological school holding that only

objective observation and

experiment constitute valid

evidence: **BEHAVIORISM**

psychological unconscious tendency to

do the opposite of one's repressed

desires: **REACTION FORMATION**

psychotherapeutically involving

comment by the therapist:

**DIRECTIVE**

puberty voice change in a boy:

**PONTICELLO**

pubic wig, once popular during

smallpox epidemics: **MERKIN**

public attention or notice: **LIMELIGHT**

public brawl: **AFFRAY**

public display: **BLAZON**

public finance as a science:

**CAMERALISTICS**

public forum place: **AGORA**

public good being the objective, as in

lawyering: **PRO BONO PUBLICO**

publicity, great popularity,

fashionableness: **RÉCLAME**

publicize officially, put into effect:

**PROMULGATE**

publicizer of real or alleged corruption:

**MUCKRAKER**

public offices offered as rewards of

partisan service: **SPOILS SYSTEM**

public sale or auction: **VENDUE**

publisher of books at the author's

expense: **VANITY PRESS**

publisher's mockup or layout: **DUMMY**

publisher's trademark: **COLOPHON**

publishing right to quote or reprint

without permission when done

fairly: **FAIR USE**

puckish, gay, strange: **FEY**

pudding baked under a roast to catch

the drippings: **YORKSHIRE**

**PUDDING**

pudding-like chilled dessert: **MOUSSE**

puff, blow in gusts: **WHIFFLE**

pugnacious in a disagreeable way:

**TRUCULENT**

pull or force away by violent twisting:

**WREST**

pulsatory: **SPHYGMIC**

pulsing, throbbing: **VIBRANT**

pulverize: **COMMUNUTE**

pulverize: **TRITURATE**

pulverize: **LEVIGATE**

pun: **PARONOMASIA**

punch holes into: **PERFORATE**

punctuation style that is minimal and

uses few commas: **OPEN**

**PUNCTUATION**

punctuation style using commas freely:

**CLOSE PUNCTUATION**

pun, double meaning: **PLAY ON WORDS**

pungent: **ACRID**

punish, beat or thrash severely:

**TROUNCE**

punish by an arbitrary fine: **AMERCE**

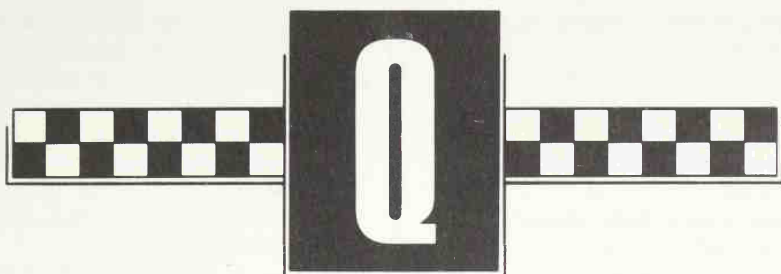
punishment for evil: **RETRIBUTION**

punishment that corresponds to the

nature of the crime: **TALION**

punitive, avenging: **VINDICATORY**  
 punning: **PARONOMASIA**  
 pupil absent from school without  
 permission: **TRUANT**  
 puppy: **WHELP**  
 purchase or considered object of  
 undisclosed worth or value: **PIG IN**  
**A POKE**  
 purchasing power of individuals: **REAL**  
**INCOME**  
 pure essential part: **QUINTESENCE**  
 pure, primitive: **PRISTINE**  
 purging or purifying of emotions:  
**CATHARSIS**  
 purify by a sacrifice or ceremony:  
**LUSTRATE**  
 purify by exposure to air: **AERATE**  
 purify by washing and straining or  
 decanting: **ELUTRIATE**  
 purifying: **DEPURATIVE**  
 purifying, distilling or transforming  
 thing or phenomenon: **ALEMBIC**  
 purify, refine: **RAREFY**  
 purplish red: **MURREY**  
 purpose, aim, goal: **INTENT**  
 purposeful: **TELIC**  
 purposeless, haphazard: **RANDOM**  
 purposelessness, anxiety, disorder,  
 lawlessness, malaise: **ANOMIE**  
 pursue an undertaking: **PROSECUTE**  
 pursuit, search, adventure: **QUEST**  
 push down, thrust away from: **DETRUDE**  
 push or crowd roughly, shake up,  
 elbow, shove: **JOSTLE**  
 push out, make protrude: **EXSERT**  
 pushy, nosy, obtrusive, forward:  
**OFFICIOUS**

put-down, acid remark: **ZINGER**  
 put down, belittle: **DISPARAGE**  
 put down by force, allay: **QUELL**  
 put down, suppress forcibly: **QUASH**  
 put in gradually by drops: **INSTILL**  
 put in or inject a comment or  
 digression in a speech or argument:  
**INTERPOSE**  
 put in prison: **INCARCERATE**  
 put into words, phrase: **COUCH**  
 put off or postpone habitually:  
**PROCRASTINATE**  
 putting into effect, carrying through:  
**IMPLEMENTATION**  
 putting out of one's consciousness  
 unacceptable memories, desires and  
 impulses: **REPRESSION**  
 put together by combining bits and  
 pieces: **CUT-AND-PASTE**  
 puzzled, confused, stupefied:  
**BEFUDDLED**  
 puzzled, uncertain, bewildered:  
**PERPLEXED**  
 puzzle in which the sound of a word or  
 phrase is represented by letters,  
 numerals, pictures: **REBUS**  
 puzzle out, interpret, understand:  
**FATHOM**  
 puzzling, complicated, involved:  
**INTRICATE**  
 puzzling, secret, hidden, occult,  
 mystifying: **CRYPTIC**  
 pyramid or cone with the top sliced off:  
**FULSTRUM**  
 Pyrrhic victory: **CADMEAN VICTORY**



quack medicine, cure-all, medicine of one's own invention: **NOSTRUM**  
quack-medicine vendor, charlatan:

**MOUNTEBANK**

quadrangular: **TETRAGONAL**

quail, tremble or crouch, as in fear:

**COWER**

quaint (British): **TWEE**

quaintness or fancifulness, as in a

literary work: **WHIMSY**

quality, goodness, moral excellence:

**VIRTUE**

qualm, doubt, apprehension: **MISGIVING**

quantity that a container lacks of being

full: **ULLAGE**

quantity that is specified: **QUANTUM**

quarrel: **ALTERCATION**

quarrel, difference of opinion, discord:

**DISSENSION**

quarrel, disagreement, estrangement:

**FALLING-OUT**

quarreling, not able to agree:

**AT LOGGERHEADS**

quarrel or argue noisily: **WRANGLE**

quarrelsome: **BELlicose**

quarrelsome: **CANTANKEROUS**

quarrelsome: **CONTENTIOUS**

quarrelsome: **LITIGIOUS**

quarrelsome: **PUGNACIOUS**

quarrelsome, vixenish: **TERMAGANT**

quarrel, wrangling: **JANGLE**

queenly: **REGINAL**

queer, eccentric: **CRANKY**

quench or satisfy, as a thirst: **SLAKE**

questionable, difficult to solve:

**PROBLEMATIC**

questionable, suspicious: **EQUIVOCAL**

questionable, uncertain: **DUBIOUS**

question-and-answer method of

instruction: **SOCRATIC METHOD**

question-and-answer method of teaching: **CATECHISM**

question a person insistently: **PLY**

question asked for effect and not calling for an answer: **RHETORICAL**

**QUESTION**

question, consultational point of information: **QUERY**

question, examine: **INTERROGATE**

questioning or prying characterized by harshness: **INQUISITION**

questioning the existence of God:

**AGNOSTICISM**

question mark: **EROTEME**

question searchingly and at length:

**CATECHIZE**

question that suggests the answer

sought by the questioner: **LEADING**

**QUESTION**

question to be disputed: **QUODLIBET**

quibble: **CAVIL**

quibble, lie: **PALTER**

quibbler over small matters:

**PETTIFOGGER**

quibbling: **CAPTIOUS**

quick disposal of a matter, as of a piece of business: **DISPATCH**

quick efficiency: **DISPATCH**

quickly: **LICKETY-SPLIT**

quickly, briskly, lively, in music:

**VIVACE**

quickly or suddenly, in music: **SUBITO**

quickness of mind: **ACUMEN**

quick or ready in performance, easily achieved: **FACILE**

quick-tempered, irritable: **IRASCIBLE**

quick tempo, rapidly, swiftly, in music:

**VELOCE**

quiet, abate, calm: **SUBSIDE**

quiet consent: **ACQUIESCENCE**



quiet down, soothe, mitigate, pacify:

**MOLLIFY**

quiet, make peaceful: **PACIFY**

quiet, reserved, reluctant to speak:

**RETICENT**

quiet, serene, calm: **TRANQUIL**

quilt: **DUVET**

quilt made of irregularly shaped pieces  
of variously colored and patterned  
fabric: **CRAZY QUILT**

quip: **SALLY**

quip, fun, playfulness: **JEST**

quirk, habit, mannerism peculiar to an  
individual: **IDIOSYNCRASY**

quiver, flutter, beat rapidly: **PALPITATE**  
quizmaster (British): **QUESTIONMASTER**  
quota for a race or class in admission

to an academic institution:

**NUMERUS CLAUSUS**

quotation mark (British): **INVERTED**

**COMMA**

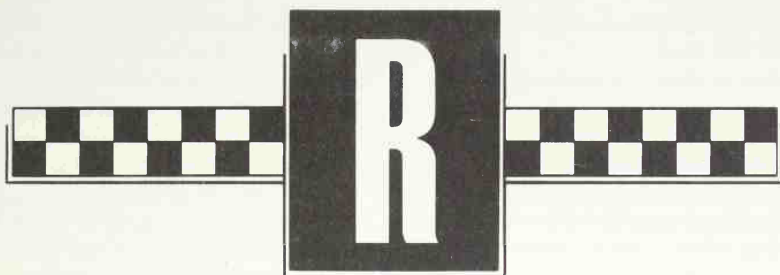
quotation marks in French (« »):

**GUILLEMETS**

quotation or motto prefixed to a book:

**EPIGRAPH**

quoting a person without using the  
exact words: **INDIRECT DISCOURSE**



“r” pronounced like “l” or “l”  
pronounced like “r” or “w”:

**LALLATION**

rabbit dwelling: **WARREN**

rabbit fur: **LAPIN**

rabbit stew as prepared in Germany:

**HASENPFEFFER**

rabies: **HYDROPHOBIA**

race course's section farthest from  
spectators: **BACK STRETCH**

race course's straight portion forming  
the final approach to the finish:

**HOME STRETCH**

racehorse that is male and four years of  
age or under, male foal: **COLT**

race improvement as a study or science:  
**EUGENICS**

race longer than the marathon (26.2  
miles, 42.2 kilometers) in distance:

**ULTRAMARATHION**

race on horseback along a course  
containing obstacles:

**STEEPLECHASE**

races and ethnic groups as subjects of  
study: **ETHNOLOGY**

racetrack board showing the betting  
odds: **TOTE BOARD**

racial and ethnic groups brought  
together in legal and social  
equality: **INTEGRATION**

racial equalizing: **DESEGREGATION**

racially prompted property selling from  
exploited fears that a minority  
influx will adversely affect property  
values: **BLOCKBUSTING**

racial memory inherited by the  
individual: **COLLECTIVE**

**UNCONSCIOUS**

racial or ethnic slur: **ETHNOPHAULISM**

racial segregation in South Africa:

**APARTHEID**

racing finish so close that a camera is  
needed to decide the winner:

**PHOTO FINISH**

racing gambling system in which the  
winnings of a previous race are  
placed on a later one: **PARLAY**

racing gambling system in which those  
backing the winners share in the  
total wagered: **PARIMUTUEL**

racketeers' money collector: **BAGMAN**

rack or frame on which to dry fish,  
cheese, bricks, etc.: **HACK**

rack or platform for drying food:

**FLAKE**

racy, stimulating: **PIQUANT**

radar-presence detector in an  
automobile: **FUZZBUSTER**

radar warning system in North

America: **DEW (DISTANT EARLY  
WARNING) LINE**

radiance, brilliance: **REFULGENCE**

radiance enveloping a sanctified being:

**AUREOLE**

radiance, splendor: **EFFULGENCE**

radiant, transparent: **LUCENT**

radiate, diffuse: **EXUDE**

radiating, star-shaped: **STELLATE**

radical or liberal political figure:

**LEFTIST**

radical or liberal political position: **LEFT**

radioactivity duration measure:

**HALF-LIFE**

radio announcer who conducts a  
program of recorded music: **DISC  
JOCKEY**

radio-broadcasting or -listening

commuter period: **DRIVE TIME**

radio-operating licensed amateur: **HAM**

radio or television station code letters:

**CALL LETTERS**

radio-reflecting layer of the ionosphere:

**HEAVISIDE LAYER, E LAYER**

radio word code for letters of the alphabet, such as *Alpha* for A and *Zulu* for Z: **ALPHABET CODE**

ragamuffin: **TATTERDEMALION**

ragged edge of handmade paper:

**DECKLE EDGE**

raggedly dressed person, usually a child:

**RAGAMUFFIN**

raging, fanatical: **RABID**

raging, frenzied: **MADDING**

raiding force or member of one:

**COMMANDO**

raid, invasion: **INCURSION**

raid, lay waste, pillage: **HARRY**

raid, plunder, invade for booty:

**MARAUD**

raid, plunder, pillage: **FORAY**

rail around the stern of a boat or ship:

**TAFFRAIL**

rail at, berate, find fault abusively:

**VITUPERATE**

railing, contentious, carping:

**RABULISTIC**

railroad building for repairing and switching locomotives:

**ROUNDHOUSE**

railroad crossing X-shaped warning sign: **CROSSBUCK**

railroad signal to go ahead: **HIGHBALL**

railway with a single track: **MONORAIL**

rainbow-like colors that shift:

**IRIDESCENCE**

rainbow trout along the Pacific coast:

**STEELHEAD**

rainfall study: **HYETOGRAPHY**

rainy: **PLUVIOUS**

rainy season that comes with the summer wind along the Asian coast of the Pacific: **MONSOON**

raised figures worked on a surface as decoration: **EMBOSSSED**

raised platform on which guests of honor or speakers are seated: **DAIS**  
raised sculpture in which figures project slightly: **BAS-RELIEF**

raise trivial objections, carp: **CAVIL**

raise with a rope: **TRICE**

rake, profligate: **LIBERTINE**

rake, sensualist: **ROUÉ**

raking gunfire: **ENFILADE**

rakish in angle, as the way a hat is worn: **ARAKE**

rakish, vulgar: **RAFFISH**

ramble, wander from main subject:

**DIGRESS**

rambling, aimless wandering:

**MEANDERING**

rambling and wordy talk: **GARRULITY**

rambling, confused: **INCOHERENT**

rambling, discursive, digressive:

**EXCURSIVE**

ramp, incline: **GRADIENT**

ramp that curves and ascends:

**HELICLINE**

ram's horn of ancient times still used in synagogues: **SHOFAR**

ram that has been castrated: **WETHER**

rancorous, bitter: **VIRULENT**

random, accidental: **HAPHAZARD**

random, casual, aimless, disconnected:

**DESULTORY**

random, confused: **INDISCRIMINATE**

random, involving guesswork or

probability: **STOCHASTIC**

random shot or criticism: **POTSHOT**

range, extent, scope: **PURVIEW**

range in its entirety: **GAMUT**

range or limit, as of power or action:

**TETHIER**

range, scope: **LATITUDE**

ranked as a tournament favorite:

**SEEDED**

rank formation or arrangement, as with troops, fleets or airplanes:

**ECHELON**

rank in society, organization, business, etc.: **PECKING ORDER**

rankle, irritate, cause bitterness: **FESTER**

rank or seniority order in the military:

**CHAIN OF COMMAND**

rank, spoiled-smelling: **RANCID**

ransack and rob: **RIFLE**

rapidly: **LUCKY-SPLIT**

rapidly, swiftly, galloping: **TANTIVY**

rapidly, swiftly, in a quick tempo, in music: **VELOCE**

rapture or emotion that is

overpowering: **ECSTASY**

rare-book dealer: **BIBLIPOLE**

rare person or thing: **RARA AVIS**

rascal, rogue: **RAPSCALLION**

rash: **BRASH**

rash and reckless person: **HOTSPUR**

rash, hasty, impulsive: **IMPETUOUS**

rash, incautious, thriftless:

**IMPROVIDENT**

rashly, recklessly: **HEADLONG**

rash, reckless: **TEMERARIOUS**

Rastafarian braided hairstyle:

**DREADLOCKS**

ratify, approve, permit: **SANCTION**

rational, calm, ordered, harmonious,

balanced: **APOLLONIAN**

rational, clear, easily understood,

bright, shining: **LUCID**

rationalization of matters of morals and ethics: **CASUISTRY**

rationalizing that what one doesn't or can't have, one doesn't really want:

**SOUR GRAPES**

rattle, crackle: **CREPITATE**

rattle that is gourd-shaped and used to sound a rhythm: **MARACA**

rattling or clattering noise: **BRATTLE**

rave, speak violently: **RANT**

ravine or gulley in a desert region:

**WADI**

raw cane sugar: **MUSCOVADO**

raw material: **STAPLE**

reachable, approachable, available,

understandable: **ACCESSIBLE**

reaching out in services, charity,

branches, etc.: **OUTREACH**

reach or arrive at a port: **FETCH UP AT**

react: **REDOUND**

reaction developed by training:

**CONDITIONED REFLEX**

reaction in exaggerated form to a psychological defect:

**OVERCOMPENSATION**

reaction of a violent nature: **BACKLASH**

readily, willingly: **LIEF**

readiness to comply, pliancy: **FACILITY**

reading ability impairment: **DYSLEXIA**

reading ability loss: **ALEXIA**

reading comprehension test in which words are deleted at intervals:

**CLOZE**

reading disorder in which letters or words appear reversed:

**STREPHOSYMBOLIA**

reading of a word or sentence is the same backward as forward:

**PALINDROME**

reading, spelling, composition, etc.,

taught to develop fundamental

language skills: **LANGUAGE ARTS**

read intently, study with care: **PORE OVER**

read or examine thoroughly, scrutinize: **PERUSE**

read or glance over hastily: **SKIM**

read quickly, glance at: **SCAN**

ready, easygoing, agreeable: **FACILE**

ready to be put into use: **OPERATIONAL**

ready-to-wear: **PRÊT-À-PORTER**

real, actual: **SUBSTANTIVE**

real existence of something in the mind, actual being: **ENTITY**

realism in art through use of everyday rather than heroic characters and situations: **VERISMO**

realistically tough and terse in writing style: **HARD-BOILED**

realistic to the point of looking real, as in art or decoration: **TROMPE**

**L'OEIL**

realization, accomplishment of things worked for: **FRUITION**

realized or actual existence as opposed to mere potentiality: **ENTELECHY**

real, material, having definite shape: **TANGIBLE**

reappearance, fresh outbreak:

**RECRUDESCENCE**

rear car of freight train: **CABOOSE**

rear end of a boat: **STERN**

rear, feed, support, raise: **NURTURE**

rear, toward the stern, on a boat: **AFT, ABAFT**

reasonable, apparently true but open to doubt: **PLAUSIBLE**

reasonable, practicable, suitable: **FEASIBLE**

reason by logical methods:

**RATIOCINATE**

reason earnestly with someone, remonstrate: **EXPOSTULATE**

reasoned, sensible: **RATIONAL**

reasoning from the general to the particular: **DEDUCTION**

reasoning from the particular to the general: **INDUCTION**

reasoning rather than using intuition in reaching conclusions: **DISCURSIVE**

reasoning that is clever but unsound: **SOPHISTRY**

reasoning that is faulty or illogical: **PARALOGISM**

reason or justification for being: **RAISON D'ÊTRE**



reasons underlying something:

**RATIONALE**

reason, think: **INTELLECTUALIZE**

rebellious: **INSUBORDINATE**

rebellious: **INSURGENT**

rebellious action or speech: **SEDITION**

rebellious, insolent: **CONTUMACIOUS**

rebellious, irritable, unruly, cranky:

**FRACTIONOUS**

rebel or ambitious advocate of change  
within a group, establishment, etc.:

**YOUNG TURK**

rebirth politically or culturally, infusion  
of new determination:

**RISORGIMENTO**

rebirth, restoration, reconstitution:

**REGENERATION**

rebound or skip of a bullet or stone  
after it hits a surface at an angle:

**RICOCHET**

rebuff, reject, repel: **REPULSE**

rebuke, castigate, rake over the coals:

**KEELHAUL**

rebuke, censure, blame for a fault:

**REPROACH**

rebuke, criticize, find fault with, blame:

**REPREHEND**

rebuke, disapproval, censure: **REPROOF**

rebuke or censure severely: **REPRIMAND**

rebuke or chastise severely: **CASTIGATE**

rebuke sharply, upbraid, berate:

**OBJURGATE**

recall, cancel, rescind, annul: **REVOKE**

recalling or telling of past events:

**REMINISCENCE**

recalling past occurrences,

remembering: **RETROSPECTION**

recalling to mind: **ANAMNESIS**

recall to mind, remember: **RETRIEVE**

recant: **ABJURE**

recapitulation of an oration:

**PERORATION**

receptive: **HOSPITABLE**

recess period in work: **COFFEE BREAK**

recess, time between parts of a  
performance or between events or  
activities: **INTERMISSION**

recipient of benefits or favors:

**BENEFICIARY**

reckless, careless: **DEVIL-MAY-CARE**

reckless, careless, weak: **FECKLESS**

recklessly, rashly: **HEADLONG**

recklessly use or handle, squander:

**PLAY DUCKS AND DRAKES WITH**

reckless, rash: **TEMERARIOUS**

reckless ride in a stolen vehicle, ride for  
pleasure: **JOY RIDE**

reclining, leaning, lying down:

**RECUMBENT**

recluse: **ANCHORITE**

recluse: **EREMITE**

recluse: **TROGLODYTE**

recognize as different, perceive:

**DISCERN**

recoil: **BACKLASH**

recoil, resume original shape after being  
stretched: **RESILE**

recollection: **ANAMNESIS**

reconcile and blend, as various

philosophies: **SYNCRETIZE**

recorder (the musical instrument):

**BLOCKFLÖTE**

recording industry job of selecting

artists and approving and

promoting their recordings: **A&R**

(**ARTISTS AND REPERTORY**)

recording or program optical disk  
usually less than five inches in  
diameter: **CD (COMPACT DISC)**

record or souvenirs of happenings

worth remembering: **MEMORABILIA**

recover: **RECUPERATE**

recover, pay off: **REDEEM**

recover, remedy the consequences of,  
regain, make up for: **RETRIEVE**

recovery of property pending a court  
test: **REPLEVIN**

rectify, compensate: **REDRESS**

rectum and its diseases as a branch of  
medicine: **PROCTOLOGY**

recurrence in the mind of the same  
thought, tune, etc.:

**PERSEVERATION**

recurrent: **CHRONIC**

recurring at regular intervals,

intermittent: **PERIODIC**

recycled or unoriginal substance or  
presentation: **REHASH**

red color that is dull: **STAMMEL**

reddening: **RUBESCENT**

reddish nose from drunkenness:

**COPPERNOSE**

redemption price of a bond if it is  
higher than the face value:

**PREMIUM**

red, especially in heraldry: **GULES**

red-handed: **IN FLAGRANTE DELICTO**

redistrict a voting area so as to advance  
the interests of a political party:

**GERRYMANDER**



red tape in government: **BUREAUCRACY**  
 reduce expenses: **RETRENCH**  
 reduce in quantity or force: **ABATE**  
 reduce in rank or position: **ABASE**  
 reduce in size, lessen, belittle: **MINIFY**  
 reduce to the smallest possible amount  
 or degree: **MINIMIZE**  
 reduction of debt or liability, done  
 gradually, as by installment  
 payments: **AMORTIZATION**  
 reduction of personnel through  
 retirement, death, etc.: **ATTRITION**  
 redundancy: **TAUTOLOGY**  
 redundancy, use of excess words:  
**PLEONASM**  
 refined but affected term, prudish  
 euphemism: **GENTEELISM**  
 refined or delicate to an extreme:  
**FASTIDIOUS**  
 refined, polite, suave: **URBANE**  
 refined to excess, overly exotic or  
 pretentious: **RECHERCHÉ**  
 refinement, well-bred in one's ways:  
**GENTILITY**  
 refine, purify: **RAREFY**  
 reflecting light, shining back, bright:  
**RELUCENT**  
 reflecting raised tiles instead of painted  
 lines on a highway: **BOTTS DOTS**  
 reflective, serious, often melancholy:  
**PENSIVE**  
 reflect, think about, consider carefully:  
**PONDER**  
 refrain: **ABSTAIN**  
 refreshments: **COLLATION**  
 refuge for an animal: **CREEPIHOLE**  
 refusal given bluntly: **REBUFF**  
 refusal to serve: **NON SERVIAM**  
 refuse scornfully, treat with contempt:  
**DISDAIN**  
 refuse, scorn, reject: **SPURN**  
 refuse to accept, disown, reject:  
**REPUDIATE**  
 refuse to deal with or patronize so as to  
 punish: **BOYCOTT**  
 refuse to go forward, balk: **JIB**  
 refuse, waste matter: **DROSS**  
 refutation in syllogistic form: **ELENCHUS**  
 regain, as for a loss: **RECOUP**  
 regain, recover, make up for, remedy  
 the consequences of: **RETRIEVE**  
 register of title deeds, charters, etc.:  
**CARTULARY**  
 register or enroll in a college or

university as a candidate for a  
 degree: **MATRICULATE**  
 regret an action, feel contrite: **REPENT**  
 regret extremely: **RUE**  
 regret, plead against: **DEPRECATE**  
 regular fixed-dollar-amount method of  
 purchasing securities: **MONTHLY**  
**INVESTMENT PLAN**  
 regular in repetition: **CONTINUAL**  
 regularly recurring, intermittent:  
**PERIODIC**  
 regulate, adjust, temper or soften:  
**MODULATE**  
 rehash, reworked literary material:  
**RECHAUFFÉ**  
 rehearsal: **DRY RUN**  
 reimburse: **RECOUP**  
 reincarnation: **METEMPSYCHOSIS**  
 rein thirty or more feet long at the end  
 of which a horse moves for  
 training and exercise: **LONGE**  
 reinvigorating: **ANALEPTIC**  
 reject, drive back: **REPEL**  
 rejection of customary belief,  
 immortality and institutions:  
**NIHILISM**  
 reject, rebuff, repel: **REPULSE**  
 reject, refuse, scorn: **SPURN**  
 reject, refuse to accept, disown:  
**REPUDIATE**  
 reject with contempt, refuse scornfully:  
**DISDAIN**  
 rejoice greatly: **EXULT**  
 relapse: **BACKSLIDE**  
 related on the female or mother's side:  
**ENATE**  
 related on the male or father's side:  
**AGNATE**  
 related or alike in meaning, significance  
 or effect: **SYNONYMOUS**  
 related or similar in structure, position,  
 value: **HOMOLOGOUS**  
 related superficially: **TANGENTIAL**  
 related to a subject, relevant:  
**PERTINENT**  
 related to what is being discussed,  
 relevant, pertinent: **GERMANE**  
 relationships within a group as a study:  
**SOCIOMETRY**  
 relationship that is close: **AFFINITY**  
 relaxant, sleep-producing medicine:  
**OPIATE**  
 release from care and pain, bliss:  
**NIRVANA**  
 release of repressed emotion by reliving

or talking about the original situation, trauma, etc.:

**ABREACTION**

relentless: **INEXORABLE**

relevant only in part: **TANGENTIAL**

relevant, pertinent, related to what is

being discussed: **GERMANE**

relevant, related to a subject:

**PERTINENT**

relics' or holy objects' repository, as a box or a shrine: **RELIQUARY**

relief design, as in metal: **REPOUSSÉ**

relieve of a burden: **DISBURDEN**

relieving irritation, soothing:

**DEMULCENT**

religious art that is cheap or vulgar:

**BONDIEUSERIE**

religious belief rejected: **ATHEISM**

religious belief that God has

foreknowledge of all and has

ordained the fate of human souls:

**PREDESTINATION**

religious devotion: **PIETY**

religious ecstasy: **THEOPATHY**

religious literature, traditions, etc.:

**HIEROLOGY**

religious movement based on literal acceptance of everything in the

Bible: **FUNDAMENTALISM**

religious music or sacred poetry muse:

**POLYHYMNIA**

religious offering: **OBLATION**

religious order's candidate: **POSTULANT**

religious or meditative commune:

**ASHRAM**

religious or spiritual hermit: **EREMITE**

religious ritual: **LITURGY**

religious washing of hands: **ABLUTION**

relinquish, give up, forgo: **WAIVE**

reliquary: **FERETORY**

reliving a traumatic situation for release from it: **ABREACTION**

reluctant, unwilling: **LOATH**

remainder after deducting all expenses, outlays, etc.: **NET**

remainder, leftover part: **RESIDUE**

remarkable, strange, extraordinary:

**UNACCOUNTABLE**

remark, gesture, etc., that dispels initial awkwardness, formality or tension:

**ICEBREAKER**

remark made in passing, comment that is not binding: **OBITER DICTUM**

remark or observation that is brief, clever and pointed: **EPIGRAM**

remark that is pointed, witty or mordant: **ZINGER**

remarriage: **DEUTEROGAMY**

remarriage: **DIGAMY**

remedy: **TREACLE**

remedy, cure-all, panacea: **ELIXIR**

remedy for all ailments, cure-all:

**PANACEA**

remedy or cure for all ills: **CATHOLICON**

remedy that one swears by, medicine of one's own invention, quack

medicine, cure-all: **NOSTRUM**

remedy the consequences of, get back,

regain: **RETRIEVE**

remembered or imagined with

photographic vividness: **EIDETIC**

remembering: **RETROSPECTION**

remembering in complete detail: **TOTAL**

**RECALL**

remember, recall to mind: **RETRIEVE**

reminder: **AIDE-MÉMOIRE**

reminder of mortality, as a symbol of death: **MEMENTO MORI**

remind one of a mistake or fault in order to taunt or annoy: **TWIT**

remission of sin: **ABSOLUTION**

remorse: **COMPUNCTION**

remove attention from: **PRESCIND**

remove obscene or otherwise

objectionable material: **EXPURGATE**

remove or dissociate from former

habits: **WEAN**

remove or drive away, as by scattering: **DISPEL**

remove or take off, as clothing: **DOFF**

remove property to a distance or

beyond a jurisdiction: **ELOIGN**

removing by surgery: **ABSCISSION**

renaissance or revival politically or culturally, infusion of new

determination: **RISORGIMENTO**

renaming a parent after his or her child: **TEKNONYMY**

render null and void: **INVALIDATE**

renegade individual: **ROGUE ELEPHANT**

renew, repair: **RENOVATE**

renew, restore to perfection:

**REDINTEGRATE**

renounce: **ABJURE**

renounce: **ABNEGATE**

renounce claim to right or power:

**ABDICATE**

renounce, give up: **RELINQUISH**

renounce or abandon emphatically:

**FORSWEAR**

renovate, make over: **REVAMP**  
 renovation of buildings, a neighborhood, etc., to improve property values and occupancy or clientele socioeconomically: **GENTRIFICATION**  
 renowned, distinguished: **ILLUSTRIOUS**  
 renowned, important: **PRESTIGIOUS**  
 renown or splendor of reputation: **ÉCLAT**  
 rent that is unreasonable or exorbitant: **RACK-RENT**  
 repartee in classical and Elizabethan dramatic dialogue: **STICHOMYTHIA**  
 repay evil in kind, take revenge: **RETALIATE**  
 repay in kind, compensate: **REQUITE**  
 repay or pay, make up for, as a loss: **RECOMPENSE**  
 repeal: **ABROGATE**  
 repeal, revoke, abrogate: **RESCIND**  
 repeat: **ITERATE**  
 repeatedly appearing: **RECURRENT**  
 repeated song or phrase in music: **REPRISE**  
 repeating another's or others' words: **ECHOLALIA**  
 repeat meaningless words over and over, babble: **VERBIGERATE**  
 repeat, say or do over and over: **REITERATE**  
 repel: **REBUFF**  
 repel, reject, rebuff: **REPULSE**  
 repent: **RUE**  
 repentant, sorrowful, mourning, humbled: **IN SACKCLOTH AND ASHES**  
 repetition needlessly in different words, a circular and meaningless statement: **TAUTOLOGY**  
 repetition of an initial sound in a series of words: **ALLITERATION**  
 repetition avoided of a word and a strained synonym used instead: **ELEGANT VARIATION**  
 repetition of a word or phrase: **ANAPHORA**  
 repetition of someone's words in senseless fashion: **ECHOLALIA**  
 repetition of the last word of one sentence at the beginning of the next sentence or clause: **ANADIPILOSIS**  
 repetition of written letters or words

done unintentionally: **DITTOGRAPHY**  
 repetitiousness: **BATTOLOGY**  
 repetitive or monotonous, narrow, belabored: **ONE-NOTE**  
 replacement of injured or diseased body tissue by a synthetic implant: **ALLOPLASTY**  
 replacement, temporary, or fill-in in a job: **LOCUM TENENS**  
 replace, supplant: **SUPERSEDE**  
 replies that are quick and witty: **REPARTEE**  
 reply, please: **RÉPONDEZ S'IL VOUS PLAÎT (R.S.V.P.)**  
 reply sharply: **RETORT**  
 reply so as to prove someone or something wrong, retort: **CONFUTE**  
 report-drafting official for a conference or committee: **RAPPORTEUR**  
 report of proceedings: **CAHIER**  
 representative of a government, civil magistrate or officer: **SYNDIC**  
 representative of a special-interest group who tries to influence legislation: **LOBBYIST**  
 representative, official or not, who deals with opponents, difficult situations, etc.: **POINT MAN**  
 representative or symbol of something, as of a doctrine or a cause: **EXPONENT**  
 repression generally forced on a society: **GLEICHSCHALTUNG**  
 reprimand, scolding: **RATING**  
 reproach sarcastically: **TAUNT**  
 reproach, scold, censure: **UPBRAID**  
 reproduce, duplicate, repeat: **REPLICATE**  
 reproduction or imitation of the original: **ECTYPE**  
 reprove mildly: **ADMONISH**  
 reptiles and amphibians as a study: **HERPETOLOGY**  
 repudiate: **ABJURE**  
 repudiate a former belief: **RECONT**  
 repudiate, contradict, deny: **DISAFFIRM**  
 repugnant, disgusting, offensive, hateful: **ODIOUS**  
 repulsive: **LOATHSOME**  
 repulsive, evil, flagrantly bad: **VILE**  
 repulsive-in-appearance thing or person: **EYESORE**  
 repurchase agreement: **REPO**  
 reputation-damaging campaign, personal-attack propaganda,

- political slander: **CHARACTER ASSASSINATION**
- reputed, usually so considered, supposed: **PUTATIVE**
- request or entreaty that succeeds, procuring: **IMPETRATION**
- require as a matter of justice, demand rigorously: **EXACT**
- require, claim: **POSTULATE**
- required by long use or custom: **PRESCRIPTIVE**
- required earlier than something that follows: **PREREQUISITE**
- required, indispensable: **REQUISITE**
- required, obligatory: **MANDATORY**
- research and development: **R AND D**
- resemblance in certain aspects of otherwise dissimilar things: **ANALOGY**
- resembling or correlative thing, equivalent in a manner of speaking: **COUNTERPART**
- resent another's possessions or enjoyment: **BEGRUDGE**
- resentfully morose, glum: **SULLEN**
- resentful or angry to a great degree: **IN HIGH DUDGEON**
- resentment, anger: **DUDGEON**
- resentment, injured feeling: **UMBRAGE**
- resentment, offended pride: **PIQUE**
- reservation, excuse: **SALVO**
- reserve accumulation of goods: **STOCKPILE**
- reserved, close-mouthed: **TACITURN**
- reserved, coy, shy, modest: **DEMURE**
- reserved, reluctant to speak, quiet: **RETICENT**
- reserve of unfilled orders: **BACKLOG**
- residence: **ABODE**
- resignation or giving up an office: **DEMISSION**
- resigned or adjusted to a situation: **RECONCILED**
- resiliency of the market in a particular security in the face of changing prices: **LIQUIDITY**
- resistance shown to established government, revolt: **INSURRECTION**
- resistance to harmful influence or disease: **IMMUNITY**
- resistant declaration ("I will not serve"): **NON SERVIAM**
- resistant, immune: **INSUSCEPTIBLE**
- resistant, not yielding to measures taken or treatment: **REFRACTORY**
- resistant to change, cautious, moderate: **CONSERVATIVE**
- resistant, unyielding: **IMPREGNABLE**
- resisting, doubting or ignoring attitude: **NEGATIVISM**
- resolved, unflinching, determined: **RESOLUTE**
- resonant: **SONOROUS**
- resounding, echoing: **RESONANT**
- resounding loudly: **REBOANT**
- respectable: **SAVORY**
- respectable, legitimate, legal: **ON-THE-UP-AND-UP**
- respect deeply: **VENERATE**
- respect is demanded and criticism is forbidden for such a person or idea: **SACRED COW**
- respect, reverence, homage: **OBEISANCE**
- respects paid: **DEVOIRS**
- respiration at an excessive rate depleting carbon dioxide: **HYPERVENTILATION**
- responding involuntarily to a stimulus as an organism does: **TROPISM**
- response developed by training: **CONDITIONED REFLEX**
- response, echo: **REPLICATION**
- responsibility, burden: **ONUS**
- responsibility for all one's acts (Buddhism and Hinduism): **KARMA**
- responsively sung or chanted hymn, psalm, verse, etc.: **ANTIPHON**
- responsive reaction or evaluation: **FEEDBACK**
- responsive to persuasion or change: **AMENABLE**
- rest and recuperation, leave: **R AND R (REST AND RECUPERATION)**
- restaurant: **TRATTORIA**
- restaurant or bar that is small: **BISTRO**
- restaurant or café that provides entertainment: **CABARET**
- restaurant that is bar-like and informal: **BRASSERIE**
- resting, leaning or weighing upon something: **INCUMBENT**
- resting, nonactive: **STATIC**
- resting place for travelers or pilgrims: **HOSPICE**
- rest in peace: **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**
- rest interval, postponement, delay: **RESPIRE**
- restlessly or nervously move: **FIDGET**
- restlessness, anxiety: **DISQUIET**
- restlessness, uneasiness: **INQUIETUDE**



restless, superficial, frivolous: **YEASTY**

restless, unruly, fidgety: **RESTIVE**

restoration, compensation, amends:

**REPARATION**

restore friendship: **RECONCILE**

restore to perfection, renew:

**REDINTEGRATE**

restore to rank, position or state of

health: **REHABILITATE**

restore youthful feeling or vigor:

**REJUVENATE**

restrained, moderate: **TEMPERATE**

restrain or check, as an impulse:

**INHIBIT**

restraint in sexual activity, moderation:

**CONTINENCE**

restraint, modesty and self-control,

prudence, temperance;

**SOPHIROSYNE**

restriction, boundary: **PALE**

restriction on freight transportation:

**EMBARGO**

restrict to a scanty amount: **STINT**

result: **AFTERMATH**

result, effect: **RAMIFICATION**

result or consequence that is normal:

**COROLLARY**

résumé, career or biographical

description or chronology:

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

resuscitation: **ANABIOSIS**

retaining wall: **REVETMENT**

retaliation: **REPRISAL**

retaliation, repayment in kind: **TIT FOR**

**TAT**

retarded person brilliant in one skill or

field: **IDIOT SAVANT**

retch, heave as if to vomit: **KECK**

retentive, as memory: **TENACIOUS**

retinue, train of attendants: **CORTEGE**

retired from active service but retaining

an honorary position: **EMERITUS**

retired on account of age:

**SUPERANNUATED**

retired person, pension recipient:

**PENSIONER**

retire-early incentive offered to an older

employee: **GOLDEN HANDSHAKE**

retire, make oneself inconspicuous:

**EFFACE**

retort that is sharp and swift: **RIPOSTE**

retouching or delicate-work paint

atomizer: **AIRBRUSH**

retract: **ABJURE**

retraction: **PALINODE**

retreat to an earlier or worse condition:

**RETROGRESS**

retroactive: **EX POST FACTO**

retrospect: **HINDSIGHT**

return by an offender to criminal acts

or antisocial behavior: **RECIDIVISM**

return in kind or amount:

**RECIPROCATATE**

return like for like, repay evil with evil,

take revenge: **RETALIATE**

return of part of the output of a system

into the input: **FEEDBACK**

return to a former place, position or

condition: **REVERT**

return to normal condition or better:

**RALLY**

reveal, bring to light, disclose: **EXHUME**

reveal, give vent to: **UNBOSOM**

reveal or tell, as a secret: **DIVULGE**

revelation or insight dramatically

symbolic in a literary work:

**EPIPHANY**

revelry, usually lasting for a special

season or period: **SATURNALIA**

revengeful, spiteful: **VINDICTIVE**

revenge sought by a country at the cost

of war or violence: **REVANCHISM**

reverberation, aftereffect:

**REPERCUSSION**

revere: **VENERATE**

reverence, homage, respect: **OBEISANCE**

reverie, reflection: **BROWN STUDY**

reversal of fortune in drama, literature,

etc.: **PERIPETEIA, PERIPETIA,**

**PERIPETY**

reversal of letters or words as a form of

reading disorder:

**STREPHOSYMBOLIA**

reversal of opinion: **ABOUT-FACE**

reversal of opinion: **FLIP-FLOP,**

**VOLTE-FACE**

reversal or disruption, overthrow,

disorder, confusion, upset:

**BOULEVERSEMENT**

reverse counting of time: **COUNTDOWN**

reversed order of things or events, used

as a figure of speech: **HYSTERON**

**PROTERON**

reversed or opposite in order or effect:

**INVERSE**

reverse of phraseology in the second of

two parallel expressions: **CHIASMUS**

reverse reading of a word or sentence is

the same as forward reading:

**PALINDROME**



reverse side of a phonograph record:

**FLIP SIDE, B SIDE**

reversion, backward movement:

**REGRESSION**

reversion to a more primitive type:

**ATAVISM**

reversion to an earlier form or

condition: **THROWBACK**

reviewing past occurrences,

remembering: **RETROSPECTION**

revise, renovate: **REVAMP**

revise, vary, restrict, limit: **MODIFY**

revival, new birth: **RENASCENCE**

revival or return to former excellence:

**COMEBACK**

revive, bring or come back to life:

**RESUSCITATE**

revive, refresh, renew: **RENOVATE**

revoke, abrogate, repeal: **RESCIND**

revoke a legacy: **ADEEM**

revoke or reverse a command:

**COUNTERMAND**

revolting, detestable, abominable:

**EXECRABLE**

revolting monster, grave robber: **GHOUL**

revolve or rotate, usually around a fixed point: **GYRATE**

revolving serving tray: **LAZY SUSAN**

revolving, whirling or circular in

motion: **GYRAL**

reward: **GUERDON**

rewarding partisan service with public

office: **SPOILS SYSTEM**

reward or compensation in a job:

**EMOLUMENT**

rewording of a statement with the original meaning retained:

**PARAPHRASE**

reworked literary material, rehash:

**RÉCHAUFFÉ**

rhyme composed of words similar in spelling but not in sound: **EYE**

**RHYME**

rhyme in which the stress falls on the next-to-last syllable: **FEMININE**

**RHYME**

rhyme scheme in which a word within the line of verse rhymes with the final word of the line: **LEONINE**

**RHYME**

rhyming game in which a rhyme must be given for a word or line given by another: **CRAMBO**

rhythmic or measured flow: **CADENCE**

rhythmic pendulum device for keeping the beat: **METRONOME**

rhythmic placement of a tone so that its accent does not coincide with the metric accent: **SYNCPATION**

ribbon cluster or rosette worn as a badge: **COCKADE**

ribbons and pins in a store: **NOTIONS**

ribbon worn as an insignia of honor or rank: **CORDON**

rib or ridge, as on fabric: **WALE**

rice cooked in broth: **RISOTTO**

rich and fashionable young people, gilded youth: **JEUNESSE DORÉE**

rich and resonant, as a tone: **VIBRANT**

rich customers or patrons: **CARRIAGE TRADE**

riches, wealth: **OPULENCE**

rich man: **CROESUS**

rich or ambitious newcomer, upstart, parvenu: **ARRIVISTE**

rich or influential man: **NABOB**

rich person who has become so only recently: **NOUVEAU RICHE**

rickety: **RAMSHACKLE**

riddle involving a pun: **CONUNDRUM**

riddle, puzzle, obscure or ambiguous saying: **ENIGMA**

ride for pleasure, reckless ride in a stolen vehicle: **JOY RIDE**

ridge around a hatchway or skylight to keep out water: **COAMING**

ridge or rib, as on fabric: **WALE**

ridges fixed across the fingerboard of a guitar or other stringed instrument: **FRETS**

ridicule or scorn publicly: **PILLORY**

ridicule or treat with scornful mirth:

**DERIDE**

ridicule or wit used to attack vices or follies: **SATIRE**

ridiculous, absurd: **LUDICROUS**

ridiculous or ludicrous situation: **FARCE**

riding the crest of a wave toward shore on a surfboard: **SURFING**

riding the waves on a sailboard: **WINDSURFING**

rid oneself of: **SLOUGH**

rid oneself of a burden: **DISBURDEN**

rifle marksmanship and skiing competition: **BIATHLON**

rifle with a short barrel: **CARBINE**

right- and left-handed: **AMBIDEXTROUS**

right-angled position of a line or place to another: **PERPENDICULAR**

right-angled triangle's side that is  
opposite the right angle:

**HYPOTENUSE**

right a wrong, make compensation:

**REDRESS**

righteous or pious as a pretense:

**SANCTIMONIOUS**

right-hand page of a book: **RECTO**

right of feudal lords to the first night

with a bride: **DROIT DU SEIGNEUR**

right of the state to take over private

property for public use: **EMINENT**

**DOMAIN**

right or claim that is legal: **DROIT**

right or left part of something, side:

**FLANK**

right side as opposed to the left side,

especially in heraldry: **DEXTER**

right side of a vessel or plane as one

faces forward: **STARBOARD**

right that is exclusive or a privilege:

**PREROGATIVE**

right to left, a word or sentence reads

the same as left to right:

**PALINDROME**

right to vote: **SUFFRAGE**

right word or expression: **MOT JUSTE**

rigid, enlarged condition of the penis:

**ERECTION**

rigid, inflexible: **HARD-SHELL**

rigidity of the muscles after death:

**RIGOR MORTIS**

rigid, severe: **STRINGENT**

rigmarole: **AMPHIGORY**

ring, as for the finger, made up of two

interlocked circlets: **GIMMAL**

ring for attaching a leash, as to a dog's

collar: **TERRET**

ringing in the ears: **TINNITUS**

ringing of bells: **TINTINNABULATION**

ringing or tinkling sound: **JINGLE**

ring or disk used to make a connection

watertight or gastight: **GASKET**

ring-shaped hard roll of bread: **BAGEL**

ring to strengthen a loose-leaf paper

hole: **REINFORCEMENT**

riot, civil or political disturbance:

**DISTEMPER**

riotous, wild: **TURBULENT**

rip apart forcibly: **REND**

ripen: **MATURATE**

ripple, bubble, heave: **POPPLE**

rise above: **TRANSCEND**

rise and float in the air: **LEVITATE**

rise or overflow of a stream occurring  
suddenly: **FRESHET**

rise somewhat from the water when

moving at high speed: **PLANE**

rising again: **RESURGENT**

rising and falling gently, wavy in

appearance: **UNDULATING**

rising and setting of a star, involving

the: **ACRONICAL**

rising market: **BULL MARKET**

rising up in insurrection: **INSURGENCE**

risks taken to achieve some end:

**BRINKMANSHIP**

risky: **SPECULATIVE**

risky and delicate, uncertain,

precarious: **TOUCH-AND-GO**

risky or uncertain venture: **CRAPSHOOT**

risqué, indecent: **SCABROUS**

risqué, suggestive: **RACY**

rite considered ordained by Jesus as a

means of grace: **SACRAMENT**

ritual of public religious worship:

**LITURGY**

rival or vie with successfully: **EMULATE**

rivalry, competition: **CONTENTION**

river embankment built to prevent

flooding: **LEVEE**

riverine, pertaining to a riverbank area:

**RIPARIAN**

river mouth area of plain and streams:

**DELTA**

river mouth where the stream's current

meets the sea, an inlet of the sea:

**ESTUARY**

river of oblivion, forgetfulness: **LETHE**

river of woe: **ACHERON**

river or rivers, pertaining to: **FLUVIAL**

river's head or supply of water:

**WATERSHED**

road ascending a steep incline in a

zigzag pattern: **SWITCHBACK**

road raised over marshy land or water:

**CAUSEWAY**

road repairing utilizing forced labor:

**CORVEE**

roam about in search of diversion, gad

about: **GALLIVANT**

roaming, homeless: **NOMADIC**

rob a truck or seize a plane in transit:

**HIJACK**

robber or bandit, usually one of a

group: **BRIGAND**

robber who assaults or threatens the

victim and tries to flee quickly:

**MUGGER**

robber who smuggles goods out of an open store: **SHOPLIFTER**

robe or undercoat, long-sleeved and sashed: **CAFTAN**

robotic, computerized or mechanical autonomy, as in performing tasks, solving problems or playing games: **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

robot like a human being: **ANDROID**

robot like a human being in Jewish folklore: **GOLEM**

rob, strip, deprive of: **DESPOIL**

robust, sound and vigorous of health: **HALE**

robust, tough: **HARDY**

rocket's forward separable section designed to stand intense heat: **NOSE CONE**

rocket's head containing explosive: **WARHEAD**

rock projecting and isolated: **SCAR**

rock salt (sodium chloride): **HALITE**

rocks and their characteristics as a study: **PETROLOGY**

rocks' structure and composition as a scientific study: **LITHOLOGY**

rocky cliff that extends a distance: **PALISADES**

rocky hill or its craggy peak: **TOR**

rod that holds meat together for cooking: **SKEWER**

rod that is a symbol of royalty: **SCEPTER**

rod that is pointed and is used for cooking meat over a fire: **SPIT**

rogue, rascal: **RAPSCALLION**

rolled up, spirally curling: **VOLUTE**

rollicking type of square dance: **HOEDOWN**

roll made of dough in the shape of a crescent: **CROISSANT**

roll of film or magnetic tape in a case: **CASSETTE**

roll of hard bread that is ring-shaped: **BAGEL**

roll of minced meat or fish in a thin pastry: **RISSOLE**

roll of sliced meat filled with minced meat: **ROULADE**

roll or move tumultuously: **WELTER**

romance or Gothic historical novel: **BODICE RIPPER**

Romanian and Israeli folk dance in which dancers lock arms in a circle: **HORA**

Roman gladiator who fought with a short sword and a long shield:

**SAMNITE**

Roman gladiator who fought with a small and often curved sword:

**THRACE**

Roman gladiator who fought with a standard sword and shield:

**MIRMILLON**

Roman gladiator who fought with a trident and a net: **RETIARIUS**

romantic, chivalric or daring in intentions but impractical:

**QUIXOTIC**

roofed atop columns or pillars:

**HYPOSTYLE**

roofed mall, court or promenade, often glass-enclosed: **GALLERIA**

roof support just above a column:

**ARCHITRAVE**

roof that is rounded, dome: **CUPOLA**

roof tile with an unbalanced S shape: **PANTILE**

roof with a single slope whose upper edge abuts a wall: **LEAN-TO**

roof with two slopes on all sides, the lower having a steeper pitch:

**MANSARD**

roof with two slopes on each of two sides, the lower having a steeper pitch: **GAMBREL**

room or territory for expansion:

**LEBENSRAUM**

room with therapeutic dry heat: **SAUNA**

roomy: **CAPACIOUS**

rooster that is castrated to make the meat better for eating: **CAPON**

root-like: **RHIZOID**

root out, destroy wholly: **EXTIRPATE**

rope, cable or wire used to steady or secure something: **GUY**

rope for mooring at the front of a boat: **PAINTER**

rope-like cord that is elastic, often with hooked ends, and used to secure large packages, luggage, etc.:

**BUNGEE CORD, SHOCK CORD**

rope or cable for mooring or towing:

**HAWSER**

rope- or cable-winding shaft: **CAPSTAN, WINDLASS**

rope with a running noose used with horses and livestock: **LARIAT**

rosette, ribbon badge: **COCKADE**

rosy: **RUBICUND**

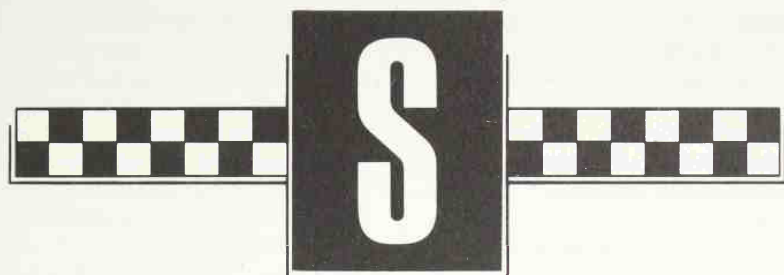
rotary combustion engine for automobiles: **WANKEL ENGINE**  
 rotate or revolve, usually around a fixed point: **GYRATE**  
 rotation force: **TORQUE**  
 rote repetition in speech, parroting: **PSITTACISM**  
 rotten: **CARIOUS**  
 rotten, corrupt: **PUTRID**  
 rotten-egg-smelling gas: **HYDROGEN SULFIDE**  
 rotten or dead flesh: **CARRION**  
 rough-and-tumble clash, fracas: **SCRIMMAGE**  
 rough, crude, unrefined: **UNCOUTH**  
 roughly handle, manhandle, abuse: **MAUL**  
 roughness: **ASPERITY**  
 rough, plain, simple: **RUSTIC**  
 rough sketch: **ESQUISSE**  
 roundabout: **AMBIGUOUS**  
 roundabout, hesitant or insincere in speech, not straightforward: **MEALYMOUTHED**  
 roundabout, indirect: **CIRCUITOUS**  
 roundabout talk: **CIRCUMLOCUTION**  
 round building or hall: **ROTUNDA**  
 round but somewhat flattened at the top and bottom: **OBROTUND**  
 round but somewhat flattened or concave at the poles: **OBLATE**  
 rounded, full, clear, as a voice: **OROTUND**  
 rounded mass: **GLOMERATION**  
 rounded out, plump: **ROTUND**  
 rounded, spherical: **ORBICULAR**  
 roundness: **SPHERICITY**  
 round up: **CORRAL**  
 rouse to action, stimulate, arouse: **GALVANIZE**  
 rousing speech: **STEMWINDER**  
 route followed in traveling: **ITINERARY**  
 routine, commonplace, ordinary: **MUNDANE**  
 routinely performed without interest: **PERFUNCTORY**  
 roving, wandering, straying, itinerant: **ERRANT**  
 rowboat with high sides and a flat bottom: **DORY**  
 rower's seat in a boat: **THWART**  
 royalty symbol in the form of a rod: **SCEPTER**  
 rub away: **ABRADE**

rubbery plastic used in dentistry and golf balls: **GUTTA-PERCHA**  
 rubbing against another for sexual stimulation: **FROTTAGE**  
 rubbing off or wearing off of particles: **DETRITION**  
 rubbish, junk, trash: **DRECK**  
 rubbish, nonsense: **TRUMPERY**  
 rubbish, refuse, leavings: **OFFAL**  
 rubble below a cliff: **SCREE**  
 rub out, erase, cancel, obliterate: **EFFACE**  
 rub the body with oil: **EMBROCATE**  
 ruddy: **SANGUINE**  
 ruddy, flushed: **FLORID**  
 rude, disorderly, boisterous: **RAMBUNCTIOUS**  
 rudeness, insolence: **IMPERTINENCE**  
 rudeness in speech that is insulting and scornful: **CONTUMELY**  
 rude or discourteous manner: **INCIVILITY**  
 rude or ill-natured person: **CHURL**  
 rude, sullen: **SURLY**  
 rudimentary: **ABECEDARIAN**  
 ruffle at the neckline or front of a bodice or shirt: **JABOT**  
 ruffled or pleated strip of fabric worn about the neck or wrists of a woman's costume: **RUCHE**  
 ruffle on a blouse or coat at the waist: **PEPLUM**  
 ruffle, upset the balance: **DISTEMPER**  
 rugged and weather-beaten: **GNARLED**  
 ruin, destruction: **HAVOC**  
 ruiner of a plan, project, etc.: **MARPLOT**  
 ruinous or fatal act: **KISS OF DEATH**  
 ruin, rout, sudden and ruinous breakdown or collapse: **DEBACLE**  
 ruin, wreck, pillage: **RAVAGE**  
 rule by the best or the most privileged: **ARISTOCRACY**  
 rule, moral guide, maxim: **PRECEPT**  
 rule or principle that is established: **CANON**  
 rule or standard by which a judgment can be made: **CRITERION**  
 rule or treat with cruel power: **TYRANNIZE**  
 ruler or similar instrument used to punish children: **FERULE**  
 rulers or sovereigns reigning in succession in one line of descent: **DYNASTY**

ruler who governs in place of a sovereign: **REGENT**  
 ruler who is supreme: **SOVEREIGN**  
 rules or directions printed for use in religious services: **RUBRIC**  
 rumble, move with rumbling noise: **LUMBER**  
 rum drink that includes lemon or lime juice and sugar: **PLANTER'S PUNCH**  
 rummage about for something: **FOSSICK**  
 rumor, gossip, the lowdown: **SCUTTLEBUTT**  
 rumor that is false: **CANARD**  
 rumpled, untidy, unkempt, tousled: **DISHEVELED**  
 run away to escape the law: **ABSCOND**  
 run-down, neglected, fallen into ruin or decay: **DILAPIDATED**  
 run, go in a hurry: **SCAMPER**  
 runic alphabet: **FUTHARK**  
 runners fastened to shoes for gliding over snow: **SKIS**  
 running at a slow pace: **JOGGING**  
 running together of final and initial sounds of two adjacent words: **SANDHI**  
 run with a steady swinging stride: **LOPE**  
 rural: **AGRESTIC**  
 rural and peaceful, idyllic: **PASTORAL**  
 rural or farming affairs, pertaining to: **GEORGIC**  
 rural or remote area, hinterland, sticks: **BOONDOCKS**  
 rush forward: **SALLY**  
 rush headlong: **HURTLE**  
 rush wildly: **CAREEN**

Russian citizen denied permission to emigrate: **REFUSENIK**  
 Russian country home: **DACHA**  
 Russian dance in which a squatting man kicks each leg out alternately: **KAZATSKY**  
 Russian for "comrade": **TOVARICH**  
 Russian for "goodbye": **DO SVIDANIYA**  
 Russian painted hollow wooden doll, somewhat bowling-pin-shaped and with a separable top half, that is one of several that "nest" one within the other: **MATRUSHKA**  
 Russian policy of openness regarding solving internal social problems: **GLASNOST**  
 Russian title equivalent to "Mr.": **GOSPODIN**  
 Russian triangular-shaped stringed instrument: **BALALAIKA**  
 Russian unit of length (about 3,500 feet, .66 miles, 1.07 kilometers): **VERST**  
 Russian vehicle drawn by three horses abreast: **TROIKA**  
 rustic, pastoral: **BUCOLIC**  
 rustic, pastoral and simple, peaceful: **ARCADIAN**  
 rustling as of silk, swish, fanciness: **FROUFROU**  
 rustling, whispering, softly murmuring: **SUSURRANT**  
 ruthless in compelling conformity: **PROCRUSTEAN**  
 rye or bourbon cocktail made with vermouth: **MANHATTAN**





sable fur: **ZIBELINE**  
sack of canvas or duck used for carrying personal possessions: **DUFFLE BAG, DUFFEL BAG**  
sacred books of any sect or religion: **CANON**  
sacredness maintained, unbroken: **INVIOULATE**  
sacred poetry or religious music muse: **POLYHYMNIA**  
sacrificial offering, wholly consumed by fire: **HOLOCAUST**  
saddened, dejected, gloomy: **DISCONSOLATE**  
saddened or desolate through loss: **BEREAVED**  
saddle hind part that projects upward: **CANTLE**  
saddle lighter but better padded than a Western saddle and having no pommel horn: **ENGLISH SADDLE**  
sadism and masochism, sadomasochism: **S AND M, S & M**  
sadism or masochism: **ALGOLAGNIA**  
sad, mournful, painful: **DOLOROUS**  
sad or mournful, especially in a ludicrous manner: **LUGUBRIOUS**  
sad, pitiful, causing sorrow: **PATHETIC**  
safe or proof against attack: **UNASSAILABLE**  
safety or hiding place for an animal: **CREEPHOLE**  
said or done thing for effect or as a formality: **GESTURE**  
sailboat pole, or spar, projecting from the bow: **BOWSPRIT**  
sailboat's mast or boom: **SPAR**  
sailboat that is small and usually with a cockpit: **SAILBOARD**

sailboat with a single mast and fore-and-aft rigging: **SLOOP**  
sailboat with three parallel hulls: **TRIMARAN**  
sailboat with two parallel hulls: **CATAMARAN**  
sailing close to the wind: **LUFF**  
sail of triangular shape ahead of the foremast: **JIB**  
sailor ranking below an able-bodied seaman: **ORDINARY SEAMAN**  
sailor's bag for belongings: **DITTY BAG**  
sailor's close-fitting knitted navy-blue cap: **WATCH CAP**  
sailor's dance: **HORNPIPE**  
sailors' rhythmical working song: **CHANTEY, CHANTY**  
sailor uniform neck flap: **TALLYWHACKER**  
sailor who is a veteran, old salt: **SHELLBACK**  
sail that is large and usually triangular and used when running before the wind: **SPINNAKER**  
sainted: **CANONIZED**  
saints and their lives as a study: **HAGIOGRAPHY**  
Saint Vitus's dance: **CHOREA**  
salary, pension, allowance: **STIPEND**  
sale item priced near or below cost to promote sale of others: **LOSS LEADER**  
sales-force manager in a store: **FLOORWALKER**  
saliva, spittle: **SPUTUM**  
salmon before it enters the ocean: **PARR**  
salmon of a salty, smoked variety: **LOX**  
salmon that has returned for the first time from the sea to fresh water: **GRIILSE**

salty: **SALINE**  
 salty, briny: **BRACKISH**  
 salvage something usable from refuse:  
     **SCAVENGE**  
 same: **DITTO**  
 same as the previous reference: **IBID.**  
 same kind of person or thing:  
     **CONGENER**  
 sameness in style, tone, expression,  
     color: **MONOTONE**  
 sample strip of fabric: **SWATCH**  
 sanctimonious: **PHARISAIC**  
 sanctuary especially sacred: **SANCTUM**  
     **SANCTORUM**  
 sandals with uppers made of straps:  
     **HUARACHES**  
 sandstone used to scour the wooden  
     decks of a ship: **HOLYSTONE**  
 sandwich of Swiss cheese, corned beef  
     and sauerkraut on grilled rye  
     bread: **REUBEN SANDWICH**  
 sandwich with three slices of bread and  
     two layers of filling:  
     **DOUBLE-DECKER**  
 sandy area with vegetation blown away  
     by the sand: **SANDBLOW**  
 sandy, gritty: **SABULOUS**  
 sandy whirlwind that is small: **DUST**  
     **DEVIL**  
 sane, sound of mind: **COMPOS MENTIS**  
 sarcastic: **ACRIMONIOUS**  
 sarcastic, biting: **CAUSTIC**  
 sarcastic, caustic, cutting: **MORDANT**  
 sarcastic or humorous speech in which  
     the opposite of what is said is  
     meant: **IRONY**  
 sardine-like fish: **SPRAT**  
 sarong-style loincloth worn by Samoan  
     natives: **LAVALAVA, PAREU**  
 sash, usually wide, worn as a  
     waistband: **CUMMERBUND**  
 sassy: **CHEEKY**  
 sassy young woman: **BAGGAGE**  
 satanic: **CLOVEN-HOOFFED**  
 sated, full, amply supplied: **REPLETE**  
 satire that is sarcastic or coarse and is  
     posted publicly: **PASQUINADE**  
 satirize or abuse in humorous prose or  
     verse: **LAMPOON**  
 satirizing a literary work by using a  
     grand or epical style describing  
     something trivial: **MOCK-HEROIC**  
 satisfaction felt from another's troubles:  
     **SCHADENFREUDE**  
 satisfy or quench, as a thirst: **SLAKE**

saturate, permeate, fertilize:  
     **IMPREGNATE**  
 sauce, as for fish, made of mayonnaise  
     and chopped pickles, capers, etc.:  
     **TARTAR SAUCE**  
 sauce made with mayonnaise and  
     spices: **RÉMOULADE**  
 sauce of onions, butter and white sauce:  
     **SOUBISE**  
 saucer-like concave large antenna used  
     for extensive television signal  
     reception: **DISH ANTENNA**  
 saucer of plastic streamlined for a  
     throwing game: **FRISBEE**  
 sauce thickener made of fat and flour:  
     **ROUX**  
 sauciness, impertinence: **FLIPPANCY**  
 saucy, brazen, shameless, bold:  
     **IMPUDENT**  
 saucy, lively: **PERT**  
 sausage of smoked beef and pork:  
     **CERVELAT**  
 sausage-shaped: **ALLANTOID**  
 savage, fierce, bloodthirsty, cruel:  
     **FEROCIOUS**  
 savage, wild: **FERAL**  
 save by not spending, economize:  
     **SCRIMP**  
 saved fund of money for future use:  
     **NEST EGG**  
 saved material after a wreck, fire, etc.:  
     **SALVAGE**  
 save from destruction: **SALVAGE**  
 saving occurrence or thing that is  
     unexpected but timely: **GODSEND**  
 savory, pleasant-tasting: **SAPID**  
 saying long in use: **ADAGE**  
 saying or precept, formal statement:  
     **DICTUM**  
 sayings ascribed to Jesus but not found  
     in the Bible: **AGRAPHIA**  
 saying something that one at the same  
     time suggests is too obvious to say:  
     **PARALEIPSIS**  
 sayings that are humorous, witty or  
     ribald: **FACETIAE**  
 say or do over and over, repeat:  
     **REITERATE**  
 scale ramparts by means of ladders:  
     **ESCALADE**  
 scaly: **SQUAMOUS**  
 scanty: **SKIMPY**  
 scanty, inadequate, thin: **MEAGER**  
 scanty, small, diminutive: **EXIGUOUS**  
 scanty, stingy: **NIGGARDLY**

scapegoat: **FALL GUY**  
scapegoat: **WHIPPING BOY**  
scarcity, lack, famine: **DEARTH**  
scarf, long and made of fur or fabric,  
worn over a woman's shoulders:  
**STOLE**  
scarf, necktie: **CRAVAT**  
scarf, often of lace, worn over a high  
comb on the head by Spanish  
women: **MANTILLA**  
scarf worn about the head and  
shoulders by Spanish and Latin  
American women: **REBOZO**  
scarf worn on the head by women:  
**BABUSHKA**  
scar, scar-like marking: **CICATRIX**  
scatter among other things, set here and  
there: **INTERPERSE**  
scatter, drive away, dispel: **DISPERSE**  
scattered in focus, haphazard, dispersed,  
indiscriminate: **SCATTERSHOT**  
scattered, not concentrated: **SPARSE**  
scattered, wasted: **DISSIPATED**  
scatter or diffuse, as if by sowing:  
**DISSEMINATE**  
schedule, select: **SLATE**  
scheme, plot: **MACHINATE**  
scheming person (derogatory): **JESUIT**  
scheming politically in a ruthless way:  
**MACHIAVELLIAN**  
schizophrenia: **DEMENTIA PRAECOX**  
schizophrenia, usually associated with  
puberty, characterized by  
unsystematic behavior and  
exaggerated mannerisms:  
**HEBEPHRENIA**  
scholarly celebratory or anniversary  
publication: **FESTSCHRIFT**  
scholarly interpreter, annotator or  
commentator: **SCHOLIAST**  
scholarly, learned: **ERUDITE**  
scholarly life: **ACADEME**  
scholarly person: **SAVANT**  
scholar of prodigious encyclopedic  
learning, polyhistor: **POLYMATH**  
scholar of prodigious encyclopedic  
learning, polymath: **POLYHISTOR**  
scholars' conference or seminar:  
**COLLOQUIUM**  
scholarship displayed in an  
undiscriminating way: **PEDANTRY**  
science of bullets, missiles, rockets, etc.:  
**BALLISTICS**  
science of soil: **AGROLOGY**  
science of the earth's surface and its

physical, political and social  
characteristics: **GEOGRAPHY**  
scientific husbandry: **AGRONOMY**  
scoff: **JEER**  
scold, censure, reproach: **UPBRAID**  
scolding: **ABUSIVE**  
scolding and abusive woman, shrew:  
**TERMAGANT**  
scolding, harsh reprimand: **RATING**  
scold, rake over the coals, reprove  
severely: **KEELHAUL**  
scold severely, upbraid, berate:  
**OBJURGATE**  
scold, sharp-tongued woman: **VIRAGO**  
scold, tell off: **BERATE**  
scope: **AMBIT**  
scope, range, extent: **PURVIEW**  
scorched, colored as if by scorching:  
**USTULATE**  
scorched, hot: **TORRID**  
scorn, despise: **CONTEMN**  
scornful rudeness in speech:  
**CONTUMELY**  
scornful, sneering, cynical: **SARDONIC**  
scorn or ridicule publicly: **PILLORY**  
scorn, reject, refuse: **SPURN**  
Scotch whisky and vermouth cocktail:  
**ROB ROY**  
Scottish cap with a tight headband and  
a wide, flat top: **TAM-O'SHANTER**  
Scottish dish containing animal's insides  
boiled in its stomach: **HAGGIS**  
Scottish furred pouch worn in front  
with a kilt: **SPORRAN**  
Scottish woolen long and creased cap  
with ribbons hanging at the back:  
**GLENGARRY**  
scoundrel: **BLACKGUARD**  
scoundrel: **CAITIFF**  
scowl, look angry or sullen: **LOWER**  
scowl sullenly: **GLOWER**  
scrap, do away with: **SCUTTLE**  
scrape away: **ABRADE**  
scrape or grind harshly, cut, pierce:  
**GRIDE**  
scrape, paw, scratch: **SCRABBLE**  
scrap, fragment: **SNIPPET**  
scratch, cut: **SCOTCH**  
scratch, scrape, paw: **SCRABBLE**  
scream, bawl, cry loudly: **SQUALL**  
screen behind an altar: **REREDOS**  
screen or shutter of overlapping  
adjustable horizontal slats:  
**JALOUSIE**  
screw or nail something so that it lies

flush with or below the surface:

**COUNTERSINK**

screwy, giddy, disorganized, frivolous:

**SCATTERBRAINED**

scribble: **SCRABBLE**

scribble, draw aimlessly: **DOODLE**

scribble, illegible handwriting:

**GRIFFONAGE**

scribbles or drawings on wall:

**GRAFFITI**

scroll-like architectural ornament or

tablet: **CARTOUCHE**

scruffy, uneven: **SCRAGGLY**

scrutinize, examine or read thoroughly:

**PERUSE**

scrutinize, look at closely: **SCAN**

scuba-diving metal valve for the diver's

breathing: **REGULATOR**

sculptor's framework for modeling

material: **ARMATURE**

sculptured basket of fruit: **CORBEIL**

sculpture in which figures project

slightly: **BAS-RELIEF**

sculpture-like decoration or grayish

painting: **GRISAILLE**

scum, froth, foam: **SPUME**

scythe- or sickle-shaped: **FALCATE**

sea area with numerous islands:

**ARCHIPELAGO**

sea arm with a long and narrow path

and between high banks: **FJORD**

sea-green or yellowish-green in color:

**GLAUCOUS**

seal or plug edges or crevices: **CAULK**

seal or signet rings as a subject of

study: **SPHRAGISTICS**

seaman's short coat of heavy woolen

fabric: **PEA JACKET**

sear: **CAUTERIZE**

search for food or supplies: **FORAGE**

search for gold in abandoned mines:

**FOSSICK**

search for information, investigate:

**DELVE**

search out by careful investigation:

**FERRET**

search, pursuit, adventure: **QUEST**

search, scour, move rapidly: **SKIRR**

search thoroughly: **RANSACK**

search through: **ROOT**

search through refuse, as for food:

**SCAVENGE**

seas, lakes, rivers, etc., studied to

determine their use for navigation:

**HYDROGRAPHY**

season of warm, hazy weather in late

autumn: **INDIAN SUMMER**

sea spray: **SPINDRIFT**

seat behind the saddle on a horse or

motorcycle: **PILLION**

seated a great part of the time, settled,

inactive: **SEDENTARY**

seat for riders on an elephant or a

camel: **HOWDAH**

seat or small stool, usually without

arms or a back: **TABORET**

seat or sofa for two people: **LOVE SEAT**

seat or step in a series that rises:

**GRADINE**

seaward current of water beneath the

surface: **UNDERCURRENT**

seaweed or other marine vegetation cast

ashore: **WRACK**

secluded: **CLOISTRAL**

secluded: **SEQUESTERED**

secluded garden for quiet pleasure:

**PLEASANCE**

secluded or inactive for a period,

especially winter: **HIBERNATING**

secluded or solitary person: **RECLUSE**

secondary, casual, minor: **INCIDENTAL**

secondary phenomenon occurring with

another but having no power to

produce effects: **EPIPHENOMENON**

second marriage: **DEUTEROGAMY**

second marriage: **DIGAMY**

second seat on a motorcycle: **PILLION**

second self: **ALTER EGO**

second sight: **CLAIRVOYANCE**

second-time experience imagined when

it is actually only the first time:

**DÉJÀ VU**

secret, abstruse, unknown except by an

inner few: **ESOTERIC**

secret agreement, usually to defraud

someone: **COLLUSION**

secretary: **AMANUENSIS**

secret fund to be used for corrupt

purposes: **SLUSH FUND**

secret group joined in intrigue: **CABAL**

secret, hidden: **ARCANE**

secret, hidden, puzzling, occult,

mystifying: **CRYPTIC**

secret jargon, especially of thieves,

beggars, etc.: **CANT**

secret laboratory, facility, etc., for

innovative development, as to build

experimental aircraft: **SKUNK**

**WORKS**

secretly: **SUB ROSA**

secretly depart, escape the law:

**ABSCOND**

secretly informed: **PRIVY**

secretly, in private: **IN PETTO**

secretly meeting or planned, kept

hidden for an illicit purpose:

**CLANDESTINE**

secret meeting: **CONCLAVE**

secret meeting, as of a legislature:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

secret meeting, as of lovers:

**ASSIGNATION**

secret name: **CRYPTONYM**

secret or closed session is: **IN CAMERA**

secret or harbored purpose or concern:

**HIDDEN AGENDA**

secret or involving intrigue, plotting,

spying, etc.: **CLOAK-AND-DAGGER**

secret or mystical system: **CABALA**

secret or private things: **PENETRALIA**

secret or unofficial means of relaying  
information, usually by talking:

**GRAPEVINE**

secret rendezvous, especially by lovers:

**ASSIGNATION**

secret reservation or concern, ulterior

motive: **ARRIÈRE-PENSÉE**

secret, sheltered: **COVERT**

secret underhanded group: **CAMORRA**

secret winning resource, advantage or

weapon held in reserve: **ACE IN**

**THE HOLE**

section of a city in which a minority

lives: **GHETTO**

secularize: **LAICIZE**

securities bought over a period, by

dollar worth rather than by

number of shares: **DOLLAR COST**

**AVERAGING**

securities list: **PORTFOLIO**

securities pledged as collateral for a

loan: **HYPOTHECATION**

security for discharge of an obligation:

**COLLATERAL**

security, pledge, challenge: **GAGE**

security selling that is not done on the

floor of a stock exchange:

**OVER-THE-COUNTER**

security that is transferable by delivery:

**NEGOTIABLE**

sedate, steady, sober: **STAIID**

sedative, sleep-producing medicine:

**OPIATE**

seduce, corrupt, deprave: **DEBAUCH**

seducer of women, ladies' man:

**LOTHARIO**

seductive woman: **SIREN**

seed-bearing: **SEMINIFEROUS**

seed-bearing part of flowering plants:

**PISTIL**

seedy, cheap-looking, shabby: **TACKY**

seeing into the future: **PRESCIENT**

seeing, knowing: **COGNITION**

seeing things that are not visible:

**CLAIRVOYANCE**

seeming, apparent: **OSTENSIBLE**

seemly, proper: **DECOROUS**

see (reference in a book): **VIDE**

see-through, as a fabric: **DIAPHANOUS**

segment: **CANTLE**

seize and place in legal custody:

**IMPOUND**

seize, appropriate: **CONFISCATE**

seize by legal means: **SEQUESTER**

seize by violence: **WREST**

seize, capture, secure: **CORRAL**

seize, grip tightly, struggle, contend

with: **GRAPPLE**

seize or appropriate beforehand:

**PREEMPT**

seize or stop on the way, prevent from

reaching the destination:

**INTERCEPT**

seize the day, live now: **CARPE DIEM**

seizure of property in legal proceeding:

**ATTACHMENT**

selecting from diverse sources:

**ECLECTIC**

selections or fragments from literary

works: **ANALECTS**

select, pick out, sort: **CULL**

select, schedule: **SLATE**

select the best from, separate out: **TOP**

**OUT**

self-assertive, bold, indecent: **IMMODEST**

self-assurance: **COCKINESS**

self-assurance, composure, serenity:

**POISE**

self-centered: **EGOCENTRIC**

self-centered, as an ethnic or racial

group: **ETHNOCENTRIC**

self-confidence: **APLOMB**

self-confident, lively, brisk, dashing:

**JAUNTY**

self-confident to an extreme: **COCKSURE**

self-contradictory, false or ridiculous

statement: **PARADOX**

self-control and modesty, prudence,

restraint, temperance: **SOPHROSYNÉ**



self-denial: **ABNEGATION**  
 self-determination: **AUTONOMY**  
 self-discipline in religion or meditation:  
   **ASKESIS**  
 self-esteem, self-respect, personal  
   dignity: **AMOUR PROPRE**  
 self-evident statement: **AXIOM**  
 self-examination: **INTROSPECTION**  
 self-governing: **AUTONOMOUS**  
 self-important, overdignified,  
   pretentious: **POMPOUS**  
 self-important, petulant: **HOITY-TOITY**  
 self-interested person: **INTROVERT**  
 selfish person: **EGOIST**  
 selflessness: **ALTRUISM**  
 self-love: **NARCISSISM**  
 self-mortification: **ASCETICISM**  
 self-oriented philosophy that the self is  
   essentially all that exists and can  
   know only itself: **SOLIPSISM**  
 self-protective reaction of an organism:  
   **DEFENSE MECHANISM**  
 self-reproach, guilt feeling: **REMORSE**  
 self-satisfaction: **COMPLACENCY**  
 self-satisfied, complacent: **SMUG**  
 self-service meal: **BUFFET**  
 self-styled: **SOI-DISANT**  
 self-supporting, as a country:  
   **SUBSTANTIVE**  
 self, the part of the psyche that  
   organizes thought and governs  
   action: **EGO**  
 self-training, by using monitoring  
   instruments, to control  
   physiological and emotional states:  
   **BIOFEEDBACK**  
 sell goods in the street, peddle: **HAWK**  
 selling by quiet persuasion rather than  
   high-pressure tactics: **SOFT SELL**  
 selling off by a company or corporation  
   of holdings: **DIVESTITURE**  
 sell property for profit: **REALIZE**  
 semicircle: **HEMICYCLE**  
 semiconscious: **HYPNOPOMPIC**  
 semifluid, sticky, honey-like in  
   consistency: **VISCOUS**  
 seminar or group of people who study  
   together some subject or topic:  
   **WORKSHOP**  
 semiskilled worker: **BLUE-COLLAR**  
   **WORKER**  
 semitransparent: **TRANSLUCENT**  
 send back to one's own country:  
   **REPATRIATE**

send forth or give off, as light or heat:  
   **EMIT**  
 send from one place to another:  
   **TRANSMIT**  
 send or order back: **REMAND**  
 senility: **CADUCITY**  
 senility: **DOTAGE**  
 senior or eldest member of a group:  
   **DOYEN, DOYENNE**  
 sensation of one sort, as of color,  
   stimulated by a different kind of  
   stimulus, as sound or smell:  
   **SYNESTHESIA**  
 senseless, absurd: **IRRATIONAL**  
 senseless or foolish talk: **DRIVEL**  
 senses being the source of pleasure:  
   **SENSUOUS**  
 sensibility, perception: **ESTHESIA**  
 sensible, reasoned: **RATIONAL**  
 sensitive: **SUSCEPTIBLE**  
 sensitivity in the extreme to touch, heat,  
   pain, etc.: **HYPERESTHESIA**  
 sensitivity to heat and cold:  
   **THERMESTHESIA**  
 sensual, carnal, worldly: **FLESHLY**  
 sensualist: **VOLUPTUARY**  
 sensualist, rake: **ROUÉ**  
 sensuous, especially concerning food:  
   **EPICUREAN**  
 sentence-analyze by giving the form,  
   function and syntactical  
   relationship of its words: **PARSE**  
 sentence in which each word has a  
   letter or syllable more than that  
   preceding: **RHOPALIC**  
 sentence in which sense and structure  
   are not completed until the end:  
   **PERIODIC SENTENCE**  
 sentence in which the main clause  
   appears at the beginning and less  
   important matter follows: **LOOSE**  
   **SENTENCE**  
 sentence or phrase challenging to utter  
   quickly because of similar sounds  
   easily confused: **TONGUE TWISTER**  
 sentence or word that reads the same  
   backward as forward:  
   **PALINDROME**  
 sentence's conclusive clause that follows  
   from the protasis, or conditional  
   clause: **APODOSIS**  
 sentence's conditional clause that leads  
   to the apodosis, or conclusive  
   clause: **PROTASIS**

sentences' or clauses' separation by a comma, wrongly, rather than by a period or semicolon: **COMMA FAULT, COMMA SPLICE**

sentence whose two main clauses are, usually improperly, separated by a comma rather than by a conjunction, period, semicolon or colon: **RUN-ON SENTENCE**

sentence within which one grammatical construction changes to another: **ANACOLUTHON**

sentimental features incorporated in a play or story to evoke emotional response: **HOKUM**

sentimentality: **BATHOS**

sentimentality that is false: **MAWKISHNESS**

sentimentality to excess: **SCHMALTZ**

sentimentally pensive: **LANGUISHING**

sentimental or emotional, tearfully so: **MAUDLIN**

separate a group into small dissenting factions: **BALKANIZE**

separate, as the good from the bad: **WINNOW**

separate, disconnected: **DISCRETE**

separated, set apart: **ISOLATED**

separate from, break away: **DISSOCIATE**

separate into opposing groups or views: **POLARIZE**

separate into parts: **DIFFRACT**

separate into two parts: **DICHOTOMIZE**

separate, mark out boundaries or limits: **DEMARCATÉ**

separate or break up into parts, analyze: **RESOLVE**

separate out, select the best from: **TOP OUT**

separate, part, divide: **DISSEVER**

separate, set apart: **SEQUESTER**

sequence in logic or grammar: **CONSECUTION**

sequence in which the difference between numerical terms remains constant: **ARITHMETIC PROGRESSION**

sequence in which the ratio between each two numbers is the same: **GEOMETRIC PROGRESSION**

serene, calm, quiet: **TRANQUIL**

serene, calm, unmoved: **IMPASSIVE**

series of reactions or events in which

results become causes: **CHAIN REACTION**

series, succession: **CONSECUTION**

serious and solemn person: **SOBERSIDES**

serious, reflective, somewhat melancholy: **PENSIVE**

sermon, especially one based on a biblical text: **HOMILY**

sermonize, lecture: **PRELECT**

sermon or story having a moral: **EXEMPLUM**

sermon writing and delivery as a study: **HOMILETICS**

serpent represented in the headdress of Egyptian kings: **URAEUS**

serpent reputed to be hatched from a cock's egg: **COCKATRICE**

servant: **RETAINER**

servant-like subordinate, menial person, drudge (British): **DOGSBODY**

servant, low person: **MENIAL**

servant or assistant, as of a magician or scholar: **FAMULUS**

services, charity, branches, etc., extended beyond the usual: **OUTREACH**

servile, compliant, slavish: **SEQUACIOUS**

servile, fawning follower: **MINION**

servile, fawning person: **TOADY**

servile follower, toady: **LACKEY**

servilely flatter: **ADULATE**

servile, obsequious: **SUBSERVIENT**

servile or lickspittle attitude: **KOWTOW**

servile, overly obedient, fawning: **OBSEQUIOUS**

serving, portion: **DOLLOP**

servitude, slavery: **THRALLDOM**

set apart, separate: **SEQUESTER**

set aside, as money for a special purpose: **EARMARK**

set here and there, scatter among or between other things: **INTERPERSE**

set in from the margin, as the first line of a paragraph: **INDENT**

set of concurrent symptoms indicating a specific disease or condition: **SYNDROME**

set speech, recitation: **DECLAMATION**

set straight, undeceive: **DISABUSE**

setter of a pace for others, lead taker: **PACESETTER**

setting, surroundings or environment, as of a motion picture: **MISE EN SCÈNE**

settled matter in law: **CHOSE JUGÉE**  
 settlement of a dispute by the decision  
 of a person or body chosen with  
 the consent of both sides:

**ARBITRATION**

settlement of a dispute that is advanced  
 by friendly intervention of a  
 conciliator: **MEDIATION**

settle one's debts: **LIQUIDATE**

settler on public or unoccupied land  
 without permission: **SQUATTER**

set up, establish: **INSTITUTE**

setup to swindle somebody: **STING**

seven days, week: **HEBDOMAD**

sevenfold: **SEPTUPLE**

sevenfold or based on the number 7:

**SEPTENARY**

seven, seven things: **HEPTAD**

seventh year in the ancient Jewish  
 system: **SABBATICAL YEAR**

seven years, recurring every:

**SEPTENNIAL**

several names used for one thing:

**POECILONYM**

several, various: **DIVERS**

severance of relations: **RUPTURE**

severe, allowing no letup: **EXACTING**

severe, rigid: **STRINGENT**

severe, stormy: **INCLEMENT**

severe, strict, grim: **STARK**

sewage: **SULLAGE**

sewer: **KENNEL**

sewer, cesspool: **CLOACA**

sewing together of the edges of a  
 wound in a surgical operation:

**SUTURE**

sew loosely: **BASTE**

sex bias, especially against females:

**SEXISM**

sex differentiation being absent, as in  
 clothes, hairstyles, etc.: **UNISEX**

sex glands in the male: **TESTICLES**

sexless, asexual: **NEUTER**

sexless, effeminate: **EPICENE**

sexual abstinence: **CELIBACY**

sexual activity involving licking or  
 sucking of the female genitals:

**CUNNILINGUS**

sexual activity involving licking or  
 sucking of the male genitals:

**FELLATIO**

sexual act of simultaneous oral  
 stimulation: **SOIXANTE-NEUF,**  
**SIXTY-NINE**

sexual arousal and satisfaction by  
 oneself, masturbation:

**AUTOEROTICISM**

sexual attraction to or involvement with  
 another person: **ALLOEROTICISM**

sexual, cheap: **RAUNCHY**

sexual climax in intercourse: **ORGASM**

sexual coupling: **INTERCOURSE**

sexual desire for a member of the same  
 sex: **HOMOEROTICISM**

sexual desire in man that is  
 uncontrollable: **SATYRIASIS**

sexual desire in women that is  
 uncontrollable: **NYMPHOMANIA**

sexual desire lacking: **ANAPHRODISIS**

sexual desire or impulse: **LIBIDO**

sexual desire or lust: **CONCUPISCENCE**

sexual desire reducer: **ANAPHRODISIAC**

sexual desire's absence: **ANAPHRODISIA**

sexual desire that is abnormally strong:  
**EROTOMANIA**

sexual doings: **HANKY-PANKY**

sexual external organs of female  
 animals: **VULVA, CLITORIS**

sexual go-between: **PANDER**

sexual gratification or obsession with an  
 article of clothing, part of the  
 body, etc.: **FETISHISM**

sexual intercourse: **COITUS**

sexual intercourse: **CONGRESS**

sexual intercourse: **COPULATION**

sexual intercourse between persons so  
 closely related that marriage is  
 forbidden them: **INCEST**

sexual intercourse forced on a woman:

**RAPE**

sexually abandoned, lewd: **LICENTIOUS**

sexually appealing, attractive physically:

**FOXY**

sexually arousing: **EROGENOUS**

sexually arousing in a physical way:

**SENSUAL**

sexually attracted to persons of the  
 opposite sex: **HETEROSEXUAL**

sexually attractive: **BEDDABLE**

sexually desirous regarding those of the  
 same sex: **HOMOSEXUAL**

sexually having characteristics of both  
 sexes: **ANDROGYNOUS**

sexually incapable of orgasm:

**NONORGASMIC**

sexually preoccupied: **CARNAL**

sexually stimulating: **EROTIC**

sexually stimulating object that in itself is not erotic, such as a shoe:

**FETISH**

sexually unrestrained: **INCONTINENT**

sexually wanton man: **SATYR**

sexually wanton woman:

**NYMPHOMANIAC**

sexual maturing period: **PUBERTY**

sexual molesting by rubbing against:

**FROTTAGE**

sexual organ of male animals: **PENIS**

sexual organs: **GENITALIA, GENITALS**

sexual or scatological language:

**COPROLALIA**

sexual pervert: **DEVIATE**

sexual pleasure from being tied up or restrained and chastened or humiliated: **B & D (BONDAGE AND DISCIPLINE)**

sexual pleasure resulting from pain:

**ALGOLAGNIA**

sexual potency of a man: **VIRILITY**

sexual practices between males, especially between men and boys:

**PEDERASTY**

sexual restraint, moderation:

**CONTINENCE**

sexual stage in early life in which one becomes interested in peers of the same sex: **SUIGENDERISM**

sexual stage in early life when one becomes interested in opposite-sex peers: **ALTRIGENDERISM**

sexual stimulant: **APHRODISIAC**

shabby, cheap-looking, seedy: **TACKY**

shabby, decayed, neglected:

**DILAPIDATED**

shabby, decrepit: **FLEA-BITTEN**

shabby, dirty: **DISREPUTABLE**

shabby, drab: **DOWDY**

shackle, handcuff, fetter: **MANACLE**

shading, as in a picture, done with crossed lines: **CROSSHATCH, CROSS-HATCHING**

shading with close parallel or crossed lines: **HATCH**

shading, with parallel lines, to show elevation or steepness: **HACHURE**

shadow pantomime in miniature:

**GALANTY SHOW**

shadow that does not completely cut off light: **PENUMBRA**

shady: **ADUMBRAL**

shady, providing shade: **UMBRAGEOUS**

shake slightly: **JOGGLE**

Shakespeare idolatry: **BARDOLATRY**

shake suddenly or forcibly: **SUCCUSS**

shake up and down, bounce, jolt:

**JOUNCE**

shake up, elbow, push or crowd

roughly, shove: **JOSTLE**

shaking or shivering motion: **TREMOR**

shaky, loose: **RAMSHACKLE**

shallow, cursory, limited to the surface:

**SUPERFICIAL**

sham: **SIMULACRUM**

sham, deceptive, pretended: **FEIGNED**

shameful: **IGNOMINIOUS**

shameful: **OPPROBRIOUS**

shameless: **BRAZEN**

shamelessness: **IMPUDICITY**

shank, part of leg between the knee and the ankle: **CRUS**

shantytown at the edge of a city:

**BIDONVILLE**

shape distortion: **ANAMORPHISM**

shaped or designed so as not to adhere to any rigid pattern: **FREE-FORM**

shapeless: **AMORPHOUS**

shapely of buttocks: **CALLIPYGIAN**

shape or artistic design in the form of five joined leaves, petals or lobes:

**CINQUEFOIL**

shape or artistic design in the form of four joined leaves, petals or lobes:

**QUATREFOIL**

shape or artistic design in the form of three joined leaves, petals or lobes:

**TREFOIL**

shape, outline, form: **FIGURATION**

shared feeling or feelings: **COMPATHY**

share, portion, half: **MOIETY**

sharer of secrets: **CONFIDANT**

sharing the sensations of another as if one were participating in the action: **VICARIOUS**

sharp: **ACERB**

sharp: **ACUATE**

sharp and abrupt emphasis: **STACCATO**

sharp answer or reply: **RETORT**

sharp but pleasant-tasting, tart:

**PIQUANT**

sharp-edged and pointed: **CULTRATE**

sharpen, as a razor: **HONE**

sharpen, excite, stimulate: **WHET**

sharp-eyed, sharp-sighted: **GIMLET-EYED**

sharp in taste: **ACRID**



sharp, keen, cutting, biting: **INCISIVE**  
 sharply affecting the mind: **PUNGENT**  
 sharp-tasting or -smelling: **PUNGENT**  
 sharp-tongued woman, scold: **VIRAGO**  
 shattering effect of an explosion:

**BRISANCE**

shatter, splinter into fragments: **SHIVER**  
 shave or pare the surface, as of leather:

**SKIVE**

shaving of the crown of the head: \*

**TONSURE**

shedding or falling off, as of petals,  
 leaves or fruit: **DECIDUOUS**

shedding or molting of skin:

**EXUVIATION**

shed, get rid of: **SLOUGH**

sheep-like: **OVINE**

sheep or goat newly born: **YEANLING**

sheepskin coat worn by Spanish  
 shepherds: **ZAMARRA**

sheer, transparent: **DIAPHANOUS**

sheet carrying advertising or  
 propaganda: **BROADSIDE**

sheet folded once and forming four  
 pages: **FOLIO**

shelf above a fireplace: **MANTEL**

shelf above the back of an altar to hold  
 ornaments, candles, lights:

**RETABLE**

shelf for holding small ornamental  
 items: **WHATNOT**

shell containing baked minced food:  
**COQUILLE**

shelled sea gastropod, a mollusk, that  
 clings to surfaces: **LIMPET**

shell game that is fraudulent:

**THIMBLERIG**

shell lined with mother-of-pearl:

**ABALONE**

shell- or pod-covered insect stage:

**CHRYSALIS, PUPA**

shell, pod, husk: **SHUCK**

shell, protective or hard covering:

**CARAPACE**

shell study: **CONCHOLOGY**

shelter, disguise: **COVERTURE**

sheltered, secret, concealed: **COVERT**

sheriff's office, term or jurisdiction:

**SHRIEVALTY**

Sherlock Holmes-style gooseneck pipe:

**MEERSCHAUM**

Sherlock Holmes type of hat with flaps:

**DEERSTALKER**

sherry from Spain that is pale and dry:

**AMONTILLADO**

shield division in heraldry: **CANTON**  
 shield-like architectural ornament or  
 tablet: **CARTOUCHE**

shield-shaped: **SCUTIFORM**

shield-shaped surface with armorial  
 bearings: **ESCUTCHEON**

shifting of a disease from one part of  
 the body to another: **METASTASIS**

shift or movement to the eye of an  
 object due to a different point of  
 observation: **PARALLAX**

shift position or direction: **VEER**

shifty, elusive: **LUBRICIOUS**

shinbone: **TIBIA**

shingle knife: **FROE, FROW**

shining: **IRRADIANT**

shining back, reflecting light, bright:  
**RELUCENT**

shining, illustrious: **SPLENDENT**

shining with brilliance, dazzling, vividly  
 bright: **RESPLENDENT**

ship being so far away that the hull is  
 hidden below the horizon: **HULL**  
**DOWN**

shipboard drinking fountain:

**SCUTTLEBUTT**

ship for armed antisubmarine combat,  
 which is disguised as a merchant  
 ship: **Q-SHIP, Q-BOAT**

ship opening in the floor or deck giving  
 access to area beneath: **HATCH**

ship portion above the main deck:  
**TOPSIDE**

ship's central or projecting part of the  
 hull's bottom, ship's backbone:

**KEEL**

ship's high-up lookout platform:  
**CROW'S NEST**

ship's kitchen: **GALLEY**

ship's length: **FORE AND AFT**

ship's officer ranking next below the  
 captain: **FIRST MATE**

ship's or plane's left side as one faces  
 forward: **PORT**

ship's or plane's position checking by  
 radio signals from known stations:

**LORAN**

ship's or plane's right side as one faces  
 forward: **STARBOARD**

ship space where cargo is stored: **HOLD**

ship's permission to enter port:

**PRATIQUE**

ship's sailing close to the wind: **LUFF**

ship's small boat: **JOLLY BOAT**



ship's stand or mounting holding the compass: **BINNACLE**  
 ship's upper front part: **FORECASTLE**  
 ship that is large: **ARGOSY**  
 ship with two or more masts, rigged fore and aft: **SCHOONER**  
 shirt or jersey without sleeves, for athletes: **SINGLET**  
 shivering or shaking motion: **TREMOR**  
 shiver or a shudder, as from excitement or fear: **FRISSON**  
 shocked or nauseated easily, prudish: **SQUEAMISH**  
 shocking, vivid, sensational: **LURID**  
 shock the middle class: **ÉPATER LES BOURGEOIS**  
 shock to the body or system caused by an injury: **TRAUMA**  
 shoddy, poorly made, cheap, tacky: **SLEAZY**  
 shoe, for a woman, that grips the toe and heel and has no straps: **PUMP**  
 shoe, for a woman, with an open back and a heel strap: **SLINGBACK**  
 shoe for women that has a wedge-shaped piece joining the heel and sole: **WEDGIE**  
 shoelace end covering: **AGLET**  
 shoe or slipper, for a woman, that is backless: **MULE**  
 shoe's upper front part: **VAMP**  
 shoe that is heavy and coarse: **BROGAN**  
 shoot (a liquid) in by mechanical or physical means: **INJECT**  
 shoot from a hiding place: **SNIPE**  
 shoot out copiously, as a liquid: **SPOUT**  
 shop that has long hours, insufficient pay and poor conditions: **SWEAT SHOP**  
 shop that is small and fashionable: **BOUTIQUE**  
 shore, beach: **STRAND**  
 shore, coastal region: **LITTORAL**  
 shoreline barrier to break the force of waves: **BREAKWATER**  
 shore uncovered by low tide: **FORESHORE**  
 shortage, scarcity: **PAUCITY**  
 short and fat, squat: **FUBSY**  
 short distance: **STONE'S THROW**  
 shorten: **ABBREVIATE**  
 shorten: **ABRIDGE**  
 shortened: **TRUNCATED**  
 shortened word form: **CLIPPED FORM**

shortening of a syllable that is naturally or by position long: **SYSTOLE**  
 short-fingered or -toed: **BRACHYDACTYLIC**  
 shorthand, especially in ancient times: **TACHYGRAPHY**  
 short-headed: **BRACHYCEPHALIC**  
 short-lived: **FUGACIOUS**  
 short-lived, of short duration: **TRANSIENT**  
 short-lived, transitory, fleeting: **EPHEMERAL**  
 shortly, soon, later: **ANON**  
 short of breath: **PURSY**  
 shorts of leather, worn with suspenders, in Bavaria: **LEDERHOSEN**  
 short-takeoff and -landing plane: **STOL**  
 shoulder bag, especially as used by soldiers: **MUSETTE BAG**  
 shoulder cord or braid on a uniform: **AIGUILLETE, FOURRAGÈRE**  
 shoulder joint that is a common source of injury among baseball pitchers: **ROTATOR CUFF**  
 shoulder ornament, especially on the uniforms of military and naval officers: **EPAULET**  
 shout, bawl, exclaim loudly: **VOCIFERATE**  
 shout, violently denounce: **FULMINATE**  
 shove, shake up, elbow, push or crowd roughly: **JOSTLE**  
 showcase of glass for displaying art objects: **VITRINE**  
 show clearly, manifest, demonstrate convincingly: **EVINCE**  
 show consisting of skits, songs and dances: **REVUE**  
 shower, scatter, sprinkle: **SPARGE**  
 show, exhibit or present to advantage: **SHOWCASE**  
 showiness: **OSTENTATION**  
 showoff tendency: **EXHIBITIONISM**  
 show sympathy toward: **COMMISERATE**  
 showy and cheap: **TAWDRY**  
 showy and cheap, gaudy, tawdry, phony: **BRUMMAGEM**  
 showy and worthless, junky: **GIMCRACK**  
 showy, bombastic, florid: **FLAMBOYANT**  
 showy but valueless things or matter, junk: **TRUMPERY**  
 showy but without substance: **SPECIOUS**  
 showy, excessively ornamented: **ORNATE**  
 showy, useless ornaments: **FURBELOWS**  
 shrew: **VIXEN**

shrewd and unscrupulous person:

**SNOLLYGOSTER**

shrewd businessperson, deal-maker,

operator: **WHEELER-DEALER**

shrewd, practical, obstinate:

**HARDHEADED**

shrewd, wise: **SAGACIOUS**

shrewish old woman: **GRIMALKIN**

shrewish wife: **XANTHIPPE**

shrew, scolding and abusive woman:

**TERMAGANT**

shrill, grating: **STRIDENT**

shrink or crouch in servility: **CRINGE**

shriveled, shrunken, withered: **WIZENED**

shrubs or trees trimmed and arranged

in fantastic shapes: **TOPIARY**

shrunken, withered, shriveled: **WIZENED**

shuffle cards by bending up the corners

of two parts of the pack and letting

the cards flutter together: **RIFFLE**

shun as unworthy: **ESCHEW**

shut, block or close off: **OCCLUDE**

shut one's eyes to wrongdoing:

**CONNIVE**

shut out, exclude: **OSTRACIZE**

shut out, exclude, render impossible:

**PRECLUDE**

shutter or screen of overlapping

horizontal slats: **JALOUSIE**

shy, inept person: **NEBBISH**

shy, jumpy: **SKITTISH**

shyly embarrassed: **SHIEPISH**

shy, meek, apologetic person:

**MILQUETOAST**

shyness: **DIFFIDENCE**

shyness, timidity, lack of confidence in

self: **DIFFIDENCE**

sick: **NAUSEATED**

sickening, insipid: **MAWKISH**

sickening to an extreme: **AD NAUSEAM**

sickle moon: **CRESCENT MOON**

sickle or half-moon shape: **LUNETTE**

sickle- or scythe-shaped: **FALCATE**

sick-making: **NAUSEOUS**

sickness caused by eating or drinking

too much: **CRAPULENCE**

sickness pretended to avoid work:

**MALINGERING**

sideboard or buffet, usually without

legs: **CREDENZA**

sideburns: **BURNSIDES**

sideburns low and wider at the jaw:

**MUTTONCHOPS**

side by side: **ABREAST**

side by side state: **JUXTAPOSITION**

side by side, at the same or an equal  
rate, progressing together: **PARI**

**PASSU**

side by side, close together: **CHEEK BY**

**JOWL**

side or private entrance: **POSTERN**

side or sides of a main thing: **LATERAL**

sidepiece in a door or window sash:

**STILE**

side, right or left part of something:

**FLANK**

side sheltered from the wind: **LEEWARD**

**SIDE**

sides touching: **ABUTTING**

side to side: **ATHWART**

side-to-side lurch or twist: **CAREEN**

side-to-side measurement: **BREADTH**

side track connecting with the main

track of a railroad: **SPUR TRACK**

sideways-moving: **LATERIGRADE**

sidewise glance: **ASKANCE**

sieve-like: **CRIBRIFORM**

sift, examine or analyze minutely:

**WINNOW**

sift through a coarse sieve: **RIDDLE**

sighing sound, as of the wind: **SOUGH**

sighting land: **LANDFALL**

sight loss without organic defect:

**AMAUROSIS**

sight marred by specks or threads

seeming to float before the eyes:

**MUSCAE VOLITANTES**

sight- or eye-related: **OCULAR**

signal for a parley made by a drum or

trumpet: **CHAMADE**

signal for pillage and destruction: **CRY**

**HAVOC**

signature ending made with a flourish:

**PARAPH**

signature, especially of a sovereign:

**SIGN MANUAL**

signature that authenticates another

signature: **COUNTERSIGNATURE**

signet or seal rings as a subject of

study: **SPHRAGISTICS**

signify, hint at: **IMPLY**

signify, point out, indicate: **DENOTE**

sign language, deaf-mute alphabet:

**DACTYLOLOGY**

sign of a solemn pledge: **SACRAMENT**

sign or abbreviation representing a

word, as the dollar sign:

**LOGOGRAM**

sign or dedicate a book for

presentation: **INSCRIBE**

sign or mark supposed to exercise occult power: **SIGIL**

sign or trace of something absent: **VESTIGE**

sign, public or road, using symbols, stick figures, etc.: **GLYPH SIGN**

signs and symbols theory: **SEMIOTICS**

silence at a point in a broadcast: **DEAD AIR**

silence, in music: **TACET**

silence or feigned ignorance, as of wrongdoing: **CONNIVANCE**

silence, subdue utterly, crush: **SQUELCH**

silencing or putting down, as of a rumor: **QUIETUS**

silent, unspoken: **TACIT**

silk-screen process used by artists: **SERIGRAPHY**

silky: **SERICEOUS**

silky, light and fluffy: **FLOSSY**

silly, fickle: **FRIVOLOUS**

silly or empty talk: **TWADDLE**

silly, pointless, empty-headed: **INANE**

silly, vain or foppish behavior: **COXCOMBRY**

silver or bronze gilt: **VERMEIL**

silver or white in armorial bearings (heraldry): **ARGENT**

similar: **AGNATE**

similarity in form: **HOMOMORPHISM**

similarity in sound: **ASSONANCE**

similarity without identity: **ANALOGY**

similar, like, the same in composition throughout, uniform: **HOMOGENEOUS**

similar or related in structure, position, value: **HOMOLOGOUS**

similar or virtually identical person or thing, copy, imitation: **CLONE**

similar thing: **ANALOGUE**

simmer: **CODDLE**

simple, candid, artless, unaffected: **NAIVE**

simple, frank, innocent, naive, straightforward: **INGENUOUS**

simple or artless in style in a deliberate and often somewhat false way: **FAUX NAÏF**

simple, rough, plain: **RUSTIC**

simple, sincere: **UNAFFECTED**

simple, unaffected, in music: **SEMPLICE**  
simplicity, innocence and peace being portrayed as associated with rural life: **PASTORAL**

simultaneous: **CONCURRENT**

simultaneous belief in two contradictory ideas: **DOUBLETHINK**

simultaneousness: **SYNCHRONISM**

sin as a study or science:

**HAMARTIOLOGY**

sincere, candid, artless: **GUILELESS**

sincere, real: **UNAFFECTED**

sinful, at fault: **PECCANT**

sinful, obstinate: **UNREGENERATE**

sinful, wildly wasteful or extravagant, dissipated: **PROFLIGATE**

sing a tune heartily: **TROLL**

singing, as by a quartet, in an old-fashioned a capella style with close and mellow harmony:

**BARBERSHOP**

singing by monks unaccompanied and without harmonizing: **GREGORIAN CHANT**

singing, in opera or oratorio, that is akin to ordinary speech:

**RECITATIVE**

singing leader in church: **PRECENTOR**

singing that is partly recitational or speech-like: **SPRECHSTIMME**,  
**SPRECHGESANG**

singing without accompaniment: **A CAPPELLA**

sing in such a way as to alternate falsetto and normal chest tones: **YODEL**

single-colored: **MONOCHROME**

singled out for special honor because of excellence in one's achievements:

**LAUREATE**

single file: **INDIAN FILE**

single file, one behind the other: **TANDEM**

single piece of stone used in architecture or sculpture: **MONOLITH**

single woman: **FEME SOLE**

single word applied to two thoughts, each of which gives it a different meaning: **SYLLEPSIS**

single word applied to two thoughts, with the linkage to one of them grammatically incorrect: **ZEUGMA**

sing with trills, as a bird does: **WARBLE**

sink a ship by cutting holes in the bottom of it: **SCUTTLE**

sink, collapse, fail: **FOUNDER**

sink in mud, bog down: **MIRE**

sink table of wood with a metal-lined

top well for a basin and usually cupboards below: **DRY SINK**  
 sinuous and gliding motion: **UNDULATION**  
 sinuous, winding: **ANFRACTUOUS**  
 sin, wrongful act, unjust thing or deed: **INIQUITY**  
 sir: **SAHIB**  
 sisterhood, female student organization: **SORORITY**  
 sister killer: **SORORICIDE**  
 sister sharing only one of one's parents: **HALF SISTER**  
 sisters or brothers: **SIBLINGS**  
 sit and hatch eggs, develop: **INCUBATE**  
 situation that is difficult, risky, tricky or awkward (British): **STICKY WICKET**  
 sixfold: **SEXTUPLE**  
 sixfold or based on the number 6: **SENARY**  
 six, group of: **HEXAD**  
 six-ounce bottle of a beverage: **SPLIT**  
 size, extent: **MAGNITUDE**  
 skeptic: **DOUBTING THOMAS**  
 skeptic: **ZETETIC**  
 skeptical, disbelieving: **INCREDULOUS**  
 sketchily outline: **ADUMBRATE**  
 sketch that is only rough or preliminary: **ESQUISSE**  
 skewer for broiling meat: **BROCHETTE**  
 ski down a straight, steep slope: **SCHUSS**  
 skiing and rifle marksmanship competition: **BIATHLON**  
 skiing cross-country run: **LANGLAUF**  
 skiing jump made from a crouching position: **GELÄNDESPRUNG**  
 skiing over ice or snow in tow of a horse or motor vehicle: **SKIJORING**  
 skiing race over a winding downhill course laid out between posts: **SLALOM**  
 skiing surface bump, lump of snow: **MOGUL**  
 skiing term for a pit in the snow left by a skier who has fallen backward: **SITZMARK**  
 skiing with many fast turns and the skis kept parallel: **WEDELN**  
 skill, ability: **PROWESS**  
 skill at a particular thing: **KNACK**  
 skilled craftsman: **ARTIFICER**  
 skillful, adroit: **DEXTEROUS**  
 skillful in use of bodily or mental powers: **ADROIT**  
 skillful, inventive, clever: **INGENIOUS**

skillfully or properly done: **WORKMANLIKE**  
 skill in avoiding giving offense: **TACT**  
 skill, knowledge: **EXPERTISE**  
 skill or dexterity in manipulation: **SLEIGHT**  
 skills or equipment needed, as in medicine: **ARMAMENTARIUM**  
 skill, style or technical mastery, as of an art: **VIRTUOSITY**  
 skim over water, glide: **SKITTER**  
 skin and its diseases as a study: **DERMATOLOGY**  
 skin disease: **ECZEMA**  
 skin hanging loosely, as from a cow's neck: **DEWLAP**  
 skin hanging loosely from the neck or throat, as on turkeys: **WATTLE**  
 skin markings made by pricking with a needle and inserting indelible colors: **TATTOO**  
 skin peeling off because of sunburn: **BLYPE**  
 skin, remove impurities from: **DESPUMATE**  
 skin's outer layer: **EPIDERMIS**  
 skip about playfully: **CAPER**  
 skip a flat stone across a water surface: **SCOON**  
 skip or bounce over water: **DAP**  
 skip or leap about, frolic: **GAMBOL**  
 skip or rebound of a projectile after it hits a surface: **RICOCET**  
 skirt-like garment worn by both sexes in the Malay Archipelago: **SARONG**  
 skirt that is full and has a gathered waist: **DIRNDL**  
 ski-run bump or hump: **MOGUL**  
 skull: **CRANIUM**  
 skull-and-crossbones flag of pirates: **JOLLY ROGER**  
 skullcap worn by Orthodox and Conservative Jewish men: **YARMULKE**  
 skullcap worn by Roman Catholic clergymen: **ZUCCHETTO**  
 skull conformations as indicating degree of development of mental facilities: **PHRENOLOGY**  
 skull of a human being as a symbol of death: **DEATH'S HEAD**  
 skull study: **CRANIOLOGY**  
 skull symbol (death's head) or other reminder of death: **MEMENTO MORI**



sky, heavens: **FIRMAMENT**  
 skylight: **ABAT-JOUR**  
 skylighted or open central area in a building: **ATRIUM**  
 skylit or glass-roofed mall, court or promenade: **GALLERIA**  
 sky with streaks or rows of small clouds: **MACKEREL SKY**  
 slake thirst: **QUENCH**  
 slander: **ASPERSE**  
 slander: **CALUMNIATE**  
 slander, calumny, curse against someone: **MALEDICTION**  
 slander, defame: **VILIFY**  
 slander, mock: **TRADUCE**  
 slander, speak evil of: **MALIGN**  
 slanted, indirect: **OBLIQUE**  
 slanting kind of type, usually used for emphasis or differentiation: **ITALIC**  
 slanting line, diagonal: **BIAS**  
 slanting line in printing or writing: **VIRGULE**  
 slash mark in printing or writing: **VIRGULE**  
 slaughterhouse: **ABATTOIR**  
 slaughterhouse: **SHAMBLES**  
 slaughter, massacre: **CARNAGE**  
 slaughter of diseased animals: **ABATTAGE**  
 slavery: **SERVITUDE**  
 slavery's end in the United States: **ABOLITION**  
 Slavic alphabet: **CYRILLIC**  
 Slavic folk dance performed by a male and marked by the prisiadka step, in which from a squatting position each leg is kicked out alternately: **KAZATSKY**  
 slavish, servile, compliant: **SEQUACIOUS**  
 slavish, submissive: **SERVILE**  
 sleep, desire for, that is uncontrollable: **NARCOLEPSY**  
 sleep-detering: **AGRYPNOTIC**  
 sleep drug-induced in psychiatric treatment: **DAUERSCHLAF**  
 sleeper staying in bed late: **SLUGABED**  
 sleep-inducing medicine, relaxant: **OPIATE**  
 sleep-inducing or soothing sounds or motions: **LULL**  
 sleepiness, yawning: **OSCITANCY**  
 sleeping bag that fits tightly, with a small face opening: **MUMMY BAG**  
 sleeping cap, nightcap: **BIGGIN**

sleeping car on a European railroad: **WAGON-LIT**  
 sleeping sickness: **ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA**  
 sleeping that is chronically excessive: **HYPERSOMNIA**  
 sleeplessness, the chronic inability to sleep: **INSOMNIA**  
 sleepless period, as in keeping vigil: **WATCH**  
 sleep-producing: **HYPNAGOGIC**  
 sleep-producing medicine: **SOPORIFIC**  
 sleep-producing, narcotic: **SOMNIFEROUS**  
 sleep that is unusually deep: **SOPOR**  
 sleepwalking, somnambulism: **NOCTAMBULATION**  
 sleepy: **SOMNOLENT**  
 sleepy, drowsy: **SOPORIFIC**  
 sleeveless Arabian garment: **ABA**  
 sleight of hand: **PRESTIDIGITATION**  
 sleight of hand, trickery, hocus-pocus: **LEGERDEMAIN**  
 slender, graceful young woman: **SYLPH**  
 slender, slim, willowy: **SVELTE**  
 slender, wand-like, straight: **VIRGATE**  
 slew, jumble, accumulation that is confusing: **WELTER**  
 slice thinly, as leather: **SKIVE**  
 slide or glide, as a snake: **SLITHER**  
 sliding skillfully down a slope of ice or snow, as in mountain climbing: **GLISSADE**  
 slight, gracefully slender: **GRACILE**  
 slighting: **DISPARAGING**  
 slightly, in music: **POCO**  
 slight suggestion, vague idea, notion, hint: **INKLING**  
 slim and tall of figure: **ASTHENIC**  
 slim, willowy, slender: **SVELTE**  
 sling for lifting or lowering a heavy object: **PARBUCKLE**  
 slink: **SKULK**  
 slip by, pass away (said of time): **ELAPSE**  
 slip, error, fault: **LAPSE**  
 slip-like undergarment: **CHEMISE**  
 slip of the tongue: **LAPSUS LINGUAE**  
 slip or falter into a former condition, relapse: **BACKSLIDE**  
 slippery-feeling, greasy: **UNCTUOUS**  
 slogan, rallying cry, password: **WATCHWORD**  
 slope along a plateau's rim: **SCARP**



slope, especially a defensive slope in front of a fortification: **GLACIS**

slope, incline, ramp: **GRADIENT**

slope linking different levels: **RAMP**

slope or inclination of countryside:

**VERSANT**

slope that is steep: **ESCARPMENT**

slope, tilt: **CANT**

sloping edge: **BEVEL**

sloping steeply: **DECLIVITOUS**

slovenly in appearance: **BLOWZY**

slow, delay, hinder: **RETARD**

slow, dignified dance, or music for such a dance: **PAVANE**

slow down: **DECELERATE**

slowly but surely, gradually: **INCHMEAL**

slow movement, as in music: **ADAGIO**

slow person, straggler falling behind:

**LAGGARD**

slow tempo: **LARGO**

sluggish: **INERT**

sluggish, dull, inactive: **TORPID**

sluggish, lacking in energy: **LYMPHATIC**

sluggishness, dullness, apathy:

**LETHARGY**

sluggish, uninterested: **STAGNANT**

sluice gate: **PENSTOCK**

slur over in pronunciation: **ELIDE**

sly look: **LEER**

sly or indirect intimation, hint:

**INSINUATION**

sly, sneaky, furtive: **WEASELLY**

sly, stealthy: **FURTIVE**

small: **PETITE**

small and fashionable shop: **BOUTIQUE**

small country that depends on a great power: **SATELLITE**

small, cramped: **INCOMMODIOUS**

small decorative object: **BIBELOT**

small, extremely: **LILLIPUTIAN**

small flower: **FLORET**

small, insignificant, trifling: **MINUTE**

small letters of the alphabet used in printing: **LOWER CASE**

smallness of the head that is abnormal:

**MICROCEPHALY**

small or insignificant amount: **IOTA**

small portable stove: **CHAUFFER**

small portion or piece: **COLLOP**

smallpox: **VARIOLA**

small quantity: **MODICUM**

small quantity, insufficiency: **PAUCITY**

small, scanty, diminutive: **EXIGUOUS**

small space, crack: **INTERSTICE**

small space or cubicle between library stacks for private study: **CARREL**

small, stunted thing, as an imperfectly developed fruit or ear of corn:

**NUBBIN**

small sum of money: **PITTANCE**

small-time, half-baked: **TINHORN**

small to such an extreme that it cannot be easily seen: **IMPERCEPTIBLE**

small to the point of being incalculable, microscopic: **INFINITESIMAL**

small, trifling: **NOMINAL**

small, trifling work: **OPUSCULE**

small vehicle of any sort: **DOODLEBUG**

smartness and orderliness, neatness:

**SPIT AND POLISH**

smartness, style, dash: **PIZZAZZ**

smelling disagreeably: **MALODOROUS**

smelling good: **ODORIFEROUS**

smelling like cooked game, pungent:

**GAMY**

smelling-related, involving the sense of smell: **OLFACTORY**

smile in a silly, self-satisfied way: **SMIRK**

smile or smirk self-consciously: **SIMPER**

smiling or grinning behavior caused by embarrassment: **DRY GRINS**

smoke from tobacco users to which others are exposed: **AMBIENT**

**SMOKE**

smoke hole in volcanic terrain:

**FUMAROLE**

smoker's pipe exclusive of the stem, including the bowl and the shank:

**STUMMEL**

smoky, sooty: **FULIGINOUS**

smooth, flowing, graceful, expressive:

**FLUENT**

smooth, glossy, well-groomed: **SLEEK**

smooth-haired, straight-haired:

**LISSOTRICHOUS, LEIOTRICHOUS**

smoothness, tact, highly refined skill:

**FINESSE**

smooth or toughen metal: **PLANISH**

smooth the way, as for a project or piece of work: **EXPEDITE**

smooth to an excessive degree,

oily-tongued: **UNCTUOUS**

smooth-tongued, sweet of voice,

honeyed: **MELLIFLUOUS**

smug: **SELF-RIGHTEOUS**

smug and overexact person: **PRIG**

smuggling or smuggled goods:

**CONTRABAND**

smug philistinism: **PODSNAPPERY**  
 snack, eat, nibble: **NOSH**  
 snack of nutritious or high-energy food:  
**GORP**  
 snag, annoyance, hindrance,  
 complication: **FLY IN THE**  
**OINTMENT**  
 snag, catch, complication: **HITCH**  
 snag, malfunction, foul-up: **GLITCH**  
 snake-haired ugly woman, or Gorgon,  
 of classical mythology, killed by  
 Perseus: **MEDUSA**  
 snake-like, cunning: **SERPENTINE**  
 snake-shaped: **ANGUIFORM**  
 snake worship: **OPHIOLATRY**  
 snap back, resume the original shape  
 after being stretched: **RESILE**  
 snappish, peevish, bad-tempered:  
**WASPISH**  
 sneak, coward: **DASTARD**  
 sneaking, stealthy: **SLINKY**  
 sneaky, degraded, skulking: **HANGDOG**  
 sneaky, furtive, sly: **WEASELLY**  
 sneering, ironical, taunting language:  
**SARCASM**  
 sneering, scornful, cynical: **SARDONIC**  
 sneer, laugh coarsely, jeer, deride:  
**FLEER**  
 sneeze or noise produced by it:  
**STERNUTATION**  
 sneeze-producing substance, snuff:  
**ERRHINE**  
 sniff, smell: **SNUFF**  
 snobbish person: **BRAHMIN**  
 snoring, making a snoring sound:  
**STERTOROUS**  
 snow on high mountains that becomes  
 ice, glacial snow: **NÉVÉ**  
 snow that is coarse and granular: **CORN**  
**SNOW**  
 snowy: **NIVEOUS**  
 snub: **REBUFF**  
 snub, deliberate slight: **COLD SHOULDER**  
 snuggle for comfort, cuddle: **NESTLE**  
 soak in a liquid: **STEEP**  
 soapy: **SAPONACEOUS**  
 sober, sedate, steady: **STALD**  
 soccer: to kick the ball through an  
 opponent's legs and run past him  
 to recover it: **NUTMEG**  
 soccer: to move the ball by successive  
 kicks: **DRIBBLE**  
 soccer dislodging of the ball by sliding

feet first to kick it away from the  
 ball handler: **SLIDE TACKLE**  
 soccer kick made upside down with a  
 scissors-like motion of the legs:  
**BICYCLE KICK, SCISSORS KICK**  
 sociable: **CONVIVIAL**  
 sociable, associating habitually with  
 others: **GREGARIOUS**  
 socially low, alienated or hopeless:  
**LUMPEN**  
 socially lowered in status: **DÉCLASSÉ**  
 social meal based on early Christian  
 love feast: **AGAPE, LOVE FEAST**  
 social only or meaningless, as applied to  
 talk: **PHATIC**  
 society contains a mixture of ethnic,  
 racial, religious or cultural groups:  
**PLURALISM**  
 society or community dominated by  
 women: **MATRIARCHY**  
 sock-like or tube-like cloth hung to  
 show wind direction: **WINDSOCK**  
 Socratic in method: **MAIEUTIC**  
 sodomy, sexual relations between males:  
**PEDERASTY**  
 sofa or bench with a high back: **SETTEE**  
 sofa or couch with a low cushioned seat  
 and with arm rests and back:  
**DIVAN**  
 soft and rich, as certain soils:  
**UNCTUOUS**  
 soften by soaking in liquid: **MACERATE**  
 soften colors or lines in a painting or  
 drawing: **SCUMBLE**  
 softened or euphemistic terminology:  
**PARADIASTOLE**  
 softening: **MOLLESCENT**  
 softening, soothing or relaxing,  
 especially to the skin: **EMOLLIENT**  
 soften in temper, yield: **RELENT**  
 soften, regulate, adjust or temper:  
**MODULATE**  
 softly or privately spoken, in an  
 undertone, whispered: **SOTTO VOCE**  
 softly performed in music: **PIANO**  
 soft spot, vulnerable point: **ACHILLES'**  
**HEEL**  
 soil, besmirch, defile: **SULLY**  
 soil deposited by water: **ALLUVIUM**  
 soil, discolor: **SMIRCH**  
 soiled, untidy: **BEDRAGGLED**  
 soil-protective mix: **MULCH**  
 soil rather than climate being an  
 affective factor: **EDAPHIC**

soils being soft and rich are: **UNCTUOUS**  
 soil science: **AGROLOGY**  
 soil study: **PEDOLOGY**  
 solar: **HELIACAL**  
 solar system model that moves by wheels: **ORRERY**  
 soldier doing extra-duty work for an officer: **STRIKER**  
 soldier's or bandleader's tall and stiff cylindrical headdress with a visor and plume: **SHAKO**  
 soldiers vulnerable to artillery, infantry: **CANNON FODDER**  
 soldier who is boastful: **MILES GLORIOSUS**  
 solemn and serious person: **SOBERSIDES**  
 solemn declaration: **ASSEVERATION**  
 sole of the foot or the palm of the hand, pertaining to: **VOLAR**  
 solicit for sexual purposes: **ACCOST**  
 solicit votes by going about a region: **CANVASS**  
 solid earth: **TERRA FIRMA**  
 solid, forthright, firm: **FOURSQUARE**  
 solid foundation: **BEDROCK**  
 solid ground, firm earth: **TERRA FIRMA**  
 solidifying: **CONCRETION**  
 solid, packed with meaning, terse: **PITHY**  
 solitary or secluded person: **RECLUSE**  
 solo melody in opera: **ARIA**  
 solution-impossible absurdly circular situation: **CATCH-22**  
 solution or final unraveling in a plot: **DENOUEMENT**  
 solution or remedy resorted to in an emergency: **QUICK FIX**  
 solution, usually in alcohol, of a substance, used in medicine: **TINCTURE**  
 solve a complicated problem: **CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT**  
 something in return for something else: **QUID PRO QUO**  
 so much the better: **TANT MIEUX**  
 so much the worse: **TANT PIS**  
 song for several male voices with no accompaniment: **GLEE**  
 song-like, melodic: **ARIOSE**  
 song, often contrapuntal: **MADRIGAL**  
 song of triumph or joy: **PAEAN**  
 song of unhappy love: **TORCH SONG**  
 song performed by a lover under a sweetheart's window: **SERENADE**  
 song sheet containing only the melody

line and sometimes chord notations and lyrics: **LEAD SHEET**  
 song's middle part: **BRIDGE**  
 song that is short and simple: **DITTY**  
 sonorous: **ROTUND**  
 soon, shortly, later: **ANON**  
 soothe, pacify: **SALVE**  
 soothe, put to sleep or calm through soothing sounds or motions: **LULL**  
 soothe, quiet down, mitigate, pacify: **MOLLIFY**  
 soothing: **LENITIVE**  
 soothing agent: **ABIRRITANT**  
 soothing, melodious, sweetly pleasant: **DULCET**  
 soothing pain reliever: **ANODYNE**  
 soothing, relieving irritation: **DEMULCENT**  
 soothing, softening or relaxing, especially to the skin: **EMOLLIENT**  
 sophisticated woman: **FEMME DU MONDE**  
 sophisticate, worldly person: **COSMOPOLITE**  
 soporific, sleep-producing: **SOMNIFEROUS**  
 sorceress, fortuneteller: **SIBYL**  
 sorcery: **DIABLERIE**  
 sorcery, casting of lots, witchery: **SORTILEGE**  
 sorcery, fortune-telling, black magic: **NECROMANCY**  
 sorcery or witchcraft practiced in the South, Africa and the West Indies: **OBEAH, OBI**  
 sordid, low: **GROVELING**  
 sordid or worst aspect of something: **SEAMY SIDE**  
 sore, inflamed: **IRRITATED**  
 sore or swelling from exposure to cold: **CHILBLAIN**  
 sorrowful, mournful: **PLAINTIVE**  
 sorrowful, mournful: **WOEBEGONE**  
 sorrowful, mourning, repentant, humbled: **IN SACKCLOTH AND ASHES**  
 sorrow or grief, to cause: **AGGRIEVE**  
 sorrow, sympathy-evoking atmosphere, situation, etc.: **PATHOS**  
 sort, class, kind: **ILK**  
 sorting of casualties to fix priorities for treatment: **TRIAGE**  
 sort out, pick, select: **CULL**  
 so-so, middling: **COMME ÇI, COMME ÇA**  
 soul: **ANIMA**

soul, spirit: **PNEUMA**

sound and scene reproduction,  
pertaining to: **AUDIOVISUAL**

sound, as that made by a sleep-aiding  
machine, to drown out undesired  
ambient noises: **WHITE NOISE**

sound-imitating by a word: **ECHOIC**

sound in speech involving chiefly the  
lips, teeth or tongue: **CONSONANT**

sound like cat's cries at rutting time:  
**CATERWAUL**

sound of sighing or murmuring, as  
made by the wind: **SOUGH**

sound or letter inserted into a word:  
**EPENTHESIS**

sound or vibration caused by the hitting  
of one body against another:  
**PERCUSSION**

sound, pertaining to: **ACOUSTIC**

sound-producing or -conducting:  
**SONIFEROUS**

soundproof: **ANACOUSTIC**

sound-reflecting structure: **SOUNDING  
BOARD**

sound-related: **SONIC**

sound reproduction: **AUDIO**

sound reproduction using two or more  
loudspeakers is: **STEREOPHONIC**

sounds in opposition in music:  
**ANTIPHONY**

sounds of speech as a study:  
**PHONETICS**

sounds or tones in multiplicity:  
**POLYPHONIC**

sounds rather than words used in jazz  
improvised singing: **SCAT**

sounds repeated at the beginnings of  
words or in accented syllables:  
**ALLITERATION**

sound track change from the original  
language to another: **DUBBING**

sound-transmitting apparatus used  
under water: **SONAR**

sound wave or light wave change that  
seems to accompany change in  
distance between source and  
observer: **DOPPLER EFFECT**

sound with a lead weight, on the end of  
a line, to test the depth of water:  
**PLUMB**

soup ingredients of dough casings filled  
with ground meat: **KREPLACH**

soup made with strained vegetables or a  
dish containing such vegetables or  
fruit: **PURÉE**

soup of cream and potatoes, usually  
served cold: **VICHYSOISE**

soup that is clear: **CONSOMMÉ**

soup, thick and creamy: **BISQUE**

sour: **ACERB**

source: **SPRINGHEAD**

source, forefather: **PROGENITOR**

source of something: **PROVENANCE**

source or potential for development is:  
**SEMINAL**

sour fermented cabbage in shredded  
form: **SAUERKRAUT**

souring: **ACESCENT**

sour juice of green fruit: **VERJUICE**

sourness or sharpness of disposition:  
**VERJUICE**

sour, spoiled-smelling: **RANCID**

South African grassland: **VELDT**

South African racial segregation:  
**APARTHEID**

South African language, based on  
Dutch: **AFRIKAANS**

South American treeless grassy plain,  
prairie: **PAMPA**

souvenir: **MEMENTO**

sovereign control over a locally  
autonomous region: **SUZERAINTY**

sovereigns or rulers in one line of  
descent reigning in succession:  
**DYNASTY**

Soviet citizen denied permission to  
emigrate: **REFUSENIK**

Soviet policy of openness regarding  
solving internal social problems:  
**GLASNOST**

Soviet Union collective farm: **KOLKHOZ**

Soviet Union-forbidden but  
clandestinely printed literature:  
**SAMIZDAT**

Soviet Union's equivalent of a Cabinet:  
**PRESIDIUM**

space around the altar of a church:  
**CHANCEL**

spacecraft's landing on water:  
**SPLASHDOWN**

space for freedom of action, latitude:  
**LEEWAY**

space from which something is missing  
or has been omitted: **LACUNA**

spade-like tool for removing the roots  
of weeds: **SPUD**

spangle, small metal disk: **PAILLETTE**

Spanish American, West Indian or Gulf  
State inhabitant of European  
descent: **CREOLE**

Spanish diacritical mark, as over the

“n” in “señor”: **TILDE**

Spanish dialect with Hebrew elements:

**LADINO**

Spanish estate, plantation or ranch:

**HACIENDA**

Spanish fly: **CANTHARIDES**

Spanish for “farewell”: **ADIOS**

Spanish for “good day”: **BUENOS DIAS**

Spanish for “thank you”: **GRACIAS**

Spanish pale dry sherry: **AMONTILLADO**

Spanish-speaking quarter or ghetto:

**BARRIO**

sparing in eating and drinking:

**ABSTEMIOUS**

sparkle, gaiety, vivacity, lively spirits:

**EFFERVESCENCE**

sparkle, glitter, flash: **SCINTILLATE**

sparkle, glitter, shine: **CORUSCATE**

sparkle in intellect or action:

**SCINTILLATE**

sparkling object: **SPANGLE**

sparks seen before the eyes:

**SPINTHERISM**

spark, trace: **SCINTILLA**

spasm in a muscle: **CLONUS**

spasm of the muscle: **HYPERKINESIA**

spasms of pain: **THROES**

spasm, twitching: **MYOCLONUS**

spatter, shower, pelt: **PEPPER**

spat, trivial quarrel: **TIFF**

speak at great length: **PERORATE**

speak dogmatically: **PONTIFICATE**

speaker's stand on which books or

notes may be placed: **LECTERN**

speaker who fascinates or enralls the

audience by his eloquence:

**SPELLBINDER**

speak ill of another: **BACKBITE**

speaking fluently, glib, talkative:

**VOLUBLE**

speaking impairment, difficulty in

understanding speech: **DYSPHASIA**

speaking in a bombastic or pompous

style: **GRANDILOQUENT**

speaking or using two languages:

**BILINGUAL**

speaking or writing with ease: **FLUENT**

speaking style, language, idiom:

**PARLANCE**

speaking trick that makes the voice

seem to come from a source other

than the speaker: **VENTRILLOQUISM**

speak loudly or rhetorically: **DECLAIM**

speak or write more fully, elaborate:

**EXPATiate**

speak violently, rave: **RANT**

speak with clarity and exactness:

**ENUNCIATE**

spear-like weapon of old with a

battle-ax head: **HALBERD**

spear with prongs used in fishing:

**LEISTER**

special-application, not general: **AD HOC**

special, select or respected, as a panel

or committee: **BLUE-RIBBON**

specialty or strong point of a person:

**FORTE**

specific-purpose and specific-situation

committee: **AD HOC COMMITTEE**

specify: **STIPULATE**

specify exactly: **CONCRETIZE**

speckled or spotted as if by drops:

**GUTTATE**

speck, particle: **MOTE**

specks or threads appearing to float

before the eyes: **MUSCAE**

**VOLITANTES**

spectacular exhibition or parade:

**PAGEANT**

spectacular, fascinating, astonishing:

**EYE-POPPING**

spectacular theater production:

**EXTRAVAGANZA**

spectator who gives unwanted advice to

card players: **KIBITZER**

specter, imaginary appearance:

**PHANTASM**

speculative: **ACADEMIC**

speech constituting a bitter verbal oath:

**PHILIPPIC**

speech delivered simply to obstruct

action: **FILIBUSTER**

speech given at a formal event:

**ORATION**

speechify: **BLOVIATE**

speech-like singing style:

**SPRECHSTIMME, SPRECHGESANG**

speech-like sounds that are

unintelligible: **GLOSSOLALIA**

speech manner: **LOCUTION**

speech manner or dialect of an

individual: **IDIOLECT**

speech mechanism positions represented

by phonetic symbols: **VISIBLE**

**SPEECH**

speech of fiery denunciation: **TIRADE**

speech or discourse that is breezy:

**TOLUTILOQUENCE**



speech or essay that is highly emotional: **DITHYRAMB**  
 speech pattern: **INTONATION**  
 speech peculiar to a locality or group: **DIALECT**  
 speech, sales talk: **SPIEL**  
 speech sound involving chiefly the lips, teeth or tongue: **CONSONANT**  
 speech sounds as a study: **PHONETICS**  
 speech sound that is the smallest unit of its kind and distinctive from others: **PHONEME**  
 speech that is bombastic or flowery: **RHETORIC**  
 speech that is glib and swift: **PATTER**  
 speech that is lengthy, loud and vehement: **HARANGUE**  
 speech that is long and tiresome: **SCREED**  
 speech that is short and witty or satirical: **SQUIB**  
 speech that is stirring: **STEMWINDER**  
 speech that is unintelligible, gibberish, jargon: **BARAGOUIN**  
 speed: **VELOCITY**  
 speedily: **LICKETY-SPLIT**  
 speed in music: **TEMPO**  
 speed, move at full speed: **CAREEN**  
 speed, promptness: **DISPATCH**  
 speed that is dangerous is: **BREAKNECK**  
 speed up, quicken, facilitate: **EXPEDITE**  
 spelled the same: **SYNORTHOGRAPHIC**  
 spelling in which a letter represents different sounds in different words: **HETEROGRAPHY**  
 spelling of words differently to represent dialect: **EYE DIALECT**  
 spelling or handwriting that is bad: **CACOGRAPHY**  
 spelling that conforms to accepted usage: **ORTHOGRAPHY**  
 spelling that varies from the accepted standard usage: **HETEROGRAPHY**  
 spending or giving generously: **LAVISH**  
 spending to impress: **CONSPICUOUS CONSUMPTION**  
 spendthrift, loafer: **WASTREL**  
 spend wastefully, squander: **DISSIPATE**  
 sperm duct removal: **VASECTOMY**  
 sperm whale's waxy substance, used in perfumes: **AMBERGRIS**  
 sphere of action: **AMBIT**  
 sphere of authority: **BAILIWICK**  
 spherical but somewhat flattened or concave at the poles: **OBLATE**

spherical, rounded: **ORBICULAR**  
 sphinx-like in having a human head and an animal body: **ANDROCEPHALOUS**  
 spies' secret place for message or document exchange: **DEAD DROP**  
 spiked wheel at the end of a spur: **ROWEL**  
 spinach-including style of food preparation: **FLORENTINE**  
 spinal-columned creatures: **VERTEBRATES**  
 spinal curvature: **LORDOSIS**  
 spindle-shaped: **FUSIFORM**  
 spineless: **INVERTEBRATE**  
 spinning like a top, top-shaped: **TURBINATE**  
 spinning, whirling, dizzy: **VERTIGINOUS**  
 spiny, bristly: **HISPID**  
 spiral: **HELIX**  
 spirally coiled: **HELICOID**  
 spirally curling, rolled up: **VOLUTE**  
 spire: **FLÈCHE**  
 spirit agency, medium: **CHANNEL**  
 spirit ancestors among Pueblo Indians: **KACHINA**  
 spirited, vital, joyful, vigorous: **EXUBERANT**  
 spiritlessness, weakness, fatigue, dreaminess, dullness, stagnation: **LANGUOR**  
 spiritless, not alive: **INANIMATE**  
 spirit or demon that has sexual intercourse with women as they sleep: **INCUBUS**  
 spirit regarded as existing independently matter: **ANIMISM**  
 spirits, health: **FETTLE**  
 spirit, soul: **PNEUMA**  
 spiritual, insubstantial, nonmaterial: **INCORPOREAL**  
 spiritualist's meeting to communicate with the dead: **SÉANCE**  
 spiritual, light, airy: **ETHEREAL**  
 spiritual sloth: **ACEDIA**  
 spiritual teacher or guide: **GURU**  
 spirit, wit: **ESPRIT**  
 spit: **EXPECTORATE**  
 spiteful, deliberately mischievous: **MALICIOUS**  
 spitefulness, enmity: **RANCOR**  
 spitefulness, peevishness, ill temper: **SPLEEN**  
 spiteful, revengeful: **VINDICTIVE**

spit or skewer used in broiling, usually small: **BROCHETTE**  
 spitting receptacle: **CUSPIDOR**  
 splash, flounder: **SLOSH**  
 splashing or sucking noise, as when one walks in deep mud: **SQUELCH**  
 splendor, brilliance, radiance: **REFULGENCE**  
 splendor, radiance: **EFFULGENCE**  
 splinter: **SLIVER**  
 splinter into fragments, shatter: **SHIVER**  
 splinters: **FLINDERS**  
 split into two parts, divide, separate: **BIFURCATE**  
 split or cut into long thin pieces: **SLIVER**  
 split separating factions in a church or other organization: **SCHISM**  
 splitting, cutting: **SCISSION**  
 splitting or breaking apart: **FISSION**  
 spoil by indulgence: **COCKER**  
 spoiled-smelling: **RANCID**  
 spoil, impair: **VITIATE**  
 spoiling for a fight: **PUGNACIOUS**  
 spoils, booty: **PILLAGE**  
 spoil someone, pamper or pet: **COSSET**  
 spoken error thought to disclose a person's true feelings or thinking: **FREUDIAN SLIP**  
 spoken in an undertone, privately: **SOTTO VOCE**  
 spoken, oral: **VIVA VOCE**  
 spoken statement of a false or defamatory nature: **SLANDER**  
 spokesperson: **PROLOCUTOR**  
 spokesperson: **MOUTHPIECE**  
 sponger, shirker, avoider of paying: **DEADBEAT**  
 sponsorship: **AEGIS**  
 sponsorship, approval, official affiliation or support: **AUSPICES**  
 sponsorship, support: **PATRONAGE**  
 spontaneous, casual, impromptu: **OFF-THE-CUFF**  
 spontaneous talk by a patient in psychoanalysis: **FREE ASSOCIATION**  
 spontaneous, unprepared: **IMPROMPTU**  
 sports car competition on a twisting course: **AUTOCROSS**  
 sports car long-distance race: **RALLY, RALLYE**  
 sports player in the front line of attack or defense: **FORWARD**  
 sports term for an extra period in a tied

game during which the first side to score wins: **SUDDEN DEATH**  
 spot or blemish, blurred impression in printing: **MACKLE**  
 spot or indicative mark on a domino, die or playing card: **PIP**  
 spotted, especially in white and black: **PIEBALD**  
 spotted horse or pony: **PINTO**  
 spotted or speckled as if by drops: **GUTTATE**  
 spotted, streaked, blotched: **MOTTLED**  
 spotted, variegated: **DAPPLED**  
 spotting on animals or plants: **MACULATION**  
 spouse: **CONSORT**  
 spouse murder: **MARITICIDE**  
 spray device on a bottle: **ATOMIZER**  
 spread about loosely for drying, as mown hay: **TED**  
 spread apart or branch out at a wide angle, diverge: **DIVARICATE**  
 spread, as information: **DISSEMINATE**  
 spread false charges: **ASPERSE**  
 spread in all directions, circulate: **DIFFUSE**  
 spreading of a disease from one part of the body to another: **METASTASIS**  
 spreading or expanding wide, as tree branches: **PATULOUS**  
 spread or branch out, diverge: **DIVARICATE**  
 spread out, extend: **SPRAY**  
 spread out into divisions, divide: **RAMIFY**  
 spread, pour or send out in all directions: **DIFFUSE**  
 spread, publicize, disseminate: **PROPAGATE**  
 spread the word far and wide: **DISSEMINATE**  
 spread thinly: **SPARSE**  
 spread through completely, penetrate: **PERMEATE**  
 spread throughout: **PERVADE**  
 spree, fling, prank, reckless behavior: **ESCAPADE**  
 spring back, snap back, recoil, resume original shape after being stretched: **RESILE**  
 spring in its early stage, pertaining to: **PRIMAVERAL**  
 spring-like, youthful, fresh: **VERNAL**  
 sprinkle: **ASPERSE**  
 sprinkle, shower, scatter: **SPARGE**

sprinkle, suffuse or cover with a liquid  
or color: **PERFUSE**

sprout, breed rapidly, swarm:  
**PULLULATE**

sprout, proliferate: **BURGEON**  
spruced up: **SPIT AND POLISH**

spur into action, urge on, stir up:  
**INCITE**

spurious: **APOCRYPHAL**  
spur of the moment, offhand:  
**IMPROMPTU**

spur on, goad, incite, foment, provoke  
to some drastic action: **INSTIGATE**

spurt or gush of liquid from a narrow  
orifice: **JET**

spy, or double agent, within an enemy  
network for a long period: **MOLE**

spy or intelligence agent field training:  
**TRADECRAFT**

spy residence used for safety and secret  
meetings: **SAFE HOUSE**

spy who infiltrates opposing espionage  
system to betray it: **DOUBLE**  
**AGENT**

squabble, heated argument: **HASSLE**

squall, brief windstorm: **FLAW**

squander, spend wastefully: **DISSIPATE**  
squander, use or handle recklessly:

**PLAY DUCKS AND DRAKES WITH**  
square dance of a rollicking kind:  
**HOEDOWN**

square dancing term for a change of  
step or figure: **CALL**

square made up of words that read the  
same vertically and horizontally:  
**WORD SQUARE**

square surrounded by buildings: **PIAZZA**  
squat, short and fat: **FUBSY**

squatting Slavic dance step in which a  
man kicks out each leg alternately:  
**PRISIADKA**

squeak by in obtaining or getting: **EKE**  
**OUT**

squeamish: **QUEASY**

squint: **SKEW**

squirm in agony: **WRITHE**

squirt, gush forth: **SPURT**

S-shaped: **SIGMATE**

stable adjunct, enclosure for exercising  
horses: **PADDOCK**

stab, pierce or tear painfully:  
**LANCINATE**

stagecoach: **DILIGENCE**

stage curtain that can be raised and  
lowered: **DROP CURTAIN**

stage fabric, light and sheer, used as a  
backdrop: **SCRIM**

stage front: **DOWNSTAGE**

stage movements, mustering, sounds,  
etc., of soldiers: **ALARUMS AND**  
**EXCURSIONS**

stage of a theater including its arch:  
**PROSCENIUM**

stage performer without a speaking  
part, as in a mob scene:

**SUPERNUMERARY**

stage scenery that is flat, on the side of  
the stage: **COULISSE**

stage surrounded by seats: **ARENA**  
**THEATER**

stagnation, weakness, fatigue,  
dreaminess, dullness, spiritlessness:  
**LANGUOR**

stained-glass strip of lead dividing or  
bordering panes: **BREAKER**

stain or drench, especially with blood:  
**IMBRUE**

stairway between boat decks:  
**COMPANIONWAY**

stale joke: **CHESTNUT**

stale or musty atmosphere (British):  
**FROWST**

stale recapitulation: **REHASH**

stall for time: **TEMPORIZE**

stammering: **TRAULISM**

stamp collecting: **PHILATELY**

stamped or hammered, as the figure or  
design on a coin: **INCUSE**

stamp out, stifle: **SCOTCH**

standard of quality: **BENCHMARK**

standard or criterion for testing the  
qualities of something:

**TOUCHSTONE**

standard, ordinary, usual,

commonplace: **GARDEN VARIETY**

standard or rule by which a judgment  
can be made: **CRITERION**

standards of polite society: **PROPRIETIES**

standing out, striking, conspicuous:

**SALIENT**

stand on the hind legs and stretch out  
the forelegs: **RAMP**

stand on which a speaker may place  
notes or books: **LECTERN**

standstill because of disagreement by  
two forces: **DEADLOCK**

stand with shelves, usually ornamental:  
**ÉTAGÈRE**

stare at, make eyes at suggestively:  
**OGLE**

stare stupidly, gape: **GAWK**  
 stare with an angry frown: **GLOWER**  
 starfish-like: **ACTINOID**  
 star grouping: **GALAXY**  
 staring, as the eyes of a fish: **WALLEYED**  
 staring or gawking with curiosity:  
     **RUBBERNECKING**  
 staring or glancing in a deadly way:  
     **BASILISK**  
 star-like symbol in printing (\*): \*  
     **ASTERISK**  
 star-like very distant object that emits  
     strong radio waves: **QUASAR**  
 star mapping: **URANOGRAPHY**  
 stars' and planets' daily positions in the  
     form of a table or almanac:  
     **EPIHEMERIS**  
 star-shaped: **ASTEROID**  
 star-shaped, radiating: **STELLATE**  
 stars, of and pertaining to: **SIDEREAL**  
 star's rising and setting, concerning:  
     **ACRONICAL**  
 start a discussion: **BROACH**  
 start, beginning: **INCEPTION**  
 star that suddenly becomes brilliant and  
     then fades: **NOVA**  
 starting existence, newly conceived:  
     **NASCENT**  
 starting or launching point:  
     **JUMPING-OFF PLACE**  
 starting point, beginning that is  
     opportune, jumping-off place:  
     **SPRINGBOARD**  
 startle, thrill, arouse: **ELECTRIFY**  
 start of something: **CONCEPTION**  
 star used as guide in navigation, guiding  
     principle or example: **LODESTAR**  
 star with six points and composed of  
     two equilateral triangles: **STAR OF**  
     **DAVID**  
 state, declare, detail: **EXPOUND**  
 stately, impressive, grand: **IMPOSING**  
 stately in beauty: **JUNOESQUE**  
 stately passage or movement of music:  
     **MAESTOSO**  
 statement or assertion that is obvious or  
     self-evident: **TRUISM**  
 statement that decides the matter:  
     **CLINCHER**  
 state or affirm something on the basis of  
     known facts or conditions:  
     **PREDICATE**  
 state or authority that is watchful and  
     repressive: **BIG BROTHER**  
 state positively: **ASSEVERATE**

state's right to take over private  
     property for public use: **EMINENT**  
     **DOMAIN**  
 stationary, resting: **STATIC**  
 station baggage handler, porter: **REDCAP**  
 statistician dealing with vital statistics,  
     as of births, deaths, disease:  
     **DEMOGRAPHER**  
 status of holding one's position on an  
     enduring basis: **TENURE**  
 statute, especially of a municipal body:  
     **ORDINANCE**  
 staunch, brave: **YEOMANLY**  
 staunch, uncompromising:  
     **DYED-IN-THE-WOOL**  
 staves ready for assembling into barrels  
     or boxes: **SHOOK**  
 stay or dwell temporarily: **SOJOURN**  
 steadfast, brave: **UNFLINCHING**  
 steadfast, firmly directed, unwavering:  
     **INTENT**  
 steadily at work, diligent: **SEDULOUS**  
 steady, sober, sedate: **STAIID**  
 steady stream, as of people or things:  
     **INFLUX**  
 steal: **PURLOIN**  
 stealer of another's date: **BIRDDOG**  
 steal funds and especially public funds,  
     embezzle: **PECULATE**  
 steal in a petty way: **PILFER**  
 stealing money off the books or  
     concealing of profits: **SKIMMING**  
 steal slyly in small amounts: **FILCH**  
 steal, take by fraud: **EMBEZZLE**  
 stealthily approach game: **STALK**  
 stealthily move about: **SKULK**  
 stealthy, sly: **FURTIVE**  
 stealthy, sneaking: **SLINKY**  
 steam-whistle organ: **CALLIOPE**  
 steep: **PRECIPITOUS**  
 steep downward slope: **DECLIVITY**  
 steep slope: **ESCARPMENT**  
 steep slope: **SCARP**  
 steering instrument: **RUDDER**  
 stench: **MEPHITIS**  
 stencil process that forces ink through  
     the open meshes of a silk screen:  
     **SILK-SCREEN PROCESS**  
 step recorder to measure walking  
     distance: **PEDOMETER**  
 steps at the entrance to a house or  
     apartment: **STOOP**  
 sterile, barren, fruitless: **INFECUND**  
 sterilized, germ-free: **AXENIC**

### U.S. State Nicknames

Aloha State	Hawaii
Badger State	Wisconsin
Bay State	Massachusetts
Beaver State	Oregon
Beehive State	Utah
Blue Grass State	Kentucky
Buckeye State	Ohio
Centennial State	Colorado
Cornhusker State	Nebraska
Cotton State, Heart of Dixie	Alabama
Coyote State, Sunshine State	South Dakota
Empire State	New York
Equality State	Wyoming
Evergreen State	Washington
First State, Diamond State	Delaware
Flickertail State, Sioux State	North Dakota
Garden State	New Jersey
Gem State	Idaho
Golden State	California
Gopher State, North Star State	Minnesota
Grand Canyon State	Arizona
Granite State	New Hampshire
Green Mountain State	Vermont
Hawkeye State	Iowa
Hoosier State	Indiana
Keystone State	Pennsylvania
Land of Enchantment	New Mexico
Land of Opportunity	Arkansas
Last Frontier	Alaska
Little Rhody	Rhode Island
Lone Star State	Texas
Magnolia State	Mississippi
Mountain State	West Virginia
Nutmeg State, Constitution State	Connecticut
Old Dominion	Virginia
Old Line State	Maryland
Palmetto State	South Carolina
Peach State, Empire State of the South	Georgia
Pelican State, Creole State	Louisiana
Pine Tree State	Maine
Prairie State	Illinois
Sagebrush State, Silver State	Nevada
Show Me State	Missouri
Sooner State	Oklahoma
Sunflower State	Kansas
Sunshine State	Florida
Tar Heel State, Old North State	North Carolina
Treasure State	Montana
Volunteer State	Tennessee
Wolverine State	Michigan



sterilizing steam-heat device for medical instruments: **AUTOClave**  
 stern, gloomy, morose, ill-tempered: **DOUR**  
 sternward or to the rear or aft of a boat: **AFT, ABAFT**  
 stew of meat and vegetables well seasoned: **RAGOUT**  
 stick for beating, club, cudgel: **TRUNCHEON**  
 stick or pestle for stirring drinks: **MUDDLER**  
 sticking pins into a doll as a form of black magic: **INVULTUATION**  
 sticking together: **COHERENT**  
 stick or baton carried by a military officer: **SWAGGER STICK**  
 stick or small rod for stirring mixed drinks: **SWIZZLE STICK**  
 sticks joined by a chain or rope and used in martial arts: **NUNCHAKU, NUNCHAKUS, NUN-CHUCKS, KARATE STICKS**  
 stick-together synthetic wool-like patching used on fabric for fastening: **VELCRO**  
 sticky, adhesive: **VISCID**  
 sticky, honey-like, semifluid: **VISCOUS**  
 sticky or gummy substance, glue, adhesive: **MUCILAGE**  
 stifle, stamp out, suppress: **SCOTCH**  
 stigmatize: **BRAND**  
 still, placid: **QUIESCENT**  
 still-water-dwelling; living in ponds, swamps, etc.: **LENTIC**  
 stiltedly correct speech: **HYPERCORRECTION**  
 stimulate, enliven, arouse: **QUICKEN**  
 stimulate, excite, raise the spirits of: **ELATE**  
 stimulate, excite, rouse to action: **GALVANIZE**  
 stimulate, push or touch with a slight jar, shake lightly: **JOG**  
 stimulate, sharpen, excite: **WHET**  
 stimulating, arousing: **PROVOCATIVE**  
 stimulating, racy: **PIQUANT**  
 stimulus, incentive: **FILLIP**  
 stimulus that hastens a result: **CATALYST**  
 stimulus to action: **INCENTIVE**  
 stinginess: **PARSIMONY**  
 stingy or mean practice: **CHEESEPARING**  
 stingy or petty in a mean way: **MINGY**

stingy, poor: **PENURIOUS**  
 stingy, scanty: **NIGGARDLY**  
 stinking: **MALODOROUS**  
 stinking: **MEPHITIC**  
 stinking, foul in odor: **FETID**  
 stinking, offensive, disgusting, noxious: **NOISOME**  
 stipulation, condition: **PROVISO**  
 stir-crazy enclosed feeling: **CABIN FEVER**  
 stir or cut up the surface, as of topsoil: **SCARIFY**  
 stirrer-upper, agitator, fiery upstart: **FIREBRAND**  
 stirring pestle or stick used for mixed drinks: **MUDDLER**  
 stir up, instigate, incite: **FOMENT**  
 stir up, spur into action, urge on: **INCITE**  
 stitching that is loose and temporary: **BASTING**  
 stitch used in surgery: **SUTURE**  
 stock bought in order to repay stock previously borrowed, a short sale operation: **SHORT COVERING**  
 stock bought in such quantity as to give the buyer control over the price: **CORNER**  
 Stock Exchange, New York: **BIG BOARD**  
 stock in a corporation that entitles the owner of the shares to dividends after other obligations have been met: **COMMON STOCK**  
 stock issued but reacquired by a company: **TREASURY STOCK**  
 stock market on the decline: **BEAR MARKET**  
 stock market on the rise: **BULL MARKET**  
 stock-market playing illegally with privileged information: **INSIDER TRADING**  
 stock of a company known for its quality and, therefore, for its ability to make money for investors: **BLUE CHIP**  
 stock of a company with good prospects for future earnings: **GROWTH STOCK**  
 stock of goods of a business listed: **INVENTORY**  
 stock on which dividends must be paid ahead of those on common stock: **PREFERRED STOCK**  
 stock on which omitted dividends must

be paid before dividends are paid on common stock: **CUMULATIVE PREFERRED**

stock options to sell a fixed number of shares at a specified price within a certain period of time or to buy a fixed number of shares at a specified price within a certain period of time: **PUTS, CALLS**

stock or bond sales that are not made on the floor of a stock exchange are: **OVER-THE-COUNTER**

stock phrases: **CANT**

stock purchase at one broker and equivalent sale at another to make trading seem active: **WASH SALE**

stock purchaser does not receive recent dividend: **EX-DIVIDEND**

stock-purchasing form of blackmail of a company by buying much of its stock and posing a threat of takeover: **GREENMAIL**

stock's market price divided by earnings per share for a 12-month period: **PRICE-EARNINGS RATIO**

stocks selling at less than \$1 a share: **PENNY STOCKS**

stock that is high-priced and good: **BLUE CHIP**

stock that is traded on a securities exchange: **LISTED STOCK**

stock trading of blocks smaller than the established 100-share unit: **ODD-LOT**

stocky, fleshy: **PYKNIC**

stomach ache resulting from muscular spasms: **COLIC**

stomach inflammation: **GASTRITIS**

stomach pit: **SOLAR PLEXUS**

stomach upset or diarrhea: **COLLYWOBBLES**

stone (capstone) atop two others (megaliths) as a prehistoric monument: **DOLMEN**

stone for sharpening knives: **WHETSTONE**

stone or block on which a column or statue stands: **PLINTH**

stone shaft that tapers to a pyramidal top: **OBELISK**

stone slab carrying an inscription or design: **STELE**

stones piled as a marker or memorial: **CAIRN**

stone to death: **LAPIDATE**

stone used for polishing: **PUMICE**

stone used to scour the wooden deck of a ship: **HOLYSTONE**

stony, hard: **PETROUS**

stony, stone-like: **LITHOID**

stool or small seat, usually without arms or a back: **TABORET**

stoop to an action or person, condescend: **DEIGN**

stop, impede, block, hinder: **OBSTRUCT**

stop, keep back, suppress: **STIFLE**

stop or check the flow of: **STANCH**

stop or pause at intervals or temporarily: **INTERMIT**

stop or seize on the way, prevent from reaching the destination: **INTERCEPT**

stoppage in the flow of any bodily fluid: **STASIS**

stoppage of growth: **ATROPHY**

stop someone or something from all activity: **IMMOBILIZE**

storage place for goods: **REPOSITORY**

store carrying general merchandise: **EMPORIUM**

store, gather, accumulate: **GARNER**

storehouse underground: **MATTAMORE, MATAMORO**

storm and stress, turmoil, great unrest: **STURM UND DRANG**

storm characterized by sudden burst of wind, usually with rain or snow: **SQUALL**

storm consisting of a whirling column of air: **TORNADO**

stormy, severe: **INCLEMENT**

stormy, violent: **TEMPESTUOUS**

story, always long, sometimes poetic, chronicling adventure or heroic acts: **SAGA**

story between two main floors, a partial balcony: **MEZZANINE**

story or anecdote that is humorously long and pointless, ludicrously anti-climactic tale: **SHAGGY DOG STORY**

story or sermon having a moral: **EXEMPLUM**

story or statement issued to news media: **HANDOUT**

storyteller of great skill: **RACONTEUR**

story that is highly improbable: **COCK-AND-BULL STORY**

story whose effect is to warn or remind:

**CAUTIONARY TALE**

story with a moral: **PARABLE, FABLE**

story with hidden or symbolic

meanings: **ALLEGORY**

stout: **PORTLY**

stove of cast iron that is open-faced and resembles a fireplace: **FRANKLIN**

**STOVE**

stove that is small and portable: \*

**CHIAUFFER**

straggler, slow or falling-behind person:

**LAGGARD**

straight and iceless, not added to, as an alcoholic drink: **NEAT**

straightforward, frank, innocent, simple, naive: **INGENUOUS**

straight line over a vowel indicating a long sound: **MACRON**

straight, slender, wand-like: **VIRGATE**

strained, as in aiming at effect:

**AGONISTIC**

strained, done with great effort:

**LABORED**

strained, forced: **FARFETCHED**

strain, stretch, irritate: **RACK**

strange, extraordinary, remarkable:

**UNACCOUNTABLE**

strange, freakish: **OUTLANDISH**

strange, weird, unnatural, eerie:

**UNCANNY**

strangle: **GARROTE**

strap encircling the body of a horse:

**SURCINGLE**

strap passing across the forehead that helps to support a load carried on the back: **TUMPLINE**

stratagem or tactic to outwit someone:

**PLOY**

stratagem that is a sudden, telling blow:

**COUP**

stratagem to avoid or conceal, dodge:

**SUBTERFUGE**

strategies in games, economics, warfare:

**GAME THEORY**

straw bed that lies on the floor: **PALLET**

straw hat with a flat crown and ribbon for a band: **BOATER**

straw mattress: **PALLIASSE**

stray: **WOLF**

stray-animal enclosure: **PINFOLD**

stray from script: **AD LIB**

straying from the right course: **ERRANT**

stray or wander aimlessly: **DIVAGATE**

streaked, blotched, spotted: **MOTTLED**

stream, creek, channel: **KILL**

stream or bay leading into the land

from a larger body of water: **INLET**

stream or brook that is small, rivulet:

**RUNNEL**

stream that is small, brook: **RIVULET**

street for pedestrians, with stores on each side: **MALL**

street organ with a rotating cylinder, bellows and crank: **HURDY-GURDY, BARREL ORGAN**

street performer or entertainer: **BUSKER**

street savvy and toughness, urban

wisdom: **STREET SMARTS**

street show, peep show: **RAREE SHOW**

street, usually narrow, lined with dwellings that were formerly stables: **MEWS**

strength or degree of some quality, feeling, action: **INTENSITY**

strength, vigor: **STAMINA**

stretchable, capable of being drawn out:

**TENSILE**

stretcher with wheels: **GURNEY**

stretch out, swell, expand: **DISTEND**

strict: **EXACTING**

strict disciplinarian: **MARTINET**

strict, grim, severe: **STARK**

strict in religious or moral matters:

**PURITANICAL**

strictness, exactness: **RIGOR**

strict, tightly enforced: **STRINGENT**

stride that is steady and swinging: **LOPE**

strike against, bump: **JAR**

strike against, fall upon: **IMPINGE**

strike hard: **SLOG**

strike in which workers stay at the plant but refuse to work:

**SIT-DOWN**

striking, weighted weapon like a blackjack: **COSH**

striking worker's replacement: **SCAB**

stringed instrument used in Hindu music: **SITAR**

string looped over the fingers into intricate arrangements: **CAT'S**

**CRADLE**

strip as of rights or possessions: **DIVEST**

strip blubber or skin from a whale or seal: **FLENSE**

strip, deprive, as of possessions: **DIVEST**

strip, deprive of, rob: **DESPOIL**

striped fabric of bright colors:

**BAYADERE**

strip, edging or selvage, as of cloth:

**LIST**

striped, grooved: **STRIATED**

strip of material sewn to a seam: **WELT**

strip of ornamentation, as along the top of a wall: **FRIEZE**

strip or denude of leaves: **DEFOLIATE**

strip or row of cut grass or grain:

**SWATH**

strips of meat or vegetables cut very thin: **JULIENNE**

stripteaser: **ECDYSIAS**

striving: **CONATION**

stroll, walk leisurely: **SAUNTER**

strong: **PUISSANT**

strong and dark in color, said of cigars:

**MADURO**

strong, determined, brave: **STALWART**

stronghold: **REDOUBT**

strong physically: **POTENT**

strong point of a person: **FORTE**

strong, sturdy, masculine: **VIRILE**

strong to a superhuman degree, powerful and earthy: **ANTAEAN**

structural unit used in planning or building: **MODULE**

structure, framework: **FABRIC**

structure or outline of something:

**CONFORMATION**

structure that projects and is supported at only one end: **CANTILEVER**

struggle clumsily, move awkwardly, stumble: **FLOUNDER**

struggle of people that is confused and noisy: **MELEE**

struggle or contend with: **GRAPPLE**

strut, bluster: **SWAGGER**

strut or promenade: **CAKEWALK**

stubborn, cantankerous: **CROTCHETY**

stubborn, cranky: **PERVERSE**

stubborn, determined: **HEADSTRONG**

stubbornly wrong or incorrect person:

**MUMPSIMUS**

stubborn, obstinate: **PERTINACIOUS**

stubborn, persevering: **INDOMITABLE**

stubborn, persistent, tough: **TENACIOUS**

stubborn, pitiless, hardhearted:

**OBDURATE**

stubborn, rebellious, disobedient:

**RECALCITRANT**

stubborn, unmanageable: **REFRACTORY**

stubborn, unruly, difficult:

**INTRACTABLE**

stubborn, unyielding: **INFLEXIBLE**

stubborn, unyielding, pigheaded:

**OBSTINATE**

studio: **ATELIER**

study intensively for an examination:

**CRAM**

study of insects: **ENTOMOLOGY**

study or experiment dealing with its subjects over a period of time:

**LONGITUDINAL STUDY**

study or read intently: **PORE**

study or write laboriously: **LUCUBRATE**

study space or cubicle between library

stacks: **CARREL**

stumble or move clumsily: **FLOUNDER**

stumbling block, pivotal test or problem

for a beginner: **PONS ASINORUM**

stun, amaze, bewilder: **STUPEFY**

stunted, small item, as an imperfectly developed fruit or ear of corn:

**NUBBIN**

stupid: **ADDLED, ADDLE-BRAINED, ADDLEPATED**

stupid, crude and backward person:

**NEANDERTHAL**

stupid, foolish person: **SCIMO**

stupid, foolish, unmoved, brutish:

**INSENSATE**

stupid, graceless fellow: **LOUT**

stupid, idiotic, inane: **FATUOUS**

stupid in a gross way: **CRASS**

stupidity or a stupid act or utterance:

**BETISE**

stupid person: **IGNORAMUS**

stupid person, blockhead, dunce: **DOLT**

stupid person, fool: **BONEHEAD**

stupid, senseless: **VACUOUS**

stupor, apathy: **TORPOR**

stupor, muscular rigidity and occasional mental agitation: **CATATONIA**

sturdy or athletic in physical structure:

**MESOMORPHIC**

sturdy, strong, masculine: **VIRILE**

stuttering: **TRAULISM**

style of great brilliance: **BRAVURA**

style of speech or writing that is artificially elegant: **EUPHUISM**

style, skill, technical mastery, as of an art: **VIRTUOSITY**

style, smartness, dash: **PIZZAZZ**

style that is spirited, dash: **PANACHE**

stylishness, good manners: **BON TON**

suave, refined, polite: **URBANE**

subconscious mind exhibited in art and literature: **SURREALISM**

subdue or suppress by force: **QUELL**

subdue utterly, silence, crush: **SQUELCH**  
 subjective aspect of an emotion: **AFFECT**  
 subject to the law or rule of another or  
 of an outside force:

**HETERONOMOUS**

sublime, celestial, superior, fiery:

**EMPYREAL**

sublimely contented or happy, blessed,  
 blissful: **BEATIFIC**

submarine narrow superstructure,

modern conning tower: **SAIL**

submission to or respectful regard for  
 the wishes or opinions of another:

**DEFERENCE**

submissive: **AMENABLE**

submissive, slavish: **SERVILE**

subsidiary business on certain premises:

**CONCESSION**

subsidy to support a study or

institution: **SUBVENTION**

substance produced chemically:

**SYNTHETIC**

substitute: **SURROGATE**

substitute: **VICAR**

substituted but usually inferior: **ERSATZ**

substitute, deputy: **ALTER EGO**

substitute for an actor or actress:

**UNDERSTUDY**

substitute for or authority to act for  
 another: **PROXY**

substitute goals or abilities to make up  
 for a personal lack:

**COMPENSATION**

substitutes on an athletic team: **BENCH**

substitute, temporary, improvised:

**MAKESHIFT**

substituting a roundabout word for  
 another to avoid giving pain or  
 offense: **EUPHEMISM**

substitution of a title or epithet for a  
 proper name: **ANTONOMASIA**

subtle: **FINE-DRAWN**

subtle and gradual introduction:

**INSINUATION**

subtle, as a distinction made: **NICE**

subtle or fine variation or gradation:

**NUANCE**

subtle, vague: **INDEFINABLE**

subtraction term for the number from  
 which the subtrahend is to be

deducted: **MINUEND**

suburb, isolated and often affluent:

**EXURB**

subverting person or group that

undermines from within: **TROJAN  
 HORSE**

success from notoriety or shocking  
 subject matter rather than from  
 merit: **SUCCÈS DE SCANDALE**

successful or prosperous period:

**FLORESCENCE**

successful venture, performance, etc.,  
 that is wildly or startlingly so:

**SUCCÈS FOU**

success that is sudden and removes an  
 obstacle to progress:

**BREAKTHROUGH**

succor, aid: **SUBVENTION**

sucker, dupe, victimized person: **PATSY**

sucker, easily-taken-advantage-of

person: **SOFT TOUCH**

sudden, abrupt: **PRECIPITATE**

sudden and overwhelming:

**FOUDROYANT**

sudden and turbulent outburst:

**PAROXYSM**

sudden burst of activity or energy:

**SPURT**

sudden change of mind without

adequate motive: **CAPRICE**

sudden impulse: **IMPETUOSITY**

sudden inspiration: **BRAINSTORM**

sudden sharp twist: **QUIRK**

sudden start: **SALLY**

sudden success that removes an obstacle  
 to progress: **BREAKTHROUGH**

suffering, capable of feeling: **PASSIBLE**

suffering, distress, pain, anguish:

**TRAVAIL**

suffering that affords pleasure:

**MASOCHISM**

sufficient grounds, justification:

**WARRANT**

suffocate someone to death: **BURKE**

suffocation: **ASPHYXIATION**

suffuse or cover with a liquid or color:

**PERFUSE**

sugar-accompanying protein hormone

lacking in diabetics: **INSULIN**

sugar-coated nut: **DRAGÉE**

sugar depletion in the blood:

**HYPOGLYCEMIA**

sugared or candied, iced, frozen: **GLACÉ**

sugar raw in the cane: **MUSCOVADO**

suggest, imply: **CONNOTE**

suggestive in a delicate way: **SUBTLE**

suggestive, off-color: **RISQUÉ**

suggestive of something, fragrant:

**REDOLENT**



suggestive, risqué: **RACY**  
 suggest or mention for the first time:  
     **BROACH**  
 suggest, propose: **PROFOUND**  
 suicidal Japanese air attack: **KAMIKAZE**  
 suicide: **FELO-DE-SE**  
 suicide by disembowelment as a  
     Japanese ritual: **HARA-KIRI**,  
     **SEPPUKU**  
 suitable: **APROPOS**  
 suitable, advisable, proper: **EXPEDIENT**  
 suitable, practicable: **FEASIBLE**  
 sulkily pugnacious: **TRUCULENT**  
 sullenly or angrily look, scowl: **LOWER**  
 sullen, stern, gloomy, morose: **DOUR**  
 summarize: **RECAPITULATE**  
 summary: **PROSPECTUS**  
 summary: **RÉSUMÉ**  
 summary, diagram, or synopsis, as of a  
     process: **SCHEMA**  
 summary, digest: **CONSPECTUS**  
 summary, general view of a subject:  
     **SYNOPSIS**  
 summary in concise form, abstract:  
     **PRÉCIS**  
 summary of a document: **ABSTRACT**  
 summary of the main points of a course  
     of study: **SYLLABUS**  
 summary or synopsis of the plot of a  
     dramatic work: **SCENARIO**  
 summary that is brief but  
     comprehensive: **COMPENDIUM**  
 summation of an oration: **PERORATION**  
 summer home in Russia: **DACHA**  
 summerhouse or similar structure:  
     **GAZEBO**  
 summerhouse, tent or canopy:  
     **PAVILION**  
 summer-related, occurring in the  
     summer: **ESTIVAL**  
 summer's beginning when the sun is  
     farthest north of the equator, about  
     June 22: **SUMMER SOLSTICE**  
 summer, to pass the: **ESTIVATE**  
 summon, draw or call forth: **EVOKE**  
 summons or formal demand:  
     **REQUISITION**  
 sum of the squares of the two legs of a  
     right triangle equals the square of  
     the hypotenuse: **PYTHAGOREAN**  
     **THEOREM**  
 sun at its greatest distance north or  
     south of the equator: **SOLSTICE**  
 sun being at the center: **HELIOCENTRIC**  
 sunburned skin that peels off: **BLYPE**

sundial's upright blade that casts a  
     shadow: **GNOMON**  
 sun-dried brick: **ADOBE**  
 sunken design, incised carving:  
     **INTAGLIO**  
 sunken or slanted window or door  
     recess: **EMBRASURE**  
 sun-protective helmet, often of pith:  
     **TOPEE**  
 sun-related, solar: **HELIACAL**  
 sun room: **SOLARIUM**  
 sunset, occurring at: **ACRONICAL**  
 sun worship: **HELIOLATRY**  
 superficial: **FACILE**  
 superficial follower of an art or science:  
     **DILETTANTE**  
 superficial knowledge or little  
     knowledge: **SMATTERING**  
 superfluous: **DE TROP**  
 superfluous: **EXCRESCENT**  
 superfluous, extraneous:  
     **SUPEREROGATORY**  
 superfluous or redundant word or  
     phrase: **PLEONASM**  
 superintendence, management:  
     **INTENDANCE**  
 superior in weight, influence:  
     **PREPONDERANT**  
 superiority worshiper who shows  
     contempt for supposed inferiors:  
     **SNOB**  
 superior to all others: **SUPERLATIVE**  
 supernatural: **PARANORMAL**  
 superstition or story passed on from  
     generation to generation: **OLD**  
     **WIVES' TALE**  
 superstitious regard for an object  
     thought to have magical powers:  
     **FETISHISM**  
 supplant, replace: **SUPERSEDE**  
 supple, agile, lithe, pliant: **LISSOME**  
 supplemental, supporting or derivative  
     group: **AUXILIARY**  
 supplementary: **ADSCITITIOUS**  
 supply or feed to excess: **SURFEIT**  
 support: **ABET**  
 support: **ADMINICLE**  
 support, approval, encouraging look:  
     **COUNTENANCE**  
 supported by columns or pillars:  
     **HYPOSTYLE**  
 supporter or originator of a cause:  
     **PROPONENT**  
 supporters, voters: **CONSTITUENCY**

support for a lever that lifts, moves or balances: **FULCRUM**  
 support for wood in a fireplace: **ANDIRON, FIREDOG**  
 supporting, aiding, auxiliary: **ANCILLARY**  
 supporting, supplemental or derivative group: **AUXILIARY**  
 support of wood or metal to keep a broken bone in place: **SPLINT**  
 support or advocacy, as of a cause: **ESPOUSAL**  
 support, sponsorship: **PATRONAGE**  
 support with short feet for a hot dish: **TRIVET**  
 suppose or conclude from incomplete evidence: **CONJECTURE**  
 suppressing or silencing, as a rumor: **QUIETUS**  
 suppression of truth to procure some favor or reward: **SUBREPTION**  
 suppress, keep back: **STIFLE**  
 suppress, keep secret: **HUGGER-MUGGER**  
 suppress, put down forcibly: **QUASH**  
 suppress, stamp out, stifle: **SCOTCH**  
 supreme and independent authority: **SOVEREIGN**  
 supreme command, absolute power: **IMPERIUM**  
 supreme or highest good: **SUMMUM BONUM**  
 sureness: **CERTITUDE**  
 surface elegance: **VENEER**  
 surfeit, glut: **SATIATE**  
 surgery on living animals for medical research purposes: **VIVISECTION**  
 surmountable, conquerable: **SUPERABLE**  
 surname: **COGNOMEN**  
 surname: **PATRONYMIC**  
 surname from the maternal side: **MATRONYMIC**  
 surpass, excel, beat: **TRUMP**  
 surpassing others: **PREEMINENT**  
 surplus merchandise, money or value: **OVERAGE**  
 surprise attack: **AMBUSH**  
 surrender a prerogative: **ABDICATE**  
 surround, beset: **BELEAGUER**  
 surrounded by land: **LANDLOCKED**  
 surroundings: **AMBIENCE**  
 surroundings: **ENVIRONS**  
 surroundings, environment or setting, as of a motion picture: **MISE EN SCÈNE**

surroundings, setting, environment: **MILIEU**  
 survey of a subject: **CONSPPECTUS**  
 survey or map used for taxation basis: **CADASTER**  
 surveyor's instrument used on a tripod: **TRANSIT**  
 survey to gain information: **RECONNAISSANCE**  
 survival and perpetuation of forms of life that are the most fit or the most adaptable: **NATURAL SELECTION**  
 survival-conducive area for an animal or species: **ECONICHE**  
 survive, pass through, as a crisis: **WEATHER**  
 surviving, existing: **EXTANT**  
 susceptibility or tendency to something: **PREDISPOSITION**  
 suspend, supplant, annul: **SUPERSEDE**  
 suspenseful story: **CLIFF-HANGER**  
 suspense or state of anxiety: **ON TENTERHOOKS**  
 suspension of action: **ABEYANCE**  
 suspension or delay authorized in some specific activity: **MORATORIUM**  
 suspension, temporarily, of punishment or pain: **REPRIEVE**  
 suspicious, cautious, wary: **LEERY**  
 suspicious, questionable: **EQUIVOCAL**  
 sustained or held, in music: **TENUTO**  
 sustenance: **ALIMENT**  
 swagger, bluster: **FANFARONADE**  
 swaggering adventurer or swordsman, bravo, daredevil: **SWASHBUCKLER**  
 swaggering self-assurance: **COCKINESS**  
 swallow food: **INGEST**  
 swallowing difficulty: **DYSPHAGIA**  
 swallow up, overwhelm: **ENGULF**  
 swampy body of water: **BAYOU**  
 swarm, teem, breed rapidly: **PULLULATE**  
 swashbuckling: **DERRING-DO**  
 swastika: **FYLFOT, HAKENKREUZ**  
 swastika: **GAMMADION**  
 sway, totter, waver: **VACILLATE**  
 swear falsely, perjure oneself, renounce: **FORSEWEAR**  
 sweat: **SUDOR**  
 sweater, knitted, collarless and long-sleeved, that opens down the front: **CARDIGAN**  
 sweating in an excessive or abnormal manner: **SUDATION**

sweating that is excessive: **HIDROSIS**  
 sweat that smells bad: **BROMIDROSIS**  
 sweat that smells bad: **KAKIDROSIS**  
 sweeping, general and undetailed:  
**BROAD-BRUSH**  
 sweeten ostensibly or superficially:  
**SUGARCOAT**  
 sweet life (the), the good life: **DOLCE**  
**VITA**  
 sweet of voice, smooth-tongued,  
 honeyed: **MELLIFLUOUS**  
 sweet or dessert-like food: **CONFECTION**  
 sweet or rich to a great degree:  
**LUSCIOUS**  
 sweet-sounding: **EUPHONIOUS**  
 sweet-sounding, melodious, pleasant:  
**DULCET**  
 sweet to excess: **SACCHARINE**, **CLOYING**  
 swell, expand, widen: **DILATE**  
 swelling: **INTUMESCENCE**  
 swelling in the body: **EDEMA**  
 swelling, knot, knob: **NODE**  
 swelling of a mucous membrane: **POLYP**  
 swelling or sore from exposure to cold:  
**CHILBLAIN**  
 swelling or tumor formed by an effusion  
 of blood: **HEMATOMA**  
 swelling, protuberance: **TUBEROSITY**  
 swelling, puffiness: **TUMEFACTION**  
 swell, stretch out, expand: **DISTEND**  
 swerve: **SKEW**  
 swift, dashing, large, vigorous:  
**SPANKING**  
 swift, dazzling, brilliant: **METEORIC**  
 swiftly, rapidly, at a gallop: **TANTIVY**  
 swimmer's breathing tube that projects  
 above the water's surface: **SNORKEL**  
 swimming kick in which both legs are  
 parted and bent at the knees, then  
 thrust backward together: **SCISSORS**  
**KICK**  
 swimming overarm stroke using both  
 arms together and a scissors kick:  
**TRUDGEN**  
 swimming pool indoors: **NATATORIUM**  
 swimming under water with equipment  
 such as flippers and snorkel: **SKIN**  
**DIVING**  
 swindle: **BUNCO**  
 swindle: **SKIN GAME**  
 swindle after the victim's confidence has  
 been won: **CONFIDENCE GAME**  
 swindle, cheat: **ROOK**  
 swindle, con trick or job: **FIDDLE**

swindler, cheat, corrupt official:  
**HIGHBINDER**  
 swine castrated after maturity: **STAG**  
 swing around: **SLUE**  
 swing to and fro, fluctuate: **OSCILLATE**  
 swirling motion of air, water, gas, etc.:  
**TURBULENCE**  
 swish, fanciness, rustling as of silk:  
**FROUFROU**  
 switch from the lofty to the  
 commonplace: **BATHOS**  
 switching of letters or sounds that  
 changes a word: **METATHESIS**  
 swiveling wheel or ball, as on a chair  
 leg: **CASTER**  
 swollen: **BULBOUS**  
 swollen: **TUMESCENT**  
 swollen: **TUMID**  
 swollen, bulging: **VENTRICULAR**  
 swollen, distended: **TURGID**  
 sword bar separating the handle from  
 the blade: **CROSS GUARD**  
 sword-like in shape: **XIPHOID**  
 sword-like knife: **SNICKERSNEE**  
 sword's cross-guard arm or half, two of  
 which separate the blade from the  
 handle: **QUILLON**  
 sword-shaped: **GLADIATE**  
 swordsman who swaggers:  
**SWASHBUCKLER**  
 sword that is blunted and worn  
 ornamentally: **CURTEIN**  
 sword that is short and curved:  
**SCIMITAR**  
 sword without cutting edge used in  
 dueling: **ÉPÉE**  
 sworn written statement: **AFFIDAVIT**  
 syllable or letter appended to a word:  
**PARAGOGUE**  
 syllable or syllables placed at the  
 beginning of a word: **PREFIX**  
 syllable or syllables placed at the end of  
 a word: **SUFFIX**  
 syllable or syllables placed in the  
 middle of a word: **INFIX**  
 syllable shortened although it is  
 naturally or by position long:  
**SYSTOLE**  
 syllables do, re, mi, etc., used vocally in  
 music: **SOLFEGGIO**  
 syllables used vocally in music:  
**SOLMIZATION**  
 syllable third from last in a word:  
**ANTEPENULT**  
 symbol for "and" (&): **AMPERSAND**

symbol (ə), like an upside-down "e,"  
 used in phonetics: **SCHWA**  
 symbol or emblem used by a publisher  
 on the title page of a book:  
**COLOPHON**  
 symbol or picture representing a word,  
 sound or object: **HIEROGLYPHIC**  
 symbol or representative of something,  
 as of a doctrine or a cause:  
**EXPONENT**  
 symbols devised to represent  
 phonetically the positions of the  
 speech mechanism: **VISIBLE**  
**SPEECH**  
 symbols, stick figures, etc., as used on  
 public or road signs: **PASIGRAPHY**  
 symbol to inspire courage, such as a  
 battle flag: **ORIFLAMME**  
 symbol ( ~ ) used in printing to avoid  
 writing out a word or word  
 element previously noted: **SWUNG**  
**DASH**  
 symmetrical in a radial way, like a  
 starfish: **ACTINOID**  
 sympathize: **COMMISERATE**

sympathize or grieve with someone:  
**CONDOLE**  
 sympathizer with the enemy: **FIFTH**  
**COLUMNIST**  
 sympathy evocation, sorrow: **PATHOS**  
 symptom of an approaching disease:  
**PRODROME**  
 symptoms indicating a disease or  
 condition: **SYNDROME**  
 synonyms and antonyms arranged in  
 categories in a book: **THESAURUS**  
 synonym use merely to avoid repeating  
 a word: **ELEGANT VARIATION**  
 synopsis or summary of the plot of a  
 dramatic work: **SCENARIO**  
 synopsis, summary or diagram, as of a  
 process: **SCHEMA**  
 syntax: **COLLOCATION**  
 synthesis of separate elements of  
 emotion or experience that  
 constitutes more than the  
 mechanical sum of the parts:  
**GESTALT**  
 syphilis: **LUES**  
 systematized course of living: **REGIMEN**

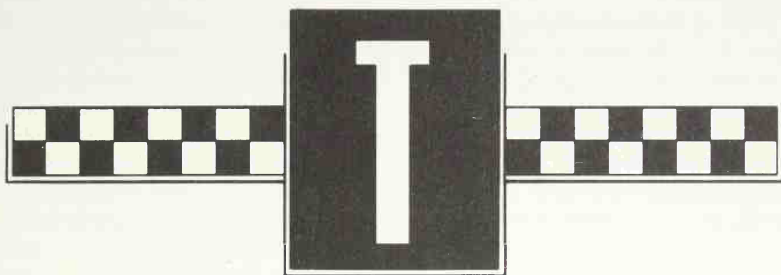


table for holding a tea service: **TEAPOY**

table plate with short feet on which to place a hot dish: **TRIYET**

table-sharing, eating together:

**COMMENSAL**

table supported wholly or in part by brackets: **CONSOLE TABLE**

table that is rectangular with squared legs even with and of the same thickness as the top: **PARSONS TABLE**

tablet on a wall for decoration or to mark an event: **PLAQUE**

tableware: **FLATWARE**

table wine: **VIN ORDINAIRE**

table with hinged sides or ends that fold down: **DROP-LEAF TABLE**

table with swinging legs that support drop leaves: **GATELEG TABLE**

tactic or stratagem to outwit someone: **PLOY**

tact, knowledge of the right thing to say or do: **SAVOIR-FAIRE**

tactlessness: **GAUCHERIE**

tact, smoothness, highly refined skill: **FINESSE**

tadpole: **POLLIWOG**

tailless: **ACAUDAL**

tailor- or tailoring-related: **SARTORIAL**

tail part that is fleshy, in animals: **DOCK**

take apart: **DISMANTLE**

take apart a weapon for cleaning: **FIELD STRIP**

take attention away from: **PRESCIND**

take away a legacy: **ADEEM**

take away from, detract: **DEROGATE**

take back, recant: **RETRACT**

take exception to, hesitate, object: **DEMUR**

take off, remove: **DOFF**

take over property from the owner, usually for public use:

**EXPROPRIATE**

take parts from one piece of equipment to use in another: **CANNIBALIZE**

take place, happen: **SUPERVENE**

take the place of: **SUPERSEDE**

take with careful consideration: **TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT**

taking back a present: **INDIAN GIVING**

taking into consideration or allowing for attendant differences: **MUTATIS MUTANDIS**

taking note: **COGNIZANCE**

taking risks to achieve some end: **BRINKMANSHIP**

talisman, charm: **GRIGRI, AMULET**

talkative: **LOQUACIOUS**

talkative, foolish person: **BLATHERSKITE**

talkative, glib, speaking fluently: **VOLUBLE**

talkativeness: **GARRULITY**

talkativeness to an abnormal degree:

**LOGORRHEA**

talk, conference of opposing sides: **PARLEY**

talk critically about or against something: **DEPRECATE**

talked-about object: **CONVERSATION PIECE**

talker who is boastful: **COCKALORUM**

talker who is learned in table conversation: **DEIPNOSOPHIST**

talk evasively, hedge, equivocate: **WAFFLE**

talk foolishly: **TWADDLE**

talk in a wandering, incoherent manner: **MAUNDER**

talk in a windy way, hold forth with cant, speechify: **BLOVIATE**



talking about a traumatic situation for release from it: **ABREACTION**  
 talking foolishly: **BLITHERING**  
 talking people as seen in close-up on television: **TALKING HEADS**  
 talk or chatter that is rapid, nonsensical or unintelligible: **JABBER**  
 talk quickly or incoherently: **GABBLE**  
 talk rapidly and incoherently: **GIBBER**  
 talk senselessly, chatter: **PRATE**  
 talk that is foolish or senseless: **DRIVEL**  
 talk that is idle: **PALAUVER**  
 talk that sounds important but isn't: **BOMBAST**  
 talk to oneself: **SOLILOQUIZE**  
 talk unfavorably or meanly about another: **BACKBITE**  
 tall and slender of figure: **ASTHENIC**  
 tall building: **HIGH RISE**  
 tall, lean, often awkward: **LANKY**  
 tall story: **COCK-AND-BULL STORY**  
 Talmudic literature devoted to legal elements: **HALAKHA**  
 Talmudic stories and account of the Exodus read at Seder service: **HAGGADAH**  
 tangible, touchable: **TACTILE**  
 tangle, make intricate: **INVOLVE**  
 tank or well to hold water: **CISTERN**  
 tantrum: **CONNIPTION**  
 tantrum: **HISSEY**  
 tap dance style with hopping and leg flings: **BUCK AND WING**  
 tap dancing without metal taps: **SOFT SHOE**  
 tapeworm or similar parasite: **HELMINTH**  
 tap firmly: **PERCUSS**  
 tapistry: **ARRAS**  
 tap or drum monotonously: **THRUM**  
 target or object conveniently criticized or rejected (British): **AUNT SALLY**  
 target with no chance: **SITTING DUCK**  
 tart or pleasantly sharp-tasting: **PIQUANT**  
 taste, flavor: **SAPOR**  
 tasteless, flat, bland, dull: **INSIPID**  
 taste loss or impairment: **AGEUSIA**  
 taste or flavor that is sickeningly sentimental is: **MAWKISH**  
 tastes cannot be profitably disputed: **DE GUSTIBUS NON EST DISPUTANDUM**  
 tasting saline and distasteful: **BRACKISH**  
 tasting, taste: **GUSTATION**  
 tasty, appetizing: **SAVORY**

tasty, savory: **SAPID**  
 taunt, gibe (British): **GIRD**  
 taunting, sneering, ironical language: **SARCASM**  
 taunt, jeer: **GIBE**  
 taunt or annoy by reminding of a fault: **TWIT**  
 tautological, wordy: **REDUNDANT**  
 tax: **IMPOST**  
 tax of one tenth: **TITHIE**  
 teacher: **PRECEPTOR**  
 teacher, lecturer, tutor without faculty rank: **DOCENT**  
 teacher or guide, especially in spiritual matters: **GURU**  
 teacher who is narrow-minded or pedantic: **PEDAGOGUE**  
 teaching or learning through discovery and investigation: **HEURISTICS**  
 team member who is a fill-in or outsider: **RINGER**  
 teapot's padded covering to keep the tea warm: **TEA COZY**  
 tear apart, as in searching for plunder: **RANSACK**  
 tear apart forcibly: **REND**  
 tear, chafe or burn away strips of: **EXCORIATE**  
 teardrop-shaped: **GUTTIFORM**  
 tearful: **LACHRYMOSE**  
 tearfully emotional or sentimental: **MAUDLIN**  
 tearing away: **AVULSION**  
 tear raggedly, mangle: **LACERATE**  
 tear to pieces: **DILACERATE**  
 tease or disappoint by repeated frustration of expectations: **TANTALIZE**  
 tease, torment playfully: **RAG**  
 teasing talk, jesting: **RAILLERY**  
 teasing that is playful: **BADINAGE**  
 technical mastery, skill or style, as of an art: **VIRTUOSITY**  
 technicians as rulers: **TECHNOCRACY**  
 tedious, boring: **WEARISOME**  
 tedious passage: **LONGUEUR**  
 tedious, troublesome, tiresome: **IRKSOME**  
 teething, cutting teeth: **DENTITION**  
 telepathy, clairvoyance: **CRYPTESTHESIA**  
 telephone transactions in unlisted stocks: **OVER-THE-COUNTER**  
**TRADING**  
 television: **VIDEO**

television-captioned for the hearing-impaired: **CLOSED CAPTIONED**

television magnetic tape on which the video and audio parts of a program can be recorded: **VIDEOTAPE**

television or radio melodramatic series: **SOAP OPERA**

television ratings period: **SWEEPS**

television's picture as distinguished from its sound, or audio: **VIDEO**

television's sound as distinguished from its picture, or video: **AUDIO**

tell, disclose, reveal: **DIVULGE**

tell off, scold: **BERATE**

temperate in eating and drinking: **ABSTEMIOUS**

temperature sense lack, inability to recognize heat or cold: **THERMANESTHESIA**

temperature standard used to estimate fuel requirements for heating of buildings: **DEGREE DAY**

temper tantrum: **HISSEY**

temple or tower of the Far East with stacked roofs each curving upward: **PAGODA**

temple slave: **HIERODULE**

tempo and expression of music at the performer's pleasure: **A CAPRICCIO**

temporary: **INTERIM**

temporary, brief: **TRANSIENT**

temporary buildings for housing troops: **CANTONMENT**

temporary camp, usually without shelter: **BIVOUAC**

temporary, improvised, substitute: **MAKESHIFT**

temporary inaction: **ABEYANCE**

temporary or makeshift, as applied to a ship's rigging: **JURY-RIGGED**

temporary, provisional, for the time being: **PRO TEMPORE**

temporary replacement or fill-in in a job: **LOCUM TENENS**

temporary residence or stay: **SOJOURN**

temporary stitching: **BASTING**

Ten Commandments: **DECALOGUE**

tendency, bent: **PROPENSITY**

tendency, inclination: **BENT**

tendency or drift that is hidden: **UNDERCURRENT**

tendency or inclination, usually toward something objectionable: **PROCLIVITY**

tendency, susceptibility: **PREDISPOSITION**

tendency that is inborn: **INSTINCT**

tendency, trend, liking, leaning or bent: **INCLINATION**

tendency, way of reacting: **DISPOSITION**

tender, emotional, sometimes mawkish: **SENTIMENTAL**

tender part of a loin of meat: **TENDERLOIN**

tending to a particular point of view: **TENDENTIOUS**

tendon at the back of the human knee and thigh: **HAMSTRING**

ten-fold or based on the number ten: **DENARY**

tennis: **SPHAIRISTIKE**

tennis ball returned repeatedly before it hits the ground: **VOLLEY**

tennis court's screened gallery for spectators, especially in court tennis: **DEDANS**

tennis doubles player's intercepting of a ball that would normally be played by his or her partner: **POACHING**

tennis extra game, with different scoring, played after a tie at, usually, twelve games: **TIEBREAKER**

tennis game juncture when the server is one point away from losing: **BREAK POINT**

tennis loss of a point because both serve attempts fail: **DOUBLE FAULT**

tennis player's winning of a game against the server: **SERVICE BREAK**

tennis return in which a softly stroked ball barely clears the net: **DROP SHOT**

tennis rule violation of failing to keep both feet behind the base line when serving: **FOOT FAULT**

tennis serve that is unreturnable: **ACE**

tennis serve that touches the net before landing and is not counted: **LET**

tennis set in which the winner wins every game: **LOVE SET**

tennis shot hit past the opponent when he or she is near the net: **PASSING SHOT**

tennis stroke at the ball after it has bounced: **GROUND STROKE**

tennis stroke in which the ball is arched high into the air: **LOB**

tennis stroke in which the hand holding the racket hits the ball from the

opposite side of the body:  
**BACKHAND**  
 tennis stroke made on the same side of  
 the body as that of the hand  
 wielding the racket: **FOREHAND**  
 tennis style in which the server rushes  
 to the net after each serve:  
**SERVE-AND-VOLLEY**  
 tense, bewildered, agitated, worried:  
**DISTRAUGHT**  
 tenth part of anything: **TITHE**  
 ten-year anniversary: **DECENNIAL**  
 ten-year period, decade: **DECENNARY**  
 terminally ill, hospital or program for:  
**HOSPICE**  
 terminology, names: **NOMENCLATURE**  
 territory surrounded by that of another  
 country or class: **ENCLAVE**  
 territory with a populace and tradition  
 close to one state or country but  
 ruled by another, as at a border:  
**IRREDENTA**  
 terse, concise, brief and meaningful:  
**SUCCINCT**  
 terse, pithy, axiomatic: **SENTENTIOUS**  
 terse, solid, packed with meaning:  
**PITHY**  
 test, by an action or statement, of  
 public opinion or reaction: **TRIAL**  
**BALLOON**  
 test for diphtheria: **SCHICK TEST**  
 test for uterine cancer: **PAP TEST**  
 test or gauge the weight of by lifting:  
**HEFT**  
 test or initiation that is severe or an  
 ordeal: **BAPTISM OF FIRE**  
 test that is a key or decisive one:  
**LITMUS TEST**  
 test that is crucial, pivotal or tough:  
**ACID TEST**  
 test the depth of water: **SOUND**  
 test-the-waters action or statement:  
**TRIAL BALLOON**  
 test word, password: **SHIBBOLETH**  
 that is: **I.E. (ID EST)**  
 that is to say, namely: **TO WIT**  
 that's life: **C'EST LA VIE**  
 theater bulletin board: **CALLBOARD**  
 theater fabric, light and sheer, used as a  
 backdrop: **SCRIM**  
 theater forward section of mezzanine or  
 balcony: **LOGE**  
 theater having the stage surrounded by  
 seats: **ARENA THEATER**

theater space above the stage containing  
 the drop curtain and lighting: **FLY**  
 theater's projecting entrance roof or  
 oblong canopy: **MARQUEE**  
 theaters, tents, modified barns, etc.,  
 usually in resort areas, for plays  
 and concerts: **STRAW-HAT CIRCUIT**  
 theater waiting room for performers  
 when they are off-stage: **GREEN**  
**ROOM**  
 theater writer, playwright:  
**DRAMATURGE**  
 theatrical collection of works prepared  
 for production: **REPERTORY**  
 theatrical direction for martial activity:  
**ALARUMS AND EXCURSIONS**  
 theatrical, overly emotional: **HISTRIONIC**  
 theatrical stage objects: **PROPS**  
 theft: **LARCENY**  
 theme used throughout a work of art to  
 indicate, signal or remind of a  
 certain person, event or idea:  
**LEITMOTIF**  
 theological branch dealing with facts  
 and proofs concerning Christianity:  
**APOLOGETICS**  
 theoretical, as opposed to practical:  
**ACADEMIC**  
 theoretical, conjectural: **SPECULATIVE**  
 theoretical, not concrete: **ABSTRACT**  
 theory or supposition used as a basis  
 for further investigation:  
**HYPOTHESIS**  
 therapy by suggesting positive life goals:  
**PSYCHAGOGY**  
 therapy using doses of medicines that  
 produce symptoms of the disease  
 treated: **HOMEOPATHY**  
 thermometer degree markings:  
**GRADUATIONS**  
 thesis established by showing its  
 opposite to be absurd: **APAGOGUE**  
 thick and dense, as heavy smoke:  
**TURBID**  
 thicken: **INCRASSATE**  
 thicken as by evaporation: **INSPISSATE**  
 thickening and degeneration of artery  
 walls: **ARTERIOSCLEROSIS**  
 thickening and degeneration of artery  
 walls with deposits of fatty  
 substances: **ATHEROSCLEROSIS**  
 thicket: **COPSE, COPPICE**  
 thief: **GANEF**  
 thin and pale: **PEAKED**  
 thin biscuit or cooky: **WAFER**

thin down, emaciate: **MACERATE**

thin, flimsy, delicate: **TENUOUS**

thing that goes into a mixture:

**INGREDIENT**

think about, reflect, consider carefully:

**PONDER**

thinker, clever man: **SOPHIST**

thinking, using the intellect:

**INTELLECTION**

think of separately: **PRESCIND**

think out carefully, devise: **EXCOGITATE**

think, reason: **INTELLECTUALIZE**

thin, lean: **SPARE**

thinly diffused: **SPARSE**

thinned out, weakened, somewhat

strained: **ATTENUATED**

thinness induced pathologically by

extreme dieting: **ANOREXIA**

**NERVOSA**

thin, scanty, inadequate: **MEAGER**

thin sheets of fabric, wood, etc., being

bonded together are: **LAMINATED**

third anniversary: **TRIENNIAL**

third finger: **MEDIUS**

third-person pronoun use instead of

"I": **ILLEISM**

third syllable from the end in a word:

**ANTEPENULT**

thirst-causing, dry up: **PARCH**

thirteen: **BAKER'S DOZEN**

this side of the Atlantic: **CISATLANTIC**

thoroughfare, open space for crowds:

**CONCOURSE**

thoroughgoing: **UNMITIGATED**

thoroughly, to the fullest, completely:

**À FOND**

thorough, thoroughgoing: **INGRAINED**

thoughtful, serious, often melancholy:

**PENSIVE**

thought, idea: **INTELLECTION**

thought-involving, not concrete:

**ABSTRACT**

thoughtless, unthinking: **INCOGITANT**

thought or observation that is literary:

**PENSÉE**

thoughts and feelings of a character

evoked in a literary passage:

**INTERIOR MONOLOGUE**

thousand, thousand years: **CHILIAD**

thousand tons: **KILOTON**

thousand-year period: **MILLENARY**

thrash severely, punish or beat:

**TROUNCE**

threatening and dark, as the weather:

**LOWERING**

threatening, menacing: **MINACIOUS,**

**MINATORY**

threat or denunciation, especially from  
a divine source: **COMMINATION**

three-dimensional image (when viewed  
through tinted lenses) printed in

two overlapping colors: **ANAGLYPH**

three-dimensional life-like image

produced by a laser process:

**HOLOGRAM**

three-dimensional-view optical viewer

with two eyepieces: **STEREOSCOPE**

three-figure design with branches, arms  
or legs coming from a common

center: **TRISKELION**

three-fold: **TRIPLE**

three-fold or based on the number

three: **TERNARY**

three-hulled boat with sails: **TRIMARAN**

three in a governing group: **TROIKA**

Three Kings' visit to Jesus observed:

**EPIPHANY**

three miles: **LEAGUE**

three persons or things: **TRIAD**

three rhyming lines: **TERCET**

three separate but related literary or  
dramatic works: **TRILOGY**

three spots, as on a card or domino:

**TREY**

thrifless, rash, incautious:

**IMPROVIDENT**

thrift or economy in managing:

**HUSBANDRY**

thrifty: **FRUGAL**

thrifty, careful: **CANNY**

thrill, arouse, startle: **ELECTRIFY**

thriving period, height of power,

exuberance: **HEYDAY**

throat irritation often causing loss of  
voice: **LARYNGITIS**

throbbing, pulsing: **VIBRANT**

throb regularly, vibrate: **PULSATE**

throw-away matter: **RECREMENT**

throw forth or forward: **PROJECT**

throw goods or cargo overboard:

**JETTISON**

throwing out of a window:

**DEFENESTRATION**

throw in, introduce abruptly: **INJECT**

throw things at: **PELT**

thrust away from, push down: **DETRUDE**

thumb: **POLLEX**

thumb one's nose: **SNOOK**

thumb rapidly through a book's pages:

**RIFFLE**



thumb the nose: **COCK A SNOOT, COCK A SNOOK**  
 thus passes away worldly glory: **SIC TRANSIT GLORIA MUNDI**  
 ticket selling above the regular rates: **SCALPING**  
 tickle or excite pleasurably: **TITILLATE**  
 tickle, pinch, nip, twitch: **VELLICATE**  
 tidal wave: **TSUNAMI**  
 tide occurring at or shortly after the new or full moon: **SPRING TIDE**  
 tide that is an often dangerous countertide that produces turbulent water: **RIPTIDE**  
 tide when the rise and fall show least change: **NEAP TIDE**  
 tidy: **KEMPT**  
 tie, a race in which two competitors finish together: **DEAD HEAT**  
 tie or draw, as in a game: **STANDOFF**  
 tie or fasten together: **COLLIGATE**  
 tie that connects, bond: **LIGAMENT**  
 tie together the four feet or the feet and hands: **HOG-TIE**  
 tighten up, make concise: **CONDENSE**  
 tightrope walker: **FUNAMBULIST**  
 tight spot, predicament: **QUANDARY**  
 tile-like, either in shape or arrangement: **TEGULAR**  
 tilt, slope: **CANT**  
 timber driven into the earth to support a building or pier: **PILE**  
 timber in a stand and not yet cut: **STUMPAGE**  
 time as indicated in the military (000, 0100 . . . 2400 hours): **MILITARY TIME**  
 time between periods or events, meantime: **INTERIM**  
 time category of a verb form: **TENSE**  
 time-consuming tactics to obstruct action: **FILIBUSTER**  
 time counted in reverse, as in rocket launching: **COUNTDOWN**  
 time erroneously associated with an earlier or later event or thing: **ANACHRONISM**  
 time erroneously given as earlier than the fact: **PROCHRONISM**  
 time erroneously given as later than the fact: **METACHRONISM**  
 time flies: **TEMPUS FUGIT**  
 time-honored, venerable, classic: **VINTAGE**

time, in addition to length, width and thickness: **FOURTH DIMENSION**  
 time-measuring science: **CHRONOLOGY**  
 time or interval for accomplishing something: **WINDOW**  
 time or rate agreement arranged: **SYNCHRONIZED**  
 time out from work for a short period: **COFFEE BREAK**  
 time period memorable for important events or influence: **EPOCH**  
 timepiece: **HOROLOGUE**  
 time to be off the streets: **CURFEW**  
 time-to-get-up signal on bugle or drum: **REVEILLE**  
 time when work is not being done, equipment is broken, etc.: **DOWNTIME**  
 timid: **PIGEON-HEARTED**  
 timid, cowardly: **CHICKEN-HEARTED, CHICKEN-LIVERED**  
 timid, fearful: **TIMOROUS**  
 timid, fearful, trembling: **TREMULOUS**  
 timidity, shyness, lack of confidence: **DIFFIDENCE**  
 tinder of decayed wood: **PUNK**  
 tingle annoyingly: **PRINGLE**  
 tin mine region: **STANNARY**  
 tinselly, glittering, showy: **CLINQUANT**  
 tint, light color: **TINCTURE**  
 tiny: **LILLIPUTIAN**  
 tiny amount: **IOTA**  
 tiny person: **HOP-O'-MY-THUMB**  
 tiny quantity: **SOUPÇON**  
 tiny, very small: **MINUSCULE**  
 tip: **POURBOIRE**  
 tip, gift of money: **GRATUITY**  
 tip, gratuity: **DOUCEUR**  
 tip-of-the-tongue phenomenon: **LETHOLOGICA**  
 tip or band of metal, as at the end of an umbrella, cane or table leg: **FERRULE**  
 tip or present, gratuity: **CUMSHAW**  
 tip or small bribe: **BAKSHEESH**  
 tirade: **HARANGUE**  
 tireless, unflagging: **INDEFATIGABLE**  
 tiresome, tedious, troublesome: **IRKSOME**  
 tiring, weakening: **FLAGGING**  
 tissue and tissue structure as a biological study: **HISTOLOGY**  
 tissue growing abnormally, as a tumor: **NEOPLASM**



tissue removed from a living organism for examination: **BIOPSY**  
 title of respect used with a name: **HONORIFIC**  
 title or epithet substituted for proper name: **ANTONOMASIA**  
 title or heading of a section in a law: **RUBRIC**  
 toady, cringe fondly: **FAWN**  
 toady, servile follower: **LACKEY**  
 toasted slice of bread that has been baked yellow: **ZWIEBACK**  
 toast or bread, in a small piece, dipped in gravy or sauce: **SIPPET**  
 tobacco ash left in a pipe after smoking: **DOTTLE**  
 tobacco grown in Louisiana, dark and strong: **PERIQUE**  
 tobacco moisture-retaining box or case: **HUMIDOR**  
 tobacco or tobacco smoke aversion: **MISOCAPNIA**  
 tobacco that stinks: **MUNDUNGUS**  
 toeless: **ADACTYLOUS**  
 toes linked by a membrane: **WEB-FOOTED**  
 toes or feet being characteristically turned in: **PIGEON-TOED**  
 toe with the joint bent downward: **HAMMERTOES**  
 together: **IN CONCERT**  
 together, as a group or as one: **EN MASSE**  
 together, cooperative: **SYNERGETIC**  
 toilet-bowl-like basin for bathing the genitals: **BIDET**  
 toilet for numbers of people, as in a camp: **LATRINE**  
 toilet in nautical language: **HEAD**  
 toil, work hard: **MOIL**  
 token, counter: **JETON**  
 token of a solemn pledge: **SACRAMENT**  
 tomato juice mixed with vodka as a cocktail: **BLOODY MARY**  
 tomato juice served as if it were a cocktail: **VIRGIN MARY**  
 tomboy: **HOYDEN**  
 tombstone inscription: **EPITAPH**  
 tomcat: **GIB**  
 tomorrow (Spanish): **MAÑANA**  
 tone color or quality, as of a voice or an instrument: **TIMBRE**  
 tongue kiss: **CATAGLOTTISM**  
 tongue-lashing: **EXCORIATION**  
 tongue-like: **LINGUAL**

tongue-like object, land formation, etc.: **LANGUET**  
 too glib, facile: **PAT**  
 too great or too numerous to be determined: **INCALCULABLE**  
 too much, in music: **TANTO**  
 too sweet: **CLOYING, SACCHARINE**  
 toothache: **ODONTALGIA**  
 toothbrush rubber tip for massaging gums: **STIMULATOR TIP**  
 tooth cleanser: **DENTIFRICE**  
 tooth extraction: **EXODONTIA**  
 tooth-gnashing: **BRUXISM**  
 toothless: **EDENTATE**  
 tooth that is broken or that projects: **SNAGGLETOOTH**  
 tooth with two points: **BICUSPID**  
 top, apex: **VERTEX**  
 top course of a wall or roof: **COPING**  
 top grade or quality: **FIRST WATER**  
 top having four lettered sides, used in a gambling game: **TEETOTUM**  
 topmost point, acme: **PINNACLE**  
 top or cap being difficult to remove: **CHILDPROOF**  
 top-ranked: **PREEMINENT**  
 top-shaped, spinning like a top: **TURBINATE**  
 torch, candlestick that is large and decorated: **FLAMBEAU**  
 tormented, oppressed: **HAGRIDDEN**  
 torment, tease, rant, browbeat, bluster: **HECTOR**  
 tornado: **TWISTER**  
 torpor: **ACEDIA**  
 Torrid Zone inhabitants whose shadows fall according to the season: **AMPHISCIA**  
 tortoise-like: **TESTUDINAL**  
 tortuous, winding: **ANFRACTUOUS**  
 torture to force confession: **QUESTION EXTRAORDINAIRE**  
 tossing or twitching to an abnormal degree: **JACTITATION**  
 total, end-to-end: **OVERALL**  
 to the point: **APROPOS**  
 touchable: **TANGIBLE**  
 touchable, perceptible: **PALPABLE**  
 touchable, tangible: **TACTILE**  
 touch at the sides or ends: **ABUT**  
 touching: **TANGENT**  
 touching, emotionally moving: **POIGNANT**  
 touch or push with a slight jarring, shake lightly, stimulate: **JOG**

touchy, irritable: **TETCHY**  
 toughen or smooth metal: **PLANISH**  
 tough, robust: **HARDY**  
 tough, terse and realistic in writing style: **HARD-BOILED**  
 tough, unyielding: **HARD-BITTEN**  
 tough urban wisdom and savvy: **STREET SMARTS**  
 tourist's diarrhea suffered in a foreign country: **TURISTA, TOURISTA**  
 tournament: **JOUSTS**  
 tournament in which each player engages every other player: **ROUND ROBIN**  
 tour of the European continent: **GRAND TOUR**  
 tour rural districts: **BARNSTORM**  
 tousled, untidy, unkempt: **DISHEVELED**  
 toward the base: **BASAD**  
 toward the center: **CENTRIPETAL**  
 tower of a mosque that is slender and balconied: **MINARET**  
 tower or keep of a castle: **DONJON**  
 tower or temple of the Far East with stacked roofs each curving upward: **PAGODA**  
 tower that tapers to a point: **SPIRE**  
 town dweller, citizen, middle-class resident: **BURGHER**  
 town that is small, remote and unknown: **PODUNK**  
 trace out, portray verbally, describe: **DELINEATE**  
 trace, sign of something absent: **VESTIGE**  
 trace, slight hint: **SOUPÇON**  
 trace, spark: **SCINTILLA**  
 track-and-field event in which an athlete uses a long pole to leap over a high horizontal bar: **POLE VAULT**  
 track or trail behind any moving thing, such as a ship: **WAKE**  
 track, trail, footprint or other trace of a wild animal: **SPOOR**  
 tractable, yielding: **PLIANT**  
 trademark of a publishing house: **COLOPHON**  
 trader: **CHANDLER**  
 trader, dealer: **MONGER**  
 trading of votes and influence between politicians: **LOGROLLING**  
 trading unit on a stock exchange, usually 100 shares: **ROUND LOT**  
 traditionalists, conservative or entrenched element: **OLD GUARD**

tragic flaw, as dramatized in Greek tragedy: **HAMARTIA**  
 tragic muse: **MELPOMENE**  
 trail, track, footprint or other trace of a wild animal: **SPOOR**  
 training of employees to develop skills, etc.: **IN-SERVICE COURSES**  
 train of slaves, prisoners or animals fastened together, as for marching: **COFFLE**  
 train to a behavior pattern: **CONDITION**  
 traitor: **RECREANT**  
 traitor: **BENEDICT ARNOLD**  
 traitor, deserter: **RENEGADE**  
 traitorous leader, collaborator with the enemy: **QUISLING**  
 traitor, renegade: **TURNCOAT**  
 tramp, wanderer: **VAGABOND**  
 tranquil, calm, untroubled: **SERENE**  
 tranquillity: **ATARAXIA**  
 tranquil, serene, uniform: **EQUABLE**  
 transaction conditionally authorized when, as and if a security is issued: **WHEN ISSUED**  
 transference of an emotion to something other than the original object: **DISPLACEMENT**  
 transferring one's feelings or desires related to childhood repression toward the psychiatrist or another person: **TRANSFERENCE**  
 transform: **TRANSMOGRIFY**  
 transformable, changeable: **MUTABLE**  
 transformation: **PERMUTATION**  
 transformation: **SEA CHANGE**  
 transformation of form, character or appearance: **METAMORPHOSIS**  
 transform, convert: **RESOLVE**  
 transient, fickle, unstable, fleeting: **VOLATILE**  
 transitional form: **INTERGRADE**  
 transition or progression without pause, as in sequential musical numbers or topics of conversation: **SEGUE**  
 transitory, fleeting: **FUGACIOUS**  
 transitory, lasting a short time, fleeting, of short life or duration: **EPIHEMERAL**  
 transitory quality: **CADUCITY**  
 translation literally of a word or construction from one language to another: **LOAN TRANSLATION**  
 translation word for word: **METAPHRASE**  
 translucent, limpid: **PELLUCID**

- transmit to another: **BEQUEATH**  
transmutation process: **ALCHEMY**  
transparent, glass-like: **HYALINE**  
transparent, lucid, pure, clear: **LIMPID**  
transparent or translucent, as a cloth:  
**DIAPHANOUS**  
transparent or translucent plastic:  
**LUCITE**  
transparent, radiant: **LUCENT**  
transparent when wet: **HYDROPHANOUS**  
transporter of pedestrians, such as a  
belt-like conveyor or an elevated  
car: **PEOPLE MOVER**  
transport service that goes back and  
forth quickly or frequently:  
**SHUTTLE**  
transposing letters of a word to form  
another: **ANAGRAM**  
transposition of letters or sounds that  
changes a word: **METATHESIS**  
transposition of sounds or of parts of  
words unintentionally:  
**SPOONERISM**  
trapeze acrobat: **AERIALIST**  
trap or danger always possible or to be  
feared: **PITFALL**  
trapping or irresolvably circular  
situation: **CATCH-22**  
trap, situation with no escape:  
**CUL-DE-SAC**  
trash, junk, rubbish: **DRECK**  
trash seller, junk dealer:  
**SCHLOCKMEISTER**  
trashy art or literature: **KITSCH**  
travel a route: **PEREGRINATE**  
travelers moving in a group: **CARAVAN**  
traveler, wayfarer: **VIATOR**  
traveling or going from place to place:  
**ITINERANT**  
traveling salesperson who sells or gives  
away religious books: **COLPORTEUR**  
travel service that goes back and forth  
quickly or frequently: **SHUTTLE**  
travel urge: **WANDERLUST**  
tray: **SALVER**  
treacherous: **PERFIDIOUS**  
treacherous, wily, cunning: **INSIDIOUS**  
treacherous woman: **DELILAH**  
treachery, evildoing, murder: **FOUL**  
**PLAY**  
treachery, perfidy, falseness in word:  
**PUNIC FAITH**  
treason, offense against sovereign  
authority: **LESE MAJESTY**, **LESE**  
**MAJESTE**  
treasure, collection, gathering: **TROVE**  
treasurer: **BURSAR**  
treatise: **DISSERTATION**  
treatise, formal discourse: **DISQUISITION**  
treatise or pamphlet, usually on a  
political or religious subject: **TRACT**  
treatment of disease by manipulation of  
the joints: **CHIROPRACTIC**  
treatment of disease by producing  
incompatible conditions:  
**ALLOPATHY**  
treaty, contract, agreement: **PACT**  
tree-bordered walk or promenade:  
**ALAMEDA**  
tree grown from seed: **STAND**  
tree or shrub miniaturizing, a Japanese  
art: **BONSAI**  
tree rings used to estimate dates of past  
events: **DENDROCHRONOLOGY**  
trees as studied in botany and forestry:  
**DENDROLOGY**  
trees, like or living in: **ARBOREAL**  
trees or shrubs trimmed and arranged  
in fantastic shapes: **TOPIARY**  
tree tract or garden displaying many  
varieties: **ARBORETUM**  
tree with its top cut to cause growth of  
shoots: **POLLARD**  
trembling paralysis: **PALSY**  
trendy adoption of a radical or minority  
cause by the rich: **RADICAL CHIC**  
trespass for hunting or fishing: **POACH**  
trespass, intrude, advance beyond the  
proper limit: **ENCROACH**  
trial action or statement to determine  
likely public response: **TRIAL**  
**BALLOON**  
triangles and the relationship of their  
sides and angles as a study:  
**TRIGONOMETRY**  
triangle with no sides of the same  
length: **SCALENE**  
triangle with two equal sides:  
**ISOSCELES**  
triangular jet aircraft: **DELTA WING**  
triangular or wedge-shaped piece of  
fabric set into a garment to provide  
greater fullness: **GORE**  
triangular roof feature: **GABLE**  
triangular roof-like fronting in  
architecture, classical gable:  
**PEDIMENT**  
triangular stringed instrument  
(Russian): **BALALAIKA**  
tribute, elaborate praise: **PANEGYRIC**

trick, cajole, entice by flattery or guile:

**INVEIGLE**

trick, cheat: **HOODWINK**

trick, cheat, deceive: **FINAGLE**

trickery: **CHICANERY**

trickery, deceitfulness, double-dealing:

**DUPLICITY**

trickery, deception: **HOCUS-POCUS**

trickery, hocus-pocus, sleight of hand:

**LEGERDEMAIN**

trickery, rascality, deceitfulness:

**KNAVERY**

trickery, underhandedness:

**SKULDUGGERY**

trick, maneuver, device for obtaining an

advantage: **STRATAGEM**

trick or deceive someone: **BAMBOOZLE**

tricky, fraudulent action: **JOCKEYING**

tricky, lewd: **LUBRICIOUS**

trifle: **BAGATELLE**

trifle, little something: **QUELQUECHOSE**

trifles, unimportant details: **MINUTIAE**

trifle with or flirt: **COQUET**

trifling or insignificant in size or

amount: **NEGLIGIBLE**

trifling or small work: **OPUSCULE**

trifling, small: **NOMINAL**

trifling, unimportant, frivolous thing:

**FRIBBLE**

trifling, unimportant, insignificant:

**PETTY**

trilling sound, as that of grasshoppers

or birds: **CHIRR**

trimming for women's gowns, as beaded

lace or braid: **PASSEMENTERIE**

trimming on edges or seams of material:

**PIPING**

trim or cut branches, as from a tree:

**LOP**

trinket: **BIBELOT**

trinket: **GEWGAW**

trinket, gewgaw: **KICKSHAW**

trinket, gewgaw: **TCHOTCHKE**

trinket or ornament either gaudy or

trifling: **FALLAL**

triple tablet, picture or carving, often

depicting a religious subject:

**TRIPTYCH**

triplicate: **TERNATE**

trite, commonplace, banal remark:

**PLATITUDE**

trite, commonplace or worn out by

overuse, as a phrase: **HACKNEYED**

trite expression: **BROMIDE**

trite, hackneyed: **HACK**

trite or stale story, song or saying:

**CHESTNUT**

trite, worn-out or overused expression:

**CLICHÉ**

triumphant, joyful: **JUBILANT**

trivial, of small importance:

**FEATHERWEIGHT**

trivial or worthless matter: **CHAFF**

trivial, petty: **INSIGNIFICANT**

trivial, petty: **PICAYUNE**

trivial, petty, contemptible: **PALTRY**

trivial, silly, unimportant: **FRIVOLOUS**

trivial, unimportant: **INCONSEQUENTIAL**

trolley in parallelogram shape that

draws current for an electric

locomotive: **PANTOGRAPH**

troop call for service, review, etc.:

**MUSTER**

troops highly trained for bold attack,

assault force: **SHOCK TROOPS**

trouble: **TSOORIS**

trouble, bother, inconvenience:

**DISCOMMODE**

trouble-free state: **ATARAXIA**

troublemaker: **ENFANT TERRIBLE**

trouble-making: **PESTILENT**

trouble or torment relentlessly: **HARASS**

troublesome, difficult or risky situation:

**HORNET'S NEST**

troublesome, tiresome, tedious:

**IRKSOME**

trouble with persistent demands:

**IMPORTUNE**

trousers of women resembling a skirt:

**CULOTTE**

trudge laboriously: **PLOD**

true apparently but open to doubt:

**PLAUSIBLE**

truism: **PLATITUDE**

truly so: **VERITABLE**

trumpet mute: **SOURDINE**

trumpet or drum signal for a parley:

**CHAMADE**

trusted adviser or counselor: **MENTOR**

trustee, guardian: **FIDUCIARY**

truthful, accurate: **VERACIOUS**

truthful representation, likeness to what

is real or true: **VERISIMILITUDE**

truth that is obvious or self-evident:

**TRUISM**

tube between the mouth and stomach:

**GULLET**

tube of small size, often graduated:

**PIPETTE**

tuberculosis, consumption: **PHTHISIS**

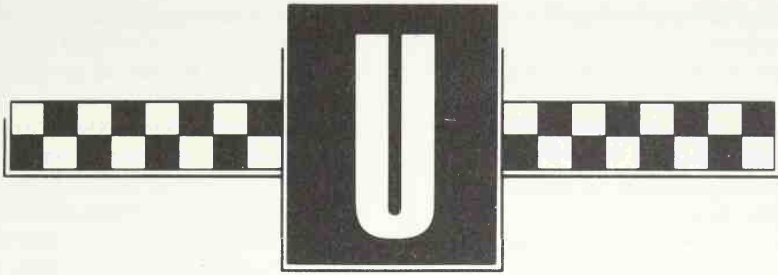


tube used to transfer liquid to a container at a lower level: **SIPHON**  
 tub for boiling and bleaching fabrics: **KIER**  
 tuck made in a garment to achieve a good fit: **DART**  
 tuft of ribbons, yarn, feathers: **POMPON**  
 tuft or clump, as of grass or hair: **TUSSOCK**  
 tumbler, vaulter: **VOLTIGEUR**  
 tumor-like swelling of a mucous membrane: **POLYP**  
 tumor that is malignant: **SARCOMA**  
 tumult, confusion: **TURMOIL**  
 tune an instrument: **TEMPER**  
 turbulent and dangerous condition or place: **MAELSTROM**  
 Turkish confection: **HALVAH**  
 Turkish cylindrical men's hat, usually with a tassel: **FEZ**  
 Turkish title of respect (formerly): **EFFENDI**  
 turmoil, confusion: **HURLY-BURLY**  
 turmoil, haste or excitement, prompted by: **HECTIC**  
 turmoil, storm and stress, great unrest: **STURM UND DRANG**  
 turn aside: **SHUNT**  
 turn aside, deflect, distract, amuse, entertain: **DIVERT**  
 turn aside, swerve: **SKEW**  
 turn aside, wander from the main subject: **DIGRESS**  
 turn aside, ward off, avoid: **PARRY**  
 turn, as the hand, so that the palm is downward or backward: **PRONATE**  
 turn, as the hand, so that the palm is upward or forward: **SUPINATE**  
 turn away from the straight course: **DEVIATE**  
 turncoat, traitor: **RENEGADE**  
 turned up at the tip: **RETROUSSE**  
 turning of one's concerns inward upon oneself: **INTROVERSION**  
 turning point in action, belief, etc.: **WATERSHED**  
 turnip with a large root: **RUTABAGA**  
 turn or go back to a former place, position or condition: **REVERT**  
 turn out finally, result ultimately: **EVENTUATE**  
 turn outward or inside out: **EVERT**  
 turn, rotate or swing, as around an axis: **PIVOT**  
 turreted like a castle: **CASTELLATED**

turtle's underside or ventral horny plate: **PLASTRON**  
 tutor, teacher or lecturer without faculty rank: **DOCENT**  
 tuxedo, semiformal attire: **BLACK TIE**  
 TV portable camera with a build-in VCR: **CAMCORDER**  
 twelve-fold or based on the number 12: **DUODECIMAL**  
 twentieth anniversary: **VIGENTENNIAL**  
 twenty-fold or based on the number 20: **VIGESIMAL**  
 twenty-four hours in occurrence or cycle, as certain biological processes: **CIRCADIAN**  
 twenty-one, a card game: **VINGT-ET-UN**  
 twenty-year period: **VICENNIAL**  
 twice a week: **SEMIWEEKLY**  
 twice a year, semiannual: **BIANNUAL**  
 twig-like handicraft work, furniture, etc.: **WICKERWORK**  
 twig or slender branch that is tough and flexible: **WITHE**  
 twilight, dusk: **GLOAMING**  
 twilight-like in dimness, obscure: **CREPUSCULAR**  
 twilight of the gods: **GÖTTERDÄMMERUNG**  
 twin-bearing: **BIPAROUS**  
 twinge of fear: **QUALM**  
 twist, bend, contort: **WRITHE**  
 twist, bend, misrepresent: **DISTORT**  
 twisted cord used for ornamentation: **TORSADE**  
 twisted or intricate, complicated, involved: **CONVOLUTED**  
 twisting or being twisted: **TORSION**  
 twist or bend out of shape: **DISTORT**  
 twist or lurch from side to side: **CAREEN**  
 twist or pull away: **WREST**  
 twitching or tossing to an abnormal degree: **JACTITATION**  
 twitching, spasm: **MYOCLONUS**  
 twitch, pinch, nip, tickle: **VELLICATE**  
 two bids made simultaneously are decided by a flip of a coin: **MATCHED AND LOST**  
 two dancers in a ballet figure: **PAS DE DEUX**  
 two dots over a Germanic vowel to indicate a sound change (ü): **UMLAUT**  
 two dots over the second of two



- consecutive vowels to indicate different pronunciation: **DIERESIS**
- two, double or paired: **BINARY**
- two-edged battle ax: **TWIBIL**
- two equally accented syllables making up a poetic metrical foot: **SPONDEE**
- two-fold or double: **DUPL**
- two-footed animal: **BIPED**
- two-god theology: **DITHIEISM**
- two-handed: **BIMANOUS**
- two-hulled boat with sails: **CATAMARAN**
- two meanings in a phrase, one of them often risqué: **DOUBLE ENTENDRE**
- two months apart: **BIMONTHLY**
- two months in duration: **BIMESTRIAL**
- two names or two terms, involving: **BINOMIAL**
- two negatives in a single sentence ("I don't have no pencil"): **DOUBLE NEGATIVE**
- two or more academic or scientific disciplines being involved: **CROSS-DISCIPLINARY**
- two or more distinct personalities as a psychiatric disorder: **MULTIPLE PERSONALITY**
- two or more husbands at once: **POLYANDRY**
- two or more wives at once: **POLYGYNY**
- two-part division of groups or classes that are often opposed: **DICHOTOMY**
- two people sharing the same delusion: **FOLIE À DEUX**
- two persons sharing ruling power: **DIARCHY**
- two prosecutions for the same offense: **DOUBLE JEOPARDY**
- two sections or two opposed parts: **DICHOTOMY**
- two-sided: **BILATERAL**
- two tickets for the price of one: **TWOFER**
- two tones rapidly alternated, in music: **TRILL**
- two vowel sounds that blend into one syllable: **DIPHTHONG**
- two years apart: **BIENNIAL**
- tying up or binding together; also, two or more letters united in print: **LIGATURE**
- type assortment of all the characters in one size and style: **FONT**
- type in which the letters slant, usually to denote emphasis or to differentiate: **ITALIC**
- type measure equal to square of the type body: **EM**
- type measure half the width of an em: **EN**
- type or kind, as in art or literature: **GENRE**
- type plate containing a company's distinctive form of name, trademark, newspaper nameplate, etc.: **LOGOTYPE**
- type set by printers that exceeds the space available: **OVERSET**
- typesetter: **COMPOSITOR**
- type style that is upright and conventionally used in most books and publications: **ROMAN**
- type that is heavy and black: **BOLDFACE**
- type that looks like handwriting: **CURSIVE**
- typewriter operated by telephone: **TELEX**
- typewriter's roller: **PLATEN**
- typewriter standard keyboard: **QWERTY**
- typewriter white liquid for mistakes: **CORRECTION FLUID, WHITEOUT**
- type twelve points high used as a unit of measurement in printing: **PICA**
- typical example, model, pattern: **EXEMPLAR**
- typical or specific language, style, etc., as in art or literature: **IDIOM**
- typify: **PERSONIFY**
- typographical error: **TYPO**
- typographical ornament or symbol: **DINGBAT**
- typographical term for the part of a letter that extends below the line: **DESCENDER**
- typographical term for the part of a letter that extends upward: **ASCENDER**
- typographical unit of measurement equal to twelve points: **PICA**
- tyrannical subordinate official: **SATRAP**
- tyrant: **DESPOT**



ugly and malicious old woman:

**BELDAM**

ugly, unpleasant in appearance,  
disagreeable: **ILL-FAVORED**

ugly woman: **GORGON**

ulterior motive, secret reservation or  
concern: **ARRIÈRE-PENSÉE**

ultimate or crucial test: **ACID TEST**

umbrella that is a lightweight sunshade:  
**PARASOL**

umpire: **ARBITER**

unable to produce the desired effect:  
**INEFFECTUAL**

unable to survive: **INVIABLE**

unabridged: **IN EXTENSO**

unacceptable, unwelcome person:  
**PERSONA NON GRATA**

unaccompanied singing is: **A CAPPELLA**

unadorned, as speech or writing:

**LITERAL**

unaffected by pain or pleasure: **STOICAL**

unaffected, simple, candid, artless:  
**NAIVE**

unlike, varied: **DIVERSE**

unalive, spiritless: **INANIMATE**

unambiguous: **UNEQUIVOCAL**

unattractive, dingy: **SNUFFY**

unavoidable, authoritative, urgently  
necessary: **IMPERATIVE**

unavoidable, certain: **INEVITABLE**

unavoidable, inevitable: **INELUCTABLE**

unaware, unmindful: **OBLIVIOUS**

unbearable: **INSUFFERABLE**

unbeliever: **INFIDEL**

unbelieving, irreligious: **HEATHEN**

unbending: **INTRANSIGENT**

unbiased: **INDIFFERENT, DISINTERESTED**

unbiased, detached: **OBJECTIVE**

unbiased, impartial: **DISPASSIONATE**

unbiased, objective, impartial:

**DISPASSIONATE**

unbreakable: **INFRANGIBLE**

unbreakable: **IRREFRANGIBLE**

uncalled-for: **GRATUITOUS**

unceasing: **INCESSANT**

uncertain: **AMBIVALENT**

uncertain: **VACILLATING**

uncertain, delicately risky, precarious:

**TOUCH-AND-GO**

uncertain or unforeseen but possible  
event: **CONTINGENCY**

unchangeable: **IMMUTABLE**

unchangeable: **INVARIABLE**

unchangeable, fixed: **INFLEXIBLE**

unchanged, undamaged, whole: **INTACT**

unchaste, morally unrestrained:

**LIBERTINE**

unchecked, wild: **RAMPANT**

uncivilized person, boor: **YAHOO**

unclean: **UNSAVORY**

unclear: **AMBIGUOUS**

unclear, hazy, misty, vague: **NEBULOUS**

uncle-like: **AVUNCULAR**

uncomfortably small, cramped:

**INCOMMODIOUS**

uncommunicative: **TACITURN**

uncommunicative, quiet, reserved:

**RETICENT**

uncompromising, staunch:

**DYED-IN-THE-WOOL**

unconcealed: **ABOVEBOARD**

unconcealed, open, evident: **OVERT**

unconcerned, apathetic: **INDIFFERENT**

unconcerned, lighthearted, carefree:

**INSOUCIANT**

unconquerable, impregnable:

**INEXPUGNABLE**

unconquerable, not capable of being

injured: **INVULNERABLE**

unconscious, lethargic, torpid:  
**COMATOSE**  
 unconsciously perceived or intended to be: **SUBLIMINAL**  
 unconsciousness caused by injury or disease: **COMA**  
 unconsciousness caused by too little oxygen: **ASPHYXIA**  
 unconscious part of the psyche regarded as the source of instinctual drives:  
**ID**  
 unconscious spell: **SYNCOPE**  
 uncontestable, indisputable:  
**IRREFRAGABLE**  
 unconventional, odd: **OUTRÉ**  
 unconvincing, inadequate, fragile:  
**FLIMSY**  
 uncultivated, unseeded: **FALLOW**  
 uncultured, unpolished, crude: **INCULT**  
 undamaged, whole, unchanged: **INTACT**  
 undeceive, free from false or mistaken ideas: **DISABUSE**  
 undecided, wavering: **IRRESOLUTE**  
 undefendable: **UNTENABLE**  
 undeniable: **INCONTROVERTIBLE**  
 dependable person in a group:  
**WEAK SISTER, WEAK LINK**  
 underdeveloped countries, especially in Asia and Africa: **THIRD WORLD**  
 underdeveloped, inferior in growth or numbers, few in varieties:  
**DEPAUPERATE**  
 underdone, poorly made: **SLACK-BAKED**  
 under-floor or under-roof low space:  
**CRAWL SPACE**  
 underground chamber or passageway:  
**CATACOMB**  
 underground-dwelling gnome, in German folklore: **KOBOLD**  
 underground Soviet Union literature:  
**SAMIZDAT**  
 underground storehouse: **MATTAMORE, MATAMORO**  
 underground structure or vault:  
**HYPOGEUM**  
 underground water layer: **AQUIFER**  
 underground water source:  
**GROUNDWATER**  
 underhanded and secret activity, plot:  
**INTRIGUE**  
 underhandedness, trickery:  
**SKULDUGGERY**  
 underhanded or shady dealing:  
**CHICANERY**

underlying meaning, message or theme:  
**SUBTEXT**  
 undermine the morale of, corrupt:  
**SUBVERT**  
 understandable, clear: **PELLUCID**  
 understandable with ease, rational, clear, bright, shining: **LUCID**  
 understanding agreement: **ENTENTE**  
 understanding, compatible: **SIMPATICO**  
 understanding, knowledge, grasp of ideas or things: **PERCEPTION**  
 understand, interpret, puzzle out:  
**FATHOM**  
 understatement for effect, a form of litotes: **MEIOSIS**  
 understood, implied: **IMPLICIT**  
 understood only by an inner group:  
**ESOTERIC**  
 understood or implied matter in addition to what is expressed:  
**SUBAUDITUR**  
 undertone, in an: **SOTTO VOCE**  
 underwater breathing apparatus: **SCUBA**  
 underwater euphoria and poor judgment from excessive bloodstream nitrogen in diving; rapture of the deep: **NITROGEN NARCOSIS**  
 underwater mountain on the sea floor:  
**SEAMOUNT**  
 underwater work chamber: **CAISSON**  
 underwater worker or dweller for an extended period, professional or scientific diver: **AQUANAUT**  
 underwear concealer or negligee jacket:  
**CAMISOLE**  
 underworld gods, spirits, etc., relating to: **CHTHONIAN, CHTHONIC**  
 underworld vocabulary: **ARGOT**  
 undeveloped: **LATENT**  
 undisclosed, beyond what is spoken of:  
**ULTERIOR**  
 undiscovered, unused, untrod hitherto:  
**VIRGIN**  
 undo, void: **NULLIFY**  
 undying, unfading: **AMARANTHINE**  
 uneasiness, anxieties, restlessness:  
**INQUIETUDE**  
 uneasiness, misgiving: **QUALM**  
 uneasy: **QUEASY**  
 uneatable: **INEDIBLE**  
 uneducated, illiterate: **UNLETTERED**  
 unemployed people or vagrants:  
**FLOTSAM**  
 unending: **AD INFINITUM**

unequal: **DISPARATE**  
 unequaled: **PEERLESS**  
 unequaled: **SANS PAREIL**  
 unequaled, matchless: **NONPAREIL**  
 unerring: **IMPECCABLE**  
 unerring: **INFALLIBLE**  
 unessential: **UNIMPORTANT**  
 unethical clash of public duty and self-interest: **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**  
 unexpected and lucky gain or acquisition: **WINDFALL**  
 unexpected but timely occurrence or thing that is most welcome: **GODSEND**  
 unexpectedly, without warning: **UNAWARES**  
 unexplainable, beyond science: **PARANORMAL**  
 unexplored land or area: **TERRA INCOGNITA**  
 unexpressed, unspoken: **INARTICULATE**  
 unfading, undying: **AMARANTHINE**  
 unfair: **INEQUITABLE**  
 unfair attacker or exploiter: **CHEAP-SHOT ARTIST**  
 unfair or undeserved accusation or judgment, false verdict: **BUM RAP**  
 unfaithful, cowardly: **RECREANT**  
 unfavorable, inauspicious: **UNTOWARD**  
 unfeeling, emotionless, dispassionate: **AFFECTLESS**  
 unfeeling, hardened: **INDURATE**  
 unfeeling, impassive: **STOLID**  
 unfeeling, invulnerable: **IMPASSIBLE**  
 unfeeling, stupid, foolish: **INSENSATE**  
 unfilled orders: **BACKLOG**  
 unflagging, tireless: **INDEFATIGABLE**  
 unflinching, resolved, determined: **RESOLUTE**  
 unfocused, general, undirected, uncommitted: **FREE-FLOATING**  
 unfortunate: **STAR-CROSSED**  
 unfortunate, unlucky: **HAPLESS**  
 unfriendly: **DISAFFECTED**  
 unfriendly: **ILL-DISPOSED**  
 unfriendly: **INIMICAL**  
 unfruitful, barren: **STERILE**  
 ungentlemanly man, offensive intruder, cad: **BOUNDER**  
 ungodliness, lack of reverence: **IMPIETY**  
 ungrateful person: **INGRATE**  
 unified: **INDISCRETE**  
 uniformity, subordination, repression,

etc., forced on a society by a government: **GLEICHSCHALTUNG**  
 uniform, similar, like, of the same composition throughout: **HOMOGENEOUS**  
 uniform worn by male household servants or employees: **LIVERY**  
 unify, bring together into a whole, fit together: **INTEGRATE**  
 unifying or shaping through art or imagination: **ESEMPLASTIC**  
 unimaginative: **LITERAL**  
 unimportant, frivolous or trifling thing: **FRIBBLE**  
 unimportant or small details, trifles: **MINUTIAE**  
 unimportant person or thing: **CIPHER**  
 unimportant person or thing: **NONENTITY**  
 unimportant, trivial: **INCONSEQUENTIAL**  
 unimportant, trivial, petty: **FRIVOLOUS**  
 uninjured, unpunished, untaxed: **SCOT-FREE**  
 unintelligible: **INCOMPREHENSIBLE**  
 unintelligible speech or sounds: **GLOSSOLALIA, SPEAKING IN TONGUES**  
 unintentional: **INADVERTENT**  
 uninterested: **APATHETIC**  
 uninterrupted or extended: **CONTINUOUS**  
 uninvolved, carefree, easygoing: **DÉGAGÉ**  
 union members alone allowed to be employed: **CLOSED SHOP**  
 union membership not required for employment: **OPEN SHOP**  
 union membership required after employment: **UNION SHOP**  
 union member who represents fellow workers: **SHOP STEWARD**  
 union-strike enemy in the form of a substituting worker: **SCAB**  
 unique, one-of-a-kind: **SUI GENERIS**  
 united: **IN CONCERT**  
 united in opinion, all assenting: **UNANIMOUS**  
 United States and Soviet Union: **SUPERPOWERS**  
 uniting of atomic nuclei into one of heavier mass: **NUCLEAR FUSION**  
 unit of trading on a stock exchange, usually 100 shares: **ROUND LOT**  
 unit that is indivisible: **MONAD**  
 unity of purpose in relations or interests: **SOLIDARITY**

universal and all-embracing knowledge:

**PANSOPHY**

universal, everywhere in presence,

omnipresent: **UBIQUITOUS**

universal, widespread, generally

epidemic: **PANDEMIC**

universal, worldwide, general, especially

concerning churches: **ECUMENICAL**

universe, especially when viewed as a

unity: **MACROCOSM**

universe in miniature: **MICROCOSM**

universe-origin theory that the cosmos

began with a cataclysm: **BIG BANG**

**THEORY**

universe or the theories of its creation,

structure, etc.: **COSMOLOGY,**

**COSMOGONY**

unjust: **INIQUITOUS**

unjustifiable: **INSUPPORTABLE**

unjustifiable, unprincipled:

**UNCONSCIONABLE**

unjustly: **UNDULY**

unkempt, tousled, rumpled, untidy:

**DISHEVELED**

unknowable through perception:

**NOUMENAL**

unknown except by a few specially

instructed individuals, secret,

abstruse: **ESOTERIC**

unknown or hidden difficulty: **JOKER**

unlawful dispossession: **DISSEISIN,**

**DISSEIZIN**

unlawful manner of performing a lawful

act: **MISFEASANCE**

unlawful, unauthorized: **ILLICIT**

unlike, dissimilar, unequal: **DISPARATE**

unlike, dissimilar, unrelated:

**HETEROGENEOUS**

unlikeness: **DISSIMILITUDE**

unlikeness, inequality: **DISPARITY**

unlimited as to subject, duration, etc.,

or, in an investment company, as

to number of shares: **OPEN-ENDED**

unlimited authority in a government:

**ABSOLUTISM**

unlimited money or authority made

available: **BLANK CHECK**

unlucky: **ILL-STARRED**

unlucky, frustrated, tormented, blighted:

**SNAKEBITTEN**

unlucky, unfortunate: **HAPLESS**

unmanly, woman-like, weak, soft:

**EFFEMINATE**

unmarried, abstaining from sexual

congress: **CELIBATE**

unmindful, unaware: **OBLIVIOUS**

unmolested, uninjured, unpunished:

**SCOT-FREE**

unmoved, calm, serene: **IMPASSIVE**

unnatural or disfiguring outgrowth,

such as a wart: **EXCRESCENCE**

unoccupied, idle: **VACUOUS**

unorganized: **AMORPHOUS**

unorthodox: **HETERODOX**

unorthodox or liberal in attitudes or

beliefs: **LATITUDINARIAN**

unpardonable: **IRREMISSIBLE**

unperceivable by the sense of touch:

**IMPALPABLE**

unperceptive: **PURBLIND**

unpleasant in appearance, ugly,

disagreeable: **ILL-FAVORED**

unpleasant-to-look-at thing: **EYESORE**

unplowed land near a fence or at the

end of furrows: **HEADLAND**

unpolished, crude, uncultured: **INCULT**

unpolished, uncouth: **AGRESTIC**

unpractical, though romantic or

chivalric in intentions: **QUIXOTIC**

unpredictable, uncertain:

**INCALCULABLE**

unpremeditated: **EXTEMPORANEOUS**

unpremeditated: **SPONTANEOUS**

unpremeditated homicide in a sudden

fight: **CHANCE-MEDLEY**

unprepared, spontaneous: **IMPROMPTU**

unprincipled, unjustifiable:

**UNCONSCIONABLE**

unprovoked, unjust, malicious: **WANTON**

unpunished, uninjured, unmolested:

**SCOT-FREE**

unquestionable: **VERITABLE**

unquestionable, certain: **INDUBITABLE**

unquestionable, unassailable:

**INCONTESTABLE**

unreadable: **INDECIPHERABLE**

unreal, false, invented: **FICTITIOUS**

unreal, fanciful, high-flown: **AIRY-FAIRY**

unreal or removed refuge: **IVORY**

**TOWER**

unreasonable: **ABSONANT**

unreasoning: **IRRATIONAL**

unreasoning devotion to one's race,

country, etc.: **CHAUVINISM**

unreasoning passion, foolish love:

**INFATUATION**

unreceptive, not open: **IMPERVIOUS**

unrefined, coarse, natural: **EARTHY**

unrefined, rough, crude: **UNCOUTH**



unrelated to the matter at hand, coming from without: **EXTRANEOUS**  
unrelated, unlike, dissimilar:

**HETEROGENEOUS**

unrelenting, merciless: **IMPLACABLE**  
unreliable: **IRRESPONSIBLE**  
unreliable: **SKITTISH**  
unremediable, incurable: **IRREMEDIAL**  
unreserved, absolute: **IMPLICIT**  
unrestrained: **IMMODERATE**  
unrestrained, excessive: **WANTON**  
unrestrained in speech or action:

**INTEMPERATE**

unrestrained, unchecked: **INCONTINENT**  
unrestricted authority: **CARTE BLANCHE**  
unrivalled: **INAPPROACHABLE**  
unruffled, calm: **IMPERTURBABLE**  
unruly, boisterous: **OBSTREPEROUS**  
unruly, difficult, stubborn:

**INTRACTABLE**

unruly, fidgety, restless: **RESTIVE**  
unruly, loud: **RAUCOUS**  
unruly, malicious, fierce: **VICIOUS**  
unruly, rebellious, irritable, cranky:

**FRACTIOUS**

unscrupulous: **UNCONSCIONABLE**  
unscrupulous and shrewd person:

**SNOLLYGOSTER**

unseeable because of smallness:

**IMPERCEPTIBLE**

unseeded, uncultivated: **FALLOW**  
unseemly: **INDECOROUS**  
unseen or unexamined purchase:

**PIG IN A POKE**

unselfish devotion to others: **ALTRUISM**  
unsettled, difficult to solve:

**PROBLEMATIC**

unsettled, vague: **INDETERMINATE**  
unskilled worker: **BLUE-COLLAR**

**WORKER**

unsociable, fierce, wild: **FAROUCHE**  
unsophisticated, artless, unaffected,  
uninstructed, simple: **NAIVE**  
unsophisticated, narrow: **PROVINCIAL**  
unspoken, silent: **TACIT**  
unspoken, unexpressed: **INARTICULATE**  
unstable, changeable: **LABILE**  
unstable, fleeting, transient, fickle:

**VOLATILE**

unsteady or irregular movement at sea:

**YAW**

unsteady, wavering: **FLUCTUATING**  
unsteady, wavering, wobbling:

**TITUBANT**

unsubstantial, flimsy, weak: **TENUOUS**  
unsuccessful, fruitless: **INEFFECTUAL**  
unsuccessful, futile: **UNAVAILING**  
unsuccessfully conclude a project:

**ABORT**

unsuccessful, short of one's goal:

**MANQUÉ**

unsuitability: **INAPTITUDE**  
unsuitable, inappropriate, at odds with:

**INCONGRUOUS**

unsuitable, untimely: **INOPPORTUNE**  
unsure, risky: **PRECARIOUS**  
unsurmountable: **INSUPERABLE**  
untanned skin of a calf or lamb: **KIP**  
unthinking, thoughtless: **INCOGITANT**  
untidy in appearance: **BLOWZY**  
untidy or careless person: **SLOVEN**  
untidy or slovenly woman: **SLATTERN**  
untidy, slovenly: **UNKEMPT**  
untidy, soiled: **BEDRAGGLED**  
untidy, unkempt, tousled, rumpled:

**DISHEVELED**

untimely, unsuitable: **INOPPORTUNE**  
untrustworthy person: **SNAKE IN THE**

**GRASS**

untruthful: **MENDACIOUS**

unusable: **IMPRACTICABLE**

unused, brand-new or original

condition: **MINT CONDITION**

unused condition, neglect: **DESUETUDE**

unusual happening: **PHENOMENON**

unutterable: **INEFFABLE**

unwavering, firmly faithful: **STEADFAST**

unwavering, steadfast, firmly directed:

**INTENT**

unwelcome or unacceptable person:

**PERSONA NON GRATA**

unwholesome and noxious atmosphere,  
influence, effect, etc.: **MIASMA**

unwildly, ponderous, enormous:

**ELEPHANTINE**

unwilling, reluctant: **LOATH**

unwise: **INADVISABLE**

unwise, imprudent: **INDISCREET**

unworkable, not usable or achievable:

**IMPRACTICABLE**

unyielding: **ADAMANT**

unyielding: **INDUCTILE**

unyielding, aggressive: **TRUCULENT**

unyielding, refusing to compromise or  
come to terms: **INTRANSIGENT**

unyielding, resistant: **IMPREGNABLE**

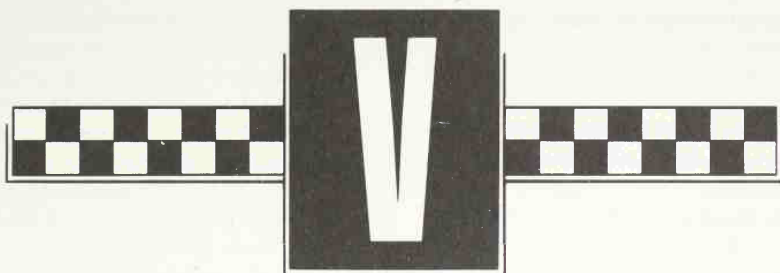
unyielding, stubborn: **INFLEXIBLE**

upbraid, denounce scathingly:

**EXCORIATE**

up for consideration: **ON THE TAPIS**  
 upheaval that is violent: **CATACLYSM**  
 upholstery or drapery fabric with  
   varicolored stripes of satin or  
   moiré: **TABARET**  
 uplift, enlighten, benefit: **EDIFY**  
 upper-class, aristocratic: **PATRICIAN**  
 upper-class customers or patrons:  
   **CARRIAGE TRADE**  
 upper-class rule: **ARISTOCRACY**  
 upright kind of type, used in most  
   printing: **ROMAN**  
 uprightness, correctness of judgment:  
   **RECTITUDE**  
 uproar: **BALLYHOO**  
 uproar: **BROUHAHA**  
 uproar, brawl, conflict, fight: **FRAY**  
 uproar, confused sound: **HUBBUB**  
 uproar of a crowd: **TUMULT**  
 uproar, ruckus, confusion:  
   **HULLABALOO**  
 uprooted, displaced, away from one's  
   native place: **DERACINATED**  
 uproot, eradicate, dislocate, extirpate:  
   **DERACINATE**  
 uprooting, forcible extraction:  
   **EVULSION**  
 uproot, pull up by the roots, destroy  
   utterly, erase: **ERADICATE**  
 upset, confuse, distract, throw off:  
   **DISCOMBOBULATE**  
 upset, confuse, frustrate: **DISCONCERT**  
 upset, disturb, alarm: **PERTURB**  
 upset, irritate: **RUFFLE**  
 upside down: **TOPSY-TURVY**  
 upstart: **JACKANAPES**  
 upstart, newly rich or influential person:  
   **PARVENU**  
 up-to-date: **AU COURANT**  
 upward leap made by a trained horse:  
   **CAPRIOLE**  
 upward stroke of a small letter  
   (typography): **ASCENDER**  
 upward trend in stock market prices:  
   **UPSIDE**  
 urban complex: **CONURBATION**  
 urbane, cheerful, lively: **DEBONAIR**  
 urbane, gracious: **SUAVE**

urge by earnest appeal, recommend  
   strongly, advise: **EXHORT**  
 urgent: **IMPERIOUS**  
 urgent, demanding immediate action:  
   **EXIGENT**  
 urgently necessary, unavoidable,  
   authoritative: **IMPERATIVE**  
 urge on, drive or force to action: **IMPEL**  
 urge on, stir up, spur into action:  
   **INCITE**  
 urinary system as a branch of medicine:  
   **UROLOGY**  
 urinate: **MICTURATE**  
 urinating backward, as a female:  
   **RETROMINGENT**  
 urination-increasing substance:  
   **DIURETIC**  
 urination that is excessive: **DIURESIS**  
 urination that is involuntary: **ENURESIS**  
 urine of cattle or horses: **STALE**  
 urn of metal for heating water for tea:  
   **SAMOVAR**  
 usage-based law, rather than legislation:  
   **UNWRITTEN LAW**  
 used to, accustomed to, habituated:  
   **WONT**  
 useful or valuable in a functional way,  
   practical: **UTILITARIAN**  
 useless: **INUTILE**  
 useless, ineffectual: **OTIOSE**  
 useless person or thing: **DEADWOOD**  
 useless work: **BOONDOGGLE**  
 U-shaped or horseshoe-shaped:  
   **HIPPOCREPIFORM**  
 U-shaped piece of metal with pointed  
   ends, used as a fastener: **STAPLE**  
 usurp: **ARROGATE**  
 utensils and serving dishes that are  
   concave or bowl-like:  
   **HOLLOWWARE**  
 uterine cancer test: **PAP TEST**  
 uterus's partial or complete removal:  
   **HYSTERECTOMY**  
 uterus tissue removal through medical  
   scraping: **DILATION AND**  
   **CURETTAGE (D & C)**  
 utilitarian, prosaically practical or  
   functional: **BANAUSIC**



vacation or paid leave of absence for one year, as for a professor to do research, originally granted every seven years: **SABBATICAL**  
vacillate, veer, shift about: **WHIFFLE**  
vagrant on the beach living off what he can find: **BEACHCOMBER**  
vagrants, unattached persons: **FLOTSAM**  
vague: **AMBIGUOUS**  
vague concept, general idea: **NOTION**  
vague, confused: **HAZY**  
vague idea, notion, slight suggestion, hint: **INKLING**  
vague, indefinite: **INTANGIBLE**  
vague state between two others: **LIMBO**  
vague, subtle: **INDEFINABLE**  
vague, unclear, hazy, misty: **NEBULOUS**  
vague, unsettled: **INDETERMINATE**  
vain, silly or foppish behavior: **COXCOMBRY**  
valiant, courageous: **METTLESOME**  
valley or mountain pass that is narrow: **DEFILE**  
value, in proportion to: **AD VALOREM**  
valueless or worthless thing: **TINKER'S DAMN**  
valueless though showy things or matter, junk: **TRUMPERY**  
value of a bond, as it appears on the security: **FACE VALUE**  
value of a business in excess of liabilities: **EQUITY**  
value of a nation's annual output of goods and services before any deductions: **GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (GNP)**  
value per share, calculated by totaling market price and deducting all liabilities: **NET ASSET VALUE**

valve or faucet used to drain off water or air: **PETCOCK**  
vanish gradually, disappear by degrees: **EVANESCE**  
vanquish, as in battle, or defeat the purposes of: **DISCOMFIT**  
variation or inflection of words: **ACCIDENCE**  
variations or changes occurring irregularly, as of fortune: **VICISSITUDES**  
varied, diverse to a great degree: **MULTIFARIOUS**  
varied, unlike: **DIVERSE**  
varied, with many forms: **MANIFOLD**  
varied without limit: **OMNIFARIOUS**  
variegated in color or other elements: **MOTLEY**  
variegated, spotted: **DAPPLED**  
variety of things, miscellaneous collection: **OMNIUM-GATHERUM**  
various, several, many: **DIVERS**  
vary or change often and in irregular manner: **FLUCTUATE**  
vary or diversify by interjecting something different: **INTERLARD**  
vary, revise, restrict, limit: **MODIFY**  
vary the products of a business so as to expand it: **DIVERSIFY**  
vary the tone or pitch of the voice, modulate: **INFLECT**  
vast and indefinite in number, innumerable: **MYRIAD**  
vast, limitless: **INFINITE**  
vat used by brewers for fermenting: **TUN**  
veal outlet breaded and garnished: **WIENER SCHNITZEL**  
veal or chicken stuffed or layered with

ham and cheese before sautéing:  
**CORDON BLEU**  
 veal thin-sliced and sautéed:  
**SCALOPPINE**  
 veer, vacillate, shift about: **WHIFFLE**  
 vegetables and often a dip as appetizer:  
**CRUDITÉS**  
 vegetable slicer in the form of a slanted  
 board with an adjustable blade:  
**MANDOLINE**  
 vegetarian who also eats dairy products:  
**LACTARIAN, LACTOVEGETARIAN**  
 vegetarian who also eats eggs and dairy  
 products: **OVOLACTARIAN,**  
**LACTO-OVO-VEGETARIAN**  
 vegetate, become dull or inert:  
**STAGNATE**  
 vegetation: **VERDURE**  
 vehemently censure: **INVEIGH**  
 vehicles traveling together: **CARAVAN**  
 vehicle that carries passengers for a  
 small fee: **JITNEY**  
 vehicle with three wheels moved by  
 pedaling: **PEDICAB**  
 veiling or seclusion of women: **PURDAH**  
 velvety, covered with soft hairs:  
**VELUTINOUS**  
 venerable, classic, time-honored:  
**VINTAGE**  
 vengeance or just retribution as  
 identified with an antagonist or  
 thing: **NEMESIS**  
 veranda furnished and used as a living  
 room: **LANAI**  
 verbal contention, argument about  
 words: **LOGOMACHY**  
 verbal fencing in classical and  
 Elizabethan dramatic dialogue:  
**STICHOMYTHIA**  
 verbally compressed: **HOLOPHRASTIC**  
 verbal noun: **GERUND**  
 verb form that relates to the time of  
 action: **TENSE**  
 verb mood used to express hypothesis,  
 possibility, or a nonfactual  
 condition: **SUBJUNCTIVE**  
 verb of weak form that links subject  
 and predicate: **COPULA**  
 verbose: **PROLIX**  
 verbose: **REDUNDANT**  
 verbose, wordy: **DIFFUSE**  
 verb that forms its past tense by an  
 internal vowel change: **STRONG**  
**VERB**  
 verb that forms its past tense with

suffixes but not by internal vowel  
 change, as "rain": **WEAK VERB**  
 verb that is a copula, serving mainly as  
 a connection between the subject  
 and predicate: **LINKING VERB**  
 verse containing eight lines and two  
 rhymes (a-b-a-a-a-b-a-b) with the  
 first line repeated as the fourth and  
 seventh, and the second as the  
 eighth: **TRIOLET**  
 verse form of three-line groups, or  
 tercets, in which the first and third  
 lines rhyme with the second line of  
 the preceding tercet (aba, bcb, cbc,  
 etc.): **TERZA RIMA**  
 verse free of conventional meter and  
 rhyme: **FREE VERSE**  
 verse, humorous and about a person,  
 containing four lines and the  
 rhyme scheme a-a-b-b: **CLERIHEW**  
 verse, humorous and often bawdy,  
 containing five lines with the  
 rhyme scheme a-a-b-b-a: **LIMERICK**  
 verse in praise of wine and sensual  
 pleasures: **ANACREONTIC**  
 verse of three stanzas and an envoy,  
 with the last line of each the same:  
**BALLADE**  
 verse rhythm analysis: **SCANSION**  
 verse's feet analyzed: **SCANNED**  
 verse that ends with a lack of a syllable  
 in its final foot: **CATALECTIC**  
 verse that is humorous, metrical and  
 usually rhymed: **LIGHT VERSE**  
 verse that is trivial and awkwardly  
 written: **DOGGEREL**  
 verse using different meters:  
**POLYMETRY**  
 verse with two feet to the line:  
**DIMETER**  
 vertical: **PERPENDICULAR**  
 vertical sidepiece in a door or a window  
 sash: **STILE**  
 vertical-takeoff and -landing plane:  
**VTOL**  
 very much: **BEAUCOUP**  
 vessel that services another at sea:  
**TENDER**  
 veto effected by the U.S. president by  
 not signing a bill by the time  
 Congress adjourns: **POCKET VETO**  
 vex, annoy, weary: **IRK**  
 vibrate, throb regularly: **PULSATE**  
 vibrating effect produced on a stringed

instrument or with the voice:

**TREMOLO**

vibration or sound caused by the hitting of one body against another:

**PERCUSSION**

vibration sensitivity or awareness:

**PALLESTHESIA**

vicarious sharing of another's emotions or feelings: **EMPATHY**

vice-ridden and corruption-ridden area of a city: **TENDERLOIN**

vicious, inhuman, cruel: **FELL**

victimimized or injured by one's plans to injure another: **HOIST BY ONE'S OWN PETARD**

victimimized person, dupe, sucker: **PATSY**  
victims of poverty or discrimination:

**UNDERPRIVILEGED**

victory at great cost, Pyrrhic victory:

**CADMEAN VICTORY**

viewer with two eyepieces for combining slightly divergent images for a three-dimensional effect:

**STEREOSCOPE**

view in all directions: **PANORAMA**

vie with or rival successfully: **EMULATE**

view of the proportional relation of parts to the whole, as in art or architecture: **PERSPECTIVE**

vigilant, watchful: **JEALOUS**

vigor, dash: **VERVE**

vigor or youthful feeling restored:

**REJUVENATION**

vigorous, interesting: **SUCCULENT**

vigorous, large, swift, dashing:

**SPANKING**

vigorous, lively: **VIBRANT**

vigor, strength, endurance: **STAMINA**

vile, base, degraded: **SORDID**

vile, contemptible: **DESPICABLE**

vile, evil: **NEFARIOUS**

vileness, depravity, baseness:

**TURPITUDE**

vilify, abuse: **REVILLE**

village: **HAMLET**

villain: **BLACKGUARD**

vinegary: **ACETOUS**

vineyard on a hillside: **COTE**

violation of a law or a pledge:

**INFRACTION**

violation of conventional language usage: **SOLECISM**

violation or profaning of anything sacred: **SACRILEGE**

violent and loud denunciation:

**FULMINATION**

violent disturbance: **CATACLYSM**

violent, impetuous, ardent: **VEHEMENT**

violent, intermittent: **SPASMODIC**

violently destructive: **BERSERK**

violent outbreak: **RAMPAGE**

violent reaction: **BACKLASH**

violent, stormy: **TEMPESTUOUS**

violent, sudden outburst: **PAROXYSM**

violinist who leads his section of an orchestra and is considered assistant conductor:

**CONCERTMASTER**

violin-like instrument that is slightly larger and tuned lower: **VIOLA**

Virgin Mary holding the body of Jesus represented in art: **PIETA**

virgin, woman of pure character:

**VESTAL**

visible or observable occurrence or experience: **PHENOMENON**

visible to the naked eye: **MACROSCOPIC**

visionary, dreamer: **FANTAST**

visionary or imaginary semblance:

**SIMULACRUM**

vision being dimmed: **PURBLIND**

vision blurring or temporary loss caused by oxygen deficiency, experienced especially by pilots: **GRAYOUT**

vision defect in which specks or threads appear to float before the eyes:

**MUSCAE VOLITANTES**

vision less distinct by day than by night, day blindness:

**HEMERALOPIA**

vision of something not actually present: **HALLUCINATION**

vision or discernment faultiness:

**MYOPIA**

vision that is distorted: **ASTIGMATISM**

vision that is normal at twenty feet:

**20-20 VISION**

visitor who frequents a place: **HABITUÉ**

visual arts involving the use of lines or strokes on a flat surface, as painting or drawing: **GRAPHIC ARTS**

visual defects treated by exercises:

**ORTHOPTICS**

visualizing objects previously seen:

**EIDETIC IMAGERY**

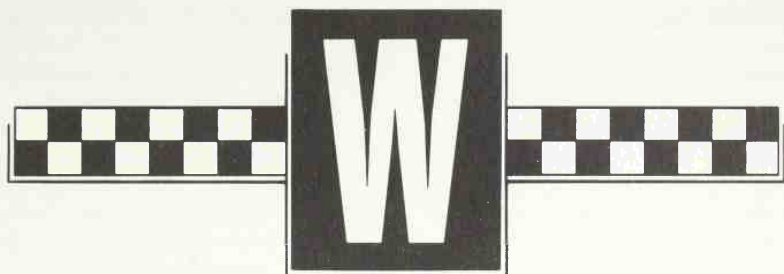
vital principle: **ANIMA**

vital statistics, as of births, deaths, disease: **DEMOGRAPHY**



vivacity, enthusiasm, dash: **ÉLAN**  
 vivacity, lively spirits, gaiety, sparkle:  
**EFFERVESCENCE**  
 vivid: **GRAPHIC**  
 vividly bright, shining with brilliance,  
 dazzling: **RESPLENDENT**  
 vivid, sensational, shocking, violent:  
**LURID**  
 vocabulary of a class or group: **ARGOT**  
 vocabulary or jargon of a profession or  
 class: **LINGO**  
 vocabulary that is specialized or  
 technical and used by members of  
 a particular group: **JARGON**  
 vocabulary, words in a language:  
**LEXICON, LEXIS**  
 vocalist's runs and trills: **COLORATURA**  
 vocal quality that is dry and rough or  
 coarse is: **HUSKY**  
 vodka-and-orange-juice cocktail:  
**SCREWDRIVER**  
 vodka-and-tomato-juice cocktail:  
**BLOODY MARY**  
 vogue word, especially in government,  
 business or science: **BUZZWORD**  
 voice-affecting throat irritation:  
**LARYNGITIS**  
 vocal improvisation in jazz: **SCAT**  
 voice in a motion picture or on  
 television commenting on the  
 picture or narrating: **VOICE-OVER**  
 voice of a male higher than a tenor:  
**COUNTERTENOR**  
 voice of the people: **VOX POPULI**  
 voice tone or pitch variations or  
 modulations: **INFLECTION**  
 voiding, nullifying: **DEFEASANCE**  
 voiding, nullifying: **DIRIMENT**  
 void, undo: **NULLIFY**  
 volatile, lively, changeable: **MERCURIAL**  
 volcanic cone-like mound: **CINDER**  
**CONE**  
 volcanic hole emitting gases:  
**FUMAROLE**  
 volume of bids and offers on stocks is  
 relatively low: **THIN MARKET**  
 vomit: **REGURGITATE**

vomiting: **EMESIS**  
 vomiting action causing strain: **RETCH**  
 vomiting-causing medicine: **EMETIC**  
 vomitously heave, retch: **KECK**  
 voodoo or witchcraft sticking of pins  
 into a doll: **INVULTUATION**  
 vote against: **BLACKBALL**  
 vote by the people on a special issue or  
 proposed measure or law:  
**REFERENDUM**  
 voters, supporters: **CONSTITUENCY**  
 votes and influence being traded  
 between politicians: **LOGROLLING**  
 votes for a candidate in excess of the  
 number cast for his nearest  
 opponent: **PLURALITY**  
 vote that is unofficial and used to  
 determine group opinion: **STRAW**  
**POLL, STRAW VOTE**  
 vote to obtain the people's will on an  
 issue: **PLEBISCITE**  
 voting right: **SUFFRAGE**  
 vowel change for changed tense:  
**ABLAUT**  
 vowel insertion into a word: **ANAPTYXIS**  
 vowel lost at the beginning of a word:  
**APHESIS**  
 vowel marking (straight line) over a  
 vowel to indicate a long sound:  
**MACRON**  
 vowel that is neutral, occurring in  
 unstressed syllables in English:  
**SCHWA**  
 V-shaped: **VULVIFORM**  
 V-shape-headed can opener: **CHURCH**  
**KEY**  
 V-shaped insignia: **CHEVRON**  
 vulgar, common: **PLEBEIAN**  
 vulgar, disreputable, tawdry: **RAFFISH**  
 vulgar language or behavior: **BAWDRY**  
 vulgar, obscene: **FESCENNINE**  
 vulgar or coarse joking: **RIBALD**  
 vulgar, sexual, cheap: **RAUNCHY**  
 vulgar talk: **BILLINGSGATE**  
 vulnerable: **PREGNABLE**  
 vulnerable point: **ACHILLES' HEEL**



wad of compressed cotton or lint used for a wound: **PLEDGET**  
wages remaining after payroll deductions: **TAKE-HOME PAY**  
Wagnerian tenor: **HELDENTENOR**  
wagon maker: **WAINWRIGHT**  
wagon without sides: **LORRY**  
wail, howl, hoot: **ULULATE**  
wail in lament for the deceased: **KEEN**  
wail, whimper, cry: **PULE**  
waistband that is broad and worn with men's formal clothes:  
**CUMMERBUND**  
waist flap attached to a garment, short shirt-like section: **PEPLUM**  
waist measure: **GIRTH**  
waiter or waitress at a drive-in restaurant: **CARHOP**  
wait for and accost: **WAYLAY**  
waiting or not acting as a strategy:  
**WAITING GAME**  
waiting room in a theater used by performers when they are off-stage:  
**GREEN ROOM**  
wakefulness-preceding, just before waking: **HYPNOPOMPIC**  
walk, able to: **AMBULATORY**  
walk about idly or aimlessly, gad about:  
**TRAIPSE**  
walk around something:  
**CIRCUMAMBULATE**  
walk by a performer that makes the feet seem to glide: **MOONWALK**  
walk clumsily with short steps while swaying from side to side: **WADDLE**  
walker: **PEDESTRIAN**  
walk heavily: **CLUMP**  
walk in a leisurely way: **AMBLE**  
walk in a leisurely way, stroll: **SAUNTER**

walking as a health regimen:  
**CONSTITUTIONAL**  
walking or moving about, itinerant:  
**PERIPATETIC**  
walking space that is narrow and elevated: **CATWALK**  
walking with short, dainty steps:  
**MINCING**  
walking with the toes or feet characteristically turned in:  
**PIGEON-TOED**  
walk laboriously, trudge: **PLOD**  
walk or promenade bordered by trees:  
**ALAMEDA**  
walk with a latticework roof, arbor:  
**PERGOLA**  
wall bracket that holds candles or lights: **SCONCE**  
wall crack filler: **SPACKLE**  
wall hanging attached to a roller, devised by Japanese: **KAKEMONO**  
wall molding close to the floor:  
**BASEBOARD**  
wall-mounted, ornamental and often mirrored bracket for candles:  
**GIRANDOLE**  
wall offshore to break the force of waves: **BREAKWATER**  
wall of stone, cement, etc., for protective purposes: **REVTMENT**  
wall or partition within a boat:  
**BULKHEAD**  
wall painting by an artist: **MURAL**  
wall paneling of wood or marble:  
**WAINSCOT**  
wall plaster, whitewash coating:  
**PARGET**  
wall scribbles or drawings: **GRAFFITI**  
wall support that is a rectangular column: **PILASTER**

wan, colorless: **PALLID**  
 wanderer, tramp: **VAGABOND**  
 wanderer without a permanent home:  
     **NOMAD**  
 wander from the main subject: **DIGRESS**  
 wander idly or without plan: **MEANDER**  
 wandering from the point, passing  
     quickly from one subject to  
     another: **DISCURSIVE**  
 wandering, roving, straying, itinerant:  
     **ERRANT**  
 wander or stray aimlessly, digress:  
     **DIVAGATE**  
 wand or staff of Mercury, symbol of the  
     medical profession: **CADUCEUS**  
 wanted, desired or aimed-for thing:  
     **DESIDERATUM**  
 wanting one's own way: **WAYWARD**  
 wanton, lewd: **CYPRIAN**  
 warding off, preventing: **PREVENTIVE**  
 ward off: **STAVE OFF**  
 ward off, avoid, turn aside: **PARRY**  
 ward off, drive back: **REPEL**  
 wardrobe or large cupboard that is  
     usually ornate: **ARMOIRE**  
 wardrobe with drawers on one side:  
     **CHIFFOROB**  
 warhead of a missile: **PAYLOAD**  
 war-like, brave, disciplined: **SPARTAN**  
 warm, glowing, earnest: **FERVENT**  
 warmth, increasing warmth:  
     **CALESCENCE**  
 warmth toward others, cordiality,  
     friendliness that is effusive:  
     **EMPRESSEMENT**  
 warning: **CAVEAT**  
 warning notice: **MONITION**  
 warning off, as an animal emitting a  
     spray or sound or changing its  
     coloration: **APOSEMATIC**  
 warning, omen, portent: **PRESAGE**  
 warning or danger sign, especially in  
     zoology: **SEMATIC**  
 warning or reminding story:  
     **CAUTIONARY TALE**  
 warning system by radar in North  
     America: **DEW (DISTANT EARLY**  
     **WARNING) LINE**  
 warn, presage, foreshadow: **PORTEND**  
 war-provoking event: **CASUS BELLI**  
 war-strategy game played in miniature:  
     **KRIEGSPIEL**  
 wart-like skin protrusion near the  
     genitals or anus: **CONDYLOMA**  
 wart or other skin growth: **KERATOSIS**

war, treaties and international relations,  
     concerning: **FETIAL**  
 washing the body: **ABLUTION**  
 wasps, wasp colony: **VESPIARY**  
 waste: **RECREMENT**  
 wasted, scattered: **DISSIPATED**  
 wasteful, extravagant, lavish: **PRODIGAL**  
 waste matter from the body: **EGESTA**  
 waste matter from the bowels, feces:  
     **EXCREMENT**  
 waste matter, refuse: **DROSS**  
 waste-matter-removing, as by the  
     kidneys or intestines: **EMUNCTORY**  
 waste or entrails of a butchered animal:  
     **OFFAL**  
 waste time, be idle, fool around: **FUTZ**  
 waste time, dawdle: **PIDDLE**  
 waste time, dawdle, fool around:  
     **LALLYGAG, LOLLYGAG**  
 waste time, dawdle, loiter:  
     **DILLY-DALLY**  
 waste time, loiter: **DAWDLE**  
 wasting away: **TABESCENT**  
 wasting or withering away: **ATROPHY**  
 watchful, alert: **VIGILANT**  
 watchful and repressive authorities,  
     government, etc.: **BIG BROTHER**  
 watchful, eagle-eyed, alert: **ARGUS-EYED**  
 watchful supervision or care,  
     monitoring from above: **OVERSIGHT**  
 watchful, suspicious: **JEALOUS**  
 watching and guarding carefully: **WARY**  
 watch kept over one: **SURVEILLANCE**  
 watch kept, usually at night: **VIGIL**  
 watchman, keeper, guard: **WARDER**  
 watch pocket: **FOB**  
 water-and-land vehicle or creature:  
     **AMPHIBIAN**  
 water bag for military troops: **LISTER**  
     **BAG**  
 water channel made with a gate to  
     regulate the flow: **SLUICE**  
 water channel or apron to divert excess  
     flow: **SPILLWAY**  
 water clock (flow of water to measure  
     time): **CLEPSYDRA**  
 water-collecting hole or pit at the  
     bottom of a shaft or hole: **SUMP**  
 watercolor: **AQUARELLE**  
 watercourse used for energy or  
     industry: **RACE**  
 water craft with wing-like structures  
     that lift the hull above the water at  
     certain speeds: **HYDROFOIL**  
 water cure: **HYDROPATHY**

waterfront or river vessels laborer:

**ROUSTABOUT**

water layer separating the warmer  
surface layer from a colder one  
below: **THERMOCLINE**

water layer underground: **AQUIFER**

water nymph: **NAIAD**

water nymph of folklore, who could  
obtain a soul by marrying a human  
and bearing his child: **UNDINE**

water of the soil not available to plants:  
**ECHARD**

waterproof broad-brimmed hat:  
**SOUTHWESTER**

water rushing onto the beach with the  
tide: **SWASH**

water search with a divining rod:  
**DOWSE**

water self-lifesaving technique:  
**DROWNPROOFING**

water signs as a means of divination:  
**HYDROMANCY**

waters of the earth as a study:  
**HYDROLOGY**

water source geologically, as for springs  
and wells: **AQUIFER**

water source underground:  
**GROUNDWATER**

water sprite in Germanic folklore: **NIXIE**

water storage receptacle: **CISTERN**

waters under the jurisdiction of a state:  
**TERRITORIAL WATERS**

water surface of a lake's waving  
movement: **SEICHE**

watertight chamber for construction in  
a body of water: **COFFERDAM**

water vertical pipe or tower: **STANDPIPE**

watery: **AQUEOUS**

wave, flood: **SPRING TIDE**

wave-like or watered appearance, as in  
fabrics: **MOIRÉ**

wavering, undecided: **IRRESOLUTE**

wavering, unsteady: **FLUCTUATING**

wavering, wobbling, unsteady:  
**TITUBANT**

waver, sway, totter: **VACILLATE**

waves that are long and don't crest:  
**SWELLS**

wave's upward convex hump, ascending  
to the crest: **SCEND**

wave that breaks on a reef, rock or  
shore: **BREAKER**

waving motion: **WAFTURE**

wavy-edged, bordered with notches or  
undulations: **SCALLOPED**

wavy in appearance or motion:

**UNDULATING**

wavy- or curly-haired: **CYMOTRICHIOUS**

wavy, winding: **SINUOUS**

wayfarer, traveler: **VIATOR**

waylay: **AMBUSH**

way of entry: **ACCESS**

weak: **ANILE**

weak and emaciated condition:

**CACHEXIA**

weak, barren: **EFFETE**

weak, careless, reckless: **FECKLESS**

weak, cowardly: **PUSILLANIMOUS**

weaken by degrees, impair secretly:

**UNDERMINE**

weaken, destroy the affection of:

**DISAFFECT**

weakened, thinned out, somewhat  
strained: **ATTENUATED**

weaken, hang down: **FLAG**

weakening, tiring: **FLAGGING**

weaken, make feeble or languid:

**DEBILITATE**

weaken, pine, droop gradually:

**LANGUISH**

weaken, sap the strength of, devitalize:

**ENERVATE**

weak, flimsy, unsubstantial: **TENUOUS**

weak, ineffective: **IMPOTENT**

weak, listless, lacking animation:

**LANGUID**

weak, loose: **SLACK**

weakness, fatigue, spiritlessness,  
dreaminess, dullness, stagnation:

**LANGUOR**

weakness or a failing in one's character:

**FOIBLE**

weak person: **WIMP**

weak, self-indulgent: **EFFEMINATE**

weak, unconvincing, fragile: **FLIMSY**

wealth as a science: **CHREMATISTICS**

wealth pursuer: **CHREMATIST**

wealth, riches: **OPULENCE**

wealthy and powerful industrialist:

**TYCOON**

wealthy, fashionable people: **JET SET**

wealthy man: **CROESUS**

wealthy person who has become so only  
recently: **NOUVEAU RICHE**

wealthy, privileged or status-conscious  
as consumers: **UPSCALE**

wealthy young woman or debutante  
typically belonging to the  
Association of Junior Leagues of

America, a civic and charitable organization: **JUNIOR LEAGUER**  
 wean: **ABLACTATE**  
 weaponry-rich status, power or might in arms: **ARMIPOTENCE**  
 wear away by friction: **ABRADE**  
 wearied, exhausted, sated, worn-out, dulled from overindulgence: **JADED**  
 wearing away or eating away of a substance: **CORROSION**  
 wearing off or rubbing off of particles: **DETRITION**  
 wearisome, boring: **TEDIOUS**  
 weary, vex, annoy: **IRK**  
 weather and atmospheric conditions as a science: **METEOROLOGY**  
 weather-beaten and rugged: **GNARLED**  
 weather that is dark and threatening is: **LOWERING**  
 weave together, combine, blend: **INTERLACE**  
 web-footed or web-fingered: **SYNDACTYL**  
 wedding-night noisy serenade by friends: **CHARIVARI, SHIVAREE**  
 wedding song or poem: **HYMENEAL**  
 wedged or packed firmly: **IMPACTED**  
 wedge-shaped, especially as used in ancient writing: **CUNEAL, CUNEIFORM**  
 weed killer: **HERBICIDE**  
 weeping or grief that is false: **CROCODILE TEARS**  
 weigh down, burden, hamper: **CUMBER, ENCUMBER**  
 weighing, resting, leaning upon something: **INCUMBENT**  
 weight: **HEFT**  
 weight a missile can lift and carry to a target: **THROW-WEIGHT**  
 weight being visibly lost, abnormally lean: **EMACIATED**  
 weightlessness in space is caused by: **ZERO GRAVITY**  
 weight of a container deducted to find the weight of its contents: **TARE**  
 weight unit for gems: **CARAT**  
 weird, eerie: **ELDRITCH**  
 weird, ghostly: **EERIE**  
 weird, unnatural, eerie, strange: **UNCANNY**  
 welcome in the form of an outburst of applause: **OVATION**  
 welcome or acceptable person: **PERSONA GRATA**  
 welfare assistance (Canadian): **POGEY**

welfare of all, general good: **COMMONWEAL**  
 well-being or happiness as found in a life of moderation: **EUDEMONIA**  
 well-being, relaxation, happiness: **EUPHORIA**  
 well-bred, distinguished, dignified: **DISTINGUÉ**  
 well-bred ways, refinement: **GENTILITY**  
 well-chosen, apt, agreeable in manner or style: **FELICITOUS**  
 well-groomed: **SOIGNÉ**  
 well-groomed, smooth, glossy: **SLEEK**  
 well-off, privileged or status-conscious as consumers: **UPSCALE**  
 well-to-do customers or patrons: **CARRIAGE TRADE**  
 Welsh eloquence or emotional oratory: **HWYL**  
 Welsh singing-and-poetry festival: **EISTEDDFOD**  
 werewolf: **LYCANTHROPE**  
 werewolf: **LOUP-GAROU**  
 Western cord-like necktie: **BOLO TIE**  
 Western Hemisphere: **OCCIDENT**  
 Western hill or mountain with a usually flat top: **BUTTE**  
 West Indian, Spanish American or Gulf State inhabitant of European descent: **CREOLE**  
 wetland grass, sedge: **BULRUSH**  
 whale oil: **TRAIN OIL**  
 whales as a study: **CETOLOGY**  
 whale (sperm whale) waxy substance used in perfumes: **AMBERGRIS**  
 wharf for loading and unloading vessels: **QUAY**  
 wharf or pier to protect a harbor or beach: **JETTY**  
 what is appropriate: **COMME IL FAUT**  
 what will be, will be (Spanish): **QUÉ SERÁ, SERÁ**  
 wheedle: **CAJOLE**  
 wheedle, flatter: **BLANDISH**  
 wheel about: **CARACOLE**  
 wheel heavy enough to resist sudden changes of speed: **FLYWHEEL**  
 wheel on a fixed axis and containing seats hanging from frame: **FERRIS WHEEL**  
 wheel or ball mounted to swivel, as on a chair leg: **CASTER**  
 wheel-shaped: **ROTIFORM**  
 wheel, spiked or toothed, at the end of a spur: **ROWEL**



wheels with the rims slanted in or out  
from the hub are: **DISHED**  
wheel with teeth or notches into which  
something can lock and stop  
motion: **RATCHET WHEEL**

Where are the snows of yesteryear?:

**OÙ SONT LES NEIGES D'ANTAN?**

which was to be proved or  
demonstrated: **Q.E.D. (QUOD ERAT  
DEMONSTRANDUM)**

while away the time: **BEGUILE**

whim: **CAPRICE**

whim, fancy, peculiarity: **CROTCHET**

whimper, wail, cry: **PULE**

whimsical or lighthearted sense:

**PICKWICKIAN SENSE**

whine, complain: **KVETCH**

whiner, nag, pest: **NUDGE, NOODGE**

whining, complaining, fretful:

**QUERULOUS**

whiplash-like, long, slender and flexible:

**FLAGELLIFORM**

whip, scourge: **FLAGELLATE**

whirling on the toes in ballet dancing:

**PIROUETTE**

whirling, revolving or circular in

motion: **GYRAL**

whirling, rotating rapidly: **VORTICOSE**

whirling, spinning, dizzy: **VERTIGINOUS**

whirlpool: **MAELSTROM**

whirlwind of sand that is small: **DUST**

**DEVIL**

whirlwind, whirlpool: **VORTEX**

whisky-and-vermouth cocktail:

**MANHATTAN**

whispered, softly or privately spoken, in  
an undertone: **SOTTO VOCE**

whispering, rustling, softly murmuring:

**SUSURRANT**

whisper intended to be overheard:

**STAGE WHISPER**

whistle or call that is derisive: **CATCALL**

whistle, slender and silver, used on  
ships: **BOATSWAIN'S WHISTLE**

white linen oblong garment worn

around the neck by a priest: **AMICE**

whitening: **ALBESCENT**

whiten or turn yellowish, as a plant  
does when kept from sunlight:

**ETIOLATE**

white or European gentleman or official  
in imperial India: **SAHIB**

white or European woman in imperial  
India, lady: **MEMSAHIB**

white- or gray-haired, ancient,  
venerable: **HOARY**

white-skinned and pink-eyed person:

**ALBINO**

whitewash coating, wall plaster:

**PARGET**

who goes there?: **QUI VIVE?**

whole composed of originally separate  
parts: **SYNTHESIS**

whole number: **INTEGER**

whole-oriented with regard to bodily  
health, mind and spirit: **HOLISTIC**

wholesaler: **JOBBER**

wholesome: **SALUTARY**

whole that is uninterrupted:

**CONTINUUM**

whole, unchanged, undamaged: **INTACT**

whooping cough: **PERTUSSIS**

whore: **HARLOT**

whorehouse: **BORDELLO**

wicked: **INIQUITOUS**

wicked, atrocious: **FLAGITIOUS**

wicked, atrocious, odious: **HEINOUS**

wicked, erring: **PERVERSE**

wickedness, monstrous act: **ENORMITY**

wicked, ominous: **SINISTER**

wicked, vicious woman: **JEZEBEL**

wicked, vile: **NEFARIOUS**

wicker receptacle for documents or  
valuables: **HANAPER**

wickerwork material from a

tough-stemmed palm: **RATTAN**

wide and random in focus, haphazard,  
dispersed, indiscriminate:

**SCATTERSHOT**

wide-awake, on the alert: **ON THE QUI  
VIVE**

widely practiced, common: **PREVALENT**

widen, swell, expand: **DILATE**

wider at the top, flared upward: **EVASÉ**

widespread: **RAMPANT**

widespread, prevalent: **RIFE**

widespread, universal, generally  
epidemic: **PANDEMIC**

wife: **HELPMEET**

wifely: **UXORIAL**

wifely to an excessive degree, fond of or  
submissive to one's husband:

**MARITORIOUS**

wife or husband: **CONSORT**

wife's scolding in bed or in private:

**CURTAIN LECTURE**

wife who murders her husband:

**MARITICIDE**

wig for a man: **TOUPEE**

wild: **BERSERK**  
 wild, frenzied, orgiastic, pagan,  
   passionate: **DIONYSIAN**  
 wild, irresponsible, reckless:  
   **HARUM-SCARUM**  
 wildly excited: **DELIRIOUS**  
 wildly wasteful or extravagant, sinful,  
   dissipated: **PROFLIGATE**  
 wild or wanton revelry, drunken  
   carousal, debauchment: **ORGY**  
 wild party: **BACCHANAL**  
 wild passion: **AMOUR FOU**  
 wild prank, escapade: **CAPER**  
 wild, riotous: **TURBULENT**  
 wild, savage: **FERAL**  
 wild, unchecked: **RAMPANT**  
 wild, unexpected action: **VAGARY**  
 wild uproar: **PANDEMONIUM**  
 will exercised: **VOLITION**  
 willful, capricious: **WAYWARD**  
 willing, desirous: **SOLICITOUS**  
 willingly, gladly: **FAIN**  
 willingly or unwillingly: **WILLY-NILLY**  
 willingly, readily: **LIEF**  
 willingness that is cheerful: **ALACRITY**  
 will maker, one who has left a will:  
   **TESTATOR**  
 will-o'-the-wisp, delusion: **IGNIS FATUUS**  
 willowy, slender, slim: **SVELTE**  
 willpower loss, inability to decide or  
   act: **ABULIA**  
 will rather than reason stressed as the  
   active factor in man's role in a  
   hostile world: **EXISTENTIALISM**  
 willy-nilly: **NOLENS VOLENS**  
 wily, treacherous, cunning: **INSIDIOUS**  
 win by cleverness: **OUTWIT**  
 wind, cold and dry, that blows from the  
   north through southern France:  
   **MISTRAL**  
 wind direction indicator consisting of a  
   cone-shaped cloth bag, as at an  
   airfield: **WIND SOCK**  
 wind-driven rain or snow: **SCUD**  
 wind from ahead blowing directly  
   opposite to the course of a ship:  
   **HEAD WIND**  
 wind from the east in Mediterranean  
   regions: **LEVANTER**  
 wind from the Sahara that blows in the  
   Middle East before the vernal  
   equinox: **KHAMSIN**  
 wind, hot and dry, of Southern  
   California: **SANTA ANA**  
 wind, hot and dusty, that blows from

the African coast to Europe:  
   **SIROCCO**  
 wind, hot, dry and full of sand,  
   especially in deserts: **SIMOOM**  
 wind in and out: **SINUATE**  
 wind in a sudden, violent burst, usually  
   accompanied by rain or snow:  
   **SQUALL**  
 winding: **ANFRACTUOUS**  
 winding: **TORTUOUS**  
 winding, bending, wavering, unsteady:  
   **FLEXUOUS**  
 wind is blowing toward this direction:  
   **LEEWARD**  
 wind moving in a cold, sudden, violent  
   blast down a mountain to the sea:  
   **WILLIWAW**  
 wind of the Argentine pampas:  
   **PAMPERO**  
 window, balcony or porch with an  
   excellent view, in Spanish  
   architecture: **MIRADOR**  
 window dealer or fitter: **GLAZIER**  
 window division, a vertical dividing  
   piece in the opening: **MULLION**  
 window frame: **SASH**  
 window in a spire: **LUCARNE**  
 window, often semicircular, over a  
   door: **FANLIGHT**  
 window opening vertically in the middle  
   as a double door does: **FRENCH**  
   **WINDOW**  
 window or any small opening suggestive  
   of a window: **FENESTELLA**  
 window or doorway covering that  
   covers only the top half of an  
   opening: **LAMBREQUIN**  
 windowpane's wooden dividing strips:  
   **MUTTIN**  
 window side post: **JAMB**  
 windowsill or inside ledge: **STOOL**  
 window slats that are horizontal and  
   overlapping: **LOUVER BOARD**  
 window that is narrow and acutely  
   pointed: **LANCET WINDOW**  
 window that is round or oval:  
   **OEIL-DE-BOEUF**  
 window that opens on hinges at the  
   side: **CASEMENT**  
 window that projects from a sloping  
   roof: **DORMER**  
 window, throw out of: **DEFENESTRATE**  
 wind science: **ANEMOLOGY**  
 windstorm that is brief, gust of wind:  
   **FLAW**

wind that is dusty from Africa:  
HARMATTAN

wind that is soft and gentle: ZEPHYR

wind, warm and dry, that blows down  
a mountain into a valley: FOEHN

windy pomposity, pretentiousness:  
FLATULENCE

wine aroma: BOUQUET

wine bottle holding almost four quarts:  
JEROBOAM

wine bottle or large vessel, usually with  
a handle and spout, used for  
serving liquids: FLAGON

wine bottle twice the ordinary size:  
MAGNUM

wine-cask storage shed: CHAI

wine cup in church: CHALICE

wine drink with fruit juice and soda  
water: WINE COOLER

wine measure of about eighteen wine  
gallons: RUNDLET

wine merchant: VINTNER

wine named for the principal or the one  
grape from which it is made:  
VARIETAL

wine made from two or more types of  
grape: GENERIC WINE

wine of no distinction, cheap red wine:  
VIN ORDINAIRE

wines and winemaking as a study:  
OENOLOGY

wine steward: SOMMELIER

wing: PINION

winged horse: PEGASUS

wingless: APTEROUS

wings, pertaining to, having or  
resembling: ALAR

wink: NICTITATE

winning of every event, as in a series:  
SWEEP

win or gain for one entailing loss for  
another in a system, game, etc.:  
ZERO-SUM

win over, appease: PROPITIATE

winter's beginning, when the sun is  
farthest south of the equator, about  
Dec. 21: WINTER SOLSTICE

win the favor or confidence of others by  
deliberate effort: INGRATIATE

wintry: HIBERNAL

wintry: HIEMAL

wipe off, cleanse: DETERGE

wipe out: EXPUNGE

wipe out, destroy completely:  
OBLITERATE

wire, rope or cable used to steady or  
secure something: GUY

wisdom, discernment: SAGACITY

wise: SAPIENT

Wise Men's visit to Jesus observed:  
EPIPHANY

wise person, infallible authority:  
ORACLE

wise, prudent: JUDICIOUS

wise, prudent, diplomatic: POLITIC

wise saying, maxim: GNOME

wise, shrewd: SAGACIOUS

wise statement: APHORISM

wish or desire that is weak or  
unfulfilled, tendency, inclination:  
VELLEITY

witchcraft or voodoo sticking of pins  
into a doll: INVULTUATION

witches' sabbath on April 30, the eve of  
May Day: WALPURGIS NIGHT

withdraw a contestant from a race, etc.:  
SCRATCH

withdraw formally from an  
organization: SECEDE

withdraw in fear, lose heart: QUAIL

withdraw, move backward: RECEDE

withdraw or end by plan: PHASE OUT

withdraw or remove from former  
habits: WEAN

withered, shriveled, shrunken: WIZENED

withering, mercilessly severe, harsh:  
SCATHING

withering or wasting away: ATROPHY

with ice cubes: ON THE ROCKS

within the same school, college, etc.:  
INTRAMURAL

without a center: ACENTRIC

without a date being set (for the next  
meeting): SINE DIE

without dividend: EX-DIVIDEND

without ice cubes: STRAIGHT UP

without payment pending approval or  
acceptance: ON SPEC

without warning: UNAWARES

with reference to: APROPOS

witness's sworn statements in court:  
TESTIMONY

wit that is dry or delicate: ATTIC SALT

witticism: SALLY

witty and short saying: MOT

witty, characterized by higher and finer  
qualities of the mind: SPIRITUEL,  
SPIRITUELLE

witty or clever piece of writing, light  
vignette: JEU D'ESPRIT

witty, quick replies: **REPARTEE**  
 witty remark: **BON MOT**  
 witty remark, gibe: **QUIP**  
 witty, terse statement: **EPIGRAM**  
 wizard, sorcerer: **WARLOCK**  
 wobbling, wavering, unsteady:  
   **TITUBANT**  
 woeful tale, complaint, lament:  
   **JEREMIAD**  
 woman adviser: **EGERIA**  
 woman beside herself with frenzy or  
   excitement: **MAENAD**  
 woman companion (elderly), governess,  
   chaperon: **DUENNA**  
 woman exploiter, male parasite:  
   **LOUNGE LIZARD**  
 woman-hater: **MISOGYNIST**  
 woman hired to be friendly to a bar's  
   patrons: **B-GIRL**  
 woman hired to suckle the child of  
   another: **WET NURSE**  
 womanhood, femininity: **MULIEBRITY**  
 woman interested chiefly in money or  
   gifts from men: **GOLD DIGGER**  
 woman keeping less than respectable  
   company: **DEMIREP**,  
   **DEMIMONDAINE**  
 woman-like, unmanly, weak, soft:  
   **EFFEMINATE**  
 woman living on the street with her  
   possessions: **BAG LADY**  
 woman living under canon law in a  
   community but not under vows:  
   **CANONESS**  
 woman-man relationship without sexual  
   activity is: **PLATONIC**  
 woman of beauty who is a courtesan or  
   social opportunist: **HETAERA**  
 woman of the world: **FEMME DU**  
   **MONDE**  
 woman or girl who is not Jewish:  
   **SHIKSA**  
 woman or women forming the  
   government: **GYNARCHY**  
 woman's dressing room: **BOUDOIR**  
 woman servant in the Orient: **AMAH**  
 woman's legal status in marriage,  
   formerly: **COVERTURE**  
 woman's one-piece bathing suit or  
   tights: **MAILLOT**  
 woman's paid escort: **GIGOLO**  
 woman's short trousers that resemble a  
   skirt: **CULOTTE**  
 woman's simple and shapeless long  
   dress: **MOTHER HUBBARD**

woman's sunshade: **PARASOL**  
 woman's work and domain  
   traditionally: **DISTAFF**  
 woman to whom a man is engaged:  
   **FIANCÉE**  
 woman who has borne no children:  
   **NULLIPARA**  
 woman who is abusive and scolding,  
   shrew: **TERMAGANT**  
 woman who is adulterous or  
   promiscuous, sinful temptress:  
   **SCARLET WOMAN**  
 woman who is aggressive and  
   domineering: **BATTLE-AX**  
 woman who is a nosy gossip or  
   meddler: **YENTA**  
 woman who is cheap and loose, doxy:  
   **BIMBO**  
 woman who is disreputable,  
   ill-tempered and perverse: **JADE**  
 woman who is divorced or separated or  
   lives apart from her husband:  
   **GRASS WIDOW**  
 woman who is dowdy and sometimes  
   also ill-tempered: **FRUMP**  
 woman who is elderly, dignified,  
   wealthy: **DOWAGER**  
 woman who is hideously ugly: **GORGON**  
 woman who is homosexual: **LESBIAN**  
 woman who is imposing in age,  
   sophistication or bearing: **GRANDE**  
   **DAME**  
 woman who is old and ugly: **CRONE**  
 woman who is sexually provocative but  
   a virgin: **DEMI-VIERGE**  
 woman who is sharp-tongued, scold:  
   **VIRAGO**  
 woman who is untidy or slovenly:  
   **SLATTERN**  
 woman who is vicious or hateful:  
   **HARRIDAN**  
 woman who is voluptuous but  
   treacherous: **DELILAH**  
 woman who is wicked and vicious:  
   **JEZEBEL**  
 woman who lives with a man but is not  
   married to him: **CONCUBINE**  
 woman whose allure leads to the  
   downfall of men: **FEMME FATALE**  
 womb, or a woman considered legally  
   as a child bearer: **VENTER**  
 women in general: **DISTAFF**  
 wonderful or marvelous to tell:  
   **MIRABILE DICTU**  
 wondrous year: **ANNUS MIRABILIS**



wood as a thin and flexible strip, as used for basketmaking: **SPLINT**

wooded: **ARBORACEOUS**

wooded area of short trees: **COPSE**, **COPPICE**

wooden double-A-shaped support used for sawing wood: **SAWHORSE**

wooden slats for flooring over a wet surface, as behind a counter or bar: **DUCKBOARDS**

wooden vessel for butter or lard: **FIRKIN**  
wood from broad-leaved deciduous trees, as oak or maple: **HARDWOOD**

wood in a thin, broad piece, as that forming the back of a chair: **SPLAT**

wood layers glued together: **PLYWOOD**

wood-like or made of wood: **LIGNEOUS**

woods or forest, of or pertaining to: **SYLVAN**

woody, thickly treed or shrubbed: **BOSKY**

woodworking knife with a handle at each end: **DRAWKNIFE**

woodworking training system: **SLOYD**  
woolly in loose bits, fluffy-particle-like, like soft flakes: **FLOCCULENT**

woolly- or crispy-haired: **ULOTRICHOUS**

word adopted from another language and partly or completely naturalized: **LOANWORD**

word alteration or distorted adoption when borrowed by one language from another: **HOBSON-JOBSON**

word authority, language expert: **LOGOGOGUE**

word blindness: **ALEXIA**

word categories, of which there are eight in English (noun, pronoun, adjective, adverb, verb, preposition, conjunction and interjection):

#### **PARTS OF SPEECH**

word changing or creation by inserting into a compound: **TMESIS**

word choice in speaking or writing: **DICTION**

word coined for a single or special occasion: **NONCE WORD**

word derived from the same root as another: **PARONYM**

worded pretentiously or bombastically: **LEXIPHANIC**

word formed by combining parts of two words: **PORTMANTEAU WORD**, **CENTAUR WORD**, **BLEND WORD**

word formed by transposing the letters of another: **ANAGRAM**

word formed from the initial letters of lines: **ACROSTIC**

word formed from the initial letters or syllables of a series of words:

#### **ACRONYM**

word-for-word: **TEXTUAL**

word game in which a rhyme must be given for a word or line given by another: **CRAMBO**

word group between punctuation stops: **SENTENCE**

word hard to pronounce: **JAWBREAKER**

word having a veiled meaning, political or sociological euphemism: **CODE WORD**

word having the same or similar meaning as another word:

#### **SYNONYM**

word identical with another in spelling but having a different origin and meaning: **HOMOGRAPH**

wordiness: **VERBIAGE**

wordiness, circumlocution: **PERIPHRAISIS**

wordiness that is repetitive: **BATTOLOGY**

word inflection: **ACCIDENCE**

wording that is deliberately mild or gentle: **PARADIASTOLE**

word inspired by one that would seem to be an inflection of it, as "typewrite" from "typewriter":

#### **BACK-FORMATION**

word interpretation that is largely spiritual and mystical: **ANAGOGUE**

wordless drama played with gestures: **PANTOMIME**

word list, with definitions, of technical, obscure or foreign words of a work or field: **GLOSSARY**

word misuse: **CATACHRESIS**

word modeled on another word: **PATTERNED FORM**

word never existing or a misspelling appearing in a dictionary: **GHOST WORD**

word of more than three syllables: **POLYSYLLABLE**

word opposite in meaning to another word: **ANTONYM**

word-order inversion: **ANASTROPHE**

word-order inversion: **HYPERBATON**

word or expression having only one recorded use: **HAPAX LEGOMENON**



word or expression that is not standard:  
**BARBARISM**  
 word origin popularly conceived but  
 erroneous: **FOLK ETYMOLOGY**  
 word origins and development as a  
 study: **ETYMOLOGY**  
 word or phrase often repeated, as a  
 slogan: **CATCHWORD**,  
**CATCHPHRASE**  
 word or phrase serving only to  
 complete a rhythm or a pattern:  
**EXPLETIVE**  
 word or phrase that is an exclamation  
 or obscene oath: **EXPLETIVE**  
 word or phrase that is substituted for  
 another to avoid giving offense or  
 pain: **EUPHEMISM**  
 word or saying that is familiar to most  
 people: **HOUSEHOLD WORD**  
 word or sentence that reads the same  
 backward as forward:  
**PALINDROME**  
 word or term to be defined:  
**DEFINIENDUM**  
 word, phrase or clause inserted into a  
 sentence to add explanation or  
 comment: **PARENTHESIS**  
 word popular in current use or jargon:  
**BUZZWORD**  
 word pronounced like another but  
 different in meaning, derivation or  
 spelling: **HOMOPHONE**  
 word puzzle, as an anagram:  
**LOGOGRIPH**  
 word related to one in another  
 language: **COGNATE**  
 word's alteration by shifting to its  
 beginning the final consonant of a  
 preceding word: **PROVECTION**  
 words altered by transposing sounds or  
 parts unintentionally: **SPOONERISM**  
 words and word groups, their  
 development and their changes of  
 meaning as a subject of study:  
**SEMANTICS**  
 word selection and arrangement:  
**PHRASEOLOGY**  
 words in a language, vocabulary: **LEXIS**  
 words in a series each having the same  
 initial sound: **ALLITERATION**  
 words in phrases, clauses and sentences  
 in terms of their arrangement and  
 interrelationship: **SYNTAX**  
 word's last syllable: **ULTIMA**

word's meaning improving to a positive  
 or more favorable sense:  
**MELIORATION**  
 words of hesitation or habit in speech,  
 such as "you know," "like" and  
 "um": **EMBOALIA**  
 words of one language altered to  
 resemble words in another, usually  
 for humorous effect: **MACARONIC**  
 words of wisdom: **APOTHEGM**, **GNOME**,  
**MAXIM**, **SAW**  
 words or book of an opera: **LIBRETTO**  
 words or expressions placed next to  
 each other, the second explaining  
 the first: **APPPOSITION**  
 word spelled like another but having a  
 different sound and meaning:  
**HETERONYM**  
 word spoken, considered only as sound:  
**VOCABLE**  
 words spelled differently to represent  
 dialect: **EYE DIALECT**  
 words that reflect natural sounds, or the  
 use of such words:  
**ONOMATOPOEIA**  
 word structure as a study:  
**MORPHOLOGY**  
 words used without sincerity: **LIP**  
**SERVICE**  
 word, syllable or letter omitted  
 inadvertently when it should  
 appear twice in a row:  
**HAPLOGRAPHY**  
 word that has been coined or an  
 existing word that has been given a  
 new meaning: **NEOLOGISM**  
 word that is a rare and pedantic, often  
 Latin borrowing: **INKHORN WORD**  
 word that is a shortened form of  
 another word: **CLIPPED FORM**  
 word that is similar but wrong and  
 usually inadvertently humorous:  
**MALAPROPISM**  
 word that makes a statement that is  
 misleading or ambiguous: **WEASEL**  
**WORD**  
 word used as a different part of speech:  
**FUNCTIONAL SHIFT**  
 word used humorously with two  
 meanings: **PUN**  
 word used in a sense opposite to its  
 meaning, ironically: **ANTIPIHRASIS**  
 word used in cabalistic charms:  
**ABRACADABRA**

word use that is effective: **RIHETORIC**  
 word widely used without regard to its  
 exact meaning: **COUNTER WORD**  
 word with no stress but pronounced as  
 part of a following word:

**PROCLITIC**

word with no stress but pronounced as  
 part of preceding word: **ENCLITIC**

word with several different meanings:

**POLYSEME**

word with the same spelling and  
 pronunciation as another but a  
 different meaning: **HOMONYM**

wordy, long-winded: **DIFFUSE**

wordy, superfluous: **REDUNDANT**

wordy, tedious: **PROLIX**

wordy, wearisome in conversation:

**VERBOSE**

workable, practicable: **VIALE**

work at: **PLY**

work-avoid by pretending sickness:

**MALINGER**

work clumsily: **BUNGLE**

work crew selection, especially among  
 longshoremen: **SHAPEUP**

work done and paid for by the piece:

**PIECEWORK**

worked up, overexcited or easily  
 excitable, high-strung: **HYPER**

worker, clerical or professional:

**WHITE-COLLAR WORKER**

worker in a routine and unglamorous  
 job: **WORKING STIFF**

worker or itinerant who takes odd jobs:

**ROUSTABOUT**

worker, performer, player, etc., who is  
 diligent and experienced but  
 unremarkable: **JOURNEYMAN**

workers employed in excess of actual  
 needs: **FEATHERBEDDING**

workers' organization in a single  
 company and unaffiliated with  
 other unions: **COMPANY UNION**

worker, unskilled or semiskilled:

**BLUE-COLLAR WORKER**

worker who crosses a picket line: **SCAB**

worker who is ultraconservative:

**HARD-HAT**

work expands to fill the time allotted to  
 it: **PARKINSON'S LAW**

work for which one is particularly  
 suited, forte: **MÉTIER**

work hard, toil: **MOIL**

working class: **PROLETARIAT**

working conditions as a science:

**ERGONOMICS, HUMAN  
 ENGINEERING**

working independently, as a writer or  
 artist, rather than for one  
 employer: **FREE LANCE**

working on a job in addition to one's  
 regular occupation:

**MOONLIGHTING**

working or moving, effective:

**OPERATIVE**

working with the hands, work done by  
 hand: **HANDICRAFT**

work of no importance assigned to keep  
 a person busy: **MAKE-WORK**

work shift beginning at midnight:

**GRAVEYARD SHIFT**

work shift usually from 4 P.M. until  
 midnight: **SWING SHIFT**

workshop: **ATELIER**

work slowdown caused by employees'  
 ostensibly following the rules  
 closely: **JOB ACTION**

work tediously: **PLOD**

work that is dull and wearisome:

**DRUDGERY**

world and life as viewed  
 comprehensively:

**WELTANSCHAUUNG**

world betterment: **MELIORISM**

worldly as distinguished from spiritual  
 or religious: **SECULAR**

worldly, as opposed to narrow or  
 parochial: **COSMOPOLITAN**

worldly person, sophisticate:

**COSMOPOLITE**

worldly, sensual, carnal: **FLESHLY**

worldly-wise: **SOPHISTICATED**

worldly woman: **FEMME DU MONDE**

world-weariness: **WELTSCHMERZ**

worldwide, general or universal,  
 especially concerning churches:

**ECUMENICAL**

worn, gaunt or wild-looking, as from  
 fatigue, hunger or anxiety:

**HAGGARD**

worn-out, exhausted, depleted of  
 purpose or energy: **BURNED OUT**

worn-out, exhausted, overstrained:

**RAGGED**

worn-out, exhausted, sated, dulled from  
 overindulgence: **JADED**

worn-out or enfeebled by age or use:

**DECREPIT**

worried, tense, bewildered, agitated,  
crazed: **DISTRAUGHT**  
worry-free, carefree: **SANS SOUCI**  
worry-free state or situation, prosperity:  
**EASY STREET**  
worry, harass: **CHEVY, CHIVVY**  
worry, harass: **HARRY**  
worry-obsessed person: **WORRYWART**  
worry, torment relentlessly: **HARASS**  
worse, inferior, morally degraded:  
**DEGENERATE**  
worsen, as in quality or power: **IMPAIR**  
worsening, declining, going backward:  
**RETROGRADE**  
worsen, make worse or more severe,  
aggravate: **EXACERBATE**  
worship given properly only to God, in  
the Roman Catholic Church:  
**LATRIA**  
worshipping or venerating ancestors or  
tradition: **FILIOPIETISTIC**  
worship of idols: **IDOLATRY**  
worst-possible-outcome hypothesis or  
possibility: **WORST-CASE SCENARIO**  
worthless: **CHEESEPARING**  
worthless leftover matter: **RECREMENT**  
worthless, meaningless: **NUGATORY**  
worthlessness or futility imposed on  
something or someone makes it or  
him: **STULTIFIED**  
worthless or valueless thing: **TINKER'S**  
**DAMN**  
worthless things or matter, rubbish,  
nonsense: **TRUMPERY**  
worth the investment or expense,  
economical: **COST-EFFECTIVE**  
worthy, allowable, permissible:  
**ADMISSIBLE**  
wounds resembling those that Christ  
received during the Passion and  
Crucifixion: **STIGMATA**  
wrangle, bandy words: **SPAR**  
wrangling, quarrel: **JANGLE**  
wraparound brightly colored long cloth  
garment of the tropics: **LAVALAVA,**  
**PAREU**  
wrapped in tight-fitting rubbery clear  
plastic: **SHRINK-WAPPED**  
wreckage that is afloat or washed up on  
shore: **FLOTSAM**  
wreck, pillage, ruin: **RAVAGE**  
wrestler or boxer weighing over 175  
pounds: **HEAVYWEIGHT**  
wrestler or boxer weighing between 127  
and 135 pounds: **LIGHTWEIGHT**

wrestler or boxer weighing between 136  
and 147 pounds: **WELTERWEIGHT**  
wrestler or boxer weighing between 148  
and 160 pounds: **MIDDLEWEIGHT**  
wrestler or boxer weighing between 161  
and 175 pounds: **LIGHT**  
**HEAVYWEIGHT**  
wrestler weighing up to 134 pounds or  
a boxer weighing up to 126  
pounds: **FEATHERWEIGHT**  
wrestling hold in which an arm is  
passed under the opponent's armpit  
and the hand is pressed against the  
back of his head: **HALF NELSON**  
wrestling hold in which opponent's arm  
is twisted behind his back and  
upward: **HAMMERLOCK**  
wrestling hold in which the arms are  
under the opponent's armpits from  
the back and the hands are against  
the back of his neck: **FULL NELSON**  
wrestling hold in which the wrestler's  
head is gripped between his  
opponent's arm and body:  
**HEADLOCK**  
wrestling term for when the head is  
caught and held under the  
opponent's arm: **CHANCERY**  
wrestling throw: **FLYING MARE**  
wretched, cheerless, abandoned,  
deserted: **FORLORN**  
wrinkle, pucker: **COCKLE**  
wrist: **CARPUS**  
writ authorizing seizure of property:  
**ATTACHMENT**  
write: **INDITE**  
write, mark or engrave, especially for  
some solemn or public purpose:  
**INSCRIBE**  
write or speak more fully, elaborate:  
**EXPATiate**  
write or study laboriously: **LUCUBRATE**  
write out, compose or edit: **REDACT**  
writer of articles, books or speeches for  
someone else to whom the  
authorship will be attributed:  
**GHOSTWRITER**  
writer of polemical pamphlets:  
**PAMPHLETEER**  
writer's assumed name: **PEN NAME,**  
**NOM DE PLUME**  
writer's cramp: **GRAPHOSPASM**  
writers' manuscripts sent unsolicited to  
a publisher: **SLUSH PILE**

writer's name at the head of an article:

**BYLINE**

writers, scholars, people of letters:

**LITERATI**

writing describing a pleasant, peaceful scene: **IDYLL**

writing desk: **ESCRITOIRE**

writing difficult to decipher:

**HEROGLYPHICS**

writing dispassionately as if one were a camera: **CHIOSISME**

writing in which lines alternately read left to right and right to left:

**BOUSTROPHEDON**

writing of an ancient mode:

**PALEOGRAPHY**

writing of words or phrases erroneously because of cerebral injury:

**PARAGRAPHA**

writing or printing with flowing lines:

**CURSIVE**

writing paper measuring about 13 by 16 inches: **FOOLSCAP**

writing prose in line lengths

corresponding to the sense:

**STICHOMETRY**

writings or artistic work of a person's youth: **JUVENILIA**

writing technique that records inner thoughts and feelings of characters:

**STREAM-OF-CONSCIOUSNESS**

writing that is backward and readable in a mirror: **MIRROR-WRITING**

writing that is continuous and random as an attempt to express the unconscious: **AUTOMATIC WRITING**

writing that is good but on a trivial subject: **ADOXOGRAPHY**

writing that is long and tiresome:

**SCREED**

writing that is obvious or worthless, drivel: **PABULUM**

writ ordering that a person be brought before a court: **HABEAS CORPUS**

written in rounded, largely capital-letter forms, as in ancient Greek and

Latin manuscripts: **UNCIAL**

written in the form of a letter or letters:

**EPISTOLARY**

written statement or graphic representation that is false or

malicious and damaging to a

person's reputation: **LIBEL**

wrongdoing, especially by a public official: **MALFEASANCE**

wrongdoing imputed, implied or charged: **INCRIMINATION**

wrongdoing or illicit activity:

**HANKY-PANKY**

wrong early dating of something in time: **PROCHRONISM**

wrongful act not involving breach of contract but constituting a possible

basis for a suit: **TORT**

wrongful act, unjust thing or deed, sin:

**INIQUITY**

wrongful use: **ABUSE**

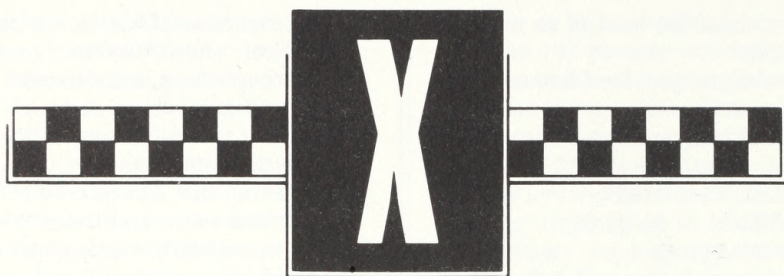
wrong: if anything can go wrong, it will: **MURPHY'S LAW**

wrong late-dating of something in time:

**METACHRONISM**

wrong name: **MISNOMER**

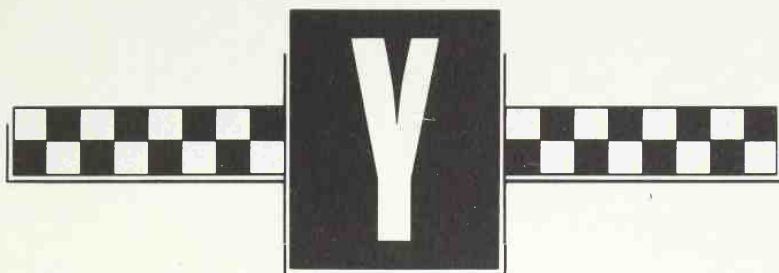




x-rays and nuclear radiation as a  
medical field: **RADIOLOGY**

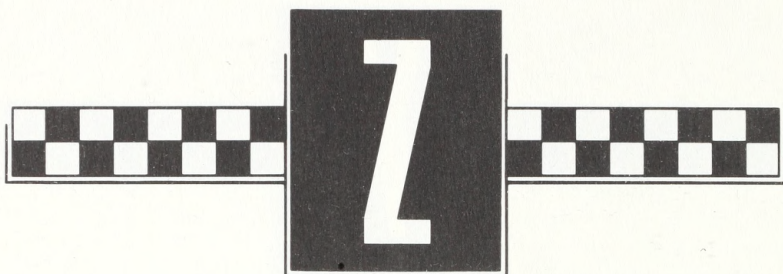
X-shaped: **DECUSSATE**





yard enclosure, close: **GARTH**  
yarn length: **SPINDLE**  
yarn length equaling 80 yards for wool,  
120 for cotton, 300 for linen: **LEA**  
yarn or thread wound in a coil: **SKEIN**  
yawning, sleepiness: **OSCITANCY**  
yearn, desire, crave: **HANKER**  
year of wandering or traveling:  
**WANDERYEAR, WANDERJAHR**  
year-old animal: **YEARLING**  
year or period that is critical:  
**CLIMACTERIC**  
year that is wonderful: **ANNUS**  
**MIRABILIS**  
yellowed or yellowish brown, like pages  
of an old book: **FOXED**  
yellowish-green in color, sea-green:  
**GLAUCOUS**  
yellowish in complexion: **SALLOW**  
yelp, bark: **YAWP**  
yes, just so (used in parentheses after a  
quoted spelling, word or phrase to  
indicate that it is accurately  
reproduced): **SIC**  
yesterday, pertaining to or occurring:  
**PRIDIAN**  
Yiddish: **MAMALOSHEN, MAMA**  
**LOSHEN**  
yielding courteously or respectfully to

the wishes or opinions of another:  
**DEFERENCE**  
yielding, persuadable: **PLIANT**  
yielding readily in an emotional way:  
**SUSCEPTIBLE**  
yield to or gratify, as one's desires:  
**INDULGE**  
yield weakly or with bad grace, cringe:  
**TRUCKLE**  
yokel, boor, hick: **MUCKER**  
young advocate of change within a  
group, establishment, etc.: **YOUNG**  
**TURK**  
young and innocent woman: **INGENUE**  
young man who is remarkably talented  
or accomplished: **BOY WONDER**  
young person, youth: **SPRIG**  
young or becoming young:  
**JUVENESCENT**  
young people who are rich and  
fashionable, gilded youth:  
**JEUNESSE DORÉE**  
youthful days of freshness and  
inexperience: **SALAD DAYS**  
youthful feeling or vigor restored:  
**REJUVENATION**  
youthful, fresh, spring-like: **VERNAL**  
you've scored a point, you've got me:  
**TOUCHÉ**



zeal that is extravagant or frenzied:

**FANATICISM**

Zen Buddhist spiritual or meditational  
refuge: **ZENDO**

zenith, highest point of anything:

**MERIDIAN**

zest, enthusiasm: **GUSTO**

zestless, dull: **PERFUNCTORY**

zigzag course in sailing: **TACK**

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sable fur: **ZIBELINE**

sack of canvas or duck used for carrying personal possessions:

**DUFFLE BAG, DUFFEL BAG**

sacred books of any sect or religion:

**CANON**

sacredness maintained, unbroken:

**INVIOULATE**

sacred poetry or religious music muse:

**POLYHYMNIA**

sacrificial offering, wholly consumed by fire: **HILOCAUST**

saddened, dejected, gloomy:

**DISCONSOLATE**

saddened or desolate through loss:

**BEREAVED**

saddle hind part that projects upward:

**CANTLE**

saddle lighter but better padded than a Western saddle and having no pommel horn: **ENGLISH SADDLE**

sadism and masochism, sadomasochism:

**S AND M, S & M**

sadism or masochism: **ALGOLAGNIA**

sad, mournful, painful: **DOLOROUS**

sad or mournful, especially in a

ludicrous manner: **LUGUBRIOUS**

sad, pitiful, causing sorrow: **PATHETIC**

safe or proof against attack:

**UNASSAILABLE**

safety or hiding place for an animal:

**CREEPIHOLE**

said or done thing for effect or as a formality: **GESTURE**

sailboat pole, or spar, projecting from the bow: **BOWSPRIT**

sailboat's mast or boom: **SPAR**

sailboat that is small and usually with a cockpit: **SAILBOARD**

sailboat with a single mast and

fore-and-aft rigging: **SLOOP**

sailboat with three parallel hulls:

**TRIMARAN**

sailboat with two parallel hulls:

**CATAMARAN**

sailing close to the wind: **LUFF**

sail of triangular shape ahead of the foremast: **JIB**

sailor ranking below an able-bodied seaman: **ORDINARY SEAMAN**

sailor's bag for belongings: **DITTY BAG**

sailor's close-fitting knitted navy-blue cap: **WATCH CAP**

sailor's dance: **HORNPIPE**

sailors' rhythmical working song:

**CHANTEY, CHANTY**

sailor uniform neck flap:

**TALLYWHACKER**

sailor who is a veteran, old salt:

**SHELLBACK**

sail that is large and usually triangular and used when running before the wind: **SPINNAKER**

sainted: **CANONIZED**

saints and their lives as a study:

**HAGIOGRAPHY**

Saint Vitus's dance: **CHOREA**

salary, pension, allowance: **STIPEND**

sale item priced near or below cost to promote sale of others: **LOSS**

**LEADER**

sales-force manager in a store:

**FLOORWALKER**

saliva, spittle: **SPUTUM**

salmon before it enters the ocean: **PARR**

salmon of a salty, smoked variety: **LOX**

salmon that has returned for the first time from the sea to fresh water:

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