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# **POWERFUL WORDS**

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## **HERE ARE THREE SIMPLE STEPS TO FOLLOW IN LEARNING A NEW WORD:**

**1. IMPRESSION**

**2. REPETITION**

**3. ASSOCIATION**

**IMPRESSION:** Get a clear impression of the word you are trying to learn. Look at each syllable; say the word while putting the accent on the syllable, which is written in capital letters. Look at the word until you can see it with your eyes closed. See the word clearly in your mind. Write the word down as you see it in your mind with your eyes closed.

Now look at the meaning of the word. Think about the definition until it is clear to you. This way you will have a clear impression of what the word means.

**REPETITION:** See the word, say the word, and say the definition of the word. See the meaning of the word in your mind. See, say, and hear the word at least six times before going to the next word.

**ASSOCIATION:** See, say, hear, and associate the word with another word or idea that you already know. By doing this, you will burn the word and its meaning into your mind, which will give you word power.



# A

**ABANDON**, v., a-BAN-don — To completely give up.

**ABATE**, v., a-BATE — To make less in amount, number, or force.

**ABDICATE**, v., AB-di-cate — To give up or resign a position of power.

**ABERRATION**, n., a b-er-RA-tion — A wandering or disorder of the mind.

**ABET**, v., a-BET — To aid or encourage someone in doing something wrong.

**ABEYANCE**, n., a-BEY-ance — A state of temporary inactivity.

**ABHOR**, v., ab-HOR — To shrink from with disgust; to hate; to detest.

**ABJECT**, adj., ab-JECT — To be very low in spirit or hope.

**ABOLISH**, v., a-BOL-ish — To do away with; to put an end to.

**ABORIGINES**, n., ab-o-RIG-i-nes — The earliest known inhabitants of a country.

**ABOUND**, v., a-BOUND — To be well supplied; plentiful.

**ABRADE**, v., ab-RADE — To rub or scrape off by friction.

**ABROGATE**, v., AB-ro-gate — To abolish by authority; to repeal; to put an end to.

**ABSCOND**, v., ab-SCOND — To sneak off and hide; to go away hurriedly.

**ABSOLUTE**, adj., AB-so-lute — Perfect; complete not limited in power.

**ABSOLVE**, v., ab-SOLVE — A setting free; to pronounce free from.

**ABSORB**, v., ab-SORB — To swallow up ; to take up without giving back.

**ABSTAIN** v., ab-STAIN — To refrain.

**ABSTRACTED**, adj., ab-TRACT-ed — Absentminded; not paying attention.

**ABSTRUSE**, adj., ab-STRUSe — Difficult; hard to understand; obscure.

**ABSURD**, adj., ab-SURD — Silly; untrue or unreasonable.

**ABYSMAL**, adj., a-BYS-mal — Unbelievable depth; an immeasurable depth or extent.

**ACCEDE**, v., a c-CEDE — To agree or to assent.

**ACCENTUATE**, v., ac-CEN-tu-ate — To emphasize or bring out distinctly.

**ACCESSORY**, adj., a c-CES-so-ry — Not absolutely necessary.

**ACCOLADE**, n., ac-co-LADE — An award or recognition of merit or success.

**ACCOMPLICE**, n., a c-COM-plice — A partner in wrong doing.

**ACCOST**, v., ac-COST — To address.

**ACCRUE**, v., ac-CRUE — To be added by increase or growth.

**ACME**, n., AC-me — The highest point.

**ACQUIESCE**, v., ac-qui-ESCE — To agree by keeping silent.

**ACRIMONY**, n., AC-ri-mo-ny — Harshness in speech or manner.

**ACUMEN**, n., a-CU-men — Shrewdness or keenness of mind.

**ACUTE**, adj., a-CUTE — Critical or near a turning point.

**ADAMANT**, n., AD-a-mant — Hardness that cannot be pierced; unyielding.

**ADAPT**, v., a-DAPT — To adjust; to fit in.

**ADDICTED**, adj., ad-DICT-ed — To give up one's self-control to a habit.

**ADDUCE**, v., a d -DUCE — To extract facts from premises, statements, axioms, or theorems.

**ADHERE**, v., ad-HERE — To cling to; to devote oneself to a cause or belief.

**ADJACENT**, adj., a d -JA-cent — Bordering on or lying next to.

**ADJUDICATE**, v., ad-JU-di-cate — To hear and settle judicially.

**ADJUNCT**, n., AD-junct — Something added but not essential.

**ADMONISH**, v., ad-MON-ish — To urge with a warning.

**ADROIT**, adj., a-DROIT — To be skillful, clever.

**ADSORB**, v., ad-SORB — To condense and hold without being. Swallowed up.

**ADULATION**, n., ad-u-LA-tion — Excessive praise; slavish flattery or worship.

**ADVOCATE**, n., AD-vo-cate — A person who argues for a cause.

**AESTHETIC**, adj., aes-THET-ic — Pertaining to beauty rather than utility.

**AFFABLE**, adj., AF-fa-ble — Friendly in conversation; easy to speak to; courteous.

**AFFINITY**, n., and af-FIN-i-ty — An attraction one person has for another.

**AFFLUENCE**, n., AF-flu-ence — Wealth or great prosperity.

**AFFRONT**, v., af-FRONT — To insult; to offend by showing disrespect.

**AGAPE**, adj., a-GAPE — Having the mouth open in surprise or wonder; gaping.

**AGGRANDIZE**, v., ag-GRAN-dize — To make something greater than it is.

**AGGRAVATE**, v., AG-gra-vate — To irritate; to annoy.

**AGGREGATE**, adj., AG-gre-gate — Formed by the collection of individual items into a mass or sum.

**AGHAST**, adj., a-GHAST — Struck with surprise or amazement.

**ALACRITY**, n., a-LAC-ri-ty — Briskness; liveliness; Readiness to do something cheerfully.

**ALIENATE**, v., AL-iен-ate — To cause a loss of loyalty, friendship, or love.

**ALLAY**, v., al-LAY — To make less severe.

**ALLEGЕ**, v., al-LEGE — To state positively without proof.

**ALLEGIANCЕ**, n., al-LE-giance — Service and loyalty given to a thing or person.

**ALLEVIATE**, v., al-LE-vi-ate — To relieve; to lessen or make easier to endure.

**ALLUDE**, v., al-LUDE — To refer to by suggestion; to talk about indirectly.

**ALLURE**, v., al-LU RE — To entice; to tempt.

**ALTERCATION**, n., al-ter-CA-tion — An angry or noisy dispute.

**ALTERNATIVE**, n., al-TER-na-tive — One of the many things among which a choice is to be made.

**ALTRUISM**, n., AL-tru-ism — Unselfish interest in the welfare of others.

**AMAZE** v., a-MAZE — To astonish or surprise; to fill with wonder.

**AMAZON**, n., AM-a-zon — A tall, strong, masculine woman.

**AMBIDEXTROUS**, adj., am-bi-DEX-trous — The ability to use both hands with equal ease.

**AMBIGUITY**, n., am-bi-GU-i-ty — Confusion or uncertainty of meaning of a word or phrase.

**AMBROSIA**, n., am-BRO-sia — Anything extremely pleasant in taste or smell.

**AMELIORATE**, v., a-MEL-io-rate — To grow better; to make better; to improve.

**AMENABLE**, adj., a-ME-na-ble — Responsive; easily managed or influenced.

**AMENITY**, n., a-MEN-i-ty--Anything that makes life pleasant and agreeable.

**AMIABLE**, adj., A-mi-a-ble — Good natured; agreeable; friendly.

**AMICABLE**, adj., AM-i-ca-ble — Showing a friendly attitude; peaceable.

**AMITY**, n., AM-i-ty — Friendship.

**AMNESIA**, n., am-NE-si-a — Loss of memory due to shock, illness, or brain injury.

**AMNESTY**, n., AM-nes-ty — A general pardon granted by the leader of a country for offenses.

**AMOK**, adv., a-MOK — In a wild raging or murderous manner.

**AMOROUS**, adj., AM-o-rous — Inclined to fall in love easily.

**AMULET**, n., AM-u-let — A small object worn as a charm against evil.

**ANACHRONISM**, n., a-NACH-ro-nism — The error of placing a person or thing in a time period to which the person or thing does not belong.

**ANALOGY**, n., a-NAL-o-gy — A similarity of one or more characteristics in two different things.

**ANALYZE**, v., AN-a-lyze — To separate a thing into its parts.

**ANARCHY**, n., AN-ar-chy — A state of confusion, lawlessness, or disorder.

**ANATHEMA**, n., a-NATH-e-rna — Any object of intense dislike.

**ANECDOTE**, n., AN-ec-dote — A brief story of some interesting incident or event.

**ANIMATE**, v., AN-i-mate — To give the appearance of life; to put in motion.

**ANIMOSITIES**, n., an-i-MOS-i-ties — Ill will or bitter hatred.

**ANNALS**, n., AN-nals — A written record of events; historical records.

**ANNIHILATE**, v., an-NI-hi-late — To put completely out of existence; to completely destroy.

**ANNUITY**, n., an-NU-i-ty — A sum of money paid every year.

**ANOMALY**, n., a-NOM-a-ly — An irregularity; anything not following the usual rule or standard.

**ANTAGONIZE**, v., an-TAG-o-nize — To arouse dislike; to arouse anger or hostility in another.

**ANTECEDENT**, adj., an-te-CED-ent — Coming before or taking place earlier than something else.

**ANTHOLOGY**, n., an-THOL-o-gy — A collection of literary selections chosen from the works of various authors.

**ANTHROPOID**, adj., AN-thro-poid — Resembling man.

**ANTICIPATE**, v., an-TIC-i-pate — To experience beforehand; to expect.

**ANTIPATHY**, n., an-TIP-a-thy — A thing or person that arouses strong dislike.

**ANTIPODES**, n., an-TIP-o-des — Regions on the opposite sides of the earth.

**ANTITHESIS**, n., an-TITH-e-sis — The direct opposite; the contrary.

**ANXIETY**, n., anx-I-e-ty — An uneasiness of mind; fear that something unpleasant or unfortunate will happen.

**APATHY**, n., AP-a-thy — Indifference to what appeals to the feeling or interest.

**APERTURE**, n., AP-er-ture — An opening.

**APEX**, n., A-pex — The top of anything; the tip or the high point.

**APHORISM**, n., APH-o-rism — A short sentence stating some general philosophical or practical observation.

**APLOMB**, n., a-PLOMB — Poise; self-assurance; self-possession.

**APOLOGIST**, n., a-POL-o-gist — A person who argues in defense of a course of policy.

**APOPLEXY**, n., AP-o-plex-y — A sudden loss of consciousness causes by cutting off the supply of blood to the brain.

**APOSTOLIC**, adj., ap-os-TOL-ic — Having to do with or coming from the Pope; papal.

**APPARENT**, adj., ap-PAR-ent — As it appears to the eye; easily seen; clear; plain.

**APPARITION**, n., ap-pa-RI-tion — A ghost or ghost-like figure; something startling.

**APPEASE**, v., ap-PEASE — To calm, quiet, or soothe; to pacify.

**APPLICABLE**, adj., AP-pli-ca-ble — Practical; suitable; fit; capable of being put to use.

**APPRECIABLE**, adj., ap-PRE-cia-ble — Large enough to be felt or recognized and measured.

**APROPOS**, adj., ap-ro-POS(PO) — Suiting the subject or the occasion.

**AQUATIC**, adj., a-QUAT-ic — Living or growing in water; practiced on or in the water.

**AQUEOUS**, adj., A-que-ous — Made by, of, or with water.

**AQUILINE**, adj., AQ-ui-line — Curved like an eagle's beak.

**ARBITRATE**, v., AR-bi-trate — To refer a dispute to others for settlement.

**ARCHAEOLOGY**, n., ar-chae-OL-o-gy — The science which deals with past human life and activities.

**ARCHAIC**, adj., ar-CHA-ic — Old fashion; no longer in general use.

**ARCHIPELAGO**, n., ar-chi-PEL-a-go — A sea that is dotted with islands; a group of islands.

**ARCHIVES**, n., AR-chives — A place for keeping public records or other historical records.

**ARDENT**, adj., AR-dent — Eager; zealous; warmth of feeling.

**ARDOUS**, adj., AR-du-ous — Difficult; extremely laborious.

**ARISTOCRACY**, n., ar-is-TOC-ra-cy — A group of people thought of as superior to the rest of the community in wealth, intelligence, or rank.

**ARRAIGN**, v., ar-RAIGN — To accuse; to denounce.

**ARREARS**, n., ar-REARS — A debt that is past due.

**ARROGANCE**, n., AR-ro-gance — Haughtiness; a sense of one's own importance that shows in an offensively proud manner.

**ARTICULATE**, v., ar-TIC-u-late — To express clearly and distinctly.

**ARTIFACT**, n., AR-ti-fact — Primitive workmanship; a product of human workmanship.

**ARTIFICE**, n., AR-ti-fice — A cunning trick.

**ASCENDANT**, adj., as-CEND-ant — Above or greater in power or influence; controlling; dominant; moving in an upward direction.

**ASCETIC**, adj., as-CET-ic — A deliberate absence of material comforts; given to self-denial.

**ASININE**, adj., AS-i-nine — Stupid; extremely silly.

**ASPERSION**, n., as-PER-sion — A slanderous remark.

**ASPHYXIA**, n., as-PHYX-i-a — An excessive amount of carbon dioxide in the body due to a lack of oxygen.

**ASSAIL**, v., as-SAIL — To suddenly attack with violence.

**ASSERT**, v., as-SERT — To maintain or defend.

**ASSERTION**, n., as-SER-tion — A positive statement.

**ASSIDUITY**, n., as-si-DU-i-ty — Diligent; careful and close attention to one's work.

**ASSUAGE**, v., as-SUAGE — To ease or lessen; to soothe; to quench or satisfy.

**ASSUME**, v., as-SUME — To take for granted; to accept as a fact.

**ASTONISH**, v., as-TON-ish — To amaze; to surprise.

**ASTROLOGY**, n., as-TROL-o-gy — The so-called science that deals with the influence of the stars on human events.

**ASTUTE**, adj., as-TUTE — Wise and shrewd; crafty.

**ASUNDER**, v., a-SUN-der — To split into two or more parts; to tear apart; to destroy.

**ATHWART**, adv., a-THWART — Across; in opposition to.

**ATROCIOS**, adj., a-TRO-cious — Brutal and savage; extremely wicked or cruel.

**ATROPHY**, n., AT-ro-phy — A wasting away of a bodily part or tissue.

**ATTACHE**, n., at-ta-CHE — A member of the diplomatic staff of an ambassador or minister to a foreign country.

**ATTENUATE**, v., at-TEN-u-ate — To weaken; to lessen in value, force, or amount.

**AUDACIOUS**, adj., au-DA-cious — Impudent; daring; bold.

**AUSPICIOS**, adj., aus-PI-cious — Favorable; promising success; prosperous; fortunate.

**AUSTERE**, adj., aus-TERE — Strict; stern; severe; very simple and plain.

**AUTHENTIC**, adj., au-THEN-tic — Genuine; true; correct.

**AUTHENTICATE**, v., au-THEN-ti-cate — To prove that something is genuine.

**AUTONOMY**, n., au-TON-o-my — The power or right of self-government.

**AUXILIARY**, adj., aux-IL-ia-ry — A thing or person that assists.

**AVARICE**, n., AV-a-rice — Greed; a strong desire for possessions.

**AVENGE**, v., a-VENGE — To give punishment for a crime or for wrong done to a person.

**AVERSIO**N, n., a-VER-sion — Something or someone strongly disliked; a desire to turn away from.

**AVIDITY**, n., a-VID-i-ty — Extreme eagerness; greediness.

**AWE**, n., AWE — Mingled fear, respect, or wonder.

## B

**BABBLE**, v., BAB-ble — Indistinct talk; senseless chatter.

**BACTERIOLOGY**, n., bac-te-ri-OL-o-gy — The science that studies bacteria.

**BAFFLE**, v., BAF-fle — To check; to disperse or turn in its course.

**BANAL**, adj., BA-nal — Common; ordinary; trite; stale; hackneyed.

**BANDY**, v., BAN-dy — To toss back and forth; to pass about a subject of gossip.

**BANKRUPTCY**, n., BANK-rupt-cy — Broke; out of resources; unable to pay one's debts.

**BARBARIAN**, n., bar-BAR-i-an — An uncivilized person who has no feeling or appreciation for culture

**BELLICOSE**, adj., BEL-li-cose — Warlike; inclined to fight or quarrel.

**BENEVOLENCE**, n., be-NEV-o-lence — An act of kindness; a generous gift.

**BERSERK**, adj., ber-SERK--Frenzied; crazed.

**BIENNIAL**, adj., bi-EN-ni-al — Taking place once in two years.

**BILATERAL**, adj., bi-LAT-er-al — Having to do with two sides or parties.

**BILIOUS**, adj., BIL-ious — Irritable; ill-natured.

**BIZARRE**, adj., bi-ZARRE — Unusual or odd in appearance, especially in design, fashion, or color.

**BLASPHEMY**, n., BLAS-phe-my — An opposition or disrespect shown to gods or religious things.

**BLATANT**, adj., BLA-tant — Clamorous; noisy; loudmouthed.

**BLEMISH**, n., BLEM-ish — Any mark that makes something imperfect; a flaw; a defect.

**BLITHE**, adj., BLITHE — Gay; cheerful.

**BLUDGEON**, n., BLUDG-eon — Any club-like weapon.

**BOISTEROUS**, adj., BOIS-ter-ous — Rough and noisy.

**BOOR**, n., BOOR — A rude, ill-bred, or clownish person.

**BOURGEOIS**, n., BOUR-geois — A person of the middle class of society.

**BOVINE**, adj., BO-vine — Like an ox; slow, dull, and patient.

**BRAGGADOCIO**, n., brag-ga-DO-ci-o--Empty, boasting.

**BREVITY**, n., BREV-i-ty — Shortness of duration, briefness of time.

**BROACH**, v., BROACH —To introduce as a topic of conversation.

**BROW-BEAT**, v., BROW-beat — To frighten, as by threats; to bully; to abuse.

**BRUTE**, n., BRUTE — A brutal person; not having human reasoning power.

**BUREAUCRACY**, n., bu-REAUC-ra-cy — Government officials taken as a whole.

## C

**CADAVER**, n., ca-DAV-er — A dead body.

**CAJOLE**, v., ca-JOLE — To wheedle; to coax or persuade, especially by a false promise or flattery.

**CALAMITOUS**, adj., ca-LAM-i-tous — Causing calamity; disastrous.

**CALLOUS**, adj., CAL-lous — Lacking in sympathy or sensitivity; unfeeling; hardhearted.

**CALUMNY**, n., CAL-um-ny — A false accusation made to injure another person's character.

**CANARD**, n., ca-NARD — A fabricated report; a lie.

**CANDID**, adj., CAN-did — Frank; straight forward; sincere.

**CANTANKEROUS**, adj., can-TAN-ker-ous — Quarrelsome; ill-natured.

**CAPACIOUS**, adj., ca-PA-cious — Roomy; larger than ordinary.

**CAPITALISM**, n., CAP-i-tal-ism — An economic system under which the ownership of natural resources are for the most part in the hands of private ownership.

**CAPITULATE**, v., ca-PIT-u-late — To surrender.

**CAPRICE**, n., ca-PRICE — Sudden change in feeling; a whim; fancy.

**CAPTIOSUS**, adj., CAP-tious — Quick to find fault, especially over trifles.

**CAPTIVATE**, v., CAP-ti-vate — To attract and win over; to fascinate; to charm.

**CARICATURE**, n., CAR-i-ca-ture — A picture or description with features ridiculously exaggerated or twisted.

**CARNAGE**, n., CAR-nage — Slaughter; great destruction of life.

**CARNIVOROUS**, adj., ear-N IV-o-rous — Meat-eating; feeding on the flesh of animals.

**CASHIER**, v., cash-IER — To discharge from a position, especially in disgrace.

**CASTIGATE**, v., CAS-ti-gate — To reprove; to correct or punish with words or blows.

**CATACLYSM**, n., CAT-a-clysm — Any destructive or violent upheaval of nature; any great political or social upheaval.

**CATASTROPHE**, n., ca-TAS-tro-phe — A great disaster or misfortune; a sudden calamity.

**CATEGORICAL**, adj., cat-e-GOR-i-cal — Absolute; positive.

**CATHARTIC**, n., ca-THAR-tic — A strong laxative.

**CAVIL**, v., CAV-il — To find fault without good reason.

**CERTITUDE**, n., CER-ti-tude — Certainly.

**CHAFF**, n., CHAFF — Anything light and worthless.

**CHAGRIN**, n., cha-GRIN — A feeling of annoyance caused by failure or disappointment.

**CHARLATAN**, n., CHAR-la-tan — A quack; a person who pretends to have ability and knowledge he does not have.

**CHASM**, n., CHASM — A deep opening or gap, as a great split in the earth.

**CHASTE**, adj., CHASTE — Pure and simple in design and expression; unmarried; modest.

**CHAUVINISM**, n., CHAU-vin-ism — Fanatical pride; contempt of another group.

**CHICANERY**, n., chi-CAN-er-y — Trickery; deceit.

**CHIMERA**, n., chi-ME-ra — Any wild or foolish fancy; an inclination to favor fantastic ideas or schemes.

**CHIROPODY**, n., chi-ROP-o-dy — The treatment of minor ailments of the feet.

**CHIROPRACTIC**, n., CHI-ro-prac-tic — The treatment of bodily ailments through the manipulation or adjustment by hands of the joints.

**CHOLERIC**, adj., CHOL-er-ic — Hot tempered; irritable; apt to have fits of anger.

**CHRONIC**, adj., CHRON-ic — Continuing for a long time, such as a disease or habit.

**CHRONOLOGY**, n., chro-NOL-o-gy — Arrangement in the order of occurrence.

**CIRCUMLOCUTION**, n., cir-cum-lo-CU-tion — A roundabout, indirect, or lengthy way of expressing something.

**CIRCUMSCRIBE**, v., cir-cum-SCRIBE — To draw a line around; to encircle; to limit, narrowly.

**CIRCUMSPECT**, adj., CIR-cum-spect — Cautious; prudent; wary; careful to consider all the consequences and circumstances.

**CIRCUMVENT**, v., cir-cum-VENT — To gain an advantage by trickery or deception.

**CIVILITY**, n., ci-VIL-i-ty — A polite act or expression.

**CLAIRVOYANCE**, n., clair-VOY-ance — Acuteness of perception; penetration; the professed power of discerning objects not present.

**CLAMOROUS**, adj., CLAM-or-ous — Noisy.

**CLANDESTINE**, adj., clan-DES-tine — Underhand; planned secrecy.

**CLEVER**, adj., CLEV-er — Skillful; quick in learning.

**CLICHE**, n., cli-CHE — A phrase that has been used so much it has become trite and dull.

**CLIQUE**, n., CLIQUE — A small and exclusive group or set of people.

**CLOD**, n., CLOD — A dull or stupid fellow.

**CLOY**, v., CLOY — To become distasteful through excessive sweetness or richness.

**COADJUTOR**, n., co-ad-JU-tor — An assistant.

**COALESCE**, v., co-a-LESCE — To come together into one community or body.

**COAX**, v., COAX — To move, or to persuade; to wheedle.

**COERCE**, v., co-ERCE — To compel.

**COEXIST**, v., co-ex-IST — To exist together; to exist at the same time.

**COGENT**, adj., CO-gent — Forceful; compelling; convincing.

**COGITATE**, v., COG-i-tate — To ponder; to plan; to think over.

**COGNITION**, n., cog-NI-tion — The process by which the mind comes to know anything; anything that one knows or comes to know.

**COGNIZANCE**, n., COG-ni-zance—A notice; a heed.

**COHERE**, v., co-HERE — To stick together; to be joined by a common principle, interest, or relationship.

**COHERENT**, adj., co-HER-ent — Well connected and logically clear.

**COHESION**, n., co-HE-sion — The action of sticking together tightly; a close union of parts.

**COLLABORATE**, v., col-LAB-o-rate — To willingly assist or co-operate with.

**COLLOQUY**, n., COL-lo-quy — A conversation, especially a formal conference or conversation.

**COLLUSION**, n., col-LU-sion — Secret agreement; cooperation for a wrongful purpose.

**COLOSSAL**, adj., co-LOS-sal — Huge; gigantic.

**COMMENSURATE**, adj., com-MEN-su-rate — Equal in extent or measure; corresponding; proportionate.

**COMMODIOUS**, adj., co-MO-di-ous — Roomy; not crowded for space.

**COMMUNISM**, n., COM-mu-nism — A theory of social organization that advocates common ownership of the means of production.

**COMPREHEND**, v., com-pre-HEND — To understand fully.

**COMPUNCTION**, n., com-PUNC-tion — Remorse; a qualm; passing feeling of regret for some slight wrong.

**CONCAVE**, adj., con-CAVE — Curling in, as bowl of a spoon.

**CONCOMITANT**, adj., con-COM-i-tant — Going along with; something that accompanies.

**CONDOLENCE**, n., con-DO-lence — The expression of sympathy.

**CONDONE**, v., con-DONE — To overlook; to pardon.

**CONDUCE**, v., con-DUCE — To tend or lead, especially to a favorable result.

**CONFIDANTE**, n., CON-fi-dante — A person to whom secrets are confided.

**CONFISCATE**, v., CON-fis-cate — To seize by public authority for public use or as a penalty.

**CONFUTE**, v., con-FUTE — To silence; to overwhelm by argument.

**CONGLOMERATE**, adj., con-GLOM-er-ate — Made up of parts gathered from various sources.

**CONGRUOUS**, adj., CON-gru-ous — In harmony; fitting; suitable.

**CONJECTURE**, n., con-JEC-ture — A guess.

**CONNOISSEUR**, n., con-nois-SEUR — A person competent to act as a judge in matter of appreciation and taste.

**CONSERVATIVE**, adj., con-SERV-a-tive — Favoring a policy of keeping things as they are; opposed to change; safe; not risky.

**CONSPIRACY**, n., con-SPIR-a-cy — Any combination of persons for an evil purpose.

**CONSTERNATION**, n., con-ster-NA-tion — A state of confused and distressing excitement.

**CONSTRICT**, v., con-STRICT — To squeeze or tighten; to cramp.

**CONSUMMATE**, adj., con-SUM-mate — Complete; perfect; highest degree of quality.

**CONTEMPORARY**, adj., con-TEM-po-rar-y — Of the same age; of the present time; living; modern.

**CONTEMPT** n., con-TEMPT — Disobedience to or disrespect of a court of justice or a legislative body.

**CONTINUITY**, n., con-ti-NU-i-ty — The quality or state of being continuous; an uninterrupted succession.

**CONTRABAND**, n., CON-tra-band — Smuggled goods.

**CONTUMELY**, n., CON-tu-me-ly — An insult.

**CONUNDRUM** n., co-NUN-drum — Any puzzling question; a riddle.

**COVET**, v., COV-et — To long for something belonging to another person.

**CRASS**, adj., CRASS — Crude; gross; stupid.

**CREDULITY**, n., cre-DU-li-ty — A willingness to believe statements that have little or no proof.

**CUMULATIVE**, adj., CU-mu-la-tive — An force, strength, or amount by successive additions.

**CUPIDITY**, n., cu-PID-i-ty — Greed; excessive desire for wealth.

**CURSORY**, adj., CUR-so-ry — Hastily given or done; passing hurriedly over something.

**CYNIC**, n., CYN-ic — A person who hates or distrusts others; one who believes that human actions are prompted by self-interest.

**CORPOREAL**, adj., cor-PO-re-al — Of or relating to the body; bodily — not spiritual.

**CORRELATION**, n., cor-re-LA-tion — A mutual relation discovered to exist between things.

**CORROBORATE**, v., cor-ROB-o-rate — To confirm; to make more certain.

**COSMOS**, n., COS-mos — The universe thought of as an ordered whole; any system having order and harmony among its parts.

**COVERT**, adj., COV-ert — Secret; hidden; partly hidden.

## D

**DAUNT**, v., DAUNT — To discourage; to make afraid.

**DAUNTLess**, adj., DAUNT-less — Fearless; courageous.

**DEARTH**, n., DEARTH — Lack of; scarcity.

**DEBACLE**, n., de-BA-cle — Breakdown; collapse.

**DEBASE**, v., de-BASE — To lower in value, quality, purity, or dignity; to degrade.

**DEBAUCH**, v., de-BAUCH — To corrupt; to lead away from morality or virtue.

**DECADENCE**, n., DEC-a-dence — Decay; decline; a falling off to a lower level.

**DECAPITATE**, v., de-CAP-i-tate — To behead.

**DECEIVE**, v., de-CEIVE — To cheat; to deal with dishonestly

**DECIPHER**, v., de-Cl-pher — To read; to make out.

**DECOROUS**, adj., DEC-o-rous — Proper; suitable to the time, place, or occasion.

**DECREPIT**, adj., de-CREP-it — Worn out; broken down.

**DEDUCE**, v., de-DUCE — To derive by reasoning; to reach a conclusion by deductions.

**DEDUCTION**, n., de-DUC-tion — The method of reasoning by which one argues that something is true of all instances.

**DEFAMATION**, n., def-a-MA-tion — Slander; Libel; injury to the good name of another; the act of defaming.

**DEFEATISM**, n., de-FEAT-ism — An attitude of expecting defeat even before an effort is made.

**DEFINITIVE**, adj., de-FIN-i-tive — Conclusive; positive; serving to define or settle something finally.

**DEFUNCT**, adj., de-FUNCT — Dead, extinct, deceased.

**DEGRADATION**, n., deg-ra-DA-tion — A condition below that which is normal; a reduction in dignity or rank degeneration; deterioration.

**DELETERIOUS**, adj., del-e-TE-ri-ous — Harmful; hurtful.

**DELIRIOUS**, adj., de-LIR-i-ous — Strong or wild excitement.

**DELUGE**, n., DEL-uge — An overwhelming number of things that come in a great rush.

**DEMAGOGUE**, n., DEM-a-gogue — A person who appeals to the emotions and prejudices of people to advance his own political ends.

**DEMORALIZE**, v., de-MOR-al-ize — To destroy the morale of or weaken in discipline or spirit.

**DENOTE**, v., de-NOTE — To point out; to make known; to show

**DEPICT**, v., de-PICT — To describe in words.

**DEPLORE**, v., de-PLORE — To feel or express deep grief for; to regret deeply.

**DEPRAVE**, v., de-PRAVE — To corrupt the morals of; to make bad.

**DEPRECATE**, v., DEP-re-cate — To express disapproval of with expressions of regret.

**DEPRECIATE**, v., de-PRE-ci-ate — To lessen in price; to undervalue; to belittle; to disparage.

**DEPREDATION**, n., dep-re-DA-tion — An act of plundering or laying waste; pillaging; robbery.

**DERELICT**, adj., DER-e-lict — A person who has sunk below the level of respectable society.

**DERELICTION**, n., der-e-LIC-tion — A failure in duty; a shortcoming.

**DERIDE**, v., de-RIDE — To make fun of; to laugh at scornfully.

**DERIVATION**, n., der-i-VA-tion — The formation or development of a word from its original elements; derived from something else.

**DESPICABLE**, adj., DES-pi-ca-ble — Contemptible; deserving to be despised.

**DESPOT**, n., DES-pot — A tyrant; a ruler who has unlimited power.

**DESULTORY**, adj., DES-ul-to-ry — Disconnected; passing from one thing to another aimlessly.

**DEVIATE**, v., DE-vi-ate — To stray; to turn aside from a course; not straight forward.

**DEXTERITY**, n., dex-TER-i-ty — Mental skill or quickness; skillful.

**DIABOLIC**, adj., di-a-BOL-ic — Fiendish or devilish.

**DIALECT**, n., DI-a-lect — The words or manner of speech belonging to a particular trade, profession, or class.

**DIAMETRIC**, adj., di-a-MET-ric — Directly opposed; opposite ends of a diameter.

**DIDACTIC**, adj., di-DAC-tic — Showing a tendency to instruct or lecture others.

**DIGNITY**, n., DIG-ni-ty — The quality of being worthy or honorable; true worth; importance, rank, or honor.

**DIGRESS**, v., di-GRESS — To turn aside; to deviate.

**DILEMMA**, n., di-LEM-ma — Having to make a choice between two or more things neither of which is desirable.

**DILIGENCE**, n., DIL-i-gence — Careful and continued work; conscientious effort; industry.

**DIMINUTION**, n., dim-i.NU-tion — A reduction or lessening in quantity, size, or degree.

**DISCERN**, v., dis-CERN — To see or distinguish; to make out with the eye or by the mind; to see apart from other things.

**DISCRETION**, n., dis-CRE-tion — Free choice; careful judgment in action; prudence.

**DISCURSIVE**, adj., dis-CUR-sive — Passing from one topic or subject to another in a hurried way without a plan.

**DISDAIN**, v., dis-DAIN — To scorn; to reject; to look down at.

**DISINTEGRATE**, v., dis-IN-te-grate — To destroy the identity of something; to separate or break up.

**DISINTERESTED**, adj., dis-IN-ter-est-ed — Not prejudiced; free from selfish interest.

**DISMAL**, adj., DIS-mal — Cheerless; depressed; gloomy.

**DISPARAGE**, v., dis-PAR-age — To belittle; to speak slightly of.

**DISPARITY**, n., dis-PAR-i-ty — Inequality or difference in rank, character, age, wealth, or anything.

**DISSEMINATE**, v., dis-SEM-i-nate — To circulate; to spread abroad.

**DISSONANCE**, n., DIS-so-nance — Disagreement; discord; not harmonious.

**DISTINCT**, adj., dis-TINCT — Clearly heard, seen, or understood; plain; unmistakable.

**DIURNAL**, adj., di-UR-nal — Occuring every day; relating to the daytime.

**DIVERGE**, v., di-VERGE — To vary or differ; disagree; moving away or apart.

**DIVULGE**, v., di-VULGE — To reveal; to disclose; to make public.

**DOCILE**, adj., DOC-ile — Easily managed, led, or taught.

**DOGMA**, n., DOG-ma — An established principle or opinion held as being true.

**DOLDRUMS**, n., DOL-drums — Low spirits; dullness; depression.

**DOLOROUS**, adj., DOL-or-ous — Mournful; sad; sorrowful.

**DOLT**, n., DOLT — A dunce; blockhead; a stupid person.

**DORMANT**, adj., DOR-mant — Temporarily inactive; appearing to be asleep.

**DOTAGE**, n., DOT-age — Senility; childishness of mind caused by old age.

**DOUR**, adj., DOUA — Sour and sullen in looks.

**DRIVEL**, v., DRIV-el — Foolish talk; twaddle; slobber.

**DULCET**, adj., DUL-cet — Agreeable; melodious; sweet to the ear.

**DUPE**, n., DUPE — A person who has been easily deceived or cheated.

**DUPPLICITY**, n., du-PLIC-i-ty — Deception by pretending to feel one way while acting another way; double dealing.

**DURESS**, n., du-RESS — Compulsion by the threat of force, or by force.

**DYNAMIC**, adj., dy-NAM-ic — Forceful, full of energy.

# E

**ECOLOGY**, n., e-COL-o-gy — The science dealing with interrelations between living things and their surroundings.

**ECSTASY**, n., EC-sta-sy — A condition of great emotion of joy or bliss.

**EDUCE**, v., e-DUCE — To elicit; to draw out; to bring out.

**EFFERVESCE**, v., ef-fer-VESCE — To show liveliness and happy excitement; to be boisterous and gay.

**EFFETE**, adj., ef-FETE — Worn out; exhausted; no longer productive.

**EFFICACIOUS**, adj., ef-fi-CA-cious — Able to produce a desired result.

**EFFICIENT**, adj., ef-FI-cient — Capable of accomplishing what is undertaken; competent.

**EFFRONTERY**, n., ef-F RON-ter-y — Insulting; boldness; shameless impudence.

**EGOIST**, n., E-go-ist — A person whose chief interest is himself.

**EGREGIOUS**, adj., e-GRE-gious — Shocking; having bad quality; gross.

**ELABORATE**, v., e-LAB-o-rate — To work out with great care.

**ELASTIC**, adj., e-LAS-tic — Flexible; adaptable; able to recover after being stretched.

**ELEGANCE**, n., EL-e-gance — Great refinement; tasteful; marked by beauty and refinement.

**ELOQUENCE**, n., EL-o-quence — Writing or speaking that has ease and force.

**ELUCIDATE**, v., e-LU-ci-date — To make clear by explaining fully and completely.

**EMANATE**, v., EM-a-nate — To flow; to arise; to send forth; to come out from a source.

**EMANCIPATE**, v., e-MAN-ci-pate — To free from restraint or control; to liberate; to free from bondage.

**EMBROIL**, v., em-BROIL — To involve; to bring into or cause to take part in a quarrel or dispute.

**EMETIC**, n., e-MET-ic — An agent that induces vomiting.

**EMINENT**, adj., EM-i-nent — Standing above all others in merit, virtue, or rank.

**EMPATHY**, n., EM-pa-thy — The ability to participate in another's feelings or ideas.

**EMPHATIC**, adj., em-PHAT-ic — Using emphasis; attracting special attention; striking.

**EMPIRICAL**, adj., em-PI R-i-cai — Relating to or founded on scientific observation and experimentation.

**EMULATE**, v., EM-u-late — To rival; to strive to equal or excel.

**ENERVATE**, v., EN-er-vate — To weaken; to grow less in strength or vigor.

**ENGENDER**, v., en-GEN-der — To produce; to create; to bring forth.

**ENIGMA**, n., e-NIG-ma--A puzzle; a riddle; something hard to understand.

**ENMITY**, n., EN-mi-ty — Mutual ill-will or hatred.

**ENORMITY**, n., e-NOR-mi-ty — An outrageous offense or act; huge size.

**ENSCONCE**, v., en-SCONCE — To settle snugly; to establish comfortably.

**ENTHRALL**, v., en-THRALL — To charm or captivate; to hold spellbound.

**ENTHUSIASM**, n., en-THU-si-asm — An intense interest or feeling for something; zeal; fervor.

**ENTITY**, n., EN-ti-ty — Something that has real existence that can be proven through the senses.

**ENUNCiate**, v., en-NUN-ci-ate — To pronounce; to articulate.

**EPHEMERAL**, adj., e-PHEM-er-al — Short-lived.

**EPIGRAM**, n., EP-i-gram — A brief saying or a short poem ending with a witty expression.

**EPITOME**, n., e-PIT-o-me — The contents of a work condensed into a brief summary.

**EQUILIBRIUM**, n., e-qui-LIB-ri-um — A state of balance — mental or physical.

**EQUINOX**, n., E-qui-nox — The time when the sun's center crosses the equator and day and night are everywhere of equal length.

**EQUITABLE**, adj., EQ-ui-ta-ble — Impartial; reasonable; fair; just.

**EQUIVALENT**, adj., e-OUIV-a-lent — Equal in number, value or meaning.

**EQUIVOCAL**, adj., e-OUIV-o-cal — Ambiguous; having two or more meanings; questionable; suspicious.

**ERODE**, v., e-RODE — To wear away.

**ERRONEOUS**, adj., er-RO-ne-ous — Incorrect; wrong; mistaken.

**ERUDITE**, adj., ER-u-dite — Scholarly; learned.

**ESCHEW**, v., es-CHEW — To avoid or to shun something that is wrong or distasteful.

**ESOTERIC**, adj., es-o-TER-ic — Secret; understood only by the chosen few.

**ESTRANGE**, v., es-TRANGE — To cause to become separated.

**ETYMOLOGY**, n., et-y-MOL-o-gy — The branch of language study that studies the origin and history of words.

**EUPHEMISM**, n., EU-phe-mism — The substitution of an indirect or inoffensive expression for one that may offend or have unpleasant associations.

**EUPHONY**, n., EU-pho-ny — To combine words in a way to produce sweet sound effects; sweet or pleasing sound.

**EUPHORIA**, n., eu-PHO-ri-a — An unaccountable feeling of well-being or elation.

**EVANESCENT**, adj., ev-a-NES-cent — Passing quickly; not lasting; vanishing like a vapor.

**EXALT**, v., ex-ALT — To lift up with pride, joy, or feeling of success; to elate.

**EXCISE**, v., ex-CISE — To remove by cutting out.

**EXIGENCY**, n., EX-i-gen-cy — A state of affairs demanding immediate attention or remedy; urgent need; emergency.

**EXONERATE**, v., ex-ON-er-ate — To declare innocent.

**EXORBITANT**, adj., ex-OR bi-tant — Going the limits of what is fair or reasonable.

**EXORCISE**, v., EX-or-cise — To free from an evil spirit.

**EXOTIC**, adj., ex-OT-ic — Strikingly unusual; excitingly strange.

**EXPATIATE**, v., ex-PA-ti-ate — To write or talk at length about something.

**EXPEDIENT**, adj., ex-PE-di-ent — Suitable for bringing about a desired result without regard for fairness.

**EXPEDITE**, v., EX-pe-dite — To carry through rapidly.

**EXPLICABLE**, adj., EX-plic-a-ble — Capable of being explained.

**EXPLICIT** adj., ex-PLIC-it — Stated so clearly there can be no doubts about its meaning

**EXPLOIT**, v., EX-ploit — To use unfairly for one's own benefit.

**EXPOND**, v., ex-POUND — To set forth; to explain.

**EXPUNGE**, v., ex-PUNGE — To cancel; to erase; to blot out.

**EXTEMPORANEOUS**, adj., ex-tem-po-RA-neous-- Not planned; made up or given on the spur of the moment, as a speech; impromptu.

**EXTERMINATE**, v., ex-TER-mi-nate — To utterly destroy; to get rid of completely.

**EXTOL**, v., ex-TOL — To glorify or to praise highly.

**EXTRADITE**, v., EX-tra-dite — To cause to be delivered to legal authority from one place to another.

**EXULT**, v., ex-ULT — To be joyful; to be in high spirits; to triumph.

**EXUBERANCE**, n., ex-U-ber-ance — A state of being filled with life and high spirits.

## F

**FABRICATE**, v., FAB-ri-cate — To make up; to invent a lie

**FABULOUS**, adj., FAB-u-lous — Beyond belief; extraordinary; wonderful.

**FAÇADE**, n., fa-CADE — The face or front of a building.

**FACETIOUS**, adj., fa-CE-tious — Humorous in a sly or mischievous way; teasing.

**FACSIMILE**, n., fac-SIM-i-le — An exact copy.

**FACTITIOUS**, adj., fac-TI-tious— Artificial; not genuine or natural.

**FALLACIOUS**, adj., fal-LA-cious — Incorrect; mistaken; misleading.

**FASTIDIOUS**, adj., fas-TID-i-ous — Very particular; hard to please.

**FATALISM**, n., FA-tal-ism — The attitude of a person who believes that events are determined by powers beyond his control.

**FEASIBLE**, adj., FEA-si-ble — Capable of being carried out.

**FECUND**, adj., FE-cund--Rich in inventions or power.

**FELICITOUS**, adj., fe-LIC-i-tous — Apt; suitably expressed; possessing the ability for apt expressions.

**FERVENT**, adj., FER-vent — Ardent; warm and earnest in feeling.

**FETID**, adj., FET-id — Stinking; having an offensive smell.

**FIASCO**, n., fi-AS-co — A complete or ridiculous failure.

**FIGMENT**, n., FIG-ment — Something made up or imagined.

**FILCH**, v., FILCH — To steal something that has little value.

**FINITE**, adj., FI-nite — Having definite limits; restricted.

**FLACCID**, adj., FLAC-cid — Flabby; limp.

**FLAGRANT**, adj., FLA-grant — Notorious; glaring; conspicuously bad.

**FLAMBOYANT** adj., flam-BOY-ant — Showy; gorgeous.

**FLAUNT**, v., FLAUNT — To display or to make an imprudent show of something.

**FLAY**, v., FLAY — To scold severely.

**FLUENT**, adj., FLU-ent — Ready in the use of words.

**FOIST**, v., FOIST--To pass off something that is a fake as being genuine.

**FOMENT**, v., FO-ment — To rouse; to stir up; as, to foment trouble.

**FORMIDABLE**, adj., FOR-mi-da-ble — Having ability that discourages an attack; capable of arousing fear or dread.

**FORTE**, n., FOR-te — A person's strong point; special ability.

**FORTITUDE**, n., FOR-ti-tude — Courage to endure without yielding.

**FORTUITOUS**, adj., for-TU-i-tous — Accidental; chance.

**FRUGALITY**, n., fru-GAL-i-ty — Thrift; saving; economy.

**FRUSTRATE**, v., FRUS-trate — To bring to nothing; to defeat; to prevent from carrying out plans.

**FULMINATE**, v., FUL-mi-nate — To denounce something violently; to explode.

**FURTIVE**, adj., FUR-tive — Sly; secret; stealthy.

**FUTILE**, adj., FU-tile — Unimportant; trivial; useless.

## G

**GAMUT**, n., GAM-ut — A whole range or series.

**GARRULOUS**, adj., GAR-ru-lous — Very talkative.

**GERMANE**, adj., ger-MANE — Pertinent; bearing upon the case at hand.

**GERTICULATE**, v., ger-TIC-u-late — To make gestures.

**GOURMET**, n., GOUR-met — A connoisseur in drinking and eating.

**GREGARIOUS**, adj., gre-GAR-i-ous — Tending to flock together.

**GROPE**, v., GROPE — To search mentally; as, to grope for the right word.

**GROVEL**, v., GROV-el — To cringe; to bend or crouch in complete abandonment of self-respect.

**GRUELING**, adj., GRU-el-ing — Requiring extreme effort; exhausting.

**GULLIBLE**, adj., GUL-li-ble.--Easily deceived.

## H

**HACKNEYED**, adj., HACK-neyed — Common-place; trite; worn out from too much use.

**HALLU<sup>C</sup>CINATION**, n., hal-LU-ci-NA-tion — The perception of objects which do not exist.

**HARANGUE**, n., ha-RANGUE — Noisy speech that is violent or scolding.

**HARBINGER**, n., HAR-bin-ger — One that announces or shows what is coming; a forerunner.

**HAUGHTY**, adj., HAUGH-ty — Arrogant, proud and scornful; showing great pride.

**HAVOC**, n., HAV-oc — General and wide destruction; ruin.

**HEINOUS**, adj., HEI-nous — Atrocious; hateful; wicked; as a crime.

**HERESY**, n., HER-e-sy — Any belief that is contrary to popular belief.

**HETEROGENEOUS**, adj., het-er-o-GE-neous-- Mixed; varied; dissimilar; having unlike qualities.

**HIATUS**, n., hi-A-tus — A gap; a pause; an interruption.

**HIERARCHY**, n., HI-er-arch-y — Any Organization of things or persons in order or rank according to importance.

**HILARITY**, n., hi-LAR-i-ty — Noisy merriment.

**HOAX**, n., HOAX — Something false passed off as genuine.

**HOMOGENEOUS**, adj., ho-mo-GE-ne-ous — Same; not mixed; having like qualities; similar.

**HOMONYM**, n., HOM-o-nym — A word having the same pronunciation as another word but a different meaning and usually spelling, such as deer and dear.

**HORRENDOUS**, adj., hor-REN-dous — Frightful; fearful.

**HORRIBLE**, adj., HOR-ri-ble — Shocking; dreadful; terrible.

**HUMDRUM**, adj., HUM-drum — Dull; monotonous; tiresome.

**HYDROPHOBIA**, n., hy-dro-PHO-bi-a — Rabies.

**HYPERBOLE**, n., hy-PER-bo-le — A figure of speech in which something is greatly exaggerated for effect.

**HYPOCHONDRIA**, n., hy-po-CHON-dri-a — A depression of the mind brought about by worry over one's health.

**HYPOTHESIS**, n., hy-POTH-e-sis — Something assumed to be true for the purpose of argument or study; assumed without proof.

**HYSTERIA**, n., hys-TE-ri-a — A wild, uncontrolled outburst of emotions.

**ICONOCLAST**, n., i-CON-o-clast — A person who attacks popular beliefs as false or mistaken.

**IDEAL**, adj., i-DE-al — Perfect or considered perfect; not real; existing only in the mind.

**IDEOLOGY**, n., i-de-OL-o-gy — The ideas of a particular group, party, or class.

**IDIOM**, n., ID-i-om — The dialect peculiar to an individual group, class, or district.

**IDIOSYNCRASY**, n., id-i-o-SYN-cra-sy — A peculiarity; a queer or unusual way.

**ILLICIT**, adj., il-LIC-it — Unlawful; not permitted.

**ILLIMITABLE**, adj., il-LIM-it-a-ble — Boundless; incapable of being limited.

**IMMEASURABLE**, adj., im-MEAS-ur-a-ble — Boundless; not capable of being measured.

**IMMENSE**, dj., huge; very great.

**IMMINENT**, adj., IM-mi-nent — Near at hand; threatening to occur immediately.

**IMMORTAL**, adj., im-MOR-tal — Lasting forever.

**IMMUTABLE**, adj., im-MU-ta-ble — Unchangeable.

**IMPALPABLE**, adj., im-PAL-pa-ble — Intangible; so fine and delicate as not to be perceived or understood.

**IMPASSE**, n., IM-passe — A position from which there is no escape; state of not being able to reach agreement.

**IMPECCABLE**, adj., im-PEC-ca-ble — Faultless; free from error.

**IMPECUNIOUS**, adj., im-pe-CU-ni-ous — Poor; without money.

**IMPEDE**, v., im-PEDE — To hinder; to obstruct.

**IMPERATIVE**, adj., im-PER-a-tive — Compulsory; not to be avoided; essential.

**IMPERIALISM**, adj., im-PER-ri-al-ism — The policy of trying to extend the control or territories of a nation.

**IMPERMEABLE**, adj., im-PER-me-a-ble — Not able to pass through; impervious.

**IMPERTURBABLE**, adj., im-per — TURB-a-ble — Calm; not easy to excite; not capable of being disturbed.

**IMPERVIOUS**, adj., im-PER-vi-ous — Not capable of being penetrated.

**IMPETUS**, n., IM-pe-tus — Incentive; impulse; momentum.

**IMPLACABLE**, adj., im-PLAC-a-ble — Not capable of being pacified.

**IMPLICIT**, adj., im-PLIC-it — Complete; unquestioning.

**IMPORTUNE**, v., im-por-TUNE — To beg earnestly; to urge persistently.

**IMPREGNABLE**, adj., im-PREG-na-ble — Able to resist any attack.

**IMPROMPTU**, adj., im-PROMP-tu — Extemporaneous; offhand; without previous study.

**IMPRUDENT**, adj., im-PRU-dent — Unwise; rash; not prudent.

**IMPUDENCE**, n., IM-pu-dence — Disrespect; insolence; showing contempt or disregard for others.

**IMPUGN**, v., im-PUGN — To doubt; to call into question; to attack or oppose as false.

**IMPUTE**, v., im-PUTE — To regard as responsible for; the source which is given credit or blame for.

**INADVERTENCE**, n., in-ad-VERT-ence — An oversight; inattention.

**INANE**, adj., in-ANE — Foolish; silly; empty.

**INCARCERATE**, v., in-CAR-cer-ate — To confine; to imprison.

**INCESSANT**, adj., in-CES-sant — Continual; unceasing.

**INCIPENT**, adj., in-CIP-i-ent — Beginning.

**INCORRIGIBLE**, adj., in-COR-ri-gi-ble — Incapable of being reformed; bad; unruly; unmanageable.

**INCREDIBLE**, adj., in-CRED-i-ble — Hard to believe.

**INCREMENT**, n., IN-cre-ment — Increase; whatever is added or gained.

**INCRIMINATE**, v., in-CRIM-i-nate — To accuse; to charge with or involve in a crime or fault.

**INCOLCATE**, v., in-CUL-cate — To impress upon the mind by repetitious teaching.

**INCUMBENT**, n., in-CUM-bent — A person who holds an office or position.

**INDEFATIGABLE**, adj., in-de-FAT-i-ga-ble — Tireless; not giving in to fatigue.;

**INDIGENT**, adj., IN-di-gent — Needy; poor.

**INDIGNANT**, adj., in-DIG-nant — Angry.

**INDIGNITY**, n., in-DIG-ni-ty — An insult; anything done or said which shows disrespect.

**INEFFABLE**, adj., in-EF-fa-ble — Unable to find words to describe something; beyond the power of language to describe.

**INEPT**, adj., in-EPT — Inadequate or ineffectual; bungling.

**INERTIA**, n., in-ER-tia — A disposition in a person which prevents him from moving or exerting himself.

**INEXORABLE**, adj., in-EX-o-ra-ble — Unyielding; relentless; not moved by pleading.

**INEXTRICABLE**, adj., in-ex-TRIC-a-ble — Not capable of being disentangled.

**INFIDEL**, n., IN-fi-del — A person who does not believe in any religion.

**INFINITE**, adj., IN-fi-nite — Vast; without limits.

**INFINITY**, n., in-FIN-i-ty — Any unlimited number or amount.

**INGENIOUS**, adj., in-GEN-iou-s — Having the ability to solve problems or to invent or plan; skillful; cleverly made or done.

**INHERENT**, adj., in-HER-ent -- Belonging by nature; being an essential part of one's character.

**INIQUITOUS**, adj., in-IQ-ui-tous — Unjust; wicked.

**INNATE**, adj., in-NATE — Natural; not learned.

**INNOVATE**, v., IN-no-vate — To make changes; to introduce new ideas.

**INNUENDO**, n., in-nu-EN-do — A hint; a suggestion to someone's disadvantage; an indirect reference to a thing or person.

**INSATIATE**, adj., in-SA-ti-ate — Not easily satisfied.

**INSIDIOUS**, adj., in-SID-i-ous — Sly; treacherous; having a more serious effect than is apparent.

**INSIGHT**, n., IN-sight — The ability or act of seeing into a situation; understanding.

**INSINUATE**, v., in-SIN-u-ate — To hint; to suggest; to imply; a suggestion designed to discredit the one referred to.

**INSIPID**, adj., in-SIP-id — Uninteresting; dull; without taste or flavor.

**INSOLENCE**, n., IN-sol-ence — Contemptuous or insulting behavior; overbearing.

**INSOMNIA**, n., in-SOM-ni-a — Sleeplessness; inability to go to sleep.

**INSTANTANEOUS**, adj., in-stan-TA-ne-ous — Done without delay.

**INSTINCT**, n., IN-stinct — A natural aptitude; an inborn impulse that leads a person or animal to behave in a certain way.

**INSUPERABLE**, adj., in-SU-per-a-ble — Not capable of being touched.

**INTANGIBLE**, adj., in-TAN-gi-ble — Abstract; not capable of being touched.

**INTELLIGENTSIA**, n., in-tel-li-GENT-si-a — The educated class; intellectual people as a group.

**INTENSE**, adj., in-TENSE — Feeling deeply; an extreme degree.

**INTERDEPENDENT**, adj., in-ter-de-PEND-ent— Depending upon one another.

**INTERDICT**, v., in-ter-DICT — To prohibit or forbid.

**INTERPOSE**, v., in-ter-POSE — To come between; to intervene.

**INTIMATE**, v., IN-ti-mate — To hint; to suggest; to announce.

**INTIMIDATE**, v., in-TIM-i-date — To frighten as by threats; to make fearful.

**INTRASIGENT**, adj., in-TRAN-si-gent — Uncompromising; refusing to compromise or abandon a position or attitude.

**INTREPID**, adj., in-TREP-id — Bold; fearless.

**INTRICATE**, adj., IN-tri-cate — Complicated; difficult to understand or solve.

**INTRIGUE**, v., in-TRIGUE — To arouse the curiosity or interest in a secret scheme or plot.

**INTRINSIC**, adj., in-TRIN-sic — Essential; real; belonging to the nature of things.

**INTROSPECTION**, n., in-tro-SPEC-tion — An examination of one's own thoughts; a looking inward.

**INTROVERT**, n., IN-tro-vert — A person who is more interested in his own thoughts and ideas than in other people or action.

**INTUITION**, n., in-tu-I-tion — Something known or understood at once without any effort of the mind.

**INUNDATE**, v., IN-un-date — To overflow; to flood.

**INVARIABLE**, adj., in-VAR-i-a-ble — Never changing; unchangeable.

**INVALUABLE**, adj., in-VAL-u-a-ble — Priceless; having value too great to be estimated.

**INVECTIVE**, n., in-VEC-tive — Condemnation spoken or written in a harsh or bitter tone.

**INVEIGH**, v., in-VEIGH — To make an attack with bitter words.

**INVEIGLE**, v., in-VEI-gle — To win over by flattery; to entice by alluring promises.

**INVIDIOUS**, adj., in-VID-i-ous — Tending to arouse dislike, ill will, or envy.

**INVINCIBLE**, adj., in-VIN-ci-ble — Incapable of being subdued, overcome, or conquered.

**INVULNERABLE**, adj., in-VUL-ner-a-ble — Secure against attack; not capable of being wounded.

**IRASCIBLE**, adj., i-RAS-ci-ble — Irritable; easily angered.

**IRONY**, n., I-ro-ny — A kind of humor or sarcasm in which a person really means the opposite of what he says.

**IRRATIONAL**, adj., ir-RA-tion-al — Unreasonable; senseless; foolish.

**IRREFUTABLE**, adj., ir-REF-u-ta-ble — Indisputable; not capable of being proven wrong.

**ITINERARY**, n., i-TIN-er-ar-y — A guidebook or an outline of a route; plans.

## J

**JEOPARDIZE**, v., JEOP-ard-ize -- To risk; to expose to danger of death, injury, or loss.

**JINGO**, n., JIN-go — A person who favors a warlike policy in his country's relations with other countries.

**JUNTA**, n., JUN-ta — A group of persons joined for a common purpose.

**JUXTAPOSE**, v., JUX-ta-pose — To place side by side.

# K

**KLEPTOMANIA**, n., klep-to-MA-ni-a — An abnormal impulse to steal.

# L

**LACONIC**, adj., la-CON-ic — Sparing of words; short and to the point.

**LAGGARD**, adj., LAG-gard — Slow; loitering; backward; dull.

**LAISSEZ FAIRE**, n., lais-sez-FAIRE--(les-a-fer)--A free market policy with no interference from the government.

**LAITY**, n., LA-i-ty — Persons not of a certain profession, as law or medicine, as distinguished from those belonging to the profession.

**LANGUID**, adj., LAN-guid — Lacking in force; meek; dull; slow.

**LASCIVIOUS**, adj., las-CIV-i-ous — Lewd; lustful.

**LATENT**, adj., LA-tent — Hidden; present but not active or visible.

**LATITUDE**, n., LAT-i-tude--The distance north or south of the equator measured in degrees.

**LETHARGIC**, adj., le-THAR-gic — Unnatural drowsiness; heavy'; indifference or inactive.

**LEWD**, adj., LEWD — Not pure or chaste; obscene; lustful.

**LIBERAL**, adj., LIB-er-ai — Not bound by generally accepted doctrines or beliefs; not conservative.

**LICENTIOUS**, adj., li-CEN-tious — Lawless and loose in behavior; lewd.

**LIMPID**, adj., LIM-pid — Transparent; clear.

**LINGUISTICS**, n., lin-GUIS-tics — The study of human speech including the origin, structure, and changes in languages.

**LOGIC**, n., LOG-ic — Connection of facts or events in a way that seems reasonable.

**LOQUACIOUS**, adj., lo-QUA-cious — Talkative.

**LUCID**, adj., LU-cid — Easily understood.

**LUCRATIVE**, adj., LU-cra-tive — Profitable.

**LUDICROUS**, adj., LU-di-crous — Comical; ridiculous; laughable.

**LUGUBRIOUS**, adj., lu-GU-bri-ous--Doleful; mournful in an exaggerated way.

**LUMINOUS**, adj., LU-mi-nous — Clear; easily understood; illuminating.

**LUXURIOUS**, adj., lux-U-ri-ous — Extravagantly comfortable and elegant.

## M

**MACHIAVELLIAN**, adj., mach-ia-VEL-li-an — Crafty, clever, but dishonest conduct.

**MAELSTROM**, n., MAEL-strom — A whirlpool; any great turmoil.

**MAGNITUDE**, n., MAG-ni-tude — Quantity; size, whether great or small.

**MAGNUM OPUS**, n., MAC-num O-pus — A literary or artistic work of importance; a great work.

**MALADROIT**, adj., mal-a-DROIT — Clumsy; awkward.

**MALFEASANCE**, n., mal-FEA-sance — Misconduct; wrongdoing; an illegal act by a public official or by one in a trusted position.

**MALICE**, n., MAL-ice — Ill will; desire for another to be unhappy or to suffer; deliberate intention to commit an unlawful act.

**MALIGN**, v., ma-LIGN — To slander; to defame; to speak evil of.

**MALLEABLE**, adj., MAL-le-a-ble — Adaptable; pliable.

**MALODOROUS**, adj., mal-O-dor-ous — Bad smelling.

**MANIFEST**, adj., MAN-i-fest — Clear to the senses; easy to recognize.

**MANIFESTO**, n., man-i-FES-to — A public declaration stating a purpose or intention or explaining a policy.

**MANIPULATE**, v., ma-NIP-u-late — To manage skillfully, sometimes artfully or fraudently.

**MARTINET**, n., mar-ti-NET — A rigid disciplinarian.

**MAUDLIN**, adj., MAUD-lin — Excessively sentimental; weeping over trifles.

**MEDIOCRE**, adj., ME-di-o-cre — Neither good nor bad; ordinary; common place.

**MEGALOMANIA**, n., meg-a-lo-MA-ni-a — A mental disorder in which a person believes himself to be powerful and wealthy.

**MELANCHOLY**, n., MEL-an-chol-y — Sadness; depression; dejection.

**MELLIFLUOUS**, adj., mel-LIF-lu-ous — Flowing smoothly.

**MENDACIOUS**, adj., men-DA-cious — Lying; given to falsehood.

**METAPHOR**, n., MET-a-phor — A figure of speech by which two things are compared, as by speaking of one thing as though it were another.

**METAPHYSICS**, n., met-a-PHYS-ics — The part of philosophy concerned with the study of things in regard to their ultimate causes.

**METEOROLOGY**, n., me-te-o-ROL-o-gy — The science that studies and explains facts about the atmosphere, wind, and weather.

**METICULOUS**, adj., me-TIC-u-lous — Careful or too careful attention to small details.

**MILLENNIUM**, n., mil-LEN-ni-um — A thousand years; any period of great happiness.

**MISANTHROPE**, n., MIS-an-thrope — A person who hates, dislikes or distrusts mankind.

**MISCREANT**, adj., MIS-cre-ant — Villainous; having no conscience.

**MITIGATE**, v., MIT-i-gate — To become or to make less severe.

**MODICUM**, n., MOD-i-cum — A little; a small amount.

**MOLLIFY**, v., MOL-li-fy — To soothe; to calm; to quiet.

**MOMENTOUS**, adj., mo-MEN-tous — Very important.

**MOMENTUM**, n., mo-MEN-tum — Impetus; the force that a moving body has because of its weight and motion.

**MONETARY**, adj., MON-e-tar-y — Pecuniary; of or relating to money.

**MORIBUND**, adj., MOR-i-bund — Near death; in a dying condition.

**MOROSE**, adj., mo-ROSE — Sullen; of a sour and gloomy temper.

**MULCT**, v., MULCT — To deprive by deceit or trickery.

**MUNDANE**, adj., MUN-dane — Of the world; worldly, as distinguished from heavenly, spiritual.

**MUTABLE** adj., MU-ta-ble — Fickle; changeable.

**MUTATION**, n., mu-TA-tion — A suddenly produced variation; alteration in form or characteristics.

**MYOPIA**, n., my-O-pi-a — Shortsightedness; nearsightedness.

**MYRIAD**, n., MYR-i-ad — An immense number.

# N

**NARCISSISM**, n., nar-CIS-sism — Love of one's own body.

**NEBULOUS**, adj., NEB-u-lous — Vague; hazy; cloudy.

**NEFARIOUS**, adj., ne-FAR-i-ous — Very wicked.

**NEGLIGENCE**, n., NEG-li-gence — Failure to attend to something under one's charge; carelessness.

**NEMESIS**, n., NEM-e-sis — An unavoidable penalty; an act of just punishment.

**NEOPHYTE**, n., NE-o-phyte — A novice; a beginner.

**NEPOTISM**, n., NEP-o-tism — Favoritism shown to relatives.

**NEUROTIC**, n., neu-ROT-ic — An extremely nervous or high-strung person.

**NEXUS**, n., NEX-us — A connected group or series.

**NOISOME**, adj., NOI-some — Disgusting; offensive, especially to smell.

**NONPLUS**, v., NON-plus — To stop; to puzzle; to make helpless.

**NOTORIETY**, n., no-to-RI-e-ty — A well-known person, especially in a bad sense.

**NOVICE**, n., NOV-ice — A beginner.

**NOXIOUS**, adj., NOX-ious — Injurious or harmful; unwholesome.

**NUGATORY**, adj., NU-ga-to-ry — Inoperative; having no force.

**NURTURE**, n., NUR-ture — Breeding; education; training.

## O

**OBDURATE**, adj., OB-du-rate — Hard-hearted; unyielding; stubborn.

**OBLITERATE**, v., ob-LIT-er-ate — To wipe out; to remove or destroy completely.

**OBLIVIOUS**, adj., ob-LIV-i-ous — Unaware; forgetful; unconscious.

**OBSCURE**, adj., ob-SCURE — Not clearly understood, felt, seen, or heard.

**OBSEQUIOUS**, adj., ob-SE-qui-ous — Fawning; slavishly attentive.

**OBSTINATE**, adj., OB-sti-nate — Not easily removed or subdued.

**OBSTREPEROUS**, adj., ob-STREP-er-ous — Clamorous; unruly; noisy.

**OBTRUDE**, v., ob-TRUDE — To present oneself upon the attention of a group without invitation or justification.

**OBTUSE**, adj., ob-TUSE — Dull; not quick or keen.

**OBVIATE**, v., OB-vi-ate — To make unnecessary.

**OBVIOUS**, adj., OB-vi-ous — Evident; easily understood, found, or seen.

**OCCULT**, adj., oc-CULT — Mysterious; beyond understanding.

**ODIOUS**, adj., O-di-ous — Disgustingly offensive; worthy of hatred; causing strong dislike or hatred.

**OFFICIOUS**, adj., of-FI-cious — Meddlesome; taking over duties or power without being asked.

**OLFACtORY**, adj., ol-FAC-to-ry — Relating to the sense of smell, as an olfactory nerve.

**OLIGARCHY**, n., OL-i-garch-y — A government in which the power is in the hands of a few.

**OMEN**, n., O-men — A portent; a warning of some future occurrence; foretelling.

**OMNIPOTENT**, adj., om-NIP-o-tent — All powerful.

**OMNIPRESENT**, adj., om-ni-PRES-ent — Present in all places at all times.

**OMNIVOROUS**, adj., om-NIV-o-rous — Eating both meat and vegetable.

**OPAQUE**, adj., o-PAGUE — Not transparent; not letting light through.

**OPHTHALMOLOGIST**, n., oph-tha-MOL-o-gist — A physician specializing in the disorders and diseases of the eye.

**OPINIONATED**, adj., o-PIN-ion-at-ed — Holding to one's own personal opinions.

**OPTICIAN**, n., op-TI-cian — A person who makes or sells eye glasses.

**OPTIMUM**, n., OP-ti-mum — The most favorable conditions.

**ORNITHOLOGY**, n., or-ni-THOL-o-gy — The study of birds.

**OSTENSIBLE**, adj., os-TEN-si-ble—Apparent; declared; shown outwardly.

**OSTENTATION**, n., os-ten-TA-tion — Unnecessary show or display.

**OSTEOPATHY**, n., os-te-OP-a-thy — A method of treating diseases by manipulation of bones, but does not exclude other treatment.

**OSTRACIZE**, v., OS-tra-cize — To exclude from association with a group of people; to banish.

## P

**PALPABLE**, adj., PAL-pa-ble — Easily understood or recognized; easily audible or visible.

**PALPITATE**, v., PAL-pi-tate — To throb; tremble; to beat rapidly.

**PALTRY**, adj., PAL-try — Trifling; worthless.

**PANACEA**, n., pan-a-CE-a — A cure-all.

**PANDEMONIUM**, n., pan-de-MO-ni-um — A wild uproar.

**PANDER**, n., PAN-der — A person who caters to another's base or depraved desires.

**PARADOX**, n., PAR-a-dox — A person or thing that is full of contradictions; a statement that seems contrary to good sense.

**PARAGON**, n., PAR-a-gon — A model; perfection.

**PARALLEL**, adj., PAR-al-lel — Extending in the same direction.

**PARALLELISM**, n., PAR-al-lel-ism—Close similarity in construction of adjacent word groups for rhythm or effect.

**PARANOIA**, n., par-a-NOI-a — A mental derangement characterized by feeling of persecution.

**PARANOID**, n., PAR-a-noid — A person affected with paranoia or showing some of its symptoms.

**PARAPHRASE**, n., PAR-a-phrase — A re-statement of something, giving the same meaning in different words.

**PARSIMONIOUS**, adj., par-si-MO-ni-ous — Stingy; extremely economical.

**PARVENU**, n., PAR-ve-ne — A person who has risen above the social level to which he was born; an upstart.

**PAUCITY**, n., PAU-ci-ty — Scarcity; smallness of number or amount.

**PEDAGOGUE**, n., PED-a-gogue — A school master; often, a dull formal teacher.

**PEDANT**, n., PED-ant — A person who shows off his learning.

**PEDIATRICS**, n., pe-di-AT-rics — The branch of medicine that deals with the hygiene and diseases of children.

**PENURY**, n., PEN-u-ry — Extreme poverty.

**PERCEIVE**, v., per-CEIVE — To understand; to comprehend.

**PERCEPTION**, n., per-CEP-tion — The awareness of what is being perceived.

**PERENNIAL**, adj., per-EN-ni-al — Living from year to year.

**PERFIDIOUS**, adj., per-FID-i-ous — Treacherous; false to promises or trusts.

**PERFUNCTORY**, adj., per-FUNCT-to-ry — Done automatically; showing no real interest.

**PERIPHERY**, n., pe-RIPH-er-y — The boundary; the outermost point.

**PERNICIOUS**, adj., per-NI-cious — Very destructive or injurious.

**PERORATION**, n., per-o-RA-tion — The last part of a speech; when the speech is summarized as an appeal.

**PERSPECTIVE**, n., per-SPEC-tive — The true relationship of events or things to one another.

**PERSPICACIOUS**, adj., per-spi-CA-cious — Showing or having keen discernment or understanding.

**PERSPICUITY**, n., per-spi-CU-i-ty — Clearness of expression or thought.

**PERTINACIOUS**, adj., per-ti-NA-cious — Holding strongly to an opinion.

**PERTINENT**, adj., PER-ti-nent — To the point; relevant to the subject being considered.

**PERTURB**, v., per-TURB — To trouble; to agitate; to disturb.

**PERUSE**, v., pe-RUSE — To read carefully or critically.

**PERVADE**, v., per-VADE — To spread through; to pass through all parts of.

**PHANTASM**, n., PHAN-tasm — A ghost; a specter; a mental image in the form of an illusion.

**PHILANTHROPY**, n., phi-LAN-thro-py — Love of mankind or devotion to human welfare as shown by generous gifts.

**PHILISTINE**, n., phil-IS-tine — A person who shows antagonism to a creative intellectual activity having no clear practical use.

**PHILOLOGY**, n., phi-LOL-o-gy — The study of language.

**PHLEGMATIC**, adj., phleg-MAT-ic — Slow to respond.

**PHOBIA**, n., PHO-bi-a — An unreasonable fear of a thing.

**PHONETIC**, adj., pho-NET-ic — Representing sounds, especially speech sounds.

**PHONETICS**, n., pho-NET-ics — The science of speech sounds, especially the study of their production, their qualities, as length.

**PILLORY**, n., PIL-lo-ry — Any means for exposing a person to public ridicule.

**PLACATE**, v., PLA-cate — To soothe or pacify; to calm the anger of.

**PLACID**, adj., PLAC-id — Calm; undisturbed.

**PLAGIARIZE**, v., PLA-gi-a-rize — To steal and pass off as one's work the work of another; to copy another's work.

**PLATITUDE**, n., PLAT-i-tude — A remark that is commonplace, flat, or trite.

**PLAUSIBLE**, adj., PLAU-si-ble — Apparently reasonable or worthy of belief; inspiring confidence; persuasive.

**PLEBEIAN**, n., ple-BE-ian — Any person belonging to the lower class.

**PLUTOCRAT**, n., PLU-to-crat — A person who has power and influence because of wealth.

**POIGNANT**, adj., POIGN-ant — Affecting the emotions deeply; moving.

**POLITIC**, adj., POL-i-tic — Crafty; shrewd.

**POLYGAMY**, n., po-LYG-a-my — Having at the same time more than one wife or husband.

**POMPOUS**, adj., POMP-ous—Self-important; making an appearance of importance or dignity.

**PORVENT**, n., POR-tent — A warning; omen.

**POSTHUMOUS**, adj., POST-hu-mous — Occuring after one's death.

**POSTULATE**, v., POS-tu-late — To assume a thing to be true.

**POTPOURRI**, n., pot-pur-RI — A mixture; a conglomeration.

**PRAGMATIC**, adj., prag-MAT-ic — Concerned with practical value or consequences.

**PRATE**, v., PRATE — To talk a great deal about nothing and to talk foolishly.

**PRECARIOUS**, adj., pre-CAR-i-ous — Depending on uncertain conditions; not secure.

**PRECEDENT**, n., PREC-e-dent — Something that is set as a standard or rule to be followed in the future.

**PRECISE**, adj., pre-CISE — Very exact.

**PRECLUDE**, v., pre-CLUDE — To keep from taking place; to prevent.

**PRECOCIOUS**, adj., pre-CO-cious — Showing early development of ability.

**PRECURSOR**, n., pre-CUR-sor — A forerunner.

**PREDATORY**, adj., PRED-a-to-ry — Living by preying on other animals.

**PREDESTINATION**, n., pre-des-ti-NA-tion — Destiny; The idea that one's life is determined at birth.

**PREDILECTION**, n., pred-i-LEC-tion — A partiality; an inclination to favor something.

**PREDISPOSE**, v., pre-dis-POSE — To dispose of beforehand.

**PREDOMINANT**, adj., pre-DOM-i-nant—To exceed others in number, authority, or importance.

**PREEMINENT**, adj., pre-EM-i-nent — Very outstanding; superior.

**PREEMPT**, v., pre-EMPT — To take before someone else can take.

**PREEN** v., PREEN — To make one's appearance tidy and neat.

**PREJUDICE**, n., PREJ-u-dice — Bias; opinion heeded, even though unfair or unreasonable.

**PREMISE**, n., PREM-ise — A statement assumed to be true used as a basis of argument or reasoning.

**PREMONITION**, n., pre-mo-NI-tion — A previous warning or notice.

**PREORDAIN**, v., pre-or-DAIN — To decree beforehand.

**PREPONDERANCE**, n., pre-PON-der-ance — Greatest amount; predominant; outweighing others.

**PRESCIENCE**, n., PRE-sci-ence — A knowledge of the future.

**PRESUMPTUOUS**, adj., pre-SUMP-tu-ous — Too proud; presuming; thinking too highly of one's own importance.

**PRETENTIOUS**, adj., pre-TEN-tious — Showy; ostentatious.

**PRETEXT**, n., PRE-text — A pretense; a purpose stated in order to conceal the real purpose.

**PREVAIL**, v., pre-VAIL — To triumph; to succeed; to become common or widespread.

**PREVARICATE**, v., pre-VAR-i-cate — To lie; to speak evasively.

**PRIMAL**, adj., PRI-mal — Chief; most important; first; original.

**PRIMEVAL**, adj., pri-ME-val — Primal; belonging to the first ages.

**PRIMORDIAL**, adj., pri-MOR-di-al--Primary; fundamental; first in order.

**PRISM**, n., PRISM — A three-sided solid object that reflects light and breaks it up into rainbow colors.

**PRISTINE**, adj., PRIS-tine — Original; primitive; having the purity or freshness of the original state.

**PROCRASTINATE**, v., pro-CRAS-ti-nate — To put things off; to keep postponing something.

**PRODIGIOUS**, adj., pro-DI-gious — Huge; vast; amazing; monstrous.

**PRODIGY**, n., PROD-i-gy — A highly gifted child.

**PROFICIENT**, adj., pro-FI-cient — Skilled; expert.

**PROFOUND**, adj., pro-FOUND — Deep-seated; intellectually deep; deeply felt; intense.

**PROFUSE**, adj., pro-FUSE — Bountiful; lavish; pouring forth liberally; excessively generous.

**PROGNOSTICATE**, v., prog-NOS-ti-cate — To foretell; to predict; to prophesy.

**PROLETARIAN**, adj., pro-le-TAR-i-an — A laborer for day wages; the lowest class of a community.

**PROLIFIC**, adj., pro-LIF-ie — Highly inventive; productive; creative.

**PROMINENT**, adj., PROM-i-nent — Outstanding; well-known; leading.

**PROMISCUOUS**, adj., pro-MIS-cu-ous — Mixed; haphazard; irregular.

**PROPAGATE**, v., PROP-a-gate — To spread an idea or belief; to transmit; to diffuse.

**PROPENSITY**, n., pro-PEN-si-ty — A natural inclination or liking.

**PROPOUND**, v., pro-POUND — To propose; to offer for consideration.

**PROPRIETY**, n., pro-PRI-e-ty — Correctness in behavior or manners.

**PROSCRIBE**, v., pro-SCRIBE — To prohibit; to condemn.

**PROSELYTE**, n., PROS-e-lyte — A new convert.

**PROTOTYPE**, n., PRO-to-type — A pattern; a model after which anything is copied.

**PROVOKE**, v., pro-VOKE — To stir up; to arouse to anger.

**PRUDENT**, adj., PRU-dent — Wise and careful, as in one's actions; skillful, using good judgment.

**PSEUDO**, adj., PSEU-do — False; pretended; deceptively resembling.

**PSYCHIATRY**, n., psy-CHI-a-try — The branch of medicine that deals with mental disorders.

**PSYCHIC**, adj., PSY-chic — Not physical; not explained by knowledge of natural laws; sensitive to influence beyond the natural.

**PSYCHOLOGY**, n., psy-CHOL-o-gy — The science that studies mental activity and behavior.

**PSYCHOSIS**, n., psy-CHO-sis — Any serious mental derangement.

**PUBERTY**, n., PU-ber-ty — The age at which a girl or boy undergoes a physical change that starts the beginning of adulthood.

**PULCHRITUDE**, n., PUL-chri-tude — Beauty.

**PUGNACIOUS**, adj., pug-NA-cious — Quarrelsome; fond of fighting.

**PUISANCE**, n., PU-is-sance — Might; power.

**PUNCTILIOUS**, adj., punc-TIL-i-ous — Very attentive to the fine points of manners or conduct.

**PUNDIT**, n., PUN-dit — A learned person; a teacher; one who gives opinions in an authoritative manner.

**PURLOIN**, v., pur-LOIN — To filch; to steal.

**PURVEY**, v., pur-VEY — To supply, as provisions.

**PYROMANIA**, n., py-ro-MA-ni-a — An impulse to set something on fire, caused by a mental disorder.

## Q

**QUALM**, n., QUALM — A scruple; a feeling of doubt in matters of conscience.

**QUANDARY**, n., QUAN-da-ry — A dilemma; a state of doubt.

**QUERULOUS**, adj., QUER-u-lous — Fretful; whining; complaining; fault finding.

**QUIETUDE**, n., QUI-e-tude — Repose; peace; the condition of being quiet.

**QUINTESSENCE**, n., quin-TES-sence — The purest form of something; perfect example.

## R

**RADICAL**, n., RAD-i-cal — A person who favors rapid and sweeping changes.

**RAILLERY**, n., RAIL-ler-y — Ridicule.

**RAMPANT**, adj., RAMP-ant — Unrestrained in action or manner; unchecked in growth.

**RANCID**, adj., RAN-cid — Strong disagreeable smell or taste resulting from decay.

**RANCOR**, n., RAN-cor — Intense spite or hatred; strong ill-will.

**RAPACIOUS**, adj., ra-PA-cious — Predatory; excessively greedy; given to taking what one wants.

**RAPPORT**, n., rap-PORT — A relationship between people which makes communication easy.

**RATIONAL**, adj., RA-tio-nal — Not absurd or foolish; sane; sensible.

**RAUCOUS**, adj., RAU-cous — Harsh; hoarse; shrill.

**RECALCITRANT**, adj., re-CAL-ci-trant — Disobedient; rebellious.

**RECANTE**, v., re-CANT — To take back a statement which has been made; to disown; to disclaim; to repudiate.

**RECAPITULATE**, v., re-ca-PIT-u-late — To restate in a few words; to repeat; to give a summary.

**RECIPROCATE**, v., re-CIP-ro-cate — To exchange; to make a return for something done or given.

**RECLUSE**, n., REC-luse — A person who lives away from others; a hermit.

**RECOIL**, v., re-COIL — To spring back; to retreat; to draw back.

**RECONCILE**, v., REC-on-cile — To make willing to accept; to make agree; to make compatible with something else.

**RECONDITE**, adj., REC-on-dite — Difficult to understand.

**REDRESS**, v., re-DRESS — To correct; to amend; to remedy; to relieve.

**REDUNDANT**, adj., re-DUN-dant — More words than are necessary; repetitious.

**REFUTE**, v., re-FUTE — To prove something wrong by argument or evidence; to prove to be false.

**REGALE**, v., re-GALE — To entertain or feast.

**REGIME**, n., re-GIME — The existing political or social system.

**REGRESS**, v., re-GRESS — To go backward; to recede.

**RELIABLE**, adj., re-LI-a-ble — Dependable; trustworthy.

**RELUCTANT**, adj., re-LUC-tant — Showing unwillingness or hesitation about doing something.

**REMONSTRATE**, v., re-MON-strate — To protest; to object; to speak in reproof.

**RENEGADE**, n., REN-e-gade--A turncoat; a traitor.

**RENOVATE**, v., REN-o-vate — To repair; to make like new; to put in good condition.

**REPERTOIRE**, n., REP-er-toire — A list of all the things which a person has rehearsed and is prepared to perform.

**REPLENISH**, v., re-PLEN-ish — To fill again; to bring back to a prior condition.

**REPREHENSIBLE**, adj., rep-re-HEN-si-ble — Blameworthy; deserving censure or blame.

**REPRISAL**, n., re-PRIS-al — An act of retaliation.

**REPROVE**, v., re-PROVE — To scold, to censure.

**REPUDIATE**, v., re-PU-di-ate — To disown; to refuse to acknowledge as being true; to refuse to pay.

**REPUGNANCE**, n., re-PUG-nance — Aversion; loathing; a deep-seated dislike.

**REQUISITE**, adj., REQ-ui-site--Essential; necessary.

**RESILIENT**, adj., re-SIL-i-ent — Buoyant; having the power of quick recovery; recoiling.

**RESTITUTION**, n., res-ti-TU-tion — The restoring of anything to its rightful owner; the art of giving an equivalent for replacement.

**RESTIVE**, adj., RES-tive — Resisting control; uneasy; fidgety.

**RETICENT**, adj., RET-i-cent — Inclined to be creative

**RIBALD**, adj., RIB-ald — Coarse; offensive or obscene in language.

**RIFE**, adj., RIFE — Common; widespread; abounding.

**RUDIMENT**, n., RU-di-ment — The most elementary knowledge of anything.

**RUMINATE**, v., RU-mi-nate — To ponder; to meditate.

## S

**SAGACIOUS**, adj., sa-GA-cious — Shrewd and quick in understanding; wise.

**SALIENT**, adj., SA-li-ent — Important; conspicuous.

**SALUBRIOUS**, adj., sa-LU-bri-ous — Pleasantly invigorating; healthful.

**SAPIENT**, adj., SA-pi-ent — Discerning; wise.

**SARDONIC**, adj., sar-DON-ic — Sneering; mocking; scornful.

**SATIATE**, v., SA-ti-ate — To glut; to stuff; to fill beyond natural desire.

**SATIRE**, n., SAT-ire — Biting language used in exposing and attacking faults and follies.

**SATURATE**, v., SAT-u-rate — To fill to the point where no more can be held.

**SATURNINE**, adj., SAT-ur-nine — Grave; gloomy.

**SCENARIO**, n., sce-NA-ri-o — A written version of a story or motion picture, giving details of the action scene-by-scene.

**SCHIZOPHRENIA**, n., schiz-o-PHRE-ni-a — A psychotic disorder characterized by loss of contact with environment; split personality.

**SCINTILLATE**, v., SCIN-til-late — To gleam; to give off sparks.

**SCRUPLE**, n., SCRU-ple — A minute portion; a point of conscience or honor that makes one uneasy; regard for what is right.

**SCRUTINIZE**, v., SCRU-ti-nize — To examine very closely.

**SCURRILOUS**, adj., SCUR-ri-lous--Obscene; coarse; abusive.

**SECEDE**, v., se-CEDE — To withdraw from an organized body.

**SEDATE**, adj., se-DATE — Sober; calm; quiet

**SEDULOUS**, adj., SED-u-lous — Faithful; diligent in one's work.

**SEMANTICS**, n., se-MAN-tics — The study of meanings and changes of meanings of words.

**SENSUOUS**, adj., SEN-su-ous — Having to do with things perceived by the senses.

**SENTENTIOUS**, adj., sen-TEN-tious — Using high sounding, empty phrases or pompous sayings.

**SHREWD**, adj., SHREW'D — Sharp-witted; clever; keen; able in practical affairs.

**SIMULTANEOUS**, adj., si-mul-TA-ne-ous — Operating or taking place at the same time.

**SINUOUS**, adj., SIN-u-ous — Winding; binding in and out.

**SKEPTIC**, n., SKEP-tic — A doubter.

**SOLICITOUS**, adj., so-LIC-i-tous — Eager; anxiously willing.

**SOLITUDE**, n., SOL-i-tude — The condition of being alone; loneliness; a lonely place.

**SOMBER**, adj., SOM-ber — Grave; serious.

**SOPHISTICATED**, adj., so-PHIS-ti-cat-ed— Complex; complicated; intellectually appealing.

**SOPHISTRY**, n., SOPH-is-try — Subtle and misleading reasoning that seems reasonable on the surface.

**SPECIOUS**, adj., SPE-cious — Having a false look of truth; sophistical.

**SPECTER**, n., SPEC-ter — A ghostly figure; an apparition.

**SPONTANEOUS**, adj., spon-TA-ne-ous — Taking place without external force.

**SPORADIC**, adj., spo-RAD-ic—Occurring in scattered, single instances.

**STALWART**, n., STAL-wart — An unwavering supporter.

**STAMINA**, n., STAM-i-na — Endurance; vigor.

**STEREOTYPE**, n., STER-e-o-type — Anything conforming to a fixed or general pattern.

**STIGMA**, n., STIG-ma — A work of reproach or disgrace; shameful.

**STIPEND**, n., STI-pend — Salary or other agreed upon compensation.

**STOIC**, n., STO-ic — One who is indifferent to both pain and pleasure.

**STOLID**, adj., STOL-id — Not easily excited; impassive.

**STRATEGY**, n., STRAT-e-gy — Maneuvering; advance planning.

**SUAVE**, adj., SUAVE — Smoothly polite and agreeable; persuasively pleasing.

**SUBJECTIVE**, adj., sub-JEC-tive — Personal; concerned with one's own thinking rather than what is objective.

**SUBSEQUENT**, adj., SUB-se-quent — Following in time or order.

**SUBTERFUGE**, n., SUB-ter-fuge — A tricky evasion.

**SUBTLE**, adj., SUB-tle — Thin; delicate; shrewd; clever; shy.

**SUBVERT**, v., sub-VERT — To corrupt; to undermine.

**SUCCINCT**, adj., suc-CINCT — Short; concise; brief.

**SUCCOR**, n., SUC-cor — Aid; relief; help.

**SUCCULENT**, adj., SUC-cu-lent — Fresh and juicy.

**SUFFRAGE**, n., SUF-frage — The franchise; the right to vote.

**SUMPTUOUS**, adj., SUMP-tu-ous — Costly; luxurious; splendid.

**SUPERCILIOUS**, adj., su-per-CIL-i-ous — — Proud; haughty; contemptuous.

**SUPERFICIAL**, adj., su-per-FI-cial — Having to do with appearance only; shallow; hasty; not profound.

**SUPERFLUOUS** adj., su-PER-flu-ous--Unnecessary; surplus; more tha'n is needed or desired.

**SUPERLATIVE**, adj., su-PER-la-tive — The utmost degree of something.

**SUPERNATURAL**, adj., su-per-NAT-u-ral — Outside of nature.

**SUPERSEDE**, v., su-per-SEDE — To replace; to take the place of something else.

**SURFEIT**, n., SUR-feit — An excess; overabundance; a feeling of sickness or dislike caused by too much of something.

**SURMISE**, v., sur-MISE — To guess; to infer without proof.

**SURREPTITIOUS**, adj., sur-rep-TI-tious — Secret; stealthy.

**SURROGATE**, n., SUR-ro-gate — A substitute; a deputy.

**SURVEILLANCE**, n., sur-VEIL-lance — Close watch.

**SUSCEPTIBLE**, adj., sus-CEP-ti-ble — Easily affected or impressed; having little resistance.

**SUSTENANCE**, n., SUS-te-nance — The action of being sustained; a means of support.

**SYCOPHANT**, n., SYC-o-phant — A flatterer, especially of important people.

**SYNONYM**, n., SYN-o-nym — One of two or more words having the same or nearly the same meaning.

**SYNOPSIS**, n., syn-OP-sis — A summary; a condensed statement; an abstract.

**SYNTAX**, n., SYN-tax — Sentence structure; the relationship of one word to another in a sentence.

**SYNTHESIS**, n., SYN-the-sis — The making of something complex out of simple elements.

## T

**TACIT**, adj., TAC-it — Implied or indicated; unspoken.

**TACITURN**, adj., TAC-i-turn — Habitually silent.

**TANTAMOUNT**, adj., TAN-ta-mount — Equal in value, meaning or effect.

**TAWDRY**, adj., TAW-dry — Gaudy and cheap; showy but in bad taste.

**TELEPATHY**, n., te-LEP-a-thy — Communication from one mind to another without the use of signs or speech.

**TEMERITY**, n., te-MER-i-ty — Audacity; rashness.

**TEMPORIZER**, v., TEM-po-rize — To give in for a time to avoid trouble or to gain time.

**TENABLE**, adj., TEN-a-ble — Capable of being defended, held, or maintained.

**TENACIOUS**, adj., te-NA-cious — Holding fast; retentive; adhesive; sticking.

**TENUOUS**, adj., TEN-u-ous — Flimsy; not substantial; shallow.

**TENURE**, n., TEN-ure — The period during which something is held; a right to hold a position.

**TEPID**, adj., TEP-id — Lukewarm.

**TERMAGANT**, n., TER-ma-gant — A quarrelsome, boisterous woman.

**TERSE**, adj., TERSE — Brief; concise; in as few words as possible.

**THEOLOGY**, n., the-OL-o-gy — The study of myths and religions.

**THEORY**, n., THE-o-ry — The general principles drawn from any body of facts.

**THWART**, v., THWART — To defeat; to frustrate; to block.

**TIRADE**, n., ti-RADE — A long, scolding, violent speech.

**TORPID**, adj., TOR-pid — Sluggish; listless; dull.

**TORRENT**, n., TOR-rent — A violent or rapid flood of water; a downpour.

**TORTUOUS**, adj., TOR-tu-ous — Confusingly roundabout; winding; crooked; twisting.

**TRANSCEND**, v., trans-CEND — To exceed; to surpass; to be above or beyond.

**TRANSCENDENTAL**, adj., trans-cen-DEN-tal -- Lying beyond one's power to know through the senses.

**TRANSIENT**, adj., TRAN-sient — Shifting; changing in form or appearance.

**TRAVAIL**, n., TRAV-ail — Agony; suffering.

**TREACHERY**, n., TREACH-er-y — Violation of allegiance to one's country or one's loyalty to another.

**TREMULOUS**, adj., TREM-u-lous — Quivering; fearful; unsteady.

**TRIBULATION**, n., trib-u-LA-tion--A trouble; trial; distress by trouble or sorrow.

**TRIVIAL**, adj., TRIV-i-al — Unimportant; trifling.

**TRUCULENT**, adj., TRUC-u-lent — Savage; cruel.

**TRUISM**, n., TRU-is-m — An obvious truth.

**TRUNCATE**, v., TRUN-cate--To cut off; to lessen by butting.

**TUMULT**, n., TU-mult--Violent commotion or disturbance.

**TURBID**, adj., TUR-bid — Not clear; confused.

**TURGID**, adj., TUR-gid — Swollen; pompous; high sounding.

**TYRANT**, n., TY-rant — An oppressor; a cruel or brutal ruler.

**TYRO**, n., TY-ro — A novice; a beginner.

# U

**UBIQUITOUS**, adj., u-BIG-ui-tous — Omni-present; existing or being everywhere at the same time.

**ULTERIOR**, adj., ul-TE-ri-or — Remote; going beyond what is openly said or shown.

**UNCTUOUS**, adj., UNC-tu-ous — Full of insincerity in speech and manner.

**UNEQUIVOCAL**, adj., un-e-QUIV-o-cal — Clear; not ambiguous or doubtful.

**UNPRECEDENTED**, adj., un-PREC-e-dent-ed — Novel; new.

**UNSCRUPULOUS**, adj., un-SCRU-pu-lous — Unprincipled.

**USURP**, v., u-SURP--To seize and hold by force and without rights; to take power that has not been authorized.

**UTOPIA** ,n., u-TO/pi-a — An ideal world.

# V

**VACILLATE**, v., VAC-il-late — To waver; to fluctuate; to incline first to one opinion and then to another.

**VAGARY**, n., va-GAR-y — A caprice; a whim.

**VAINGLORY**, n., vain-GLO-ry — To take great pride in one's self and one's deeds.

**VALOROUS**, adj., VAL-or-ous — Brave; heroic.

**VANGUARD**, n., VAN-guard—One that is at the forefront.

**VARIEGATED**, adj., VAR-ie-gat-ed — Full of variety.

**VEGETATE**, v., VEG-e-tate — To simply exist; to lead a passive life.

**VEHEMENT**, adj., VE-he-ment — Eager or angry; very ardent.

**VEHICLE**, n., VE-hi-cle — Any medium by which something is applied, transferred, or expressed.

**VELOCITY**, n., ve-LOC-i-ty--Swiftness; rapidity; the speed at which something moves.

**VENAL**, adj., VE-nal — Open to corrupt influences; influenced by bribery; corrupt.

**VENERABLE**, adj., VEN-er-a-ble — Meriting respect or honor because of virtues or great age.

**VERACITY**, n., ve-RAC-i-ty--Truthfulness; honesty.

**VERBOSE**, adj., ver-BOSE--Wordy; using more words than are needed.

**VERITY**, n., VER-i-ty — Truth; reality.

**VERNACULAR**, adj., ver-NAC-u-lar — The ordinary spoken language; not literary.

**VERTEX**, n., VER-tex — The top; the highest point.

**VERTIGO**, n., VER-ti-go — Dizziness.

**VESTIGE**, n., VES-tige — Visible traces or signs of something that once existed.

**VICARIOUS**, adj., vi-CAR-i-ous — Mental participation in a physical activity of another.

**VICISSITUDE**, n., vi-CIS-si-tude — An unexpected change; a surprising change.

**VIGILANT**, adj., VIG-i-lant — Alert to avoid danger; watchful; cautious.

**VILIFY**, v., VIL-i-fy — To defame; to slander; to blacken the character of a person with abusive language.

**VINDICATE**, v., VIN-di-cate — To free from suspicion or charge.

**VINDICTIVE**, adj., vin-DIC-tive — revengeful; tending to return evil for evil.

**VIOLENT**, adj., VI-o-lent — Showing strong feelings, especially anger.

**VIRAGO**, n., vi-RA-go — A quarrelsome, scolding woman.

**VIRTUOSITY**, n., vir-tu-OS-i-ty — Great technique in the practice of the fine arts.

**VISAGE**, n., VIS-age — The face.

**VITIATE**, v., VI-ti-ate — To destroy the validity of; to spoil; to weaken.

**VITRIOLIC**, adj., vit-ri-OL-ic — Biting; caustic.

**VITUPERATE**, v., vi-TU-per-ate--To scold; to abuse in words.

**VIVACIOUS**, adj., vi-VA-cious — Gay; lively; active; animated.

**VIVID**, adj., VIV-id — Calling forth lifelike mental images; clear.

**VOCIFEROUS**, adj., vo-CIF-er-ous — Clamorous; noisy.

**VOGUE**, n., VOGUE — Something in fashion at a particular time.

**VOLATILE**, adj., VOL-a-tile — Fickle; changeable.

**VOLUBLE**, adj., VOL-u-ble--Talkative; glib; smooth in talk.

**VOLUPTUOUS**, adj., vo-LUP-tu-ous — Providing sensual gratification; giving pleasures to the senses.

**VORACIOUS**, adj., vo-RA-cious — Insatiable; ravenous; greedy in eating.

**VORTEX**, n., VOR-tex — A whirling mass, as a whirlwind tornado or waterspout.

**VULGARIAN**, adj., vul-GAR-i-an — A vulgar person.

**VULNERABLE**, adj., VUL-ner-a-ble — Liable to suffer injury or harm if attacked; exposed to easy attack.

## W

**WELTSCHMERZ**, n., WELT-schmerz — Mental depression caused by comparison of an ideal state with the actual state of the world.

**WRY**, adj., WRY — Twisted out of shape; crooked.





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