INTRODUCTION

Those who work with language know that there is no such thing as a true "synonym." Even though the meanings of two words may be the same — or nearly so — there are three characteristics of words that almost never coincide: frequency, distribution, and connotation. Panthera leo and lion, cucurbit and squash, sodium carbonate and washing soda have quite different frequencies in English. We all know that a house is not a home, that not all women are ladies, that not all men are gentlemen; at a more subtle level, we soon learn the differences between motherly and maternal, fatherly and paternal, brotherly and fraternal. These are connotative differences.

It is a curiosity of English that it continuously acquires words from other languages to expand its lexicon. Observers have often noted that even if a new coinage or a loanword from another language starts out with "exactly" the same meaning as an existing word in English, the meanings begin to drift apart before very long, one acquiring quite different frequency, distribution, and connotation from the other. An incredible fact about English is that it retains many of the words developed in its lexicon. Some words do become obsolete and are dropped forever. Most, however, remain and develop nuances that expand for the writer and speaker the opportunities for expression and expressiveness.

For these reasons, a synonym dictionary must be used with caution. Even though two words may be quite similar in meaning, the substitution of one for the other may not always be appropriate, and the writer's intent may be ill served by his failure to select the mot juste. The Synonym Finder contains more words than any book of its kind — more than 1,500,000. Sometimes, it will be consulted to find a word that will lend variety to the user's language; other times it will be consulted to remind the user of the temporarily lost word or expression that was "right on the tip of his tongue." In either case, it should be used with understanding.

Every effort has been made to make this book as accurate, as complete, and as easy to use as possible. Inevitably, a user may disagree with the treatment given a particular word. In that case, he is urged to consult a major dictionary where he is likely to find fuller information on the word than The Synonym Finder can be expected to offer. The nature of language and the behavior of words defy precision in the preparation of a work like The Synonym Finder. The editors have often had to make admittedly arbitrary decisions on word inclusion and placement. It is to be hoped, however, that among the many related words offered, the user will find several that suit his subject and his context.

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A Note on the Style of
THE SYNONYM FINDER

The Synonym Finder follows dictionary format. Entries are arranged alphabetically, with all appropriate parts of speech included under a single headword. Homographs — words spelled identically but of different origins — are entered separately with an identifying superior number.

Word listings have been organized numerically according to definition and major semantic groups; further discriminations are shown within these groups by separating subgroups by semicolons.

Usage levels are indicated by appropriate labels, such as Slang, Informal, etc.; technical or specialized words are identified by a field label such as Chemistry, Nautical, etc. In addition, gist information (enclosed in parentheses) is often included to help the user avoid inappropriate choices.

All gist and usage information appears before the word to which it applies, and applies to that immediately following word only, unless otherwise clearly indicated (e.g., Both Inf., All Sl.). Foreign words and phrases as yet unassimilated into English are appropriately labeled and italicized.

In most cases, usage or technical labels have been written in full (e.g., Archaic, Literary). Common and easily understood abbreviations that have been employed are listed below. The labels Informal and Slang, when written in full before an entire listing, refer to the entry headword, rather than to the synonyms that follow. When abbreviated (Inf. or Sl.), the labels, like others in The Synonym Finder, refer to the following word.
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aback, adv. 1. rearward, to or in the rear, back, toward the back; behind, backward, hindward; Naut. abaft, Naut. aft, Naut. astern, Naut. sternward; retrogressively, regressively, retrogradingly; Fig. aloof, Fig. at a distance.

2. taken aback surprised, startled, astonished, shocked, astounded, stupefied; flabbergasted, stunned, bewildered, amazed, thunderstruck, dumfounded; perplexed, confused, nonplused, disconcerted, discomposed, discomfited, Inf. thrown off guard, Inf. thrown for a loss, Inf. floored.

abandon', n. 1. forsake, desert, leave behind, throw over, jilt, run out on, Inf. leave flat, turn one's back on, Sl. give the deep six; ignore, cut off, neglect, ostracize; leave, depart, quit, go away from, evacuate.

2. discard, cast off, jettison, throw away, get rid of, toss out, throw out, (of cards) throw in, Inf. ditch, Inf. chuck, Sl. deep-six.

3. discontinue, give up, retire from, withdraw from, stop, end, cease, Inf. quit cold; throw up, lose hope of, despair of; forbear, desist from, drop, forgo, do or go on without, dispense with, waive, lay aside.

4. repudiate, reject, disown, renounce, wash one's go, despair of; forsake, desert, rejection; n. abandonment, abjuration, demission; renunciation, repudiation, relinquishment, abnegation, resignation, abdication.

2. relinquishment, abnegation, resignation, abdication, Archaic: demission; renunciation, repudiation, disavowal, recantation, denial, (under oath) abjuration, backpedaling.

3. surrender, yielding, nonresistance.

abase, v. 1. degrade, debase, vitiate, demean, abase, n. degradation, depravation, debasement.

2. abase, Inf. put down, playdown.

abash, v. 1. disconcert, discomfit, take aback, ruffle, abash, abashed, adj. n. abashment, embarrassment, mortification, shame, turpitude, meanness, despicableness, contemptibleness.

abasement, n. 1. degradation, depravation, debasement, vitiation, deterioration, degeneration; devaluation, downfall, fall, descent, lowering, denigration, deflation; humiliation, humble pie, mortification, depression; humiliation, humble pie, mortification, deflation; humility, humbleness, meekness, servility, lowliness, abjectness, submission, resignation, self-abasement, prostration.

2. disgrace, dishonor, shame; slander, calumniate, asperse, denigrate, malign, vilify, vituperate, revile, smear, besmirch, smear, Inf. badmouth; belittle, deprecate, deflate, disparage, depreciate, downgrade, Inf. put down, Inf. playdown.

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2. disgrace, dishonor, disrepute, obloquy, ingloriousness; infamy, ignominy, baseness, vileness, turpitude, meanness, despicableness, contemptibleness.

2. embarrassed, ashamed, humiliated, mortified; chagrined; dismayed, daunted, cowed, intimidated, awestruck, overwhelmed, overawe, overthrown.

abashed, adj. 1. disconcerted, nonplused, taken aback, out of countenance, discomfited, dumfounded, chagrined; dismayed, daunted, cowed, intimidated, awestruck, overwhelmed, subdued, timid, timorous.

2. embarrassed, ashamed, humiliated, mortified; shamefaced, shy, bashful, self-conscious, retiring, withdrawn.

abashment, n. awe, dismay, consternation, confusion, discomfiture; embarrassment, mortification, shame,
humiliation, chagrin, vexation; shyness, bashfulness, self-consciousness.

**abate, v.** 1. reduce, diminish, decrease, lower, lessen, attenuate, weaken, bate; alleviate, mitigate, allay, palliate, assuage, relieve; mollify, soften, pacify, appease; quiet, calm, tranquilize, soothe, St. simmer down; moderate, temper, *Archaic.* attempt; quell, slake, blunt, dull.
2. subside, let up, intermit, cease; decline, fall off, taper off, wane, fade away, ebb, slacken.
3. deduct, subtract, allow; discount, mark down, cut back; rebate, remit, pay back.
4. omit, leave out, skip, pass over, eschew, avoid.

**abatement, n.** 1. reduction, lessening, letup, moderation; decrease, fall off, diminution, remission; alleviation, mitigation, assuagement, relief, palliation, mollification, softening; waning, fading, ebb, decline, subsidence; weakening, attenuation.
2. suppression, check, control, curb, limitation, restraint; stoppage, termination, arrestment, abolition, eradication, elimination, extermination, extinquishment; quashing, quelling, crushing; prohibition, prevention, repression.
3. deduction, reduction, allowance; markdown, cutback, discount, write-off.

**abattoir, n.** slaughterhouse, slaughterpen, shambles, butchery, *Obs.* butcher-row.

**abbé, n.** ecclesiastic, clergyman, cleric, man of the cloth; abbote, prior, monk, friar, monastic, celibate; priest, pope, priest, curate; minister, divine. See also *clergyman, ecclesiastical, priest.*

**abbey, n.** monastery, religious house, priory, cloister, cenobion, convent, nunnery; seminary.

**abbot, n.** general, superior, head, officer, provincial, abbe, Eastern Ch. archimandrite; conventual, monk, monastic, cenobite, friar, brother; ecclesiastic, churchman, cleric, priest.

**abbe, n.** mother superior, mother general, mother vicar.

**abbreviate, v.** shorten, reduce, *Obs.* abbreviate; contract, cut, cut down, cut short, crop, clip; retrench, curtail, lesson; shrink, constrict, narrow, condense, compress; abridge, abstract, brief, synopsise, summarise, summarize, digest.

**abbreviation, n.** 1. brief, abstract, synopsis, outline, sketch; précis, prospectus, résumé, syllabus, compendium, epitome, survey, summary; digest, abridgment.
2. lessening, shortening, condensing, condensation, compressing, compression, contracting, contraction, curtailling, curtailment, reducing, reduction; decrease, cutting down or short, retrenchment, cropping, clipping, shrinking, narrowing; abstracting, abstraction, summarizing, summarization.

**abduct, v.** 1. (usu. of persons) carry off, rape, seize, steal, make off or away with; kidnap, St. snatch, seize as hostage, hold for ransom; run off with, spirit away, steal away; lay hold of, lay hands on; (usu. in reference to military service) impress, press, conscript, *Naut.* Shanghai, crimp.

**abdominal, adj.** intestinal, visceral, splachnic; gas-tric, stomatchic, stomachical, *Anat.* celiac, ventral, ventricular.


2. intestines, bowels, colons, (of swine) chitterlings; innards, inwards, insides, vitals, viscera, (of animals) entrails, *Inf.* gizzard, St. guts.

**abduction, n.** 1. (all of persons) robbery, theft, capture, seizure, rape; man-stealing, kidnapping, child-stealing; impression, conscription; (both of animals) petnapping, dognapping.

**abductor, n.** thief, robber, crook, rapiat, kidnapper, petnapper; skyjack, skyjack, air piracy; expropriation, arrogation, misappropriation.

**aberrant, adj.** 1. deviate, deviant, divergent, wayward, devious; erroneous, mistaken; deviating, diverging, departing, divagating, digressing, lapsing, wandering, rambling, straying, roving.
2. anomalous, anomalist, abnormal, irregular, variable, odd, peculiar, curious, queer, incongruous, strange, erratic, bizarre, weird; unconventional, uncommon, unusual, offbeat, out of the ordinary, eccentric, *Inf.* quirky, original, singular, exceptional, individual; extraordinary, egregious, remarkable, astonishing; monstrous, unnatural, freakish, *Inf.* freaky, heteroclite, heteroclitic, heteromorphic, homomorphous, miscreated, malformed, deformed, misshapen, misshaped, teratoid, teratological, teratogenetic; epicene, androgynous, hermaphroditic, hermaphroditical.
4. vague, unsound, senile, *St. not all there, St. not playing with a full deck.

**aberration, n.** 1. deviation, divergence, departure, diavirication, divagation, digression, declination, declension; lapse, irregularity, incongruity; waywardness, aberrance, aberrancy; wandering, straying, rambling, deviating, diverging, departing, divagating, digressing.
2. anomaly, abnormality, abnormality, variation; oddity, peculiarity, curiosity, quirk, eccentricity; nonconformity, unconformity, unconventionality, exception, singularity, singularness, bohemianism; strangeness, bizarreness, oddness, curiousness, queerness, freakishness, *Inf.* foolishness, freak, freak of nature, mutant.
abhor, v. 1. encourage, prompt, urge, spur, prod, prod, egg on; incite, instigate, provoke, foment; stimulate, animate, whet, inspire, embolden; excite, arouse, inflame, fire, fire up, spur up, wind up, Inf. psych up.

2. support, advocate, patronize, back, endorse, sanction, approve, countenance; promote, further, forward, advance, favor, foster; help, aid, assist, subsidize, underwrite, second; uphold, maintain, sustain, succor; cooperate with, connive at, scheme at, befriend.

abet, v. 1. encourager, prompter, urger, spurer, instigator, provoker, fomenter; stimulator, animator, inspirer; exciter, arouser, rouser, rabble-rouser, enflamer, demagogue.

2. helper, aide, assistant, adjuvant, coadjutant, coadjutor, coadjutress or coadjutrix, attendant, auxiliary; second, henchman, right hand, right-hand man; colleague, comrade, associate, consociate, companion, partner; cooperator, conniver, participant, participant; confederate, accomplice, accessory, partner in crime.

3. supporter, advocate, adviser, patron, patronizer, backer, endorser, uploader, sanctioner, approver; follower, disciple, adherent; agent, promoter, furtherer, advancement, favorer, advocate; subsidizer, underwriter, maintainer, sustainer.

abeyance, n. 1. suspension, intermission, interruption, cease, cessation, discontinuation, remission; deferment, deferral, postponement, delay; lull, waiting period; waiting, reserve, reservation; inaction, dormancy, latency, quiescence.

2. in abeyance in cold storage, on ice, on a back burner, hanging fire, in a holding pattern, abeyant.

abeyant, adj. 1. suspended, deferred, postponed, put off; tabled, shelved, set aside; inactive, static, stationary, resting, dormant, latent, quiescent; expectant, waiting.

2. See abeyance (def. 2).

abhor, v. 1. abominate, excrete, loathe, shudder at; despise, detest, feel aversion toward, hate, dislike; view with horror, shrink from; be nauseated by, not be able to stomach.

2. disdain, scorn, contemn, spurn, look down upon, shun.

abhorrence, n. 1. loathing, abominating, excretion, hatred, hate, detestation, odium; repugnance, aversion, hostility, enmity, animosity, animus, antipathy; horror, revulsion, disgust, noisomeness.

2. disdain, scorn, contempt.

abhorrent, adj. 1. loathsome, abominable, excrable, heinous, atrocious, hateful, detestable, odious; repulsive, repellent, offensive, revolting, invidious; obnoxious, repugnant, disgusting, rank, noisome, distasteful, disagreeable; horrible, horrifying, hideous, shocking; nauseating, sickening; unpleasant, displeasing.

2. loath to; adverse to, opposed to, against, resistant to.

3. remote from, distant from, removed from, outside of.

abide, v. 1. remain, continue, stay, stop, tarry, rest, sit, lie, keep.

2. live, dwell, reside, lodge, sojourn; Archaic. bide, house, take up quarters, pitch tent, settle, anchor, put down stakes, plant oneself.

3. abide by a. comply with, observe, obey, acknowledge, agree to, submit to, conform to. b. discharge, carry out, fulfill, keep faithful to, persist in, hold to, stand by, adhere, stick to or with.

abiding, adj. eternal, undying, everlasting, immortal; unchanging, unchangeable, indestructible, indissoluble, immutable, changeless; durable, lasting, constant, permanent, inherent, indwelling.

ability, n. 1. capacity, capability, potential, potenti-ality; potency, power, strength; aptitude, intelligence, ingenuity, brilliance, cleverness, smartness, aptness, wit, mother wit, mind for, understanding; faculty, talent, gift, genius, facility, endowment, flair, bent, turn, knack, forte, strong point; inclination, proclivity, propensity.

2. competence, competency, adequacy, sufficiency, capableness, adeptness, proficiency, know-how, savoir faire; mastery, master hand, expertise, efficiency, proficiency; skill, skillfulness, dexterity, adroitness, address, deftness; qualification, readiness, knowledge.

3. abilities aptitudes, understandings, powers, strengths; faculties, talents, gifts, parts, Obs. intellec- tuals; skills, accomplishments, attainments.

abject, adj. 1. degrading, debasing, humiliating, mortifying; poor, beggarly, paltry, sorry, sad, pathetic, pathetical, piteous, pitiful, pitiable; shabby, shoddy, dirty, scruffy, scabby, scruffy; miserable, squalid, stark, destitute, hopeless, oppressed, brought-low.

2. base, base-spirited, base-minded, vile, low, low- ed, brought-low.

3. baseness, vileness, lowness, depravity, unprincipled-ness, paltriness, patheticalness, pitifulness, pitiableness; abjection, degradation, mortification, humiliation, degradation, oppression.

abjectness, n. 1. humbleness, poorness, beggarli-ness, paltriness, patheticness, pitifulness, pitiableness; shabbiness, shoddiness, dirtiness, scrubbiness, scruffles, scruffiness, scrizziness, misery, squalidness, squaleness, hopelessness, oppressiveness; abjection, degradation, degradation, humiliation, humiliation, mortification; misery, squallor, destitution, oppression.

2. baseless, vileness, lowness, depravity, unprincipled-ness, immorality, profligacy, profligateness; evilness,
abnegate, v. 1. renounce, resign, abdicate; deny oneself, sacrifice, forgo, abstain from, forbear, refrain from; reject, refuse, decline, turn down, do or go without.

abnegation, n. 1. renunciation, resignation, abdication; self-denial, sacrifice, abstinence, forbearance; rejection, refusal, declining, declination.

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abnormal, adj. 1. anomalous, anomalous, irregular, variable; deviate, deviant, aberrant, divergent, heterodox, heretical, wayward; deviating, diverging, departing, digressing, lapsing, wandering, straying, rambling, roving.

abnormal, adj. 1. anomalous, aberration, perversity; oddity, peculiar, queer, odd, peculiar, queer, offbeat, curious, quizzical, erratic, eccentric, weird, bizarre; Inf. quirky, unconventional, unusual, unique, rare, extraordinary, exceptional, singular, individual; monstrous, unnatural, freakish, grotesque, heteroclite, heteroclitical, Inf. freaky.

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abolish, v. annul, nullify, disannul, disestablish, overturn, countermand, counterorder, cancellation; invali
d, declare null and void, make void, quash; repeal, re
voke, rescind, abrogate; reverse, countermand, cancel, Law. nol-pros; invalidate, vacate, vitiate; do away with, cut out, remove, put an end to, terminate, make an end of, dispense with; supersede, overthrow, subvert, set aside, repudiate.
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about-face

1. folding, enfolding, wrapped around, enveloping.
2. on the verge or brink of, ready to, readying to, prepared to, preparing to, about to.
3. throughout, all over, in all parts, over, through.
4. approximately, roughly, generally, more or less, or so, all but, nearly, in the neighborhood of, in the vicinity of, close to; virtually, almost, well-nigh, nearing, approaching.
5. nearby, close by, hereabout, not far off.
6. in the reverse or opposite direction, halfway around, 180°, backwards.
7. and back, here and there, hither and thither.
8. on the verge of, nearing, approaching.
9. to and fro, here and there, hither and thither.
10. in the vicinity of, close to; virtually, almost, well-nigh, nearing, approaching.
11. astir, stirring, up and around; moving, in motion, active.
12. in existence, existing, alive, living; happening, going on, going, in the air, current, prevailing, prevalent, widespread.
13. written above, above-mentioned, above-stated, aforesaid, aforementioned, aforesaid; aforementioned, aforesaid, aforesaid; already stated, previously described, described above, of record, as of earlier, indicating or specified; earlier, foregoing, preceding, precedent, former; antecedent, previous, prevenient, prior, anterior.
14. above-written, above-mentioned, above-stated, aforesaid, aforementioned, aforesaid; aforementioned, aforesaid, aforesaid.
15. heaven, firmament, sky, space, infinity; celestial expanse, the vault of heaven, the canopy of heaven; abode of God and angels, our Father's house, Abraham's bosom, heavenly kingdom, heavenly city; next world, world beyond the grave, happy hunting grounds, paradise.

abracadabra

n. 1. incantation, chant, magic formula, magic word, invocation, conjuration; mumbo-jumbo, hocus-pocus, open-sesame; charm, spell, rune, Scot.cantrip; sorcery, magic, apotropaism.
2. gibberish, jabber, jabberwocky, chatter, prattle, cackle, gibber; babble, babblement, prattle, prattle.
3. Brit, twaddle, cackle, gibber; babble, babblement, prate, tattle, gibber;
4. frank, forthright, directly, straightforward, overtly, openly, in open sight, aboveboard.
5. open, open and aboveboard, straight, square, square-dealing, fair and square, square-shooting, straight-shooting; legitimate, up and up, Sl. on the up-and-up, up front, on the table; before one's eyes, in the open, in full view, in plain sight, overtly, openly, in open sight, aboveboard, aboveboard.
6. heaven, firmament, sky, space, infinity; celestial expanse, the vault of heaven, the canopy of heaven; abode of God and angels, our Father's house, Abraham's bosom, heavenly kingdom, heavenly city; next world, world beyond the grave, happy hunting grounds, paradise.
bade, Sli. horsefeathers; hogwash, stuff and nonsense, fudge, foolishness, rigmarole or rigmarolisme; amorphity; poppycock, Inf. fiddle-faddle, Inf. piffle, drivel, Inf. bosh, Inf. kibosh, Inf. flapdoodle.

abrade, v. 1. erode, wear, wear down or away, wash away, corrode, fret, gnaw, fray, Inf. frazzle, graze, chafe; levigate, file, triturate, grind, whet, sand, sandpaper, pumice, rub, rub down, scour; smooth, polish, wax, burnish, buff, shine.

2. grate, rasp, scrape, scrape off, excoriate.

abrasion, n. 1. rub, fret, fray, Inf. frazzle; scrape, scratch, graze, scuff, sore, Both Path. canker, ulcer.

2. erosion, eroding, wearing, wearing down or away, detrition, attrition, abrading, corrosion, corroding; fretting, gnawing, fraying, chafing; grinding, whetting, filing, sanding, pumicing; friction, rubbing, rubbing down, scouring; smoothing, polishing, buffing, shining; grating, rasping, scrape, scraping, excoriating.

abrasive, n. 1. abradent, emery, emery cloth, emery board, pumice, pumice stone, pumicer, rouge, sand, sandpaper, steel wool; file, rasp, whetstone, grindstone, millstone; cleanser, scouring powder, scouring pad, rubbing compound; polish, wax, burnisher, buffer, buff stick, buff wheel.

—adj. 2. erodent, erosive, attritional, attritive, eroding, wearing, corrosive, abrading, abrasive; fretting, gnawing, fraying, chafing; rough, coarse, ragged, jagged, sandpaperly; harsh, grating, rasping.

abreact, adv., adj. 1. beside, side by side, by the side of, adjacent to, next to, next door to, cheek by jowl, close at hand, aligned, in alignment, on a line with, in one line; bow to bow, stem to stem.

2. Usu. abreast of or with, a. equally advanced, alongside, up to, at the level, on a par, parallel, matched, in line, tied, equal, like, b. informed, knowledgeable, Inf. up on, Inf. on top of.

abridge, v. 1. shorten, contract, cut down, abbreviate, condense, compress, concentrate; abstract, summarize, brief, synopsis, digest, epitomize.

2. reduce, retrench, decrease, diminish, lessen, shrink, narrow, bridge, subtract, subduct, curtail; truncate, cut, cut off, cut back, cut short, slash, clip, shear, shave, trim, prune, pare down, lop, lop off, dock.

3. deprive, cut off, divest, dispossess, debar, disinherit, shut off, shut out, bereave, depoel, strip.

abridgment, n. 1. digest, epitome; compendium, survey, synopsis, abstract, summary, précis, prospectus, syllabus, résumé, brief, outline, sketch.

2. shortening, contraction, contracting, cutting down, abbreviation, abbreviating, condensation, condensing, compression, compressing, concentration, concentrating, reduction, reducing, retrenchment, retrenching, decrease, decreasing, lessening, shrinkage, shrinking, narrowing, bridging, subtraction, subtracting, subduction, subducting, curtailling; obtruncating, detruncation, truncation, cut, cutting off or back or short, slashing, clipping, shearing, shaving, trimming, pruning, nipping, lopping, lopping off, docking.

3. deprivation, divestiture, dispossession, debarment, disinheritment, shutting off, cutting off, shutting out, bereavement, depoelment, stripping.

4. compactness, tightness, narrowness, narrow straits, squeeze, tight squeeze, bind, confined or restricted space, confinement; restriction, limitation, curtailment; loss, shortage, diminution.

abroad, adv. 1. in foreign parts, out of the country, overseas, on the continent, U.S. in Europe, beyond seas; wandering, traveling, vacationing, on one's travels; distant, afar off.

2. away, about, out, out of doors, out of the house, not at home, in the open air, gone out; not present, absent, elsewhere, yonder.

3. spread around, in circulation, at large, astir, before the public, publicly.

4. broadly, widely, far and wide, expansively, extensively, unrestrainedly; everywhere, all over, ubiquitously.

5. wide of the mark, wide of the truth, in error, off the scent, off the course, without the last clue; puzzled, bewildered, at the end of one's wits, abstracted, preoccupied, perplexed.

abrogate, v. 1. abolish, repeal, revoke, reverse, rescind; annul, disannul, nullify, declare null and void, render null and void, void, avoid; quash, invalidate, vitiate, vacate, disenact, disestablish; cancel, discharge; supersede, set aside, discontinue, Law. nol prosuspend, stop, cease.

2. recall, retract, abjure, unsay, recall; take back, withdraw, undo, renege; renounce, relinquish, abnegate, repudiate, deny, disclaim, disavow; countermand, counterorder, overrule, override; veto, negate.

3. terminate, dissolve, put an end to, bring to an end, do away with, destroy; throw overboard, write off, put aside, get rid of.

abrogation, n. 1. repeal, abolition, abolishment, revocation, reversal, rescinding, rescindment, rescission; annulment, annulling, disannulment, nullification, voidance, avoidance, Law. defeasance; quashing, invalidation, vitiating, Obs. vacatur, disenactment, disestablishment, setting aside; cancellation, discharge; suspension, Law. nol prosus, discontinuance, cessation.

2. recantation, retraction, retractation, abjuration, recollection, recall; taking back, withdrawal, undoing, Card. renounce; renunciation, renunciation, relinquishment, abnegation, repudiation, denial, disclaimer, disavowal; countermand, counterorder, overruling, overriding; veto, negation.

3. termination, dissolution, putting an end to, bringing to an end, doing away with, destruction; writing off, putting aside, getting rid of.

abrupt, adj. 1. sudden, quick, hasty, instantaneous, rapid, swift, hurried; headlong, rash, precipitate, out-of-hand, unseasonable, ill-timed; unexpected, unforeseen, unanticipated, unlooked for, unannounced.

2. curt, brusque, blunt, gruff, short, broken off; rude, impolite, discourteous, uncivil, ungracious, uncivilized.

3. discontinuous, broken, disconnected, uneven, jerky, angular, rough, irregular, jagged, zigzag, craggy; poppycock, bosh, drivel, gory; poppycock, bosh, drivel, Inf.

4. steep, sheer, sharp, precipitous, declivitous, acclivitous.

abuse, n. ulcer, ulceration, noma, fester, festering, boil, blain, furuncle, furunculus, carbuncle, pustule, carbuncle, pustule, pimple, papule, papilla, pock, wen, whelk, Rare. bleb, Archaic. botch; sore, open, inflected, infected, infected.

abscend, v. 1. flee, bolt, elope, escape, fly, take flight, take to flight, take wing, Sl. wing it, Inf. beat it, Inf. skip out, Inf. skip town, Inf. skedaddle, Sl. skidoodle, Sl. skidoo or skiddoo, Sl. vamoose or vamoose, Sl. light out; run, run away, run off, take to one's heels, make a quick exit, Rare. fugitate, Inf. take off, Inf. clear out, Inf. make tracks, Inf. cut out, Inf. cut and run, Inf. fly the coop, Sl. split, Sl. scram, Sl. blow, Sl. hightail it, Sl. lam or take it on the lam;
absence, adj. 1. not present, out, off, away, abroad, elsewhere; nonattendant, nonresident, not at home; lost, astray, flown, missing, AWOL.

2. lacking, wanting, nonexistent, deficient.

3. inattentive, absent-minded, preoccupied, absorbed; unthinking, thoughtless, unconsidering, blank, oblivious, heedless; distracted, lost, listless, unconscious, unaware; woolgathering, musing, dreamy, faraway, removed.

— v. 4. remove oneself, retire from, withdraw oneself, stay away from, decamp, abscond; play truant, skip, not show up, fail to appear, cut, ignore; shirk, evade, vacate, slip away.

absentee, n. deserter, truant, fugitive, exile, renegade, runaway; shirker, slacker, skulker, malingering, quitter, backslider.

absenteism, n. chronic absence, truancy, cutting, skipping, hooky or playing hooky; delereliction, delinquency, neglect, avoidance, evasion, shirking; desertion, sneaking out, French leave.

absently, adv. inattentively, abstractedly, distractedly; musings, dreamily, listlessly; forgetfully, thoughtlessly, heedlessly, inadvertently; absent-mindedly, unmindfully, negligently; carelessly, sloppily, indifferently.

absent-minded, adj. 1. musing, meditative, meditating, cogitative, cogitating; contemplative, contemplating, pondering, brooding, mulling over, ruminating, ruminating, chewing, chewing one's cud, deliberating, reflective, reflecting; pensive, thoughtful, thinking, cerebrational, bemused, lost in thought, in a brown study, Archaic, museful; daydreaming, dreaming, dreamful, dreamy, stargazing, gazing out the window, in the clouds, in a trance, napping, sleeping, asleep; absent, withdrawn, remote, removed, distant, faraway, away, wandering, Sl. not at home, Sl. out to lunch, Sl. out of it.

2. abstracted, preoccupied, rapt, absorbed, immersed, engrossed, lost in, wrapped up, consumed, concentrating, occupied, busy; distracted, diverted, distraight, inattentive, unattentive, inadvertent, deaf, unheeding, unheedful, heedless; oblivious, unaware, unconscious, unawakened, unthinking, blinkered, blind; forgetful, forgetting, apt to forget, Lethied, amnesic, Chiefly Southern U.S. disremembering; scatterbrained, rattledbrain.

absolute, adj. 1. perfect, complete, entire, whole, comprehensive, total, ideal, consummate; full, plenary; uncut, solid, undivided, exhaustive, undiminished; pure, clean, clear, faultless, flawless, unadulterated; uncorrupted, untinged, untainted, unblemished, unmixed, unmingled, unblended, uncombined, undiluted, unalloyed; genuine, unaltered, essential, real; plain, simple, regular, unadorned, stark.

2. outright, downright, out-and-out, straight-out, all-out, across-the-board; sheer, utter, unmitigated; unqualified, categorical, unconditional, unconstrained, unreserved, implicit; unrestricted, unlimited, total; unhampered, unimpeded, unbound; free, self-determined, self-sufficient; irresistible, uncontrollable.

3. automatic, dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic; tyrannous, tyrannical, arbitrary, fascist; authoritative, magisterial, monarchical; sovereign, supreme, lordly, almighty, imperious, dominating, dogmatic, doctrinaire, controlling, commanding, imperative; demanding, exacting, pressing, imperious, overbearing, imperative; unrestrained, self-willed, arrogant, haughty.

4. positive, determinate, certain, verifiable, unequivocal, unambiguous, explicit, express; sure, confident, unquestionable, conclusive; official, confirmed, authoritative; demonstrable, demonstrated, apodictic, indubitable, undeniable; settled, fixed, definite, decided, decisive, pronounced; true, actual, factual, accurate, reliable.

5. ultimate, omnipotent, almighty, all-powerful, infallible, infinite; autonomous, self-existent, independent; self-evident, axiomatic, assumed, understood, accepted, given, manifest; intrinsic, inherent, essential, inescapable, final, fixed, final, firm, fixed, fixed, fixed, fixed.

absolutely, adv. 1. completely, wholly, entirely; totally, nothing short of, unqualifiedly, utterly; categorically, unconditionally, unreservedly, implicitly; purely, clearly.

2. positively, certainly, veritably, unquestionably, unequivocally, explicitly; inalienably, officially, authoritatively, contestably; demonstrably, demonstratedly, indubitably, undoubtedly, decidedly, decisively, perforce; definitely, precisely, exactly, surely, assuredly, conclusively, really, in reality, indeed.

absolutely, adv. 2. infallibly, infallibly.

absolutely, adv. 3. naturally, of course, without a doubt, that's right, yes indeed, yes indeed; to be sure, sure thing, Inf. you bet, Inf. you bet your life, Inf. roger, good enough, all right.

absoluteness, n. 1. certainty, certitude, sureness, certainty, assurance, assuredness, infallibility; positiveness, definiteness, actuality, substantiality, reality; accuracy, correctness, rightness; exactness, exactitude, preciseness, precision; perfection, faultlessness, flawlessness, ideality.

absolutism, n. 2. independence, self-determination, autonomy, supremeness, sovereignty; unlimitedness, unrestrained power, arbitrariness, despotism, absolutism. See absolutism.

absolution, n. 1. forgiveness, forgiving, excuse, excusing, shirving, making allowances for; condonation, condoning, overlooking, disregarding, ignoring; acquittal, acquittance, acquitting, comburgation, exculpating, clearance, clearing, proof of innocence, removal of guilt; pardon, pardoning, amnesty, remission, remitting, reprieve, reprieving, reprieve, reprieve, reprieve, reprieve, reprieve, reprieve, reprieve, reprieve, reprieve, reprieve, reprieve.

absolutism, n. 2. liberation, liberty, liberating, freedom, freeing, setting free, letting go, letting out; emancipation, emancipating, delivering, delivering, delivering, delivering.

absolution, n. 3. saving; loosening, desenthrallment, desenthralling, unbinding, unfettering; release, releasing, discharge, discharging, dismissal, dismissing; exemption, exempting; indemnity, immunity, impunity, Rom. Cath. Ch. dispensation, Archaic franchise.
absolutism, n. sovereignty, supremeness, absoluteness; arbitrariness, imperiousness, domination, iron rule; authoritarianism, dictatorship, autocracy, autarchy, despotism, dictatorship, tyranny, totalitarianism, monarchy; Hitlerism, Stalinism, Caesarism, Bonapartism, imperialism, czarism, man on horsebackism, kaiserm.

absolve, v. 1. forgive, excuse, shrieve, make allowances for; condone, overlook, disregard, ignore, pay no attention to; acquit, exculpate, clear, prove innocent, uphold innocence, remove guilt; pardon, amnestiy, remit, remite, reprieve, grant a stay of execution; exonerate, warrant, justify, vindicate, right.

2. liberate, emancipate, free, set free, let go, let out, deliver, ransom, Both Theol. save, redeem; loose, loosen, disenbirth, unbind, untie, unfetter, unshackle, unchain, unhandcuff, unbridle, unyoke, unmuzzle, Archaic, untruss, release, discharge, let off, dismiss, Inf. let off the hook; exempt, dispense with, except, exclude, Rom. Cath. Ch. dispense.

absorb, v. 1. suck up, draw up or in, take up or in, osmose; drink up or in, imbibe; sponge, sponge up, soak up, blot up, sop up; Physical Chem. adsorb, gather or gather in.

2. consume, devour, swallow up, digest, engorge, eat up, gobble up; incorporate, assimilate, appropriate, embody, co-opt; engulf, inundate, deluge, swamp, submerge, steepen, overawe, whelm, overwhelm.

3. mesmerize, hypnotize, fix, arrest, rivet, fascinate, let off the hook; exempt, dispense with, except, unchain, unhandcuff, unbridle, unyoke, unmuzzle, inf. mesmerize, hypnotize, fix, arrest, rivet, fascinate, let off the hook; exempt, dispense with, except, unchain, unhandcuff, unbridle, unyoke, unmuzzle, Archaic, untruss, release, discharge, let off, dismiss, Inf. let off the hook; exempt, dispense with, except, exclude, Rom. Cath. Ch. dispense.

abstain, v. 1. refrain from, forbear, desist from, restrain from, hold back from voluntarily; give up, Inf. swear off, quit, renounce, resolve or promise to give up; discontinue, stop, cease; let alone, keep one's hands off, turn aside from, hold off from, resist.

2. teetotal, fast, take the pledge, Sl. be on the wagon or water wagon.

3. keep in check, curb, curtail, control; withhold from, deny, abnegate, suppress, repress; refuse, decline, rebuff, reject, spurn; avoid, eschew, shun.

abstainer, n. teetotaler, nophile, nondrinker, waterdrinker, hydroptot; temperance advocate, W.C.T.U. member, prohibitionist, Inf. dry, blue-rbonner, blue-ribbonist, blue-ribbonite, puritan, ascetic, Rechabite, Encratite.

abstemious, adj. 1. habitually abstinent, nonindulgent, moderate, temperate; teetotal, nondrinking, sober, not intoxicated or drunk, prohibitionary, U.S. dry, blue-ribbon; continent, celibate, fasting, dieting; puritanical, puritanlike, austere, self-mortifying, self-depriving, ascetic, self-denying, self-abnegating; refraining, fore-bearing, desisting, self-restrained, self-controlled.

2. sparing, saving, frugal, thrifty, chary; conservant, conservational, careful, unwasteful, economical, prudent, provident; scrimping, penny-pinching, parsimonious, penurious; miserly, niggardly, stingy, cheap, tight, tight-fisted, close-fisted.

abstemiousness, n. 1. teetotalism, nophilism, temperance, sobriety, sobrierness; prohibition, blue-ribbonism; Rechabism.

2. habitual abstinance, abstention, nonindulgence, moderation, continence, celibacy, fasting; Puritanism, austerity, self-mortification, self-depravation; asceticism, self-denial, self-abnegation; refraining, forbearance, desistance; restraint, self-restraint, restraining from, control, controlling, self-control; holding off, resisting, resistance.

3. sparingness, frugality, frugality, thrift, frugality, cheap, tight, tight-fisted, close-fisted.

abstinence, n. 1. teetotalism, nophilism, temperance, sobriety, sobrierness; prohibition, blue-ribbonism; Rechabism.

2. abstention, nonindulgence, abstinence, moderation, continence, celibacy, fasting; Puritanism, austerity, self-mortification, self-deprivation; asceticism, self-denial, self-abnegation; refraining, forbearance, desistance; restraint, self-restraint, restraining from, control, controlling, self-control; holding off, resisting, resistance.

3. giving up, Inf. swearing off, renouncing, renunciation; letting alone, keeping one's hands off, turning aside from, holding off, resisting, resistance; checking, check, curb, curbing, curtail, curtailment, cutting down on; controlling, control, self-control, withholding; suppressing, suppression, repressing, repression; refusal, declining, rebuff, rejection, spurning; avoidance, eschewing, shunning.
4. frugal, frugality, thrift, thriftiness; husbandry, careful management, conservation; conserving, saving, economizing, economy; sparingness, scrimping, penny-pinching; parsimony, parsimoniousness, penuriousness, niggardliness, stinginess, miserliness, cheapness.

abstinent, adj. abstemious, temperate, sparing. See abstemious (defs. 1-3).

abstract, adj. 1. theoretical, pure, unapplied; conceptual, ideal, notional, abstracted, metaphysical, transcendental, imaginary, visionary; immaterial, impractical, spiritual, intellectual, of art non-representational; general, non-particular, not concrete, indefinite.

2. difficult, abstruse, obscure, recondite, profound; enigmatic, mysterious, dark, hidden, remote, incomprehensible; subtle, refined, attenuated, rarefied. 

—n. 3. summary, epitome, synopsis, compendium, symposium, compilation, digest, concepsus; condensation, abridgment, reduction, compression, abbreviation; analysis, recapitulation; résumé, brief, précis; outline, Fr. aperçu, sketch, review, syllabus, prospectus; docket, bulletin, minute; extracts, fragments, cuttings, analogs, clippings, citations.

4. essence, quintessence, pith, heart, core, kernel, marrow, substance; generality, universality; main, common run, average.

—v. 5. remove, take away, draw away, detach, separate, divest, disassociate, disjoin.

6. isolate, preclude, consider by itself; take out of context, view partially, look at one-sidedly; distinguish, discriminate, deduce, analyze.

7. divert, distract, engross, preoccupy.

8. steal, rob, appropriate, take away, seize, purloin, embezzle, plagiarize.

abstruseness, n. profoundness, profundity, depth, deepness, esotericism, esoterism, esotery, reconditeness, abstruseness, incomprehensibility, impenetrability, incomprehensibly, inscrutability, inscrutable, unknowable, unknowability, indecipherability, indecipherable, inscrutableness, inscrutability, unknowableness, unknowableness. See obscure, obscureness, obscurity.

abstentious, adj. 1. pensive, thoughtful, thinking, abstracted, abstruse, absent-minded, dreaming, dreamful, dreamy, ruminating, ruminating; chewing, chewing one's cud, musing, pondering, musing, pensiveness, thoughtfulness.

—n. 2. difficult, abstruse, obscure, recondite, profound; enigmatic, mysterious, dark, hidden, remote, incomprehensible; subtle, refined, attenuated, rarefied.

—v. 3. absent-mindedness, inattention, distraction, absorption; brown study, musing, pensiveness, thoughtfulness, raptness, reverie, aloofness, self-communing.

abundance, n. 1. plenty, plenteitude, bounty, cornucopia, horn of plenty, endless supply, Scot. scotch or skout, Scot. and North Eng. routh; amplitude, amleness, fullness, plenteousness, plentifulness, bountifulness, copiousness; richness, exuberance, luxuriance, lavishness; teemingness, rankness, prodigality.

2. quantity, quantities, volume, mass, fund, mine, store; lot, lots, heap, heaps, mountain, mountains, stack, stacks, pile, piles, load, loads, mess, slew, slaws, decipherable, indecipherable, beyond understanding; mystic, mystical, cabalistic, occult, supernatural, preternatural, otherworldly, supermundane; mysterious, inexplicable, unexplainable, insolvable, insoluble, unaccountable, Obs. intractible; puzzling, enigmatic, enigmatical; dark, obscure, dim, vague, nebulous.
abuse, v. 1. misuse, misemploy, misapply, misappropriate; wrong, aggrieve, Infl. shaft, Infl. give [s.o.] the shaft, disrespect, Sl. do [s.o.] dirty, Sl. kick [s.o.] around; profane, pervert, prostitute; exploit, impose upon, take advantage of, walk all over [s.o.].

2. mistreat, maltreat, mishandle, ill-use, exploiter; torment, agony, torture, rack, Sl. give [s.o.] the works.

3. revile, vituperate, oppugn, assail, belabor, lash, rail against, inveigh against, Infl. sail into, Infl. jump down [s.o.'s] throat, Archaic. clapperclaw; tongue-lash, curse, execrate, imprecate, anathematize; upbraid, objure, exorcize, phyl, fulminate against, lambaste; berate, censure, reproach, rebuke, reprove, Sl. strafe, Sl. chew out; vilify, traduce, asperse, calumniate, impugn, slur, malign, defame, denigrate, slander, libel, backbite, bespatter; denounce, decry, disparage, discredit, depreciate, defame, belittle, minimize, run or put down, Infl. knock, Sl. badmouth; scorn, deride, gibbet, ridicule, mock, lampoon, pasquinade, make fun of.

4. rape, ravish, outrage, violate, moleste, deflower, Obs. devirginate, Obs. consubstantiate, Obs. stuperate, Archaic. harrow; assault, attack, Archaic. insult.

—n. 5. misuse, misemployment, misapplication, misappropriation; exploitation, imposition.

6. revilement, vituperation, assailing, belaboring; curse, execration, imprecation, malediction, anathematization; rabidly, scurrility, billingsgate; invective, railing, fulmination, upbraiding, objurgation, contumely, berating, scolding, tongue-lashing; censure, reproach, rebuke, reproval; vilification, impugnment, traducement, aspersion, calumny, calumnium, obloquy, slur; maligning, defamation, denigration, slander, libel, Infl. backbiting; diatribe, tirade, philippic, denunciation, disparagement, discrediting, depreciation, insinuation, belittlement, minimization; scorn, derision, ridicule, mockery.

7. misusage, ill-use, mishandling, mistreatment, maladministration, ill-treatment; manhandling, mauling, battery, beating, thrashing, child abuse, wife-beating; harming, damage, hurting, injury; persecution, tormenting, torturing.

8. corruption, wrongdoing, misdeed, fault, Both Law. malfeasance, misfeasance, Archaic. Law. malversation.

9. rape, ravishment, violation, molestation, defloration, deflowering, devirgination, Obs. stuprification, Obs. stupration; assault, attack, Archaic. insult.

abusive, adj. 1. affronting, insulting, offensive, offputting, unbearable, insufferable, intolerable, Brit. Infl. beastly, Archaic. affrontive; fulminatory, objurgatory, objurgative, contumelious; indecent, vulgar, obscene, lewd, licentious; smutty, filthy, dirty, nasty, foul, vile; ribald, scurilous, theristical, foul-mouthed.

2. calumnious, calumnitary, aspersion, slandering, slandering, libelous; vituperative, invective, denunciatory, denunciative, disparaging, depreciative, depreciative, deprecating, derogatory, derogative, belittling; derisive, scornful, mocking.

3. cruel, brutal, brutish, ruthless, mean, harsh, rough; injurious, harmful, hurtful, torturous, tormenting, persecutory.

4. corrupt, venal, crooked, Law. malfesance; misapplied, inappropriated, improper, unauthorized, unjustified, unwarranted, undue; exploitative, exploitational, taking advantage.

abut, v. 1. join, adjoin, conjoin, connect, impinge; butt, touch, reach, kiss; juxtapose, meet end to end, border.

2. border on or upon, verge upon, lean on or upon or against; end at, finish at, stop at.

3. support, prop, prop up, bolster, bolster up, hold up, uphold, bear, bear up, uphold, keep up.

abutment, n. 1. buttress, bulwark, support, stay, brace, prop, shore, shoulder, wall, retaining wall, supporting wall, thrust wall; jetty, breakwater, pier buttress.

2. junction, connection, apposition, joint; juxtaposition, adjacency, union, contact; contiguity, contiguousness, abuttal; conjunction, attachment, cohesion.

abuttal, n. 1. border, boundary, bound, confine; bourn, terminus, termination, limit; edge, fringe, skirt, verge; abutals, boundaries, bounds, limits, confines, pale, perimeter.

2. adjacency, juxtaposition, contiguity, contiguousness; union, conjunction, reference, confluence; meeting, joining, bordering, edging.

abutting, adj. adjacent, next to, Infl. right next to, Infl. next door; contiguous, bordering, edging, skirting; adjoining, adjoining, conjoining, touching, meeting, converging.

abysmal, adj. immeasurable, unfathomable, unfathomed, fathomless, bottomless, boundless, endless, infinite; deep, profound, abyssal; cavernous, yawning, gaping, plunging; vast, vast, immense, enormous, huge, prodigious, stupendous.

abyss, n. 1. void, gulf, gap, bottomless pit, abyss, yawning abyss; cavity, hole, pit, depth, shaft; gorge, canyon, ravine, chasm; cleft, fissure, crevice, crevasse; the deep, the depths, ocean depths, bottomless depths.

2. profundity, profoundness, Archaic. profound.
deepness; impenetrability, impenetrableness, incomprehensibility, incomprehensibleness, inscrutability, inscrutableness, unknowableness; mysticicy, mysticicality, mysticeness, cabalism, occultness.

3. (all in ancient cosmogony) a. chaos, primal chaos, pandemonium, discord, confusion. b. hell, inferno, infernal pit, Hades, perdition; netherworld, underworld, lower world, bowels of the earth.

academic, adj. 1. educational, educatory, instructional, pedagogical, academical; collegiate, college, university, scholastic, school; formal, institutional.

2. All U.S. humanistic, classical, philosophical, scientific, cultural; humanities, liberal arts, literature, language, fine arts, philosophy, natural or social science.

3. theoretical, hypothetical, abstract, notional, ideational, speculative, Archaic. speculatory; unrealistic, impractical, ivory-towerish, utopian, visionary, starr-eyed, quixotic, chimerical; irrelevant, nongermane, beside the point, immaterial, inappropriate, useless, vain.

4. learned, scholarly, erudite, lettered, literary, well-read, studious, Derog. bookish; cultured, artistic, Infr. arty, Sl. artsy, Sl. longhair or long-haired; well-educated, conversant, verbal, well-versed, knowledgeable; intellectual, cerebral, brainy, highbrow or high-browed; pedantic, pedagoguish, professorial, donnish, pompous.

5. conventional, conforming, traditional, orthodox; standard, accepted, ordinary, usual; tradition-bound, rule-bound, uncreative, unimaginative, literal; prosaic, commonplace, trite, stale, hackneyed; vapid, empty, dull, boring.

—n. 6. scholar, student, pupil, collegian, co-ed; professor, doctor, master, tutor, fellow, Brit. don, instructor, preceptor, lector, lecturer, docent, teacher, pedagogue, educator; schoolman, scholastic, academician, academic, gownsman.

7. savant, pundit, man of letters, one of the cognoscenti, one of the literati, member of the intelligentsia; intellectual, thinker, Rare. Derog. phrontist, literate, bibliophile; aesthete, Infr. longhair, bluestocking; pedant, petitfogger, hairsplitter; bookworm, highbrow, Infr. egghead, Infr. walking encyclopedia, Infr. know-it-all.

academician, n. fellow, scholar, savant, man of letters, artist, scientist, member of an academy. See academic (def. 6,7).

academy, n. 1. secondary school, high school, Brit. grammar school, (in France) lycée; preparatory school, Infr. prep school, U.S. private school, Brit. public school, boarding school, day school, seminary, institute, finishing school; classical school, Latin school, (in Germany) gymnasium.

2. school, college, university, educational establishment, Disparaging. phrontistery or phrontisterion; conservatory, polytechnic.

3. learned association or institution, athenaeum, fellowship of artists or scientists; club, coterie, circle.

4. cognoscenti, literati, intelligend, standard-setters, pace-makers, leaders, avant-gardists, trend-setters; Usu. Disparaging. the establishment, Infr. the powers-that-be.

accurate, v. 1. receive, take, gain, acquire, get, secure, come by.

2. accede to, acquiesce in, assert to, submit to, abide by, comply with, go along with, be in line with; agree to, take [s.o.] up on [t.s.t.], say "yes" to.

3. undertake, assume, take on, tackle, be willing to bear, become responsible for; begin, commence, enter upon, set about.

4. accommodate oneself to, reconcile oneself to, resign oneself to; suffer, endure, bear, tolerate, brook, take patiently, abide, accept, stand, withstand, submit to, put up with; swallow, digest, stomach, pocket; face the music, take one's medicine, take it.

5. adopt, avow, confirm, believe, acknowledge, Infr.

thrive, prosper, flourish, grow; develop, improve, increase, add to, augment.

2. hasten, hurry, hustle, precipitate, antedate, Archaic. dispatch; expedite, speed or step up, quicken, urge on or forward, press or move forward; drive, incite, goad, spur, stimulate, energize, impel, compel, force, push on.

3. speed up, increase in speed or velocity, move or go faster; Sl. to buzz, pick up, Sl. open up, skyrocket, rise: (all of an engine) gun, Sl. give the gun, race, Infr. rev up, Sl. vroom, give the gas, feed gasoline to, Sl. step on the gas, Sl. floor it.

4. concentrate, intensify, compress, contract, compact; boil down, reduce, abbreviate, skim, gloss over, pass over.

acceleration, n. 1. speeding up, speed-up, increase in speed or velocity, Sl. jazzing up; picking up, Sl. opening up, skyrocketing, rising: (all of an engine) gunning, Sl. giving the gun, racing, Infr. revving up, Sl. vrooming, Sl. giving the gas, Sl. stepping on the gas.

2. hastening, hurrying, hustling, precipitation, antedating; expedition, speed, promptness, dispatch; stepping up, quickening; urging on, pressing forward, driving; Infr. pell-mell, prompt, prompting, stimulation, energizing; advance, advancement, furtherance, promotion, movement forward, facilitation.

accent, n. 1. emphasis, stress, accentuation, syllable stress, primary or secondary or tertiary stress, weak stress; attack, delivery, force of utterance; cadence, beat, rhythm, rhythm pattern, rhythmical emphasis, Music. rhythmical accentuation, Music. arsis or upbeat, Music. thesis or downbeat, Pros. ictus, prominent pulsation.

2. mark, accent mark, stress mark, character, syllable, primary or secondary or tertiary stress, weak stress; attack, delivery, force of utterance; cadence, beat, rhythm, rhythm pattern, rhythmical emphasis, Music. rhythmical accentuation, Music. arsis or upbeat, Music. thesis or downbeat, Pros. ictus, prominent pulsation.

3. pitch, timbre, tone, tone of voice, voice; intonation, intonation pattern, inflection, modulation; mood, tenor, significance.

4. pronunciation, articulation, enunciation, vocalization, utterance; speech pattern, manner of speaking, mode of expression.

5. regional accent, foreign accent; drawl, twang, brogue, burr, broad accent or speech; Brit. received standard, public school accent.

6. accents, language, speech, speaking, talk, talking, words, discourse; chatter, palaver, prattle, Infr. gab, Sl. yakket-y-yak.

—v. 7. accentuate, stress, emphasize, lay stress or emphasis upon, give emphasis to, punctuate; under- line, underscore, point up, italicize, call attention to; feature, highlight, spotlight, give prominence to; intensify, strengthen, deepen, heighten.

accept, v. 1. receive, take, gain, acquire, get, secure, come by.

2. accede to, acquiesce in, assert to, submit to, abide by, comply with, go along with, be in line with; agree to, take [s.o.] up on [t.s.t.], say "yes" to.

3. undertake, assume, take on, tackle, be willing to bear, become responsible for; begin, commence, enter upon, set about.

4. accommodate oneself to, reconcile oneself to, resign oneself to; suffer, endure, bear, tolerate, brook, take patiently, abide, accept, stand, withstand, submit to, put up with; swallow, digest, stomach, pocket; face the music, take one's medicine, take it.

5. adopt, avow, confirm, believe, acknowledge, Infr.
swallow, _Inf._ buy, go for; assume, credit, regard, esteem, value; understand, absorb, apprehend, perceive, penetrate, recognize; construe, interpret, put a sense upon.

**acceptable, adj.** 1. worthy, deserving, competent, good enough; meritorious, estimable, praiseworthy, laudable, commendable, admirable, creditable; suitable, fit, seemly, proper, decorous; appropriate, apt, apposite, apropos; meet, due, just, right, fitting, befitting; timely, seasonal.

2. receivable, agreeable, welcome, gratifying, satisfying, pleasing; attractive, delightful, refreshing, pleasant; inviting, desirable, likable, popular; impressive, prepossessing.

3. respectable, passable, tolerable, adequate, satisfactory, all right; presentable, admissible, fairly good, _Inf._ no great shakes, not too bad; fair, _Inf._ no great shakes, mediocre, middling, indifferent, so-so; barely adequate, minimal, minimum, lowest acceptable.

**acceptance, n.** 1. accepting, taking, receipt, reception, recipience, acquisition.

2. approval, favor, approbation, affirmation, ratification, confirmation, recognition, acknowledgment, sanction; satisfaction, gratification.

3. assent to, belief in, compliance with, abduction by; submission to, acquiescence in, resignation to, tolerance of, toleration of.

4. _All Commerce._ bill, signed contract, endorsement, guarantee, agreement; order, draft, certification.

**acceptation, n.** 1. approval, favorable regard, cordial reception, adoption, admission, assent; acclamation, acclaim, favor, support, accord, acceptance.

2. belief, conviction, view, opinion; expectation, assumption, conception, idea, notion, presupposition; hypothesis, theory; inference, judgment, conclusion, certitude, certainty.

3. meaning, sense, import, drift, significance; implication, explanation, interpretation, construction, understanding; connotation, denotation.

**accepted, adj.** 1. approved, sanctioned, authorized, authentic; preferred, preferable; acceptable, allowable, allowed.

2. usual, customary, normal, expected, standard; conventional, traditional, time-honored; familiar, recognized, acknowledged, established, confirmed; fashionable, popular, current, in vogue.

**access, n.** 1. approachability, approachableness, accessibility; admittance, admission, right of entry, permission to enter; entrance, entry, entrance, inlet, ingress; path, passage, adit, approach; way, means, road, route, course, avenue, street, highway.

2. attack, onset, fit, seizure, spasm, pang, _Path._ convulsion; spell, turn, bout, recurrence; outburst, outbreak, paroxysm, throes.

3. accession, succession, inheritance, assumption, taking on or over. See _accession_ (def. 1).

**accessible, adj.** 1. approachable, getatable, _Inf._ come-at-able; easy, easy-going, familiar, informal; affable, genial, pleasant, cordial; sociable, friendly, companionable, congenial, complaisant; courteous, gracious, polite, civil; conversable, agreeable, obliging, compliant, bendable, willing.

2. reachable, attainable, obtainable, procurable; available, possible, conceivable, probable, likely; achievable, compassable, accomplishable.

3. open, wide-open, exposed, liable, subject, vulnerable, susceptible; defenseless, weak, assailable, attackable, unguarded, unprotected; easily influenced, influenceable, persuadable, manipulatable, manageable, passable.

**accessibility, n.** 1. approachability, approachableness, getatableness, _Inf._ come-at-ableness; ease, convenience, familiarity, familiarity, informality; affability, affableness, geniality, genialness, pleasantness, cordiality, cordialness; sociability, sociableness, friendliness, companionableness, congeniality, congenialness, complaisance, courtesy, courteousness, graciousness, politeness, politesse, civility; conversableness, agreeableness, agreeability, acquiescence; obligingness, compliance, compliancy, willingness.

2. attainability, attainableness, availability, availability; possibility, conceivability, conceivableness; probability, likelihood, likeliness.

3. openness, exposedness, liableness, liability, subject weakness; vulnerability, vulnerableness, susceptibility, susceptibleness; defenselessness, weakness, assailableness, unguardedness, unprotectedness; persuadableness, manipulableness, passiveness, passivity.

**accession, n.** 1. (usu. of an office, title or position) succession, inheritance, assumption, taking on or over; entering upon, arrival at, advent to; elevation, promotion, rise, coming to, reaching, attainment; induction, installation, initiation, inauguration, investiture.

2. increase, increment, gain, addition, augmentation, contribution; enlargement, expansion, agrandizement, swelling, enrichment; extension, distention, spreading, widening.

3. consent, assent, giving in, acquiescence, yielding; agreement, accord, accordance, concord, concordance, concurrence; approval, acceptance, sanction, countenance.

4. approach, advance, advancement.

5. attack, onset, access. See _access_ (def. 2).

**accessory, n.** 1. subordinate, subsidiary, auxiliary, adjunct, adjuvant, concommitant, subordinate part; minuitae or minuita, trivial, minor particular; supplement, supplementation, appendage, addition, appendix, appendant, attachment, accompaniment, appurtenance, appurtenant.

2. (all of clothing) trim, embellishment, spangle, tassel, adornment, ornament, ornamentation, finery, decoration, embroidery, trim, trimming or trimmings, array, trapping or trappings; belonging, appropriate detail, fashionable accent.

3. accomplice, _Chiefly Law._ accessory, _Law._ accessory before or after the fact, _Law._ principal partner in crime, _Sl._ gun moll or _Moll,_ _Law._ particeps criminis, socius criminis; confederate, abettor, aider, collaborator, associator, conspirator, convar, concomitant, concomitant, conspirer, conviner, participant, participant; ally, partner, comrade, colleague, associate, confrere, socius, consor, _Obs._ confrere, sidekick, _Friend._ Brit. _mate._ helper, aid or aide, attendant, acolyte, deputy, ancilla, second, henchman, right-hand man, recruit, tool, _Sl._ stooge, _Sl._ gofer.

—adj. 4. supplementary, supplemental, additional, appurtenant, accessorial, adscititious or asciticous; accompanying, attendant, collateral; contributory, contributary, helpful, auidful; belonging, privy; subsidiary, secondary, auxiliary, ancillary, subordinate, subser-

vent, adjunct, adjuvant, _Obs._ adjuvans, _Obs._, _Rare._ adjutorious; incidental, extra, extraneous, extrinsic, adventitious, of minor importance; unnecessary, unneeded, unessential.

**accident, n.** 1. misfortune, mishap, misadventure, miscarriage, mischance, casualty; adversity, affliction, hurt, ruin, undoing, downfall, collapse; blow, nasty or staggering blow; disaster, tragedy, catastrophe, calamity, cataclysm; wreck, crash, collision, smash-up, crack-up, pile-up.

2. mistake, blunder, contretemps, _Inf._ slip-up, _Sl._ boo-boo, _Sl._ boner, oversight; leak; mischief.

3. fluke, freak accident, one in a million, twish of fate; shock; fortuity, happening, hap, hazard.
4. chance, mere chance, fortune, good fortune, luck, good luck, Lady Luck, happenstance, serendipity; fate; uncertainty, contingency; blind faith.

5. nonessential, inessential, unessential; incidental, accidental, contingent; extra, accessory, supplement, auxiliary; appendage, appurtenance, addition, addendum; secondary, subsidiary.

accidental, adj. 1. unintentional, unintended, unmediated, unplanned, undesigned; unwitting, unthinking; unexpected, unforeseen, unanticipated, unlooked-for; chance, fortuitous, serendipitous, Inf. fluky; random, stray, haphazard, casual.

2. nonessential, inessential, unessential, incidental, extraneous, extrinsic, external, adventitious; extra, additional, supplementary, supplemental, adscriptitious; subsidiary, subordinate, secondary, accessory, collateral; circumstantial, contingent, dependent, conditional, provisional; irrelevant, beside the point, parenthetical, by-the-way; unnecessary, unneeded, superfluous, expendable, dispensable.

accidentally, adv. unintentionally, undesignedly, without design, by accident, by mistake; inadvertently, involuntarily, unwittingly, unconsciously, unthinkingly; randomly, haphazardly, casually, incidentally, unpredictably, whichever way the wind blows; fortuitously, by chance; it happened, as luck would have it, by a piece of luck, by a fluke, by good fortune or a piece of good fortune.

acclaim, v. 1. applaud, cheer, celebrate; approve enthusiastically, hail; congratulate, felicitate, compliment, huzzah, rejoice in; praise, sound the praises of, extol, hosanna, Bravo, cry up, laud, comment, Archaic. magnify; exalt, eulogize, glorify; pay tribute to, pay homage to, honor, crown.

2. announce, declare, call out; shout, noise about, bruit, rumor; salute, greet, welcome.

—n. 3. applause, ovation, acclamation; praise, eulogy, citation; commendation, approbation; approval, endorsement. See acclamation.

acclamation, n. 1. salutation, greeting, hail, welcome; applause, cheer, ovation, standing ovation, Bravo, plaudits. Inf. hand, curtain calls, encore; hosanna, huzzah, hoorah; shouting, calling out, éclat, outcry, announcement, declaration; celebration, congratulation, rejoicing, triumph, jubilation, felicitation; paean, Archaic. gratulation.

2. acclaim, praise, extolment, laudation, Archaic. magnification, citation; eulogy, eulogization, exaltation, glorification, encomium, panegyric; tribute, homage, honoring, crowning; approval, endorsement, sanction, approbation, commendation.

acclimate, v. 1. acclimatize, become accustomed to, get used to, become familiar with, Inf. learn the ropes, become acquainted with; adapt to, adjust to, naturalize; conform to, accommodate, become fitted or suited to; be attuned to, be in harmony or accord with.

2. accustom, familiarize, make use of, habituate, adapt; imure, harden, toughen, season, temper, anneal.

acclimation, n. acclimatization, acclimatation, Rare: acclimature, Archaic: acclimatment, habituation, Social. acculturation; accustomedness, familiarity, familiarization, familiarity, acquaintance, acquaintanceship, acquaintedness; adaptation, adaptedness, adjustment, naturalization; inurement, inuredness, hardening, toughening, seasoning; conformity, accommodation, fittedness; harmony, accord.

acclivitous, adj. sloping upward, uphill, rising, ascending, inclining, mounting, climbing; heaving up, looming up, springing up, towering up; abrupt, sudden, sharp, bold.

activity, n. ascent, upward slope, grade, gradient, rise, incline, inclination, slant, pitch, cant, upgrade; elevation, glacies, bank, hill, hillside, hillock, eminence.

accolade, n. honor, award, tribute, testimonial, credit, recognition, crown; applause, cheering, clapping, endorsement, rooting for, plaudits, salvo; commendation, recommendation, good word, glowing words, honeyed words; compliment, flattery, puffery, adulation; eulogy, eulogium, eulogization, exaltation, glorification, encomium, panegyric; praise, exultation, kudos, acclaim, acclamation, prize, Archaic. magnification, citation; celebration, paean, congratulation, Archaic. glorification; approval, approbation, endorsement, sanction, advocacy, espousal.

accommodate, v. 1. aid, assist, help, abet, meet the wants of; oblige, favor, indulge, patronize; befriend, lend a hand, do a favor for, show kindness to, do right by; serve, do for, do a service for, cater to, make comfortable, attend to the convenience of; provide, supply, furnish; loan, lease, lend money to, advance, grant.

2. lodge, house, domicile, put up, quarter, board; provide with a roof, furnish room for, shelter, harbor; entertain, fete, wine and dine, regale.

3. adapt, attempt to, habituate, accustom; acclimate, acclimatize, conform to, comply with; become fitted or suited to, become attuned to, become in harmony or accord with, get used to.

4. adjust, modify, suit, fit; set straight, settle, compose, mend, patch, fix up, settle differences, arrange matters, heal the breach; reconcile, bring into agreement, make compatible, make consistent, make suitable; harmonize, restore harmony, level, balance, square; equalize, equate, even.

5. have capacity for, be capable of holding; contain, hold, receive, carry, seat; comprise, include, embrace, embody.

accommodating, adj. obliging, cooperative, indulging, patronizing, compliant; adaptable, pliable, yielding, easy to deal with; helpful, suitable, favorable; pleasant, pleasing, gracious, benign, benevolent; kind, kindly, sympathetic; generous, humane, unselfish, charitable; conciliatory, placatory, appeasing, soothing; considerate, thoughtful, polite, tactful, concerned, courteous, attentive; agreeable, amicable, amiable, willing, well-disposed; friendly, neighborly, cordial, warm, warm-hearted.

accommodation, n. 1. adaptation, habituation, orientation, reorientation; acclimation, acclimatization, conforming, complying; adjustment, modification, settlement, alteration, transformation, change, capitulation; reconciliation, harmonization, balancing, equalizing.

2. aid, assistance, help, abetment, abettal; service, benefit, advantage, profit; obligingness, favor, indulgence, patronage, support; kindness, generosity, courtesy, consideration, graciousness, hospitality.

3. accommodations arrangement, prearrangement, provision, groundwork, preparation; lodging, lodgment, home, abode, residence; quarters, dwelling, domicile, shelter; Fr. pied-à-terre, SI. pad, All Chiefly Brit. Inf. diggings, digs.

4. allowance, grant, loan, advance, credit, mortgage; supply, stock, store, provisions, provender; blessing, boon, good turn, convenience, luxury.

accompaniment, n. 1. accessory, complement, completer, concomitant, concurrent, attendant, Astron. comes; supplement, addition, extension, appendage, appurtenance, appurtenant, adjunct, appanage, annex, attachment.

2. (all of music) background, backup, obbligato, harmony, second part.

accompany, v. 1. escort, squire, esquire, chaperon, take out, go out with, go along with, keep [s.o.] company, Obs. consort; companion, keep company with,
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associate with, take up with, go around with, Inf. go with, Inf. pal around with, Inf. hang around with, Sl. hang out with, Archaic company; attend, be by one's side, convoy, protect, guard, support, back up, be behind; follow, go behind; usher, pilot, steer, guide, lead, conduct, direct, show the way.

2. coexist with, occur with, come with; belong to, be an appendage of, be an adjunct to, be an annex to, be part of.

3. associate, affiliate, syndicate, combine, unite, ally, marry, wed; join, link, connect, attach, couple, mate, partner, match, twin, pair up.

4. (all of music) back up, provide the background for, play piano or guitar for, harmonize, sing harmony to, chime in, Jazz. comp.

accompanying, adj. accessory, attendant, complementary, concomitant, concurrent, associate, fellow; related, connected, joint; subsidiary, subordinate, background; supplementary, supplemental, ancillary, auxiliary, added, additional, extra, appended, attached, annexed.

accomplice, n. accessory or Chiefly Law. accessory, Law. accessory before or after the fact, Law. principal, partner in crime, Sl. gun moll or moll, Law. particeps criminis, socius criminis; confederate, abettor, aider, collaborator, cooperator, contributor, cohort, conspirator, fellow conspirator, conspirer, conniver, participant, participant; ally, partner, comrade, colleague, associate, consociate, socius, yokel, fellow, yokemate, helpmate, helpmeet, Obs. hellp fellow, co-worker, co-aid, co-partner, consort, confederé, sidekick, friend, Chiefly Brit. mate; helper, aid or aide, attendant, acolyte, deputy, subsidiary, auxiliary, accomp, second, henchman, right hand, right-hand man, recruit, tool, Sl. stooge, Sl. gofer.

accomplish, v. 1. perform, do, execute, discharge, carry out, fulfill, realize; succeed in, manage, bring off, Sl. pull off, Inf. put over, U.S. Sl. swing, U.S. Sl. cut, U.S. Sl. hack; engineer, negotiate, work out; bring about, make happen, effect, effectuate; produce, turn out, achieve, attain; arrive at, compass, reach, gain, win.

2. finish, complete, carry through; dispose of, Sl. knock off, Sl. polish off, expedite, dispatch; conclude, close, wind up, clinch, clench, seal; perfect, crown, top, cap, put the last finishing touch to, consummate, end; put an end to, terminate.

accomplished, adj. 1. completed, effected, done, finished, ended, terminated; concluded, closed, clinched, sealed, established, consummated, fulfilled, realized, come true; achieved, attained, arrived at.

2. perfected, expert, proficient, adept, skillful, skilled; masterful, masterly, veteran, professional, Fr. au fait; topflight, top drawer, first-rate, exceptional, Inf. top-notch, ace, Inf. crack, Sl. crackerjack, Sl. on the ball, Inf. whiz-bang, Brit. Sl. whizzo.

3. talented, gifted, endowed, apt, clever; dextrous, adroit, deft, facile, ambidextrous, handy, neat, Brit. Dial. feit; good, finished, polished, practiced; experienced, ripe, mature; capable, able, competent, up to the mark, efficient, adequate, sufficient, qualified, trained.

4. cultured, refined, cultivated, polished, finished; genteel, well-bred, thoroughbred; elegant, graceful, fine, polite; urbane, suave, sophisticated, cosmopolitan; fashionable, stylish, high-class, Sl. classy.

5. learned, Archaic. studied, versed, knowledgeable; educated, lettered, intellectual, scholarly, erudite; well-educated, well-informed, well-read, literary.

accomplishment, n. 1. fulfillment, realization, success, attainment, acquirement; completion, finishing, conclusion, closing; perfection, consummation, crowning, capping, topping; end, termination.

2. achievement, performance, production; deed, feat, act, exploit, Archaic. gest; action, maneuver, move, stroke, blow, coup; stroke of genius, tour de force.

accord, v. 1. agree, concur, think alike, be of one mind; admit, permit, grant, allow, approve, accept, go along with, Inf. take to, Inf. cotton to, Inf. buy; yield, comply with, abide by, assent, accede, acquiesce, side with, concede, consent; acknowledge, recognize, Archaic. agnize, subscribe to, fall in with, Sl. string along with.

2. adapt, adjust, accommodate; harmonize, attune, coincide, correspond, conform to, tally with, comport with, see with, jibe with, be in unison, chime in with; suit, fit, match, resemble, be appropriate, Brit. Dial. fadge; dovetail, square, equal, parallel.

3. grant, bestow, deign, vouchsafe; give, award, mete, bequeath, endow.

—n. 4. harmony, correspondence, congruence, coincidence, conformation, symmetry; similitude, similarity, resemblance; coherence, consistency, uniformity.

5. agreement, mutual understanding, accordance, concord, concordance, concurrence, consonance; consensus, unanimity, unison; amity, harmony, communion, sympathy, rapport.

6. of one's accord voluntarily, of one's own free will, freely, determinedly, with choice.

accordance, n. 1. agreement, conformity, concurrence (See accord, def. 5).

2. bestowal, vouchsafement, endowment; granting, giving, conferring, imparting; according, furnishing.

accordant, adj. agreeing, concomitant, congruent, congruent; consonant, correspondent, complementary; fit, suitable, matching, meet, proper; harmonious, compatible, adapted, consistent.

accordingly, adv. 1. correspondingly, conformably; compatibly, agreeably, compliantly; consistently; in accordance, in agreement.

2. consequently, in consequence, as a result, thus, hence, and so, in due course, Obs. thereafter; therefore, thence, so; then, in that case, in which case, in that event; that being the case, that being so, under the circumstances; as it is, as matters stand, Inf. as things stand.

according to, 1. in accordance with, accorded with, according; after the manner of, in keeping with, in line with, in conformity with, in agreement with, as per, as fits, as the matter stands.

2. consistent with, conformably to, conformable to; according to, accordant; in accordance with, in agreement with, in harmony with; in correspondence with, in accordance to, correspondingly.

3. on the authority of, in the light of; as stated by; as agreed to, on the ground of, on the principle of, in consideration of, on the basis of, depending on circumstances.

4. proportionate to, proportionately; commensurate with, commensurable with, commensurable with, commensurably; proper to, suitable for.

5. contingent, dependent on, dependent on, depending on, hanging on, hinging on, revolving on; based on; depending on circumstances.

accost, v. 1. assail, confront boldly, attack; assault, accost, accost according to, in accordance with, correspondingly, conformably; adv. agree, concur, think alike, be of one accord; accordant, n. agreement, conformity, accordance.
account, n. 1. narrative, story, tale, sketch, relation; statement, description, delineation, portrayal, report, detail, recountal; recital, recitation, rehearsal, declamation, word; history, chronicle, record, memoir, tidings.

2. explanation, commentary, version, representation, exposition; unfolding, detailing, elaboration, Sl. megillah.

3. reason, cause, motive, consideration; sake, interest, advantage, benefit; basis, ground, score.

4. worth, value, esteem, regard, honor; reputation, note, distinction, dignity, repute; concern, consequence, importance, rank.

5. estimation, judgment, opinion, valuation, point of view.

6. statement, invoice, charge, bill, Brit., Inf. tick, check, Sl. tab; count, tally, score; reckoning, computation, enumeration, calculation.

7. call to account blame, reprimand, reprove, rebuke, call down, call on the carpet, take to task.

8. on account of because of, for the sake of, on behalf of, in the interest of.

9. on no account never, absolutely not, Sl. not on your life; under no circumstances or conditions, Sl. no way.

10. take account of or take into account allow for, note, consider, give thought to.

— v. 11. explain, show grounds, clear up, give a reckoning or an accounting, answer for; cause, be responsible for, be attributable to.

12. count, consider, believe, view, look upon; deem, judge, value, regard, esteem, rate.

13. assign, ascribe, attribute, credit; impute, charge, blame.

accountability, n. 1. responsibility, liability, answerability, answerableness, chargeability, amenability, accountableness; obligation, bounden duty.

2. interpretability, interpretablility; intelligibility, understandablility, comprehensibility, comprehensibleness.

accountable, adj. 1. responsible, liable, answerable, chargeable, amenable; obligated, obliged, behelden, bound, duty-bound; subject, open to, exposed to.

2. explainable, explicable, interpretable; intelligible, understandable, comprehensible.

accountant, n. bookkeeper, auditor, controller, controller, certified public accountant, C.P.A., Both Brit. chartered accountant, C.A.; inspector, examiner, reckoner, analyst, Insurance. actuary, computer; clerk, registrar, recorder, agent; teller, cashier.

accouter, v. equip, furnish, supply, provide, Obs. appoint; outfit, fit out, fit up, rig out, rig up, turn out, gear; deck, beddeck, deck out, caparison, trap, adorn, ornament; dress, cloth, garb, attire, apparel, habit, invest; All Mill. arm, munition, Sl. heel, Archaic. harness.

accouterments, n. 1. equipage, outfit, outfitting, gear; dress, garb, apparel, attire, clothes, livery, Archaic. vesture; investiture, adornment, ornamentation.

2. equipment, furnishings, paraphernalia, appurtenances, appointments, trappings, fixtures, fittings, habiliments, trimmings, fixings, Inf. things; caparison, harness, tack, tackle, rigging.

accrue, v. accumulate, cumulate, amass, collect, gather, heap up, pile up; increase, grow, enlarge, augment, swell, wax, aggrandize; expand, extend, advance, rise, mount up.

2. result, redound; come from, emanate from, fall from, flow from, proceed from, derive from, ensue, arise in due course; yield, gain, bring in; Both Finance. maturing, maturation.

accumulate, v. 1. heap up, pile up, roll up, stack up; collect, gather; assemble, mass, aggregate, bring together, congregate; amass, cumulate, agglomerate.

2. hoard, squirrel away, load up, stow away; garner, store up, stock up, lay by, lay up, lay in, Inf. stash away, reserve, set aside; save, save up, bank.

3. grow, augment, accrue, multiply; swell, enlarge, expand, extend, wax; rise, heighten, deepen.

accumulation, n. 1. heap, pile, mass, bulk, drift; hoard, store, stock, stockpile, supply, fund; treasure, holdings, savings, Inf. loot.

2. collection, ammassment, assemblage; aggregation, Physical Chem. coacervation; concentration, agglomeration, conglomeration, cluster, Bot. acervation.

3. increase, growth, build-up, accretion, accurnent; backlog, pile-up.

accuracy, n. 1. accuracyness, exactness, exactitude, precision, preciseness; closeness, fidelity, faultlessness, conformity, accordance, agreement; rigorousness, strictness, severity, seriousness; thoroughness, methodicalness, carefulness, painstakingness, exhaustiveness, minuteness, detailedness.

2. correctness, unerringness, rightness, rectitude, justness; truth, truthfulness, verity, honesty, verisimilitude; fact, actuality, factuality, literalness; definiteness, positiveness, absoluteness.

3. authenticity, soundness, validity, validness, integrity; flawlessness, faultlessness, perfection.

accurate, adj. 1. exact, precise, close, faithfulness, in conformity, in accordance or agreement; correct, unerring, Inf. on the mark, on target, Inf. right on, Sl. spot on; right, just, proper; true, truthful, honest, veracious; factual, actual, literal; authentic, sound, valid; flawless, faultless, perfect, defectless, errorless.
2. careful, meticulous, punctilious, conscientious; particular, finical, fussy, correct; minute, detailed, thorough, nice; scientific, mathematical, severe, strict, rigorous.

acquaint, adj. 1. doomed, Brit. Dial. fey, damned, cursed, curse-laden, condemned, anathematized, Ar. chaic. maledict; bedeviled, bewitched, hoodooed, voo-dooed, hexed; star-crossed, ill-fated, foredoomed; unsanctified, unblest, unholy, unconsecrated, unhallowed; ruined, undone, blighted, ravaged, despoiled; miserable, unfortunate, stricken, woeful, wretched, unhappy; desolate, woebegone, forlorn, abandoned.

2. damnable, diabolic, devilish, fiendish, satanic, demonic, demoniac, demoniacal, infernal, hellish; execrable, abominable, horrible, horrid, hideous, atrociious; base, vile, odious, obnoxious, wicked, sinful, iniquitous, evil, black-hearted, corrupt, depraved, villainous, sinister; reprobate, nefarious, flagitious, heinous; abhorrent, revolting, repulsive, repugnant, foul, rotten, offensive, loathsome, nauseating; pernicious, pestilential, noxious, deadly, fell; malign, menacing, baleful, inurious, injurious, maleficient, malevolent, malicious, rancorous; hateful, detestable, despicable, infamous.

acquittal, n. 1. charge, Law. gravamen, indictment, Law. true bill, Law. plaint, Law. complaint, citation, summons; incrimination, crimination, retribution, denunciation, Scot. and North Eng. threap; implication, inculpation, informing against, Chiefly Scot. delate; cite, summon, serve with a summons or with papers, sue, libel, Law. prosecute; litigate, file with papers, sue, libel, Law. complaint, allegation.

2. reproach, slur, innuendo, insinuation, animadversion, criticism; censure, rebuke, reproof, arraignment, reprehension.

accuse, v. 1. charge, indict, Law. arraign, Law. implicate, incriminate, criminate, recommit, impeach, Rare. implead; denounce, implicate, (of an innocent person) Inf. frame, inculcate, inform against, Chiefly Scot. delate; cite, summon, serve with a summons or with papers, sue, libel, Law. prosecute; litigate, file charges, Inf. take it or [s.o.] to court.

2. blame, Sl. stick or pin [s.t.] on [s.o.], hold [s.o.] accountable or responsible, lay at [s.o.'s] door, finger, point the finger at [s.o.], Chiefly Scot. wite; (all in reference to wrongdoing) imputation, attribution, accusation, assignment, allegation.

3. fault, find fault with, censure, upbraid, reproach, rebuke, reprehend; reprove, tax, take to task, call to account; assail, revile, impugn, call into question; stigmatize, brand, gibbet, asperse, cast aspersions on, malign, slander, defame, vilify; attack, inveigh against, rail against, claim against.

4. spoil, mar, vitiate, ruin, undone, blight, blemish, deface, injure, vitiate, deface, ruin, wound, deface, dishonor, dishonor.

5. wound, brand, stain, sully, sully, deface, injure, decrease, impair, deteriorate, tarnish, sully, sully, sully, sully, sully, sully, sully.

accuser, n. incriminator, criminator, recriminator, impeacher, charger, denouncer, Chiefly Scot. delator; informer, stool pigeon, Sl. finx, Sl. rat; blamer, assailer, attacker, reviler; adversary, opponent, opposer; All Law. plaintiff, prosecutor, petitioner, suitor, libelant.

accustom, v. 1. familiarize, acquaint, expose to; make used to, habituate, naturalize, domesticate; break in, train, drill, ingrain, make routine, discipline; harden, toughen, inure, season, temper, anneal.

2. adapt, acclimate, acclimatize, get used to, become familiar with, Inf. learn the ropes, Sl. get the hang of, become acquainted with.

accustomed, adj. 1. customary, habitual, set, fixed, rooted, established, traditional, consuetudinary, confirmed; usual, wonted, regular, daily, routine, normal, natural; ordinary, conventional, everyday, commonplace; general, prevailing, prevalent, common, frequent; well-known, popular, favorite, household; stock, well-worn, trite, hackneyed, cliché.

2. in the habit of, given to, wont to, prone to, in the practice or custom of; habituated, used to, addicted; acclimated, acclimatized, naturalized, familiar with, acquainted with; adapted, hardened, toughened, incurred, seasoned, tempered, annealed.

ache, v. 1. pain, throbbing, hurt, smart, gnaw, twinge, pinch; be in pain, suffer pain, be sore.

2. suffer, sorrow, grieve, mourn; be distressed, be anguished, be disquieted; feel for, pity, feel sympathy.

3. be eager, yearn, long, hanker, hang for, pine for; crave, desire earnestly, wish ardently.

—n. 4. dull pain, continued pain, soreness, hurt, suffering, smarting; throbbing, pang, twitch, twinge, spasm, pinch, grip, distress, afflication, woe, misery; heartache, anguish, grief, sorrow, dolor.

5. longing, craving, yearning, hangering, pining for; uneasiness, anxiety, angst.

achievable, adj. attainable, reachable, within reach, accessible; realizable, obtainable, procurable, common.
achieve

v. 1. accomplish, carry out, perform, execute, do; bring off, manage. Sl. pull off. Inf. put over. All U.S. Sl. swing, cut, hack; make happen, cause, bring about, effect, effectuate, engineer, produce; realize, actualize, make real, make actual.
2. finish, complete, carry through; dispose of. Sl. knock off. Sl. polish off, expedite, dispatch; conclude, close, wind up, clinch, clench, seal, bring to a successful end; perfect, crown, top, cap, put the last or finishing touch to, consummate; end, put an end to, terminate.
3. get, obtain, procure, gain, win, earn, wrest; attain, reach, arrive at, realize, fulfill; succeed in, make good. Inf. make it, be successful, get ahead; set the world on fire, take the world by storm.

achievement

n. 1. accomplishment, feat, deed, act, exploit. Archaic. gest; performance, production, action, maneuver, move, stroke, blow, coup; stroke of genius, tour de force.
2. fulfillment, realization, attainment, fruition, acquisition, success; completion, finishing, conclusion; closing; perfection, consummation, crowning, capping, toppling; end, termination.

acid

n. 1. acrimony, acrimoniousness, acerbity, causality, mordacity; astringency, trenchancy, virulence, virulency, asperity, venomousness, venomness. —adj. 2. (all usu. of taste) sour, sourish, vinegarish, vinaceous, acrid, acridulous, acidulent, acescent, acidulated.
3. (all usu. of expression or temperament) astringent, severe, stern, harsh. Obs.asper, acerb, acerbic, austere, stringent; acrid, acrimonious, caustic, morant, stinging, bitter, pungent; trenchant, cutting, sharp, biting, acute, keen, sarcastic, satirical, ironical; vitriolic, scathing, edged, double-edged, piercing, prickling; virulent, spiteful, malicious, vicious; peevish, petulant, cross, crabbed, testy, touchy, ill-tempered; scornful, sardonic, derisive, snide.
4. corrosive, corroding, eroding, wearing away, eating away, wasting; scalding, burning.

acidify

v. acidize, acindulate, acify; ferment, turn, sour; emitter, envenom.

acidity

n. 1. (all usu. of taste) sourness, bitterness, vinegariness, acidulousness; tartness, harshness, sharpness, acerbity, acerbity.
2. (all usu. of expression or temperament) astringency, severity, sternness, harshness, acerbity, austerity, stringency; acrimoniousness, causticity, asperity, mortancy, bitterness, pungency, venomousness, venonness; trenchancy, keenness, sarcasm, satire, irony; virulence, spitefulness, maliciousness, malice, viciousness; peevishness, petulance. Rare. petulance, crabbedness, testiness, touchiness, ill-temperedness, short-temperedness, edginess.
3. scorn, derision, spite, ill humor, ill temper, ill feeling.

acidulous

adj. 1. sour, sourish, vinegarish, vinegary, acetic, citric, bitter, tart, harsh; acid, subacid, acerbic, acidulent, acescent, acidulated.
2. acrid, acerb, acerbic, austere, severe, stern, harsh. Obs. asper; acrid, acrimonious, caustic, morant, stinging, bitter, pungent; trenchant, cutting, sharp, biting; acute, keen, sarcastic, satirical, ironical; vitriolic, scathing, piercing, prickling, edged. Double-edged; virulent, spiteful, malicious, vicious; peevish, petulant, cross, crabbed, testy, touchy, ill-tempered, sour-tempered; scornful, sardonic, derisive, mocking, snide.

acknowledge

v. 1. admit, grant, allow, accept, recognize, go along with, own. Archaic. agnize; avow, confess, profess, declare, subscribe to; certify, ratify, vouch for; concur, approve, yield, abide by, assent; accede, acquiesce, concede, consent, agree.
2. recognize, note, address; greet, salute, hail, accost, beckon, nod to, signal to, extend the hand, doff the cap, smile upon.
3. thank, give thanks for, express gratitude for, show appreciation for; require, recompense, compensate, reward, pay, settle.

acknowledgment

n. 1. admission, recognition, Archaising. recognition; affirmation, avowal, profession; declaration, confession; endorsement, ratification, certification; acquiescence, accedence, assent, consent, abidance, concurrence.
2. expression of gratitude, show of appreciation, thanks; reward, tribute, honor; compensation, humanitarianity, gratuity, recompense, remittance, remuneration, pay, settlement.
3. greeting, salutation, salute, address.
4. response, answer, return, reply, replication.

acme

n. 1. summit, apex, vertex, apogee, crest, acme, n. 1. admission, recognition, Archaising. recognition; affirmation, avowal, profession; declaration, confession; endorsement, ratification, certification; acquiescence, accedence, assent, consent, abidance, concurrence.
2. expression of gratitude, show of appreciation, thanks; reward, tribute, honor; compensation, humanitarianity, gr

acquiesce

v. (often fol. by in) assent, consent, concur, agree, accept, Inf. buy, accede; abide by, comply with, conform to; concede, admit, yield, Inf. come round; submit, bow to, give in, take it; acknowledge, recognize, grant, allow; subscribe to, fall in with, join in the chorus, go with the stream.

acquiescence

n. 1. consent, assent, abidance, compliance, obedience; agreement, concurrence, acquaintance; acknowledgment, willingness, sufferance; surrender, resignation, capitulation, submission, yielding, giving in, accedence, concession, nonresistance.
2. subservience, servility, obeisance, ingratiation, subjection, slavishness, subservience, prostration, toadying; cringing, fawning, bowing, scraping, cowering, truckling. Sl. bootlicking, bending; self-renunciation, self-surrender; self-effacement.
acquisitive, adj. 1. assenting, consenting, concurring; agreeable, amenable; complying, compliant, obedient, Rare morigerate, morigerous, conforming, abiding, faithful, dutiful, duteous; yielding, submitting, capitulating, conceding, acceding, willing; malleable, tractable, ductile; meek, timid, gentle, passive, docile.
2. subservient, servile, obsequious, ingratiating, obeisant, prostate, Archaic sequacious; truckling, bowing, scraping, fawning, cowering, cringing, crawling, toady, toadyish, Inf. bootlicking; self-effacing, self-surrendering, self-abasing.

acquire, v. 1. obtain, get, procure, secure; receive, inherit, fall into, come by, realize, make; take possession of, get one's hands on, get a hold of; capture, seize, grasp, net, bag; harvest, garner, reap, gather, collect, glean; buy, purchase, pick up, Scot. Archaic. coff.
2. earn, attain, win, gain, achieve; appropriate, assume, take on.

acquirement, n. 1. Usu. acquirements attainments, accomplishments; endowments, gifts, attributes, talents, skills, abilities, capabilities, capacities, parts; learning, erudition, knowledge, culture.
2. acquisition, obtainment, gaining. See acquisition (defs. 1, 2).

acquisition, n. 1. obtaining, obtainment, getting, gaining, acquisition, securing, procurement, procurement; purchasing, buying, picking up; takeover, gain, annexation; seizure, appropriation, capture; inheritance, donation, gift, benefaction.
2. addition, accession, accretion; property, possession; purchase, U.S. buy, Law. acquist.

acquisitiveness, n. greed, graspingness, rapacity, pernicious, avarice, selfishness; ravenousness, voraciousness, insatiability, omnivorousness, covetousness; miserliness, penuriousness, parsimony, niggardliness.

acquit, v. 1. exculpate, clear, prove or declare innocent, uphold innocence, pronounce or declare not guilty, remove guilt; absolve, forgive, shrive, excuse; exonerate, justify, warrant, vindicate, right; pardon, amnestic, remit, respite, reprove.
2. free, release, set free, let go, liberate, emancipate, deport, demean, behave, act properly and right, Archaic. quit.
3. satisfy, fulfill, fill, meet, answer, comply with; (all of debts) settle, pay up or off, liquidate, bring up to date, clear the books, close an account, Accounting, balance.
4. (of oneself) conduct, manage, bear, carry; comport, deport, demean, behave, act properly or right, Archaic. quit.

acquittal, n. 1. exculpation, exculpating, clearance, clearing, compurgation, acquittance; absolution, absolving, forgiveness, forgiving, shriving, excusing; exoneration, exonerating, justification, justifying, warranting, vindicating; pardon, pardoning, amnesty, remission, remitting, respite, reprieve, reprieving; freedom, release, liberation, liberty, emancipation, deliverance, delivery; discharge, dismissal, letting out of, letting off, Inf. letting off the hook.
2. fulfillment, fulfilling, satisfaction, satisfying, compliance, complying; (all of debts) settlement, settling, payment, paying up or off, liquidation, liquidating, closing an account, clearing the books, Accounting, balancing.

acquittance, n. 1. exculpation, exculpating, clearance, clearing, compurgation, acquittal; absolution, absolving, forgiveness, forgiving, shriving, excusing, excusing; exoneration, exonerating, justification, justifying, warranting, vindicating; pardon, pardoning, amnesty, remission, remitting, respite, reprieve, reprieving; freedom, release, liberation, liberty, emancipation, deliverance, delivery; discharge, dismissal, letting out of, letting off, Inf. letting off the hook.
2. fulfillment, fulfilling, satisfaction, satisfying, compliance, complying; (all of debts) settlement, settling, payment, paying up or off, liquidation, liquidating, closing an account, clearing the books, Accounting, balancing.
3. warrant, warranty, discharge; receipt, voucher, chit, proof of payment, stamp, stub.

acrid, adj. 1. (all usd. of taste or smell) bitter, biting, pungent; acid, tart, harsh, sour, subacid, acetic, vinegarish, vinegarish; acid, acerb, acridulous, acidulent, acescent, acidulated; stinging, burning, smarting, irritating; disagreeable, unpleasant, nasty, unlikable; distasteful, unappetizing, unpalatable, unsavory.
2. caustic, mordant, acrimonious, bitter, acrid, acidulous, acidulent, lancinating, lancinating; astringent, sharp, stinging, pricking, biting; astringent, severe, stern, austere, stringent; harsh, keen, pointed, sharp, sharp-tongued.
3. sarcastic, satirical, ironic, cynical; double-edged, edged; contemptuous, contumelious, taunting, teasing; scornful, mocking, derisive, derisory, sardonic.
4. hostile, resentful, indignant, piqued, angry; peevish, petulant, crabbed, testy, splenetic, touchy, waspish, irascible, edgy; spiteful, virulent, malicious, venomous, vitriolic, vicious; antagonistic, rancorous, ill-tempered, ill-disposed, malevolent, malignant; peevish, petulant, crabbed, testy, touchy, irascible, edgy; ill-tempered, ill-humored, ill-natured, ill-tempered, short-tempered; morose, sullen, sour, moody; adverse, opposing, aggressive, belligerent, bellicose.

acrimonious, adj. 1. caustic, mordant, bitter, acrid, pungent; astringent, severe, stern, austere, stringent; harsh, sharp, sharp, sour, acidulous, acid, tart; trenchant, keen, sarcastic, satiric, ironic, ironical; virulent, spiteful, malicious, venomous, vicious, malevolent, malignant; peevish, petulant, crabbed, testy, touchy, irascible, edgy; ill-tempered, ill-humored, ill-natured, short-tempered.
2. angry, resentful, hostile, indignant, piqued, morose, surly, moody; rude, churlish, boorish, bearish, graceless, unceremonious, rough, scornful, mocking, derisive, derisory, sardonic, unkind; abusive, corrosive.

acrimony, n. 1. acrimoniousness, causticity, asperity, mordancy, acridity, pungency, venom, venomousness, venom; astringency, severity, sternness, acerbity, austerity, stringency; harshness, sharpness, sourness, acridity, bitterness, tartness; trenchancy, keenness, sarcasm, satire, irony; virulence, spit, spitefulness, malice, maliciousness, viciousness; peevishness, petulance, Rare. petulancy, crabbedness, testiness, touchiness, rascibility, edginess; ill temper, ill-temperedness, short-temperedness, ill humor, ill-humoredness.
2. animosity, resentment, grudge, hostility, indignation, pique, dudgeon; moroseness, surliness, moodiness; rudeness, churlishness, boorishness, gracelessness, roughness; abusiveness, corrosiveness.
3. choleric, rancor, anger, gall, spleen; contempt, haughtiness, disdain, scorn, derision, unkindness; malevolence, malignity.

acrobat, n. 1. gymnast, tumbler, somersault, high vaulter; circus performer or artist; tight-rop
acrobatics, 1. gymnastics, tumbling, athletics; calisthenics; acrobatic feats, trapeze or tightrope displays. 2. (all of airplanes) aerobatics, acrobatic maneuvers, Inf. stunt flying, Inf. stunting.

across, prep. 1. opposite to, facing, confronting, in front of; on or to the other side of, beyond, past, over, the far side of.
   2. in contact with, into the presence of, into, upon.
   3. crosswise of, transversely to, athwart, thwart.
   —adv. 4. crosswise, crossways, cross, crisscross; transversely, transversally, thwartedly, Objs. traverse.

act, n. 1. deed, turn, action; performance, pronunciation, act, across.
   2. exploit, feat, Archaic. gest, achievement, step, stride, advancement, progress; accomplishment, attainment, success.
   3. maneuver, move, stroke, blow, coup, stunt, trick; stroke of genius, tour de force.
   4. in the act in the process, in the middle, in the course; red-handed. Latin. in flagrante delicto, Sl. with one's pants down, Inf. with one's hand in the cookie jar.
   5. formal decision, ruling, judgement, conclusion, determination, resolve, resolution; verdict, finding, arbitration, arbitrament; sentence, Law. award; declaration, pronouncement, decree, edict, proclamation; dictate, dictum, order, command, mandate; rule, regulation, law, Law. statute, ordinance; bill, enactment, measure, proposal, motion.
   6. short performance, show, Music. gig, stand, appearance; routine, bit, skit, short play, Theat. one-acter, curtain raiser.
   7. pretense, pretending, feigning, make-believe; sham, fake, counterfeit, dissimulation, disembarrassment, affectation, show, insincerity, false appearance.
   —v. 8. do, go about, perform, execute, Scot. and North Eng. Obs. gar, discharge, carry out; be active, be employed, be busy.
   9. decide, determine, resolve, judge, make up one's mind, reach or make a decision.
   10. function, perform, operate; work, be effective, be efficacious.
   11. (all of oneself) conduct, behave, comport, deport, demean; (all of oneself) manage, bear, carry, acquit.
   12. pretend, teign, make believe; sham, fake, counterfeit, make a false show, disembarrass, dissimulate, simulate, affect, put on, assume, Inf. do for effect.
   13. perform, portray, play; represent, enact, act out, put on, produce, stage, give a show; tread the boards.
   14. act for substitute, pinch-hit, fill in; do, serve, take the place of.
   15. act on or upon a. follow, head, obey, comply with, yield to, conform to, act in accordance with. b. affect, influence; change, alter, transform, modify.

active, adj. 1. busy, on the go, occupied, engaged, employed, working, at it, Inf. on the move, Inf. up and doing; moving, kinetic, motive, on the wing, voluble, stirring, astir, up and about or around; bustling, hustling, restless, commotive, Inf. hyper; diligent, assiduous, industrious, hard-working, Sl. on the stick; zealous, sedulous, studious, persevering; indefatigable, tireless, untiring, unremitting, unwavering.
   2. functioning, operative, working, running, ticking, in progress or motion, in operation, in effect, in force, in play; alive, existing, existing, extend, actual, on going; current, present, in the here and now, Archaic. instant.
   3. energetic, energetical, vibrant, full of verve, vital, lively, full of life, Chiefly U.S. Inf. chipper; vivacious, sprightly, sprightful, jumping, hopping, swinging, vivid, animated, spirited, Sl. go-go; vigorous, robust, hardy, hearty, brisk, Scot. and North Eng. yauld; strenuous, exertive, laborious, physical.
   4. nimble, agile, spry, volant, well-coordinated, Brit. Dial. wight, Music. volante; fleet, fleet-footed, rapid, quick, speedy, swift, ready, prompt, alert.
   5. productive, producing, generative, creative, fertile, fecund, prolific; prosperous, thriving, flourishing, growing, booming; profitable, self-sustaining, in the black.
   6. effectual, effective, efficacious, causative, potent, puissant, powerful, strong, forceful, forcible; influential, enterprise, up-and-coming; ambitious, aggressive, assertive, pushing, forward, officious, Inf. pushy.
   7. reactive, eruptive, explosive, volatile, violent, drastic.
   8. practical, applied, nontheoretical, nonetheoric,
activity, n. 1. motion, movement, doing, action; stir, hustle, bustling, bustle, restlessness, commotion, tumult, fuss, flurry, disorder, ado. Inf. to do, Sometimes Facetious. do: busy, busyness, occupation, employment, engagement; application, diligence, industriousness, industry, assiduousness, assiduity.

2. energy, vigor, vigour, vim, robustness, heartiness, briskness, nimbleness, agility, agileness, spryness; fleetness, rapidity, quickness, speediness, swiftness; alertness, readiness, promptness, promptitude.

3. enterprise, undertaking, venture, deed, work, labor, task, service, act; event, occurrence, happening, affair. Inf. going on.

4. operation, function, process, working; performance, execution, effort, exertion, exercise.

5. vitality, liveliness, spirit, sprightliness; vibrancy, vivacity, vivness, animation.

actor, n. 1. player, stage player, performer, stage performer, playactor, role player, trouper, Sl. ham; theatrician, thespian, Roscian, histrion, Archaic. histrionic; personator, impersonator, actress.

2. doer, executor, executant, executrix; worker, operator, operative, operator; architect, author, maker, creator, fabricator; agent, medium; promoter, mover, prime mover; participant, participator; practitioner.

3. enterprise, undertaking, venture, deed, work, performance, operation, functional, functionalistic, utilitarian, useful, down to earth; useable, serviceable, practicable, workable, feasible, operable.

acute, adj. 1. pointed, sharpened, peaked, cusped, cuspitate, acutate, Bot. apiculate; needle-shaped; acicular, acutate. Bot., Zool. acuminated; barbed, prickly, spiny, acanthaceous, echinate, pectinated.

2. sharp, intense, cutting, piercing, ex cruciating, exquisitive, fierce; poignant, distressing, distressful, painful, piquant, pungent.

3. abrupt, sudden, rapid, extreme, precipitous.

4. severe, critical, crucial, climactic, decisive, determining; momentous, major, great, profound, important, vital, essential, imperative; grave, drastic, serious, deep, urgent, pressing, exigent; dangerous, imminent, hazardous, precariously, dubious, ticklish; impending, threatening.

5. penetrating, astute, discerning, perceptive, intelligent, perspicacious; sharp-witted, clever, smart, bright, sharp, brainy, ingenious, brilliant; knowing, wise, sage, sagacious, sapient; keen, clear-witted; keen-sighted, discerning, intuitive, judicious, competent; aware, wide-awake, on the ball; shrewd, calculating, cunning, artful, wily, foxy, crafty, hard-headed.

acutely, adv. 1. sharply, intensely, piercingly, excruciatingly; poignantly, distressfully, painfully, piquantly, pungently.

2. severely, critically, crucially; profoundly, vitally, gravely, drastically, seriously, deeply.

3. keenly, incisively, penetratingly, astutely, perceptively, cleverly, ingeniously, shrewdly, cunningly, artfully.

acuteness, n. 1. sharpness, keenness, pointedness; acumen, cupidity, spino usness. 2. intensity, exquisiteness, fierceness; pungency, pungent.

adage, n. 1. proverb, Archaic. word, aphorism, gnome, apothegm, Archaic. sentence, saying, moral; axiom, maxim, precept, dictum; principle, law, rule, golden rule, motto, byword; saw, hackneyed phrase, cliché, platitude, truism, Inf. bromide, commonplace.

2. epigram, mot, witticism, Fr. jeu d’esprit, quip. Aticism.

adapt, v. 1. adjust, make suitable, modify, moderate; limit, qualify, Archaic. attemper; conform, ac-
adaptability

1. adaptability, adaptedness, adaptiveness, versatility, versatilenss, many-sidedness; adjustability, changeability, changeableness, variability, varibleness; alterability, alterableness, modification, modifiableness, transformation, metamorphosis.

2. pliability, pliaibleness, pliancy, plianness, flexibility, flexibleness, yieldingness, plasticity; malleability, malleableness, ductility, ductileness, tractility; conformability, conformableness, conformance, conformance, compliance, compliancy, accommodation, accommodativeness, amenability, amenableness, agreeability, agreeableness, obliqueness; manageableness, manageableness, submitableness, docility, tractability, tractableness.

adaptable, adj. 1. adjustable, changeable, variable, alterable, modifiable, transformable; acclimatizable, Both Sociol. acculturational, acculturative.

2. pliable, plant, flexible, bendable, moveable, yielding, plastic; malleable, ductile, tractile; confromable, compliant, adaptative, amenable, agreeable, accommodating, obliging; manageable, submitive, docile, tractable.

adaptation, n. 1. adjustment, modification, modification, moderation, limitation, qualification; conformity, accommodation, compliance, yieldingness; fittedness, adaptedness, suitableness, convertion; change, variant, alteration, transformation, metamorphosis; fashioning, remodeling.

2. acclimation, acclimatization, naturalization, habituation, Sociol. acculturatution; accustomedness, familiarity, familiarization, familiariness, acquaintance, acquaintanceship, acquaintedness; hardening, toughening, seasoning, inurement, inuredness.

adapted, adj. 1. suitable, fit, fitting, befitting, appropriate, apt, becoming, seemly; proper, meet, correct, right; consonant, harmonious.

2. adjusted, acclimated, naturalized; accustomed, used to, habituated, assimilated; acquainted with, familiar with, familiarized; accordant, in agreement, conformable, compliant.

add, v. 1. attach, adjoin, affix, append, suffix, annex, postscript, addendum, appendage, tailpiece; substake, shock, shocky, shockhead, shockheaded, shockheaded, shocked, shocker; advow, devoted, devoted to, dedicated to, given to, aadicted, adj. devoted to, dedicated to, given to, given to, in the habit of; dependent on, drug-dependent, Inf. hooked, Inf. strung-out, SL spaced-out.

addiction, n. dependence, drug dependence, physical dependence, psychological dependence, craving, drug addiction; (of narcotics) habit, habit, SL monkey; alcoholism, dipsomaniac; habitual smoking, chain smoking, tobacco or nicotine addiction; habituation, indulgence, immersion; surrender, enslavement, subjugation.

addition, n. 1. joining, unifying, combining; adding, tagging on, attaching, annexing, appending. 2. summation, totaling, adding up, enumerating; computation, calculation, reckoning. 3. increase, increment, accretion, enlargement, augmentation; extension, expansion, continuation, prolongation. 4. addittance, superaddition, affix, attachment, annexation; supplement, appendix, codicil, suffix, postscript, addendum, appendage, tailpiece, adjunct, appurtenance, accessory; insertion, interposition, interjection, interposition.

5. U.S. annex, wing, ell.

6. in addition as well, besides, moreover, additionally, over and above.

additional, adj. 1. supplementary, supplemental, additory, additamentary; extra, spare, fresh, new, reserved; further, other, more, over and above, superaditional.

2. added, appended, attached, annexed; augmented, increased, raised.

addle, v. 1. baffle, confuse, mystify, U.S. Inf. buffaloo, pose, SL cross up; muddle, obfuscate, befog, perplex, bewilderm, enigma, puzzle; stump, shock, disarm, discompose, Inf. discomtobulate; disconcert, abash, embarrass, mortify, discomfit; disorient, disorient, disquiet, unhone, unbalance, throw off balance; upset, fluster, flutter, rattle, distract.

2. rot, decay, putrefy; go bad, sour, turn; mold, mildew, spoil, decompose, disintegrate, crumble; corrupt, pervert, contaminate, taint; foul, befoul, soil, sully, blacken, smudge, stain.

addlepated, adj. 1. muddled, muddleheaded, addleheaded, addlebrained; dull, inexpressive, expressionless, stupid, Inf. dumb, Inf. dopey, empty-headed, Inf. fatheaded; dull-witted, SL dimwitted, slow-witted, half-witted, witless, unwitty; unthinking, unreasoning, incogitant, thoughtless; mindless, brainless, fatuitous, slow; dense, thick, thickheaded, wooden-headed, obtuse, stolid, oafish, lumpish, blunt; blockish, blockish, doltish; weak-minded, simple, thickskulled, blockish, blockish, lumpish, blunt; blockheaded, dundertheaded, noodleheaded, boneheaded, thickskulled, blockish, dolish, weak-minded, simple, simple-minded, birdbrained, feeble-minded; harebrained, giddy, mercurial, reckless; absent-minded, scatterbrained, confused, bemused; featherheaded, featherbrained, rattledheaded, rattlebrained, light-minded, light-headed; empty, void, vacant, vacuous, blank, unoccupied; vapid, insipid, banal, bland.

2. absurd, silly, inane, pointless, fatuous, foolish; nonsensical, senseless, tom-foolish, SL cockeyed, Scot. and North Eng. glaikit; poppycockish, SL cockamamie, serpent.

**address, n.** 1. speech, oration, discourse, declamation, *Rhet.* apostrophe, salutation, eulogy, valedictory; lecture, talk, sermon, harangue, diatribe, philippic.

2. location, whereabouts, place, situation; house, home, residence, lodging, dwelling, domicile.

3. bearing, port, deportment, mien, demeanor, air; manner.

4. dexterity, adroitness, skillfulness, expertise; skill, ready skill, dispatch; facility, faculty, knack; cleverness, ingenuity; tact, discretion.

5. *Usu. addresses* courtship, courting, lovemaking, wooing, sereneading, suit; attentions, blandishments.

—v. 6. discourse, make a speech, give a talk, deliver an address, soapbox, platform, take the floor; declare, hold forth, orate, lecture, sermonize, preach, pontificate; harangue, rant, *Inf.* spout, out-herod Herod.

7. salute, accost, hail, hallow, call to, greet; speak to, talk to, bespeak; approach, buttonhole.

8. solicit, importune, request, supplicate, call upon, apply to, invoke; implore, entreat, appeal to.


**adduce, v.** cite, point out, mention, instance, evidence, show clearly, illustrate, designate, name; propound, propose, produce; present, introduce, bring forward, advance, advocate, assert, argue, maintain, indicate, contend; refer to, allude to, imply.


**adequacy, n.** sufficiency, sufficiency, adequateness; enough, no less, no more and no less, wherewithal; satisfaction, satisfactoriness, acceptability, admissibility, tolerability, tolerableness, contentment; completeness, thoroughness, extensiveness, plenty; competence, competency, ability, ableness, capacity, capability, capableness, fitness; efficiency, efficacy, utility, usefulness, serviceability, practicability.

**adequate, adj.** 1. suitable, fit, due, commensurate, proportionate, equivalent, equal, (of *punishment*) con- dign; sufficient, enough, ample, plentiful.

2. satisfactory, competent, able; capable; capable up to scratch, *Inf.* up to snuff; passable, tolerable, acceptable, all right, unconditional; respectable, presentable, admissible, allowable; fairly good, *Inf.* not that bad, not too bad: fair, *Inf.* no great shakes, mediocre, middling, indifferent, average, so-so; *Inf.* nothing to write home or brag about; minimal, minimum.

**adhere, v.** 1. stick, cleave, accrete, cling, hold fast; fasten, attach, join, unite; coalesce, cohere; glue, agglutinate.

2. be attached, be faithful, be devoted, be constant, be loyal, be true; stand by, stick by, support, give support.

3. hold to firmly, comply with, abide by, fulfill; observe, respect, acknowledge; obey, follow, heed, mind.

**adherence, n.** 1. attachment, devotion, constancy, faithfulness, fidelity, fealty, loyalty, allegiance; compliance, obedience, abidance, acquiescence, concurrence, observance, respect, acknowledgment, assent.

2. adhesion, cohesion, cohesiveness; cementation, concretion, accretion; tenacity, tenaciously; gluttonousness, viscosity, stickiness.

**adherent, n.** 1. supporter, follower, disciple, pupil, sectary; devotee, fan, rooter, votary, upholder, backer, advocate, champion, patron; helper, attendant, assistant, acolyte; confidant, companion, ally, partner, partisan; accomplice.

3. entourage, confederate, abettor, henchman; retainer, vassal, sattelite, hanger-on, parasite, sycophant.

—adj. 2. sticking, clinging, adhering, tenacious; tacky, gummy, gluey, viscous, viscid, glutinous, mucilaginous, *Archaic.* syzy.

**adhesion, n.** 1. association, union, alliance, adherence, strong connection, steady attachment; affinity, devotion, fidelity, faithfulness, loyalty, allegiance.

2. assent, concurrence, agreement, consent, acquiescence, approbation.

3. stickiness, clingingness, gluttonousness, viscosity, viscidity, mucilaginousness.

**adhesive, adj.** 1. clinging, adhering, sticking fast, tenacious; adhering, gummy, sticky, gummed, smearable; dauby, stringy, ropy; viscid, viscous, glutinous, agglutinating, agglutinative, mucilaginous.

—n. 2. sticker, label, stamp, *Trademark.* Scotch tape; cellophane tape, gummed tape or label, adhesive tape or plaster, sticking plaster, court plaster, corn plaster.


—n. 2. farewell, good-by, *Latin.* vale, sayonara; Godspeed, *bon voyage;* parting, separation, departure, leave, leave-taking, congé, valediction, valedictory.

**adjacency, n.** juxtaposition, adjacency, contiguity, contiguousness, abuttal; nearness, closeness, proximity, proximateness, approximation, approximateness, proportionality.
adjourn

**noun**
1. adjourn, break off, break up, dissolve, discontinue, interrupt, prorogue, recess, respite, intermission, Law. continue; stay, delay, Parl. Proc. U.S. table, lay aside, reserve; postpone, defer, shelf, put off.
2. repair, betake, resort; retire, withdraw, retreat, recede.

**verb**
2. repair, betake, resort; retire, withdraw, retreat, recede.

**noun**
adjournment, n. suspension, breaking off, breaking up, interruption, discontinuation, dissolution; proration, recess, respite, intermission, Law. continue; stay, delay, postponement, deferment, deferral.

**verb**
adjourn, v. 1. adjourn, decree, ordain, rule, order, pronounce, proclaim; assign, ascribe, accredit, attribute, call.
2. award, present, bestow, grant, gift, endow; allow, dispense, distribute, deal out, pass out, dole out, mete out, apportion.
3. judge, try, hear, listen to, sit in judgment on; decide, determine, settle, adjudicate, arbitrate, sentence, destine, condemn, doom.
4. consider, regard, deem, hold, think of as; estimate, appraise, assess, evaluate, test, rate.

adjudge, v. 1. decree, ordain, rule, order, pronounce, proclaim; assign, ascribe, accredit, attribute, call.
2. try, hear, sit in judgment on; decide, determine, settle, adjudicate, arbitrate, sentence; destine, condemn, doom.
3. evince, signify, manifest; indicate, show, demonstrate, testify, display, manifest, intimate.
4. award, present, bestow, grant, gift, endow; allow, dispense, distribute, deal out, pass out, dole out, mete out, apportion.

adjunct, n. appendent, ancilla, appanage; annex, annexation, Rare. annexment, addition, extension, expansion, enlargement, augmentation, ell, wing.

adjust, v. 2. supplement, supplementation, superaddition; appendex, addendum, codicil, Law. allonge; epilogue, postscript, p.s., P.S., subjoinder, subjunction, endpiece, tailpiece, suffix, postfix, tag; subsidiary, subdivision, branch, division, section, arm, part; complement, completer, accessory, accomplishment, concomitant, corollary, pendant, Astron. comes.
3. auxiliary, assistant, aide, helper, coadjutor, coadjujur, supplementary, appendant; affiliate, associate, fellow, sidekick; attendant, squire, equerry, courtier, gillie, page, footboy; attaché, aide-de-camp, Mil. orderly, Obs. waiter; subordinate, underling, small fry, Inf. small potatoes; servant, servitor, vassal, liegeman, Hist. retainer, All Contemptuous. flunky, lackey, satellite, slave, Sl. stooge.

—adj. 4. subordinate, subsidiary, secondary, background, inferior, low-level, unimportant, unprivileged; appended, appendant, adjunctive, annexed, added; attached, allied, coalesced, coalescent, associate, associated, affiliate, affiliated.

adjust, v. 1. charge, order, command, direct, bid; bind, obligate, obligate, require; enjoin, prescribe, decreer, ordain; compel, press, drive, push, propel, prod; exhort, demand, insist.
2. entreat, implore, beseech, importune, beg, plead; request, solicit, petition, urge, ask; supplicate, pray, invoke, obtest; call on or upon, appeal to, conjure.

adjust, v. 1. fit, adapt, accommodate, make correspondent or conformable; alter, modify, change; proportion, suit, measure, coordinate; fashion, frame, shape.
2. regulate, set, repair, fix, put in working order; right, set to rights, straighten, focus, tune in or up, attune, fine-tune; bring into line, synchronize, collimate, calibrate, align, balance.
3. settle, resolve, clear up, reconcile, make up, compose, harmonize; make peace, come to terms, agree, compromise, accommodate; arbitrate, negotiate, arrange terms, mediate; square, rectify, set right, redress, satisfy; make amends, mend, patch, heal.
4. adapt, acclimate, acclimatize, naturalize, become accustomed to, get used to, become familiar with, accustom, familiarize, make used to, habituate, assimilate; inure, harden, toughen, season, temper, anneal.

adjustable, adj. 1. adaptable, changeable, variable, alterable, modifiable, transformable; acclimizable, Both Sociol. acculturational, acculturative.
2. pliable, plant, flexible, bendable, moveable, yielding, plastic; malleable, ductile, tractile; conformable, compliant, accommodative, adaptive; amenable, agreeable, accommodating, obliging; manageable, submissive, docile, tractable.

adjustment, n. 1. adaptation, adaptedness, fit, fittedness; accommodation, conformity, compliance, yieldingsness, correspondence, agreement; alteration, modification, change, conversion, transformation, metamorphosis; fashioning, shaping, proportionment, remodeling.
2. acclimation, acclimatization, acclimation, Rare. acclimature, Rare. acclimatemat, naturalization, habituation, Sociol. acculturation;accustomedness, familiarity, familiarization, familiarity, acquaintance, acquainanship, acquaintedness; hardening, toughening, seasoning, inurement, inuredness.
3. repair, regulating, tune-up; fixing, righting, setting right; straightening, focusing, tuning in, fine-tuning; bringing into line, coordination, synchronization, bringing, collimation, calibration, alignment, balancing.
4. settlement, agreement, compromise, accommodation, reconciliation, composition; reconciliation, Music resolution, making up, making peace, coming to terms, harmonization, arbitration, negotiation, mediation; squaring, rectification, setting right, redress; satisfaction, amends, mending, patching, healing.
5. knob, lever, handle, grip, switch, button, instrument.

adlib, n. 1. improvisation, extemporization, impromptu; (all extemporaneous) speech, remark, quip, retort; composition, piece, riff; performance, execution.

—adv. 2. at one’s pleasure, any way at all, any which way; freely, without restriction, without deliberation, impulsively, suddenly, on the spur of the moment; spontaneously, extempore, extemporaneously, offhand; without preparing or rehearsing.

ad-lib, v. 1. improvise, extemporize, Sl. wing it, play it by ear; (all extemporary) create, invent, originate, make up, fabricate, compose, perform, execute.

—adj. 2. impromptu; improvised, makeshift, extemporaneous, extemperate, offhand; unprepared, unprepared, unplanned, unpreparedmeditated, unrehearsed, off the top of one’s head, Sl. off-the-cuff; spontaneous, impulsive, sudden, spur-of-the-moment.

administer, v. 1. manage, control, conduct, direct, officiate; superintend, supervise, oversee, preside over, look after; govern, rule, head, lead, reign; execute, regulate, engineer, operate; implement, prosecute, carry out, effectuate, fulfill, bring to bear, put through, (of an estate) settle, arrange, dispose.
2. discharge, dispense, distribute; assign, allot, apportion, deal, mete; dole, measure, parcel; subscribe, tender, proffer, offer; furnish, accommodate, afford, provide; distribute, supply, equip, bestow.
3. apply, treat, attend, minister, doctor; medicate, dose, drug, physic.
4. help, aid, succor, assist; relieve, alleviate, comfort, assuage, console; support, abet, lend a hand, contribute; bestead, avail, serve, subserve; attend, wait on, care for.

administrable, adj. manageable, directorial, supervisory, conductorial, regulatory; executive, executory, authoritative, official, directive, legislative; jurisdictional, governmental, gubernatorial, magisterial.

administrable, adj. 1. estimable, valuable, valued, esteemed, worthy, deserving; respected, respectable, competent, creditable, reputable; honorable, honored, noble, venerable, revered; meritorious, laudable, praiseworthy, commendable; desirable, enviable, likable.

2. excellent, superior, superb, masterly, masterful, capable; perfect, supreme, transcendent, of the highest order; first-rate, first-class, of the first water, choice, prime; great, fine, wonderful, marvelous, glorious; rare, extraordinary, unusual, unique.

admiration, n. 1. esteem, regard, high regard, high opinion, respect; approval, approbation, appreciation; honor, praise, veneration, reverence, awe, adoration; affection, fondness, liking, love.

2. delight, object of delight, wonder, pride and joy; sensation, marvel, rarity, phenomenon, miracle.

admirer, n. enthusiast, fan, devotee, aficionado; reverencer, veneration, idolator; supporter, partisan, adherent, follower, votary, disciple.

admirer, n. 1. enthusiasm, fan, devotee, aficionado; reverencer, veneration, idolator; supporter, partisan, adherent, follower, votary, disciple.

2. suitor, beau, Inf. steady, sweetheart, true love, wooer, lover, gallant, cavalier.

admissible, adj. 1. allowable, permissible, legitimate, legal, lawful, licit; just, equitable, fair, reasonable, justifiable.

2. admissible, confessional, concessible, acknowledgeable, grantable, yieldable, givable.

administration, n. 1. entrance, access, entrance, entry, admittance; reception, welcome, greeting, introduction, acknowledgement, recognition; acceptance, inclusion, embrace, incorporation.

2. price of entry, fee, cost, charge, bill, receipts, tariff; cover charge, minimum; ticket, pass, credentials.

3. appointment, nomination, designation, assignment, commissioning; induction, installation, initiation, inauguration, investiture.

4. acknowledgement, confession, Sl. fessing up, Inf. owning up; profession, declaration, expression, utterance; disclosure, revelation, exposure, making known, Inf. letting on, divulgence.

5. recognition, admittance, admitting, allowance, granting; assent, accordance, consent, concession, acquiescence; agreement, approval, concurrence.

admit, v. 1. let in, open the door to, allow to enter, give access to, give right of entry to, yield passage to; grant or afford entrance to, admit; take in, receive, welcome, greet; accept, include, embrace, incorporate; induct, install, initiate, inaugurate, invest, vest.

2. permit, allow, let, grant; admit of, be compatible with, tolerate, bear, stand, support.

3. approve of, accept, go along with, agree, concur with; allow as valid, concede, grant, recognize, see; as sent to, accede to, yield to, submit to.

4. acknowledge, confess, Sl. fess up, Sl. come clean, Inf. own up. Inf. make no bones about: avow, profess, express, utter, declare, tell; make known, Inf. let on, divulge, let out, disclose, reveal, expose.

admittance, n. 1. permission to enter, access, right of entry, admission; reception, welcome, greeting, introduction, acknowledgement, recognition; acceptance, inclusion, embrace, incorporation, induction, installation, initiation, inauguration, investiture.

2. entrance, entry, entrance, ingress; passage, admission, permission to enter, access, right of entry, yield passage to.

3. admitting, allowance, concession, granting; assent, accession, consent, concession, acquiescence; agreement, approval, concurrence.

4. avowal, profession, expression, utterance, declaration; confession, Sl. fessing up, Inf. owning up; making known, Inf. letting on, divulgence, disclosure, revelation, exposure.

admittedly, adv. acknowledgedly, by acknowledgement, concededly, grantedly; confessedly, avowedly, declaredly, professedly.

admix, v. intermix, mix with, intermingle, mingle with, interlard; mix, mix in, blend, blend in, commix, combine, commingle, compound, mix or blend together; tinge with, sprinkle with, flavor with, season with.

admixture, n. 1. mixture, commixture, intermixture, blend, mingling, commingling, intermingling.

2. combination, compound; medley, melange, pot-pourri, olio; hodgepodge, mishmash, jumble, farrago, gallimaufry; hash, stew, salmagundi, olla podrida.

3. spice, seasoning, flavoring, flavor, taste, twang; trace, tincture, smack, smattering, hint, suggestion, tinge; dash, pinch, touch, bit; sauce, condiment, relish.

admonish, v. caution, warn, forewarn, put on one's guard; advise, counsel against, Archaic. dissuade.

2. reprove, scold, rebuke, berate; censure, blame, take to task, call to account; chide, upbraid, reprehend, reproach, reprimand.

3. remind, notify, give notice to, inform, apprise, acquaint with; enlighten, make aware, make realize; jog, stir, jolt, urge, push.

admonition, n. 1. counsel, advice, Archaic. dissuasion; caution, warning, monition, notice; forewarning, prediction.

2. reproof, reproval, remonstrance, exposition; censure, blame, reprehension; scolding, chiding, rap on the knuckles, rebuke, upbraiding, reprimand, reproach.

admonitory, adj. warning, monitory, cautionary, precautionary, premonitory, forewarning; threatening, ominous, menacing, minatory.

ado, n. 1. bustle, hustle, hurry, hurrying, flurry, flutter, buzzing or flitting about, scurry, hurry-scurry, running around, doing, Inf. to-do, Sometimes Face-
adolescence, n. 1. youth, teens, teenage, teen years, pubescence; boyhood, girlhood, minority, nonage; heyday, rising generation, flower of youth, springtime of life, bloom or flower of life, golden season of life, dayspring of life.
2. immaturity, growing time, growing up; boyishness, girlishness, youthfulness, puerility, juvenescence, juvenility, prime of youth; juniority, pupilage, wardship.

adolescent, adj. 1. teen-aged, in the teens, under-age, minor; young, fresh, blooming, budding, un-hedged, new-frighted.
2. youthful, juvenile. Inf. like a kid, boyish, girlish; inexperienced, tender, green, wet behind the ears, immature, unripe, callow; baby-faced, beardless, smooth-cheeked, downy-cheeked; juvenescence, pubescent.

—n. 3. teen-ager, teen, youngest, juvenile, minor; girl, schoolgirl, young lady, lass, lassie, mademoiselle, damsels, maiden, maid, virgin, nymph, nymphlet, slip, sprig, sprite; tomboy, hoyden, teeny-bopper, Sl. jail bait; boy, hobbledehoy, schoolboy, young man, scion, lad, junior, cadet, cub, stripling, fledgling, sapling, whelp, whippersnapper, juvenile delinquent, J.D.

adopt, v. 1. choose for oneself, select for oneself; take to oneself, appropriate, arrogate; acquire, take on, assume, aspire, accept; make one's own, embrace, espouse, accept.
2. affiliate, take in, receive, take as one's own child; foster, father, mother, take care of.
3. vote for, approve, sanction, ratify, confirm; support, sustain, endorse, back, uphold.

adoption, n. 1. choosing for oneself, selecting for oneself; taking to oneself, appropriation, arrogation; acquiescent, taking on, assumption, affectation; making one's own, embracement, espousal, acceptance.
2. fosterage, affiliation, taking in, taking as one's own child; fathering, mothering.
3. voting for, approval, approbation, sanction, ratification, confirmation; support, sustainment, endorsement, backing.

adorned, adj. 1. decorated, embellished, trimmed, garnished, furbished, ornamented; embroidered, elaborated, festooned; arrayed, bedecked, crowded, decked out, trapped out, caparisoned; spangled, studded, bestudded, beset; emblazoned, blazoned, illuminated, painted, colored; gilt, gilded, begirt, varnished, tricked out.
2. beautified, prettified, primped up, fixed up; All Inf. gussied up, doll up, spruce up, dude up, trick up, fig out, swank up.
3. enhance, enrich; glorify, intensify, brighten, deepen, heighten; set off, set off to advantage; dignify, grace, Brit. Dial. mense.

adorable, adj. 1. lovable, dear, sweet, beloved; cherished, prized, treasured, idolized; enchanting, bewitching, engaging, charming, winsome, captivating; fascinating; attractive, alluring, appealing; lovely, pretty, handsome; pleasing, enjoyable, winning; darling, precious, cute, pet.
2. holy, divine, hallowed, saintly, godly, godlike; angelic, pure, celestial, heavenly; sacred, venerable, blessed, consecrated, sanctified; honorable, respectable, admirable, estimable, worthy.

adoration, n. 1. worship, veneration, reverence, homage; praise, glorification, blessing, exaltation, magnification; honor, respect, esteem, adoration; exaltation, laudation, eulogization, panegyrization; deference, bowing down before, genuflection, kneeling before; supplication, invocation, prayer, orison, divine service, incense; idolatry, idolization, defilement, apostasy, hero-worship.
2. love, fondness, infatuation, passion, ardor, close-ness; devotion, dedication, loyalty, faithfulness.

adore, v. 1. love, cherish, hold dear, care for; dote on or upon; be in love with, wear one's heart on one's sleeve, be enamored of, have a crush on, carry the or a torch for; fancy, like, be fond of, be taken with; delight in, take pleasure in, enjoy, appreciate, relish, savor.
2. honor, respect, esteem, admire; praise, glorify, bless, exalt, magnify; extoll, laud, eulogize, panegyrize; revere, reverence, venerate, hallow; worship, pay homage to; do service to, burn candles to, bow down before, kiss the feet of, prostrate oneself, fall at the feet of, genuflect before, kneel before; supplicate, invoke, pray to; look up to, put on a pedestal, defer to; idolatrate, idolize, deify, apotheosize.

adorer, n. 1. worshiper, venerator, reverencer, revere-er; idolater, iconolater; admirer, enthusiast, devotee, votary, aficionado, follower, fan; celebrant, communicant.
2. lover, paramour, sweetheart, true-love, inamorata, inamorato, boy friend, girl friend; swain, gallant, suit-or, wooer, beau, cavalier, courtier.

adorn, v. 1. decorate, embellish, trim, garnish, furbish, ornament, Archaic: right, Archaic: ouch; embroider, elaborate, festoon, rubricate; array, bedizen, deck, deck out, bedeck, trap, trap out, caparison; dress, dress up, dress out, attire, accouter; spangle, spangle, stud, bestud, beset; emblazon, blazon, bedaub, illuminate, paint, color; gild, varnish, trick out.
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adrift, adj. adv. 1. drifting, unanchored, unmoored, tide-borne, at the mercy of wind and tide; dieretic, Arch. Naut. whal.
2. directionless, aimless, goalless, purposeless, rud-derless, undirected; unstable, rootless, unsettled, insecure.
3. indecisive, uncertain, vacillating, wavering, fluctuating, shifting;ickle, inconstant, irresolute,
swayable.

4. lost, at a loss, at sea, confused, perplexed, puzzled; astray, stray, wandering, homeless.

adroit, adj. 1. dexterous, ambidextrous, deft, handy, neat, Brit. Dial. feat; nimble, agile, active, quick, rapid, brisk, swift, lively; facile, ready, proficient, adept, skillful, skilled, experienced, Fr. au fait.

2. clever, ingenious, inventive, resourceful; shrewd, Artistic. parlous, Inf. cute; cunning, canny, guileful, subtle, artful, crafty, slick; sagacious, astute, keen, acute, sharp, sharp-witted, sharp as a tack, quick-witted; apt, smart, witty.

adroitness, n. 1. dexterity, ambidexterity, dexterity, slyness, sleight of hand, leg. nimbleness, agility, quickness, rapidity, briskness, swiftness, liveliness, handiness, right-handedness, neatness; skilfulness, skill, faculty, knack, talent; finesse, felicity, readiness; artistry, craft, proficiency, adeptness, address, mastery, expertness.

2. cleverness, ingenuity, ingeniousness, inventiveness, resourcefulness; shrewdness, cunning, caniness, guile, subtlety, artfulness, craftiness, Inf. cuteness; sagaciousness, sagacity, astuteness, keenness, acuteness, sharpness, sharp-wittedness; aptness, sharpness, smoothness.

adulator, n. toady, toadeater, sycophant, fawner, fawning flatterer, truckler, fawning truckler, courtier, backslapper, timeserver, apple-polisher, Sl. brown-nose, Artistic. pickthanked; flunkey, lacky, yes- man, jackal, bootlick, lickspittle, Uncle Tom, Sl. oreo; worshiper, hero-worshiper, idolizer, kowtower, groveler.

adulate, v. 1. worship, hero-worship, idolize, adore, worship the ground [s.o.] walks on, stand in awe of; deify, put on a pedestal; (all to an excessive degree) praise, glorify, extol, extoll.

2. fawn, toady, truckle, toadeat, flatter, puff, infatuate, Sl. play up to, Sl. suck up to, Sl. shine up to, apple-polish, Sl. butter-up, Sl. brown-nose; lickspittle, Sl. bootlick, court, pay court to, curry favor, dance attendance upon.

3. kowtow, bow, bow and scrape, stoop, crouch; kneel, fall at the feet of, prostrate oneself; grovel, crawl, slither, worm, creep, squirm.

adulation, n. 1. worship, hero-worship, idolization, adoration, deification; glorification, exaltation, exultation.

2. sycophancy, toadyism, toadeating, tufthunting, flattery, lying, lie...
advantage, n. 1. benefit, behoof, good, gain, profit; advancement, betterment, improvement; blessing, boon, prize, favor, help; privilege, vantage, convenience, comfort, easement, accommodation; use, utility, service, expediency; head start, favoring circumstance, favorable opportunity, superior situation.

2. power, authority, mastery, prestige; superiority, ascendancy, supremacy, preeminence, prerogative, right; leverage, hold, grip, purchase; odds, odds on one's side, upper hand, edge, whippoorwill, in; ace in the hole, trump card.

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advantageous, adj. beneficial, good, favorable, helpful, of service, serviceable; convenient, expedient, fortunate, opportune, propitious, auspicious, salutary; valuable, profitable, gainful, lucrative, remunerative; to one's interest or best interest, to one's good, all to the good, all for the best.

advent, n. 1. arrival, appearance, forthcoming; approach, access, accession, coming, coming near; approach of time, time drawing near.

2. (usu. cap.) coming of Christ, Incarnation; Second Advent, Second Coming, Parousia, Judgment Day.

adventitious, adj. extrinsic, external, extraneous, supervenient, foreign, alien; incidental, accidental, nonessential; chance, fortuitous, serendipitous, Inf. fluky; casual, random, haphazard.

adventure, n. 1. risk, hazard, danger, peril, jeopardy; chance, fortune, forlorn.

2. enterprise, venture; speculation, gamble, plunge, stake, shot, Inf. flier; trial, essay, experiment.

3. exploit, feat, deed, tour de force; affair, episode.

—v. 4. risk, jeopardize, hazard, venture; imperil, threaten, endanger.

4. dare, chance, wager, bet; stake, Brit. punt, sink, Inf. plunge; take a chance, run the risk, take a long shot, try one's fortune, play for, try one's luck.

adventurer, n. 1. voyager, traveler, explorer, journeyer, globetrotter, landlubber; wanderer, rover, roamer, wayfarer, itinerant, peripatetic; gadabout, vagabond, vagrant.

2. soldier of fortune, mercenary, professional soldier, legionary, legionnaire; knight-errant, swashbuckler, daredevil, madcap.

3. speculator, gambler, bull, wagerer, gamester, Inf. plunger.

4. trickster, sharper, swindler, rook, bamboozler; desperado, Inf. crook, thief, fleecer, Inf. hawk, Sl. stockkateur, Often Contemptuous, stockjobber; impostor, pretender, deceiver; charlatan, quack, mountebank, con man; knave, rogue, scoundrel, cheat.

advantageously, adv. 1. forward, placed in advance or at the front or forward, ranged at the front, set in the van.

2. improved, bettered, changed for the better; developed, perfected, refined, polished, honed-down.

3. precocious, early, far ahead, born before one's time; forward-looking, ahead of its time, progressive; avant-garde, ultramodern, way-out, far-out; original, unconventional, one of a kind.

4. old, aged, ancient, venerable, old as the hills; far on in years, far on in time, along in years, well-along, at an advanced age.

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advisable, adj.
1. advisable, advisable

adversity, n.
1. adversity, adversity

advert, v.
1. advert, advertisement, ad
2. advertiser, n.
3. advertising, publicity, promotion, publication, announce, blur, broadcast, make known, publish; declare openly, promulgate, proclaim, herald, trumpet, ballyhoo, beat the drum; promote, advance, push, Inf. plug, Inf. hype, puff; call attention to, boast, brag, vaunt; post, display, blazon, placard, circularize; circulate, distribute, propagate, propagandize, spread, disseminate, dispense, scatter.

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advisably, adv.
1. advisable, advisable
2. advice, n.
3. advice, advice

advisability, n.
1. advisability, advisability
2. correctness, correctness, propriety, propriety, suitableness, suitability, seemliness, appropriateness, befittingness, fitness, meetness, aptness.

advise, v.
1. advise, counsel, guide, instruct, teach, tutor, help, point out, let one know, let one in on, give [s.o.] a tip or hint, tell [s.o.] what to do.
2. Usu. advise with consult, take counsel with, confer; deliberate, consider, weigh, discuss.
3. exhort, persuade, urge, coax, encourage, appeal to, make a bid to; prescribe, enjoin, direct, command, order; dissuade, admonish, caution, warn, Arch. monish.
4. Often advise of inform, give news or word of, report, give an account of; enlighten, make known, impart, relate, communicate; apprise, acquaint [s.o.] with, let [s.o.] in on, notify.

advised, adj.
1. (usu. used in combination) considered, weighed, pondered, contemplated, meditated, thought out; deliberated, arbitrated, mediated, discussed, debated.
2. deliberate, studied, circumspect, cautious, careful; prudent, judicious, sensible, reasonable.
3. informed, apprised, notified, acquainted, kept up or abreast, enlightened, let in on, in clued in.

advocately, adv.
1. deliberately, thoughtfully, after full consideration; prudently, discreetly, judiciously; cautiously, circumspectly, carefully, heedfully, guardedly, warily; slowly, painstakingly, methodically, systematically, with due process.

advisement, n.
1. advisement, n.

adviser, n.
1. adviser, counselor, guidance counselor, mentor, confidant, confidante, therapist; guide, coach, teacher, instructor, tutor, preceptor, director, pilot, Inf. steerer.
3. prompter, persuader, coaxes, urger, encourager; monitor, admonisher, admonitor, criticizer; meddler, interferer, backseat driver.

advisory, adj.
1. advisory, advisory
2. prudential, recommendatory, recommendative, deliberative, conferring.

advocacy, n.
1. advocacy, n.
2. speaking for, pleading for, arguing for, speaking well or highly or warmly of, having or putting a good word in for; supporting, seconding, maintaining, sustaining, upholding, defending; espousing, favoring, countenancing, subscribing to, taking the side of, falling in with, joining oneself to, associating oneself with, lending one's name to; taking the part of, taking up or espousing or adopting the cause of, standing up for, siding with or taking sides with, standing behind; recommending, urging, propagating, endorsing, puffing, judicious, wise, sage, sagacious; sensible, reasonable, rational, intelligent; correct, proper, right, good; suitable, seemly, appropriate, befitting, fit, meet, apt, Inf. O.K.
2. counselable, consultable, helpable; open to or ready for advice, open-minded, treatable, undefensive.
advocate, v. 1. speak for, plead for, argue for, speak in favor of, speak well or highly or warmly of, have or put in a good word for; support, back, second, maintain, sustain, uphold; champion, defend, patronize, espouse, favor, countenance; subscribe to, take the side of, fall in with, join oneself to, associate oneself with, lend one's name to, take the part of, take up or espouse or adopt the cause of; stand up for, side with or on one's side with, stand behind; recommend, urge, cry up, propagate, endorse, puff, sing the praises of, St. tout, St. hype.

—n. 2. maintainer, supporter, upholder; backer, second, seconder, abettor, patron, promoter; endorser, espouser, protagonist, propagator, propagandist, proponent, favorer, countenancer, exponent; defender, champion, vindicator; pleader, apologist, friend at court; activist.

3. intercessor, interceder, mediator, intermediator, intermediary, medium, mediumium, paraclete, mid- dlemale, go-between, interagent; moderator, arbitrator, negotiator or negotiant, umpire, referee; peace-maker, makepeace, pacificator, propitiator, conciliator, appe- peaser.

4. lawyer, attorney, attorney-at-law, counsel, counselor, counselor-at-law, counselor, barrister, solicitor, legal adviser, special pleader.

eaegis, n. protection, guardianship, sponsorship, patronage, auspices; favor, championship, support, aid; safeguard, guard, defense, shelter, surety, guaranty.

aerate, v. 1. air, hang out, dry out, ventilate, air out; fill with air, inflate; charge, charge with carbon dioxide, make effervescent, treat with gas.

aerial, adj. 1. high, lofty, elevated, towering, airy, light, light as air, lighter than air, weightless; vaporous, thin, attenuated, invisible, see-through; atmosphere, aural, aeriform, gaseous, volatile.

2. airy, light, light as air, lighter than air, weightless; vaporous, thin, attenuated, invisible, see-through; atmospheric, aural, aeriform, gaseous, volatile.

3. ethereal, unsubstantial, incorporeal, imaginary, fanciful, filmy, unreal, intangible, dreamy, dreamlike; visionary, ideal, idealistic, rarefied, spiritual, otherworldly; indistinct, faint, elusive, fugitive, tenuous.

4. ethereal, fairylike, delicate, fragile, graceful.

aerialist, n. trapeze artist, man on the flying trapeze, aerial gymnast or artist or performer; tight-rope walker, ropewalker, ropedancer, high-wire artist, slack-rope artist, funambulist, equilibrist, balancer; acrobat, gymnast, tumbler, somersaulter, high vaulter; circus performer or artist, stunt man, stunt girl.

aerie, n. 1. eagle's nest, eyrie, nest.

2. retreat, asylum, haven, sanctuary, sanctum, sanctuary, retreat, disguise, hideout, hiding place, hideaway, refuge, flyer, stronghold, fortress, citadel, bastion, safehold, tower.

aeriform, adj. 1. airy, light, light as air. See aerial (def. 2).

2. ethereal, unsubstantial, incorporeal. See aerial (def. 3).

aeronaut, n. pilot, balloonist, aerial navigator; aviator, airman, Inf. birdman, flier.

aeronautics, n. aerial navigation, aviation, flying, flight, volition, ballooning, aerostatics; gliding, Rare. aerodonetics.

aesthete, n. 1. connoisseur, virtuoso, aesthetician; epicure, epicurean, gourmet, gourmand; expert, authority, mavin, adept, savant, cognoscente; man or woman of taste, lover of beauty; critic, Latin. arbiter elegan
tiae, judge, arbiter.

2. dilettante, amateur, nonprofessional; eclectic, dabbler, hobbyist; pretender, fake; tyro, beginner, novice; devotee, votary, fan, follower.

aesthetic, adj. 1. artistic, art; tasteful, in good taste, to one's taste; beautiful, beauteous, exquisite, elegant, ornamental; well-composed, well-grouped, well-arranged; classic, simple, pure, chaste; fine, graceful, delicate, nice, dainty; attractive, charming, lovely, comely.

2. cultured, cultivated, refined, polished; discriminative, discriminating, particular, fastidious, critical.

3. sensitive, emotional, impressionable, responsive, receptive, susceptible; alive, conscious, open, vulnerable; aware, perceptive, sympathetic, empathetic.

afar, adv. 1. (usu. fol. by off) far away, abroad, at a distance, a long way off, far off, far afield, far and wide, away, beyond range, out of range; remote, distant, beyond, yonder; over the hills and far away.

—n. 2. from afar from a long way off, from a distance, from yonder.

affability, n. congeniality, friendliness, companionability, amicability; approachability, accessibility, convivensbes, sociability; easiness, openness, unreservedness; amiability, agreeableness, amenity, pleasantness, suavity; complaisance, benignness, gentleness, mildness, soft-spokenness, kindliness, obligingness; graciousness, cordiality, courteousness, courtesy, civility, comity, politeness, mannerliness.

affable, adj. congenial, friendly, companionable, amiable; approachable, accessible, communicative, conversable, sociable; easy, unreserved, open, familiar, free and easy, easygoing; amiable, agreeable, pleasant, suave; compliant, benigne, mild, soft-spoken, kindly, obliging; cordial, gracious, courteous, civil, polite, mannerly, well-mannered.

affair, n. 1. concern, business, matter, topic, interest, Dial. nevermind; transaction, undertaking, operation, action, proceeding; fact, thing, particular, point.

2. affairs concerns, matters, activities, business; transactions, finances, ventures, enterprises, undertakings.

3. event, incident, occasion; circumstance; occur- rence, happening, phenomenon; episode, adventure, experience, case; performance, production, function, doings; party, soirée, reception.

4. amour, love affair, affair of the heart, amourrette, Fr. affaire d'amour, Fr. affaire de coeur; intrigue, liaison, tryst, assignation.

affect', v. 1. influence, sway, act on, play on, work on, impress upon, impact upon, effect; change, alter, modify, transform; concern, interest, be of interest to, be of importance to, apply to, relate to, pertain to.

2. touch, stir, move, soften, melt, tug; make out like counterfeit, or SI. make like.

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affection, n. 1. pretension, pretentiousness, affectedness, unnaturalness, studiedness, artificial man-
affect

1. influenced, swayed, acted upon, played upon, worked upon; changed, altered, modified, transformed; concerned, interested.
2. (as of climate, disease, etc.) struck, attacked, afflicted; injured, impaired, hurt, harmed; seized, gripped, laid hold of.
3. (of the mind or feelings) touched, stirred, moved, impressed, softened, melted; perturbed, agitated, troubled, distressed, grieved; smitten, pierced, penetrated, cut to the quick, Inf. hit where it hurts.

affected', adj. 1. pretended, simulated, feigned, fake, faked, sham, counterfeit, spurious, bogus, Inf. phony; artificial, unnatural, make-believe, insincere; assumed, adopted, put on; empty, hollow, shallow.
2. pretentious, ostentatious, high-flown, Inf. high-hat, high-hatness, high-handed, highhandedness, high-minded, highmindedness, high-falutin'; manneristic, mannerisms, mannered, studied, worked-on, Inf. la-di-da, la-dy; cute, Inf. cutey, Scot., U.S. Inf. la-di-da.
3. afflicted; injured, impaired, hurt, harmed; seized, gripped, laid hold of.
4. subsidiary, subsidiary company, branch, arm, division, subdivision, section, part.

affiliated

1. connection, connectedness, bond, link, tie, Genesc. linkage; relationship, relatedness, relation, affinity; association, alliance, coalition, union; membership, participation, cooperation, communication, intercourse, interchange, dealings.
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affiliation

1. natural liking, attraction, inclination; predilection, penchant, leaning, bent, proclivity, propensity; friendliness, sympathy, fondness, affection.
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3. relationship by marriage, kinship, kindred, alliance, propinquity; union, bond, attachment, association, connection, interconnection.
4. likeness, resemblance, similarity, similitude, homogeneity; correspondence, homology, parity, agreement, conformity; parallelism, symmetry, analogy, correlation.

affirm

v. state positively, assert, tell with confidence; aver, vouch, avouch; declare, proclaim, make known, enunciate, promulgate, profess, predicate, say, announce, pronounce; asseverate, depose, witness, bear witness to, attest, testify; claim, hold, contend, allege, propound.
2. ratify, approve, endorse; accept, establish, confirm, acknowledge; support, corroborate, sustain, back up, vouch for, guarantee, certify, warrant.
3. announce, pronounce; asseverate, depose, witness, bear witness to, attest, testify; claim, hold, contend, allege, propound.
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4. attribute, assign, ascribe, impugn; attribute to, ascribe to, assign to, impute to, charge to, credit or accredit with; fix on or upon, pin on, Inf. pinpoint, saddle on or upon, farther upon, blame for, Inf. hang on.

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affluence

n. 1. devotion, fond attachment, love, tenderness, endearment, caring, warmth, feeling, heart; fondness, liking, regard, favor, partiality, partialness, predilection, preference; kindness, good will; friendliness, solicitude, friendship, amity.
2. emotion, feeling, sentiment, passion, desire.
3. bent, disposition, predisposition, inclination, natural impulse; tendency, proneness, propensity, penchant, proclivity, leaning, bias.

affectionate

adj. loving, tender, warm, fond, caring, giving; devoted, attached, doting, lovesick, enamored, in love; amorous, cooing, spoony, Sl. lovey-dovey; passionate, fervent, ardent, amatory, erotic.
2. warm-hearted, cordial, sincere, earnest, friendly, solicitous, amiable; kind, nice, sweet, understanding, sympathetic, tender-hearted, soft-hearted.

affirmative

adj. assertive, assertory, affirmatory, affirming, assenting, asseverative, predicative; declaratory, declarative, positive, emphatic, categorical, in- sistent, dogmatic, absolute.

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affluent

n. inspiration, genius, creative impulse, fire; revelation, divine communication; Theol. beaftic vision, theopneusty.
disquiet, irritate, inflame; grind, gnaw, gall, grate, fret, chafe, rasp, rub.

2. punish, scourge, visit, agonize, harrow, torture, rack, put on the rack, crucify, savage; hurt, harm, wound, pain, injure, damage, molest, scathe; strike, sting, stab, pierce, cut, lacerate.

3. trouble, burden, oppress; grieve, aggrieve, sorrow, embitter; anguish, break [s.o.'s] heart; make [s.o.}'s heart bleed, Inf. cut up; [all of sickness] sicken, disorder, derange, indispose; weaken, debilitate, enervate, enfeeble; disable, cripple, incapacitate, invalid.

afflicted, adj. 1. vexed, harassed, tormented, plagued, beset, persecuted; bothered, perturbed, disturbed, agitated, flustered, irritated, inflamed.

2. punished, agonized, tortured, racked; hurt, harmed, wounded, pained, injured, damaged, molested; struck, stung, stabbed, pierced.

3. troubled, burdened, oppressed; grieved, aggrieved, saddened, embittered, heartbroken, Inf. cut up; weakened, debilitated, enervated, enfeebled; disabled, crippled, incapacitated.

affliction, n. 1. adversity, hurt, harm, ruin, ruination, desolation; misery, wretchedness, agony, torture, torment, distress, suffering, Archaic: bale; woe, grief, distress, sorrow; anguish, anxiety, unhappiness, heartache, heartbreak, heavy heart; trouble, hardship, sea of troubles, storm and stress; misfortune, infelicity, ill or bad luck, ill or bad fortune, ambsace, evil eye, evil wind, dark cloud or star, storm clouds; trial, tribulation, burden, weight, load, heavy load or burden.

2. mishap, mischance, miscarriage, misadventure, Scot. and North Eng. mishanter, glitch, casualty, accident; shock, blow, heavy or nasty or staggering blow, buffet, stroke, stroke of bad or ill luck or fortune; reverse, reversal, setback, comedown, bringdown, bitter pill; disaster, tragedy, calamity, catastrophe, cataclysm.

afflicted, adj. 1. distressing, distressful, painful; tormenting, torturing, torturous, vexing, vexatious, plaguing, harassing, troubling.

2. sad, sorrowful, woeful, mournful, doleful, dolorous; grievous, sore, hard to bear or take; severe, hard, heavy, S.I. heavy-duty; unfortunate, unlucky, unhappy; wretched, miserable, deplorable, pitiful, pitiable, piteous, pathetic, pathetical.

3. dire, black, harrowing; disastrous, tragic, calamitous, catastrophic, cataclysmic, cataclysmal, ruinous.

affluence, n. 1. wealth, opulence, riches; fortune, plenty, bounty; prosperity, S.I. easy street, wealthiness; money, gold, capital, substance, property, resources, wherewithal.

2. abundance, plentitude, amplitude, fullness, richness; excessiveness, luxury, profusion, copiousness, plethora; surfeit, repletion, nimETY, excess, exuberance; superabundance, superfluity, cornucopia, horn of plenty.

affluent, adj. 1. wealthy, rich, opulent, pecunious, moneyed, flush; prosperous, well-to-do, flourishing, thriving, in colver; easy, comfortable, well-off, independent, S.I. on easy street; Inf. well-heeled, S.I. loaded, S.I. in the money, S.I. in the dough, rolling in riches, wallowing in wealth.

2. abundant, profuse, rife, brimming, teeming, full; plentiful, plentiful, bounteous, abounding, bountiful; copious, lavish, exuberant, luxuriant; superabundant, excessive, plethoric, inordinate, overfull.

affluent, n. tributary, confluent, branch, anabranch, feeder, ramification, arm.

afford, v. 1. stand, bear, manage, support, have means for, have sufficient means for, meet the expense of.

2. yield, furnish, supply, provide; give forth, bring forth, generate, engender, beget.

3. give, confer upon, bestow, grant, award, accord, impart.

affray, n. fight, brawl, wrangle, Inf. set-to; quarrel, squabble, argument, dispute, disagreement, dissenzion, row, altercation, contention; disturbance, commotion, uproar, breach of the peace, fracas, rumpus; disorder, turbulence, tumult; struggle, scrimmage, clash, conflict, collision, strife, brawl; scuffle, tussle, fray; encounter, brush; melee, fistfights, S.I. milling, combat, contest, duel, match; outbreak, riot, Fr. émeute; feud, vendetta; battle, action, skirmish,encounter.

afraid, adj. 1. frightened, fearful, fearsome, scared, Archaic: affrighted; terrified, panic-stricken, terror-
afterlife, n. toward the stern, astern, sternward, 1. later, following, subsequent to, at
2. timid, timorous, cautious, diffident, intimidated; hesitant, reluctant, disinclined, indecisive, unsure, tentative, unwilling.
3. sorry, apologetic, regretful, remorseful; guilty, conscience-stirring, penitent, heavy-hearted.
arfresh, adv. again, anew, newly, freshly; once more, once again, encore, bis, over, over again, Latin, de novo.
aft, adv. Naut. toward the stern, astern, sternward, abaft, aback, backward, back, at the back, behind, in the rear, rearward.
after, prep. 1. later, following, subsequent to, at the close of, in succession to, because of, in consequence of. 2. behind, following, in the rear of, U.S. in back of, Inf. back of, in the wake of. 3. (in order or rank) below, nearest to, next to. 4. in pursuit of, in search of, in quest of, in desire of, Inf. out to get. 5. in imitation of, in the style of, like, in the manner of, on the model of, in the pattern of, after the nature of, according to; in compliance with, in harmony with, in conformity to, in agreement with.
6. concerning, about, regarding, relating to.
7. for, the same as, in honor of, in tribute to.
—adv. 8. later, afterward, subsequently, next, following.
9. behind, in the rear, in back.
—adj. 10. later, next, subsequent, succeeding, following, ensuing, consequent, resulting, latter.
11. Chiefly Nautical. hinder, posterior, back, hind, rearward, further rear, farther aft, sternward.
afterlife, n. 1. afterworld, the hereafter, future world, future life, life after death, the great beyond, the New Jerusalem, the Heavenly City, the Celestial City; Elysium, Elysian Fields, Islands of the Blessed, Valhalla, happy hunting grounds; nirvana, Paradise; immortality, perpetuity, deathlessness, eternity. 2. afterlife, the hereafter, future world. See afterlife (def. 1).
again, adv. 1. once more, a second time, anew, afresh, newly, freshly; in addition, over, repeatedly, recurrently, reiteratively; another time, encore, bis, da capo, ditto, Archaic. anon. 2. moreover, besides, further, furthermore, as well as, in addition to. 3. on the other hand, on the contrary, Fr. au contraire, contrariwise, conversely.
4. back, in return, in reply, in answer, in response, in consequence, as a result, in restitution. 5. back again, in the opposite direction, to the same place, over the same course, on the same track. 6. again and again often, frequently, oftentimes; repeatedly, over and over, recurrently, reiteratively; regularly, habitually, time and time again, periodical, at short intervals; on and on, continuously, monotonously, incessantly, ceaselessly; persistently, insistently, harpingly, pertinaciously, doggedly, unremittingly; many a time and oft, ever and anon.
against, prep. 1. in opposition to, opposed to, adverse or hostile to, at odds with, at cross-purposes with, in disagreement with, versus; in contempt of, in defiance of, contrary to, out of line with, not in keeping with. 2. opposite to, across, facing, fronting, confronting, in front of, close up to; toward, to, upon, on, in the direction of. 3. in contact with, up against, dead against, over against, athwart, nose-to-nose with, face-to-face with. 4. in preparation for, in provision for, in anticipation of, in expectation of; for, in order to. 5. in exchange for, in return for, in compensation for; in requital for; to match, to counterbalance, as a balance to. 6. in comparison with, by comparison with, in contrast with; compared to, compared with, taken with, vis-à-vis. 7. before, near, nigh, close to, close upon, hard upon; beside, next to, next door to, bordering on, verging on, on the brink of, on the verge of.
agape, adv., adj. 1. open-mouthed, yawning, wide open, gaping, aspontaneous. 2. wonderstruck, spellbound, entranced, awestruck, thunderstruck; astonished, astounded, amazed, confined, surprised; stupefied, dazed, dumbstruck.
age, n. 1. lifetime, generation, duration, stage of life; year. 2. maturity, majority, seniority, adulthood; old age, agedness, oldness, eldership, declining years; senescence, senectitude, senility, anility, caducity, dotage, decrepitude. 3. epoch, era, Hindu, kalpa, period; cycle, span, time, season, date; eon, aeon, chilad, millennium, years, century, decade. 4. mature, ripe, mellow, season; grow old, Inf. get on or get on in years, Rare. senesce, become senile.
agenda, n. program, schedule, outline, timetable, plan, recipe, itinerary; list, listing, laundry list, itemization, calendar, directory, catalog, bulletin; slate, record, register, U.S. docket; memorandum, reminder; tabulation, arrangement, scheme.

agent, n. 1. representative, deputy, commissary; attorney, Brit. solicitor, Law. proctor, advocate; procurator, Sl. ten percentor; middleman, go-between, intermediary, negotiator, negotiant; substitute, proxy, vice-regent, Govt. chargé d'affaires ad interim; ambassador, emissary, envoy, delegate, messenger, minister; steward, syndic, factor, broker; functionary, civil servant, servant, factotum, comprador, diplomat, bureaucrat, commissioner; canvasser, traveling salesman; policeman, guard, detective, investigator, operative, spy.

2. cause, moving force, power, means, principle, elements, Chem. reagent; executor, perpetrator, doer, actor, principal, mover, practitioner, performer, opera tor, worker; promoter, organizer, developer, artificer, inventor, mechanic, artisan.

agglomerate, v. 1. group, cluster, bunch up or together; mass, crowd, congregate; flock together, throng, herd, swarm, surge; collect, gather, accumulate, amass, cumulate; bring together, rally, muster, call up, round up, round in.

—adj. 2. gathered, collected, accumulated; amassed, clustered, bunched up or together, massed; piled up, heaped up, jumbled.

agglomeration, n. pile, heap, stack, mass, accumulation, bulk; collection, amassment, assemblage, aggregation; concentration, conglomeramation, congeries; cluster, clump, bunch, batch; assortment, variety, medley, miscellany, jumble, hodgepodge; clutter, Inf. mess.

agglutinate, v. 1. adhere, glue or cement together, paste together, tape together; cohere, stick, grip, hold or cling fast; bond, fuse, weld, solder, join, attach, link, unite.

—adj. 2. adherent, adhering, adhesive, cohesive, coherent, cohering; sticking, clinging, holding, tenacious; bonded, fused, joined, attached, linked, united, Biol. adnate; gummed, gummy, gummy, sticky, gluey, cementitious, viscous, viscid, resinous, resiniferous, rosin.

agglutination, n. 1. adhesion, adherence, cohesion, coherence, gluing, cementation, pasting, sticking; fusion, binding, attachment, juncture, conjunction, linkage, connection, adnation; grouping, union, coalescence.

2. conglomeramation, conglomerate, agglomeration, aggregation, aggregate, cluster, group; mass, body, congeries, collage.

aggrandize, v. 1. increase, enlarge, make larger, make bigger, make greater, Chiefly Literary. greaten; widen, thicken, broaden; lengthen, elongate, prolong, prolongate, protract; dilate, distend, inflate, swell, boil, puff out, blow up.

2. augment, supplement, add to, superadd to; accumulate, accumulate, cumulate, amass, pile up, heap up; multiply, double, redouble, treble, triple, quadruple.

3. magnify, amplify, enhance, enrich, deepen, heighten; escalate, step up, give a boost to, U.S. Sl. soup up, Sl. hop up, Sl. jazz up; accelerate, snowball, mushroom; intensify, strengthen, reinforce; exaggerate, maximize, concentrate; overstate, make much of, make the most of.

4. promote, advance, prefer, upgrade, boost; exalt, elevate, ennable, dignify; honor, worship, crown; glorify, romanticize, glamorize.

aggrandizement, n. 1. increase, enlargement, expansion, extension; widening, thickening, broadening; lengthening, prolongation, protraction; inflation, dilatation, dilation, waxing; growth, spread, swell.

2. addition, accretion, increment, accession, access; augmentation, supplement, annex, annexation, appendage, appendix, addendum, adjunct; accrual, acquirement, accumulation, cumulation; multiplication, doubling, redoubling, trebling, tripling, quadrupling.

3. magnification, amplification, enhancement, deepening, coloring, heightening; escalation, acceleration, intensification; strengthening, reinforcement, concentration; exaggeration, overestimation, maximization, overstatement.

4. promotion, advancement, preferment, upgrading, boosting; exaltation, elevation, ennoblement, dignification; glorification, romanticization, lionization, glamorization.

aggravate, v. 1. exacerbate, worsen, add insult to injury, rub salt in the wound, Inf. rub it in, pour oil on the fire; increase, heighten, deepen, intensify, add fuel to the flames or fire, fan or stoke or fuel the fire.

2. irritate, annoy, vex, peeve, nettle, chafe, get on [s.o.'s] nerves, tread on [s.o.'s] toes, go against the grain, Chiefly U.S. rile, Inf. miff, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain, Inf. rub [s.o.] the wrong way, Inf. get under [s.o.'s] skin; exasperate, ruffle, disturb, discompose, put out, try [s.o.'s] patience, Inf. put [s.o.'s] nose out of joint, Sl. get [s.o.'s] goat; set one's teeth on edge, stick in one's craw or crop, Inf. grate on one's nerves.

3. bother, pester, hector, harass, SI. or drive [s.o.] nuts crazy, SA drive [s.o.]

4. anger, incense, irk, raise [s.o.'s] ire, get [s.o.'s] back up, Inf. get [s.o.'s] Irish or dander up, Inf. burn [s.o.] up, Sl. tick [s.o.] off, Sl. tee [s.o.] off; embitter, gall, rankle, envenom.

aggravation, n. 1. exacerbation, intensification, magnification, amplification, increase; exacerbating, intensifying, magnifying, amplifying, increasing, aggravating, Sl. heating up.

2. irritation, annoyance, vexation, exasperation; displeasure, dissatisfaction, discontentment, disapproval, dissatisfaction.

3. anger, ire, dudgeon, high dudgeon, pique.

4. embitterment, bitterness, bitter resentment, resentment, hard feelings; spleen, choler, gall, bile, ill or bad humor; ill or bad temper, ill or bad feeling; virulence, acerbity, acrimony.

5. irritant, nuisance, bother, pest, bur, thorn in the side or flesh, pea in the shoe, salt in the wound, Inf. headache, Inf. pain, Sl. pain in the neck or rear, Sl. hassle; peeve, pet peeve, gripe, complaint, grievance; sore spot, sore point, Inf. touchy subject or matter; bore, crushing bore, Sl. drag, Sl. downer, Sl. bumper.

aggregate, adj. 1. complete, entire, whole, total, all; added, combined, compound, composite; united, joined, grouped, agminate; massed, clustered agglomerate.

—n. 2. whole, totality, entirety; total, sum, sum total; gross, net, summation; number, amount; Sl. whole bit, Sl. whole schmeer.

3. assemblage, collection, accumulation, amassment; heap, pile, mass, cumulation; concentration, combination, composite, compound; agglomeration, conglomeramation, group, knot, band, company; body, congregation, assembly, gathering; crowd, throng, aggregation, congeries; array, host, army, multitude; galaxy, con-
aggrevate, v. 1. disturb, shake, shake up, churn, churn up; (of water, wine, etc.) roll, (of water, wine, etc.) Chiefly U.S. rile; commove, convulse, upheave, heave; toss, wave, brandish.
2. perturb, disquiet, dispose, discountenance, ruffle, flutter, flurty, distract, unsettle, put out; alarm, trouble, upset; shock, jolt, jar, stagger, rock, rattle, pull one up short.
3. arouse, excite, suscitate, foment, impression, stir up, work up, wind up, whip up, fire up, inflame, enkindle, ignite, touch off, light the spark; incite, instigate, provoke, sow the seeds of, stir the embers, fan the fire, add fuel to the flames, Inf. start something.
4. debate, discuss, moot, bandy words or opinions; canvass, talk over, go over, Sl. kick or knock around; argue, dispute, contend, controvert, wrangle, Scot. brawl, St. hassle.
5. consider, weigh, deliberate; contemplate, muse, brood, reflect, ponder, meditate, excogitate; revolve, turn over, sort out, think out, puzzle out; plan, devise, plot.
agitated, adj. 1. uneasy, ill-at-ease, restless, restive, shaky, jumpy, nervous, twitchy, jittery, fidgety.
2. disturbed, perturbed, distracted, unsettled, disquieted, composed, ruffled, flustered; agiver, atwitter, wrought-up, worked-up, in an uproar, in a dither, in a titter, Archaic. in a peculiar, Inf. in a tizzy, Inf. in a stew or sweat, Inf. steamed-up, Sl. worked up into a lather, Sl. lathered-up, Sl. in a lather, Sl. all shook up, Sl. all hot and bothered, U.S. Sl. hopped up; frantic, frenzied, mad, maddened, corybantic, blue in the face.
3. amused, excited, impassioned, stirred-up, wound-up, whipped-up, whipped into a frenzy, fired-up, inflamed.
agitation, n. 1. arousal, excitement, fomentation, suspicion, inflammation; demagoguery, rabble-rousing, agitprop; incitement, instigation, provocation.
2. turbulence, turmoil, storm, upheaval, chaos; turbulence, riot, commotion, ado, to-do, hubbub, bother, stir, Inf. stew, Inf. tizzy, Sl. lather, Archaic. pucker.
3. disquiet, unrest, disturbance, excitement, distraction; trepidation, uneasiness, fear and trembling.
4. debate, open or public debate, discussion, argument, disputation.
agitator, n. 1. demagogue, rabble-rouser, soap-box orator; inciter, instigator, provocateur, fomentor, agitprop, labor bater, Fr. agent provocateur; firebrand, incendiary, rebel, insurgent, insurrectionist, radical; troublemaker, mischief maker, stormy petrel, ringleader.
2. mixer, beater, blender, churn; shaker, jiggler, vibrator; whisk, eggbeater, paddle.
agnostic, n. 1. skeptic, nullifidian, unbeliever, doubter, disbelief, questioner, cynic, doubting Thomas, Pyrrhonist; empiricist, materialist, phenome-
2. skeptical, doubting, nullifidian, unbelieving.
agnosticism, n. skepticism, unbelief, Pyrrhonism, doubt, disbelief; incredulity, incredulosity, cynicism; empiricism, materialism, phenomenalism; heresy, atheism, freethinking.

ago, adj. 1. gone, gone by, bygone, past, Archaic. ago; former, quondam, earlier, previous, aforesaid, prior, antecedent.

—adv. 2. before now, before this time, heretofore, since; of old, of yore, aforesaid, anciently, Archaic. ago; in the past, in time gone by, formerly, once, Archaic. erst or erstwhile.

agog, adj. 1. eager, anxious, keen, expectant, anticipatory, breathless, desirous, Sl. itchv. Agony. psychosis or psychyzed up; agape, open-mouthed, Inf. ready and raring, on tiptoe, on pins and needles; excited, aroused, enthusiastic; ready, alert, vigilant, watchful, wakeful, open-eyed.

—adv. 2. excitedly, eagerly, enthusiastically, keenly, agape, in eager anticipation, with bated breath, on the edge of one's seat; nervously, anxiously, impatiently.

agonize, v. 1. suffer, writhe, bleed, go through hell, be in misery.

2. struggle, wrestle, grapple, fight with; labor, toil, strive, strain, exert oneself, exercise oneself, work on; pour over, worry over, trouble oneself over, lose sleep over, Sl. beat one's brains out.

3. torture, excruciate, rack, put someone on the rack, martyr, crucify; pain, hurt, scathe, lacerate, put someone through the wringer; torment, persecute, abuse, beat, Sl. work over, Sl. give someone the works, Archaic. belabor; anguish, distress, grieve, afflict, plague, harrow, rend, worry, trouble, disturb, Scot. fash.

agonizing, adj. torturous, excruciating, rackingly, tormenting, abusive; painful, hurtful, scathing, wringing, grievous; woeful, distressing, plaguing, harrowing, rending, troubling, disturbing.

agon, n. 1. suffering, misery, wretchedness, martyrdom; pain, hurt, wound, sting, pang; anguish, distress, woe, harrowment, tribulation, trouble, hell.

2. rapture, ecstasy, raptus, bliss, beatitude; exaltation, elation, exaltation, elation, transport; paroxysm, throat, spasm, convulsion.

3. struggle, conflict, battle, fight, contest, agon; wrestle, wrestling, grappling.

agrarian, adj. 1. landed, præedial, real.

2. agricultural, geoponic, agronomic, agronomical, pedological.

3. rural, country, nonurban, agrestic; georgic, pastoral, rustic, bucolic.

4. field, pastoral, compestral, Bot. terrestrial; wild, feral, ferine, uncultivated, undomesticated, untamed.

agree, v. 1. (often fol. by with) concur, accord, harmonize, think alike, be of one mind; admit, grant, allow, approve, accept, go along with, Inf. take to, Inf. cotton to, Inf. buy; yield, comply with, abide by, as, assent, accede, acquiesce, side with, concede, consent; acknowledge, recognize, Archaic. agnize, subscribe to, fall in with, Sl. string along with.

2. (often fol. by to) give consent, yield assent, promise; contract, bargain, compact, covenant, make an agreement; undertake, engage, stipulate for, bind oneself, pledge one's word, give assurance, take upon oneself.

3. (often fol. by with) coincide, correspond, conform to, tally, comport, Inf. gee, jibe, be in unison, stand, chime in; fit, suit, match, resemble, be appropriate, Brit. Dial. fadge; dovetail, square, equal, parallel.

4. compromise, reconcile, arrive at a settlement; come around, come to one mind, come to terms, come to an understanding, see eye to eye.

5. agree with (usu. of foods or medicine) suit, prove suitable, be good for; have a beneficial effect, be wholesome for, be healthful for, promote the health of.

agreeable, adj. 1. pleasing, to one's liking, to one's fancy, to one's taste, after one's own heart, Brit. Dial. bonny; good, tasty, palatable, delectable, Inf. yummy, delicious, luscious; appealing, attractive, comely, handsome, good-looking, beautiful, elegant, graceful.

2. likeable, pleasant, good-natured, Scot. and North Eng., Irish Eng. sonsy; enjoyable, pleasurable, gratifying; delightful, charming, nice, sweet; amiable, kind, congenial, Scot. courteous, or, genial, complaisant; amiable, friendly, neighborly, sociable.

3. willing, consenting, disposed, inclined; amenable, submissive, tractable, gentle, yielding, accommodating, gracious, genial, polite, cordial, courteous, manfully, courteously.

4. suitable, appropriate, fitting, befitting, proper, meet, apt, seemingly, becoming; congruous, consistent, compatible, consonant, correspondent, conformable, accordant; concordant, harmonious, pleasant, soothing, dulcet.

agreement, n. 1. mutual understanding, accord, accordance, concord, concordance, concurrence; sensum, unanimity, unison; amity, harmony, communion, sympathy, rapport.

2. compact, contract, promise, word, covenant, treaty, concordat, cartel; deal, pact, bargain; conspiracy, collusion; proposal, stipulation, transaction, arrangement, acknowledgment; guarantee, warranty.

3. similitude, similarity, resemblance; congruence, correspondence, coincidence, symmetry, analogy; coherence, consistency, uniformity; harmony, compatibility; acquiescence, conformity, compliance, obedience; accommodation, adjustment, approval, acceptance, affirmation, corroboration.

agriculture, n. 1. farming, geoponics, agribusiness, Inf. agric., Inf. agr., husbandman, animal husbandry, stock raising, pasturage; cultivation, tillage, horticulture, gardening, market gardening, U.S. truck farming, cropping, crop raising; viticulture, grape growing.

2. agronomy, Inf. agron., agronomics, pedology, soil science, soil conservation.

agriculturist, n. 1. farmer, granger, husbandman, animal husbandman, Fr. fermier, Sp. campesino; cultivator, tiller, horticulturist, gardener, cropper, U.S. truck farmer, Archaic, or Hist. yeoman; viticulturist, viticulturist, grape grower.

2. agronomist, pedologist, soil scientist, agriculturalist.

aground, adv., adj. 1. grounded, ashore, Naut. beachd, Obs. graveld, stuck fast; shipwrecked, wrecked, cast away, swamped, foundering.

2. stranded, high and dry, deserted, abandoned, left in the lurch; stranded, in straits, in a fix, at a loss.

agree, n. 1. chills, fever, chills and fever, malarial fever, Path. rigor; chill, chilliness, cold; shivering, shakes, quaking, trembling, tremor.

ahead, adv. 1. in the front, at the head of; to or toward the front, in front of, in advance of, before.

2. onward, forward, on.

3. get ahead progress, gain ground, move up in the world; make it, make good, be successful.

4. ahead of a. in front of, before. See def. b. superior to, outranking, more advanced than, beyond; on, up on, surpassing, outdistancing, outstripping, beating, winning out. c. in advance of, earlier than.

aid, v. 1. help, assist, bested, accommodate,
oblige, abet, friend; contribute, join in, Inf. pitch in, Inf. chip in, lend a hand, lend oneself to, play or do one's part, boost, give a boost to, give a lift to; (all usually negative) lift a finger, lift a hand, raise a finger, raise a hand; (all usually followed by with) collaborate, cooperate, conspire, collude, combine, join, unite, synergize, side, go or go along, team up, take part, join forces, Inf. hitch horses.

2. support, back, second, uphold, sustain, assist, endorse, smile upon, Inf. go to bat for, Inf. stick up for, Inf. stick by, stand by; promote, further, advance, forward, advocate, cultivate, favor.

3. facilitate, ease, make easier, expedite, cut through red tape; speed, speed up, accelerate, hasten, quicken; intercede, pave the way, clear the way, open the way, run interference for, Fig. block for; disburden, disen- cumber, rid, disembarrass, deobstruct, lighten the load; bolster, elevate, prop up, enhance, tide over, put on one's feet, set up, set going.

4. meliorate, ameliorate, improve, better, profit, prosper, benefit, avail, advantage; subserve, stand in good stead, be useful or profitable to, Inf. come in handy; relieve, alleviate, help, ameliorate, salve; com- fort, sooth, solace, console, succor.

5. help, assistance, benefit, avail; service, sub- vention, use, utility; facilitation, helping hand, lift, boost; relief, succor, protection, care, friendship; sup- port, patronage, championship, backing, promotion, advocacy, countenance, upholding, sustenance, favor, blessing, grace, sponsorship, auspices or auspice, good offices, kind regard; fosterage, furtherance, advancement, advance, advantage, welfare; maintenance, ministry, ministiration, restoration.

6. gift, subsidy, contribution, donation; kindness, beneficence, benefaction, humanitari- anism; charity, charity, almsgiving; alms, dole, handout, allowance.

7. helper, aider, assistant, attendant, subsidiary, ad- junct, coadjutant, coadjutor, coadjutress or coad- jutrix; adjunct, adjutant, adjutator, Obs. adjutor; acolyte, deputy, auxiliary, ancilla; second, man Fri- day, gal Friday, henchman, right hand, right-hand man, Sl. gopher; nurse's aid or aide, paramedic, order- ly, paraprofessional, paralegal; partner, ally, comrade, colleague, associate, consoicate; companion, help- mate, helpmeet, yokel or yokemate, Obs. helpfell- ow; co-worker, co-aid, co-partner, consort, confirne, sidekick, go-getter, Chieflly Brit. mate, mate; satellite, sycophant, toady, yes-man, parasite; cooperator, collaborator, contributor, participant, participator; confederate, conniver, abettor, accomplice, ac- cessory or Chieflly Law. accessory, Law. principal, Law. accessory before or after the fact, Law. partícipes crimínis, Sl. gun moll or moll, partner in crime.

8. supporter, advocate, adviser, patron, patronizer; sympathizer, backer, champion, endorser, upholder, sanitizer, approver; follower, partisan, disciple, adherent, devotee, sectary, votary; agent, promoter, furtherer, advocate, favorer, subsidizer, underwriter, financier, funder, angel, Inf. stake, Inf. grubstaker, Sl. meal ticket; maintainer, sustainer, benefactor, benefactress, benefactor, Inf. fairy godmother, sugar daddy; comfortor, succoror, good Samaritan, minister- ing angel, friend in need.

aide-de-camp, n. attaché, Mil. adjutant, adjutant general, deputy, aide, staff or subordinate officer, camp assistant, Chieflly U.S. adj-de-camp, ADC.

ail, v. 1. pain, inflict pain, hurt, wound; bother, annoy, trouble, irritate; upset, worry, disturb; sicken, make [s.o.] ill, afflict, distress; attack, lay hold of, (of pain, disease, etc.) affect.

2. ache, hurt, smart, tingle; feel ill, feel awful, be unwell; suffer, agonize, labor under, writhe; be the

matter with, be bothered by, be affected with, be in pain, be indisposed; decline, weaken, pine, languish, waste away, lose strength, droop, flag, dwindle, peak.

ailing, adj. 1. sick, sickly, sickened, ill; unhealthy, unsound, unwell; diseased, morbid, pathological, poi- soned; in a bad way, on the sick list, done for, on the shelf; out of sorts, under the weather, not up to snuff; aching, sore, pained, smarting, hurt, wounded; suffer- ing, agonizing, miserable, down, complaining; delicate, faint, languishing, fading away, wasting away; weak, weakly, feebly, infirm; crippled, lame, paralytic, paralyzed, palsied; asthmatic, Path. phthisic, consumptive, tubercular.

2. indisposed, laid up, bedridden, confined; dis- ordered, out of order, out of commission; invalided, valetudinarian.

3. afflicted, distressed, (of pain, disease, etc.) af- fected; bothered, annoyed, troubled, irritated; upset, worried, disturbed.

ailment, n. illness, sickness, indisposition, afflic- tion; malady, disorder, complaint, disease, infection, morbidity, Path. affection; invalidism, valetudinarian- ism; weakness, feebleness, infirmity; pain, hurt, wound; disability, handicap; mental disorder, derange- ment, neurosis, psychosis, insanity.

aim, v. 1. point, direct, draw or get a bead on, sight, focus, zero in on, beam, prepare to fire; position, mark, peg, level, train.

2. plan, design, propose, purpose, resolve; intend, tend toward, have in mind, have in view, mean.

3. strive toward, struggle toward, drive at, work toward, labor for; steer for, head for, be after, look after, seek; set one's sights, have an eye to, aspire to, head for, affect, hitch one's wagon to a star; endeavor, essay, attempt to reach, seek; want, wish, desire, crave; long for, year for.

—n. 4. pointing, directing, sighting, focussing, beaming; positioning, marking, pegging, leveling, training.

5. target, mark, bull's-eye, destination.

6. goal, ambition; objective, object, end, determina- tion; purpose, intention, intent, view, point, reason, resolution; design, scheme, plan; hope, dream, wish, desire, desideratum, aspiration; endeavor, undertak- ing, attempt, effort.

7. inclination, proclivity, tendency, drive, drift, bent; course, direction, bearing.

aimless, adj. 1. purposeless, objectless, pointless, futile, inane, fatuous, to no avail; undecided, rudder- less, blind; haphazard, accidental, hit or miss; random, chance, fortuitous, uncalculated, uncalculating.

2. drifting, wandering, stray, straying; unmotivated, uninspired, uninvolved; whimsical, capricious, flighty, frivolous; mercurial, volatile; reckless, careless, want- on.

3. erratic, fitful, desultory, unpredictable; irresolute, indecisive, undecided, unreasoning, unsure, vacillat- ing; irregular, unsteady, wayward, inconstant; changeable, variable, mutable.

air, n. 1. atmosphere, sky, aerospace, heavens, Literary. welkin, the open; ozone, oxygen, ether; breeze, zephyr, whiff, light wind, puff of wind, draft, ventilation.

2. circulation, dissemination, publication, Archaic. divulgation; revelation, publicity, exposure, vent, outlet.

3. climate, feel, aura, impression; appearance, de- meanor, mien, semblance, cast, look, complexion, aspect, character; presence, attitude, style, bearing, carriage, deportment, conduct.

4. airs affectedness, posing, frills, pretense, preten-
horrid, horrendous, monstrous; hideous, ghastly, eerie, grisly, gruesome, unspeakable; outrageous, shocking, amazing, startling, surprising.

alarmist, n. scaremonger, Cassandra, voice of doom, Sl. Chicken Little, croaker; worrywart, pessimist, gloom and doom.

albeit, conj. although, even though, though, even if, notwithstanding that, in spite of the fact that.


2. record, phonograph record, recording, long-playing record, Trademark. LP, soundtrack, disk, disc, wax; cover, jacket, envelope, sheath, casing, case, binder, binding.


alchemy, n. magic, sorcery, witchcraft, witchery, wizardry; wonder-working, miracle-working, thaumaturgy; black magic, black art, voodoo.

alcohol, n. liquor, spirits, John Barleycorn, the demon rum, Inf. booze, Inf. hard stuff, Sl. likker, Sl. hooch, Sl. sauce, Sl. juice, Sl. medicine; moonshine, home brew, Sl. sneaky pete; firewater, Sl. red-eye, Sl. rot-gut, Sl. blue-run, Sl. mountain dew, Sl. white lightning; the bottle, the cup, the cup that cheers.

alcoholic, adj. 1. intoxicating, intoxicant, Archaic. intoxicative, inebriate, inebriating, inebriative.

—n. 2. Pathology. dipsomania, chronic alcoholic or drunk.

3. drunk, drunkard, inebriate, sot, soak, tossoff, toper, bibber, bibbler. Obs., Rare. biberon, barfly; toper, bibber, bibbler, —n. 3. liveliness, sprightliness, friskiness, activity; animation, spirit, vivacity; nimbleness, agility, spryness, briskness.

alias, n. 1. pseudonym, anonym, false name; assumed name, stage name, pen name, nom de plume, Fr. nom de guerre, alonym; nickname, sobriquet.

—adv. 2. otherwise called, Latin. alius dictus, also called, also known as, a/k/a; otherwise, in other circumstances, elsewhere, in another place; at another time, previously, heretofore, formerly.

alibi, n. 1. defense, plea, argument, apology, vindication, justification; excuse, reason, explanation.


alien, n. 1. foreigner, outsider, stranger, unnaturalized citizen; outlaw, tramontane, barbarian; newcomer, immigrant, emigrant, Often Disparaging. wetback.

—adj. 2. foreign, unnaturalized; tramontane, ultramontane, transalpine, barbarian; ultramarine, transmarine, transatlantic, transpecific; exotic, strange, outlandish; distant, remote, faraway; nonterritorial, unearthly, ultramundane.

3. adverse, hostile, opposed, inimical, antagonistic; conflicting, contrasting, contradictory, counteracting, contrary, opposite; unlike, dissimilar, differing; extrinsic, adventitious, outward, external.

alienate, v. 1. strange, turn away, keep at a distance, withdraw, wean away; make indifferent or averse, set against, oppose; separate, come between, divide, cut off or apart, sever, sunder, rupture; break up or off, part, disunite, disjoin.

2. turn away, transfer, divert, deflect.

alienated, adj. 1. estranged, cut off, separated, divorced, disconnected, disengaged, disaffected; detached; segregated, shut out, shut off, sequestered, isolated; neglected, ignored, overlooked, disregarded, left behind; alone, solitary, separate, solo, friendless, companionless, rootless, homeless; uninvited, uncampaigned, unattended, uninvited.

2. self-contained, self-reliant, insular; private, guarded, cautious, noncommittal; secretive, close-mouthed, tight-lipped, buttoned-up, mum; withdrawn, detached, uncommunicative, taciturn, untalkative; undemonstrative, unresponsive, cool, cold, icy.

3. dissenting, disagreeing, opposed, clashing, conflicting, contradicting; nonconforming, revolutionary, radical, anarchic; hostile, resentful, revengeful, antagonistic, bellicose, belligerent.

alienation, n. estrangement, disaffection, coolness, turning away, withdrawal; separation, division, break, breach, rupture, sunderance, severance; breaking up or off, parting, disunion, disjunction.

alight', v. 1. get off, disembark, debark, deplane, detrain, debus; pile off, pile out.

2. land, touch down, settle down, light upon, pitch
sion, *Inf.* swank; superciliousness, haughtiness, arrogance, pomposity.

5. **Music.** tune, aria, song, descant, lay, ballad, carol; ditty, canzonet, cavatina, arietta; strain, theme.

6. give [s.o.] the air a. reject, turn down, refuse, rebuff, spurn. b. dismiss, discharge, fire, expel, oust.

7. **tread or walk on air** be elated, be happy, be exuberant, be exultant.

8. **up in the air** a. undecided, unsettled, unresolved, pending, indefinitely. b. *Inf.* angry, perturbed, vexed.

—v. 9. aerate, aerify, ventilate, oxygenate, fan, winnow; refresh, revivify, cool, freshen, purify.

10. display, exhibit, parade, flaunt; show off, vaunt, swagger.

11. publish, publicize, make public, disseminate, reveal, expose, *Archaic.* divulgation, vent; broadcast, televise.


**airy,** adj. 1. breezily, lightheartedly, blithely, spritely, jauntily, lively; gaily, cheerfully, buoyantly, happily, gladly.

2. lightly, delicately, ethereally, daintily.

**airfield, aerodrome, airdrome, airsta-**


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**airness**, n. 1. immateriality, incorporeality, bodilessness; unsubstantiality, tenuosity, illusoriness, unreality; ethereality, weightlessness, lightness, buoyancy.

2. delicacy, flimsiness, thinness; gauziness, diaphanousness, transparency, limpidity, translucency, pellucidity.

3. liveliness, vivacity, sprightliness, jauntiness; breeziness, lightheartedness, levity, blithesomeness, gaiety.

4. gracefulness, grace, light-footedness, nimbleness; agility, liveness, suppleness, suppleness, flexibility, pliancy.

**airing**, n. 1. ventilation, aeration, aerification, fanning.

2. outing, promenade, walk, constitutional; jaunt, stroll, saunter, ramble; trek, hike, tramp, peregrination, wayfarin, excursion, drive, ride, motoring tour, circuit, turn.


**airplane, n.** See aircraft.

**airport, n.** airfield, aerodrome, airdrome, airstation, hangar; field, runway, *Aeron.* airstrip.

**airtight, adj.** 1. closed, shut tight, sealed, vacuum, impermeable.

2. indisputable, incontestable, incontrovertible, irrefutable, undeniable, irrefragable; impregnable, inexpugnable, unassailable, invincible.

**airy, adj.** 1. breezy, windy, drafty; ventilated, open, exposed, alfresco.

2. immaterial, incorporeal, bodiless, weightless; unsubstantial, ethereal, tenuous, illusory, unreal, imaginary, visionary, phantasmal, spectral.

3. delicate, flimsy, thin; gauzy, diaphanous, sheer, gossamer, transparent, limpid, translucent, pellucid.

4. lively, animated, vivacious, sprightly, perky, jaunty; lighthearted, blithe, gladsome, cheerful, buoyant, gay; jovial, jolly, merry, sportive, jocund.

5. graceful, light-footed, nimble; agile, lithe, lissom, supple, flexible, pliant.

**aisle, n.** 1. passageway, gangway, walkway, walk; corridor, alley, alleyway, lane, path; row, tier, section, box.

2. in the aisle (of an audience, in reference to laughter) convulsed, doubled up or over, hysterical, crying, splitting one’s side, rolling in the aisle, splitting or busting a gut, *Sl.* wetting one’s pants; roaring, guffawing.

**ajar**, adj., adv. partly open, open; unatched, unsecured, unsecured.

**ajar**, adj., adv. at variance, in contradiction, incongruous, clashing, clashing, discordant, inharmonious. *Inf.* of kit; *Sl.* out of stock, amiss.

**akimbo**, adj., adv. on a hand-on-hip; tilted, raised, angular, oblique, bent, crooked; askew, asklant, twisted, skewed, out of line.

**skin, adj.** 1. related, cognate, consanguineous, kin, german, agnate, of one’s own flesh and blood.

2. allied, similar, alike, like; analogous, parallel, correspondent, corresponding, homologous, matching; germane, relevant, connected, associated, collateral.

3. kindred, of the same kind, homogeneous; cut from the same cloth, out of the same mold, in the same category; brothers under the skin.

**alacrity, n.** 1. promptness, promptitude, willingness, readiness; eagerness, zeal, enthusiasm, avidity; swiftness, quickness, dispatch, expedition; haste, speed, celerity.

2. liveliness, briskness, sprightliness; animation, vivacity, vigor; effervescence, ebullience, vim; spiritedness, go, *Inf.* snap, get up, and go; cheerfulness, gaiety, glee, mirth, high spirits.

à la mode, fashionable, stylish, modish, popular, latest; chic, smart, all the go, all the rage; in fashion, in vogue, in style, in; rage, craze, fad, go; the thing, the latest thing, *Fr.* dernier cri.

**alarm, n.** 1. fear, fright, scare, terror, affright, *Inf.* funk, panic, horror, dread; apprehension, consternation, dismay, trepidation, disquiet, discomfort, perturbation, misgiving, timidity, solicitude, concern, uneasiness.

2.hue and cry, war cry, call to arms, summons to arms, sound of trumpet, beat of drum.

3. alarm bell, siren, whistle, horn, warning or alarm gun, tocsin, alert, *Archaic.* alarm; signal light, red light, danger signal, cry of distress, SOS, May Day.

—v. 4. frighten, scare, distress, terrify, affright, appall; shock, panic, throw into panic, startle, dismay, terrorize, intimidate, unnerve, daunt, consternate, disturb, agitate.

5. warn, alarm, arouse, rouse, signal; sound an alarm, set off an alarm, ring a warning bell, send up a flare, *Inf.* blow out of bed; put on the alert, call to arms, summon to arms, call out the army, call out the troops, ring the tocsin.

**alarmed, adj.** fearful, afraid, frightened, scared; startled, terrified, affrighted, appalled, haunted with fear, shocked, panicky, thrown into panic; horrified, full of dread, apprehensive, anxious, full of trepidation, concerned; consternated, dismayed, distressed, troubled, disquieted, uneasy, unnerved, discharged, disinclined, disturbed; perturbed, full of misgivings, distrustful, suspicious; aroused, agitated, nervous, intimidated, daunted, timid, timorous, faint-hearted; aware, wary, alert, vigilant, watchful.

**alarming, adj.** dreadful, terrible, grievous, dire; threatening, hazardous, dangerous, perilous; terrifying, frightful, direful, appalling, ominous, portentous; disturbing, distressing, harrowing, rending; redoubtable, fearsome, fearful, formidable, awful; horrible,
upon, descend upon, drop down on, come to rest upon; perch, lodge, settle, settle on, descend and settle.

3. chance upon, happen upon, hit upon, strike upon, come upon, fall upon, blunder upon, stumble over, come across, run across.

align

align, v. 1. straighten, collimate, parallel, range, rank, line up; adjust, arrange, regulate, sight, even, match up, fine-tune, calibrate; get in line, fall in, get in order.

2.Usu. align with affiliate, associate, ally, join; become one of, cast one's lot with, go along with, SI. string along with; sympathize in, have faith or confidence in; advocate, support, back, countenance, favor.

alike, adv. 1. similarly, equally, in common; just the same, all the same, the same, in like manner, as one.

—adj. 2. similar, akin, like, kindred, related, allied; correspondent, responding, resemblant, resembling, homologous; analogous, comparable, conformable, correlative, complementary, parallel, agreeing; synonymous, paronymous, cognate; equivalent, tantamount, equal, corresponding, matching; same, uniform, interchangeable; conspecific, consanguineous, homogeneous, consubstantial.

aliment, n. 1. food, nourishment, nutriment, nurture; victuals, vittles, comestibles, eatables, edibles; commons, Inf. grub, SI. eats, SI. chow; bread, manna, staff of life, meat, viands, foodstuff; diet, fare, regimen; cheer, rations, provisions; repast, meal, board, keep; fodder, feed, forage, provender, Pablum; pastureage, pasture, herbage; pap, cereal, Trademark. Pabulum.

2. sustenance, subsistence, alimentation, sustenance, maintenance, Law. necessaries; livelihood, living, Inf. bread and butter.

alimentary, adj. 1. nourishing, nutritive, nutritious, wholesome; salutary, salubrious, healthful, good; sustensive, supportive, strengthening, eutrophic, eupetic; digestive, peptic.

2. comestible, gustable, gustatory, alimental; eatable, edible, esculent, digestible; dietetic, dietary.

alimentation, n. food, nourishment, nutriment; sustenance, maintenance, support. See aliment.

alimony, n. 1. Law. allowance, support payment, divorce settlement, child support.

2. maintenance, livelihood, keep, support, means; sustenance, subsistence, sustenance, aliment.

alive, adj. 1. living, live, animate, breathing, respiring, undeceased, unexpired, unextinguished, alive and kicking, this side of the grave, above ground, with us, here, Archaic. quick; under the sun, on the face of the earth, in the world; corporeal, incarnate, embodied, bodily, fleshly, in the flesh, physical, palpable, tangible, material, substantial.

2. exist, existing, exist in, unextinct, about, happening, going on, in the air or wind, prevalent.

3. operative, in operation or motion, effective, in effect or force, functioning, working, acting.

4. active, vigorous, robust, energetic, strenuous, dynamic, busy; astir, stirring, bustling, moving; lively, full of life, vital, vibrant; spirited, animated, brisk, frisky, sprightly, spry, Inf. peppy, Inf. snappy.

5. vivacious, vivified, effervescent, effervescing, bubbling, sparkling, breezy; vivid, viable, life-like, real, actual; stimulating, exciting.

6. alive with (all followed by with or of) swarming, thronged, crowded, stuffed, fogged, crammed; cloyed, glutted, surfeit, satiated, sated, overrun, overflowing; rife, teeming, abounding, abundant, rich; replete, filled, full.

all, adj. 1. entire, whole, total, integral, the sum of, complete, full; every, each, each and every; any, any whatever, any and every; only, nothing but, nothing except.

—n. 2. whole, total, aggregate, sum; sum total, entire, integrity; aliveness, comprehensiveness, universality; totality, everything, everyone, everybody.

3. (often cap.). universe, cosmos, macrocosm.

4. after all finally, at last, in the end, eventually, ultimately; nevertheless, notwithstanding, anyway.

5. once and for all finally, for the last time, at last, ultimately, at the last moment.

—adv. 6. wholly, entirely, completely, altogether, quite, very, exceedingly; only, exclusively, solely, alone; each, apiece, to a man.

all-around, adj. 1. versatile, many-faceted, adaptable, all-round; unspecialized, generalist.

2. inclusive, complete, out-and-out, thoroughgoing, thorough.

3. all-inclusive, comprehensive, blanket, umbrella, Inf. wall-to-wall.

alay, v. 1. calm, lull, put to rest; quiet, still, silence, hush; soften, assuage, mollify, smooth over; soothe, compose, tranquilize, pacify, appease, Sl. simmer down; quell, lay, check, curb, suppress, repress.

2. lessen, relieve, moderate, temper, blunt, dull, slack, quench; lighten, ease, slacken, reduce, diminish; mitigate, alleviate, palliate.

allegation, n. 1. affirmation, assertion, assurance, averment, avowal, avouchment, positive declaration, predication; testimony, attestation, certification; profession, imputation, inscription, implication.

2. statement, sworn statement, deposition, affidavit, statement of facts.

3. accusation, charge, claim, complaint, bill of complaint; false claim, false witness, trumped-up charge, Sl. put-up job, Sl. frame up or frame.

allege, v. 1. affirm, assert, asservate, aver, avow, avouch; state, declare, predicate, lay down; insist, maintain, contend, hold.

2. attest, testify, certify, vouch; depose, bear witness, give evidence, give one's word, warrant.

3. (all without proof) profess, claim, purport, pretend; impute, insinuate, imply; cite, name, attribute, produce, present, plead; offer, propose.

alleged, adj. 1. asserted, asservated, averred, affirmed; stated, declared, predicated, announced, enunciated.

2. doubtful, dubious, unlikely, suspect, suspicious; supposed, assumed, presumed, reputed, inferred; proffered, claimed, purported, avowed, pretended, so-called, in name only.

allegiance, n. loyalty, fidelity, faithfulness, Archaic. troth, constancy; devotion, homage, fealty, adherence, duty, obligation; obedience, compliance, deference, subservience, submission, subjugation.

allegorical, adj. figurative, not literal, metaphorical, tropical; representative, typical, signifying, symbolic, emblematic, symbolizing, standing for.

allegorize, v. represent, stand for, symbolize, typi-
allegory, n. 1. parable, fable, apologue, tale, story, illustration; fiction, fantasy, myth. 2. comparison, analogy, simile, metaphor, Rhet. parable, Rhet. figure of speech, Rhet. trope, Rhet. image.

alleviate, v. mitigate, reduce, diminish, lessen, weaken; abate, let up, slacken, remit, relax; allay, assuage, Rare. lenify, palliate; appease, soothe, Archaic. attemp- per, relieve, ease, soften, cushion, mollify, lighten; smooth, calm, compose, tranquilize, still, quiet, lull; solace, console, succor, remedy; quell, slake, deaden, dull, blunt, take the edge off of; smoother, check, curb, tame, subdue; moderate, temper, modify, qualify.

alleviation, n. assuagement, palliation, appeasement; alleviation, amelioration, improvement.

alley, n. back street, byway, lane, road, dirt road, dead-end; footway, footpath, walk, walkway, promenade, mall; path, aisle, corridor, passageway, passage.

alliance, n. 1. coalition, entente, union, league, bloc, bund, federation, federation, confederation, confederacy; partnership, co-partnership, affiliation; industry, enterprise, business, business establishment; commercial enterprise, concern, firm, company, house; corporation, incorporation, conglomerate, trust, syndicate, cartel, consortium, combine, machine, Sl. plunderbund; junction, fusion, combination, merger, merging; association, society, guild; pool, cooperative, cooperation, co-op; council, junta, collective, assembly, convention, diet; faction, party, splinter group, ring, group, Inf. crew, Inf. gang.

2. marriage, mony or holy maternity, bonds of maternity, wedlock or holy wedlock, matrimonial union, marriage sacrament, sacrament of maternity, wedding knot; mixed marriage, interfaith marriage, inter- racial marriage; intermarriage; kinship, nuptial tie or bind or knot, conjugal tie or bind or knot, con- nubial tie or bind or knot, marriage relationship, mar- rial affinity, marriage or family connection.

3. pact, compact, treaty, covenant, concordat, contract, formal agreement; settlement, arrangement, understanding, cordial understanding, agreement, gen- tleman’s agreement, deal, bargain, transaction.

4. affinity, affiliation, similarity, similitude, resemblance, correlation, relation, parallel, concurrence, correspondence; equivalence, parity, analogy, homoeo- geneity, homology.

allied, adj. 1. confederate, confederated, league, federate, federal, federated; joined, united, bound, connected, associated, organized, unionized; merged, combined, amalgamated, corporate, incorporated, syndicated, syndical, cooperative, cooper- ating, in cooperation.

2. related, kindred, akin, cognate, congeneric or con- generous; analogous, correlative, correlate, correlated, correlating, correspondent, corresponding, compara- ble, similar, resemblant, resembling, coordinated; equivalent, same, like, alike, of a piece, homogeneous, homologous, parallel, identical.

all-inclusive, adj. comprehensive, extensive, all-em- bracing, blanket, umbrella; full, total, complete, thor- ough; exhaustive, far-reaching, widespread, wholesale.

allocate, v. set apart, appropriate, designate, earmark, intend, specify; allot, apportion, divide up; assign, distribute, disperse, ration, mete out.

allocation, n. appropriation, allocation, grant, bud- get; apportionment, portion, share, ration; quota, stint, lot.

allow, v. 1. parcel out, apportion, share, divide up, Sl. divy up, partition; distribute, dispense, dole out.

2. assign, hand over, render; grant, give, bestow, pre- sent; bequeath, leave, will.

3. appropriate, set apart, allocate, appoint; earmark, designate, design, intend, specify.

allowment, n. 1. share, lot, part, portion; percentage, measure, quota, stint; apportionment, partition, division.

2. appropriation, allocation, allowance, grant, budget; dispensation, donation, ration, pittance, dole, handout.

all-out, adj. 1. total, complete, thorough, thorough- going, exhaustive, unqualified, no-holds-barred.

2. vigorous, energetic, powerful, mighty; determined, resolute, decided; enthusiastic, ardent, fervent, keen.

allow, v. 1. permit, give permission or leave to, let; authorize, approve of, go along with, give the green light, give the go-ahead; tolerate, put up with, bear, suffer, stand, brook, abide, endure; hear of, support, sanction, Inf. stand for.

2. grant, give, let have, accord; allot, allocate, ra- tion, dole out, dispense; offer, donate, contribute; provide, endow, furnish, supply; bestow, confer, vouchsafe, impart, award, present.

3. admit, acknowledge, concede, acquiesce in, yield, cede; accede to, agree to, assent to, consent to, submit to, comply with, adhere to, conform to.

4. set apart, put aside, arrange for, plan for; consid- er, take into consideration, take into account, keep in mind, regard; provide for, make provision or conces- sions or allowances for.

allowable, adj. 1. permissible, admissible, accept- able, all right; unfettered, unprohibited; acknowledg- edgeable, concessible, grantable; authorizable, warrantable, approvable, sanctionable; justifiable, vindic- able, venial, excusable, pardonable.

2. legitimate, Sl. legit, lawful, legal, legalized, within bounds, Inf. kosher; proper, right, appropriate, apt, suitable, Inf. O.K.

allowance, n. 1. amount, share, allotment, portion; given quantity, quota, ration, rate, stint.

2. grant, fellowship, scholarship, assistantship, stipend.

3. salary, pay, wages, hire, commission, sum, pit- tance, pin or pocket money; percentage, quarterage, expense account, vaticium; remittance, recompense, reward, remuneration; gratuity, tip, fee, douceur; an- nuity, pension, Law. alimony, maintenance; subsidy, subvention, subscription; aid, support, relief, help, dole, handout, alms.

4. endowment, contribution, donation; benefit, boon, benefaction, bestowal, bestowment; present, gift, Fr. cadeau, award, tribute, honorarium; offering, fa- vor, largess, bounty.

5. addition, increase, margin, qualification, modi- fication, limitation, restriction; discount, decrease, de- duction, reduction, rebate, abatement.

6. acknowledgement, concession, consent, granting; assent, accedence, acquiescence; agreement, approval, concurrence, admitting, admittance, recognition.
alloy, n. 1. compound, composite, hybrid, mongrel, amalgam; mixture, mix, combine, fusion, blend, coalescence, union. Bot. homogeneity, Archaic. crisis; consolidation, conglomerate, agglomerate, aggregate; pinchbeck, sham, counterfeit, fake, imitation, synthetic.

2. admixture, commixture, minglement, interminglement; combination, conglomeration, agglomeration, aggregation, Chem. levigation; adulteration, debasement, pollution, contamination, vitiation.

3. karat, pureness, purity, fineness, quality; standard, grade, degree, level, criterion.

4. impurity, foreign or alien substance, pollutant, polluter, contaminant, debaser, vitiator.

—v. 5. compound, admix, commix, mix, Chem. levigate; combine, interfuse, fuse, conjoin, incorporate, unite, unify, coalesce, merge; conglomerate, agglomerate, amalgamate, blend, homogenize, Archaic. temper; commingle, mingle, intermingle, intermix; synthesize, consolidate, compose, put together.

6. adulterate, base, pollute, contaminate, vitiate; downgrade, depreciate, cheapen, lower in value; deteriorate, ruin, impair, harm.

all right, adj. 1. safe, secure, whole, complete, unharmed, unhurt, uninjured, unimpaired, unbroken; sound, healthy, well, hale.

2. satisfactory, acceptable, allowable, permissible; warrantable, approvable, sanctionable, fine, Inf. okey-dokey, Inf. okle-dokle, Inf. O.K., Inf. kosher, Sl. hunky-dory, Sl. hunky.

—adv. 3. yes, okay, very well, if you wish, why not?

4. satisfactorily, well, adequately, sufficiently, well along with; permission, leave, consent, assent, Law. connivance; license, permit.

—v. 8. diet, regulate, restrict, select, limit; allocate, ration, stint, allot, dole out, dispense.

alloy, v. 1. confederate, league, unite, unionize, unify, conjoin, join with, join forces or hands, band together, team up, Inf. gang up, side with, go or go along with, take part, Inf. hitch horses; join, combine, couple, yoke, pair, join together, bind together; wed, marry.

2. associate, interassociate, identify, relate, interrelate, correlate or corelate, parallel, draw a parallel; connect, Inf. join in with or by a like or equal sign, equate, tie.

3. confederate, partner, comrade, comrade in arms; associate, consociate, socius, yokemate or yokemate, companion, helpmate, helpmeet, Obs. helpmate, co-worker, co-aid, co-partner, consort, conferee, sidekick, friend, Chieflly Brit. mate; conspirator, fellow conspirator, conspirer, conniver, abettor, accomplice, accessory or Chieflly Law. accessory, partner in crime, Sl. gun moll or moll; collaborator, cooperator, contributor, participant, participant; (all of nations) satellite, captive nation, puppet government or regime.

4. analogue, correspondent, coordinate, correlative, correlate, compliment, companion, mate, equivalent; relative, kind, fellow; twin, mirror image, duplicate or exact duplicate; close match, close imitation, reproduction, facsimile, copy, replica.

5. helper, aid or aide, attendant, acolyte, deputy, subsidiary, adjutant, coadjutant, coadjutor, coadjutrix, adjunct, adjutant,Obs. adjutor, auxiliary, ancilla, second, man Friday, henchman, right hand, right-hand man.

almanac, n. yearbook, calendar, register, registry, annual, annals, Archaic. annal; astronomical table, ephemera.

almighty, adj. 1. omnipotent, all-powerful, pleni-potent; overpowering, overwhelming, mastering, subduing, controlling; powerful, Literary. puissant, pot; dominant, predominant, commanding, forci- bly; telling; despotic, autocratic, dictatorial, lordly, masterful; authoritative, influential.

2. Informal. extreme, excessive, great, enormous; terrible, awful, bad.

—n. 3. the Almighty, God, the Supreme Being, God Almighty, Omnipotent Goodness, Most High, Divine Being, the Deity, Divinity, Providence, the Godhead, Jehovah, Yahweh; God the Father, Divine Father, Father, Lord of Lords, King of kings, King of glory; Creator, Author of all things, the Maker, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, the First Cause, the Light of the World; Ruler of Heaven and Earth, Sovereign of the Universe; the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, the All-knowing, the All-merciful, the All-wise; the Infinite, the Eternal, the Absolute.

almost, adv. virtually, as good as, Inf. just about, Inf. most; all but, for the most part, not quite, a little short of, barely, hardly, scarcely; nearly, near, next to, well-nigh, nigh, nigh upon or onto; close to, within an inch of, Inf. inch of, within a stone's throw, in the neighborhood or vicinity of; nearing, approaching, toward, verging on, in the brink or verge of, bordering on.

alms, n. 1. charity, charitable donation, contribution, largess, bounty, benefaction, beneficence, offerings, maundy money; welfare assistance, welfare, dole, subsidy.

2. handout, gratuity, dowceur, (in India, Turkey, etc.) baksheesh, (in Chinese ports) cumshaw.

almsgiving, n. charity, largess, benevolence, benefaction, munificence, liberality, open-handedness, generosity; altruism, humanitarianism, philanthropy, big-heartedness, public spiritedness.

aloft, adv. 1. high up, in the air or sky, in the clouds, far above the ground; skyward or skyswards,
toward the sky; in or to heaven, on high, in the firmament, in the celestial heights; overhead, over one's head, above, on a higher place, at a higher place, in a higher place; atop, at the top, on the top.

2. All Nautical. on the masts, at the masthead, in the upper rigging, overhead.

alone, adj. 1. separate, single, lone, sole, individual, discrete, apart, cut off, isolated, solitary, by oneself, Sc. solitarily, self, self; unaccompanied, unaccompanied, companionless, Inf. by one's lonesome.

2. lonely, lonesome, forlorn, bereft, forsaken; abandoned, deserted, derelict, desolate, out in the cold.

3. only, merely, simply, just.

4. unaided, unassisted, unhindered, by oneself, single-handedly; under one's own steam; independently, on one's own, Inf. on one's lonesome.

5. only, exclusively, merely, simply, just.

6. unaided, unassisted, unhindered, by oneself, single-handedly; under one's own steam; independently, on one's own, Inf. on one's lonesome.

7. only, merely, simply, just.

along, prep. 1. beside the side of, alongside, along the side of, Obs. or Dial. along, parallel with or to, close by; on the border of, on the boundary of, on the line of, on the edge of, on the fringe of; through, throughout, all through, throughout the course of, over, all over, roundabout; from one end to the other, throughout the length of; on.

2. during, in the course of, in the process of, in the middle of.

3. in accordance with, in conformity with, in keeping with, in harmony with, in line with, in step with, in agreement with, in compliance with, in uniformity with, in correspondence to; together with, right with, in conjunction with, comfortable to, according to.

—adv. 4. lengthwise, lengthways, longwise, longways, by the length, in length, at length, in line with the length, longitudinally; parallel with or to the length, alongside, along the side, beside, by the side of, close to the side, next to, right next to; aside, on one side, to one side, to the side, off to one side, off the side, on the side, sidelong; abreast, side by side, cheek by cheek, cheek by jowl, board by board.

5. onward, onwards, on ahead, ahead, forward, forwards, forth.

6. in company with, in agreement with, in association with, in conjunction with; together with, coupled with, paired with, partnered with, joined with, united with; with, plus, including, inclusive of, as well as, not to mention, to say nothing of, let alone; added to, linked to, with the addition of, in addition to, over and above; simultaneously, at the same time, in unison, together.

7. down the line, through the ranks, Sl. through the grapevine, from one person or place to another, from person to person, from place to place.

8. all along, all the time, all the while, from the start, from the beginning, throughout, at all times.

alongside, adv. 1. along, along the side, beside, by the side of, parallel with or to the length, close to the side, next to, right next to; aside, on the side, on one side, to one side, to the side, off to one side, off the side, on the side, sidelong; abreast, side by side, cheek by cheek, cheek by jowl, board by board.

—prep. 2. along, beside, by the side of, along the side of, Obs. or Dial. along, parallel with or to, close by; on the border, on the boundary of, on the line of, on the edge of, on the fringe of.

aloof, adv. 1. apart, separately, by oneself; off, away, at a distance, at arm's length.

—adv. 2. indifferent, apathetic, unconcerned, disinterested, incurious, uninquisitive; removed, detached, uninvolved, unresponsive, unsympathetic; distant, remote, unapproachable, unsociable, standoffish, Inf. offish; cool, chilly, frosty, icy, frigid; haughty, Inf. high-hat, above all that, Olympian.

3. reticent, reserved, shy, withdrawn; alone, solitary, isolated, insular, separate, apart, to oneself.

aloud, adv. 1. audibly, distinctly, plainly, clearly; loudly, loudly and clearly, Inf. out loud, with a loud voice, sonorously, resoundingly.

2. noisily, lustily, uproariously, boisterously; at the top of one's lungs, deafeningly, ear-splittingly, thunderingly, stentoriously; obstreperously, clamorously, vociferously, blatantly, clangorously.

alphabet, n. 1. letters, symbols, characters, signs, hieroglyphs, pictographs, ideographs; syllabary, rune.

2. ABC's, beginnings, first steps, first principles, fundamentals, basics, rudiments, mere beginnings.

alphabetize, v. arrange, put in order, put in alphabetical order, categorize, systematize, organize, codify, set-up, file, go from A to Z.

alpine, adj. mountainous, rangy, snow-clad, ice-peaked, cloud-capped; distant, remote, faraway; aerial, soaring, lofty, high-reaching, elevated, towering, high, lofty, high-sounding, loud, piercing, piercing.

already, adj. 1. by this time, by that time, yet; previously, beforehand, before now, hitherto.

2. now, here and now, even now, just now, but now, as of now; so soon, so early.

also, adv. conj. in addition, additionally, too, besides, as well, to boot, ditto, yet; and, plus, as well as; furthermore, further, over and above, moreover, more than that; together with that, therewithal, Arch. thereto; including, along with, together with; in conjunction with, conjointly.

altar, n. 1. sacrificial table, elevated structure, platform, mound; All Eccles. Lord's table, holy table, communion table, God's board.

2. shrine, inner shrine, reliquary, adytum; sacred or holy place, sanctuary of holies, sanctum sanctorum, inner chamber, penetralia, temple, church, place of worship.

alter, v. 1. modify, adjust, qualify, (both of clothing) take in, let out; change, make different, commute; transform, transfigure, transmute, metamorphose, convert; mend, emend, amend, edit, correct, revise; fix, reform, better, ameliorate; reconstruct, remodel, recast, remodel; shuffle, jumble together, shift, mix, interchange, exchange; diversify, vary, reverse, turn, invert, transpose.


alteration, n. 1. modification, adjustment, qualification, (both of clothing) taking in, letting out; change, difference, variation, variance, vicissitude, innovation, revolution, divergence, deviation; transformation, transfiguration, transmutation, permutation, metamorphosis, conversion; mending, emending, amendment, amendment, editing, correcting, correction, revising, revision; reformation, reforming, reconstruction, reconstructing, remodeling, recasting, remodeling.

2. reversal, turn, inversion, transposition, transference; substitution, commutation; shuffle, shuffling, shift, shifting, mix, mixing, diversifying, diversification, interchange, interchanging, exchange, exchanging; transition, passage; reduction, lessening, lowering.

altercate, v. argue, quarrel, dispute, spar, have words; bicker, spat, tiff; debate, disagree, differ, dissent, fall out, contend; clash, struggle, be at variance;
altercation, n. 1. argument, quarrel, dispute, disputation, sparring; bickering, spatting, jangling, jarring; debate, logomachy, disagreement, dissension, discord, fall out; difference, divergence, variance; controversy, war of words.

2. affray, fight, brawl, wrangle, Inf. set-to jangle, row, squabble, Inf. run-in; struggle, clash, conflict, collision, scrimmage, strife, contention, broil; scuffle, tussle, fray; disturbance, commotion, uproar, fracas, rumpus, scene; disorder, turbulence, tumult; outbreak, riot, feud; melee, fistfights, Sl. milling; combat, contest, duel.

alternate, v. 1. rotate, change back and forth, change off, take turns, Sports. platoon; interchange, change places, transpose, reciprocate.

—adj. 2. in rotation, one after another, consecutive, successive; reciprocal, mutual; every other, every second.

3. alternative, another. See alternative (def. 2).

—n. 4. U.S. substitute, understudy, backup, pinch hitter; deputy, vicar, proxy, representative, agent, Chiefly Brit. locum tenens; assistant, backer, second.

alternation, n. rotation, alternate succession, changing back and forth, changing off, taking turns; interchanging, changing places, transposition, reciprocation.

alternative, n. 1. choice, option, selection, preference, pick, election; recourse, remaining choice, only other choice; substitute, backup, Inf. plan B.

—adj. 2. alternate, another, different, other, additional.

although, conj. in spite of the fact that, despite the fact that, notwithstanding that, albeit that, for all of that, even though, though; admitting that, granting that, be that as it may; supposing that, be it that, even if.

altitude, n. 1. height, elevation, stature, extent or distance upward, measurement.

2. Usu. altitudes heights, summit, peak, pinnacle, crest, point, spire, tip, top, tiptop; apex, vertex, apogee, extreme, Latin. ne plus ultra; acme, zenith, meridian, crown, culmination.

3. supremacy, ascendancy, ascendency, highness, loftiness, tallness; eminence, prominence, prominenency, dignity, primacy.

altogether, adv. 1. wholly, completely, entirely, totally, fully; in all, in all respects, with no exception, across the board, from A to Z, Latin. in toto; utterly, thoroughly, absolutely, out and out, perfectly; quite, clean, right, sheer, stark, Inf. plumb.

2. on the whole, in the main, by and large, all in all, in general, generally, in the long run; for the most part, for all practical purposes, virtually; all things considered, everything considered; chiefly, mainly, mostly.

altruism, n. 1. philanthropy, humanitarianism, humaneness, humanity, public spirit; other-directedness, other-direction, PsychoI. extraversion, unselfulness, disinterestedness.

2. bountfulness, munificence, generosity, charity, benevolence, beneficence, magnanimity, liberality, open-handedness; large-heartedness, kind-heartedness, kindness.

altruistic, adj. 1. philanthropic, humanitarian, humane, public-spirited; other-directed, PsychoI. extraverted, non-egotistic, non-egotistical, non-ego-centric, unselfish, disinterested.

2. bountiful, munificent, generous, charitable, benevolent, beneficent, magnanimous, liberal, open-handed; large-hearted, big-hearted, kind-hearted, kind.

alumnus, alumna, n. graduate, former student; disciple, apostle, pupil.

always, adv. 1. every time, at all times, on every occasion, without exception; constantly, regularly, repeatedly; continually, incessantly, unintermittently, day in, day out; invariably, inevitably, unfailingly, infallibly.

2. forever, eternally, perpetually; ever, evermore, Poetry. aye, Literary. sempiternally, Poetry. for aye, forever and ever, forever and a day; everlastingly, endlessly, timelessly; unceasingly, ceaselessly, undyingly, interminably; till doomsday, without end, Latin. in saecula saeculorum, Fr. toujours.

amalgam, n. alloy, compound, composite, hybrid, cross-breed, mongrel; mixture, mix, combination, combine, admixture, commixture; blend, fusion, coalescence, union, Archaic. crasis; consolidation, conglomeration, conglomerate, agglomeration, agglomerate, aggregation, aggregate, Chem. levigation.

amalgamate, v. mix, commix, combine, blend, Chem. levigate, homogenize, Archaic. temper; fuse, interfuse, conjoin, incorporate, unite, unify, coalesce, merge; synthesize, consolidate, compose, put together; mingle, admix, commingle, intermingle, intermix; alloy, compound, conglomerate, agglomerate.

amalgamation, n. mixture, commingling, mingling, minglement, interminglement; blending, fusing, coalescence, union. See amalgam.

amanuensis, n. secretary, clerk, scribe, scrivener, stenographer, transcriber, transcriptionist, copyist, copier.

amass, v. 1. gather, collect, hoard, squirrel away, save up, bank; gather, collect, store up, stock up, lay by, lay up, lay in, Inf. stash away, reserve, set aside; save, save up, bank.

2. heap up, pile, pile up, roll up, run up, stack up; assemble, mass, aggregate, bring together, congregate, cumulate, agglomerate.

amateur, n. 1. nonprofessional, layman, do-yourselfer; dabbler, dailier, trifler, putterer, potterer, dilettante; beginner, novice, tyro, neophyte, learner.

2. fan, devotee, votary, aficionado, Inf. buff, Sl. freak, Sl. bug, Sl. nut; admirer, fancier, follower, groupie.

—adj. 3. nonprofessional, avocational, (of athletes) sandlot.

4. amateurish, unprofessional. See amateurish.

amateurish, adj. 1. unprofessional, unpolished, uneven, rough; unperfected, imperfect, faulty, flawed, deficient, wanting; inferior, second-rate, grubstreet, bush-league, minor-league; mediocre, unskilled, unskillful, incompetent, poor.

2. superficial, dilettante, dilettantish, shallow, mere-deficient, wanting; inferior, second-rate, grubstreet, bush-league, minor-league; mediocre, unskilled, unskillful, incompetent, poor.

amatory, adj. amorous, passionate, fervent, insatiable, ravenous; amorous, insatiable, ravenous; languishing, dotting, lovesick, devoted, tender, fond; erotic, romantic, sentimental; Archaic. lovestruck.

amaze, v. astound, astonish, dumfound; floor, shock, jar, jolt, Inf. bowl over, Inf. give [s.o.] a turn, Inf. catch [s.o.] up short; startle, surprise, disconcert, bewilder; dazzle, electrify, Inf. take one’s breath away; unbalance, disorder, Inf. catch off guard, Sl. curl one’s hair.

amazement, n. surprise, astonishment, stupefaction, wonderment, awe; bewilderment, befuddlement, perplexity, confusion; wonder, marvel, prodigy, miracle.

amazing, adj. surprising, astounding, astonishing, striking, remarkable; wonderful, fabulous, marvelous, stupendous; miraculous, prodigious, preternatural,
incredible, unbelievable, inconceivable; unexpected, confounding, unprecedented; very strange, Inf. damnedest, highly extraordinary, very unusual, singular.

amazon, n. virago, termagent, spitfire, fury; castrator, emancipator, shrew, vixen, tartar, scold, Xanthippe.

ambassador, n. 1. diplomat, emissary, legate, attaché, envoy, minister of state, dignitary, plenipotentiary, nuncio; representative, delegate, commissioner, official, agent.

2. messenger, courier, herald, harbinger; intermediary, go-between; announcer, proclaimer, spokesman.

ambience, n. environment, surroundings, setting, scene; atmosphere, milieu, mood, spirit, feeling, vibrations, Sf. vibes; climate, feel, air; composition, cast, character, tone, flavor, color.

ambivalent, adj. uncertain, indecisive, irresolute, unsettled, inconclusive, unsure, infirm of purpose; doubtful, dubious, hesitant, hesitating, faltering, at loose ends, of two minds; fluctuating, vacillating, tergiversating, changing, mercurial, capricious, fickle, unstable, inconstant; conflicting, contradictory, opposite, opposing, irreconcilable, paradoxical, antinomic; confusing, ambiguous, equivocal, ironic.

amble, v. 1. stroll, saunter; shuffle, Inf. mosey; ramble, meander, Inf. trapse; (both of horses) pace, rack.

—n. 2. easy walk, easy pace, gentle pace; strolling or ambling gait; stroll, saunter, walk, ramble, jaunt.

ambrosial, adj. 1. savoy, delectable, palatable; delicious, tasty, toothsome, flavorful, flavorful; mouth-watering, appetizing, gustable; sweet, nectarous, sugary, honeyed.

2. fragrant, aromatic, balmy, perfumed, perfumy; amaranthine, redolent, sweet-smelling, rosy; odorous, odoriferous, olent.

3. divine, godly, heavenly, supernal; celestial, ethereal, elysian, empyreal, paradisiac; beatific, golden, glorious, exalted.

ambulate, v. 1. walk, foot, Sf. hoof, Sf. take the shoe-leather express; step, pace, tread.

2. perambulate, stroll, promenade, saunter, amble, roam, rove, range, ramble; meander, circumambulate, straggle, gag about, gallivant, trapeze, shuffle; perigrinate, traverse, trek, travel.

ambulatory, adj. 1. walking, pedestrian, on foot; moving, mobile, shifting.

2. itinerant, peripatetic, wandering, wayfaring; nomadic, migratory, vagrant, vagabond; strolling, rambling, meandering.

3. Law. alterable, changeable, modifiable, mutable, permutable; revocable, reversible.

ambush, n. 1. ambuscade, hiding-place, retreat, concealment, cover, screen, blind; trap, snare, pitfall, lure; lying in wait, lurking.

—v. 2. ambuscade, lurk, skulk, lie in wait; waylay, entrap, ensnare, decoy, lure.

ameliorate, v. 1. improve, better, make better, amend, meliorate; advance, promote, raise, elevate; straighten out, reform, revise, rectify, set or put straight, make or set right, fix, repair.

2. remedy, cure, mend, heal, doctor; relieve, ease, mitigate, lessen, assuage, alleviate.

amelioration, n. 1. improvement, betterment, melioration; advancement, promotion, raise, elevation; straightening out, reform, revision, amendment, rectification, setting or making right.

2. remedy, cure, mending, healing, doctoring; relief, easing, mitigation, lessening, assuagement, alleviation.

amen, interj. 1. it is so, it is so, be it so, be it so, so is it, so shall it be, let it be so, would that it were so; by all means, Sl. right on, Sl. way to go.

—adv. 2. verily, truly, honestly, truthfully, precisely, assuredly, as a matter of fact, frankly, in truth, indeed, literally.

—n. 3. assent, concurrence, approval, endorsement, backing, okay, O.K., commendation, approbation.

amenability, n. 1. agreeableness, agreeability, reasonableness; compliancy, pliancy, flexibility, conform-
amenable

ability, adaptability; yieldingness, acquiescence, submissiveness, deference, obedience; docility, manageability, manageableness, governability, tractability.

2. liability, accountability, answerableness, answerability, answerableness, chargeability, responsibility.

amenable, adj. 1. agreeable, reasonable, persuadable; compliant, pliant, flexible, conformable, adaptable; yielding, acquiescent, submissive, deferential, obedient; docile, manageable, governable, tractable.

2. liable, accountable, answerable, chargeable, responsible; subject, obligated, obliged, bound.

amends, n. 1. reparation, compensation, recompense, satisfaction; requital, quittance, payment, Literary. guerdon; indemnification, indemnity, restitution, restoration, remedy, redress; atonement, expiation; reward, retribution, return, salvage, consideration, acknowledgement; propitiation, conciliation; bribe, sop, damages, hush money; Latin. quid pro quo, douceur; apology, peace offering.

2. make amends compensate, recompense, make reparation, indemnify; propitiate, appease, conciliate; atone, atone for, expiate; apologize, beg pardon, be sorry for; make good, make right, make up for; set one’s house in order; requite, repay, return, reimburse, remunerate, recoup.

amend, v. 1. alter, modify, adjust, qualify; change, make different, commute; transform, transfigure, transmute, metamorphose, convert; reconstruct, remodel, recast, remold, reorganize; reverse, turn, invert, transpose.

2. mend, emend, edit, correct, revise; rectify, redress, set right, put right, reform, straighten out; repair, fix, fix up; better, ameliorate, improve; purify, cleanse, clean, purge; doctor, touch up, polish; heal, cure, remedy, restore; compensate, recompense, repay, make up for, redeem; relieve, mitigate, lessen.

3. attach, adjoin, affix, append, suffix, annex, postfix, subjoin; join, unite, connect, adjunct, combine; add, add to, tag, tag on, tack on, put on; superpose, superimpose, superadd.

amendment, n. 1. alteration, modification, adjustment, qualification; change, difference, variation, variance, vicissitude; transformation, transfiguration, transmutation, metamorphosis, conversion; reconstruction, remodeling, recasting, remodeling, reorganization; reversal, turn, inversion, transposition, transfer, substitute, substituting, annexing.

2. mending, emending, emendation, editing, correcting, correction, revising, revision; rectification, rectifying, redressing, setting right, putting right, reforming, reformation; repairing, reparation, fixing; amelioration, improvement, betterment; purification, cleansing, cleaning, purging, purification; doctoring, touching up, polishing; healing, curing, restoring, restoration, remedying; compensation, recompense, repayment, redemption; relief, relieving, mitigation, mitigating, lessening, lowering, reducing, reduction.

3. attachment, addition, affixture, appendage; adding, subjoin, postjoin; joining, uniting, combining; adding, tacking on, tagging on, attaching, annexing.

amends, n. 1. reparation, compensation, recompense, satisfaction; requital, quittance, payment, Literary. guerdon; indemnification, indemnity, restitution, restoration, remedy, redress; atonement, expiation; reward, retribution, return, salvage, consideration, acknowledgement; propitiation, conciliation; bribe, sop, damages, hush money; Latin. quid pro quo, douceur; apology, peace offering.

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3. attachment, addition, affixture, appendage; adding, subjoin, postjoin; joining, uniting, combining; adding, tacking on, tagging on, attaching, annexing.

amiable, adj. 1. pleasant, pleasing, amenability, pleasantness, pleasingness, pleasantness, good-naturedness, good-humoredness, loveliness; kindness, kindliness, complaisance, kindheartedness, benignity; attractiveness, comeliness, handsomeness, loveliness; beauty, elegance, loveliness.

2. amiable, friendly, congeniality, neighborliness, sociability; affability, approachability, accessibility, communicativeness; easiness, openness, unrestrainedness, familiarity, easygoingness.

3. agreeableness, willingness, amenability, pleasantness, pleasingness, likeableness, pleasantness, likeable, good-humoredness, mildness; politeness, cordiality, courteousness, mannerliness, courtliness, civility; urbanity, suaveness, sophistication.

amiable, adj. 1. pleasant, pleasing, likeable, good-natured, good-humored, Scot. and North Eng., Irish Eng. sonsy; delightful, nice, sweet, sweet-tempered, lovable; kind, kindly, Scot. couthie, complaisant; sympathetic, understanding; kindhearted, warm-hearted, benignant; attractive, comely, appealing, handsome, good-looking, beautiful, elegant, lovely; engaging, winning, winsome, charming.

2. amiable, friendly, congenial; neighborly, sociable, fraternal, brotherly, sisterly, companionable, affable, approachable, accessible, communicative, conversative; easy, open, unreserved, familiar, free and easy, easygoing; affectionate, demonstrative, hearty.

3. agreeable, willing, consenting, disposed, well-disposed, inclined; agreeing, harmonious, concordant; amenable, submissive, tractable, yielding, accommodating, obliging, blank; gracious, genial, gentle, pacific, peaceable, benign; polite, cordial, courteous, mannerly, well-mannered, courteously, civil; urbane, suave, sophisticated.

amicable, adj. 1. friendly, congenial, neighborly, sociable, fraternal, brotherly, sisterly, companionable, affable, approachable, accessible, communicative, conversative; easy, open, unreserved, familiar, free and easy, easygoing; affectionate, demonstrative, hearty.

2. agreeable, willing, consenting, disposed, well-disposed, inclined; agreeing, harmonious, concordant; amenable, submissive, tractable, yielding, accommodating, obliging, blank; gracious, genial, gentle, pacific, peaceable, benign; polite, cordial, courteous, mannerly, well-mannered, courteously, civil; urbane, suave, sophisticated.

3. pleasant, pleasing, likeable, good-natured, good-humored, amiable, Scot. and North Eng., Irish Eng. sonsy; delightful, nice, sweet, sweet-tempered, lovable; kind, kindly, Scot. couthie, complaisant; sympathetic, understanding; kindhearted, warm-hearted, benignant; engaging, winning, winsome, charming.

amicableness, n. 1. friendliness, congeniality, neighborliness, sociableness; affability, approachability, accessibility, communicativeness, demonstrativeness, heartiness; easiness, openness, unrestrainedness, familiarity, easygoingness.

2. agreeableness, willingness, harmoniousness, concordance, gentleness, peaceableness; amenableness, subsmissiveness, obligingness; politeness, cordiality, courteousness, courtliness, civility; urbanity, suaviness, sophisticatedness.

3. amiability, pleasantness, pleasingness, likeableness; delightful, niceness, sweetness, sweet-temperedness; kindness, kindliness, complaisance, kindheartedness, warm-heartedness; sympathy, understanding.
amid, prep. 1. mid, amidst, in the midst of, in the middle of; surrounded by, among, amongst, with; between, Archaic. betwixt, twixt.

2. during, in the course of.

amiss, adv. 1. wrong, awry, astray, off, off the mark; improperly, wrongly, erroneously, falsely, fallaciously, mistakenly, incorrectly, inaccurately, inexact, improperly, faultily; unsatisfactorily, poorly, badly, ill; inopportune, inappropriately, unsuitably, unfavorably, unpropitiiously.

—adj. 2. wrong, awry, astray, off, off the mark; improperly, erroneous, false, untrue, fallacious, mistaken, incorrect, inaccurate, inaccurate, improper, faultily; out of order, out of whack, Inf. out of kilter, unsatisfactorily, poor, bad, ill; inopportune, timely, inappropriately, unsuitable, unfavorable, unpropitiatory.

amity, n. 1. friendship, affinity, rapport, good or mutual understanding, goodwill, good feelings, peaceful relations, cordial relations; peace, concord, harmony, accord, accordance, agreement, unity, unanimity; fraternity, brotherhood, fellowship, comradeship; congeniality, cordiality, sociability, amicability, friendliness, neighborliness.

ammunition, n. 1. weapons, arms, armament, firearms, munitions, Mil. matériel; guns, rifles, muskets, flintlocks, matchlocks; pistols, revolvers, six-shooters; shotguns, machine guns, howitzers, cannons, artillery.

2. bullets, shot, shrapnel, cartridges, shells, slugs, Mil. ball; gunpowder, powder, primers, fuses; explosives, bombs, grenades, mines; missiles, rockets, torpedoes; chemicals, pyrotechnics.

3. Informal. information, instruction, advice, pointer, tip.

amnesty, n. 1. pardon, pardoning, excuse, excusal, excusing, forgiveness, forgiving, absolution, absolving, remission, remitting, reprieve, reprieving, clemency, indulgence, indulgency, leniency, leniency, lenity, tolerance, forbearance, mercifulness, mercy, grace.

2. immunity, impunity, indemnity, exemption, excision; romanticization, embroidering, stretching, strain, stressing; hyperbolization, overdrawing; magnification, augmentation, appendix, appendage, adjunct; multiplication, doubling, redoubling, trebling, tripling, quadrupling.

3. development, elaboration, fleshing out, stretching out; expatiation, descant, discourse; prolixity, verbiage, overabundance.

4. adequate, sufficient, enough, satisfactory; enough for, sufficient for, enough to, adequate for.

5. aggregate, total, add up to, come to, run to; cost, sell for, fetch, bring, set one back.

among, prep. 1. amid, amidst; in the midst of, in the midst of, in the middle of, in the thick of, amongst; surrounded by, encompassed by, enveloped by, in connection with, in association with, together with, with: between, Archaic. betwixt, Archaic. 'twixt.

2. out of, of; in the number of, in the class of, in the group of, in the company of, in the country or time of.

3. by all, by or with the whole of, with all, by most of, by or with many of; by the joint action of, by the reciprocal action of, by the mutual action of.

4. mutually, each with the other, with one another.

amorous, adj. 1. loving, amatory, amatorious, amative, Anacreontic; passionate, impassioned, ardent, fervent.

2. sexual, lustful, concupiscent, salacious; lecherous, Archaic. lickisher, prurient, lascivious, wanton, cadgy, licentious, lewd, libidinous; sensual, voluptuous, erotic.

3. enamored, smitten, infatuated, taken with, Inf. sweet on, lovesick; devoted, doting, Inf. spoony; tender, fond, affectionate, SL. lovey-dovey.

amorousness, n. 1. passion, ardor, fervency; sexuality, lust, concupiscence, salaciousness; lecherousness, prurience, lasciviousness, lewdness, licentiousness, wantonness, libidinousness; sensuality, voluptuousness.

2. enamoredness, infatuation, lovesickness; devotion, dotingness; tenderness, fondness, affection, love, amativeness.

amorphous, adj. formless, unfurred, unshapen, shapeless, structureless, unstructured; indeterminate, vague, nebulous, characterless, nondescript; unorganized, confused, jumbled, chaotic.

amount, n. 1. total, grand total, sum, sum total, whole, aggregate, lot; All Sl. whole bunch, whole mess, whole daal, whole shebang, whole kit and caboodle, whole shooting match, the works, whole ball of wax.

2. quantity, number, count, Scot and North Eng. feck; deal, pack, mass, Sl. heap, Sl. mess; part, parcel, portion; measure, extent, reach, range, compass.

3. effect, significance, value, import, purport; result, sum and substance, harvest.

—v. 4. equal, match, tally; correspond, agree, measure up to, Sl. stack up against; extend, reach, touch, approximate.

5. aggregate, total, add up to, come to, run to, mount up to, reckon up to; cost, sell for, fetch, bring, set one back.

6. become, develop into, grow, progress, advance, mature, amount to something.

amour, n. love affair, romance, Fr. affaire d’ amour, affair of the heart, Fr. affaire de coeur; affair, liaison, illicit love affair, fornication, adultery, Law. criminal conversation.

amplification, n. 1. increase, enlargement, Archaic. amplification, agrandizement; expansion, widening, thickening, broadening; extension, lengthening, prolongation, projection; inflation, dilatation, dilation, waxing; growth, spread, swell.

2. addition, accretion, increment, accession, augmentation, supplement, annex, annexation; appendage, appendage, adjunct; multiplication, redoubling, trebling, tripling, quadrupling.

3. development, elaboration, fleshing out, stretching out; expatiation, descant, discourse; prolixity, verbosity; clarification, explication, explanation, detail, elucidation; illustration, demonstration, exemplification, typification.

4. exaggeration, overstatement, overcharging, overestimating; hyperbolization, overdrawing; magnification, enhancement, enrichment, deepening, heightening; romanticization, embroidering, stretching, strain; intensification, concentration, maximization, escalation, acceleration, aggravation.

amplifier, n. speaker, loudspeaker, Inf. amp, Sl.
amplify, v. 1. increase, enlarge, make larger, make bigger, make greater, Chiefly Literary; greatly; expand, widen, thicken, broaden; extend, lengthen, elongate, prolong, prolongate, protract; dilate, distend, inflate, swell, blow out, blow up.

2. augment, supplement, add to, superadd to; accumulate, cumulate, pile up, heap up; multiply, double, redouble, treble, triple, quadruple.

3. develop, enlarge on, flesh out, stretch out, elaborate, unfold; descendant, expound on or upon, expatiate on or upon, dilate on or upon, discourse; clarify, make more explicit, explicate, explain, detail, go into detail, elucidate; illustrate, demonstrate, exemplify, typify.

4. exaggerate, make much of, overdo, overstate, overstress, overcharge, overcolor; hyperbolize, overdraw; magnify, enhance, enrich, deepen, heighten; romance, embroiler, stretch, strain; intensify, concentrate, maximize; escalate, step up, give a boost to, aggravate; accelerate, snowball, mushroom.

amplitude, n. 1. bigness, largeness, fulness, considerableness; spaciousness, capaciousness, commodiousness, roominess; vastness, greatness, immensity, immenseness, hugeness, boundlessness, voluminosity; width, wideness, breadth, broadness, latitude, expansiveness, extensiveness; size, extent, measure, volume, capacity, magnitude, dimensions.

2. abundance, ampleness, plentifulness, plenteousness, copiousness, bountifulness, bounteousness; plenitude, profusion, repletion, exuberance, superabundance; quantity, quantities, volume, mass, full measure.

amputate, v. cut off, sever, lop, lop off, clip, trim; prune; cut away, remove, excise; disjoint, mutilate, dismember, separate.

amuck, adv. frenziedly, crazedly, berserk, maniacally, Sl. like a nut, Sl. like a screwball, like a madman, with frenzied fury, with murder in one's eye, wildly; ferociously, violently.

amulet, n. charm, good luck charm, talisman; lucky piece, horseshoe, rabbit's foot, wishbone, Brit. merriment, peripat, aphras, phylactery, tefillin; scarab, apotropaic, swastika, triskelion; protector, preservative, safeguard.

amuse, v. 1. please, charm, cheer, Inf. hand one a few laughs; gladden, gratify, tickle, take or tickle one's fancy, regale, exhilarate, enliven, rejoice.

2. interest, occupy, beguile, engross, absorb; divert, relax, do one's heart good, cheer up, solace; entertain, disport, recreate, daily.

amusement, n. 1. pastime, entertainment, recreation, fun, cheer; pleasure, enjoyment, delight, gaiety; gratification, distraction, diversion, play, sport; relaxation, dalliance, merrymaking, pleasantry, merriment, joviality, jocoseness, jollity, jollification, drollery.

2. antic, lark, romp, gambol, spree, junket; prank, practical joke, escapade, revelry, tomfoolery, skylarking.

amusing, adj. 1. pleasing, pleasurable, diverting, distracting, interesting, absorbing, engrossing, beguiling; recreational, lively, sportive.

2. laughable, funny, comical, witty, humorous, jolly; hilarious, sidesplitting, ludicrous, ridiculous, farcical, facetious, droll, salty, waggish; jocular, jocose, jovial, ribale.

anachronism, n. 1. archaism, antique, obsolete form; asynchronism, incongruity, discord, shock, jar.

2. misdate, misdating, prochronism, prolepsis, antedate, predating; parachronism, postdating; misplacing, misapplication, mislocation, contextual error.

analysts, n. pl. passages, selections, extracts, excerpts, quotations, citations; sayings, pieces; collectanea, analacta; compilation, abstract, compendium, anthology, florilegium.

analogic, adj. pain-relieving, pain-killing, anesthetic; palliative, alleviative, relieving, soothing, assuasive; sedative, calming, lentive, abirritant, anodyne; emollient, demulcent, softening.

analogous, adj. 1. similar, comparable, like, not unlike; correspondent, corresponding, homologous, reciprocal, reciprocative, answering, matching, coinciding; kindred, akin, related, associated, allied, cognate.

2. equivalent, same; identical, alike, homogeneous, of a piece, of a kind, cast in the same mold.

analogy, n. 1. comparison, compare, comparability, comparableness, comparativeness, parallelism, analogousness; likeness, resemblance, semblance, partial similarity; affinity, kinship, relation, relationship; connection, coincidence, likening, comparing.

2. agreement, accordance, correspondence, correspondence, concurrence, conformity, conformance; similarity, parity, equivalence, equivalency, similitude, a likenesse; uniformity, oneness, sameness; coequality, mutuality.

analysis, n. 1. dissection, breakdown, reduction, partition, dissociation, subdivision; disintegration, decomposition.

2. examination, investigation, study, inquiry; explanation, explanation, interpretation, clarification; criticism, critique, review; summary, epitome, synopsis, abstract.

3. psychoanalysis, psychiatry, psychotherapy.

analyst, n. 1. investigator, fact-sifter, inquisitor; examiner, assayer; evaluator, reviewer.

2. psychoanalyst, psychiatrist, alienist, Sl. head-shrinker, Sl. shrink.

analytical, adj. resolving into first principles, treating of analysis, separative, inquisitive, questioning, investigative, critical, interpretative, explanatory, explicative.

analyze, v. 1. separate, dissect, anatomize, break down; fractionate, decompose, distill, disintegrate.

2. examine critically, investigate, question, inquire into; criticize, critique, review; explicate, explain, interpret, clarify.

anarchic, adj. 1. lawless, ungoverned, anarchical, anarchistic; Nihilist, Bolshevist, Bakuninist.

2. disorderly, disorganized, confused, deranged; tumultuous, turbulent, chaotic, riotous; rebellious, revolutionary, insurgent, mutinous; seditious, subversive, terroristic.

anarchist, n. 1. Nihilist, Bosheivist, Bakuninist; renegade, fifth columnist, Archaic. anarch, apostate.

2. revolutionist, revolutionary, rebel, mutineer, insurrectionary, insurgent, rabble-rouser; subverter, seditionist, terrorist; malcontent, radical, iconoclast.

anarchy, n. 1. lawlessness, mobocracy, ochlocracy; Nihilism, Bolshevism, Bakuninism.

2. riot, chaos, disorder, disarray; organization, derangement, confusion, mess; tumult, turmoil, mayhem, bedlam, pandemonium; insurgency, insurrection, rebellion, revolution, uprising, mutiny, sedition, subversion, terrorism, apostasy.

anathema, n. 1. curse, malediction, impredication, execution; fulmination, commination, denunciation, censure; condemnation, proscription, sentence, Theol. damnation; interdiction, excommunication, banishment, Eccles. ban.

2. the damned, the doomed, fallen angel; abomination, abhorrence, aversion, antipathy, Fr. bête noire.

anathematize, v. 1. curse, imprecate, execute;
ancestry, n.

anatomize, v. 1. dissect, vivisect, dismember, cut apart or up, skeletonize, lay open.
2. scrutinize, examine, analyze, study, pull apart, tear to pieces; probe, sift through, search through, investigate, research, inquire into, look into.

ancestor, n. 1. forefather, forbear, progenitor, primogenitor, Archaic. predecessor; procreator, begetter; patriarch, parent, father, genitor.
2. forerunner, precursor; prototype, model, exemplar.

ancestral, adj. inherited, hereditary, lineal, patrimonial, patriarchal, patriarchic, patriarchal.

ancestry, n. ancestral line, lineage, descent, parentage, birth, derivation, extraction, filiation; family, dynastic, house, tribe; race, strain, stock, breed, bloodline, pedigree, stem, branch, stirps; hereditary, genealogy, family tree; heritage, background, past, history, roots; nobility, noble or high birth, aristocracy, blue blood.

anchor, n. 1. mooring, ground tackle, kedge, grapnel, grappling iron, killick; mushroom anchor, stockless anchor.
2. safeguard, mainstay, security, protection, support, strength, defense; prop, pillar, staff; refuge, asylum, haven, sanctuary.

—v. 3. secure by anchor; fix, affix, fasten, attach, make fast, grasp, connect, bind.
4. drop anchor, ride at anchor, hold fast; rest, tarry, abide, stop, settle, remain, continue; dwell, reside.

anchorage, n. 1. mooring, dock, landing, jetty, wharf, pier, quay; port, harbor, harborage, haven; shelter, refuge, asylum, sanctuary, port in a storm, Scot. biel.
2. wharfage, dockage, fee, toll, charge, fare, exaction.
3. tower, pillar, tower or pillar of strength, rock, rock of ages, Inf. rock of Gibraltar or Gibraltar.

anchorite, anchoret, n. eremite, hermit, solitary, recluse, Islam. marabout, Islam. santon; anchoress, ancre, hermitess, Obs. hermitress, nun; troglodyte, cave dweller, incluse; styliste, pillarist, pillar-saint; ascetic, celibate monk, monastic, holy man.

angry, adj. 1. anger, angelic, archangelic.
2. backer, patron, Maecenas, supporter, promoter; benefactor, helper, philanthropist, well-wisher, fairy godmother.

angelic, adj. 1. heavenly, ethereal, elysian, empyrean, celestial; divine, godly, saintly, cherubic, seraphic, archangelic.
2. righteous, holy, pious, sanctified, good; virtuous, chaste, pure, sinless; unworlly, spiritual; beautiful, adorable, lovely, exquisite, delicate.

anger, n. 1. ire, dudgeon, high dudgeon, Scot. birse, Inf. Irish, Inf. dander; wrath, passion, hot blood, hot temper, vials of wrath; rage, fury.
2. offense, indignation, umbrage; pique, huff, tiff, fume, Inf. a sulky.
3. embarrassment, bitterness, resentment, bitter resentment, exasperation, irritation, annoyance, vexation, Inf. aggravation; displeasure, dissatisfaction, discontentment, disapproval, disapprobation.

—v. 5. incense, raise [s.o.'s] ire or hackles, run afoul of [s.o.], get [s.o.'s] back up,Inf. get [s.o.'s] Irish or dander up, Inf. burn [s.o.] up, Sl. tee [s.o.] off, Sl. tick [s.o.] off; enrage, madden, infuriate, make [s.o.'s] blood boil, Inf. make [s.o.] see red; provoke, arouse, rouse, inflame, enflame, agitate, fire up, work
up, stir up; displeasure.

6. vex, pique, irritate, annoy, irk, peev, nettle, chafe, Chiefly U.S. rile, Inf. aggravate, Inf. miff, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain, Inf. get under [s.o.'s] skin, Inf. get in [s.o.'s] hair, Sl. bug; exasperate, ruffle, roil, put out, get, Sl. get [s.o.'s] goat.

7. embitter, exacerbate, gall, rankle, envenom; af- front, offend, insult; humiliate, mortify.

8. All Inf. burn up, do a slow burn, steam up, steam up, freak, freak out.

angle, n. 1. intersection, fork, Y, branch, crotch, division, Archaic divide; bend, curve, crook, turn, twist, hook, elbow, knee; corner, nook, crevice, cranny, recess, niche.

2. viewpoint, position, point of view, opinion, feeling, attitude, mind set; slant, approach, Sl. pitch, leaning, bias.

3. side, aspect, part, feature, phase, stage.

angle', v. 1. fish, cast for, Angling. bob, troll, trawl; net, catch, draw in, hook, ensnare, entrap, capture, take alive.

2. fish, look for, hint at, beg for, try for, aim for, woo; scheme, plot, plan, contrive, devise; bait, lure, attract, decoy, trick, take in; manipulate, handle, manage, take care of.

angler, n. fisherman, fisher, piscator, troller, trawler; Izaak Walton.

angry, adj. 1. wrathful, wroth, irate, ireful, incensed, horn-mad; enraged, raging, fuming, smoking, infuriated, Rare. infuriate, furious; livid, Inf. mad as a hornet, Inf. mad as hops, Inf. mad as a wet hen; inflamed, flaming, flaring, flared up, heated, red-hot, white-hot; distraught, overwrought, Inf. fit to be tied; upset, feverish, hysterical, Inf. blue in the face, not rational; violent, unrestrained, uncontrollable; ranting, raving, storming, foaming at the mouth, rabid, fanatic, frenzied; frantic, crazed, Pathol. delinious, mad, Inf. wild, out of one's mind, beside oneself, Sl. freaked out.

2. peevish, annoyed, put out, vexed, irritated; piqued, chafed, galled, riled, nettled; offended, affronted, Inf. sore; Sl. ticked off, Sl. teed off; displeased, on the outs with, indignant; worked up, Inf. hot under the collar, stirred up, kindled, enkindled; passionate, impassioned, impassionate, over-excited.

3. irritable, cross, surly, snappish, petulant, peevish; testy, Sl. uptight, choleric, touchy, huffy, peppery; sullen, sulky, irritable, cranky, ill-tempered, Australian. crook, bad-tempered; irascible, quick-tempered, short-tempered, Inf. short-fused; quarrelsome, contentious, belligerent, up in arms, pugnacious, sulcicose; volatile, volcanic, explosive, hot-tempered, hot-headed, fiery, inflammable.

4. stormy, violent, strong, savage, tempestuous, turbulent, wild, rough; threatening, restless, agitated, foaming, boiling, seething, raging, howling, roaring; windy, blustering, blustery, gusty, blowing, squally, squallish.

angst, n. dread, terror, fear, fear and trembling, trepidation; apprehension, foreboding, fearfulness, anxiety; malaise, distress, disquietude, solicitude, worry; anguish, agony, suffering, torment, misery, dolor, sorrow, woe.

—v. 3. torture, torment, agonize, excurciate, wring; pain, injure, wound, hurt, make miserable, scathe, cut to the quick, cut to the heart; afflict, distress, disquiet, disturb, trouble, harry.

angular, adj. 1. pointed, sharp-cornered, Y-shaped, V-shaped; forked, crotchted, bifurcate, divaricate; jagged, scraggy.

2. bony, gaunt, rawboned, spare, lean, thin, lank, lanky, scavvy.

3. awkward, ungraceful, ungainly, uncouth, gauche, maladroit.

4. stiff, unbending, stern, austere, unyielding; abrupt, edged, sharp, crabbed.

animadversion, n. 1. criticism, adverse or hostile criticism, Inf. flak, Sl. knock, Sl. swipe, Sl. slam; rebuke, reproof, reprimand, check.

2. censure, reproach, inveotive, reprehension, reflection, disapproval, disapprobation, stigma; aspersion, imputation, derogation, reprobation; chastisement, castigation, scolding, upbraiding, chiding.

animal, n. 1. creature, beast, brute, Dial. critter, Dial. varmint; mammal, mammalian.

2. monster, fiend, demon, devil, mad dog; barbarian, savage, troglobyte, wild man; dog, cur, hound, swine, pig, ape.

—adj. 3. animalistic, animalian, zoidal, zooidal; instinctive, instinctual, nonrational.

4. physical, carnal, bodily, sensual; coarse, vulgar, low, gross, obscene; inhuman, savage, bestial, beastly, bestialistic, brutal; brutal, cruel, ferocious.

animate, v. 1. create, breathe life into; vivify, quicken, vitalize; enliven, invigorate, energize, fortify, strengthen.

2. encourage, inspire, inspire, buoy, hearten, hearten, hearten, embolden; elate, gladden, cheer, Inf. pep up, Inf. buck up; delight, exhilarate.

3. actuate, activate, motivate, move, rouse, awaken; incite, stimulate, arouse, fire, kindle, enkindle, stir, goad, spur on, prod, prick; push, egg on, urge, impel, exhort; boost, promote, prompt, Inf. spark, Inf. sparkplug, instigate, foment, provoke; excite, work up.

—adj. 4. alive, live, living, breathing; existing, existent; sensible, animal, self-moving, self-propelling.

5. lively, spirited, vivacious. See animated (def. 1).

animated, adj. 1. lively, full of life, vivacious, enlivened; inspired, invigorated, energized, energetic, vivified, vitalized, reanimated, revived, revitalized, rejuvenated; vigorous, forceful, dynamic; inspired, eager, Inf. psyched or psyched up, hopeful; sunny, radiant, glowing, alive, Inf. bright-eyed and bushy-tailed; stimulated, excited, aroused, Inf. hot; intensely de- sirous, impassioned, passionate, zealous, ardent, vehem- ent, fervent, fervid, perfervid; enkindled, kindled, sparkling, Inf. sparkling, inflamed, fired up; stirred up, roused, awake; active, alert, quick, bright.

2. happy, blissful, beatific, pleased, delighted, Inf. tickled pink; blithe, blithesome, merry, gay, gleeful; glad, gladsome, joyful, joyous; ebullient, bubbling, bubbly, effervescent; charming, winsome, riant, laughing, smiling, happy as a lark, in good or high spirits; buoyant, cheerful, cheery, sprightly, pert, jaunty; airy, breezy, light-hearted, jolly, jovial, convivial; mirthful, playful, joyous, gay, sprightly, light-hearted; exhilarated, rhapsodic, rhapsodistic; ecstatic, jubilant, overjoyed, elated, exultant, in seventh heaven; rap- turous, enraptured, enchanted, entranced, transported.

3. lifelike, animal-like, puppetlike; mechanical, automated, automatic, wind-up; moving, propelled.

animating, adj. 1. vivifying, quickening, vitalizing; life-giving, heart-stirring, enlivening, invigorating, energizing, fortifying, strengthening; encouraging, in-
animation, n. 1. liveliness, vivacity, spirit, animal spirits; dash, élan, zest, verve, flair, zing; fire, warmth, glow, fervency, ardor; dazzle, brilliance, Music. bravoura; sprightliness, airiness, breeziness, buoyancy, cheer; ebullience, sparkle, effervescence; vigor, vim, li. brio, Inf. pep; vitality, life, energy; exuberance, enthusiasm, zeal, fervor, passion, intensity.

2. enlivenment, inspiration, invigoration; encouragement, emboldening; urging, exhortation, instigation, stimulation, incitation, motivation, inspiration.

animosity, n. 1. ill will, hostility, invidiousness, abhorrence, aversion, ranking aversion; opposition, vehement opposition, antipathy, rancor, antagonism, malevolence, malignity.

2. enmity, animus, loathing, hatred, detestation; virulence, spleen, acerbity, acrimony, gall, bitterness; anger, pique, umbrage, malice, spite, resentment; unfriendliness, dislike.

3. grudge, feud, bad blood, hostile relations, discord, contention.

annexation, v. exterminate, obliterate, discreate, destroy totally, decimate, massacre, kill off, slaughter, butcher, mow down; undo, cut off, put an end to, abolish, extinguish, quench, quash; raze, level, tear to the ground, ravage, gut, blast, devastate, ruin, desolate, demolish, wreck, smash, dismantle, lay in ruins; kill, murder, slay, Sl. rub out, cut down, put to death, execute, do to death, put to the sword, destroy, assassinate; uproot, root out, deracinate, Obs. overruncate.

2. invalidate, void, cancel, annul, nullify, retract, repeal, rescind, countermand, revoke, withdraw, abrogate, suppress.

3. trounce, trample, thrash, defeat thoroughly or utterly, rout, overwhelm, discomfit, humble, tread or trample underfoot, Sl. wipe the floor with, vanquish, conquer; crush, break, smash.

annihilation, n. 1. butchery, carnage, slaughter, wholesale or general slaughter, wholesale killing, mass murder, mass homicide, mass slaying, mass execution, mass destruction, blood bath, decimation, liquidation, blotting or wiping out, genocide, pogrom, holocaust, Euph., Hist. Final Solution; murder, killing, slaying, cutting down, mowing down, Sl. mopping up, assassination, execution, deathblow, finishing stroke, killing blow; razing, gutting, leveling, blasting, smashing, dismantling.

2. extermination, obliteration, extinction, utter or total destruction, destruction, eradication, effacement, dissolution, disestablishment, elimination, extermination, undoing, end, Sl. curtains, abolition, extinguishment; ravagement, devastation, ruination, desolation, demolition, wreckage.

3. invalidation, voidance, annulment, nullification, retraction, repeal, rescindment, countermand, revocation, withdrawal, abrogation, suppression.

anniversary, n. 1. birthday, red-letter day, Fr. anniversaire; centennial, centenary, bicentennial, Chiefly Brit. bicentenary.

2. jubilee, celebration, commemoration, fete.

—adj. 3. annual, yearly. Chiefly Brit. twelve-monthly; centennial, bicentennial.

annote, v. gloss, Archaic. gloze, note, footnote, interline, interliniate; elucidate, explain, illustrate, construe, expound; comment, remark upon, commentate, interpret.

annnotation, n. 1. notes, footnotes, gloss, glossary, appendix, scholium, marginalia, remarks; commentary, explanation, exegesis, exposition, elucidation, illustration, interpretation.

2. commenting, making notes, supplying with notes.

annotator, n. glossarist, scholiast; commentator, explainer, expositor, expounder, interpreter.

announce, v. 1. proclaim, promulgate, declare, Scot. and North Eng. kithe, call out; trumpet, herald, blazon, voice abroad, bruit; publish, print, Archaic. divagate, reveal, disclose; publicize, placard, advertise, bill, bulletin, post, circulate, disseminate.

2. tell, state, inform, notify, give notice, apprise, signal; harbinge, usher in, state the approach of.

announcement, n. 1. proclamation, pronunciamento, proclamation, declaration, announcement; decree, ordinance, edict, rescript; statement, enunciation, recital.

2. publication, revelation, disclosure, Archaic. divulgation; broadcast, bulletin, report, communiqué, information, news, tidings, word; cable, wire, telegram; letter, missive, card.

3. message, commercial, advertisement, placard; broadside, leaflet, pamphlet, handbill, bill, brochure.

reduce to nothing, eradicate, erase, blot or wipe out, Sl. mop up, efface, dissolve, eliminate, extirpate, destroy totally, decimate, liquidate, massacre, kill off, slaughter, butcher, mow down; undo, cut off, put an end to, abolish, extinguish, quench, quash; raze, level, tear to the ground, ravage, gut, blast, devastate, ruin, desolate, demolish, wreck, smash, dismantle, lay in ruins; kill, murder, slay, Sl. rub out, cut down, put to death, execute, do to death, put to the sword, destroy, assassinate; uproot, root out, deracinate, Obs. overruncate.

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3. trounce, trample, thrash, defeat thoroughly or utterly, rout, overwhelm, discomfit, humble, tread or trample underfoot, Sl. wipe the floor with, vanquish, conquer; crush, break, smash.
announcer, n. 1. newscaster, reporter, anchor man; broadcaster, disk jockey, d.j., Sl. deejay; moderator, master of ceremonies, m.c., emcee. 2. messenger, harbinger, herald, forerunner; proclaimer, crier, trumpeter.

annoy, v. 1. bother, pester, hector, harass, Sl. bug, Sl. hassle, Sl. drive [s.o.] nuts or crazy or bananas, Sl. drive [s.o.] up the wall; hound, dog, nag, pick on, pick at, Sl. ride, Inf. give [s.o.] a bad or hard time; bedevil, torment, tease, taunt, tweak, mock, Inf. needle; persecute, bully, bullyrag; trouble, plague, fret, worry, Scot. thaw, Scot. fash.

2. irritate, irk, pique, vex, provoke, peeve, nettle, chafe, get on [s.o.'s] nerves; Chiefly U.S. rile, Inf. aggravate, Inf. myst; Inf. give [s.o.] a pain, Inf. rub [s.o.] the wrong way, Inf. get under [s.o.'s] skin, Inf. get in [s.o.'s] hair; exasperate, ruffle, roil, disturb, perturb, disquiet, discompose, discountenance, put out, put off, try [s.o.'s] patience, Inf. get, Sl. get [s.o.'s] goat.

3. anger, incense, raise [s.o.'s] ire or hackles, get [s.o.'s] back up, Inf. get [s.o.] Irish or dander up, Inf. burn [s.o.] up, Sl. tick [s.o.] off, Sl. tee [s.o.] off; enrage, madden, infuriate, make [s.o.]'s blood boil, Inf. make [s.o.] see red; exacerbate, rankle, gall.

annoyance, n. 1. irritant, nuisance, bother, pest, bur, throrn in the side or flesh, pea in the shoe, salt in the wound, Inf. headache, Inf. pain, Sl. pain in the neck or rear, Sl. hassle; trouble, problem, affliction; trial, ordeal, tribulation; weight, load, burden, heavy load or burden; sore, crashing sore; peev, gripe, complaint, grievance.

2. provocation, incitement, incitation, excitation, agitation, deliberate aggravation.

3. irritation, vexation, exasperation, pique; irritating, annoying, vexing, exasperating, nettling, ruffling, disturbing; bothering, pestering, hectoring, harassing, Sl. bugging; hounding, dogging, nagging, Sl. riding; tormenting, teasing, taunting, persecuting, bullying.

4. displeasure, discontent, discontentment, dissatisfaction, disapproval, disagreement; anger, ire, dudgeon, high dudgeon.

annoying, adj. 1. bothersome, pestering, Inf. pesky, Inf. pestiferous, vexatious; troublesome, troubling, thorny, fretful, worrisome, worrying, Dial. plaguy, Inf. aggravating, Inf. in one's hair; disturbing, perturbing, ruffling, disquieting, vexing.

2. nettlesome, niggling, irritating, Inf. aggravating, Inf. in one's head; disturbing, perturbing, ruffling, disquieting, vexing.

3. unpleasant, disagreeable, distasteful; invidious, hateful, offensive, objectionable, obnoxious, odious, execrable; intolerable, unbearable, too much, Inf. a bit much.

4. angering, incensing, irksome, irking; maddening, infuriating, enraging; exacerbating, rankling, galling, embittering.

annual, adj. 1. yearly, once a year, anniversary, (of biological activity) circannual; yearlong, perennial.

—n. 2. yearbook, classbook; annals, Archaic. annal.

annually, adv. yearly, by the year, per annum, once a year, year after year, every year.

annul, v. 1. nullify, disannul, abolish, declare null and void, render null and void, void, avoid; quash, invalidate, vacate, disannul, disestablish, cancel, discharge, supersede, set aside; repeal, revoke, reverse, Law. disaffirm, rescind, abrogate; Law. nolle prosequi, break off, stop, discontinue, suspend.

2. retract, retract, withdraw, recall, undo; go back on one's word, renge, back-pedal, eat one's words; renounce, abjure, repudiate, disclaim, disavow; countermand, counterorder, overrule, override, counteract, contravene; terminate, dissolve, put an end to, bring to an end.

3. eliminate, do away with, destroy, extinguish, efface, wipe out; obliterate, reduce to nothing, annihilate, eradicate, expunge, expiraitre, exterminate; blot out, stamp out, crush out, sweep away.

annulment, n. 1. nullification, annulling, disannulment, abolishment, abolition, voidance, Law. avoidance, Law. defeasance; quashing, invalidation, Obs. vacatur, disenactment, disestablishment, cancellation, discharge, setting aside; repeal, revocation, rescinding, rescission, abrogation, reversal; Law. nolle prosequi, cessation, discontinuance, suspension.

2. recantation, retraction, withdrawal, recall, undoing; renunciation, abjuration, reputation, disclaimer, disavowal; countermand, counterorder, overruling, overriding; termination, dissolution, putting an end to, bringing to an end.

anodyne, n. 1. painkiller, narcotic, opiate; laudanum, morphine, opium, poppy, mandrake, mandragora, nepenthe; sedative, tranquilizer, stupeficient; alleviative, palliative, lenitive; saline, ointment, balm, Med. calomitive, Med. analgesic.

2. assuagement, relief, easing, easement, letup, respite, remission; abatement, mitigation, alleviation, palliation; softening, mollification, soothing, comfort.

—adj. 3. pain-relieving, pain-killing, febrifuge, anesthetic; palliative, alleviative, relieving, soothing, assuasive; sedative, Med. calomitive, lenitive, abirritant; emollient, demulcent, softening.

anoint, n. 1. oil, embrocate, Archaic. salve; grease, lubricate, lard; smear, spread over, moisten, daub, slick on.

2. consecrate, sanctify, bless, hallow; dedicate, devote, Archaic. anele; ordain, crown, enthrone.

anomalous, adj. 1. deviate, deviant, aberrant, divergent, heterodox, heretical, errant, wayward, deviant; abnormal, irregular, variable, anomalous; deviating, diverging, departing, digressing, lapsing, wandering, rambling, straying, roving.

2. strange, odd, peculiar, curious, eccentric, offbeat, Inf. quirky; unconventional, uncommon, unusual, unique, extraordinary, exceptional, individual; monstrous, heteroclite, heterochronic, unnatural, freakish, Inf. freaky.

3. incongruous, incongruent, different, disparate, mismatched, ill-fitting, inharmonious, discordant, dissonant; inappropriate, inapplicable, inapt, unsuited, unsuitable, inapposite, out of place; unfit, unacceptable, out of line, out of hand; contradictory, conflicting, contrary, inconsistent, discrepant.

anomaly, n. 1. deviation, aberration, aberrancy, divergence, digression, departure, divagation, diversification, Rare. anomalism; abnormality, abnormality, irregularity, variation.

2. nonconformist, deviate, deviant, deviator, radical, heretic, Chiefly Brit. punk; misfit, maverick, drop out, loner, lone wolf, solitary, solitary man, fish out of water, square peg in a round hole; character, card, original, pip, sport, exception, individual, nonesuch, nondescript, bohemian; crank, fanatic; crazy, flake, freak, three-dollar bill, crackpot, rare bird, queer fellow, queer duck, queer potato, Inf. fruitcake, Inf. dingbat, Inf. ding-a-ling: All Sl. weirdo, weirdy, weirdie, creep, oddball, screwball, nut, loony, looner, case, geezer, kook, odd duck, squirrel; monster, monstrosity, miscarriage, malformation, abortion, deformity, mutant, freak, freak of nature, heteroclite, teratology.

3. oddity, peculiarity, curiosity, eccentricity, idiocraspy, idiocracy, hobby horse, quirk; strangeness,
oddness, querness, curiousness, freakishness, bizarreness; uncommonness, uncommonmonality, unconventionality, unusualness, nonconformity, exception, singularity, singularity, individuality, individualness.

4. incongruity, incongruousness, difference, dissimilitude, variance, contrast, diversity, disparity; incoherence, inharmony, dissonance, discord, discordance, discordancy; inconsistency, discrepancy; incompatibility, unsuitability, unsuitableness, inappropriateness, unfitness, inappropriateness, inapplicability.

anonym, adv. 1. soon, presently, in a little while, shortly, after a while; by and by, betimes, before long. Archaic. erelong, Archaic. eftsoons; early, ahead of time, beforehand.

2. later, at another time, then; afterward, afterwards, hereupon, thereupon.

3. immediately, at once, directly, straightforward; now, right now, right away, without delay, forthwith, forthright; presently, promptly, readily; instantly, right off, instant, this moment.

4. ever and anon occasionally, now and again, now and then, at times; sometimes, intermittently, periodically, fitfully.

anonym, n. pseudonym, allonym, cryptonym, code name, nameless, unnamed, innominate, name, stage name.

anonymous, adj. nameless, unnamed, inominate, anonymal; unknown, undesigned, unacknowledged, unspecified; pseudonymous, allonymous, cryptoonymous, anonymous.

another, adj. 1. a second, a further, an additional, an extra, a supplementary, a supplemental, one more.

2. a different, a distinct, a separate, some other; not the same, unidentical, dissimilar, variant.

answer, n. 1. acknowledgment, confirmation, reply; response, rejoinder, return, replication, response; retort, repartee, riposte, S/l. comeback, retaliation, back talk, Inf. sss. 2. counterblast, countercharge, recrimination, counterstatement, counterclaim, refutation, rebuttal; Both Law. surrebuttal, surrejoinder; Both Law. plea, defense.

3. solution, explanation, interpretation, justification, reason; key, clue.

—v. 4. make answer, acknowledge, confirm; reply, respond, field, rejoin, return; retort, riposte, S/l. come back; answer back, talk back, Inf. ssss. 5. solve, satisfy, explain, interpret, justify.

6. serve, fulfill, satisfy, serve the purpose; do, be adequate, be sufficient, be enough, pass, pass muster, measure up.

7. conform, correspond, correlate, be similar, be like.

8. answer for pay for, suffer for, atone for, make amends for, make reparation for, expiate; redeem, make good on, recompense, repay; redress, rectify, make or set right, put or set straight, settle.

answerable, adj. 1. liable, accountable, responsible, chargeable, amenable; subject, obligated, obliged.

2. refutable, repudiable, rebuttable, disprovable, confutable.

3. relative, proportionate, complementary, commensurate, commensurable, suitable, suited, corresponding, correspondent, accordant, agreeable.

ant, n. pismire, hymenopteran, hymenopteron, Chiefly Dial. emmet, Latin. formica, Fr. fourmi, Span. hormiga; red ant, agricultural ant, harvester ant, leaf-cutting ant; foraging ant, army ant, driver ant, legionary ant; carpenter ant, white ant, termite.

antagonism, n. 1. hostility, animosity, animus, hatred, enmity, ill will; antipathy, inimicalness, imimicality, unfriendliness.

2. opposition, oppugnancy, counterpressure, contrariety, antithesis, contradiction; conflict, rivalry, competition, Obs. emulation.

antagonist, n. enemy, foe, adversary, opponent, opposer; disputant, rival, vier; competitor, contender, contestant.

antagonistic, adj. 1. opposing, opposed, adverse, antithetical, oppugnant, counteractive, repugnant, thwarting; disputative, disputatious, contentious, argumentative, quarrlesome; rival, rivaling, competing, contrary, contradictory, renient; discordant, dissonant, disharmonious, incongruous; disagreeing, incompatible, uncongenial, at odds.

2. hostile, antipathetic, inimical, unfriendly, at variance, on bad terms, on the outs; belligerent, bellicose, pugnacious, up in arms.

antagonize, v. 1. embitter, set against, alienate, estrange, disafffect.

2. oppose, dispute, contradict, counteract, be contrary to, turn against, turn upon; rival, compete with, vie; oppugn, struggle with, contend with, go up against.

3. annoy, irritate, pester, anger. See annoy.

anteceeed, v. 1. preceded, come or go before, come first, go ahead of, go in advance; lead, head, Inf. head up, front.

2. outrank, outstrip, rate, have precedence.

3. usher in, herald, proclaim, announce, introduce; pressage, anticipate; predate, antedate.

antecedence, n. precedence, precession, anteposition; priority, preference, preeminence; preexistence, anteriority, earliness, previousness.

antecedent, adj. 1. preceding, precedent, prevenient, preliminary, anterior, forerunning, foregoing; earlier, former, preexistent; aforesaid, aforementioned.

—n. 2. precursor, forerunner, front or lead runner; harbinger, herald, announcer, messenger, vaunt-courier.

3. antecedents a. ancestors, predecessors, antecessors, forefathers, fathers, progenitors, primogenitors.

b. history, record, family history or record; ancestry, family, family tree, lineage, genealogy, stock, line, pedigree, house.

antedate, v. 1. (all with reference to age or time) antedate, forerun, forego, precede, come or go before, come first.

2. anachronize, misdate, mistime, foredate, postdate; date back, backdate, assign to an earlier or previous date.

3. accelerate, precipitate, speed, speed up, hurry, hurry up, hasten, rush.

4. anticipate, foretaste, forestall.

antediluvian, adj. 1. primeval, primal, prehistoric, pregasil, pre-daedalic, Noachian, Noahic, Noachical, eolithic, Paleolithic, Mesolithic. Neolithic, before the earth or Prædiluvian; antiquity, longevity, prehistory, antiquity, prehistoric, archaical.

2. antiquated, antique, fossilized, fossil-like, ancient, archaic; superannuated, oldest, age-old, immemorial, old, old as the hills, time worn, elderly, aged; atavistic, old-fashioned, old-fogyish, old-time, bygone, un-modern, quaint, old-world; out-of-date, outmoded, passe, obsolescent, obsolete.

3. primitive, primordial, primigenial, elementary, simple, uncomplicated; rudimentary, rudimental, embryonic, undeveloped; crude, refined, coarse, rough, unfinished; uncivilized, barbaric.

—n. 4. prehistoric man, Cro-Magnon, preadamite, cave man, ape-man, pithecanthropus, troglodyte; prim-
ite, autochthon, aboriginal, *Australian Inf.* boong.

**anterior, adj.**
1. advanced, forward, placed in advance or at the front or forward, ranged at the front, set in the van.
2. antecedent, preceding, precedent, prevenient, preliminary, forerunning, foregoing; earlier, former, pre-existent; aforesaid, aforementioned.

**anteriority, n.** antecedence, precedence, precession, anteposition; priority, preference, preeminence; preexistence, previousness, earliness.

**anterioroom, n.** antechamber, vestibule, lobby, anteroom, n.
1. expectation, expecting, in expectation; hope, hopefulness; anticipation, conjecture, expectation.
2. expect, count on, reckon on, calculate upon, hope for, antedate, foretaste; foreknow, precognize, preconceive, antedate; foreknow, precognize, preconceive.

**antics, n.**
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1. caper, frolic, lark, romp, spree, gambol, frisk; sport, fun, merrymaking, playing; fool, horse around, clown around, horseplay; clowning, clownery, clownishness; buffoonery, buffoonism, buffoonishness, harlequinade.

**anticipate, v.**
1. foresee, foreglimpse, apprehend, antedate, foretaste; foreknow, precognize, preconceive, intuit; predict, foretell, forecast, prophesy.
2. expect, count on, reckon on, calculate upon, hope for, pin hope on; await, look forward to, look toward, look out for, watch out for, look for, *Sl.* lick one’s chops over.
3. nullify, prevent, preclude, obviate, forestall, intercede; beat to the draw, *Inf.* get the jump on.
4. contemplate, consider, think about, have in mind, envisage, envision.

**anticipation, n.** foretaste, *Archaic.* antepast, foreglimpse, foreglimpse, foregleam, prior realization; contemplation, envisagement, envisionment.
2. expectation, prospect, thought; hope, hopefulness; faith, trust; confidence, assurance, certainty.
4. intuition, foreknowledge, foresight, forefeeling, prescience, precognition, prevision, second sight, sixth sense.

**anticipative, adj.**
1. expectant, expecting, in expectation, anticipating, anticipatory; hopeful, optimistic, sanguine.
2. precognitive, precognoscend, preexistent; foreseeing, foreboding, preexistent, foreknowing.

**anticlimax, n.**
1. descent, drop, decrease, deflation, comedown; bathos, banality, triteness, triviality, commonplaceness.

**antidote, n.**
1. counterpoison, counteracter, alexipharmic, theriac, theriaca; neutralizer, nullifier, *Old. Pharm.* mithridate; antiphlogistic, counterirritant, antipyretic; cathartic, purgative, emetic, emetine, laxative.
3. remedy, cure, curative, corrective, restorative, application, *Med.* specific; medicine, medication, medicament, drug, pharmaceutical, physic.

**antipathetic, adj.**
1. abhorrent, odious, loathsome; antagonistic, invidious, hostile, hateful, averse, antipathetical.
2. offensive, disgusting, repugnant, aversive, distasteful, revolting, repulsive, repellent; obnoxious, nauseating, sickness, nauseous, *Inf.* allergic; unlikable, disagreeable, unpleasant, displeasing; opposed, antithetical, antipodean, antipodal, clashing.

**antipathy, n.**
1. abhorrence, loathing, detestation, hatred, hate; aversion, antagonism, hostility, enmity, animosity, animus, bad blood, ill will, *Archaic.* dyspathy; dislike, disrelish, disinclination, disfavor, uncongeniality, unfriendliness; incompatibility, contrariety, disagreement, clash.
2. opposition, antithesis; reluctance, unwillingness; disgust, revulsion, repugnance, distaste, *Inf.* allergy, nausea.

**antiquariness, n.**
1. antiquarian, archaist, paleologist, archaeologist; classicist, medievalist; dryasdust.
2. antiquer, antique dealer; curator, curatrix, collector.

**antiquated, adj.**
1. obsolete, extinct, passé, out-dated, out-of-date, outworn, outmoded, out of style, out; superseded, disused, out of use; bygone, past, *Archaic.* olden; obsolescent, dated, on the way out.
2. ancient, archaic, archaistic, fossil, fossilized, fossil-like, antique; superannuated, oldest, age-old, infirm, remote, old, old as the hills, timeworn, elderly, aged; venerable, gray, hoary, *Rare.* hoar, patriarchal.
3. atavistic, old-fashioned, old-time, old-fogeyish; unmodern, of the old school, quaint, old-world.

**antiquity, n.**
1. superannuated, oldest, age-old, old, old as the hills, timeworn, elderly, aged.
2. autochthonal, autochthonous, aboriginal, original; pristine, early, earliest, primitive, primordial, primigenial; primeval, primal, prehistoric, preglacial, preadamic, Noachian, Noachic, prehistoric, antediluvian, before the Flood or Deluge; ancient, archaic, archaistic, fossil, fossilized, fossil-like.
3. atavistic, old-fashioned, old-time, old-fogeyish, of the old school; unmodern, quaint, old-world, colonial.
4. (all of paper) parchmentlike, parchment, uncalendered, uncoated, unglazed, rough.

**antiquity, n.**
1. antiquity, relic, artifact, fossil, archaism.
autochthons; venerables, patriarchs, elders.

antiseptic, adj. 1. disinfectant, germicidal, bactericidal.
2. sterile, germfree, uncontaminated, unpolluted; spotless, immaculate, clean, pure, scrubbed.
—n. 3. disinfectant, germicide, bactericide; purifier, cleanser, Eccles. purificator.

antisocial, adj. unsociable, unfriendly, uncommunicative, reserved, closed, unsympathetic; antagonistic, hostile, menacing, threatening; opposed, conflicting, clashing, incompatible; misanthropic, man-hating, woman-hating, cynical; anarchic, revolutionary, radical; unorthodox, unorthodox.

antithesis, n. opposition, contrast, contraposition, contrariety.
2. reverse, contrary, converse, inverse; opposite, antipode, other extreme, pole.

antithetic, adj. opposed, contrasted, opposite, antithetical, antipodian; counter, contrary, reverse, converse, inverse; diametrically opposed, poles apart.

2. vaccine, antiserum, serum, antitoxin, antisem, antitoxin, antitoxin; cowpox; preventive, protection, vaccination, inoculation, alexipharmac, theriac, theriaca, Med. prophylactic.

anxiety, n. 1. uneasiness, disquiet, disquietude, inquietude, fretfulness; worry, trouble, concern, care, solicitude; nervousness, anxiety, Inf. butterflies, Inf. butterflies in one's stomach, Sl. heebie-jeebies, Sl. butterflies in one's stomach, with one's heart in one's mouth, fearlessness, penniless, penniless, penniless, penniless, penniless, penniless.
2. indiffferent, unconcerned, unresponsive, uninteresting, uninterested, incapacitated, incapacitated, incapacitated, incapacitated.

apathy, n. indifference, unconcern, unresponsiveness, uninteresting, uninterested, incapacitated, incapacitated, incapacitated, incapacitated.

ape, n. 1. monkey, gorilla, baboon, chimpanzee, ape.
2. asunder, disjointly, Archaic. atwain, in pieces, to pieces, in two.

apart, adv. 1. separately, singly, alone, individually, independently; privately, secretly, exclusively; aloof, distant, away, afar; to the side, aside, by itself or oneself, to itself or oneself.
2. asunder, disjointly, Archaic. atwain, in pieces, to pieces, in two.

apartment, n. 1. flat, tenement, rent, walk-up, cold-water flat, Brit. chambers, Brit. apartments, Chiefly Brit. maisonette; penthouse, townhouse, suite, apartment, condominium, Inf. condo; chamber, room, stall, cell, nook, cabin, compartment.

apartment building, apartment house, apartment complex, apartment block, high rise, high-riser, high-rise apartments, Brit. mansions.

antiphon, n. 2. reverse, contrary, converse, inverse; diametrically opposed, poles apart.

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aphorism, n. proverb, apothegm, gnome, mot, adage, epigram, Archaic. word, Archaic. sentence; saw, pithy statement, sententious saying, saying; axiom, maxim, precept, dictum; epigram, witticism, Fr. jeu d'esprit, quip, Atticism; rule, golden rule, motto, moral, by-word; cliché, hackneyed phrase, platitude, truism, Inf. bromide, commonplace.
aphrodisiac, adj. 1. cantharidal, cantharidin, titillating, stimulating, exciting; seductive, enticing, alluring.

—n. 2. cantharides, Spanish fly, philter, love potion; stimulative, stimulator, Med. stimulant, excitant, drug, turn-on.

apiarist, n. beekeeper, apaculturist, aparian, bee breeder.

apece, adv. each, for each one, for each, respectively; individually, separately, one by one, each to each; severally, distributively; seriatim, in a series, one after another.

aplomb, n. 1. poise, assurance, confidence, self-assurance, self-confidence, self-possession, self-command; composure, steadiness, stability, self-restraint, self-control, collectedness; equanimity, calmness, equilibrium, balance, sang-froid, cool, imperturbability; sedateness, dispassion, staidness; level-headedness, common sense, rationality.

2. perpendicularity, verticality, uprightness, erectness, straightforwardness.

apocalyptic, adj. revelatory, prophetic, fatidical, fatidic, vatic, vatic; predictive; prognosticative, augural, indicative; warning, signal, foreshadowing, forewarning; threatening, foreboding, ominous, portentous, omens, auguries.

apocryphal, adj. 1. unauthenticated, unverified, unconfirmed, unvalidated, unsubstantiated; unsanctioned, uncanonical; questionable, debatable, disputable, disputed, controvertible, controversial; dubitable, dubious, doubtful, uncertain, unsure, unknown.

2. false, spurious, unauthentic, not genuine; sham, U.S. bogus, mock, feigned, phony; untrue, fictitious, made-up, make-believe, unreal, imaginary.

apogee, n. 1. summit, apex, vertex, crest, heights, pinnacle, peak, spire, point, tip, tip-top; top, head, headpiece, cap, crown, loft, aerie.

2. extremity, outer limit, farthest point; limit, bound, boundary, border, frontier; edge, rim, brim, brow, lip, ridge, verge, brink, margin; ultimate, terminal, terminus, termination, end.

apologetic, adj. 1. sorry, regretful, remorseful, contrite, in sackcloth and ashes; expiatory, penitential, penitent, repentant; conscience-stricken, conscience-smitten, rueful, compunctional; self-reproachful, self-condemnatory, self-condemning, self-accusing, self-accusing.

2. defensive, supportive, supporting; endorsing, sustaining, upholding, justificatory, justificative; vindicatory, vindicative, exonerative, exculpatory; mitigatory, palliatory, palliative, extenuatory, extenuating, excusable, excusable; proprietary, propriative, conciliatory, conciliatory.

apologist, n. 1. defender, supporter, maintainer, seconder; pleader, arguer, advocate, vindicator, justifier, champion.

2. apologiste, defender of the faith, evangelist.

apologize, v. 1. beg pardon, ask pardon, make up; atone for, do penance, Arch. shrive, expiate, make amends, eat humble pie; repent, regret, feel sorry, rue, lament.

2. defend, plead, argue, make a stand for, stand up for; support, bolster, uphold, maintain, sustain; endorse, second, advocate, espouse; vindicate, justify, excuse; palliate, propitiate, mitigate, extenuate.

apology, n. 1. confession, expiation, lustration, purification, Arch. shrift; amends, Fr. amende honorable, expression of regret or sorrow; penance, penitence, repentance; self-reproach, self-condemnation, self-accusation.

2. defense, plea, argument, claim, excuse, apologia; support, upholding, espousal, advocacy; vindication, exculpation, justification, explanation; palliation, extenuation, mitigation, propitiation.

3. makeshift, stopgap, excuse, poor excuse, poor specimen; pretext, pretext, semblance.

apostasy, n. 1. (all used in reference to allegiance or principles) desertion, abandonment, forsaking, forswearing, relinquishment; rejection, rejecting, renunciation, renouncement, abjuration, repudiation.

2. withdrawal, secession; falling away, dropping out, Sl. dropping in, turning one’s back on; backsliding, recidivism, dereliction.

3. defection, treason, perfidy, betrayal; unfaithfulness, faithlessness, disloyalty, recreancy, recrancy.

4. changeover, switchover, conversion; reversal, about-face, turnabout, Sl. switchover, Sl. a 180°, Inf. flip-flop.

apostate, n. 1. (all used in reference to faith or principles) deserter, renegade, recreant, defector, traitor; bolter, turncoat, retractor, recantor; tergiversator, stradler; renouncer, abjurer, repudiator, re- jector; dissentee, seceder, backslider, recidivist.

—adj. 2. traitorous, treacherous, perfidious, recreant, renegade; disloyal, unfaithful, faithless, untrue, false.

3. heretical, schismatic, unorthodox, dissident, divergent; heathen, infidel, infidelic.

4. backsliding, recidivist, recidivous.

apostatize, v. 1. (all used in reference to faith or principles) desert, abandon, forsake, forswear, reject, discard, relinquish; renounce, abjure, repudiate, disown; depart from, withdraw from, secede.

2. defect, change sides, go over, bolt, shift ground, change loyalties, turn traitor; tergiversate, veer round, do an aboutface; reverse oneself; recant, retract, disavow, disclaim; backslide, fall away, recidivate, lapse, relapse.

apostle, n. 1. missionary, evangelist, proselytizer, propagandist, spreader of the faith, minister of the Gospel, missioner; revivalist, reformer, faith healer; witness, disciple; priest, minister, parson, divine.

2. pioneer, groundbreaker, originator, initiator; avant-gardist, experimenter; crusader, campaigner, promoter, Inf. pusher; advocate, supporter, champion, defender, apostol.

3. messenger, emissary, envoy; agent, representative, spokesman, deputy.

apostolic, adj. 1. evangelical, evangelic, scriptural, biblical, patristic, apostolical.

2. canonical, orthodox, authorized, accepted; historical, traditional, doctrinal, dogmatic.

3. ecclesiastical, ecclesial, churchly, hierarchical; sacerdotal, hieratic, priestly; prelatic, episcopal; papal, pontifical, pontific, All Disparaging, papistical, papistic, papish.

4. founded by the Apostles; Christian.

apostrophe, n. Rhetoric. address, salutation, speech, oration, soliloquy; entreaty, appeal, supplication, invocation, solicitation, obtestation, imploration.

apothecary, n. 1. druggist, pharmacist, pharmaceutist, pharmacologist, pharmaceutical chemist.

2. pharmacy, U.S. drugstore.

apothecary, n. 1. deification, godding, canonization; dignifying, ennoblement, enthronement, enthronization, enshrinement, elevation; exaltation, glorification, celebration; idealization, setting or putting on a pedestal, idolatry, worshipping, adoration, adulation, veneration, reverence.

2. deity, god, dignity, highness, loftiness, crown; idol, hero, venerable; ideal, exemplar, perfection, sublimity.
ennoble, enthrone, enshrine, crown.

2. elevate, exalt, glorify, celebrate; extol, laud, praise, Archaic; magnify; idealize, set or put on a pedestal, hero-worship, worship, idolize, adore, venerate, revere, bow down to.

**appall**, v. 1. frighten, Archaic; affright, alarm, scare, intimidate; harrow, horrify, terrify, frighten out of one’s wits, scare to death; shock, startle, astound, stun, stupefy, paralyse, petrify.

2. dismay, consternate, discourage, dishearten, deter; daunt, awe, overawe, unnerv, unnerve, unman; abash, confound, disconcert, discomfit, put out, take aback.

3. disgust, sicken, revolt, nauseate, repel, make one sick, make one’s stomach turn, SI. gross out.

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2. appearance, manifestation, materialization, epiphany, occurrence; revelation, disclosure, presentation; opening, unfolding, unfoldment; emergence, issuance; phenomenon, object, form, shape, figure, thing.

**appeal**, n. 1. entreaty, supplication, supplication, plea, imploration, invocation, prayer; solicitation, petition, suit, address, request, adjuration.

2. attraction, attractiveness, interest, engagingness; charm, allure, fascination.

—v. 3. entreat, beg, beseech, plead, implore, adjuration.

4. attract, engage, charm, fascinate; allure, entice; allure, entice, tempt.

**appareil**, n. 1. equipment, instruments, tools, utensils, appurtenances; machinery, mechanism, machines, appliances, fixtures, plant; gear, stuff, tackle, outfit, paraphernalia.

2. system, organization, network, structure, hierarchy, chain of command.

3. contrivance, device, gadget, or Inf. whoosiwhatsis, whoosis, Inf. Inf. thingumabob, Inf. doohickey, thingumajig.

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**appurtenance**, n. 1. decoration, adornment, ornamentation; cover, covering, outer covering; plumage, feathers; coat, pelt, hide.

2. dress, garb, costume, habit, masquerade, disguise; guise, appearance, aspect, look, style; outfit, trappings, Inf. getup, Inf. rig, Inf. turnout.

—v. 4. dress, clothe, garb, attire, wear, wearing apparel; raiment, garments, vestments, habiliments, Inf. gear, Inf. togery, Inf. togs, Inf. duds, SI. threads, SI. rags; wardrobe, array, accouterments, livery, uniform, regalia; investment, investiture, vesture.

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3. attend, arrive, turn up, crop up, show up, show one’s face; turn out, SI. make the scene.

4. perform, come on, be on stage, enter.

5. be created, be developed, be invented, come into being.

**appearance**, n. 1. arrival, advent, coming, approaching, rise, emergence; introduction, debut, exhibition, publication.

2. demeanor, mien, air, cast, look, aspect, character; presence, attitude, bearing, style, carriage, deportment; figure, visage, countenance, features.

3. semblance, face value, Inf. appearance, face, show, pretense, presentment, image; face, outward form, exterior.

4. appearances indications, outward impressions, circumstances.

5. make an appearance come, arrive, show up, SI. make the scene.

**appose**, v. 1. pacify, quiet, calm, tranquilize, lull, soothe, compose, comfort; alleviate, relieve, palliate, allay, assuage, mitigate, abate, moderate, temper, lessen; take the edge off, blunt, dull, deaden; still, still, silence, hush, smother; quench, slake, satisfy, SI. assuage, mitigate, abate, moderate, temper, lessen; take the edge off, blunt, dull, deaden; still, still, silence, hush, smother; quench, slake, satisfy, SI. shut [s.o.] up, keep [s.o.] quiet, give a sop to; subdue, suppress, put down, quell, quash.

2. placate, pacificate, Archaic; appease; humor, dulcify, mollify, soften; reconcile, Archaic; accord, bring to terms, make peace, settle differences, defuse, pour oil on troubled waters; moderate, arbitrate, bridge the gap, negotiate, intervene, intercede; reunite, mend, patch, patch up, repair the breach, smooth over.

3. propitiate, conciliate, accommodate, adjust, compromise; yield, submit, surrender, concede, give in, in full view, in plain sight, publicly, overtly.

2. plainly, clearly, distinctly, obviously, evidently, manifestly, patently; conspicuously, noticeably, prominently, unmistakably; strikingly, blatantly, obtrusively, flagrantly, glaringly, egregiously.

3. seemingly, ostensibly, on the face of it; outwardly, superficially, externally, in semblance, in show; presumably, likely, probably, possibly, conceivably, plausibly, speciously; avowedly, professedly, pretended, allegedly.

**apprentice**, n. 1. ghost, shade, shadow, revenant, Doppelgänger, doubleganger; spirit, presence, wraith, feath, banshee, phantom, phantasm, specter, Inf. spirit, fairy, sprite, elf, goblin; vision, eidolon, sight, image, hallucination, spectacle; ignis fatuus, friar’s lantern, will-o’-the-wisp; illusion, chimera, fragment of the imagination, phantom of the mind; bogy, hobgoblin.

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cave in, accede to demands.

appasement, n. 1. pacification, alleviation, palliation, allaying, assuagement; mitigation, abatement, moderation, tempering, lessening; blunting, dulling, deadening; slaking, quenching, satisfying, satisfaction; stifling, stilling, silencing, hushing, smothering.

2. placation, dulcification, mollification, softening; conciliation, propitiation, compromise, concession, accommodation, adjustment.

3. surrender, yielding, submission, acquiescence, accession; peace-offering, reparation, amends, sop, pacifier; calumet, peace pipe, olive branch; white flag.

appellation, n. 1. name, title, honorific, style, designation; epithet, apppellative, by-word, label, tag, Sl. handle, Sl. moniker; nickname, sobriquet, cognomen, agnomen, by-name, pet name, diminutive; pseudonym, anagram, allonym, alias, assumed name, pen name, nom de plume, Fr. nom de guerre, stage name, Fr. nom de théâtre.

2. denomination, naming, calling, dubbing, christening; identification, definition.

appendage, n. 1. attachment, appurtenance, appendant, adjunct, appanage; appendix, addendum, codicil, Law. allonge; epilogue, postscript, p.s., P.S., subjoining, subjunction, end piece, tail piece, suffix, postfix, tag; supplement, supplementation, superaddition, addition, extension, annexation. Rare. annexment, annex, wing, ell; subsidiary, subdivision, division, part, section, branch, arm; member, leg, limb, tentacle, extremity; complement, completer, accessory, accompaniment; concomitant, concurrent, pendant, counterpart, corollary, correlative, Astron. comes.

2. servant, servitor, domestic, menial, hireling, acolyte, vassal, liegeman, Hist. retainer; manservant, man, valet, butler, major-domo, seneschal, factotum, steward, footman, lackey, Archaic. groom; maid, handmaid, woman, Fr. femme de chambre; cupbearer, Ganymede; All Contemptuous. flunky, satellite, slave, Sl. stooge; subordinate, underling, small fry, Inf. small potatoes; attendant, assistant, auxiliary, ancilla, aide, helper, coadjutor, coadjeture, supplementary, appendant; square, equerry, courtier, gillie, page, footboy, aide-de-camp, Mil. orderly, Obs. waiter; affiliate, associate, fellow, sidekick.

3. follower, pursuivant, shadow, groupie; dependant, parasite, cyphon, leech, sponge, toady, hanger-on, Arch. trechereman.

appendant, adj. 1. attached, appended, suffixed, subjoined, annexed, added; suspended, pendant, hanging or swinging from; additional, supplementary, supplemental, codicillary, adjunct; subordinate, subsidiary, secondary, auxiliary, ancillary.

2. accompanying, accessory, complementary, attendant, associated, affiliated; connected, related, relative, correlative, correlated, dependent, concomitant, concurrent; consequent, consequential, resultant, resulting, following or progressing from.

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appetence, n. 1. desire, want, need, yearning, longing, wish, wishfulness; craving, appetite, hunger, taste or thirst for, appetency.

2. drive, instinct, passion, lust, aphrodisia, Both Psychoanal. libido, id; inclination, predilection, penchant, predisposition; tendency, propensity, proclivity, leaning, bent.

3. affinity, partiality, bias, liking, affection, fondness, love; attraction, magnetism, lure, allurement, pull.

appetite, n. 1. hunger, thirst, craving, desire, want, need, appetency; voraciousness, ravenousness, edacity, glutonousness, insatiability.

2. relish, taste, palate, sweet tooth; zest, gusto, partiality, bias, keenness; affinity, liking, affection, fondness, love; attraction, predilection, penchant; tendency, propensity, proclivity, leaning, bent.

appetizer, n. 1. canapé, hors d’oeuvre, whet, It. Cokkery. antipasto, Hawaiian. pupu; delicacy, dainty, tidbit, morsel, bite, Fr. bonne bouche; cocktail, aperitif, drink.

2. allurement, lure, enticement, temptation, teaser, tease, bait, U.S. Sl. come-on; invitation, attraction, Inf. eye-catcher.

appetizing, adj. 1. savory, luscious, ambrosial, ambrosian, flavorsome, flavorful, delectable, delicious, tasty; succulent, juicy, rich; nectarous, nectarous, nectarate, sweet, piquant, tart, spicy; palatable, toothsome, Scot. gustable.

2. appealing, enticing, alluring, inviting, attractive; tempting, seductive, tantalizing.

applaud, v. 1. clap, cheer, hosanna, huzzah, bravo, root; encore, give [s.o.] a hand, make the rafters ring, whistle, stomp.

2. acclaim, praise, sound the praises of, sing the praises of, extol, cry up, laud, Archaic. magnify; approve enthusiastically, hail, commend; congratulate, felicitate, compliment, rejoice in; exalt, eulogize, glorify; pay tribute to, pay homage to, honor, crown.

applause, n. 1. hand clapping, cheers, salvo, rooting, whistling, stomping; hosanna, huzzah, hurrah, bravo; ovation, standing ovation, encore, Inf. hand, plaudits, curtain calls; éclat, outcry, outburst; announcement, declaration.

2. acclaim, acclamation, praise, extolment, laudation, kudos, accolade, Archaic. magnification, citation; approval, approbation, endorsement, sanction, commendation; celebration, paean, congratulation, Archaic. gratulation, exultation, triumph, jubilation; eulogy, eulogium, eulogization, exaltation, glorification, encomium, panegyric; tribute, homage, honoring, crowning.

appliances, n. 1. instrument, apparatus, mechanism, device, contrivance, gadget; tool, machine, equipment; (all usu. pl.) furnishing, accouterment, appointment, appurtenance.

2. application, applying, putting to use, putting into operation, practice, use, exercise.

applicable, adj. 1. relevant, to the point, to the purpose, germane, pertinent, apposite, apropos, relative, related, bearing on; useful, well-adapted, compatible, convenient, adjustable, adaptable.

2. suitable, appropriate, proper, fitting, fit, befitting, right, seemly, due, timely, apt, pat, ready, Sl. on the button, Sl. right on.

applicant, n. candidate, office seeker, aspirant, postulant, suitor; job seeker, job hunter, interviewee, competitor; inquirer, solicitor, petitioner, claimant, suppliant, supplicant.

application, n. 1. use, utilization, purpose, function, operation, appliance; exercise, practice.
2. relevance, bearing, aptness, suitability, pertinence; meaning, sense, significance, signification, import; purpose, intention, interpretation, tenor, drift.

3. attention, close attention, attentiveness; effort, persistent effort, persistence, perseverance. Infl. stick-to-it-iveness, resolution, tenacity; industry, diligence, dedication, devotion, constancy, assiduity, sedulity, sedulousness, inten- tness, addiction.

4. inquiry, request, resort, recourse, appeal, solicitation, petition, entreaty, suit; requisition, demand.

5. putting on or to, laying on or to, applying; installation, installing, putting in.

6. salve, lotion, balm, emollient, ointment, unguent, poultice, nard; plaster, pomade, pomatum.

apply, v. 1. use, utilize, engage, employ, put to use, bring to bear, practice, exercise, bring into play; apply, administer, direct, bring into effect, actualize, put into practice, carry out.

2. use for, assign, appropriate, allot, credit.

3. lay or spread on, rub on or in, put to or on, lay over, place over, cover over; touch to; install, deposit, put in place.

4. (usu. of oneself) devote, dedicate, give wholly to, be assiduous, persevering; work at, labor at, do or at, Infl. sweat over, buckle down to, Infl. knock down, put one's nose to the grindstone, study, concentrate.

5. make application, job seek, job hunt, put in for, put in a bid for, bid, try out for, audition; appeal, solicit, petition, sue, entreat, seek, look for, call upon, have recourse to.

appoint, v. 1. name, designate, nominate, tab; assign, select. Mil. detail.

2. commission, delegate, deputize, depute; elect, vote, sign, select, detail.

Mil. vote in, place in office, install, invest, ordain.

3. determine, fix, settle, set, establish, prescribe, decide upon, arrange.

appointee, n. 1. selectee, nominee, candidate; all resulting from a legal appointment) beneficiary, legatee, Law. donee, Law. devisee, Law. grantee.

2. deputy, commissioner, commissary, agent, factor; representative, alternate, surrogate, proxy; delegate, legate, envoy, emissary; intermediary, mediator, middleman, go-between, medium, intermediate.

appointment, n. 1. designation, assignment, nomination, naming, ordainment; deputation, delegation, election, selection.

2. office, position, post, place, berth, billet, station, Sl. gig.

3. engagement, meeting, interview, arrangement; tryst, rendezvous, assignation, date.

4. Usu. appointments equipment, furnishings, accouterments, appurtenances, fixtures, gear, apparatus; paraphernalia, fittings, habiliments, Infl. things; outfit, outfitting, turn out, rig.

5. appointments caparison, harness, trappings, tack, tackle, rigging; All Mil. arms, armaments, munitions, matériel.

apportion, v. allocate, allot, distribute, dispense; ration, measure out, measure off, admeasure; mete out, portion out, divide and assign, parcel out, deal out, dole out; cast out, disperse, scatter; divide up, Infl. divvy up, subdivide, share, partition, part, adjust; appropriate, designate, set apart, earmark, intend; specify, detail, list; assign, administer, award, grant, appoint.

apportionment, n. allocation, allocating, allotment, allotting, distribution, distributing, dispensation, dispensing; rationing, measuring out, measuring off, admeasuring; meting out, portioning out, parceling out, dealing out, doling out; dividing up, Infl. divvying up, subdivision, subdividing, sharing, partitioning, paring; appropriation, appropriating, designation, designating, setting apart, earmarking; specification, specifying, enumerating, listing; assignment, assigning, administration, administering, awarding, granting, appointment, appointing.

apposite, adj. 1. suitable, fitting, befitting, appropriate; meet, proper, becoming, seemly; suited, fit, well-suited, well-adapted, likely; agreeable, congenial, adapted, congenious; due, of punishment) condign.

2. apt, pertinent, applicable, relevant, germane, relative to; apropos, to the point, to the purpose, well put, pat.

3. timely, felicitous, seasonable, convenient, opportunistic.

appraisal, n. 1. estimated value, estimate, appraise- ment, price survey.

2. evaluation, valuation, assessment, appreciation; estimation, computation, calculation, approximation; counting, figuring, reckoning; gauging, rating, ranking, weighing, balancing; measuring, judging, sizing up, up surveying; pricing, setting a price on, fixing the price of; ascertainment, determination.

appraise, v. 1. evaluate, valuate, place or set a value on, assess, appraise; price, set a price on, fix the price of; appreciate, value, prize, treasure.

2. estimate, compute, count, account, calculate, figure, reckon; gauge, rate, rank, weigh, balance, approximate; measure, Archaic. mete, judge, size, size up, survey; ascertain, determine, figure out.

appreciable, adj. 1. perceptible, perceivable, recognizable, noticeable, discernible, distinguishable, detectable; cognizable, knowable, intelligible, comprehensible.

2. estimable, assessable, appraisable; computable, calculable, reckonable; determinable, ascertainable, sensible, material, measurable.

3. considerable, substantial, significant, pronounced; visible, apparent, evident; definite, undeniable, obvious.

appreciate, v. 1. value, cherish, treasure, prize; enjoy, relish, savor, Sl. dig; like, love, care for, delight in, rejoice in, Sl. get a kick out of.

2. esteem, admire, honor, adore; respect, revere, reverence, venerate; hold in high regard, estimate highly, rate highly, realize the worth of; think highly of, think well of, think much of; attach or ascribe importance to, make much of, make a fuss over; applaud, acclaim, laud, praise.

3. perceive, note, detect, recognize, discern, feel; acknowledge; understand, comprehend, apprehend, realize, see the import of, fathom; know, have knowledge of or about, Chiefly Scot. ken; sympathize, be sensitive to, feel for; be conscious of, be aware of, be alive to, be cognizant of.

4. be grateful for, be obliged, be thankful, be appreciative.

5. increase, raise, boost, advance; escalate, multiply; be grateful for, be obliged, be thankful, be appreciative.

6. improve, enhance the degree of, make of greater value; intensify, heighten, strengthen, fortify.

appreciation, n. 1. evaluation, valuation, assessment, appraisal; estimation, computation, calculation, rating, ranking; measuring, judging, weighing, balancing.

2. cherishing, treasuring, prize; enjoying, relishing, savoring, Sl. digging; liking, loving, caring for, delighting in, rejoicing in.

3. esteem, admiration, honor, adoration; respect, reverence, veneration.

4. perception, notion, detection, recognition, discernment; understanding, comprehension, appreciate.

5. increase, raise, boost, advance; escalate, multiply; be grateful for, be obliged, be thankful, be appreciative.

6. improve, enhance the degree of, make of greater value; intensify, heighten, strengthen, fortify.
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apprentice, n. 1. novice, tyro, beginner, cub, greenhorn; neophyte, novitiate, newcomer; rookie, recruit, probationer; student, pupil, learner.

—v. 2. article, bind, tie, contract, attach, associate; employ, enroll, place, position; train, instruct, coach, guide, teach the tricks of the trade.

apprise, v. notify, give or serve notice to, tell, inform, give word; report, announce, advertise, communicate; acquaint, brief, verse, familiarize, enlighten; advise, counsel, admonish, warn, point out, let know, give [s.o.] to understand, clue in. Inf. tip off; impart, disclose, divulge, reveal, break the news, come out with.

approach, v. 1. near, come near or nearer, draw near or nearer, come close or closer, draw close or closer; draw nigh to, move closer to, Inf. belly up to, edge closer to; come within range, gain on, overtake, catch up to; hail, accost, confront, address, greet, salute, speak to.

2. approximate, nearly equal, come close to; resemble, be much like, be similar to, be comparable to.

3. present, offer, suggest, propose, recommend, advance, sound out; bring up, introduce, mention, broach; bring or put forward, propound, proffer, tender, hold out.

4. set about, begin, start, commence, make a start, take the first step; Inf. get the show on the road.

5. make advances to, make overtures to, proposition, solicit.

—n. 6. nearness, close approximation, proximity, vicinity, neighborhood, propinquity.

7. access, entrance, entry, entryway, entrée, inlet, gress; ramp, drive, driveway, lane, path, pathway, sidewalk; road, route, roadway, course, street, avenue, boulevard; highway, turnpike, pike, freeway, expressway, parkway, causeway, throughway; main road, highway, thoroughfare, state highway, U.S. Inf. interstate, state highway, tollroad; speedway, autobahn, superhighway.

8. door, doorway, hatch, gate, gateway, postern, portal; threshold, stile, turnstile, wicket; hall, hallway, passage, passageway, arcade, gangway, walkway, corridor, gallery; lobby, foyer, vestibule, anteroom, waiting room; anteporch, porch, portico.

9. method, procedure, steps, course, mode, way, plan, system, manner, style.

10. advance, overture, prelude, motion, gesture; offer, invitation, proposal, proposition.

11. presentation, offer, proposal, idea, thought, suggestion, recommendation.

approachable, adj. 1. accessible, attainable, reachable, within reach, getatable. Inf. come-at-able.

2. (all of a person) open, agreeable, sociable, friendly, affable, congenial, genial; informal, low-key, easy-going; talkative, communicative, conversable.

approbation, n. approval, sanction. See approval (defs. 1, 2).

appropriate, adj. 1. suitable, fitting, befitting, meet, proper, becoming, seemly; suited, fit, well-suited, likely, agreeable, adapted, congruous; expedient, due, (of punishment) condign.

2. timely, felicitous, seasonable, convenient, opportune.

3. apt, pertinent, applicable, relevant, germane, apposite, apropos, to the point.

4. proper, particular, own, individual, separate, peculiar, characteristic, idiosyncratic.

—v. 5. (all usu. of funds) set apart, assign, allot, appropriation, appoint; allocate, disburse, dole out; authorize, legislate.

6. take possession of, avail oneself of, claim, confiscate, impound; seize, commandeering, expropriate, arrogate, usurp, accroach, assume; make free with, help oneself to, steal [s.o.] thunder.

7. steal, thief, pilfer, purloin, finger, pilch, Inf. snitch; peculate, embezzle, Law. defalcate, misappropriate, swindle, pocket; shoplift, palm, Sl. boost, walk off or away with; Sl. pinch, Sl. swipe, Sl. rip off, Sl. crook,
appropriateness, n. suitability, suitableness, fitness, rightness, justness, seemliness; aptness, appositeness, expediency; felicity, opportuneness; applicability, relevance, relevancy, pertinence; propriety, decorum, decorousness, covenance.

appropriation, n. 1. takeover, seizure, capture; expropriation, arrogation, assumption, usurpation, encroachment; confiscation, impoundment.
2. theft, stealing, thievry, pilferage, pilfering, Sl. swiping, Sl. hustling, Sl. stuffing; peculation, embezzlement, misappropriation; shoplifting, palmig, Sl. boosting; plagiarism, piracy, Inf. lifting.

(app. usu. of funds) allotment, allocation, allowance, budget; dispensation, donation, dole, handout.

approval, n. 1. approbation, countenance, favor, acceptance, adoption, stamp of approval, blessing; support, backing, patronage, advocacy; recommendation, commendation, acknowledgment, good word, good opinion, kudos; honor, respect, esteem, regard, consideration.
2. sanction, official sanction, formal approval, imprimatur, license; endorsement, ratification, confirmation, approbation, validation; consent, assent, concurrence, agreement, acquiescence, compliance; permission, leave, nod, Inf. the word, Inf. the OK, Inf. green light, Inf. go-ahead.

on approval on trial, on or under probation, without obligation to buy.

approve, v. 1. appreciate, value, prize, cherish; respect, admire, esteem, like, think highly of; commend, praise, extol, speak well of.
2. sanction, allow, countenance, authorize, bless, Inf. OK, Inf. give the green light or go-ahead.
3. ratify, validate, certify, confirm, affirm, authenticate, homologate; recommend, advocate, support, back, second, uphold, sustain, maintain, favor.

approximate, adj. 1. near, approaching, impending, forthcoming, coming, imminent.
2. rough, estimated, Sl. guesstimated; Math. interpolative, Statistics. extrapolative.
3. adjacent, juxtapositional, juxtaposed, proximate, near, nearby, at hand, at close range; adjacent, contiguous, bordering, adjoining, abutting, tangential, tangent, touching, contactual.
4. similar, like, resemblant, connected, related, quasi; relative, analogous, comparative, corresponding.

—v. 5. approach, come close, border on, neighbor, be on the brink of, be in the vicinity of; draw nigh, draw near, come together, close with, converge, come within a stone's throw; impend, verge, lean toward, move toward, Archaic. nigh.
6. estimate, make a rough guess, give a ball park figure, Sl. guesstimate, Math. interpolate, Statistics. extrapolate; gauge, reckoning, figure, compute roughly.
7. simulate, look like, give the appearance of, Inf. be the spirit and image of, resemble, bear a resemblance to, hint at; imitate, copy, duplicate, mimic, mock.

approximately, adv. 1. about, just about, roughly, generally, estimatingly, in round numbers, more or less, or so; around, circa.
2. nearly, almost, Inf. most, all but, as good as, virtually; not quite, barely, hardly, scarcely; next to, close to, near, well-nigh, nigh, nigh upon or onto; nearing, approaching, toward, bordering on, verging on.
3. similarly, analogously, comparably, comparatively, relatively.

approximation, n. 1. estimate, estimation, rough idea, ball park figure; reckoning, rough computation.

Math. interpolation, Statistics. extrapolation; guess, guesswork, conjecture, Sl. guesstimate.
2. proximity, nearness, closeness, approach; propinquity, neighborhood, vicinity, vicinage; adjacency, adjacence, contiguity, abuttal.

appurtenance, n. adjacent, appannage, ancilla, auxiliary, appurtenant; attachment, appendage, annexation, Rare. annexment; subordinate, small fry, Inf. small potatoes; subsidiary, subdivision, branch; supplement, supplementation, accessory, complement, accompaniment, concomitant, incidental, Astron. comes.

appurtenant, adj. 1. belonging, appertaining, incident, part of; pertinent, pertaining, applicable, to the point; relevant, related, relating, relative, germane, connected; appropriate, apropos, apposite, apt; proper, felicitous, well-suited, suitable, fit, fitting, befitting, meet.

—n. 2. adjunct, accessory, subordinate. See appurtenance.

a priori, 1. deductive, inferential, from cause to effect.
2. presumptive, theoretical, postulational, suppositional, conjectural, hypothetical, speculative.

apropos, adv. 1. opportunely, timely, seasonably, suitably, appropriately, apt, pertinent, to the purpose.
2. apropos of with reference or regard or respect to.

apt, adj. 1. inclined, tending toward, leaning toward, of a mind to; disposed, liable, given, ready, prone, subject, likely, incident, Archaic. propense.
2. gifted, well-endowed, talented, intelligent, intellectual, sagacious; clever, ingenious, adroit, neat; brilliant, astute, bright, agile, quick, facile, ready, smart, acute, sharp; ace, topflight, top drawer, first-rate, Inf. topnotch, Inf. crack, Sl. crackerjack, Sl. on the ball, Inf. whirl-bang, Brit. Sl. whizze; able, capable, competent, proficient, adept.
3. appropriate, proper, due, meet, becoming, felicitous; suitable, suited, congruous, fitting, befitting, well-adapted, apposite, pat; germane, relevant, pertinent, to the point, apropos, Latin. ad rem.

aptitude, n. 1. ability, capability, proficiency; gift, talent, endowment, faculty, facility, flair, knack, expert, craft, potential, the stuff, Inf. what it takes, U.S. Inf. the goods; predilection, proclivity, propensity; inclination, tendentiousness, proveness; penchant, bent, turn;
2. intelligence, intellect, genius, aptness, wit, mother wit, sagacity, head, brain, mind; ingenuity, astuteness, cleverness, brilliance, brightness, smartness, acuity, acuteness, sharpness, keenness; perspicacity, penetration.
3. aptness, fitness, qualification, preparedness, readiness; competency, adequacy, sufficiency, capableness.

aptness, n. suitability, suitableness, appropriateness, appositions; applicability, relevance, relevancy, germaneness, relatedness; opportuneness, seasonability, timeliness, expedience, expediency, felicity, felicitousness, fitness, concordance, consonance, harmony, harmoniousness, congruousness.

aquarium, n. (all for display of fish) tank, bowl, tub; pond, pool, pound, reservoir; vivarium; marine museum.

aquatic, adj. 1. marine, maritime, oceanic, pelagic, nautical, naval; littoral, shoreline; lacustrine, lake; fluvial, river.

—n. 2. aquatic water sports, sea sports; nautation,
aqueduct, n. 1. conduit, channel, race, watercourse, artificial waterway; strand, seaway, river, tributary, estuary.
2. duct, pipe, main, tube, cylinder; passage, passage-way, adit; sewer, culvert, cloaca, flume, trough, chute; spout, gutter, drain, gully, ditch.
3. Anatomy. artery, blood vessel, vessel, aorta; vein, capillary.
aqueous, adj. 1. watery, waterish, serous, water-like; soggy, boggy, dripping; wet; moist, damp, dewy.
2. watered down, diluted, thinned, adulterated, cut; insipid, tasteless, flat, vapid, dull; tame, feeble, weak, wishy-washy.
aquiline, adj. (usu. of the nose) eagle-like, beaked, hooked, curved; prominent, protruding. Roman.
arabesque, n. 1. floral design, intricate pattern, ornamentation, Islamic decoration; anthemion, honeysuckle ornament.
2. Fine Arts. linear, motif, spiral, undulation, serpentine line, sinuosity.
arable, adj. plowable, farmable, cultivable, cultivatable; fertile, fruitful, productive, prolific, fecund.
arbitrate, v. 1. decide, determine, settle; judge, arbitrate, resolve, decide, settle; judge, arbitrate, resolve.
2. v. 1. arbitrariness, arbitrariness.
2. arbitration, judgment. See arbitrament, arbiter, arbiter.
arbitration, n. 1. decision, sentence, verdict, decree, opinion, finding; umpirage; final say.
arbitrator, n. 1. judge, determiner, decider, adjudicator, arbitrator; moderator, umpire, referee, linesman; arbitrator, negotiator, reconciler, peacemaker, Obs. arbiter; go-between, intermediary, mediator, intercessor.
2. authority, sovereign, lord, ruler, gov- ernor, controller; autocrat, dictator, director; the one with the final say.
arbitriment, n. 1. arbitration, judgment. See arbitration (def. 2).
2. decision, sentence, verdict, decree, opinion, finding; umpirage; final say.
arbitrariness, n. 1. capriciousness, whimsicalness, whimsicalness, unreasonableableness; willfulness, stubbornness, perverseness, mulishness, obstinacy, intransigence.
2. imperiousness, magisterialness, domineeringness, overbearingness, high-handedness, peremptoriness; superciliousness, haughtiness.
arbitary, adj. 1. discretionary, discrentional, left to one's discretion, subject to one's judgment, judgmental; optional, done at one's pleasure, done by choice.
2. capricious, whimsical, fanciful, crotchety; unreasonable, irrational, unsupported, unsupportable, irresponsible.
3. despotic, tyrannical, tyrannous, autocratic; dictatorial, imperious, domineering, magisterial; overbearing, high-handed, peremptory, summary; supercilious, condescending, haughty, Inf. topo- loftly.
4. willful, stubborn, wayward, perverse, obstinate, mulish, opinionated; intransient, unbending, unyielding; indolent, intractable.
arbitrate, v. 1. decide, determine, settle; judge, ad- judge, adjudicate, pronounce or pass judgment, decree, sentence; umpire, referee, Inf. ref; try, hear.
2. mediate, intervene, interpose, step in, come between; negotiate, bargain, bring to terms, parley; intercede, conciliate, placate, reconcile.
arbitration, n. 1. mediation, negotiation, bargaining; peacemaking, bringing together, reconciliation, reconciliation, conciliation, mediation, intervention, interposition, intermediation, interference.
2. judgment, adjudication, decision, determination; settling, settlement, arbitrament.
3. hearing, trial; parley, conference, discussion.
arbitrator, n. negotiator, bargainer, reconciler, peacemaker, Obs. arbitrer; go-between, intermediary, mediator, intercessor; arbitrator, arbitress, go-between, intermediary, mediator, arbitrator.
arboREAL, adj. treelike, arborescent, arboretous, dendroid, dendritic, dendriform, tree-shaped; branched, branchlike, ramose, ramous, ramiform.
arc, n. curve, bow, arch, bend, curved line, Geom. parabola, curvature, flexure, Archit. foil, arcuation, crescent, half-moon, lunula, mensicus.
arcade, n. 1. gallery, roofed-in gallery, cloister, loggia, Brit. piazza, colonnade, peristylium, portico, porch.
2. passageway, covered passageway; market, shops, stalls, shopping mall or plaza.
arcan, adj. mysterious, enigmatic, enigmatical, inscrutable, unfathomable, incomprehensible, impene- trable; dark, deep, profound, abstruse, esoteric, recon- dite; obscure, secret, hidden, concealed, covert, veiled, masked, screened, cloaked; occult, cabalistic, cryptic, oracular, mystic, sly.
arcanum, n. 1. Often arcanum secret, mystery, ca- bala; enigma, conundrum.
2. secret remedy, alembic, elixir, magic potion; magic wand, panacea, nostrum.
arch, n. 1. archway, archway, doorway, arch, gateway; span, vault, dome, cupola, cove, cloistered vault, bowed, bend, curve, arc, convexity, camber, curve, veined, veined, hooded, hooded, veined, hooded, hooded, veined, hooded.
2. arch over, vault, span, bridge; bow, bend, curve, camber.
arched, adj. 1. chief, foremost, most important, principal, first; greatest, highest, consummate, extreme; first-class, first-rate, Inf. number one, top.
2. cunning, sly, tricky, artful, designing, intriguing; waggish, roguish, saucy, mischievous; frolicsome, playful, pranksy, tricksome.
archaic, adj. antiquated, superannuated, antique, ancient, old, old as the hills; antediluvian, fossilized, prehistoric, primitive; obsolete, obsolescent, extinct; bygone, passed, out of date, old-fashioned, out of fashion, unfashionable, behind the times.
arachnism, n. anachronism, throwback, atavism, rel- ic, asynchronism; obsolete diction, archaic style, antiquated term.
arched, adj. vaulted, cambered, embowed, concave, forniform, Biol. fornicate, Heraldry. enarched.
archer, n. bowman, longbowman, crossbowman, arch- balester, toxophile; Robin Hood, sagittary, Astron. Sagittarius.
archetypal, adj. prototype, original, proplastic, first form; ancestor, forerunner, precursor, predecessor.
2. pattern, paradigm, form, mold, model; standard, example, exemplar, paragon, ideal.
archo@totype, n. 1. archetype, design, planning, architectonics; building, construction, making, framing, fash-
ioning; drafting, blueprinting, sketching.
2. buildings, edifices, structures, framework; physical environment, architectural ambience or milieu; fabric, constitution, make-up.

archives, n. 1. records, annals, chronicles, historical documents or papers, memorabilia, memoranda, memorials; rolls, registers, statistics, lists, entries, ledgers; documents, public papers, government papers, Law. muniments.
2. registry, register office, chancery, Brit. muniment room; library, stack room, stacks, files; store, bank, museum.

archway, n. entrance, threshold, entreé, entry, entryway, ingress, approach; opening, door, doorway, hatch, gate, gateway, postern, portal; passage, passageway, walkway, gangway, arcade, corridor, gallery.
arcite, adj. polar, boreal, northern, septentrional; frigid, bleak, very cold, raw, hyperborean; icy, glacial, gelid, frozen, ice-cold; frosty, chilly, algid.

ardent, adj. 1. passionate, impassioned, fervent, fervid, perpervid; zealous, eager, enthusiastic, spirited, high-spirited; emotional, emotive, excitable; volatile, fiery, hot-headed; heated, feverish, white-hot, inflamed, volcanic; overwrought, upset, hysterical, not rational; temperamental, high-strung, nervous, tense, touchy, testy, peppy.
2. lasting after burning, Sl. hot for; infatuated, mad about, Inf. wild about; stimulated, excited, aroused, Inf. fascination, Inf. turned on.
3. vehemence, frenzy, angry, rancorous, wrathful; burning, flaming, blazing, fiery; red-hot, flaring, flashing; malevolent, cruel, malicious, spiteful; waspish, hostile, inimical, severe, harsh; intense, intensified, strong, concentrated, consuming; deep, dark, profound, rich, vivid, brilliant.

ardor, n. 1. fervor, fervency, warmth, glow, fire; devotion, devotedness, zeal, feverishness, passion, fanaticism.
2. enthusiasm, eagerness, earnestness, keenness, intensity, excitement; vigor, force, energy, determination, vehemence; relish, gusto, delight, elation, rapture, ecstasy, transport.
3. spirit, abandon, liveliness, vivacity; emotion, feeling, animation, exuberance, ebullience; vitality, life, buoyancy, bounce, zest, verve, zing, Sl. oomph.
4. heartiness, cordiality, affection, fondness, good will; desire, concupiscence, lust, libidinousness; sensuality, carnality, lechery, salacity, salaciousness; lasciviousness, licentiousness, wantonness.

arduous, adj. 1. laborious, difficult, hard; onerous, burdensome, heavy, operose; exhausting, wearisome, tiresome, fatiguing, irksome, troublesome, trying.
2. energetic, vigorous, robust; forceful, forcible, emphatic, strenuous; herculean, mighty, powerful, strong, hefty; pushing, determined, earnest, assiduous.
3. steep, acclivous, acclivitous, uphill; sheer, bold, abrupt, precipitous, bluff, Archaic. headlong; upright, perpendicular, vertical, plumb.
4. severe, harsh, grim, bitter, tough; rigorous, cruel, fierce, ferocious; terrible, formidable, awful, extreme.

area, n. 1. region, district, zone, quarter; locality, section, U.S. block; territory, realm, domain, province; department, precinct, arrondissement, canton, bailiwick; tract, stretch, terrain, field; expanse, sweep, reach, surface; compass, perimeter, range, extent, margin, scope, circuit; arena, ring, sphere, circle, orbit.
2. enclosure, close, Fort. parade, yard, court, backyard; plot, lot, plat, site, spot; patch, parcel, portion, part; clearing, square, plaza, It. piazza; esplanade, quadrangle, Inf. quad. (in ancient Rome) forum, (in ancient Greece) agora, marketplace.

arena, n. 1. coliseum, hippodrome, amphitheater stadium, bowl, field; lists, circus, ring, cockpit; gymnasium, auditorium, stage, platform.
2. battlefield, field of conflict, scene of contest, theater of endeavor, sphere of action.

argosy, n. merchantman, merchant ship, cargo ship, trader, carrack, galleon; brigantine, brig, schooner; armada, flotilla, Obs. encadrille, fleet, Archaic. navy; oppulent supply, abundance, plentitude.

argot, n. idiom, Inf. lingo, jargon, slang, cant; dialect, patois, tongue, vernacular, parlance; terminology, vocabulary, nomenclature.

argue, v. 1. debate, discuss, moot, bandy words, Inf. kick around, Sl. hash over; quibble, caval, nit-pick, belabor a point, split hairs, chop logic; reason, ratiocinate, logize, explain.
2. contend, dispute, disagree, contest, controvert, spar, cross swords, lock horns; wrestle, beck, haggle, Sl. hassle, Scot. argyle-bangle, Scot. and North Eng. threap, Scot. and North Eng. prig.
3. maintain, insist, hold, have, submit.
4. remonstrate, expostulate, plead with; persuade, dissuade, talk out of.
5. establish, demonstrate, show, prove; evince, evidence, manifest, illustrate, exhibit, display; indicate, attest, signify, point to, bespeak, tell, denote, mean, betoken; imply, suggest, connote.

arguer, n. debater, discusser, disputant, controversialist, contenter, eristic, polemic, polemist; casuist, reasoner, logomachist; logician, dialectician.

argument, n. 1. debate, discussion, polemic, logomachy, war of words; contestation, disputation, argumentation.
2. disagreement, contention, alteration, conflict, dispute, controversy, discord, clash, falling-out, Inf. hassle, Inf. barney, quarrel, row, squabble, dustup, spat, tiff, Brit. Dial. fray, Brit. Dial. fratching, fracas, uproar, brouhaha, rumrus, Inf. ruckus; fight, guggle, donnybrook, Scot. sturt, Scot. and North Eng. thrreap, Inf. scrap, Inf. run-in, Inf. set-to, Sl. rhrbarb; broil, embroilment, imbroglio; dissension, variance, difference of opinion, wrangling, bickering.
3. logic, ratiocination, reasoning, chain or course of reasoning.
4. case, evidence, ground, proof; plea, consideration, reason, pros and cons; answer, reply, response, riposte, counterstatement, rebuttal, refutation, Sl. sockdolager.
6. abstract, brief, summary, outline; synopsis, précis, conspectus, syllabus; digest, abridgment, compendium, epitome.

argumentation, n. 1. logic, reasoning, chain or course or pattern of reasoning; polemics, dialectics.
2. debate, discussion, polemic, logomachy, war of words; disputation, disagreement, contention, alteration.
3. (all in order to convince or persuade) address, discourse, speech, argument.

argumentative, adj. quarrelsome, battlesome, contentious, combative, wranglesome, dissentient, exceptive; argumental, polemic, dialectic, eristic, logomachic.
2. cantankerous, irascible, irritable, dyspeptic, ill-humored, bad-tempered; petulant, peevish, cross, cranky, testy, Inf. mean, Inf. orner.
3. controversial, debatable, moot, doubtful, dubious.
ard, adj. 1. parched, extremely dry, thirsty, adj. 1.
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1. aristocrat, n.; nobleman, noble, patrician, silk-

stock, noble, gentle, genteel, wellborn, highborn;
royal, princely, kingly, titled; (all of animals)
thoroughbred, pedigreed, purebred.

2. elegant, graceful, Scot. genty, fine, delicate, ex-
quise; well-bred, polite, civil, mannerly, well-
mannered, courteous; decorous, proper, Fr. comme il

faut, fitting, becoming, seemly; gracious, ladylike,
ladyish, courtly, gentlemanly, gentlemanlike; debo-
nair, charming, chivalrous, chivalric, gallant, cavalier.

3. polished, finished, refined, cultivated; urbane,

suave, sophisticated, cosmopolitan, worldly; fashion-
able, stylish, à la mode, modish, high-toned, Sl. tony, high-
class, Sl. classy, Inf. swank.

4. affectedly mannered, unnatural; pretentious,

high-falutin, Inf. high-hat, on one’s high horse;
haughty, lordly, hoity-toity, arrogant, proud, snob-
bish, disdaining.

arm’, n. 1. forelimb, anterior limb, brachium;
appendage, limb, branch, ramification, bough, off-
shoot, scion; handle, lever, crosspiece, axle.

2. inlet, estuary, mouth; cove, lagoon, bay, bight,
gulf; fiord, frith, Chiefly Scot. firth, channel, strait,
sound, Scot. kyle.

3. power, might, force, strength, potency, Literary.
puissance; authority, command, sway; support, pro-
tection, defense.

4. with open arms cordially, graciously, warmly,
friendly, kind-heartedly.

arm’d, n. 1. Usu. arms weapons, armament, fire-
arms, munitions, ammunition, Mil. matériel; guns,
rifles, muskets, flintlocks, matchlocks; pistols, revolv-
ers, six-shooters; shotguns, machine guns, howitzers,
cannons, artillery, ordnance.

2. arms Heraldry. escutcheon, scutcheon, shield,
armedorial bearings; coat of arms, blazon, blazonment,
blazonory, emblazonry, emblazonment, crest.

3. up in arms excited, keyed-up, wrought up, worked
about; issue, grow out of, flow, spring forth; follow, en-
rade, commences, start, begin, open, dawn, come into
existence.

4. often arise from result, proceed, emanate, turn
out; issue, grow out of, flow, spring forth; follow, en-
rade, comences, start, begin, open, dawn, come into
existence.

5. fortify, strengthen, gird one’s loins, brace, steel,
reinforce, buttress; support, defend, guard, protect,
cover.

armada, n. fleet, navy, argosy, squadron, flotilla,
Obs. escadrille.

armament, n. weapons, arms. See arm’d (def. 1).

armed, adj. equipped, accoutered, outfitted, girded,
arrauded, furnished; readied, primed, prepared; forti-
ified, armed to the teeth, strengthened, braced, steeled,
reinforced, buttressed.

armistice, n. 1. truce, cease-fire, white flag, Mil.
tag of truce.

2. reprieve, respite, rest, lull; interval, intermission,
 pause, stay, break, hiatus; stoppage, halt, cessation,
 stop; suspension, discontinuance, interruption,
 recess, abeyance, quiescence.

armor, n. 1. covering, protection, wrapping,
 sheeting, mail, chain mail, coat of mail, armor plate,
armature.

2. Armor. shield, buckler, Archaic. targe; Class.
Myth. aegis; helmet, helm, armet, heaume, casque,
sallet, salade; morion, casque, comb morion,
basinet, basnet, bascinet; visor, vizor, ventail, aven-
tail; beaver, buffe, beaver, wrapper, gorget; pauldron,
epaulière, spaulder, monnion; rerebrace, cannon,
couter, vambrace, cubitiere, elbow cop, gauntlet;
cuirass, corselet, loricà, breastplate, backplate; fauld,
culet, tasse, lame; cuisse, cuish, poleyn, genouillère,
 knee cop; greave, jamb, jambart, jambeau, saboton,
solleret; hauberk, byrnie, habergeon; allecret.

3. defense, safeguard, guard; bulwark, rampart,
 wall; shelter, cover, safety, protection; asylum, sanc-
tum.

armory, n. 1. depot, magazine, arsenal, ammuni-
tion dump; military storehouse, storehouse, deposi-
tory, repository, warehouse.
2. National Guard headquarters, Guard headquarters, Reserve center, headquarters, H.Q., administration center, drill center; assembly center, hall, arena, auditorium, coliseum.

army, n. 1. military, soldiers, soldiery, troops, regular army, standing army; armed forces, infantry, cavalry, artillery, militia; legion, battalion, garrison, detachment, brigade, regiment, division, company, corps, column, wing, phalanx, cohort.

2. multitude, host, galaxy, array, score; congregation, gathering, assembly, assemblage, meeting; group, body, swarm, hoard, crowd, throng, bunch, mob, rout; gang, band, troop; congregation, press, crush; concourse, culmination, confluence, convergence.

array, v. 1. arrange, order, rank, number, settle, adjust, arrange, prepare, plan, ready, prime, project; arrange, orchestrate, compose, score, harmonize, instrument.

arrangement, n. 1. order, ordering, disposition, arrangement, preparation, plans, provisions, arrangements; orchestration, adaptation, score, instrumentation.

2. settlement, adjustment, agreement, terms; configuration, interrelation, relationship, accommodation.

3. prepare, plan, ready, prime, prearrange, project; devise, form, design, block out, fix, contrive; predetermine, premeditate.

4. arrange, compose, score, harmonize, instrument.

arrest, v. 1. actuate, initiate, put in motion, start the wheels turning; stimulate, animate, reanimate, invigorate, motivate, inspire, galvanize, electrify, vivify, rally, revive, enliven, liven up, awaken, wake up, awaken, rouse, shake up, jolt, jog; impel, induce, compel, constrain, move, press, drive, stir, fillip; alarm, startle, disturb, impress, strike, penetrate, touch to the quick; elicit, evoke, call forth, summon up, sound or raise the alarm.

2. incite, provoke, poke, prod, prick, goad, prompt, spur; encourage, urge, abet, egg on, put up to; instigate, look for trouble, Inf. start something; foment, agitate, suscitate, excite, inspire, galvanize, electrify, vivify, rally, revive, enliven, liven up, awaken, awake up, awaken, rouse, shake up, jolt, jog; impel, induce, compel, constrain, move, press, drive, stir, fillip; alarm, startle, disturb, impress, strike, penetrate, touch to the quick; elicit, evoke, call forth, summon up, sound or raise the alarm.

3. near, nearby, proximately, close by, nigh, at close to; neighboring with, next door to, next to, adjacent to, adjoining with, bordering on, beside; juxta, to an awareness, to one's point of view, to one's way of thinking, to one's senses; back to consciousness, into the waking world, back to life.

around, adv. 1. about, on all sides, right and left, in all directions; everywhere, throughout, all over, in all parts, over, through; to and fro, here and there, hither and thither, hither and yon, far and wide.

2. in circumference, perimetrically, peripherally.

3. near, nearby, proximately, close by, nigh, at close range; hereabout, not far off, at hand.

4. circuituously, in a round about way or fashion, indirectly.

5. recurrently, repeatedly, periodically, round around, 180°; in reverse, backwards, to the rear.

6. to an awareness, to one's point of view, to one's way of thinking, to one's senses; back to consciousness, into the waking world, back to life.

—prep. 8. about, surrounding, circumjacent, rounding, encircling, circling, encompassing, circumfluent; enfolding, enwrapping, wrapped about, enveloping.

9. throughout, all over, in all parts of, over, through.

10. near to, nearby, nigh to, proximate to, close by, close to; neighboring with, next door to, next to, adjacent to, adjoined with, bordering on, beside; juxtaposed with, contiguous with, tangential to, tangent to.

11. approximately, circa, ca., about, just about, in the vicinity of, in the neighborhood of; roughly, generally, estimately, in round numbers, more or less, or so.

arouse, v. 1. actuate, initiate, put in motion, sow the seeds of, start the wheels turning; stimulate, animate, reanimate, whet, invigorate, motivate, inspire, galvanize, electrify, vivify, rally, revive, enliven, liven up, awaken, wake up, awaken, rouse, shake up, jolt, jog; impel, induce, compel, constrain, move, press, drive, stir, fillip; alarm, startle, disturb, impress, strike, penetrate, touch to the quick; elicit, evoke, call forth, summon up, sound or raise the alarm.

2. criticize, fault, find fault with, censure, upbraid, reproach, rebuke, reprehend; reprove, tax, take to task, call to account, impugn, call into question, assail, revile; stigmatize, brand, asperse, cast aspersions on, malign, slander, defame, vilify; attack, inveigh against, rail against, declaim against.

arrangement, n. 1. accusation, charge, indictment, Law. true bill, Law. gravenam; citation, summons; incrimination, criminalization, recrimination, denunciation; implication, inculpation, blaming, accusing.

2. censure, blame; criticism, examination, finding fault, animadversion; calling into question, impugning; assailment, revilement.

arrange, v. 1. order, dispose, array, assort, collect; line, range, align, aline, straighten, trim; group, sort, classify, class, categorize, bracket; file, index, codify, tabulate; size, rank, grade, graduate; organize, systematize, coordinate, regulate, marshal, Inf. line up, set up; distribute, assign, allocate, apportion, allot, set out.

2. settle, decide, determine, adjust; agree to, fix on or upon, come to terms, compromise, conciliate, accommodate.

3. prepare, plan, ready, prime, prearrange, project; devise, form, design, block out, fix, contrive; prescribe; predetermine, premeditate.

4. orchestrate, compose, score, harmonize, instrument.

arrangement, n. 1. order, ordering, disposition, ordination, grouping; array, assortment, collocation, set, series, mixture, miscellany, collection, selection; formulation, combination, association, amalgamation.

2. scheme, structure, design, frame, outline, system; policy, method, procedure, process; mode, form, style; make-up, composition, constitution, construction; configuration, interrelation, relationship, conformation, formation; formulation, combination, association, amalgamation.

3. arrangements preparations, plans, provisions, measures; groundwork, preliminaries; reservations.

4. settlement, adjustment, agreement, terms; contract, covenant, compact, compromise, conciliation, accommodation.

5. orchestration, adaptation, score, instrumentation, harmonization.

arrant, adj. 1. downright, out-and-out, through and through, thorough, thoroughgoing, wholesale, all-out, Inf. flat-out; complete, total, outright, categorical, unequivocal, flat, dead; absolute, utter, profound, rank, gross; sheer, stark, brazen, bold; unmitigated, unqualified, unconditional, incontestable; perfect, positive, consummate, Inf. regular, Inf. plum, Brit. proper; overt, undisguised, barefaced, unmistakable, undeniable, evident, unconcealed, patent; pronounced, confirmed.

2. infamous, disreputable, ill-famed; scandalous, disgraceful, shameful, shocking, improper, ignominious, base, low, vile, wicked, foul; flagrant, egregious, glaring, bawdy, flagitious, nefarious; atrocious, monstrous, outrageous; unscrupulous, shameless.

array, v. 1. (often of troops) marshal, order, rank, muster, assemble, group, draw together or up, amass; range, arrange, line up, place, dispose.

2. clothe, attire, apparel, dress, habit, garb; dress up,
prank, trick out or up, Sl. dude up, Sl. swank out; deck out or up, bedeck, bedizen, Archaic: bedight; caparison, Inf. doll up, Inf. gussy up, Sl. trick out; ornament, adorn, decorate, Scot. dink, embellish; ac- couter, outfit, fit out, rig up or out.

—n. 3. (often of troops) marshalling, muster, as- semblage, amassing, amassment, collection, ag- glomeration, aggregation, congregation; disposition, arrangement, line-up; display, parade, show, exhibition, exhibit.

4. apparel, attire, clothing, dress, wear, Inf. gear, Inf. toggery, Inf. duds, Sl. threads, Sl. rags; raiment, vestments, garments; finery, caparison, Sl. glad rags, Sl. heavy threads, Sl. Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes; regalia, outfit, ensemble, Inf. getup, Inf. rig.

arrear, n. 1. Usu. arrears unpaid debt, payment outstanding, moneys owed, liabilities; arrearage, amount due or overdue, remaining balance; debt, fi- nancial obligation, debit, deficit, deficiency.

2. in arrears in debt, in default, in the hole, in the red; behind, late, overdue.

arrest, v. 1. seize, take into custody, apprehend, haul in, Inf. nab, Inf. pinch, Sl. bust, Sl. nail, Sl. run in, put the arm on [s.o.]; capture, catch, detain; hold, secure, collar; take prisoner, imprison, jail, incarcerate.

2. attract, catch, hold the attention of, engross, en- gage, absorb, occupy, rivet.

3. stop, halt, check, abort, end; stay, stall, bring to a standstill; block, obstruct, prevent; hinder, inhibit, re- strain, delay, interrupt, suspend, suppress; stunt, delay; interruption; hindrance, obstruction, prevention, suppression, restraining.

arresting, adj. attention-getting, striking, stunning; stimulating, exciting, electrifying, dazzling; impres- sive, noticeable, noteworthy, remarkable, conspicuous, arresting, attention-getting, striking, stunning.

arrival, n. 1. advent, coming, appearance, forth- coming, approach, access, accession; return, reappearance, coming back.

2. landing, alighting, dismounting, debarkation, dis- embarkation, deboarding, deplaning, detraining.

3. attainment, reaching, realization, actualization; consummation, fulfillment, fruition; completion, fin- ishing, termination.

4. comer, incomer, newcomer, immigrant; visitor, visitant, guest; newborn, baby.

arrive, v. 1. come, land, pull in, get here or there, get in; appear, show up, turn up, Sl. blow in, set in, present itself or oneself; arrive in, Sl. hit; alight, deplane, detrain, disembark, debark, debus, dis- mount; return, come back, get back.

2. succeed, Inf. make it, Sl. make the scene, Inf. get somewhere, get ahead, get ahead in the world, be somebody; thrive, prosper, flourish.

3. occur, happen, befall, come to pass, eventuate.

4. arrive at reach, attain, realize, get to, gain.

arrogance, n. 1. haughtiness, loftiness, hauteur, self-importance; presumption, presumptuousness, overconfidence, fatuousness; pride, vanity, vainglorious, conceit, snobbery, snobbishness, airs, pomposity, pomponiousness; egotism, superciliousness; contempt, contemptuousness, disdain, disdainfulness, scorn, scornfulness, contumely, contumeliousness.

2. insolence, impudence, brazenness, effrontery, au-
dacity, defiance; impertinence, bumptiousness, Inf. pushiness; self-assertion, self-assuredness, self-assur- ance.

3. imperiousness, lordliness, overbearingness, high- handedness; pretension, braggadocio, bluster, swagger.

arrogant, adj. 1. haughty, self-important, pre- sumptuous, fatuous, proud, vainglorious; overconfi- dent, overweening, conceited, high-and-mighty, snob- nish, Inf. stuck-up, Inf. uppish, Inf. uppity, on one’s high horse; pompous, egotistic, lofty, Inf. toplofty, condescending; disdainful, supercilious, cavalier, con- temptuous, scornful, insulting, contumelious.

2. imperious, overbearing, domineering, arbitrary, high-handed; dictatorial, despotic, authoritative, dog- matic, magisterial.

3. brazen, impudent, insolent, defiant, rude, audacious, impertinent; swaggering, blustering, Inf. pushy; pompuous, self-assertive, self-assured, self- assuming.

4. excessive, exaggerated, immoderate, intemperate; extravagant, high-flown, Inf. highfalutin, preposter- ous, unreasonable, irresponsible, illogical, unfounded, uncalled for, unwarranted.

arrogate, v. 1. (all in reference to oneself) assume, appropriate, claim, avail oneself of, help oneself to, make free with; seize, take, commandeer, expropriate, usurp, confiscate.

2. (all in reference to another; all falsely or unjustly) impute, ascribe, attribute, assign, blame, charge to, lay to, lay at the door of; blame, accuse, Inf. finger, in- criminate, inculpate.

arrogation, n. 1. (all in reference to oneself) as- sumption, appropriation, undue claim, unwarranted seizure, expropriation, usurpation, confiscation.

2. (all in reference to another; all falsely or unjustly) attribution, ascription, imputation, charge, allegation, censure, blame, accusation, incrimination, inculpation.

arrow, n. 1. feathered shaft, shaft, reed, flight, bolt, crossbow bolt, quarrel, Astron. Sagitta, dart, (pl.) quiver; missile, weapon.

2. pointer, indicator, directional signal, director, marker.

arsenal, n. depot, magazine, ammunition dump, mil- itary storehouse, warehouse; depository, repository, warehouse, entrepôt.

arsen, n. incendiari, malicious burning, firing, Sl. torching, Sl. torch job, Sl. match job; pyromania.

arsenist, n. incendiari, Sl. torch, Sl. match; pyromaniac, Inf. firebug.

art, n. 1. skill, skillfulness, dexterity, adroitness, expertness, mastery, artistry; aptitude, facility, able- ness, dispatch, ready skill, Inf. know-how; ingenuity, cleverness, talent, flair, knack, genius, way, touch, feel, hang, trick.

2. cunning, wiliness, slyness, foxiness, craftiness, guile, artfulness; deceit, deception, duplicity, trickery.

3. artifice, subterfuge, contrivance, device, expedi- ent, craft, wile; scheme, plot, design, stratagem; ploy, maneuver, shift, dodge, tactic, ruse, red herring.

4. affectation, affectedness, unnaturalness, studied- ness, artificial manner, airs, pretension, pretentious- ness; simulation, make-believe, artificiality, insincerity; posing, posturing, peacockery.

artery, n. 1. blood vessel, vessel, aorta; vein, capillary.

2. main road, highroad, thoroughfare, main street, Inf. drag, Brit. Sl. toby; throughway, avenue, boule-vard, strip, concourse; route, highway, turnpike, pike, tollroad, state highway; freeway, Brit. clearway, ex- pressway, parkway, causeway, U.S. Inf. interstate; speedway, autobahn, superhighway.
3. canal, artificial waterway, channel, race, conduit, watercourse; strait, aqueduct, waterway, seaway.
4. duct, pipe, main, tube, cylinder; passage, passage-way, adit; conduit, sewer, culvert, cloaca, flume, trough, chute; spout, gutter, drain, gully, ditch.

artful, adj. 1. cunning, crafty, sly, wily, subtle, foxy, Sl. crazy like a fox, Scot. North Eng. pawky; shrewd, astute, canny, sharp, knowing.
2. insidious, guileful, disingenuous, scheming, plotting, calculating, contriving, designing; deceitful, tricky, crooked, dishonest, underhanded; false, false-hearted, double-dealing, two-faced, double-faced; shifty, slippery, smooth, slick.
3. ingenious, clever, resourceful, inventive; facile, deft, quick, ready, nimble-fingered; skillful, dexterous, adroit, adept.

arthritis, n. inflammation of a joint, stiffening of a joint, gout, rheumatism.
article, n. 1. composition, essay, theme, paper; story, feature, write-up, layout; narrative; account, report, chronicle; review, study, critique, analysis, editorial, opinion, commentary, descent; discussion, dissertation, discourse, homily, treatise, tract; piece, notice, note, spot, All Journalism. followup, sidebar, shrillart.
2. item, unit, individual, single, particular, particularity; piece, portion, particle, part, division, section, branch; element, component, constituent, ingredient.
3. thing, object, something, Inf. thingumajig, Inf. thingumabob, Inf. thingumabob, Inf. what-you-may-call-it; entity, being.
4. clause, paragraph, Law. covenant; provision, proviso, point, stipulation, term, condition.
  — v. 5. specify, list, name, mention individually; formulate, state in detail.
5. accuse, charge, impute, count, ascribe.
6. obligate, oblige, bind, pin down, tie; sign up, indenture, apprentice.

articulate adj. 1. clear, clear as day, crystal-clear, clear, clear as day, crystal-clear, 1. adj.
2. talkative, garrulous, loquacious, multieloquent, multieloquious, multi-loquious, Sl. gabby; communicative, articulate, articulable; speaking, talking; (all of speech) unreticent, unrestrained, unrestrained, unconstrained.
3. eloquent, well-spoken, silver-tongued, Archaic. facund, Obs. facundious; glib, slick, smooth, smooth-tongued, smooth-talking, smooth-spoken, fast-talking; (all of speech) fluent, flowing, facile, easy, graceful.
4. joined, unified, connected; coherent, cohesive, harmonious, congruous, congruent, agreeing, in agreement; uniform, consistent, of a piece.
5. Zoology. jointed, segmented, articulated.
  — v. 6. enunciate, pronounce, vocalize, voice, enounce; say express, utter, breathe, give or let out, come out with.
7. clarify, clear up, make clear, make plain; explain, explicate, expound, elucidate; illuminate, shed or cast or throw light on.
8. unify, synthesize, combine, coalesce; integrate, incorporate, consolidate, merge; blend, fuse, flux; identify, make one.
9. joint, hinge, connect; (all by joints) join, unite, link, couple, fasten, splice; (all by joints) conjoin, subjoin, attach, fix, affix, annex.

articulation, n. 1. enunciation, pronunciation, vocalization, utterance, phonation, voice, voicing; delivery, presentation, attack, force of utterance; elocution, diction, dialect, speech pattern, manner of speaking, mode of expression; articulating, pronouncing, vocalizing, enunciating; saying, expressing, uttering; delivering, presenting.
2. intonation, inflection, modulation; emphasis, accent, accentuation, stress, syllable stress.
3. verbalism, vocable, speech sound, phone, Phonet. consonant, Phonet. semivowel.
4. union, unification, connection, conjunction, conjunction, joinder, jointure, linkage; joining, jointing, conjoining, bonding, linking, coupling, bracketing, yoking.
5. joint, juncture, intersection, nexus, connexus, point of union or contact; link, tie, bind, knot, yoke; coupler; miter, dovetail joint, rabbot, rabbot joint; pivot, hinge, elbow, knee.

artifice, n. 1. stratagem, trick, wile, ruse; intrigue, plot, plan, scheme, strategy, machination; conspiracy, complot, cabal; device, contrivance, expedient, Inf. dodge, fetch, subterfuge, blind; maneuver, feint, deception, sleight, coup, blow, stroke; shift, move, evasion, shuffle.
2. cunning, ingenuity, inventiveness; cleverness, skillfulness, adroitness, dexterity, adeptness, deftness; facility, facility, quickness, readiness, aptness, brightness.
3. trickery, deceit, guile, craft, craftsmanship, shrewdness, williness, slyness; artfulness, subtlety, finesse; duplicity, doubledealing, cheating, congeancy, fraud, imposture, imposition, hoax.

artificer, n. 1. inventor, creator, originator; deviser, contriver, machinator; designer, artist, architect; maker, builder, constructor, erecter, framer, fabricator, manufacturer.
2. craftsman, handicraftsman, artisan, artistic or skillful workman; operative, mechanic, machinist.

artificial, adj. 1. man-made, manufactured, constructed; synthetic, ersatz, plastic, pseudo, simulated, imitated, imitation, unguenuine, Inf. phony; unauthentic, Sl. hyped-up, sham, make-believe, bogus, mock, fake, specious, brumagem; spurious, bastard, supposititious, false, counterfeit, fictitious, unreal; adulterate, adulterine, adulterous, alloyed.
2. factitious, feigned, so-called, pretended, assumed; forced, labored, strained, contrived, engineered, Sl. hokey, Sl. hoked-up; unnatural, affected, mannered, stilted; stagy, theatrical, overacted, overdone; in-sincere, hollow, meretricious, pretentious.
3. conventional, traditional, orthodox, rigid, arbitrary.

artillery, n. ordnance, cannon, mortars, howitzers, artillery, Sl. mounted guns; Mil. battery, engineery, Mil. fieldpieces; ballistae, catapults, culverins, falconets, jingals.

artilleryman, n. artillerist, gunner, cannoneer, Hist. bombardier, fusilier.

artisan, n. craftsman, handicraftsman, master craftsman, master, artificer, Obs. artist; skilled laborer or worker, journeyman.

artist, n. 1. master, old master, past master; artist, virtuoso, maestro; talent, genius, prodigy, giant, Inf. wizard or wiz.
2. artisan, craftsman, artificer; expert, adept, masterhand, proficient, Sl. no slouch.
3. trickster, deceiver, cheat, fraud, swindler, confidence man, Sl. con man or artist, bunco artist, Inf. hshyer, Inf. flimflam man; fox, sly dog, sharpie, horse trader.

artistic, adj. 1. beautiful, attractive, lovely, handsome, pleasing to the eye; exquisite, magnificent, of consummate art, in the grand style; harmonious, symmetrical, well-proportioned, well-composed, well-
artistry, n. virtuosity, brilliance, genius; talent, skill, skillfulness, dexterity, adroitness, expertness, mastery; art, flair, knack, gift, way, touch, feel, hang.

artless, adj. 1. open, open and sincere, open-hearted, ingenuous, guileless, sincere, undeceptive, undeceitful, undeceiving, unfeigning, undissembling, undissembling; aboveboard, open and aboveboard, up front, up and up, on the level, no-nonsense; natural, uncontrived, unaffected, unassuming, unadorned, unpretentious, unpretending.

artlessness, n. 1. openness, openheartedness, ingenuousness, guilelessness, sincerity, genuineness, genuineness, undeceptiveness, undeceitfulness; naturalness, unaffectedness, unpretentiousness.

ascend, v. 1. rise, arise, uprise; levitate, float, lift off; shoot up, spring up, sprout, creep up, wing up; tower, extend upward, reach high; soar, fly aloft.

ascendancy, n. 1. domination, predominance, hegemony, controlling influence, position of dominance, ascendant; domination, rule, reign; control, sovereignty, mastery, prevalence, power. See ascend (def. 1).

ascendant, n. 1. domination, domination, predominance, hegemony, controlling influence, dominant position; supremacy, preeminence, superiority; mastership, lordship, chiefdom, seigniory, suzerainty, leadership; command, rule, control, hold, grasp; sway, prestige, weight, power, upper hand.

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ascertain, v. 1. determine, establish, identify, pin [s.t.] down, Sl. peg, Sl. button down; verify, confirm, make certain of, make sure, determine; conclude, resolve, settle, decide, come to a decision.

2. discern, figure, apprehend, grasp, understand, come to know; learn about, acquire knowledge of or information about; detect, discover, make out, get at; ferret out, dig out, unearth, uncover.


2. (in the early Christian church) monk, hermit, eremite, anchorite, anchor, recluse, solitary, styli; an hermitess, Obs. hermitress, nun.

—adj. 3. abstinent, abstemious, self-denying, self-mortifying, self-lacerating, self-punishing, self-tormenting, flagellant.

4. austere, strict, harsh, severe, rigorous, stern, puritanical, puritanic, frugal, plain.

5. continent, celibate, temperate, moderate, restrained, self-controlled, self-disciplined.

asceticism, n. self-denial, self-abnegation, self-mortification; mortification of the flesh, self-punishment, self-torment, self-laceration, flagellation, scourging, flagellantism; abstinence, fasting, penance, sackcloth and ashes, monasticism, self-renunciation; puritanism, abstemiousness, continent, celibacy; self-control, self-restraint, self-discipline.

ascrivable, adj. 1. attributable, assignable; imputable, chargeable, accountable.

2. explicable, explainable, accountable, traceable.

ascribe, v. 1. attribute, assign, credit, accredit, give credit for, put down, chalk up to; impute, charge with, lay on, blame, accuse.

2. associate, connect, link, tie in, couple, match or pair up, relate, think of together, consider jointly, with, lay on, blame, accuse.

ascription, n. 1. attribution, attributing, assignment, assigning, adscription, creditation, accreditation, accrediting, chalking up to; imputation, imputing, charging, laying on, blaming, accusation, accusing.

2. cataloguing, glorification, extollment, laudation; doxology, hosanna, hallelujah, alleluia, hymn; Te Deum, Liturgy. Gloria, Magnificat; tribute, eulogy, eulogization, commodation.

ash, n. 1. cinder, ember, coal; slag, scoria, residue; lava, volcanic rock.

2. ashes paleness, ghastliness, pallor, sallowness, waness.

3. ashes ruins, remains, vestiges, relics, Archaic. reliques; cremains, reliquiae; leftovers, bits, pieces, fragments.

ashamed, adj. 1. embarrassed, humiliated, mortified, abashed, humbled, chagrined, chapfallen; distressed, discomfited, uneasy, disconcerted, out of countenance; decomposed, confused, perplexed, bewildered; put down, brought down, degraded, disgraced, dishonored; put to the blush, redfaced, Inf. red, sheepish, exposed, naked, stripped.

2. conscience-stricken, shamefaced, guilty, hangdog, remorseful, with one's tail between one's legs; disappointed or displeased in oneself.

3. unwilling, restrained, reserved, deterred, reluctant; bashful, modest, meek, shy, self-conscious, Archaic. virecund; decent, proper, innocent, chaste, virginal, pure; prudish, squeamish.

ashen, adj. 1. gray, grayish, silver, silvery, grayish-white, ashy, ash-colored, light, blanched, bleached, whitened, hueless, colorless, faded, washed-out.

2. pale, pale-faced, ghastly, ghastly, ghostlike; pallid, sallow, sallowish, wan, deathlike, cadaverous.

3. cinderly, cinderlike, cinderly, cinerous.

ashore, adv. on shore, on land, on the beach, aground; stranded, shoaled, beached, grounded.

ashy, adj. gray, grayish, cinderly, cinderous; pale, ghastly. See ashen.

aside, adv. 1. to or on the side, beside, alongside, abreast; laterally, next to, by, Naut. abeam, sideways, sidewise.

2. apart, away, separately, in reserve; out of the way, out of mind.

3. notwithstanding, albeit, howbeit, withal, despite, in spite of; however, yet, still, nevertheless; in any event, at all events, all the same, after all, just the same, even so.

4. aside from besides, apart from, in addition to; other than, not counting, beyond that, excluding, except for.

—n. 5. apostrophe, by-play, whisper, soliloquy, monologue.

6. digression, departure, excursus, excursion.

asinine, adj. 1. stupid, Inf. dumb, Inf. dozy, Inf. moronic, empty-headed, unintelligent, imbecile, ox-like; dull, inexpressive, expressionless; addlepated, addledheaded, addledbrained, muddled, muddleheaded; dull-witted, Sl. dimwitted, slow-witted, half-witted, witless, unwitty, mindless; Rare. insuline, brainless, fatuous; dense, thick, bovine, obtuse, Boeotian, stolid, oafish, loutish, cloddish, lumpish, blunt; doltish, blockish, asslike, blocked, dumberheaded, noodleheaded; boneheaded, wooden-headed, thickheaded, thickskulled; obstinate, stubborn, intractable, mulish, obdurate, unyielding, unending.

2. idiotic, anserine, foolish; silly, absurd, inane, pointless, fatuous; nonsensical, senseless, crack-brained, Scot. doiled, Sl. cockeyed, Scot. and North Eng. glaikid; ridiculous, laughable, derisible, risible, ludicrous, Sl. for the birds; All Sl. baimy, dippy, batty, cuckoo, buggy, screwy, wacky, goofy, loony.

3. incautious, imprudent, indiscreet, irresponsible, injudicious; unwise, ill-considered, ill-suited, ill-advised, imprudent, imprudent, hasty, short-sighted, headless; senseless, windowless, foolish, headlong, rash, brash, unwary; reckless, careless, thoughtless.

asininity, n. 1. stupidity, stupidness, Inf. dumbness, Inf. dozinness, empty-headedness, unintelligence, dullness, fatuity; doltishness, oafishness, loutishness, obtuseness; obstinacy, obstinateness, stubbornness.

2. idiocy, Inf. moronity, Inf. moronism, imbecility; silliness, absurdity, absurdness, fatuousness, inanity, foolishness; nonsense, nonsensicality, nonsensicalness, senselessness, ridiculousness, ludicrousness; craziness, madness, lunacy, insanity; All Sl. balminess, dippiness, bugginess, screwiness, wackiness, goofiness.

3. incaution, imprudence, indiscretion; impetuousness, impulsiveness, hastiness, short-sightedness; foolhardiness, rashness, unwarrant, recklessness, carelessness, irresponsibility, thoughtlessness.

ask, v. 1. inquire, question, query; quiz, catechize, probe, examine, test; interrogate, Inf. grill, pumm, cross-examine, U.S. give the third degree.

2. request, appeal, petition, Rare. sue; interpellate, call on or upon, address, apply to, turn to; solicit, beg, plead, supplicate; beseech, pray to, entreat, implore, adjure, obtest; cry for, clamor for.

3. demand, expect, count on, require, call for; urge, importune, dun, press; order, command, impose, req-
asparagus, v. 1. slander, libel, traduce, calumniate, falsify, accuse falsely, misrepresent, belie, impute, insinuate; injure, abuse, assail, stab, insult, backbite, Sl. badmouth, cast aspersions, attack; slur, slurry, defile, smear, skirmish, besmirch, soil, blacken, taint, tarnish, blemish, smudge, stain, spot, brand, stigmatize, drag through the mud or mire, heap dirt upon, flog, directions, throw mud on, Sl. dump on. 2. defame, denigrate, vituperate, vilify, vilipend, scandalize, run down, berate, revile, Obs. avile, malign, impugn, gibbet, criticize, pull to pieces, Sl. do a hatchet job on, cut up, shred, give a bad name, speak ill of, speak evil of, hold up to scorn, lampoon, pasquinade, sneer at, muckrake; denounce, rail, curse, excrete, animadvert, damn, imprecate, Obs. exprobate, anathematize, censure, cry down, reproach; belittle, disparage, deprecate, decry, deflate, deprecate, derogate, devaluate, Inf. give a dog a bad name; humiliate, humble, mortify, Sl. put down. 3. sprinkle, besprinkle, spatter, bespatter, dot, speck, speckle, bespot, dapple, mottle.

aspiration, n. 1. defamation, denigration, vilification, vituperation, scandal, yellow journalism, Inf. skeleton in the closet; censure, reproach, reflection, defamation, curse, malediction, railing, inveigting, commination, revilement, animadversion, Archaic. exprobation; shame, disgrace, dishonor, ill-repute; ridicule, obscurity, loss of face; belittlement, disparagement, mortification, belittlement, defamation, degradation, derogation, devaluation, Obs. obtrectation; mockery, satirization, lampoon, pasquinade, squib. 2. slander, libel, calumny, calumniation, misrepresentation, false report, falsehood, lie, untruth, malicious falsehood, traducement, imputation, insinuation, Obs. brickbat, innuendo; abuse, injury, backbiting, mud-slinging; slur, blot, blot on the escutcheon, smear, smirk, taint, attain, stain, tarnish, spot, black spot or mark, blemish, smudge, brand, stigma.

asphyxiate, v. choke, suffocate, smother, stifle; strangle, throttle, garrote.

asphyxiation, n. choking, suffocation, smothering, stifling; strangulation, throttling, garroting.

aspirant, n. applicant, candidate, office seeker, postulant, suitor; job seeker, job hunter, interviewee, competitor, inquirer, solicitor, petitioner, claimant, suppliant, supplicant.

aspiration, n. 1. desire, yearning, longing, want, need, craving. 2. ambition, goal, aim, objective; target, destination, mark, end point; intention, intent, purpose, design, plan, scheme; hope, heart’s desire, dream, wish, ideal; high hopes. 3. enterprise, endeavor, drive, force, striving; zeal, enthusiasm, eagerness, spirit. 4. breathing, breathlessness, breath, sigh, suspiration; respiration, inhalation, inspiration.

aspire, v. 1. hope for, wish for, dream of; desire, covet, yearn for, long for, want, need, crave, hunger for, have an appetite or taste for. 2. aim for, shoot for, have an ideal or goal, scheme or plan toward, intend, purpose; seek, search for, look for, follow; hitch one’s wagon to a star, shoot for the moon.
assassinate, v. 1. kill, slay, murder, poison, do. n. assassin, assailant, assaulter, attacker, accoster, assailer, n. assail, chiefly Scot. 1. donkey, burro, dickey, n. ass, 1. adv. aspiring, assailable, adj. nip in the bud; All_SI. off, hit, zap, waste, croak, Inf. wipe out, put an end to, get or 2. murder, homicide, patricide, matricide. See Archaic, sumpter; wild ass, kiang, onager. 2. executioner, executionist, 5/. Jack Ketch, garrot- 2. executioner, executionist, 5/. Jack Ketch, garrot- 3. vilify, traduce, asperse, calumniate, impugn, slur, SI. Inf. dress down, SI. Inf. jump down 2. revile, vituperate, abuse, belabor, lash, rail against, inveigh against, light into, Inf. sail into, Inf. tear into, Inf. rip into, Inf. jace into, Inf. jump down [s.o.'s] throat, Archaic. clapperclaw; scold, tongue-lash, rate, slate, harangue, rant, curse, execrate, depreciate, deprecate, belittle, minimize, run put down, Inf. knock, Sl. badmouth; gibbet, scorn, deride, ridicule, scoff or jeer at, sneer at, mock, lampoon, pasquinade, make fun of. 4. affect, have an affect on, influence, make an impact or impression on, impinge upon, leave a mark on. assemblage, n. 1. collection, accumulation, amass-
assemblage, n. 1. gathering, assemblage, meeting; group, body, circle, knot, crowd, throng, bunch, gang, crew, company, band, troop, troupe; flock, pack, herd, drove, bevy, swarm, shoal; galaxy, multitude, host; congestion, press, crush; concourse, cumulation, confluence, convergence.
2. 2. audience, congregation, community, flock; group, cluster, concentrate, bunch up or together; mass, crowd, congregate, agglomerate; flock together, throng, herd, swarm, surge.
3. 3. assembly, meeting, gathering; group, body, circle, knot, crowd, throng, bunch, mob, rout; gang, crew, company, band, troop, troupe; galaxy, multitude, host; congestion, press, crush; concourse, cumulation, confluence, convergence.
4. 4. audience, congregation, community, flock; conclave, convocation, council, synod, consistory, consistory; assembly, meeting, gathering; group, body, circle, knot; crowd, throng, bunch, mob; flock, troop, troupe; galaxy, multitude, host; aggregation, aggregate; concentration; number, aggregation, aggregate; mass; cluster, lump, batch; store, stock, pile, heap; medley, jumble; agglomeration, conglomerate, congeries, lump.

assemble, v. 1. gather, convocate, summon, call together, bring together; rally, muster, call up, levy; round up, round in.
2. accumulate, amass; group together, draw together, lump together; compile, collate, collect, colligate, unite, join together; anthologize, collect, garner, glean; organize, order, marshal; codify, methodize, systematize.
3. compose, put together, throw together, slap together; construct, set up, manufacture, make.
4. convene, forgather, come together; meet, Inf. gang up, huddle, go into a huddle, get together, rendezvous.
5. group, cluster, concentrate, bunch up or together; mass, crowd, congregate, agglomerate; flock together, throng, herd, swarm, surge.

assent, v. 1. (often fol. by to) agree, concur, accord, harmonize, think alike, be of one mind; admit, grant, allow, approve, accept, go along with, Inf. take to, Inf. cotton to, Inf. buy; acknowledge, recognize, Archaic anize, sign, subscribe to.
2. yield, acquiesce, concede, give in, submit; obey, comply with, abide by, consent to, defer to, conform to; side with, fall in with, Sl. string along with, go with the stream, join in the chorus, go with the current.
3. (often fol. by to) testify, endure, uphold, sustain, corroborate, substantiate, verify, confirm, ratify, homologate; countersign, seal; check, visa, vise, clinch.

 assault, v. 1. asseverate, aver, insist upon, proclaim, declare, predicate, allege; advance, propound, propose, offer, proffer, present, put forward, set forth, broach; emphasize, stress, pronounce, announce, enunciate, state, tell, say, utter.
2. assure, guarantee, promise, pledge, swear to; advocate, maintain, sustain, hold, press for, push for; defend, plead for, uphold, support, back up; attest to, testify to, avouch, vouch for.
3. affirm, postulate, protest, claim; profess, admit, avow, own, acknowledge.

assertion, n. 1. declaration, proclamation, predicication; averment, avowal, asseveration; assurance, promise, pledge, word, guarantee, say-so; affirmation, protestation, allegation, profession, acknowledgment.
2. statement, expression, utterance, representation; pronouncement, announcement, dictum, manifesto.

assertive, adj. 1. emphatic, insistent, positive, decided, confident, certain, assured, sure; outspoken, mouthy, loudmouthed; dogmatic, dogmatical, peremptory, doctrinaire, opinionated.
2. aggressive, assertive, self-assertive, forward, bumptious, brash; driving, overbearing, domineering, pushing, Inf. pushy.

assess, v. 1. appraise, value, rate, fix or determine value; tax, charge, levy, lay upon, impose, demand, exact, require, ask.
2. evaluate, judge, weigh, weigh the merits of; review, consider, investigate, look into; measure, gauge, take the measure of; look over, scan, Inf. give [s.o.] the once-over, Inf. size up, Sl. eyeball.

assessment, n. 1. evaluation, review, consideration, examination, investigation, measurement, gauging, Inf. once-over, Inf. sizing up.
2. tax, taxation, levy, fee, charge, surcharge, rate; toll, duty, impost, exactation.
3. appraisal, appraisement, value, face value, assigned value, established value, market value; valuation, appreciation, price, worth.

asset, n. 1. good quality, qualification, strength, virtue, power, talent, endowment, boon, blessing; resources, help, aid, benefit; boost, edge, advantage, plus, strong point, talking point, selling point.
2. possession, holding, item of property.
3. assets resources, property, goods, possessions, holdings, wealth, money, wherewithal; effects, estate, personal assets, chattel, belongings; real property, liquid assets, frozen assets, capital, cash, notes, accounts receivable, securities, bonds, equitable assets; inventories, Commerce. good will, fixtures, machinery, real estate.

asseverate, v. declare earnestly or solemnly, assert, affirm, state emphatically, say, aver, avow; avouch, assure, guarantee, certify, uphold, maintain; profess, propound, protest, pronounce, proclaim, predicate; depose, testify, attest, allege.

asseveration, n. emphatic assertion, affirmation, averment, avowal; avouchment, assurance, guarantee, certification; protestation, proclamation, predication; deposition, testimony, attestation, vow, oath, pledge.

assiduous, adj. constant, unremitting, continuous, Inf. without letup; tireless, unting, indefatigable; persistent, determined, patient, plodding; busy, active, brisk, occupied, on the go, bustling, busy as a bee.
2. diligent, persevering, industrious, hard-working, working like a beaver; attentive, studious, careful, painstaking, sedulous; devoted, zealous, earnest; intent, engrossed.
assign, v. 1. allocate, allot, distribute, pass out, dispense, give, grant, award; apportion, portion out, share, measure out, mete out, dole out, deal out, parcel out; appropriate, set apart, consign, relegate, authorize, legislate.
2. appoint, commission, charge, entrust, commit, depute, delegate; authorize, empower, enable; invest, induct, install, ordain; designate, name, nominate; specify, fix, set, determine, prescribe.
3. ascribe, attribute, accredit with, account to, chalk up, ascription, attribution, accreditation, accredit-

assignation, n. 1. appointment, meeting, date, rendezvous, tryst.
2. assignment, task, job, duty. See assignment (def. 1).

assignment, n. 1. task, job, duty, obligation, charge, responsibility, lesson, errand; stint, time, part, share.
2. post, position, appointment, commission.
3. allocation, allotment, distribution, dispensation, apportionment, meting out, doling out; allowance, share, part.
4. designation, naming, nomination; specification, fixing, setting, determination, prescription.
5. ascription, attribution, accreditation, accreditation; adduction, allegation, assertion; advance, offer, presentation.

assimilate, v. 1. incorporate, take in, absorb, appropriate, make one's own; (usu. of food) digest, transform, convert, resolve into.
2. Usu. assimilate to or with adapt, adjust, accustom, acclimate, acculturize, Sociol. acculturate, naturalize; amalgamate, mingle, commingle, intermix, mix, combine with; homogenize, make similar or homogeneous; blend in, merge with, melt in; to become one with, become similar, conform, fit, accommodate.

assimilation, n. 1. (often of food) digestion, conversion, transformation, absorption, incorporation, Both Biol., Physiol. anabolism, constructive metabolism.
2. adjustment, accommodation, adaptation; naturalization, acclimation, acclimatization, Sociol. acculturation; homogenization, leveling, blending, merging, mingling, commingling, combining, mixing.

assist, v. 1. help, aid, bested, accommodate, oblige, abet, befriended; contribute, join in, Inf. pitch in, Inf. chip in, lend a hand, lend oneself to, play or do one's part, boost, give a boost to, give a lift to; (all usu. negative) lift a finger, lift a hand, raise a finger, raise a hand.
2. Usu. assist with collaborate, cooperate, connive, conspire, coact; combine, join, unite, side, synergize, go or go along, team up, take part, join forces, Inf. hitch horses.

assert, v. 1. support, back up, second, uphold, sustain, maintain, endorse, smile upon, concur, stand by, Inf. go to bat for, Inf. stick up for; promote, further, advance, forward, advocate, cultivate, favor.
2. relieve, ameliorate, alleviate, mitigate, palliate, salve; comfort, soothe, solace, console, succor.
3. facilitate, ease, make easier, expedite, cut through red tape, speed, speed up, accelerate, hasten, quicken, lend wings to; intercede, pave the way, open the way, clear the way, run interference for. Fig. block for; disburden, disencumber, rid, disembarrass, deobstruct, lighten the load; bolster, prop up, enhance, tide over, put on one's feet, set up, set going.
6. attend, attend on or upon, be attendant on, dance attendance upon, tend; work for, in behalf of, serve, be of service to, render service to, do service for, Obs. adjuvate, minister to; cater to, pander to, wait on or upon, wait on hand and foot, be at [s.o.'s] beck and call.
7. (all of gatherings or ceremonies) attend, be present at, be at, go or come to, be on hand, Inf. be on deck, sit in at, find oneself at, show one's face, make or put in an appearance, Inf. show up; visit, take in, haunt, frequent, Inf. do, Inf. catch, Inf. check out.

—n. 8. lift, hand, helping hand, Inf. boost or boost up; contribution.

assistance, n. 1. help, aid, use, utility, avail, service, subvention, benefit, facilitation, helping hand, lift, boost; relief, succor, sympathy, consolation, comfort; friendship, championship, protection; support, patronage, backing, promotion, advocacy, countenance, care, upholding, sustenance, maintenance, favor, blessing, grace, sponsorship, auspices or auspice, good offices, kind regard; fostering, furtherance, advancement, advance.
2. gift, donation, subsidy, bounty, charity, alms; kindness, beneficence, benevolence, benefaction, humanitarianism, altruism, philanthropy, almsgiving.

assistant, n. 1. helper, aid or aide, attendant, acolyte, deputy, auxiliary, second, man Friday, gal Friday, henchman, right hand, right-hand man, Sl. gopher; partner, ally, comrade, colleague, associate, consociate, yokelfellow or yokemate, companion, helpmate, helper, assistant, Inf. comrade, comrade, co-worker, co-aid, Obs. cotum, maid,maidservant, handmaiden

associate, v. 1. hang with, go with, hang around with, fraternize, socialize, mingle, associate with.
2. Usu. associate with fraternize, socialize, mingle, mix; hobnob, take up with, go around with, rub elbows with, keep company with, Inf. pal around with, Inf. hang around with, Inf. go with, Sl. hang out with Obs. consort; accompany, company, keep [s.o.] company, befriend, go along with, Sl. string along with, Archaic. company; escort, take out, go out with.

—n. 3. colleague, associate, fellow, equs., Scot. and North Eng. marrow, Archaic. peer; fellow worker, co-worker, yokelfellow, yokemate; fellow member, peer, consociate, condisciple; partner, counterpart, mate, teammate, helpmate, playmate, classmate, ship-
mate, messmate, housemate, roommate, Inf. roomie, Inf. other half, Inf. better half, Obs. consort; ally, confrére, brother, sister.

4. companion, comrade, crony, chum, Fr. copain, sidekick, shadow, alter ego, Inf. pal, U.S. Inf. buddy, Sl. cully, Sl. Siamese twin; bosom buddy, intimate, confidant, friend, amigo, Fr. ami, acquaintance.

5. confederate, accomplice, collaborator, cooperator, abettor, abetter, coadjutor, coadjutress, ancilla, auxiliary, helper.

6. accompaniment, accessory, complement, completer; concurrent, attendant, concomitant, Astron. comes; supplement, appendage, adjunct, appanage, attachment, appurtenance, appurtenant, appendix.

—adj. 7. fellow, companionate, related, connected, joint; allied, affiliated, coalescent.

8. concomitant, concurrent, attendant, concomitant, accessory, complement, accompany-

9. subsidiary, subordinate, secondary, background; inferior, second-class, lower-level, unimportant, unprivileged.

association, 1. alliance, league, coalition, union, guild, consortium, syndication, conspiracy, cabal; company, partnership, joint concern, corporation, amalgamation, combine, merger, monopoly, trust, alignment, bloc, cartel; society, organization, party, camera; congregational, assemblage, group, band, team, troop; community, circle, club, fraternity, lodge, clan, set, clique.

2. friendship, friendliness, camaraderie, comradeship, sodality, intimacy, Inf. chumminess; companionship, fellowship, colleagueship, brotherhood, fraternization, consociation, esprit de corps.

affiliation, connection, connectedness, Genetics. linkage; relationship, relatedness, relation, kinship, affinity, similarity, likeness, resemblance, comparability, analoguosity, analogy; membership, participation, cooperation, communication, intercourse, interchange, dealings, acquaintance with, knowledge of.

combination, compound, mixture, mingling, composite, whole; correlation, interdependency, interdependence, reciprocity, reciprocal relationship.

assort, v. classify, sort, type, group; rank, grade, graduate, rate, class, range; categorize, codify, bracket, index, tabulate, catalogue; file, list, alphabetize, number; segregate, sift, separate; distribute, parcel, allocate, assign, allot; array, marshal, dispose, place, position, arrange.

assorted, adj. 1. varied, mixed, diverse, various, of different kinds; miscellaneous, heterogeneous, motley, mixed-bag, diversified, variegated; multifarious, manifold, miscellaneous.

2. matched, suited, coordinated, compatible, harmonized; classified, grouped, arranged, selected, sorted.

assortment, n. 1. collection, mixture, mélange, miscellany, medley, mixed bag, potpourri, olio, olla podrida; salmagundi, stew, ragout, goulash, hash; conglomeration, hodgepodge, jumble, farrago, gal lima u r y, Chinese menu.

2. group, batch, set, lot; category, class, type, sort, denomination; level, grade, rank.

3. classification, arrangement, grouping, sorting; distribution, parceling, allotment, allocation, assigning.

assuage, v. 1. mitigate, relieve, ease, alleviate, palliate: moderate, temper, weaken, qualify; abate, lessen, diminish, lower, reduce.

2. appease, satisfy, slake, quench; indulge, gratify, sate, satiate; deaden, dull, blunt, obtund, take the edge off of; allay, lay, tranquilize, lull, put to rest; quell, still, quiet, silence, hush; smother, check, curb.

3. mollify, soften, Rare. lenify, soothe, Brit., Aus tralian. dill, Archaic. attemper; pacify, calm, calm down, subdue, compose, comfort, solace, console; succor, remedy, heal; pour oil on troubled waters.

assuagement, n. 1. relief, easing, easement, letup, respite, remission, remittance; mitigation, alleviation, palliation; softening, mollification, soothing, comfort; sedative, tranquilizer, alleviative, palliative, lenitive, balm, Med. calming, anodyne, Med. analgesic.

2. satisfaction, appeasement, gratification, fulfillment, satiation; refreshment, refection, repast, collation.

assume, v. 1. suppose, presuppose, premise, presume, take for granted; postulate, post, predicate, theorize, hypothesize, hypothecate, speculate; suspect, imagine, surmise, guess; believe, fancy, think; infer, Inf. take it, understand, gather, conjecture, divine, intuit.

2. undertake, enter upon, begin, set about; take upon oneself, put on oneself, accept; try one's hand at, enter into, venture, attempt; shoulder, take care of; attend to, take responsibility for, burden oneself with.

3. adopt, take on, take the part of, appear as, seem to be, pose as; impersonate, imitate, mimic, copy, ape, Inf. make like; affect, feign, simulate, counterfeit, sham; put on, don, endue, pretend to.

4. appropriate, arrogate, accroach, usurp; take over, adopt, seize, commandeer, expropriate, make free with.

assumed, adj. 1. pretended, feigned, adopted; fictitious, make-believe, false, sham; counterfeit, spurious, bogus, so-called, pseudo.

2. taken for granted, supposed, presumed, presumed; suppositional, hypothetical; given, granted, conceded, allowed.

3. usurped, accroached, appropriated, arrogated; seized, commandeer, expropriate, misappropriated, taken over, stolen.

assuming, adj. 1. presumptuous, bold, audacious, brazen, impertinent; bumptious, forward, Inf. nervy, Inf. pushy, rude; impudent, insolent, Inf. cheeky, depliant; swaggering, boasting, blistering, overconfident, self-assertive, self-assured.

2. arrogant, imperious, overbearing, domineering, arbitrary, high-handed; dictatorial, despotic, authoritative, dogmatic, magisterial; self-important, conceit, assertion, self-assuredness, self-assurance.

3. tumultuous, brassy, brazen, impertinent; bumptious, forward, nervous, impetuous; self-assertive, self-important, conceit, assertion, self-assuredness, self-assurance.

4. conjecturing, hypothesizing, postulating, assuming, taking on, over, assuming, undertaking, adopting, entering into, beginning.

5. arrogating, appropriating, accroaching, usurping; expropriating, commandeer, seizure, theft.

6. presumptuous, lordly, pretension, presumption; presumptuousness; overconfidence, overbearingness, insolence, impudence, brazenness, boldness, audacity, effrontery; bumptiousness, impertinence, Inf. pushiness, Inf. nerve, Inf. gall, Inf. cheek; self-assertive, self-assuredness, self-assurance.

7. self-importance, arrogance, self-importance, pompousness; braggadocio, bluster, swagger; pride, vanity, vainglory, conceit, egotism; snobbery, snobbishness, airs, superciliousness, loftiness, hauteur, contemptuousness, contempt, disdainfulness, disdain, scornfulness, scorn, contumeliousness, contumely.
assurance, n. 1. assertion, affirmation, averment, asseveration, profession, protestation, avouchment, declaration, statement.

2. pledge, promise, vow, oath, word of honor; guaranty, guarantee, warrant, warranty, contract, bond, security, surety; attestation, Obs. vouch, certification, confirmation, corroboration; testimony, Law. deposition, evidence, proof.

3. confidence, reassurance, reassurance, freedom from doubt, certainty, certitude; belief, conviction, persuasion, credence, faith, trust, reliance, dependence; security, sureness, assuredness, sureness.

4. self-confidence, self-possession, self-assurance, aplomb, poise; coolness, calmness, collectedness, composure, equanimity, self-control, restraint; courage, strength, fortitude, hardihood, spirit, pluck, Sl. guts; bravery, valor, intrepidity, intrepidness, daring, audacity, boldness, heroism, gallantry.

5. impudence, effrontery, gall, Inf. check, insolence, brashness, rudeness, Sl. lip, back talk, Inf. sass, Sl. mouth; impertinence, sauciness, Inf. sauce, pertness, Inf. nerve, audacity; boldness, Inf. face, presumption, presumptuousness, forwardness, Inf. freshness; self-assertiveness, chutzpah, bumptiousness, brazeness, blunderbuss, aggressiveness, aggressiveness, Inf. pushiness; overbearingness, domineeringness, Inf. bossiness; arrogance, overconfidence, cocksureness; front, haughtiness, self-importance.

assure, v. 1. assert, affirm, aver, asseverate, avouch, assure, assurance, 1. assertion, affirmation, averment, just so.

2. confidently, self-confidently, with surety, steadily, controllably, authoritatively.

3. doubt, absolutely, positively; indubitably, without a shadow of doubt, certainty, certitude, belief, conviction;

4. confirm, corroborate, make firm, stabilize, settle; secure, clinch, clench, Sl. cinch, seal, complete, consummate.

assured, adj. 1. guaranteed, sure, certain, secure, reliable, dependable, trustworthy, unifying, definite, positive, absolute, infallible, unerring, inerrable; indubitable, undoubtable, unquestionable, indisputable.

2. confident, self-confident, self-possessed, sure of oneself, steady, unwavering, unhesitating, unflinching, unblinking; in control, self-controlled.

3. impudent, insolent, Inf. cheeky, brash, rude; impertinent, saucy, pert; bold, audacious, Inf. nery, presumptuous, forward, Inf. fresh; self-assertive, bumptious, brazen, brassy, assertive, aggressive, Inf. pushy; overbearing, domineering, Inf. bossy, authoritarian; arrogant, overconfident, cocksure, haughty, self-important.

assuredly, adv. 1. certainly, surely, definitely, no doubt, absolutely, positively; indubitably, without a doubt, doubtless, unquestionably, indisputably; truly, in truth, Archaic. in troth, actually, really; indeed, of course, to be sure, certes; infallibly, unerringly, inerrably; unfailingly, reliably, dependably; exactly, precisely, just so.

2. confidently, self-confidently, with surety, steadily, firmly; unwaveringly, unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, controllably, authoritatively.

astir, adj. 1. moving, in motion, about; in circulation, abroach; active, stirring, bustling, lively.

2. roused, out of bed, unconfined, Med. ambulatory, Med. ambulant, walking, afoot, up and around, up and about.

astonish, v. amaze, astonish, surprise, dumbfound, Inf. flabbergast. See astonish.

astonished, adj. astonished, amazed, dumbfounded, Inf. flabbergasted; taken aback, floored, shocked, aghast, jolted, Inf. bowed over, Inf. caught up short; struck dumb, at a loss for words, stupefied, petrified, numbed; startled, surprised, disconcerted; round-eyed, wide-eyed, agape, open-mouthed, lost in wonder or amazement.

astonishment, n. 1. amazement, wonderment, awe, great surprise; bewilderment, confusion, dismay, perplexity, stupefaction.

2. wonder, marvel, prodigy, miracle.

astonish, v. astonish, surprise, amaze, Inf. flabbergast, dumbfound, dumbfound, strike dumb, render speechless; stun, stagger, boggle, take aback, floor, shock, jar, jolt, Inf. bowl over, Inf. hit [s.o.] like a ton of bricks, Inf. give [s.o.] a turn, Inf. catch [s.o.] up short; stupefy, petrify, paralyze, benumb, incapacitate; strike with wonder, startling, surprise, disconcert; confuse, baffle, confound, nonplus, perplex, embarrass; pose; bewilder, dazzle, electrify, Inf. take one's breath away, Sl. blow one's mind; unbalance, disorder, Inf. catch off guard, Sl. curl one's hair.

astonishing, adj. astonishing, wonderful; stunning, shocking, jarring, jolting, staggering; startling, surprising, disconcerting, benumbing, stupefying, dazing, numbing, paralyzing, petrifying, incapacitating; confusing, disorienting, baffling, confounding, perplexing, bewildering.

astraddle, adv. astride, pickaback, piggyback, straddle-back, straddle-legged, straddlingly; on, across.

astral, adj. star-shaped, starlike, sidereal, sphery; starry, stellar.

astray, adv., adj. 1. off the track, off, afield, off course, lost, stray; adrift, straying, wandering, drifting.

2. wrong, amiss, in error, aboad, at fault; wide of the mark, Sl. out in left field, erroneous, faulty, mistaken, incorrect; untrue, false, inexact, inaccurate.

3. misled, misguided, misdirected; deceived, deluded, fooled, befuddled, dazzled, seduced, captivated, hypnotized; confused, confounded, perplexed, disconcerted; bewildered, befuddled, befogged, bemuddled.

astrigent, adj. 1. Medical. astringitive, contracting, contractive, constrictive, constringent, stypic, binding.

2. severe, stern, rough, harsh, acabr, acerbic, auster.

3. inf. acne, acid, stringient; acid, acrimonious, caustic, mordant, bitter, pungent; trenchant, cutting, sharp, acute, biting, keen, piercing, penetrating, prick- ing; sarcastic, satirical, ironic, ironical; vitriolic, scathing, double-edged; virulent, spiteful, malicious, vicious; peevish, petulant, cross, sour, crabbed, testy, touchy, ill-tempered, ill-humored; scornful, sardonic, derisive, snide, abusive.

astronomer, n. horoscoper, armstronger, Chaldean, star diviner, seer, soothsayer, astrochemist, Obs. astrolog, Obs. astrologian, Obs. astrologaster, Obs., Rare. astrologomage.

astronomer, n. stargazer, astrographer, astrophysicist, astrophysicist, astrophotographer, cosmo-gographer, cosmologist, cosmogonist, uranographer, uranologist.

astute, adj. 1. discerning, perceptive, penetrating, piercing; keen, shrewd, smart, sly; eagle-eyed, hawk-eyed, lynx-eyed, sharp-eyed; perspicacious, perceptive, discriminating, appercipient; sagacious, judicious, wise, sapient; discreet, politic, prudent, wary, shrewd, cautious; watchful, vigilant, Argus-eyed, mindful; clear-headed, thoughtful, sensible, intelligent, reasonable, sound; alert, quick-witted, nimble, bright, smart; long-sighted, far-sighted, far-seeing, long-headed.

2. clever, cunning, wily, tricky, crafty, arch, artful,
astuteness, n. 1. perception, discernment, penetration; perspicacity, percipience, appercipience, discrimination; acuteness, keenness, acumen, quickness, sharpness; sagacity, judiciousness, wisdom, sapience, mother wit, wits; intelligence, understanding, reason, sensibility, apperception, clear-headedness, soundness; discretion, prudence, wariness, chariness, caution, vigilance, watchfulness, mindfulness; common sense, good judgment, brains, sense, wit, mind; alertness, quick-wittedness, smartness, nimbleness.
2. cleverness, cunning, guile, wiliness, craftiness, good judgment, brains, sense, wit, mind; alertness, sharpness; sagacity, cunning, guile, wiliness, craftiness, good judgment, brains, sense, wit, mind; alertness, quick-wittedness, smartness, nimbleness.

asunder, adv. 1. into pieces, to pieces, all to pieces, torn apart, rent, cut, carved.
2. apart, far apart, wide apart, away, widely separated.
—adj. 3. separated, disjoint, disconnected, disengaged, disunited, divided; severed, cleft, split, torn, apart torn apart, rent, cut, carved.
4. removed, remote, distant, far, far off, faraway.
asylum, n. 1. hospital, sanatorium, sanitarium, Fr. hôtel-Dieu; home, old folks' home, old soldiers' home, sailors' rest, nursing home, convalescent home; mental institution, state hospital, psychiatric hospital, insane asylum, madhouse, bedlam, Fr. maison de santé, Sl. nuthouse, Sl. bughouse, Sl. loonybin, Sl. funny farm, Sl. laughing academy, Sl. booby hatch.
2. poor house, poor farm, almshouse, Brit. workhouse, charitable or eleemosynary institution; orphange, foster home.
3. sanctuary, retreat, refuge, shelter, haven, hospice, harbor, harborage, port, port in a storm; sanctuary, sanctum sanctorum, adytum.
asymmetry, n. disproportion, misproportion, disproportion; inequality, unevenness; distortion, malformation, deformity; formlessness, amorphism, amorphousness.
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atavism, n. Biology. (in reference to an earlier type) reversion, throwback, reappearance, recurrrence; intermittent heredity, hereditary resurgence.
atelier, n. workshop, shop, workroom, studio, loft; garret, mansard.

theism, n. 1. denial, disbelief, unbelief, unbelievingness, incredulity, incredulousness; impiety, impiousness, ungodliness, irreligion, irreligiousness, irreverence, infidelity; apostasy, heresy.
2. skepticism, doubt, Pyrrhonism, nihilism; agnosticism, freethinking, rationalism, materialism, positivism; heathenness, heathenism, heathendom, paganism, idolatry.

atheist, n. 1. nonbeliever, disbeliever, unbeliever, denier; religionist, infidel, heretic, iconoclast.
2. skeptic, doubter, Pyrrhonist, nihilist, nullifidian; agnostic, freethinker, rationalist, materialist, positivist; heathen, pagist, idolater, idolist.

atheistic, adj. 1. disbeliefing, unbelieving, nonbelieving, incredulous; infidel, infidelic, Obs. unfaithful, heretical, hereticical, iconoclastic; impious, ungodly, irre-

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thirst, adj. 1. desirous, longing, craving, covetous, Philos. orctic; eager, keen, avid, Archaic. pain, fervent, ardent, burning.
2. thirsty, parched, dry, Dial. droughty.

athlete, n. sportsman, sport, sporter, Inf. jock; player, games player, ballplayer; competitor, agonist; gymnast, acrobat.

athletic, adj. 1. robust, vigorous, active, strong; hardy, hale, hale and hardy, lusty; firm, sound, sound as a dollar, stalwart, staunch, stout, solid as rock.
2. able-bodied, well-built, well-set; wiry, sinewy, thorny; muscular, muscled, well-muscled, Usu. Dorog. muscle-bound; brawny, strapping, burly, thick-set, broad-shouldered, barrel-chested; iron-muscled, made of iron.
3. gymnastic, acrobatic, agonistic; sporting, sports.

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atrocity, n. 1. wickedness, evilness, fiendishness, heinousness, nefariousness, flagitiousness, blackness, atrociousness; cruelty, barbarity, savagery, brutality, bloodlust; murder, malice; malignity; ferocity, fierceness, cruelty, barbarity, savagery, brutality, heinousness, nefariousness, flagitiousness.

2. crime, offense, violation, injury, hurt, harm, evil; enormity, monstrosity, horror, outrage; abomination, disgrace, shame, scandal.

3. tasteless, insipid, mawkish; vulgar, tawdry, cheap, gimcrack, brummagem, barbaric; meretricious, pretentious, ostentatious, gaudy; unfinished, inelegant.

atrocious, adj. brutal, inhuman, barbarous, barbaric, savage; brutal, murderous, slaughterous, bloodthirsty, sadistic; ferocious, ruthless, vicious, fell, cruel; wolfish, cruel, blood-lust, maleficent, malefic, malevolent, evil-minded; demonic, demoniac, devilish, fiendish, ghoul, diabolic, satanic, hellish, infernal, unholy, ungodly, unblessed.

1. assault, raid, storm, charge, rush, blitz, blitzkrieg; set upon, pounce upon, descend upon, fall on, open fire upon, begin hostilities; light into, Inf.: lash, abuse, belabor, Inf. jump down at [s.o.'s] throat, Archaic: clapperclaw; scold, tongue-lash, rate, slate, harangue, rant, curse, execute, impregnate, anathematize; upbraid, objurgate, exhort, lambaste, flag, fulminate against, Inf.: slam; castigate, chastise, blast, etc. censure, criticize, reproach, rebuke, reprove, Inf. jump on, Inf. dress down, Sl. jump all over, Sl. chew out, Sl. strafe.

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4. jump into with both feet, Inf. dig into; set about, go to work on, undertake, get started on, get going.

5. (all of disease, destructive agencies, etc.) seize, have in the clutches.

—n. 6. assault, offensive, onslaught; rush, blitz, blitzkrieg, storming, Fr. coup de main, Obs. brunt; bombardment, strafing, air raid, peppering, salvo, fusillade, Both Mil. barrage, enfilade, Navy: broadside; encounter, conflict, battle, combat, Mil. skirmish; raid, foray, sortie, sally; invasion, aggression, incursion, escalade; siege, besiegement, besetment, investment.

6. onset, commencement, start, beginning.

7. (of diseases) seizure, fit, stroke, spell, Pathol. paroxysm.

attain, v. achieve, accomplish, compass, get, secure, obtain, procure; gain, win, Inf. walk off with, earn, wrest; reach, arrive at, come to, Inf. make it; finish, complete; realize, fulfill, actualize, make real, make actual; succeed in, make good, be successful, get ahead; set the world on fire, take the world by storm.

attainable, adj. achievable, reachable, within reach; realizable, obtainable, procurable, compassable; accomplishable, doable, completable; practicable, workable, manageable, surmountable; reasonable, feasible, possible, conceivable, imaginable, thinkable, admissible, within the realm or bounds of possibility; potential, likely, probable.

attainment, n. 1. achievement, acquirement, fruition, fulfillment, consummation, realization, success; completion, finishing, termination.

2. accomplishment, feat, deed, act, exploit, Archaic: gest; performance, production, action, maneuver, move, stroke, blow, coup; stroke of genius, tour de force.

attempt, v. 1. make an effort, try, work at, strive, aspire to, aim for, set one's sights on; undertake, take in hand, take upon oneself, try one's hand at; venture, essay, seek to, set out to, drive at, go about; do one's best, Sl. shoot one's bolt, strain every nerve, do all that lies in one; tackle, take on, take a whack or crack or stab at; Sl. give it a whirl, Sl. give it a shot.

2. attack, assault, assail, storm, take a shot at [s.o.].

—n. 3. effort, endeavor, exertion, struggle, undertaking; try, Inf. the old college try, venture, aim, enterprise; trial, experiment, test, Archaic: emprise; Inf. stab, Inf. crack, Inf. whack.

4. attack, assault, onslaught, push, drive, pass, thrust.

attend, v. 1. go to, be present at, sit in on, visit, frequent, haunt.

2. come with, occur with, coexist with; belong to, be an appendage of, be an adjunct to, be an annex to, be an appendage of; result from, be consequent to, be a consequence of, follow from, flow from, issue from.

3. minister, nurse, take care of, care for, tend to; serve, wait on, squire, esquire, work for, be a slave to, dance attendance; assist, aid, help, succor.
4. attend, company, companion, usher, go along with, keep [s.o.] company; escort, chaperone, matronize, convoy.

5. tend, shepherd, herd, watch over, look after, see after, keep an eye on; monitor, oversee, overlook; supervise, manage, superintend, direct, control, command, boss, take charge of, be in charge of; guard, protect, screen, shelter, flank, be by one's side.

6. heed, harken, listen, give ear; pay attention, look sharp, mind, take care, observe, notice, mark, note.

7. (followed by to) apply oneself, devote oneself, knuckle down or under, get to work, work on, think about, concentrate on.

attendance, n. 1. ministration, care, tendance; service, assistance, aid, help; shepherding, herding, monitoring, overseeing; supervision, management, superintendence, direction.

2. assemblage, crowd, audience, number present, tickets sold, seats filled.

attendant, n. 1. escort, accompanier, companion, comrade, crony, chum, Fr. copain, sidekick, shadow, Inf. pal, U.S. Inf. buddy, Sl. culy, Sl. Siamese twin; chaperon, matron, (in Spain and Portugal) duenna, governess, tutor, tutoress, nursemaid, nanny, sitter, baby-sitter, au pair girl; usher, guide, cicerone, pilot.

2. assistant, auxiliary, ancilla, helper, aide, aide-de-camp, Mil. orderly; squire, esquire, courtier, gillie, page, footboy, Obs. waifer; servant, servitor, pursuivant, follower, acolyte, vassal, liege, Histon. retainer; domestic, menial, hirling; manservant, man, valet, butler, major-domo, seneschal, factotum, steward, footman, lackey, Archaic, groom; maid, handmaid, woman, Fr. femme de chambre; cupbearer, Ganymede; All Contemptuous. flunky, satellite, slave, Sl. stooge.

3. consequence, result, effect, what follows; product, fruit, issue, upshot, outcome, conclusion, end, end product or result; corollary, byproduct, incidental; accompaniment, accessory, complement, completer, concomitant, concurrent, Astron. comes; supplement, appendage, appurtenance, appendant, adjunct, appanage, annex, attachment, addition, extension.

4. visitor, attender, frequenter.

—adj. 5. present, in attendance.

6. accompanying, accessory, complementary; associated, associate, affiliated, allied, fellow; connected, related, relative, akin, affinitive, like, similar; consequent, consequential, resultant, resulting, following or progressing from, concomitant, concurrent.

attention, n. 1. awareness, consciousness, mindfulness; heed, heedfulness, watchfulness, advertence; alertness, vigilance, circumspection, wariness.

2. observance, observation, notice, note, regard, Dial. nevermind, Scot. and North Eng. tent; consideration, reflection, contemplation; thoughtfulness, thought, deliberation; concentration, intentness, attention; investigation, study, scrutiny; publicity, spotlight, public eye.

3. civility, politeness, courtesy; amenities, urbanities; deference, homage, service; respect, regard; care, ministration, tendance.

4. attentions courtship, address, wooing, courting.

attentive, adj. 1. watchful, heedful, advertent, regardful, observant, noticing, Archaic, attend; aware, awake, wide-awake, conscious, mindful; alert, on the alert, on the lookout, on the qui vive, all ears, listening, sharp; wary, careful, circumspect, vigilant, on guard.

2. intent, concentrating, focused; occupied with, engrossed in, wrapped up in, absorbed in; rapt, enraptured, taken up with; contemplative, reflective; painstaking, persevering, diligent, sedulous, assiduous, studious.

3. considerate, thoughtful, gracious, kind; polite, civil, courtious, courteously; respectful, deferential; accommodating, complaisant, obliging; gallant, debonair, chivalrous; devoted, persistent in attentions, wooing.

attenuate, v. 1. thin, thin out, stretch out, spin out, extend, draw out, wiredraw; rarely, etherealize, spiritualize, volatilize, vaporize, aerify; refine, subtilize, sublime.

2. weaken, reduce, lessen, decrease, diminish, lower; impair, invalidate, undermine, sap, undercut, enervate; dilute, adulterate, water down, Inf. cut.

—adj. 3. attenuated, thin, thread-like, sheer, transparent; fine-spun, cobwebby, delicate, air-spun, airy, gossamer, gossamery; flimsy, insubstantial, ethereal; drawn-out, extended.

4. weak, enfeebled, frail, infirm.

5. slender, slim, emaciated, gaunt; slight, lean, lank, scraggy, scrawny.

attenuation, n. 1. thinning out, rarefaction, etherealization, spiritualization, volatilization, vaporization; weakening, impairment, invalidation; diminution, lessening, dilution, adulteration.

2. thinness, tenuity, fineness, slenderness, leanness; flimsiness, delicateness, lightness, ethereality, airiness; refinement, subtlety, rareness.

attest, v. 1. Usu. attest to testify, witness, bear witness, evidence, offer evidence, depose, swear to, state under oath, allege, plead; depose, certify, certificate, present an affidavit.

2. Usu. attest to guarantee, guaranty, insure, ensure, warrant, endorse, vouch for, stand behind or by, back up; promise, pledge, plait, give one's solemn word or promise; assure, offer assurance, asseverate, avouch, aver, affirm.

3. document, circumstantiate, manifest, show, exhibit, display, demonstrate; prove, confirm, bear out, verify, validate, establish, authenticate; corroborate, substantiate, sustain, uphold, vindicate.

decoration, n. 1. testifying, witnessing, evidencing, declaration, testimonification, Law. exemplification; documentation, circumstantialization, demonstration, corroboration, substantiation; certification, confirmation, verification, validation, establishment, authentication; endorsement, vouching, recommendation; assurance,asseveration, averment, affirmation.

2. testimony, evidence, information, witness, sworn statement, statement, document, Law. affidavit, Law. deposition; certificate, warrant, Law. acknowledgment; guarantee, guaranty, warranty, testimonial, Ovs. vouch; promise, pledge, plait, oath, word.

attire, n. 1. apparel, wearing apparel, wear, clothes, Inf. gear, Inf. apparel, Inf. dress, Inf. costume, Inf. habiliments, Inf. gear, Inf. attire.

2. dress, cloth, garment, vest, apparel, habit, Sl. dude up, Sl. swank up; adorn, array, fit out, fit up, get to work, get to work, think or work on, think or work on, think about, concentrate on.

—n. 2. apparel, wearing apparel, wear, clothes, clothing; dress, garb, costume, guise, style; garments, vestments, raiment, habit, habiliments, Inf. gear, Inf. attire.
toggery, Inf. togs, Inf. duds, Sl. threads, Sl. rags, (of transvestites) Sl. drag; investment, vesture, investiture; array, wardrobe, accouterment; livery, uniform, regalia.


4. costume, outfit, ensemble, Inf. setup.

attitude, n. 1. disposition, temperament, personality; feeling, view, opinion, thought, idea, frame of mind, mind-set, mental state, view, outlook; reaction, impression, interpretation, orientation; tendency, inclination, leaning, bent, turn, twist, bias, prejudice.

2. demeanor, bearing, appearance, guise, aspect; manner, mode, mood, air, mien, deportment, behavior; countenance, expression; position, posture, pose, stance, stand, carriage; figure, form, shape.

attitudinize, v. pose, strike a pose, assume an attitude, put on airs; camp, camp it up, behave affectedly, show off, put on an act; imitate, mimic, ape, pretend, feign, make believe.


2. agent, attorney-in-fact, factor, deputy, proxy, substitute.

attract, v. 1. draw, pull, magnetize, drag.

2. allure, entice, invite, tempt, lure, inveigle; interest, catch [catch one’s eye], fascinated, charm, enamor, enchant, capture [capture one’s fancy], ensorcel; captivate, engage, win, seduce.

attraction, n. 1. pull, traction, magnetism, draw, gravitation, gravity; affinity, inclination, tendency.

2. interest, appeal, attractiveness, fascination, charm; allure, enticement, temptation, inveiglement; enchantment, bewitchment, witchery, glamour, captivation, seduction.

3. lure, bait, Sl. come-on, teaser.

4. entertainment, feature, presentation, show, production, exhibition.

attractive, adj. 1. pleasing, appealing, charming, engaging, winsome, winning, taking; interesting, fascinating, captivating, enchanting, bewitching; enticing, alluring, inviting, tempting, seductive, (of a woman) foxy.

2. delightful, pleasant, agreeable, sweet, Inf. cute, dainty; pretty, slightly, fignigly, Scotch. canny, fair; beautiful, lovely, stunning, Inf. eye-filling, striking, zingy; shapely, voluptuous, Sl. built, Sl. stacked, bed- dable, sexy; good-looking, handsome, comely, becoming, flattering; tasteful, elegant, artistic, picturesque.

attractiveness, n. 1. pleasantness, delightfulness, pleasingness, eye appeal; prettiness, fairness, sightliness; beauty, loveliness, shapeliness, sexiness, comeliness, handsomeness; tastefulness, elegance.

2. attraction, charm, allure. See attraction (def. 2).

attributable, adj. assignable, imputable. See ascribable (defs. 1, 2).

attribute, v. 1. Usu. attribute to ascribe, assign, credit, accredit, give credit for, put down, chalk up to or with; impute, charge with, lay on, blame, accuse.

2. associate, connect, link, tie in, couple, match or pair up, relate, think of together, consider jointly or in union.

—n. 3. quality, property, distinction, note, mark, cachet; characteristic, character, feature, trait, grace, virtue; idiosyncrasies, idiosyncrasy, singularity; eccentricity, peculiarity, quirk, oddity.

4. endowment, gift, talent, genius; faculty, knack, ability, capability; specialty, bailiwick, stock in trade, trademark, forte, strong suit, Sl. bag, Sl. thing.

attition, n. 1. friction, rubbing, rubbing against; abrasion, whetting, sanding, polishing, grinding, filing, chafing, fraying, fretting, corrosion, corroding, gnawing, eating out or away, consumption, consuming, devouring; scraping, scrape, excoriating, grating, rasping; erosion, eroding, wearing, wearing down or away, detritum.

2. debilitation, debilitating, enfeeblement, enfeebling, weakening, enervation, enering, exhaustion, exhausting; undermining, sapping, harassment, harasing, harrying, badgering, pestering, nagging, hectoring; plaguing, persecution, persecuting, tormenting.

3. decrease, decreasing, reduction, reducing, abate ment, diminution, diminishing, lessening; dwindling, shrinking, subsidence, ebbing; waning, decline, lowering.

attune, v. harmonize, coordinate, accord, assimilate, homologize; adapt, adjust, fit, tailor, measure, proportion; regulate, set, reconcile, synchronize.

auburn, adj. reddish-brown, copper, copper-colored, rust, rust-colored, bronze, bronze-colored, titian, henna, cinnamon, golden-brown, light-brown, russet, chestnut-brown, chestnut.

au courant, French. 1. up-to-date, current, in the swim, enlightened, informed, well-informed, well posted, in the know, Sl. hip, Sl. with it, Brit. Sl. suss; up on, abreast of.

2. stylish, modish, fashionable, in fashion, in style, in vogue, a la mode, all the rage, Sl. the thing; new, newfashioned, modern, up-to-the-minute, Inf. trendy, Sl. mod.

auction, n. public sale, vendue, Scot and North Eng. roup, Chiefly Irish. cant; tag sale, yard sale, garage sale.

audacious, adj. 1. bold, venturesome, adventurous, daring, brave, courageous, valiant, valorous, lion-hearted, stout-hearted; fearless, dauntless, intrepid, undaunted, unshrinkimg, unflinching; stalwart, doughty, mettlesome, plucky, Inf. spunky, hardy; virile, manly, tough, Sl. gutsy, Sl. ballisy.

2. presumptuous, overconfident, impertinent, assuming, insolent, impudent, braveness, brassiness, rudeness; unabashed, shameless, for ward, Inf. fresh, bumptious, Inf. nervy, Inf. pushy; pert, Arch. malapert, saucy, Inf. cheeky; rebellious, defiant, self-reliant, strong-willed.

3. foolhardy, rash, temerarious, reckless, desperate, wild; heedless, careless, harebrained, impulsive, hotheaded, madcap, headlong, daredevil, devil-may-care, death-defying, harum-scarum; injudicious, ill considered, imprudent, indiscreet.

4. original, inventive, imaginative, unconventional, unorthodox; revolutionary, unprecedented, precedent setting, radical, drastic, extreme; new; untried, progressive, advanced.

5. lively, spirited, alert, alive, zesty, zestful, vivacious, Inf. zippy, peppy; ardent, fervent, hearty, keen; unrestrained, unhindered, spontaneous, unconstrained, open, free.

audacity, n. 1. boldness, courage, bravery, valor, hardihood, resoluteness, stalwartness; daring, derring-do, venturesomeness, adventurousness, fearlessness, intrepidity; backbone, grit, nerve, mettle, spirit, pluck, Inf. spunk, Inf. starch, Inf. guts; foolhardiness, rashness, temerity, recklessness, desperation; impetuosity, impetuousness, hot-headedness; imprudence, indiscretion, injudiciousness.

2. effrontery, impudence, Inf. cheek, Inf. brass, gall, bump ticiousness; forwardness, chutzpah, assertiveness, Inf. pushiness; presumption, presumptuousness, inso-
audible, adj. hearable; heard; loud, out loud, disagreeable. n. 1. assembly room, meeting space, auditorium, hearer, listener, harkener, eavesdropper, examination, scrutiny, audit, augment, increase, enlargement, aggrandize; magnify, amplify, enhance, deepen, heighten, widen, thicken, broaden, lengthen, prolong, protract; expand, extend, spread, spread out; (of writing or speech) pad, stretch out, branch out; inflate, distend, puff out, dilate; wax, swell, grow larger.

augmented, adj. increase, enlargement, aggrandizement, expansion, extension; magnification, amplification, enhancement, deepening, thickening, broadening; spreading out, (of writing or speech) padding, stretching out, branching out, lengthening, prolongation, protraction; inflation, distension, dilatation, dilation; waxing, swelling.

audition, n. 1. hearing, auscultation, listening, ear. 2. trial, test, tryout, hearing, audience. auditor, n. 1. hearer, listener, harkener, eavesdropper, audience.

auditorium, n. 1. assembly room, meeting space, multipurpose room; nave, auditorium, durbar. 2. hall, assembly hall, house, basilica, gallery, lecture hall, concert hall, dance hall, casino; theater, parquet, amphitheater; coliseum, stadium, field house, arena.

augment, v. 1. increase, enlarge, make larger, make bigger, make greater, Chieflly Literary. 2. fortunate, lucky, providential; prosperous, flourishing, thriving, successful, golden, halcyon, palmy. 3. elevation, raise, boost, rise, advancement; multiplication, doubling, redoubling, trebling, tripling, quadrupling; mounting, ascending, skyrocketing; upsurge, upswing, upturn, step-up; burgeoning; shooting up, springing up, sprouting.

auspicious, adj. 1. propitious, favorable, favorable, opportune, timely, seasonable; right, apt, appropriate, felicitous, suitable, convenient; promising, bright, sunny, fair, clear, cloudless; roseate, rosy, optimistic, hopeful, encouraging. 2. fortunate, lucky, providential; prosperous, flourishing, thriving, successful, golden, halcyon, palmy.
austere, adj. 1. severe, harsh, strict, hard-bitten, forbidding, stern, sternly, formal, aloof, cold, distant, stiff; inflexible, stilted, unbending, unyielding, rigid, tight; rigorous, relentless, unfeeling, inhuman, cruel; commanding, authoritative, authoritarian, peremptory.

2. abstemious, puritanical, puritan-like, abstinent, nonindulgent; moral, upright, righteous, right-minded, faultless, sinless; continent, chaste, celibate, virgin, virginal; restrained, self-restrained, controlled, self-disciplined, self-mortifying; ascetic, self-denying, self-abnegating.

3. serious, solemn, sober, formal; sedate, staid, conservative, reserved, dignified, poised; grave, important, consequential; significant, considered, concerned, responsible; momentous, weighty, heavy, ponderous, profound, intense.

4. subdued, quiet, soft, softened, mellow, toned down; gray, grayish, grayed, neutral; dull, dreary, mousey, drab; somber, dark, sad, gloomy, dun, heavy, leaden.

5. plain, simple, limited, unexaggerated, unembroidered, unvarnished, unadorned, unembellished; unornamented, undecorated, unadorned, unenriched; prosaic, ordinary, commonplace.

6. hard, harsh, severe, cold, realistic, practical; solid, substantial, firm, sound, real, tangible.

7. rough, harsh, strong, pungent, poigniant; sharp, keen, biting, stinging, caustic, acrimonious; bitter, sour, tart, acid, astringent; distasteful, unpleasant, unpalatable, unsavory, disagreeable, nasty.

austerity, n. 1. severity, harshness, asperity, strictness; hardiness, sternness, grimness, seriousness, soberity, soberness; formality, stiffness, inflexibility, unbendingness, rigidity, rigidity, tightness, rigor, rigorosity; relentlessness, unyieldingness, unfeelingness, inhumanity, cruelty; acrimony, acrimoniousness, acerbity, sharpness, keenness, commandingness, authoritarianity, peremptoriness.

2. abstemiousness, Puritanism, habitual abstention, abstinence, nonindulgence; continence, celibacy, chasteness, chastity, virginity; refraining, refraining, forbearance, forbearing, desistance, desisting; holding on, resisting, resistance; restraint, self-restraint, control, self-control.

3. asceticism, self-denial, self-abnegation, self-deprivation; privation, hardship, suffering, affliction, trouble, burden, oppression.

4. austerities ascetic practices, repentance, contrition, penance, penitence, sack cloth and ashes, fasting; self-mortification, self-discipline, self-flagellation, scouring, whipping; hair shirt, scourge, whip, lash.

5. simplicity, plainness, unadornment, undecorativeness; commonness, homeliness, unpretentiousness, ordinariness; bareness, spareness, baldness, nakedness.

authentic, adj. 1. reliable, dependable, trustworthy, trusted, trusted, trustworthy; credible, believable, Inf. all right, Inf. O.K.; realistic, true-to-life, factual, actual, real, true; honest, truthful, veracious; exact, precise, accurate, close, faithful, strict; official, authoritative, unquestionable, indisputable, indubitable, Sl. from the horse's mouth.

2. genuine, real, Dial. sure-enough, simon-pure, sterling, the real McCoy; bona fide, veritable, Sl. real live, Inf. honest-to-goodness, Inf. kosher, Archaic, authentical, Australian. dinkum; legitimate, rightful, lawful, just, legal, licit, valid, authenticated, verified, confirmed; attested, vouched for, warranted, certified, guaranteed; standard, accepted, approved, conventional, orthodox.

authenticate, v. 1. validate, certify, assure, confirm, seal; affirm, attest, corroborate, aver; vouch, accredit, endorse; guarantee, warrant, countersign, underwrite, insure.

2. verify, substantiate, support, prove, evidence, lend credence; sustain, back up, uphold, make good, justify.

authentication, n. 1. certification, validation, confirmation; affirmation, assurance, attestation, corroborate; voucher, warranty, guarantee, guaranty, insurance.

2. verification, substantiation, support, proof, evidence.

author, n. 1. writer, composer, scribe, inditer, scribbler, penman; belletrist, littératre, man of letters; novelist, fictioneer, storyteller, narrator, spinner of yarns, romancer; dramatist, playwright, dramaturge, scenarist, screenwriter; tragedian, tragedist, comedian, comédien; poet, bard, versifier, skald, scop, poetaster; librettist, elegist, lyricist, fabulist; essayist, pamphleteer, episoler; historian, chronicler, annalist, historiographer; publicist, biographer, memorialist; ghost writer, speech writer; journalist, reporter, newspaperman, Arch. gazetteer; correspondent, contributor, paragrapher, Brit. paragraphist; editorialist, columnist, commentator, critic, reviewer; compiler, annotator, lexicographer, encyclopedist, anthology; hack, Chieft Brit., Arch. penny-a-liner.

2. maker, creator, founder, originator, beginner, inventor; parent, father, begetter, sire, producer; framer, designer, planner, architect; deviser, former, contriver.

authoritative, adj. 1. official, sanctioned, approved, validated, Inf. O.K.'d; valid, true, authentic, genuine, real, Inf. kosher; ruling, governing, dominant.

2. sound, weighty, heavy, grave; documented, certified, attested, Sl. from the horse's mouth; corroborated, evidenced, proven, supported, backed up.

3. positive, certain, sure, assured, self-assured, decided, self-confident, confident; asserted, insistent, emphatic, dogmatic, dogmatical; peremptory, arrogant, presumptuous; imperative, commanding, controlling, domineering, overbearing, pushing, Inf. pushy; authoritarian, masterly, stern, strict, dictatorial, imperious, despotic, autocratic, Inf. bossy.

authority, n. 1. jurisdiction, dominion, domination, administration; sovereignty, dynasty, regency, prerogative, predominance, rule, reign, hegemony; control, sway, mastery, influence, guidance, leadership; authorization, permit, power, force, right, liberty, sanction.

2. sovereign, monarch, potentate, king, queen, regent, ruler, emperor, dictator, czar; head, president, governor, director, commander, controller, magistrate, official; arbiter, judge, adjudicator, decision-maker.

3. Usu. authorities government, legislature, lawmakers; law enforcers, police, policemen, gendarmery, gendarmes.

4. source, document, reference; citation, quote, quotation, excerpt, passage.

5. expert, master, proficient, adept, ace, U.S. Sl. crackerjack; specialist, connoisseur, critic; pundit, scholar, sage, walking encyclopedia, Inf. brain.

6. precedent, ruling, decision, judgement, adjudication; statute, law, rule, principle, guide.

7. testimony, witness, evidence; attestation, certification, deposition, sworn statement; warrant, justification, credibility, Inf. O.K.

authorize, v. 1. empower, invest, enable, entitle, depute, Eccles. ordain; certify, accredit, license, legalize, validate, notarize, visa; institute, establish, constitute, set up, make acceptable.
autobiography
n. memoirs, diary, journal, letters; personal history, personal narrative, one’s own story, life, life story; adventures, experiences, fortunes.

autochthonous, adj. native, indigenous. See aboriginal.

autocracy, n. 1. absolutism, despotism, totalitarianism, authoritarianism, monocracy, one-man rule, one-party rule, Caesarism, Stalinism; tyranny, uncontroll ed or unlimited authority, complete control, absolute power or control, iron hand, iron fist, iron rule. 2. autarchy, dictatorship, totalitarian state, absolute monarchy.

autocrat, n. dictator, tyrant, despot, monocrat, autarch, overlord; absolute monarch, absolute ruler, supreme master.

autocratic, adj. 1. absolute, unlimited, omnipotent, all-powerful; dictatorial, totalitarian, authoritarian, monocratic. 2. tyrannical, despotic, oppressive, iron-handed; imperious, domineering, overbearing, peremptory, high-handed, Inf. bossy.

autograph, n. 1. signature, John Hancock, hand; Sl. handle, Sl. moniker; endorsement, inscription; mark, cross, X. —adj. 2. holography, holographic; signed, sealed, countersigned, endorsed, inscribed.

—v. 3. sign, countersign, sign on the dotted line, initial, put one’s John Hancock on; endorse, ratify, notarize, seal; inscribe, dedicate; mark, cross, X; validate, authenticate, accept, O.K.

automatic, adj. 1. self-moving, self-acting, self-propelling, self-directing; mechanical, robotistic, robotlike, push-button, knee-jerk, habitual. 2. unconscious, instinctive, natural, spontaneous, unbidden; Physiol. involuntary, uncontrolled, Physiol. reflex.

automaton, n. robot, mechanical man; marionette, punchinello, fantocinno, puppet, paw.

autonomous, adj. self-governing, self-legislating, self-ruling, self-directing, noncolonial; autonomic, allodial, independent, self-reliant, on one’s own; free, unfettered, unrestricted, uncoerced.

autonomy, n. independence, freedom, liberty, self-determination, self-direction; self-government, self-rule, home rule, self-legislation; allodium, self-governing community.

autopsy, n. post-mortem examination, post-mortem, necropsy; dissection, anatomization.

autumn, n. fall, harvest time, harvest home, harvest.

auxiliary, adj. 1. subsidiary, additional, supplementary, reserve, extra; accessory, ancillary, secondary, subordinate, subservient; helping, assisting, adjuvant, aiding, abetting; supportive, helpful, assistive, cooperative.

—n. 2. helper, aide, assistant, right hand, right-hand man, girl or gal Friday, bystander, adjuvant; help, aid, support, adminicle; abettor, supporter, backer, patron; ally, confederate, comrade, partner, accomplice, collaborator, cooperator; accessory, subordinate, underling, employee, Sl. stooge, tool, cat’s-paw.

avail, v. 1. profit, benefit, help, get, serve, be of, to, advantage, Archaic: boot; work, be effective, be efficacious, do, do the trick, succeed. 2. avail oneself of to, make the most of, take advantage of, exploit, use, use to best advantage, turn to account, make capital out of.

available, adj. 1. usable, of use, of service, handy, at hand, to hand. 2. obtainable, accessible, attainable, reachable; on call, on hand, ready, present; in reach, on tap, at one’s elbow, at one’s finger tips; convenient, at one’s service, at one’s command, at one’s disposal, at one’s beck and call.

avalanche, n. 1. snowslide, Brit. snow-slip, landslide, cascade, niagra. 2. disaster, cataclysm, catastrophe, calamity, devastation; debacle, Fr. bouleversement, upheaval, convulsion; inundation, deluge, flood.

avant-garde, n. 1. (usu. of the arts) underground, counterculture; (all collectively) pioneer, experimenter, innovator, groundbreaker, modernist; precursor, fore-runner, front or lead runner, predecessor; herald, harbinger, announce.

2. new look, latest fashion, vogue, fashion; All Inf. the last word, the latest thing, Fr. dernier cri, in thing, what’s in, what’s happening.

—adj. 3. experimental, exploratory, innovative, groundbreaking; advanced, progressive, ahead of its time, forward looking; original, novel, unique, new; imaginative, creative, unconventional, unorthodox, unusual; modern, ultramodern, modernistic, contemporary, present day, Inf. far-out, Inf. way-out; (usu. of the arts) underground, counterculture, radical, revolutionary.

avarice, n. 1. greed, graspingness, acquisitiveness, Sl. grabbiness, avariciousness, rapacity, rapaciousness; selfishness, miserliness, penuriousness, parsimony, niggardliness; stinginess, meanness, close-fistedness, tight-fistedness, mercenariness, venality.

2. ravenousness, voraciousness, gluttony, edacity, eagerness, keenness, itch, appetite, stomach; work, be effective, be available, make good use of, give the green light, sanction, ratify, confirm, bind, accept, pass, approve, give one’s nod of approval, set one’s seal to, Inf. O.K., Chiefly U.S. approbate; permit, allow, Inf. give the green light or go-ahead; consent to, subscribe to, vouchsafe; agree to, give one’s assent, concur with, accede to; endorse, underwrite, countersign, witness, acknowledge; countenance, support, uphold, back up, stand behind or by.

3. warrant, justify, excuse; explain, account for, defend, give grounds or reason for.

autobiography, n. memoirs, diary, journal, letters; personal history, personal narrative, one’s own story, life, life story; adventures, experiences, fortunes.

availability, n. personal, individual. See individual.

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aversion, n. 1. antagonism, hatred, hate, hostility, antipathy, *Archaic.* dyspathy, enmity, animosity, animus, ill will; abhorrence, abomination, loathing, loathsomness, execration, detestation, odiousness, rancor; dislike, disrelish, disfavor, disesteem, displeasure, disaffection.
2. opposition, prejudice, grudge, disinclination, reluctance, unwillingness; repugnance, repulsion, revulsion, disgust, distaste, nausea.
3. disgusted, repulsed, repelled, offended, nauseated, sickened.

avert, v. 1. ward off, prevent, forestall, debar, hinder, inhibit; preclude, obviate, avoid, circumvent, dodge; fend off, shield from, defend against, parry, stave off, *Archaic.* fend for; frustrate, eliminate, nip in the bud, arrest, stop.
2. turn away, turn aside, divert, deflect, draw off, sidetrack, detour.

aviary, n. birdhouse, birdcage, bird sanctuary, volary, dovecote, pigeon house or loft, *Rare.* volary.

aviation, n. 1. flight, powered flight, jet flight, subsonic or supersonic flight, flying, volition; gliding, sailing, soaring, sailplanning, volplaning.
2. military aircraft, warplane, battleplane, combat plane.


avid, adj. 1. desirous, greedy, cupidsious, avaricious, grasping, acquisitive, *Sl.* grabby, rapacious, selfish, hoarding, possessive; ravenous, ravening, voracious, devouring, glutinous, gormandizing, comorant, edacious; open-mouthed, hoggish, piggish, swinish; insatiable, insatiating, unquenchable, omnivorous, esurient.
2. enthusiastic, ardent, fervent, eager, keen, anxious, Inf. wild, breathless, impatient, longing, thirsty, athirst; ambitious, aspiring, hungry, craving; excited, *Inf.* all fired up, *Inf.* pysched or psyched up, *Sl.* hopped up, *Sl.* aper; heated, vehement, fervid, perfervid; burning, fiery, flaming, inflamed, glowing, white-hot.
4. spirited, animated, vivacious, lively; vigorous, forceful, energetic, exuberant; ebullient, irrepressible, bubbling over, effervescent; demonstrative, emotive, expressive, effusive, gushing, *Inf.* gaga.

avidity, n. 1. eagerness, earnestness, keenness, intentness, intensity, excitement; anxiousness, breathlessness, impatience, longing; enthusiasm, fervor, ardor, fervency, warmth, glow, fire; devotion, devotedness, zeal, feverishness, passion, fanaticism.

avocation, n. 1. hobby, pastime, interest, sideline, diversion, distraction; pleasure, relaxation, amusement, entertainment; enjoyment, fun, play, game, sport, toy.
2. vocation, calling, pursuit; occupation, profession, job, employment, work, trade, duty, task, function; business, office, line, concern.

avoid, v. evade, elude, dodge, shun; escape, avert, parry; eschew, abstain, refrain, forbear; *Inf.* give the go-by, stay away from, keep one's distance, steer clear of, go wide of, keep clear of; skirt, beat around the bush, hem and haw; shirk, funk, malinger, *Sl.* gold-brick; fight shy of, shy away from, blink at, flee from; *Inf.* make oneself scarce, *U.S.* Sl. vanamo, bolt, retreat, *Sl.* cut out, cut and run; bypass, circumvent, go around, circumambulate, detour.

avoidance, n. elusion, evasion, dodging, shunning; eschewal, abstinence, abstention, forbearance, refraining; shirking, *Sl.* goldbricking, malingering; go-by, bypass.

away, v. acknowledge, affirm, asseverate, aver, avow; assure, guarantee, certify, uphold, maintain; profess, propound, protest, pronounce, proclaim, predicate; depose, testify, witness, attest, allege.

away, v. assert, affirm, state emphatically, declare earnestly or solemnly, say, aver; avouch, assure, assure, guarantee, certify, uphold, maintain; profess, propound, protest, pronounce, proclaim, predicate; depose, testify, attest, allege.

avowal, n. affirmation, assertion, avowment; avouchment, assurance, guarantee, certification; protestation, proclamation, predication; deposition, testimony, attestation; vow, oath, pledge.

avowed, adj. acknowledged, avouched, attested, certified, testified, deposed; divulged, disclosed, exposed; confessed, admitted, owned; declared,asseverated, avowed, affirmed, alleged.

avowedly, adv. acknowledgedly, confessedly, admittedly, allegedly; openly, candidly, frankly, affirmatively.

await, v. 1. wait for, expect, anticipate, watch for, look for, *Archaic.* attend; keep in view, have in prospect; tarry for, stay for, abide.
2. be ready for, be in store for, be prepared for; be in waiting for, sit up for, *Archaic.* bide; be reserved for, be contingent upon.

awake, v. 1. rouse, wake up, waken. See awaken.
—adj. 2. waking, conscious, astir, up and about; alert, on the alert; wide-awake, open-eyed, aware,
awe, n. 1. reverence, veneration, adoration, respect, admiration, fear of the Lord; wonder, wonderment, amazement, astonishment; surprise, bewilderment, stupefaction, consternation.
  2. dread, fear, anxiety, anguish, apprehension, fright, affright, dismay; shock, alarm, horror; trepidation, quivering, quaking, trembling, fear and trembling.
  3. overwhelm, impress, affect, move, strike, astonish, stupefy, bewilder, Inf. blow one's mind, Inf. hit like a ton of bricks.
  4. intimidate, cow, daunt, dismay, abash; terrify, horrify, frighten, affright, scare.

awesome, adj. awe-inspiring, overwhelming, imposing, impressive, affecting, moving; majestic, sublime, solemn, august, venerable, stately, noble, regal, awful; formidable, redoubtable, portentous, marvelous, tremendous, fearsome, horrific, dreadful; terrible, ghastly, appalling, shocking, terrifying, horrible, horrendous; weird, fantastic, bizarre, supernatural, unearthly, uncanny, eerie.

awake, v. 1. awake, wake up, waken, wake, rouse, get up; revive, become conscious, come to, come around, become aware.
  2. arouse, animate, activate, vivify, enliven, quicken; stimulate, whet, prod; excite, work up, stir up, fire, kindle; spur, incite, fire up.

awakening, adj. 1. rousing, arousing, vivifying, enlivening, quickening, stimulating; restoring, reviving, Med. analeptic.
  n. 2. waking up, rousing, stirring; consciousness, awareness, realization, recognition; revival, revivification, renewal, rebirth; arousal, animation, activation, vivification, quickening, invigoration.

award, v. 1. present, bestow, gift, endow; assign, appoint, grant, allow, apportion, pass out, deal out, dole out.
  2. decree, adjudicate, judge, adjudge, determine, decide in favor of.
  n. 3. prize, trophy, medal, decoration, blue ribbon, citation; honor, laurels, wreath, palm, bay, crown; reward, recompense, remuneration, premium, payment, honorarium; gift, present, bestowal, endowment; grant, allotment, scholarship, fellowship.

aware, adj. 1. conscious, sentient, alive to, Archaic: ware; cognizant, sensible of, familiar with, acquainted with, SI. wise to; mindful, regardful, observant, awake, wide-awake; alert, cautious, wary, on the qui vive, on the beam or ball.
  2. informed, in the know, apprised, enlightened, posted, up-to-date, Fr. au courant; knowledgeable, knowing, conversant, versed; sharp, quick, intelligent, perceptive, discerning, discriminating; sophisticated, worldly-wise, urbane, SI. hip, SI. with it.

awareness, n. 1. realization, recognition, discovery, awakening; intuition, insight, enlightenment; perception, apprehension, comprehension, appreciation, understanding.
  2. consciousness, sentience, sensibility, sensitivity; observation, notice, note, regard; observance, consideration, mindfulness, regardfulness; alertness, watchfulness, wariness, cautiousness.
  3. conversance, conversancy, knowledge, familiarity, acquaintance, ken; cognizance, percipience, discernment, discrimination; connoisseurship, sophistication, sophistication, urbanity.

away, adv. 1. from this place, off, abroad, absent, gone, from home, not at home, not present.
  2. far, apart, at a distance, remote.
  3. aside, in another direction, from contact.
  4. out of possession, out of notice, out of use, out of existence, to an end, into extinction, into termination.
  5. continuously, repeatedly, incessantly, uninteruptedly, relentlessly, interminably, unremittingly.
  6. without hesitation, without delay, promptly.
  7. do away with a. get rid of, abolish, stop, end.
  b. kill, murder, annihilate.

—adj. 8. absent, not present, not at home, gone.
  9. distant, remote, far off.

awe, n. 1. reverence, veneration, adoration, respect, admiration, fear of the Lord; wonder, wonderment, amazement, astonishment, surprise, bewilderment, stupefaction, consternation.
  2. dread, fear, anxiety, angst, apprehension, fright, affright, dismay; shock, alarm, horror; trepidation, quivering, quaking, trembling, fear and trembling.
  3. overwhelm, impress, affect, move, strike, astonish, stupefy, bewilder, Inf. blow one's mind, Inf. hit like a ton of bricks.
  4. intimidate, cow, daunt, dismay, abash; terrify, horrify, frighten, affright, scare.

ax, n. 1. hatchet, broadax, maul, mattock, pickax, pick, adz, Archaic: celt; cleaver, hewer, chopper, cutter; battle-ax, poleax.
  2. chop, fell, split, cleave, cut up, hew, hack; shape, form, trim, pare.

axiom, n. 1. self-evident truth, truth, truism;
axiomatic, adj. 1. self-evident, apodictic, manifestly true, patently true, unquestionable, incontestable; manifest, certain, absolute; generally known, universally acknowledged, understood, granted, given, assumed, presupposed.
2. aphoristic, proverbial, gnomical, gnomical, apothegmatic, apothegmatical; terse, pithy, sententious.

axis, n. 1. shaft, spindle, axle, bar, mandrel, Machinery. arbor; stem, trunk, pole, rod, pin; line of rotation, central line, vertical.
2. hinge, determiner, determinant, crux, decisive factor; foundation, base, basis, underpinning, undergirding, supports.
3. (all usu. of nations) alliance, coalition, compact, entente; league, confederation, union, combination.

aye, adv. 1. yes, yea; pro, for, in favor.
—n. 2. yes vote, vote for, favorable vote, yea.
3. advocate, supporter, backer, proponent, pro, yeasayer.

azure, adj. 1. sky-blue, cerulean, deep-blue, cobalt blue, ultramarine, lapis lazuli, blue, purplish blue.
—n. 2. sky, empyrean, firmament, vault of heaven, Chiefly Literary. welkin, azure deeps, heaven, the heavens.
babble, v. 1. gibber, Sl. gibber-jabber, jargon; mutter, mumble, splutter, sputter; stammer, stutter.
2. chatter, chipper, prattle, cackle; twaddle, Brit. twattle, blather, drive; talk nonsense, Inf. talk through one's hat; jabber, prate, bleat, Inf. gab; chitchat, chitter-chatter, chaffer, bandy words; talk idly, Sl. shoot the breeze, Sl. gas, Sl. bull; palaver, clack, clatter, rattle, Sl. run off or on at the mouth; gush, blab, Inf. spout; gossip, buzz, tell tales, repeat everything one hears; be loquacious or talkative, ramble, maunter.
3. murmur, whisper, buzz; hum, drone, purr; purr, sough, rustle.
4. blab, blurt out, let slip, reveal foolishly; tattle, Inf. squealer.
5. gibberish, gibbering, —n.
6. prattle, prattling, chatter, chattering, chippering, jargon; muttering, mumbling, sputtering, stammering, stuttering.
7. murmur, murmuring, murmuration; whisper,Inf. whisper, buzz, humming, drone, droning, purr, purring; purr, purling, sough, soughing, rustle, rustling.
8. (in reference to sounds) medley, mélange, mixture, muddle, confusion; cacophony, jumble, hodgepodge, disorder.

babblement, n. babble, prattle, gibberish, chatter. See babble (defs. 5-7).

babbler, n. prattler, prater, twaddler, Brit. twatter, drivel; patterer, patterer, rattlebrain, rattlepate; chatterbox, noisy chatterer, palaverer, magpie, popinjay, Inf. jay; excessive talker, jabberer, gabbler, blatherskite, Sl. windbag, Sl. windjammer, Inf. hot-air artist; babber, babbermouth, gusher, gossip; tattler, twaddle, tell-tale, tale-bearer, informer, Inform. squealer.

babbling, n. chatter, chattering, prattle, prattling, small talk, chit-chat, chitter-chatter; gossip, buzzing, Inf. gab, idle or foolish talk; palaver, Sl. hot air, Sl. gas, Sl. bull; nonsense, gibberish, jargon, gobbledegook; jabbering, jabber, Jabberwocky, cackling, cackle, gibbering, gibber, babbling, babble, babblement, Fr. babardage, rambling, maundraing; prate, prating, tattling, tattle, twaddling, twaddle, Both Brit. twattling, twattle; patterer, patter, gabbling, gabble, blathering, blather, driving, drive; blab, blabbing,Inf. spouting, Sl. running off or on at the mouth.

babe, n. 1. baby, infant. See baby (def. 1).
2. innocent, ingénue, greenhorn; beginner, neophyte, novice, novitiate; tyro, tenderfoot, abecedarian.
3. Slang. girl, woman, Sl. looker, Sl. dish.

babe in the woods, n. gull, dupe, Inf. sucker; cat's-paw, simpleton.

baby, n. 1. infant, newborn, neonate, babe, It. bambino, Fr. enfant, papoose, Scot. and North Eng. bairn; suckling, nurpling, weanling; foundling, change-ling: young child, toddler, tot, tiny tot, U.S. Inf. tad, pre-schooler; Disparaging. (of an adult) juvenile, adolescent.

—adj. 2. newborn, neonatal.
3. infantile, childish, babyish. See babyish.
4. Informal. small, little, tiny, Inf. teeny, All Baby Talk. teeny-weeny, teensy-weensy, teeny, teeny-weeny, diminutive, wee, Inf. peewee, miniature, mini, minute, pocket, pocket-sized; bantam, undersized, midget, dwarffish.

—v. 5. pamper, pet, coddle, mollycoddle; dandle, cocker, cosset; spoon-feed, overprotect; spoil, humor, indulge, dote on.

babyish, adj. infantile, childish, baby, Inf. kiddish; immature, green, callow, adolescent; puerile, jejune, silly, foolish, inane.

bacchanal, n. 1. reveler, carouser, wassailer, baccant, bacchante, maenad, Thyiaid; merrymaker, party-goer, masquerader, convivialist, frolicker, Sl. party girl, Sl. party boy.
2. bacchanalia, orgy, saturnalia. See bacchanalia.

—adj. 3. bacchanalian, orgiastic, saturnalian. See bacchanalian.

bacchanalia, n. 1. orgy, carousal, carouse, Archaic. rouse, carousing, saturnalia, Dionysia, bacchanal; de- bauch, spree, Inf. binge, fling, drinking bout, lost weekend, Inf. jag, Inf. toot, Sl. tear, Sl. bust, U.S. Sl. bender; complotation, wassail.
2. revelry, reveling, revels, frolic, merrymaking, partying, party, Sl. hot time, Sl. bash; carnival, festival, festivity, feast; jollification, conviviality, Sl. love-in,
bacchanalian, adj. orgiastic, saturnalian, bacchanal, bacchic, drunken, dissolve, debauched, dissipated; riotous, wild, frenzied, frenetic, mad; abandoned, wanton, licentious, intemperate, Dionysian, uninhibited, unrestrained, undisciplined; festive, gay, merry, jovial, sportive.

bachelor, n. 1. single, stag, Inf. bach; celibate; misogynist, misogamist. 2. playboy, swinger, Sl. swing, ladies’ man, Inf. ladykiller, lover boy, Casanova. See playboy. 3. Bachelor of Arts, B.A., A.B.; Bachelor of Science, B.S., S.B.

bachelordom, n. the single life, singleness, Usu. Humorous. single blessedness; bachelorism, bachelordom; celibacy, continence; misogyny, misogamy.

back, n. 1. rear, end, tail end, heel, stern; posterior, single, stag, Inf. bach; celibate; bachelor, Usu. bachelorhood, persons) intransitive, uncertain, tentative, wavering, vacillating, undecided, fickle.

3. behind one’s back treacherously, falsely, faithlessly, forsake, abandon, leave behind, behind; infidel, disloyal, perfidiously; deceitfully, deviously, slyly, betrayed, disavow, repudiate, disclaim, contradict, deny, gainsay; impute, asperse, impugn, denounce, vituperate, defame, denigrate, vilify, vituperate, backbite, defame, denigrate, vilify, vituperate; yellow journalism, mud-slinging, vilification, vilification, libel, calumniate, traduce, falsify, accuse falsely, misrepresent, belie, asperse, impugn, defame, denigrate, vilify, vituperate.

backbiting, n. defamation, denigration, vilification, vilipend, vituperation; yellow journalism, mud-slinging, muck-raking; slander, libel, calumniate, misrepresentation; falsehood, lie, untruth, malicious falsehood or untruth, tradecraft; aspersions, imputation, insinuation, innuendo, malicious gossip, dirt, scandalmongering.

backbone, n. 1. spine, spinal column, vertebrae, Anat. spinad, Anat. dorsum, (of animals) chine, (of animals) ridge, Bot. racemis. 2. character, integrity, soundness, manhood, manliness, quality, principles. 3. firmness, resolve, resolution, resoluteness, steadfastness, inflexibility, endurance, stamina, tenacity, indeterminacy.

backfire, v. 1. explode, discharge, detonate, burst. 2. boomerang, come home to roost, backlash, recoil, rebound, spring back, resile, bounce back; ricochet; reverse, turn the tables.
backhanded, adj. 1. oblique, indirect, ambiguous, unclear; awkward, gauche, left-handed, maladroit, clumsy, heavy-handed, backhand; ill-contrived, ill-phrased, poorly put, tactless, inconsistent, ungracious; improper, untoward, unsuitable, inappropriate, inapt.
2. sly, crafty, artful, cunning, insidious; underhanded, dishonorable, two-faced, Janus-faced, hypocritical, tartuffish, double-tongued, fork-tongued, deceitful, sniveling; untruthful, false, mendacious, unveracious, meaningless, hollow, insincere.
3. sarcastic, biting, caustic, cutting, trenchant, scathing; mordant, bitter, acrimonious, sardonic, derisive, ironic; insulting, mean, cruel, spiteful.

backing, n. 1. aid, help, helping hand, abetment, abettal, relief, succor; assistance, cooperation, collaboration; boost, lift, strengthening, shot in the arm; support, propping, bolstering, sustenance, maintenance; sponsorship, patronage, advocacy, championing, promotion, furtherance, encouragement; endorsement, favor, commendation, approval, countenance, sympathy.
2. security, surety, collateral, assurance, guaranty, guarantee, warranty; protection, insurance, Finance. coverage, Inf. net.
3. supporters, boosters, sponsors, patrons, advocates, champions, following, followers; aides, helpers, assistants, second shift or string.
4. (all of music) background, back up, accompaniment; harmony, obligatto, second part.

backlash, n. 1. (all of machinery) play, slip, allowance, liberty, freedom, extra space; slackness, laxity, laxness, looseness, wasted movement.
2. (all of angling) snarl, tangle, entanglement, snag, catch, hitch; knot, tie-up, obstruction, blockage, stoppage.
3. recoil, rebound, repercussion, reflex, reaction, response, kick, Inf. kickback; boomerang, reversal, turn around, about-face.
—v. 4. recoil, rebound, bounce back, spring or snap back, kick, react, respond; boomerang, double back, reverse, turn around, about-face, make an about-face.

backpedal, v. retract, take back, withdraw, recall, disavow, unsay, Inf. eat or swallow one’s words; retreat, back up, backtrack, reverse oneself, renegle, Sl. cop out, back down or out of; shift ground, change sides, tergiversate; about-face, do an about-face, Inf. flip-flop, do a flip-flop, Inf. do or pull a 180°, Sl. pull a switcheroo; deny, gainsay, renounce, forswear, abjure.

backset, n. 1. setback, throwback, pulse, rebuff, reverse, reversal, turn for the worse, turning of the tide; discouragement, damper, Inf. cold water; relapse, fall, upset, misfortune, step backwards, worsening; defeat, loss, curb, check.
2. countercurrent, crosscurrent, undercurrent; ebb, backflow, reflux, refluence, regurgitation, Naut. backwash; eddy, whirlpool, vortex, maelslom, swirl; restraint, variance, deflection, reflection, Chiefly Brit. reflexion.

backslide, v. 1. relapse, recidivate, revert, regress, retrogress, retrograde, fall behind, slip, trip, slide, fall back into, take a step backwards; lapse, leave the straight and narrow, go wrong, go astray, break the faith, fall from grace, sin; worsen, take a turn for the worse, fall, weaken; decline, degenerate, deteriorate.
—n. 2. relapse, recidivism, regress, regression, retrogression, retrogradation, reversion, step backwards, step in the wrong direction, reversal, about-face; lapse, straying, sinning, fall from grace; worsening; a turn for the worse, failing, weakening; decline, degeneration, deterioration.

backslider, n. relapse, recidivist, regressor; sinner, fallen angel, lost soul, lost sheep, apostate, heretic.

back talk, n. 1. Inf. ssa, Sl. mouth, Sl. lip, Sl. smart or wise talk, Sl. wisemouth, Sl. smart-mouth; retort, comeback, rejoinder, riposte; gibes, jeer, scoff, sneer, taunt, mockery, sarcasm.

back talk, backwards, adv. 1. rearward, towards the back, in reverse, vice versa, upside down, topsy-turvy, inside out, back in front; craklike, retrogressively, retrogressively, regressively, Scot. and North. Eng. backslins; Naut. aback, Naut. astern, Naut. aft, Naut. sternward.
2. thoroughly wrong, totally confused, Sl. arsylvars, Sl. assbackwards, Sl. sassbackwards.

backward and forward Informal. a. thoroughly, completely, perfectly, inside out, from A to Z, b. to and fro, back and forth, in and out. c. (of persons) wavering, vacillating, indecisive, undecided.
—adj. 4. reversed, reverse, opposite, vice versa, topsy-turvy, upside-down, inside-out, inverse, mirror, counter-clockwise, Brit. anticlockwise; returning, recessive, receding, ebbing, refluent, retrogressive, retrograde, regressive, retrogressive, reactionary, counter-productive; retrospective.

backwash, n. 1. wake, wash, backflow, train, track, path; splashing, churning, concussion, disquietude, disturbance.
2. repercussion, reverberation, echo, remainder, leftover; aftermath, result, effect, fallout, consequence, outcome, upshot, outgrowth, issue, sequel, after effect, side effect, by-product, Pathol. sequel.

backwater, n. 1. tidewater, marsh, swamp, bog; pool, water hole, pond, salt pond.
2. country, frontier, wilderness, bush; outpost, out of the way place, isolated area, no man’s land.
wasteland; wilds, hinterlands, woods, backwoods, Sl. the boodocks, *Australian*. outback.

3. retreat, refuge, seclusion, asylum; paradise, heaven, Shangri-la, utopia.

**backwoods**, *n.*
2. Also *backwood* sequestered, secluded, isolated, lonely, remote, removed, inaccessible, *Australian*. outback; sylvan, woods, wild, frontierlike, unsettled; rural, agrarian, agristic, country, countrified, provincial; rustic, pastoral, Arcadian, bucolic, geologic.

3. unsophisticated, unlearned, ignorant; naive, innocence, simple; unpolished, unrefined, uncultured, uncivil, unmannered, artless, awkward, clumsy, inept; uncounted, hick, rude, boorish, gross.

**bacterium**, *n.*
cocci, coccid, coccus, spore, microbe, microorganism, pathogen, *inf*. bug.

**bad**, *adj.*
1. virtueless, unrighteous, godless, impious, ungodly; immoral, amoral, nonmoral, unmoral, unprincipled, reprehensible, corrupt, depraved, perverted, profligate, disreputable, libertine, abandoned, licentious; unscrupulous, dishonest, crooked, obliquitous, fraudulent, tricky; untrustworthy, disloyal, false, faithless, perfidious, treacherous, traitorous; treacherous, dangerous, insidious, deceitful, Machiavellian.

2. wicked, evil, sinister, dark, *Archaic*. sinistral, evil, evil-minded; diabolic, diabolical, satanic, demonic, demoniacal, Mephistophelian; fiendish, hellish, infernal, Stygian.

3. villainous, criminal, villainous, criminal, flagitious, heinous, hateful, injurious, harmful, noxious, unwholesome, ungodly, detestable, abominable, detestable, accursed, despicable, execrable, god-awful, horrible, Inf. evil, Inf. god-awful; disgusting, sickening, nauseating, revolting, repulsive, loathsome, repulsive, odious, repugnant, abhorrent; unbearable, unendurable, intolerable, insufferable.

4. defective, faulty, imperfect; below standard, under or below par, inferior, second-class, second-rate; unsatisfactory, inadequate, unacceptable, poor, weak, lacking, deficient; shoddy, cheap, no-good, miserable, wretched, Inf. god-awful, horrible, horrendous, horrid, gruesome, grisly, hideous, grim; and unable, debatable, questionable, despicable, execrable, contemptible, contemptible, infirm, frail, weak, low, lowly, filthy, scurrilous, rotten, nasty, disgusting, undesirable; reprehensible, disgraceful, shameful, scandalous, obprobrious, disreputable, dishonorable.

5. defective, faulty, imperfect; below standard, under or below par, inferior, second-class, second-rate; unsatisfactory, inadequate, unacceptable, poor, weak, lacking, deficient; shoddy, cheap, no-good, miserable, wretched, Inf. lousy; useless, inutile, of no use, worthless, valueless; unsuitable, inappropriate, unfit; ineffectual, inefficient, inefficacious, inept, incapable, unable, incompetent, unqualified, unfit.

6. inaccurate, incorrect, inexact, imprecise, off the mark, off the beam, wrong, mistaken, false, erroneous, untrue, not true, invalid, not valid; faulty, unsound, fallacious, illogical, irrational, groundless, ungrounded, unfounded; unreliable, dependable, questionable, doubtful, dubitable, uncertain, unsure, unlikely.

7. injurious, harmful, noxious, unhealthy, unhealthy, hurtful, detrimental, deleterious, damaging, nocuous; destructive, ruinous, baneful, pernicious, baleful, malign; poisonous, venomous, deadly, fatal.

8. sick, ill, indisposed, *inf.* under the weather, not well, unwell, ailing; sickish, nauseated, *inf.* nauseous, queasy, qualmish, sick to one's stomach; unhealthy, in poor health, poor, poorly, *inf.* lousy, miserable, wretched; sickly, weak, unhealthy; nauseous, sickly, weakness; valutudinarian, diseased, unhealthy, ill; sour, weak, feeble, low, lowly, dirty, white, palid, wan, lank, languid; failing, suffering, in pain.

9. tainted, spoiled, rotten, inedible, uneatable; rotten, decayed, carious, putrefied, festered, putrefaction, putrescent, decomposed; infected, diseased, septic, bloated, (of plants) cankered; moldy, mildewed, mildew, *rare.* mucid, flyblown, maggoty; contaminated, impure, polluted, corrupted, defiled, vitiated; Poisoned, envenomed.

10. unfavorable, unfortunate, untoward, unpromising, adverse, ill; unlucky, inauspicious, unpropitious, ill-fated, ill-starred, ill-boding, ill-omened; threatening, menacing, minatory, ominous, sinister, portentous; severe, terrible, horrible, dreadful, awful; fearful, frightful, appalling, ghastly, frightening, alarming, *inf.* scary; dangerous, disastrous, devastating, calamitous, catastrophic, ruinous, desolating, ravaging; destructive, damaging, injurious, harmful, hurtful, detrimental, disadvantageous; unhappy, distressful, tragic, crushing, fatal, deadly; hopeless, incurable, immedicable, irremediable, irreparable, irrecoverable, irretrievable, irreversible, irrevocable.

11. discomforting, inconvenient, uneasy, hard, difficult, trying, rough, painful; disagreeable, unpleasant, distasteful, unpalatable, unsavory, sour, unappetizing, uninviting; unsatisfactory, disappointing, displeasing, offensive, objectionable, obnoxious; annoying, irritating, provoking, aggravating, irksome, vexatious, troubling, troublesome, bothersome; exasperating, infuriating, distressing, disturbing, upsetting, harrowing; disquieting, unsettling, unnerving, disconcerting; miserable, wretched, dreadful, awful, *inf.* god-awful; disgusting, sickening, nauseating, revolting, repulsive, loathsome, repulsive, odious, repugnant, abhorrent; unbearable, unendurable, intolerable, insufferable.

12. rascally, touchy, testy, peppy, short-tempered, fiery, volatil, choleric; irritable, impatient, fretful, petulant, snappish, peevish; cross, surly, ill-natured, brusque, blunt, hectoring, sour, crabbed, grouch, grumpy, churlish, cantankerous, cranky, crotchety; curmudgeonly, nasty, mean.

13. irascible, touchy, testy, peppy, short-tempered, sharp, keen, penetrating, shooting, piercing, stabbing, cutting; biting, caustic, sting, smarting, scathing, searing; strong, harsh, excruciating, horrible; consuming, enveloping, gripping, convulsive, spasmodic, gawking, nagging; afflicting, punishing, tormenting, torturing, cruel; agonizing, racking, grating, grinding.

14. mischievous, naughty, disobedient, misbehaving, *inf.* full of the devil; scampish, roguish, knavish, rascally, scoundrelly.

15. regretful, sorry, contrite, penitent, apologetic; sorrowful, rueful, mournful, doleful; dejected, down, downhearted, downcast; disconsolate, despondent, melancholy, sad; depressed, distressed, upset, disturbed, unhappy.

16. unattractive, unshapely, unproportioned, ungraceful, ungainly, uninviting; unsatisfactory, disappointing, displeasing, offensive, objectionable, unattractive, unsavory, unappetizing; offensive, objectionable, unattractive, uninviting, disagreeable, unpleasant.

17. tragic, heartbreaking, anguishing, heart-rending; depressing, gloomy, dismal, discouraging, disheartening, disappointing; unfortunate, regrettable, lamentable, pathetic, somber, solemn, grave, heavy, oppressive; woeful, wretched, miserable, unhappy, distressful; painful, difficult, hard, trying, troubling.

18. coarse, crude, rough, rude; filthy, foul, vile, nasty, gross, indecent, fulsome; vulgar, obscene, indecent, pornographic, lewd, dirty; profane, irreverent, blasphemous; improper, not proper, ungrammatical, unconventional, unseemly, inappropriate, unacceptable.
comely, unlovely, homely, plain, undesirable; displeasing, unpleasant, ugly, unsightly.

20. counterfeit, not genuine, unauthentic, not real, spurious; false, sham, U.S. bogus, fraudulent; imitation, mock, fake, Inf. phony; forged, fabricated, simulated, unreal; pretended, feigned, fictitious, untrue; falsified, tampered with, misstated, misrepresented.


—adj. 22. **Informal.** badly, very much, a lot, in the worst way.

### badge

**n.**
1. crest, emblem, button, shield, crested, brassard; device, escutcheon, coat of arms, **Heraldry.** achievement; insignia, ensign, sign, symbol, sigil, signet, representation, seal, stamp, brand, marker, **Archaic.** recognition; decoration, award, token, mediallion, ribbon, cockade, rosette, braided, coronet, aigrette, aglet.

2. identification, indication, signal, label, trademark, tab, earmark; trait, characteristic, distinction, uniform, shibboleth,ivery, habit, weeper, phylactery.

### bag

**v.**
1. bait, provoke, torment, bedevil, plague, confuse, bewilder, perplex, nonplus, joshing; joking, jesting, pleasantry, drollery, jocular—

**n.**
1. **Inf.** trifle, trinket, knickknack, gimcrack, gadget, toy, piece of junk; bauble, gaud, brummagem, kickshaw, Inf. dooddad; tinsel, clinquant, ornament, apartment; pinchbeck, sham, imitation, simulation, fake, counterfeit.

### baggage

**n.**
1. luggage, suitcases, valises, trunks, suitcases, saddlebags, carpetbags; packages, pack, bundle, load, burden.

2. effects, things, paraphernalia, trappings, gear, viaticum, **Law.** moveables; accouterment, equipage, equipment, supplies, apparatus.

3. prostitute, whore, strumpet, harlot, lady of pleasure, lady of the evening, street walker, Sl. hustler, **Archaic.** wench; courtesan, call girl.

4. hussy, trollop, slattern, slut, tramp; jade, vixen, **Informal.** girl, trollop, call girl, hag, hag, crone, shrew. See 10. **Slang.**

5. lumpish, lumpy, bulky, gross; shapeless, formless, amorphous.

6. loose, slack, soft, limp, flabby, flaccid.

### ball

**n.**
1. **Law.** surety, bond, bail bond, warranty, security, collateral, guarantee, deposit; pledge, plighted, sponsored.

2. bailor, bondsman, sponsor, backer, backup, custodian.

3. go or stand bail for bail out, bond, get [s.o.] out on bail, put up bail, post a bond, Sl. spring.

4. jump bail Inf. skip bail, Inf. skip out, Inf. run out, dodge bail, forfeit bail; Sl. blow town, Sl. fly the coop, Brit. Sl. do a moonlight flit; welsh, Brit. Sl. levant.

5. on bail or out free on bail, Sl. sprung, Sl. on the street.

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6. free or release on bail, grant bail, release in custody or charge, bond over, constrain.

7. bail out, post or go or stand bail, bond, post bond, guarantee, warranty, post collateral, make a deposit, give or pledge security or surety; sponsor, back, underwrite, assure, insures, Sl. spring, Sl. put on the street.
bailiff, n. sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable; court officer, marshall, catchpole, tipstaff, Brit. magistrate.

bailiwick, n. 1. jurisdiction, beat, circuit; diocese, parish; constituency, department, ward; estate, lands, region, pale; dominion, domain, sway, realm, empery. 2. ground, one's own ground, field, territory, field or realm of expertise, province, sphere, orbit; Inf. neck of the woods.

bait, n. 1. lure, plug, troll, decoy, tackle, trap, snare, gin. 2. Inf. kid. 3. tease, torment, irritate.

bake, v. 1. s. o. get hot, be beleaguered, be hounded, be dogged, be nagged, be picked on, be picked at; be or get out on; be run out on, be washed; be bailed out. 2. Inf. boost, lend a helping hand. 3. bail out Slang. relieve, help out, aid, assist, indemnify, Inf. get [s.o.] out of hot water, Inf. help [s.o.] out of a spot or tight spot, Inf. give a hand or boost, lend a helping hand. 4. Inf. get out while the getting is good, Inf. leave [s.o.] holding the bag.

bailout, v. 1. inf. lend a hand, help. 2. Inf. boost, lend a helping hand. 3. bail out Slang. relieve, help out, aid, assist, indemnify, Inf. get [s.o.] out of hot water, Inf. help [s.o.] out of a spot or tight spot, Inf. give a hand or boost, lend a helping hand. 4. Inf. get out while the getting is good, Inf. leave [s.o.] holding the bag.
balk, v. 1. refuse, be reluctant or unwilling, hesitate, pause, demur, object; stop, halt, freeze.
2. shy from, fight shy of, shun, avoid, eschew, steer clear of; evade, elude, dodge, shrink from, recoil, draw back, flinch, flinch.
3. hinder, prevent, Law. estop, stop; thwart, foil, frustrate, disappoint, baffle; check, retard, slow down, obstruct, impede; restrict, restrain, bar, block, throw a bodyblock.
—n. 4. hindrance, impediment, obstacle, obstruction, Archaic. remora, opillation, interference, interposition, stop; bar, barrier, stopper, block, barricade; curb, check, encumbrance, handicap; retardation, retardment, delay, postponement; restriction, stricture, limitation, inhibition.
5. disappointment, nonfulfillment, nonsuccess, failure, defeat; thwarting, foiling, setback.
balky, adj. 1. stubborn, refractory, stiff-necked, restive, wayward, froward, willful, perverse, contrary; obstinate, mulish, pigheaded, bullheaded; recalcitrant, unyielding, inflexible; dogged, pertinacious, determined.
2. hesitant, disinclined, reluctant, unwilling, loath; constrained, restrained, reserved, timid, shy, backward, bashful.
3. unsure, doubtful, uncertain, indecisive, undecided, indefinite; wavering, hesitating, hovering, fluctuating, faltering; alternating, vacillating, oscillating, shilly-shallying; tardy, procrastinating, procrastinative; Inf. hot and cold; Inf. on again, off again.
ball, n. 1. sphere, globe, orb, globose, conglobation, drop, glomeration, conglomeration; marble, clew, knot, Sports SI. pill; ball game, baseball, football.
2. bullet, pellet, slug, Archaic. grapeshot, grape, shot, projectile, ammunition.
3. on the ball Slang. a. alert, awake, vital, stirring, astrist. b. efficient, quick, adroit, able, competent, fit, qualified.
ballet, n. dance, prom, Inf. hop; evening party, soirée, coming out party, debut; carnival, masquerade.
ballet, n. song, folk song, broadside, ditty, carole, noel, barcarole, boat song, chantey, fado; poem, lay, Archaic. fit, narrative poem, doggerel poem, fable, fabliau; hymn, anthem, chant, canticle; serenade, love song; blues, blue song.
ballast, n. 1. stabilizer, Aerion. sandbag, weight, packing, filling.
2. balance, equilibrium, equilibration, steadiness, steadfastness, stability; counterbalance, counteraction, counterpoise, equipoiperance, countercheck, compensation.
—v. 3. balance, poise, equilibrate, equalize, Aerion. trim, level off; stabilize, steady, weight, weight down; counterbalance, counterpoise, offset, compensate.
balloon, n. 1. aerostat, zeppelin, airship, dirigible, blimp, mongolifier, lighter-than-air craft.
—v. 2. inflate, swell, swell out, blow out, blow up, pump up, tumefy; dilate, distend, overdistend. Obs. sufflate; expand, overexpand, stretch, stretch out, outstretch; spread, spread out, outspread; grow, wax, fill out, fatten.
3. increase, enlarge, make larger, make bigger; multiply, augment, supplement, add to; magnify, amplify, deepen, heighten.
—adj. 4. billowed, billowing, puffed out, balloon; expanded, overexpanded, stretched, stretched out.
ballet, n. 1. slate, ticket; voting ticket, Brit. voting paper, voting ball; show of hands, yeas and nays.
2. vote, voice, say, Chiefly Brit. plumper; suffrage, franchise; referendum, voting, election, poll, plebiscite; placet, Inf. the go ahead; vox populii.
—v. 3. vote, cast a vote, elect, poll; choose, decide, pick, opt; vote lots, pick lots, draw lots, vote lots.
balm, n. 1. ointment, salve, lotion, cream, oil, bal-sam, unguent; liniment, embrocation, demulcent, lenitive, Med. emollient, Pharm. cerate.
2. perfume, fragrance, scent, aroma, bouquet, incense, sweet smell, aromatic fragrance.
3. remedy, cure, cure-all, panacea; (all in response to grief, sorrow, etc.) comfort, condolence, consolation, commiseration, sympathy, soothing words.
balminess, n. 1. fragrancy, aromaticness, redolence, odoriferousness, odorousness.
2. calmness, fairness, mildness, temperateness, pleasantness; gentleness, peacefulness, tranquility; clearness, brightness, sunniness, rosininess.
balmy, adj. 1. mild, calm, fair, temperate, pleasant; gentle, peaceful, tranquil, halcyon; clear, bright, sunny, rosy.
2. soothing, soft, lenitive, palliative, alleviative, mitigative, assuasive, sedative; healing, balsamic, demulcent, emollient, vulnerary.
3. fragrant, aromatic, redolent, odoriferous, odorous; ambrosial, sweet-smelling, sweet-scented, scented, perfumed.
4. Also barmy Slang. eccentric, queer, odd, peculiar. See eccentric (def. 2).
baluster, n. 1. post, spoke, spindle, rod, bar, pole; column, pillar, stanchion, pile, pier, upright, vertical: leg, support, prop.
2. balusters railing, rail, banister, Archit. balustrade, Building Trades. runner; handrail, guardrail, barrier.
3. censure, condemnation, disapproval, reprehension, reprobation, reproof; denunciation, opprobrium, Sl. put-down.

4. announcement, proclamation, pronouncement, notice; decree, ordinance, edict, decretal, Roman Catholic Church, bull; formal order, Law. writ, Law. brev.;

5. curse, malversation, excommunication, anathema, fulmination, imprecation, Archaic. malison.

banal, adj. hackneyed, trite, overdone, campy, Inf. bromide, platitudinous, Inf. corny; conventional, humdrum, ordinary, commonplace, common, stock, old hat, stereotyped; unimaginative, unoriginal, stale, insipid, uninspired, flat, vivid, lifeless, unaesthetic; prosaic, prosy, dull, tedious, matter-of-fact; simple, fatuous, inane, jejune, feeble, wishy-washy.

banality, n. commonplace, triteness, triviality; platitude, banal, hackneyed, trite, overdone, campy. Inf.

ban, n. (for the head) galea, spica; bandage, band.

band, n. 1. company, group, body, assemblage, assembly, aggregation; gathering, multitude, crowd, swarm, horde, host, throng, rabble, mob, crush.

2. set, coterie, clique, circle, gang, bunch, pack; society, association, club, order, sodality, fellowship; outfit, corps, troop, squad, team, crew; cabal, junto, secret society; league, confederation, alliance, tribe.

3. musical group, group, combo, ensemble, orchestra, Brit. band.

—v. 4. unite, confederate, ally, league together, join together, join forces or hands, team up, Inf. hitch horses; combine, merge, fuse, coalesce, consolidate, amalgamate, incorporate; gather, collect, assemble, mass, mobilize, muster.

5. affiliate, associate, fraternize, club or herd together; interact, coact, interface, cooperate, collaborate, work together or in unison or side by side, pull together, stand shoulder to shoulder.

band, n. 1. bond, binding, tie, connection, link, nexus; strap, strap, withie, fascia, copula, vinculum; ring, hoop, ferrule.

2. belt, baldric, cord, cordon, braid, thong, (for a horse) surcingale; girdle, sash, waistband, cummerbund, cestus, Archaic. zone, Archaic. Poetic. cincture; headband, ribbon, frontlet, fillet; collar, collarband, neckband; hatband, sweatband; wrister, Etc.; Eccles. neckband; hatband, sweatband; wristband, Etc.

3. stripe, stripping, streak, streaking, striation; stroke, line, dash, bar; strip, tape, tag, label.

bandage, n. 1. ligature, (for the head) galea, spica; dressing, Surgery. fascia; pledge, Trademark. Band-Aid, gauze pad, pad; Med. truss; Med. compress; Surgery. tourniquet.

2. headband, fillet, ribbon, band.

—v. 3. swathe, dress; wrap, swaddle, bind, fillet; ligature, ligate, tie up; truss, gird, cincture.

bandit, n. 1. brigand, highwayman, footpad, road agent, Sl. yeag or yeagman, Sp. bandolero, Southwest U.S. ladron, Australian. bushranger, desperado, picaro; outlaw, gangster, public enemy, criminal, mafioso, mobster, racketeer; thug, ruffian, rogue, tough, Inf. toughie, mugger, Inf. plugugly, rowdy, hoodlum.

2. pirate, rover, viking, corsair, buccaneer, privateer; freebooter, rapproper, (in the Scottish Highlands) cateran; rustler, hijacker, skyjacker, air or sky pirate; smuggler, contrabandist, runner, bootlegger; swindler, confidence man, con man, con artist; fleecer, trickster, bilker, sharper, Inf. hawk, blackleg.

3. pillager, plunderer, marauder, despooiler, depredator; ransacker, sacker, looter, vandal, rifler, forager, raider.

4. robber, briglar, thief, stealer, purloiner, Inf. crook; Inf. hold-up man, Sl. stick-up man, armed robber; safecracker, Jimmy Valentine; housebreaker, Sl. cracksman, Brit. picklock, Raffles, sneak thief, cat burglar, Inf. second-story man.

5. petty thief, Sl. ripoff, pilferer, filcher, shoplifter, Sl. gane; pickpocket, cutpurse, purse-snatcher, Sl. dip.

bandy, v. 1. throw, toss, toss about, pass, rally, shuffle; exchange, trade, swap, barter, chaffer, dicker; interchange, transpose, change hands, reciprocate.

—adj. 2. bowed, curved, crooked, bent, twisted, askew, awry, misshapen; bowlegged, bowkneed.

bane, n. 1. ruin, ruination, destruction, death, disaster, tragedy, evil; calamity, mishap, injury, harm; detriment, wrong, trouble, nuisance, pest, spoiler; plague, scourge, curse, nightmare, Fr. bête noire.

2. bale, misery, woe, sorrow, grief, dolor, anguish, despair; pain, distress, affliction, torment.

3. poison, toxic, toxin, venom; contamination, pollution, taint, infection, virus.

baneful, adj. 1. destructive, ruinous, pernicious, disastrous, calamitous; injurious, harmful, hurtful, damaging, delinquent, deleterious; tragic, evil, bad, sinister, threatening.

2. poisonous, toxic, venomous, noxious; lethal, deadly, mortal.

3. baleful, woeful, sorrowful, grievous, dolorous; anguish, pain, distressed, afflicted, tormented.

bang, n. 1. explosion, boom, crash, report, shot, burst, discharge, salvo; clap, thunderclap, peal; whang, clangor, clang, clang, crash; thump, plump, thud, Inf. whomp.

2. stroke, hit, smash, rap, knock, buffet, blow, cuff, box, Inf. wallop; slap, whack, whackf, Inf. whomp, Inf. bat, Inf. lick, Sl. smackeroo, Sl. sock.

3. energy, vitality, spirit, life, verve, pep; vigor, lustiness, virility, vim, Inf. zip.


—a. 5. strike, beat, pound, hammer, stroke, hit, whack, smite, thrum; bump, thump, thump, thud.

6. bat, slam, batter, lay on, pommel, pommel, Sl. paste, Archaic. belabor; punch, Sl. sock, Sl. punch out, Sl. slug; knock, cuff, buffet, drub, box, Inf. whop, Inf. clout, Inf. wallop, Sl. poke, Sl. take a poke at, Sl. conk, Sl. bash, Sl. beat, U. S. S. biff, Sl. bop, Sl. zap; cudgel, bludgeon, baste, club.

7. explode, burst, boom, report, shoot, shoot off or out, blow up, pop; implode, collapse, cave in; crash, smash, break, knock, thumb; sound, clang, clanger, peel, clap, jangle, ring, resound, echo, reecho.

8. bang up damage, wreck, smash up, dent, Sl. total, bend, mar, flaw; maul, manhandle, rough up, Inf. give it to, Sl. knock around or about, Sl. give [s.o.] what for, Sl. work over, Sl. let [s.o.] have it, Sl. lay into, beat or beat up, slam around, beat [s.o.] black and blue.

—adv. 9. suddenly, loudly, abruptly, violently; all of a sudden, quicker than a flash, without any warning; thump, crash, Sl. pow, Inf. slam-bang.

10. directly, precisely, Inf. smash, Inf. smash-dab, on the nose, on the spot, on the button, right on the button, on center, on target.

bang, n. 1. fringe, forelock, cowlick, bangs.

bangle, n. bracelet, wristlet, circlet, anklet, armlet; bracelet, Inf. ornament, trinket, gewgaw.

banish, v. 1. exile, expatriate, proscribe, relegate, outlaw, deport, transport; unbrock, excommunicate, disfellow, disenfranchise; oust, eject, cast out, throw out, expel; discharge, drum out, cashier, Sl. bounch,
bank

1. n. 3 commercial bank, commercial house, n. 2, banishment
2. v. 2. align, line up, arrange in tiers or rows, put in order, array, rank, string, concatenate.
3. v. 5/. dump.

banishment, n. 1. exile, relegation, proscription, expatriation, deportation, transportation; expulsion, ejection, oubster, ousting; excommunication, disfellowship.
2. ostracism, exclusion, removal, separation, segregation; repudiation, rejection, abandonment.

banister, n. 1. baluster, post, spoke, spindle, rod, bar, pole; column, pillar, stanchion, pile, pier, upright, vertical.
2. Sometimes banisters railing, rail, balusters, Archit. balustrade, Building Trades. runner; handrail, guardrail, barrier.

bank 1, n. 1. heap, pile, stack, mass, accumulation, bulk, drift, cumulus; deposit, swell, mound, tumultus; ridge, knoll, dune; bundle, cock, shock, rick, mow.
2. embankment, dike, mole; terrace, parapet.
3. acclivity, ascent, upward slope, grade, gradient, rise, incline, inclination, slant, pitch, cant, upgrade; elevation, hillock, hill, hillside.
4. shore, rim, edge, coast, margin, marge, strand, beach; foreshore, littoral, Law. alluvion.
5. dump.
6. slope, grade, incline, pitch; elevate, raise, heighten, deepen.
7. border, surround, embank, dike.
8. damp, dampen, bank damp off, turn down, reduce to embers or coals; stifle, suffocate, extinguish.

bank 2, n. 1. commercial bank, commercial house, Brit. clearing bank, savings bank, savings and loan, savings and loan association, Federal Reserve Bank; house of finance, savings or thrift institution, Inf. thriftie.
2. bank building, banking house, main bank, main branch, branch bank, branch, drive-in bank.
3. Games. draw pile, reserve; kitty, pot; dealer, croupier, house man; house, gambling house, casino.
4. storehouse, warehouse, depository, depot, repository; granary, silo, elevator, barn, garner; storeroom, loft, attic, cellar, stockroom; closet, cabinet, locker, crib, bunker, store, reservoir; cache, hold, armory, arsenal, magazine; treasury, coffer, strongbox, safe, piggy bank.
5. store, reserve, accumulation; hoard, stock, stockpile, supply, fund; treasure, holdings, savings, Inf. loot.
6. save, save up, deposit; lay by, lay up, Inf. stash away; reserve, put aside, set aside, put by for a rainy day, Inf. salt away, feather one's nest; hoard, squirrel away.
7. Games. hold the stakes, be the banker, keep or hold the bank or kitty; deal, play for the house, run a game.
8. bank on or upon Informal. count or depend on, rely on, lean on; trust, have confidence in, pin one's hopes on, stake one's life on, swear by; credit, build on put out.

bank 3, n. 1. line, tier, row, array, course, progression; file, rank, series, train, succession, string, chain, concatenation.
2. align, line up, arrange in tiers or rows, put in order, array, rank, string, concatenate.
barb, v. 1. sprinkle, besprinkle, asperse, anoint; (of a ship) launch, inaugurate, commence; naming, titling, entitling, title, nomenclature, designating, designation, denoting, denomination, Archaic. nominating.

baptize, v. 1. sprinkle, besprinkle, asperse, anoint; (of a ship) launch, inaugurate, commence; begin.

bar, n. 1. rod, pole, shaft, stake, stick, sprag, Archaic. spade, crosshead.

barb, n. 1. (all of gold or silver) ingot, wedge, block, lump, nugget.

barbarity, n. 1. cruelty, viciousness, ruthlessness; barbarian, savage, ruthless, vicious, fell, brutal, inhuman, barbarous, hellish, Tartar, Hunnish, Vandalic, Gothic; brutish, murderous, homicidal, slaughterous, bloodthirsty; sadistic, animalistic, cannibalistic, fiendish, ogreish; diabolical, demonic, demoniac, devilish; terrible, harsh, grim, severe; unrelenting, relentless, remorseless, implacable, inexorable, grinding.

barbarian, adj. 1. primitive, rude, wild; rough, rugged, coarse, gross, vulgar; gruff, boorish, boorish, coarse, vulgar, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncouth, inurbane, uncultivated, uncivilized, ill-bred, ill-bred, uncivilized, unrefined, uncOUTH
barbarous, adj. 1. primitive, rude, wild, uncivilized. See Barbarian (def. 1).
2. ferocious, fierce, savage, vicious; brutal, murderous, slaughterous; remorseless, unrelenting. See Bar-
baric (defs. 2, 3).
3. discordant, dissonant, cacophonous, harsh; unmelodious, unmelodious, inharmonious, toneless, ut-
tuneful; jangling, jarring, rough, clashing; grating, striident, scraping, hoarse, raucous; screeching, shrill, 
screaky, shrill.
4. foreign, alien, peregrine; exotic, strange, outlandish. See Barbarian (def. 2).
barbecue, n. 1. All U.S. outdoor party, roast, picnic, cookout; feast, banquet, junket.
2. grill, griller, spit, grid, griddle, gridiron.
—v. 3. broil, roast, grill, cook, toast, bake, tor-
refy.
barber, n. 1. haircutter, hairdresser, beautician, Fr. coiffeur.
2. trim, cut, shave, shear, tonsure; dress, coiffure, arrange, style, comb.
bard, n. poet, poetess, poetizer, versifier, rhymer, sonneteer; minnesinger, scop, skald, trouvér, troubad-
dour; rhymer, poetaster, balladmonger; minstrel, jingleur, singer, Archaic, gleeman, Obs. harper.
bare, adj. 1. naked, stark naked, nude, Inf. in the buff, Chiefly Brit. starkers; uncovered, undressed, un-
clothed, undraped, uncovered, unclothed, unadorned, un-
veiled; disrobed, stripped, bared, exposed, denuded, divested, peeled; bald; (of a young bird) callow, feather-
less; shaven, shorn, depilated, tonsured; (all usu. of cloth) napless, threadbare, worn, worn thin, worn out.
2. plain, simple, pure, severe, stark, austere, basic; lean, spare, laconic, Spartan; unadorned, unem-
bellished, unornamented, unvarnished, inelegant; uncol-
ored, colorless, uncolored, monotonous, uninteresting, dull, pros-
aic; empty, unfurnished, barren, blank, void, hollow; unfurnished, raw, unrefined, rough, unpainted.
3. unprotected, unshielded, unsheltered; verdureless, without vegetation; desolate, bleak, grim, gaunt.
4. mere, hardly enough, scarcely sufficient; inade-
quate, scanty, meager; deficient, deprived, jejune, wantling, lacking, devoid of, destitute of.
5. straightforward, undisguised, uncoineded, literal; frank, plainspoken, candid, blunt; open, overt, manifest, clear; revealed, disclosed, displayed, shown, exhibited; open, overt, manifest, clear; outright, downright, out-and-out, utter; sheer, glaring, flagrant, arrant, blatant, notorious, baldfaced.
—v. 6. reveal, divulge, unmask, unfold, expose, disclose, bring to light; exhibit, display, show, evince.
7. uncover, undrape, undress, unveil, un
sheathe; disrobe, denude, undulate, divest, displace, uncase; dismantle, strip, deprive of.
8. shave, shear, depilate, tonsure; abrade, rub off, skin, erode, fret, bark, peel.
barefaced. adj. 1. straightforward, undisguised, unconcealed, literal; frank, plainspoken, candid, blunt; open, overt, manifest, clear; revealed, disclosed, displayed, shown, exhibited; blatant, glaring, flagrant, arrant, notorious, baldfaced.
2. audacious, impudent, insolent, impertinent, assum-
ing, presumptuous; overconfident, brazen, im-
modest, bold-faced, brassy, rude; shameless, unab-
bashed, un blush ing, unreserved, forward, outspoken, Inf. fresh, bumptious, Inf. nervy, Inf. pushy; bold, pert, Archaic. malapert, saucy, Inf. cheeky, flippant, defiant; indecorous, inappropriate, unseemly, inde-
cent.
barefoot. adj. shoeless, unshod, unshod, bare-
footed; (usu. in regard to members of certain religious orders) Dasbecaled.
barehanded. adj. 1. ungloved, unganted, un-
mitted, unmitten; unprotected, vulnerable.
2. unarmed, weaponless, powerless, helpless; un-
prepared, unequipped, untooled, unaided, unassisted, by oneself, Sl. all by one's lonesome.
barely, adv. 1. only, just, only just, hardly; by the skin of one's teeth, with difficulty; scarcely, no more than.
2. openly, unconcealingly, revealingly, exposingly, nakedly.
bareness, n. 1. nakedness, nudity, un-
dress; disrobing, disvestment, divestiture; baldness, featherlessness.
2. plainness, simplicity, puresness, purity; severity, starkness, austerity; brevity, laconism; un-
adornment, unembellishment, unornamentation, in-
elegance; colorlessness, uncoloredness, monotonous, dullness, prosaisness; rawness, roughness, unpainted-
ness; desolation, desolation, bleakness, grimness, gauntness.
3. emptiness, barrenness, leanness, blankness, void-
ness, hollowness; insufficiency, meagerness, barrenness, inadequacy, scantiness, deficiency.
4. straightforwardness, openness, literality, clear-
ness, unequivocality.
bargain, n. 1. agreement, understanding, arrange-
ment, stipulation; covenant, bond, compact, contract, concordat, convention, deed, indenture; transaction, deal; negotiation, settlement, treaty, mise, cartel, en-
tente.
2. discount, reduction, Inf. a good deal, Inf. buy, Inf. giveaway, Inf. a steal.
3. in or into the bargain moreover, besides, over and above, additionally, in addition to, as well as.
—v. 4. barter, haggle, Scot. argyle-bargle, higg
gle, chaffer, dicker, bandy, Inf. beat down, Offensive. in council; exchange, trade, swap, traffic, truck, peddle, vend, sell. 
5. agree, settle, negotiate, come to terms, make terms; transact, deal, arrange, stipulate; covenant, contract, pledge, promise, plight.
6. bargain for anticipate, expect, count on, foresee, look for, reckon upon, think likely, surmise.
bargain-base ment, adj. 1. cheap, inferior, tatty, Sl. schlack, Sl. rinky-dink, Sl. crummy, Inf. chintzy, Sl. cheesy; second-rate, third-rate, Inf. dime-store; gaudy, gimcrack, tasteless, Inf. tacky.
2. reasonable, inexpensive, low-priced, moderately priced, priced to fit the pocketbook, priced to move, Inf. budget.
bargaining, n. barter, trade, exchange, traffic, deal-
ing, interchange, business, commerce; peddling, vend-
ing, selling, swapping, trucking; dicker, haggling, haggling, chaffer, Scot. argyle-bargle.
barge, n. 1. flatboat, light, houseboat, transport, raft; canal boat, freighter, tanker, Naut. hoy; state
bark, baron, noble, nobleman, gentleman; aristocracy, aristocratic. adj. baroque. 1. n. actor, player, stage player, per- former, stage performer, playactor, role player, strolling player, p./. ham; theatrician, thes- trissian. 2. —v. 2. bark out. vituperate, bellicose. 3. bark up the wrong tree. follow the wrong scent, be on the wrong trail; blunder, err, be in error, make a mistake. barki, n. 1. skin, crust, peeling, rind, husk, shuck, 2. n. 1. cover, enclose, envelop, encase, wrap, sheathe, —v. 2. peel, pare, skin, husk, shuck, hull, shell; strip, uncover, unwrap, unsheathe, uncloak; open, denude, denudate, bare; excavate, scrape, shave, scale; abrade, rub, fret. 3. cover, enclose, envelop, encase, wrap, sheathe, cloak. barmy, adj. 1. frothy, spumous, spumous, —v. 2. obstruct, block, blockade, bar; block up, close up, shut off, choke off; lock, padlock, bolt, secure, fasten, batten; shut in, fence in, defend, fortify. barrier, n. 1. barrier, obstacle, hindrance; rampart, bulwark, protection. See barrier (defs. 1-3).
barrister

1. trial lawyer; attorney, attorney-at-law
2. barrister, barrister-at-law; jurist, legislator, member of the bar; 
3. barrister, barrister-at-law; jurist, legislator, member of the bar; 

barter, trade, exchange, swap, swop, bandy

barroom, n. tavern, saloon, bar and grill; bar and grill; taproom, barroom, bar

barrow, n. handbarrow, wheelbarrow, dumpcart

bargender, n. barkeeper, barkeep, barman, barmaid

barter, v. trade, exchange, swap, swap, bandy, commute, give and take.

bar, n. 1. coffee-bar; 2. bar, barrier, barb, barbwire, barbed wire

basal, adj. low, mean, vile, sordid, bad, foul, basal, adj.

base, n. 1. stand, pedestal, rest, bed; support, prop, stay, brace; bottom, foot, Fr. fond, Archit. prop, stay, brace; bottom, foot, 

baseless, adj. 1. groundless, ungrounded, unfounded, unsubstantiated, unconcorporated; unsound, erroneous, illogical, unreasonable, unreal, unjustifiable.

baseness, n. 1. vileness, meanlessness, lowness, viciousness, badness; sordidness, ignobility, foulness, sinsterness, darkness, black-heartedness; balefulness, dreadfulness, direness, direfulness, grimmness; malice, malificience, inviudiousness; wickedness, iniquity, nefariousness, flagitiousness, heinousness; sinfulness, ungodliness, profanity, blasphemy; abomination, outrage, enormity, flagrancy, atrocity; damnableness, fiendishness, hellishness, devilishness; criminality, feloniousness, lawlessness; perfidy, treachery, recreancy, traitoriness, disloyalty, treason; villainy, knavery, roguary, miscreancy, rascality.

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3. offensiveness, objectionableness, obnoxiousness, loathsome, abhorrent, odious, hateful, detestable, Archaic. caiffit; scurry, insufferable, opprobrious, obnoxious.

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2. dreadful, terrible, dire, grim, dark, black, baleful; accrued, cursed, damned, damned; demoniac, diabolic, devilish, satanic, fiendish, hellish; execrable, abominable, horrible, horrid, gruesome, monstrous, atrocious.

3. offensive, unpleasant, objectionable, disagreeable; repulsive, repellent, revolting, repugnant.

4. cowardly, niddling, pusillanimous, bastardly, cowardly, recreant; chicken-hearted, milk-livered, lily-livered, yellow; faint-hearted, nervous, diffident, tremulous; timorous, timid, apprehensive, fearful, Inf. funky.

5. menial, lowly, servile, slavish, subservient; groveling, cowering, cringing; obsequious, sycophantic, parasitical.

6. paltry, trivial, trifling, petty, slight, little, feeble; insignificant, inconsiderable, inappreciable, nugatory, worthless, trumpery; meager, scanty, mealy, piddling, niggle, scrimpy, skimpy; niggardly, miserly, cheap, catchpenny.

7. counterfeit, fake, fraudulent, pseudo, pinchbeck, bogus, forged, bad, Inf. phony, flash, sham; spurious, suppositional, unauthentic, unguenuine, false, limitation; adulterated, alloyed, artificial, debased.

8. illegitimate, bastard, bastardly, baseborn; misbegotten, adulterine, natural, unfathered, spurious.

9. obscene, coarse, rude, vulgar, crude, gross, rough; profane, maledictory, blasphemous; smutty, foulmouthed, scatalogical, filthy, dirty, pornographic, Fescinnine; bawdy, ribald, off-color, suggestive, unseemly, indecent, indecorous, improper, indecent.

10. poor, wretched, sorry, abject, squalid, destitute; miserable, dismal, abysmal, dreary, Literary. drear; beggarly, shabby, scruffy, seedy, sloazy, abased.

baseborn, adj. 1. lowborn, lowbred, vulgar, common; low, lowly, humble, homely, homely, homespun; mean; low, lowly, simple, humble, homely, homespun; beggarly, shabby, scrubby, seedy, sleazy, abased.

base, n. 1. stand, pedestal, rest, bed; support, prop, stay, brace; bottom, foot, Fr. fond, Archit. socle, Archit. plinth, Bot. caudex; foundation, principle, basis, footing, groundwork, substructure, substratum, understructure.

basal, adj. 1. basic, fundamental, radical, basilar, elementary; primary, Inf. gut, nitty-gritty, meat-and-potatoes, underlying, substantive, substratal; intrinsic, innate, inherent; essential, indispensable, necessary, vital, sustentative, supporting.

base, adj. 1. low, mean, vile, sordid, bad, foul, wrong; depraved, debased, wicked, evil, iniquitous, sinful; debauched, degenerate, immoral, dissolute, demoralized, dissipated, abandoned, profligate, reprehensible, incorrigible; corrupt, black-hearted, ignoble, sinister, miscreant, evil-minded; nefarious, flagitious, villainous, heinous, scandalous, flagrant, Rare. nefast, Archaic. felonious; disloyal, unfaithful, traitorous, treacherous, perfidious, unprincipled; disgraceful, shameful, contemptuous, discreditable, disreputable, dishonorable; reprehensible, blameworthy, culpable; scoundrelly, knavish, thievish, roguish; vicious, invidious, malicious, maleficient; contemptible, mean-spirited, Inf. low-down, currish; despicable,
bashful, adj. shy, timid, timorous, backward, hesitant, Scot. loathful, retiring, shrinking, unobtrusive, unostentatious; embarrassed, shamefaced, sheepish, blushing; diffident, abashed, modest, reserved, restrained, self-conscious, unconfident, Archaic: vecund, Scot. and North Eng. blare; coy, demure, meek, modest, unassuming.

bashfulness, n. shyness, diffidence, timidity, hesitation, timorousness; modesty, reserve, demureness, coyness, unobtrusiveness; embarrassment, sheepishness, constraint, self-consciousness.

basic, adj. 1. fundamental, radical, basilar, basal; meat-and-potatoes, elementary, primary, Inf. gut; underlying, substantive, substratal; intrinsic, innate, inherent; essential, nitty-gritty, indispensable, necessary, vital, sustentative, supporting.

—n. 2. basics fundamentals, ABC's, essentials, Inf. brass tacks, nuts and bolts, practicalities, hard facts, bedrock.

basically, adv. fundamentally, radically, basally; essentially, in substance, at heart, at bottom, Fr. au fond; intrinsically, inherently; primarily, firstly, for the most part, mostly, in the main.

basin, n. 1. sink, tub, pan; bowl, dish, saucer, porringer, boat; receptacle, container, vessel.

2. pool, pond, puddle, reservoir; hollow, hole, cavity, dip, depression, indentation, crater.

3. bed, channel, bottom, foundation; bay, cove, inlet, harbor.

basis, n. 1. base, foundation, bottom, ground, stand, support, footing; cause, grounds, occasion, warrant, right, reason, call.

2. groundwork, principle, fundamental, rudiment, radical, fundamental principle.

3. essence, core, heart, soul, heart and soul, substance, meat, pith; root, essential, principal constituent, fundamental ingredient.

bask, v. 1. lie in, be exposed to; sunbathe, take a sun bath, sun oneself, tan oneself, brown oneself; warm oneself, toast oneself, Scot. and North Eng. beek.

2. luxuriate, indulge in, enjoy, revel, wallow, Inf. roll in; delight in, take pleasure in, rejoice in, be happy or glad of.
meander; prowl, Sl. mooch or hang around, Sl. fool around. b. ponder, debate, discuss, talk over, confer, Inf. kick around.

8. bat the breeze Slang. a. chat, chitchat, Sl. shoot the breeze, Sl. chin, palaver. b. exaggerate, brag, stretch the truth, talk nonsense; gossip, title-tattle, buzz.

bat^2, v. 1. Informal. blink, flutter, flicker, twinkle, wink, nictitate, nictate.

2. not bat an eye Informal. show no emotion or surprise, remain unperturbed, maintain self-control, Sl. keep one's cool; be nonchalant, Sl. stay loose.

batch, n. 1. grouping, bunch, group, cluster, mass, mess, aggregate; crowd, collection, set, array, assortment, conglomeration, agglomeration; combine, combination, mixture, conjunction.

2. quantity, measure, allotment, lot, amount, share, distribution; lather, soap; shower, douse, rinse, flushing, lathering, soaping; scrub, scrubbing, scrub-up, swabbing, mopping.

2. bath water, wash water; suds, foam; ablution, abjection, detergent, shampoo.

3. bathtub, tub, shower, sitz bath; sink, washstand, washbowl, washbasin, basin, lavatory, lavabo, Archaic. laver; washtub, washbucket.

4. bathroom, washroom, wash-up, toilet, Dial. water closet, Chiefly Brit. w.c.

5. bathhouse, bagnio, steam bath, sauna, sudatorium.

baths spas, mineral springs, hot springs, warm springs, thermas, resorts.

7. solution, soak, preparation.

8. sweat, perspiration.

—v. 9. wash, wash up, clean, clean up, scrub up, bathe, Sl. Inf. tub, lave, cleanse, Chiefly Scot. dight; lather, soap; shower, douche, rinse, flush, douche; foment, sponge, swab, wipe, mop, rub; immerse, submerge, dunk, dip; soak, steep, wet, irrigate, drench, imbue, saturate; mundify, deterge. (of clothes) launder, shampoo, British. Dial. buck.

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1. series, suite, set, sequence, cycle; battery, Sl. Inf., batsman, cricketer, ballplayer, player; batter, Archaic. belabor; mau, manhandle, rough up, Sl. knock around or about, Sl. give one the works; smite, hit, strike, slap, smack, cuff, buffett, punch, Inf. slug, Inf. whack, Inf. wallop, Sl. sock, Sl. belt; abuse, use, mistreat, mal-treat, ill-treat, mishandle, Sl. kick around.

2. bruise, wound, damage, mar, impair, injure, hurt, pain; smash, shatter, splinter, shiver, crash, crumble, fragment, disintegrate, break to pieces, pulverize.

batter^1, n. mixture, paste, Inf. goo, Inf. goop, semi-liquid; base, starter.

batter^2, n. batsman, cricketer, ballplayer, player; hitter, slugger, striker, man at the plate.

battery, n. 1. series, suite, set, sequence, cycle; string, chain, ring; progression, succession, order.

2. battering, beating, pounding, pummeling, pom-meling, going over, Sl. pasting; hitting, striking, bastinado, Scot. dunt, Scot. and North Eng. paik; whipping, thrashing, spanking, flogging.

3. assault, attack, offensive, onslaught, onset, rush, charge, blitz, Fr. coup de main, storming, Obs. brunt; raid, foray, sortie; salary; invasion, aggression, incursion, escalation; siege, besiegement, besetment, investment; bombardment, strafing, air raid, pepper, salvo, fusillade, Both Mil. barrage, enfilade, Navy. broadside.

battle, n. 1. clash, struggle, strife, contention, tussle, scuffle; contest, war, bout, Armageddon; skirmish, action, brush; combat, warfare, fighting, hostilities; collision, conflict, meeting, engagement, encounter,
battle cry

bazaar

dirt, filth, vulgarity, Psychiatry. Coprolalia, coprology, scatology; coarseness, crudeness, grossness, nastiness, indelicacy, impropriety; indecency, lewdness, ribaldry, bawdry.

1. lustfulness, concupiscence, carnality, voluptuousness, bestiality; salaciousness, libidinosity, lasciviousness, prurience, lecherousness, Archaic. Lickerishness; licentiousness, wantonness, unchastity, impurity.

bawdyhouse, n. brothel, bordello, Archaic. bordage, bagno, Obs. strew, lupanar, Obs. kip, nunnery; house of prostitution, house of ill-fame, house of ill-repute, whorehouse, Inf. sporting house, Inf. call house; All Sl. call joint, cathouse, parlor house, barrelhouse, honky-tonk, pick-up joint.

bawl, v. 1. shout, cry out, vociferate, exclaim, yell, whoop, Inf. holler, roar, bellow, blaze, trumpet, Bray, thunder; caterwaul, squall, screech, squeal; howl, ululate, hoot, yap, bark; hallo, hallo, call out.

2. hawk, huckster, peddle, vend.

3. cry, wail, weep, lament, keen, Scot. greet, burst into tears, break down and cry; sob, blubber, whimper, snivel, whine, mewl.


5. outcry, clamour, hubbub, hullabaloo; roar, bellow, scream, yell, shout, exclamation, ejaculation, Inf. holler; caterwaul, screech, cry, wail, squall, squeal; howl, hoot, whoop, yap, bark.

bay, n. 1. harbor, cove, gulf, bight, basin, forings; inlet, arm, sound, loch, fiord, Chiefly Scot. forth; estuary, mouth, Dial. creek.

2. hollow, valley, vale, dell, glen, dingle; recess, indention, nook, enclosure.

3. compartment, cubicle, carrel, cell, stall, booth, closet, enclosure; alcove, niche, nook, cubbyhole, cubby, oriel, dormer, bay window, bow window, window seat, Archit. embrasure; recess, indention, cavity, hollow, hole, space.

4. howl, bark, help, bleat, baa, caterwaul, mew, ululation; wail, cry, whoop, bawl, blubbering; vociferation, outcry, yell, shout, roar, clamor, squall, bell. Obs. bell, Inf. hollering; snarl, growl, squawk, screech, scream, shriek, squeal.

5. pursue, chase, follow; corner, trap, catch, tree; hold, keep, guard, maintain.

baya, n. 1. redskin, brown, russet, copper, bronze, auburn, hazel; terracotta, brick, ginger, henna, burnt orange.

2. roan, sorrel, chestnut; animal, horse, fox.

3. (all horses or other animals) roan, sorrel, chestnut, foxy; redskin-brown, auburn, hazel, rusty, rust-colored, russet, copper-colored, bronze; terracotta, clay-colored, brick-colored, burnt orange.

bayonet, n. 1. blade, knife, dagger, dirk; poniard, poignard, skean, misericord.

2. stab, stab, jab, spear, knife, pierce, transpire; lance, lanceate, spike, run through; stick, pink, plunge; impale, spike, gore, transfix; slash, gouge, tear.

bazaar, n. 1. market place, market, mart, arcade; exchange, emporium, exposition; rialto, (in ancient Rome) forum, (in ancient Greece) agora.

2. fair, benefit, charity fair.

bawdy, adj. 1. obscene, pornographic, vulgar, filthy, dirty, smutsy, Sl. raunchy, scatological; gross, crude, coarse; indecent, ribald, risqué, off-color, lewd; shameless, immodest, indecorous, unseemly, improper, indelicate, rude.

2. lustful, concupiscent, ruttish, carnal, voluptuous, bestial; salacious, libidinous, lascivious, prurient, lecherous, Archaic. Lickerish; licentious, dissolute, unchaste, wanton, immoral, impure.

—n. 3. obscenity, pornography, smut, Sl. raunch,

battle cry

n. battle, cry, war whoop, war cry, Geronimo, 1.

battleship, n. warship, war vessel, man-of-war, 2.

battlement, n. Military. battlefield, 2.

Scot, and North Eng., 1.

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—n. 3. obscenity, pornography, smut, Sl. raunch,
be,  v.  1. exist, be alive, have being; breathe, respire; prevail, obtain, inhere; seem, appear, look.
2. occur, happen, take place, come to pass, come about; crop up, spring up, arise, develop; hap, pass, come.
3. occupy, dwell, reside, inhabit; be located, be situated.
4. remain, stay, last, continue, stand, endure; abide, survive, persist.
5. attend, follow, escort, accompany; befall, betide, bechance.

beach, n. 1. shore, seaside, water's edge, strand, sands, sand, Chiefly Brit. shingle; seashore, coast, sea-coast, seashore; foreshore, littoral, ground, land; rim, edge, margin, brink.
2. wave, comber, whitecap, white horse, breaker; surf; swell, billow, ripple.
3. occupy, dwell, reside, inhabit; be located, be situated.

beached, adj. 1. aground, grounded, ashore, Obs. gravelied, stuck fast; shipwrecked, wrecked, cast away, abandoned.
2. stranded, high and dry, deserted, forsaken, left in the lurch; straitened, in straits, in a fix, at a loss; disdained, rejected, left behind; shunned, scorned, out cast, forlorn.

beacon, n. 1. balefire, signal fire, smoke signal; watch fire, bonfire; torch, rocket, flare, firebrand; brand; pilot light, searchlight, flash light; watch tower, lighthouse, pharos; warning, alarm, alert.
2. guide, guidepost, guideline, mile post, road sign, street sign, sign, signboard; mark, landmark, seamark, buoy; pointer, arrow, indicator.
3. warn, alert; sign, signal, guide, direct, steer, pilot.

bead, n. 1. globule, spherule, spheroid, oval; pel let, ball, shot, pea, pill, blob, bubble; dewdrop, pearl, tear; drop, droplet, glob, gutta; dab, lump, mass; particle, speck, dot, iota.
2. beads a. necklace, necklace, choker, pendant, lavaliere, chain. b. braid, cord; wampum, peag; trimmings, passementerie. c. rosary, chaplet, devotions, prayers, Ave Marias, Aves, Hail Marys.
3. (all with beads) decorate, embellish, ornament, adorn, trim, bedeck; string, thread.

beak, n. 1. bill, nib, neb, pecker.
2. Sl. nose, snout, Sl. nozzle, Sl. schnozzola. See nose.

bale, 102 beam, bead, beak, beam, beach, beachcomber, beam, bead, beak.

beak, n. 1. a. ram, rostrum. b. prow, bow, stem, bowsprit.
beaked, adj. hooked, crooked, aquiline, pointed, sharp; hook-nosed, beak-nosed, Roman-nosed, crook-billed; beak-like, beak-shaped, bill-shaped.

beaker, n. glass, goblet, mug, Stein; tankard, flagon, hogshad, horn, pot; cup, chalice.

beam, n. 1. board, plank, timber, scantling, two-by-four; stick, strip, lath, furring, stud; rod, pole, Naut. spar, Naut. boom; girder, support, prop, brace, pile; rafter, crossbeam, tie beam, balk, joist, lintel; frame, trestle, transverse support.
2. ray, shaft, gleam, patch, spot, pencil; flash, streak, glare, lightning, coruscation, fulguration; glow, shine, shimmer, sparkle, flicker, twinkle; glitter, glint, glimmer, glitter, scintilla.
3. suggestion, impression, hint, indication, inkling, bit; glimmering, trace, vestige, faint glimpse, brief manifestation, evidence.

bear, v. 1. (all of animals) give birth, bring forth, lay, drop; litter, hatch, spawn, cast; foal, lamb, calf, whelp, pup, kitten.
2. produce, yield, give forth, blossom, flower, bear fruit; fructify, breed, conceive, beget, engender, generate, produce, propagate.
3. support, hold up, uphold, shoulder, lift; bolster up, shore up, upbear, prop, underprop, underpin, underset, brace; cradle, pillow.
4. press, push, bear down, thrust; drive, compel, coerce, force, enforce, constrain; influence, affect.
5. behave, conduct, comport, act, deport, demean; carry oneself, manage oneself, govern oneself, regulate oneself; proceed, operate, function.
6. suffer, endure, undergo, experience, go through, pass through; encounter, live out, meet with, meet, taste, fare; support, weather, Obs. aby, forbear, Chiefly Scot. thole, Scot. and North Eng. dree; bear up, keep on, carry on, take it, brave it out, Inf. tough it out, Inf. stick it out, Inf. sweat it out, Inf. go through the mill, Inf. take it on the chin; Inf. hang in, Inf. keep the faith, keep one's chin up, Sl. stand the gaff.
7. hold out against, withstand, sustain without yielding, tolerate, take patiently, brook, submit to, abide, stand, put up with; permit, allow; swallow, digest, stomach, pocket.
8. warrant, signify, permit, admit, allow, be capable of, be worthy of.
9. carry, bring, tote, move; remove, conduct, haul, fetch, transport, displacce, portage; (in reference to gossip or tales) transmit, spread.
10. (as testimony) render, afford, give; yield, furnish, supply; impart, bestow, confer.
11. lead, guide, take, escort, usher, conduct, pilot, direct, orientate; attend, accompany.
12. have, possess, be entitled to, contain, hold, be furnished with, be marked with; (as authority) use, exercise, uti lize.
13. exhibit, show, display; put on, don, assume, accept, be marked with.
14. bear on or upon appertain, belong, pertain, touch upon; affect, concern, regard, refer, relate, be pertinent.
15. move, go, bend, turn, deviate, curve, fork, diverge; be directed at, be aimed at, be pointed at.
16. bear down on or upon a. press down, weigh down, burden, strain, encumber; coerce, compel, get after. b. strive toward, focus on, zero in on; approach, advance upon, move upon, draw near. c. rush upon, converge upon; attack, assail, march against. d. All Naut. approach, set in towards, veer towards, sail towards.
17. bear out substantiate, confirm, uphold, ratify, endorse, warrant; sustain, maintain, sanction, defend; authenticate, authorize, establish, verify, justify, vindicate, make good; support, circumstantiate, corroborate.

bear, n. 1. churl, boor, curmudgeon, brute, barbarian, yaho, Inf. goop, Chiefly Scot. tyke, Brit. Sl. mucker; lout, oaf, dol, clod, clohopper, clodpoll, gawk, looby, lubber, ox, Chiefly Scot. cuddy, Inf. lummock, Sl. klutz, Sl. galoot, Sl. lug, Brit. Sl. joskin.
2. grouch, crank, crab, sorehead, hothead, cross- 
patch, sl. bitch.
3. Stock Exchange. shortseller, short, underseller, 
scapler, speculator.
bearable, adj. endurable, sufferable, tolerable, 
brookable, Obs. Rare. abideable; passable, admissible, 
supportable; experienceable.

beard, n. 1. Inf. beaver, full beard, Med. barba; 
whiskers, mutton chops, burnisides, sidewhore; goatee, 
Vandyke, imperal; stubble, bristles, five-o’clock 
shadow.
2. barb, point, spine, spur, jag, nib, prong, tine, 
cusp.
3. defy, brave, oppose, face, look in the face, con- 
front; affront, stare down, stand up against, dare, 
double-dare.
—v. 4. take the bull by the horns, bell the cat, 
pluck by the beard, slap [s.o.’s] face; tempt 
Providence, go in harm’s way, skate on thin ice, dance on 
a razor’s edge, march up to the cannon’s mouth, beard 
the lion in his den.

bearded, adj. 1. whiskered, bewhiskered, goateed; 
unshaven, stubbly, bristly.
2. tufted, Bot. awned, Bot. aristate, Bot. papose, 
Zool. awned, Bot. aristate, Bot. aristate, Bot. aristate, 
si.
3. barbed, spined, tined, horned; sharp, pointed, 
Zool., Bot.

beardless, adj. 1. clean-shaven, smooth-shaven, 
smooth-faced, glabrous-cheeked, whiskerless.
2. adolescent, immature, callow, green, inexperienced.
bearer, n. 1. carrier, messenger, courier, postman, 
porter, bringer; envoy, herald, emissary, harbinger; 
estafette, postrider; transporter, conveyor, conductor; 
upholder, supporter, sustainer, maintainer.
2. holder, incumbent, occupant, occupier; resident, 
dweller, tenant.
bearing, n. 1. manner, demeanor, air, attitude, 
temperament; carriage, gait, posture, pose, port; com- 
portment, behavior, conduct, deportment; front, mien, 
aspect; appearance, look, cast, presence.
2. procreation, germination, propagation, reproduc- 
tion; fructification, fecundation, conception; pregnan-
cy, gestation, gravidity, fecundity; maturation, genera-
tion, incubation, breeding; (all of animals) heat, rut, 
berry.
3. spawning, genesis, giving birth, birth, childbirth, 
Obs. geniture; parturition, pullulation, producing, 
yielding; delivery, (all of animals) dropping, hatching, 
laying, casting.
4. enduring, sustaining, abiding, standing; with-
standing, tolerating, weathering, suffering, bravery, 
Inf. toughing, brooking, biding; putting up with, tak-
ing, swallowing, stomaching; undergoing, submitting to, 
Chiefly Scot. tholing, Archaic. forbearing, Obs. 
abying.
5. reference, relation, correlation; relevancy, per- 
tinence, pertinency, germaneness, applicability, relativity; 
connection, association, respect, regard, concern; 
resemblance, affinity, correspondence, likeness, simili-
tude, similarity; aptness, suitability, appositeness; 
dependency, contingency.
6. pivot, swivel, caster, ball bearing, ball, ball and 
socket; roller, trundle, wheel, trolley; pin, bolt, Mach. 
gudgeon, pintle.
7. bearings aim, direction, course, track, Naut. tack; 
set, inclination, bent, drift, trend; position, location, 
situation, placement.
bearish, adj. 1. surly, cantankerous, irascible, 
crabbed, irascible, unfriendly, ill-natured, obnoxious, 
choleric; brusque, peppy, crusty, grumpy, grouchy, 
dyspeptic, sassy, irritable, priggish, growling; cross, 
feisty, huffy, irritable, peevish, cranky, bilious, testy, 
touchy, ill-tempered, bad-tempered, quick-tempered, 
short-tempered; fractious, contentious, quarrelsome, 
argumentative, cavitating, disagreeable, Inf. ornery, Inf. 
itchy, Inf. ugly; caustic, mordant, mordacious, sar-
castic; sharp, uncivil, rough, harsh; abrupt, curt, 
short, terse, blunt.
2. churlish, boorish, lustivish, oafish, doltish, clod-
dish, lubberly, loobyish, lumpen; crude, crass, beastly, 
boorish; rustic, vulgar, uncouth, coarse, ill-bred, ill-
mannered, unmanly.

beast, n. 1. creature, animal, mammal, quadruped.
2. brute, savage, heathen, pagan, hellkite; monster, 
ogre, troglodyte, wild man; Yahoo; barbarian; Van-
dal, Goth, Hun, Tartar; boor, rustic, churl, dolt, clown, 
clod, oaf, Archaic. carl; bumpkin, yokel, Sl. tube, Sl. 
hick, Disparing. bogtrotter, hobnail, Inf. hayseed, 
kern, yaho, Sl. lug; swine, pig, hog, glutton.
3. sensualist, voluptuary, libertine, rake, profligate; 
saty, lecher, goat, seducer, fornicator, adulterer, 
Bluebeard.

beastlike, adj. 1. theroid, bestial, animalic, animal-
ic, theriomorphic.
2. primitive, wild, barbaric, barbarian, barbarous, 
uncivilized, heathen; rough, rugged, coarse, beastly, 
bearish, brutish; savage, fierce, ferocious, brutal; 
mean, vicious, cruel, ruthless.
3. boorish, churlish, lustivish, oafish, doltish, clod-
dish, lubberly, loobyish, lumpen; crude, crass, rude, 
vulgar, lewd, wanton; uncouth, ill-bred, ill-mannered, 
unmanly, uncivil.

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animalic, theriomorphic.
2. primitive, wild, barbaric, barbarian, barbarous, 
uncivilized, heathen; savage, fierce, brutal, inhuman; rough, rug-
ged, coarse, bearish, brutish, boorish, churlish, loud, 
boorish, oafish; swinish, boarish, piggish, hoggish, 
gluttonous, greedy; unclean, dirty, filthy, smutty, 
obe, unsocial, Sl. raunchy.
3. base, low, mean, sordid, bad; execrable, abomina-
ble, horrible, horrid, atrocious; vile, abhorrent, repul-
sive, loathsome, odious, hateful, detestable, despicable; 
offensive, nasty, unpleasant, objectionable, obnoxious, 
disagreeable; a beast of a.
4. carnal, sensual, lustful, libidinous, salacious; 
s lascivious, licentious, lecherous, Archaic. lickerish, 
prurient; immoral, dissolute, profligate, unchaste, 
wanton, debauched, debased, dissipated, degenerate.

beat, v. 1. batter, pound, lay on, pommel, pum-

mel, Sl. paste, Archaic. belabor; thrash, flog, lash, 
switch, birch, scourge, flagellate, whip, horsewhip, 
curry, strap, thresh, flail, cowhide, spank, Brit. Dial. 
yerk, Inf. ten [s.o.’s] hide, Inf. trim, Inf. thump, Inf. 
lace, Inf. lambaste, Inf. whale. Sl. whomp; hit, strike, 
smite, thwack, slap, smack, Australian. ding; bung, 
knock, cuff, biff, belt, box, sandbag, Scot. and North 
Englsk. Scot. dunt, Inf. clout, Inf. slug, Inf. whack, 
Dial. hit [s.o.] up side the head, Inf. knock [s.o.’s] 
block off, Inf. wallop, Inf. crown, Sl. conk, Sl. bash, 
Sl. belt, Sl. sock, Sl. plug, U.S. Sl. bluff, Sl. pop; 
cudgel, fustigate, bludgeon, bat, cane, bastinado, 
club, hammer, sledge hammer; mail, manhandle, 
rough up, Inf. give it to, Sl. knock around or about, 
Sl. give [s.o.] the business, Sl. give [s.o.] the works, Sl. 
give [s.o.] what for, Sl. work over, Sl. let [s.o.] have it, 
Sl. lay into.
2. (all of water) lap, wash, bathe, break against, 
dash against.
3. flutter, flap, flop, wave, undulate, wave, float, 
bebe, toss about, agitate, vibrate, quiver, shake, trem- 
ble, shiver; rotate, whirl, wheel, turn, revolve.
4. (all of food) stir, mix, blend; whip, whisk, froth.
5. shape, form, mold, forge, hammer; generate, create, fashion, model, manufacture, make, fabricate; produce, cause, effect, bring about, accomplish.
6. tread, trample, wear, groove, channel, make a way.
7. (often fol. by up) thrash, trounce, drub, Inf. wallop, Inf. whale, Sl. clobber, Sl. pin one’s ears back.
8. defeat, trounce, rout, vanquish, worst, Inf. lick, Sl. shellac, Sl. pulverize; conquer, master, overthrow, overpower, overwhelm; break, subdue, quell, quench, thwart, check, stop; quash, destroy, crush, trample, do for, Sl. do in.
9. win over [s.o.], place first, get the better of, Sl. beat out; surpass, eclipse, exceed, excel, transcend, top, outdo, outstrip, do more for [s.o.]; overcome, prevail over.
10. throb, pound, thump; pulse, pulse, palpitate.
11. stroke, blow, bastinado, Scot. dunt, Scot. and North Eng. paik, punch, box, knockout, Both Boxin’ lef, righ, Inf. whomp, Inf. wallop, Both Brit. Dial. douse, yerk, U.S. Sl. biff, Sl. bop; buffet, cuff, strike, hit, thwack, slap, smack, Inf. whack, Inf. clout, Sl. conk, Sl. bash.
12. tap, click, clap, tick, ticktock.
13. throb, thump, pulsation, pulse, palpitation.
14. run, round, circuit, orbit, course, route, path, tack, tour, journey; assignment, duty, job, task, chore; zone, area, neighborhood.

beaten, adj. 1. trodden, well-trodden, trampled, much traveled; worn, well-used, over-used, threadbare, napless, smooth.
2. defeated, trounced, routed, vanquished, Sl. shellacked, Sl. pulverized; conquered, overthrown, overpowered, overwhelmed; broken, subdued, quelled, quenched; thwarted, checked, stopped, held back; quashed, destroyed, crushed.
3. exhausted, prostrate, prostrated, spent, worn out, played out, U.S. Inf. wore out, Inf. tuckered, Inf. beat, Inf. done in, Inf. done for; fagged, jaded, depleted, used up; tuck, Inf. whomp, Inf. wallop, Both Brit. Dial. douse, yerk, U.S. Sl. biff, Sl. bop; buffet, cuff, strike, hit, thwack, slap, smack, Inf. whack, Inf. clout, Sl. conk, Sl. bash.
4. (all of food) whipped, whisked, frothed; stirred, mixed, blended; pounded, tenderized.

beautific, adj. 1. blissful, heavenly, celestial, paradisical, paradisiac, Elysian; transcendent, transcendental, supernatural; divine, sacred, angelic, saintly.
2. rapturous, ecstatic, enchanting, enrapturing, transporting, enravishing; wonderful, glorious, delightful; happy, glad, joyful.

beautify, v. 1. enrapture, transport, enravish, enthral, entrance, enchant, charm; gladden, make joyful, rejoice, Archaic: felicitate.
2. declare blessed, enshrine in the canon of saints; laud, venerate, revere; sanctify, hallow, bless, consecrate.

beating, n. 1. battering, pounding, pummeling, pummeling, pelting, going over, Sl. pasting; thrash, thrashing, flogging, lashing, flagellation, whipping, spanking, Inf. tanning; smacking, slapping, Inf. whacking; cudgeling, fustigation, bludgeoning, bastion, flogging, clubbing, hammering.
2. defeat, trouncing, rout, vanquishment, Sl. shellack; conquest, subjugation, overthrow, overpowering; repulse, rebuff, thwarting; perdition, destruction, ruin, deathblow.
3. pulsation, pulsating, pulse, pulsing, palpitation, palpitating, throb, throbbing.
4. (all of water) lapping, washing, bathing, breaking, dashing.

beatitude, n. 1. blessedness, sainthood, sanctity, saintliness; serenity, peace, heavenly peace, the peace that surpasses all understanding; bliss, heavenly bliss, blissfulness, joy, holy joy, joyfulness; delight, happiness, felicity; exaltation, elation, rapture, divine rapture.
2. blessing, benediction; encomium, eulogy; precept, commandment, moral; guide, teaching.

beau, n. 1. escort, square, date, cavalier, partner; suitor, wooer, pursuer, admirer, adorer; lover, swain, inamorato, amant, gallant; sweetheart, spark, Inf. flame, love, beloved, Romeo; fiancé, betrothed, young man, boy friend; paramour, intimate, Fr. Intime, friend, It. cicisbeo.
2. dandy, jack-a-dandy, fop, coxcomb, popinjay; exquisit, Sl. swell, dude, blade, silk-stocking, puppy, jackanapes.
—v. 3. escort, square, date, take out, go with see.

beautiful, adj. 1. comely, attractive, handsome, seemly, becoming, slightly, Inf. eye-filling, good-looking, pulchritudinous, Chiefly Literary: beauteous; fair, pretty, Chiefly Scot. bonny, shape, well-proportioned, glamorous, sexy; charming, engaging, captivating, enravishing, enchanting, alluring, fascinating, winsome, winning, bewitching, enticing, tempting, seductive, ravishing.
2. personable, pleasant, lovely, Inf. divine; graceful, elegant, artistic; delicate, dainty.
3. excellent, superior, magnificent, gorgeous, fine; first-rate, first-class, prime, choice, select; exquisite, rare, superb, matchless, unequalled, nonpareil.
4. resplendent, dazzling, radiant, shining, lustrous, effulgent.

beautify, v. 1. adorn, prettify, grace, smarten, titivate, dress up, embelish, elaborate; enhance, heighten, set off, enrich, sweeten; bedeck, deck, deck out, array, ornament, fret, decorate, emblazon, garnish; spangle, bespangle, embroider, emboss, illuminate; paint, polish, burnish, gild, furnish, restore.
2. (usu. of oneself) dress, primp, prink, prank, preen, Archaic: prune, Sl. doll up, Sl. dude up.

beauty, n. 1. loveliness, comeliness, fairness, prettiness, pulchritude; attractiveness, eye appeal, allure, attractiveness, eye appeal, allure; grace, winsomeness; graceful, elegant, artistic; delicate, dainty.
2. belle, goddess, Venus, Inf. knockout, Sl. looker, Sl. dish, Sl. babe; siren, seductress, charmer, enchantress.
3. advantage, asset, strong point, strength; benefit, blessing, boon.

becalm, v. (all of sailing vessels) stop, halt, stall, bring to a standstill; take the wind out of one’s sails.

because, conj. 1. since, as, whereas, inasmuch as, forasmuch as; due to the fact that, in view of the fact that, seeing that.
—adv. 2. on account, by reason, by virtue, through; due to, owing to, thanks to, for; as a result, consequently, therefore.

beck, n. nod, gesture, signal, summons. See beckon (def. 3).

beckon, v. 1. nod, gesture, gesticulate, crook the finger at; wave, signal, give a sign, call, summon, bid.
2. lure, attract, draw, intrigue, interest, tempt, invite, tantalize; allure, entice, decoy, lead astray, seduce; inveigle, induce, beguile, persuade, charm, coax.
—n. 3. nod, gesture, movement, gesticulation; sign,
befriend, v. 1. make friends with, acquaint, familiarize, make familiar, shake hands with; embrace, welcome, hail, receive with open arms, hold out a hand to, open the door to; take in tow, look after, keep an eye on, foster, protect, watch out for.

befoul, v. 1. intoxicate, inebriate, besot, Obs. Obscure, obscure, becloud, bedim; baffle, pervert, mystify, bewilder.

befuddled, adj. 1. intoxicated, inebriated, inebrious; bibacious, crapulent, drunk; drunk, drunken, sodden, besotted, sotted, awash, Literary. in one's cups; under the influence, the worse for liquor, under the weather; saturated, soused, full, Scot. fou; tipsy, grogged, Archaic. (def. 1) adj. fitting, fit, meet, relevant, germane, Latin. ad rem, to the point, pertinent, pat.

befog, v. 1. becloud, darken, obscure. See becloud (def. 2).

befoul, v. 1. fool, dupe, hoax, humbug, Brit. Inf. gammon; bamboozle, delude, deceive, beguile, mislead; hoodwink, pull the wool over s.o.'s eyes, cozen, bluff, take in; seduce, charm, lie to; lure, allure, entice, induce, inveigle.

befriend, n. 1. father, sire, procreate, generate, engender, get; breed, propagate, reproduce, spawn; impregnate, Biol. fecundate, Biol. fertilized.

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2. All Inf. boozey, tight, lit, lit up, lit to the gills, illuminated, liquored-up; half seas over, three or four sheets to the wind, under the sauce, off-color; pickled, lathered, high, high as a kite, fried to one's tonsils, full to the back teeth, primed to the sticking point; mellow, with a jaz on, feeling good, feeling no pain; blind, blind drunk, dead drunk, paralyzed, out of it, out cold, out; under the table, helpless, passed out, in bed with one's boots on.

3. All Sl. loaded, lubricated, oiled, well-oiled; stewed, stewed to the gills, tanked, fried, boiled, Brit. pissed, Brit. bevid; primed, gassed, bombed, stone, zonked, ripped, blitzed, scroched, whiffed, whoozled; polluted, crooked, cocked, cocked to the gills, cock-eyed, canned, sloshed, squiffy, potted, plastered, sozzled, crocko; stiff, ossified, stinko, stinking, plotched, shellacked, swacked, screwed, blotto, smashed, skunked, drunk as a lord, drunk as a piper, drunk as a fiddler, drunk as a skunk or owl; merry, happy, gay, jolly.

4. Confused, muddled, fuddled, jumbled; dazed, stunned, numbed, benumbed; obfuscated, befuddled, obscured, beclouded; baffled, perplexed, mystified, bewildered, puzzled, disconcerted; confused, ruffled, rattled, boggled.

beg, v. 1. ask for, apply for, seek, request, ask, call upon; appeal to, implore, beseech, entreat, plead, Brit. Inf. prig, pray, crave; petition, solicit, supplicate, obtest, adjure, conjure, Rare. sue; urge, press, importune, insist, demand.

2. seek alms, Inf. panhandle, pass the plate or cup or hat, Sl. bum, go from door to door; hustle, use, impose on; mooch off, sponge off, live off, cadge, Scot. sorn.

3. avoid, evade, beat around the bush, dodge, get around, escape.

beget, v. 1. father, sire, procreate, generate, engender, get; breed, propagate, reproduce, spawn; impregnate, Biol. fecundate, Biol. fertilized.

2. cause, produce, effect, effectuate, make happen, bring about, bring to pass, give rise to, occasion.

beggar, n. 1. cadger, Inf. panhandler, mendicant, beadsmen, almsman, Scot. gaberlunzie; moocher, Inf. sponger, Sl. schnorrer, parasite, leech, hanger-on.

2. pauper, raggamuffin, tattereddemalion, hobol, Sl. bindle stiff; tramp, vagrant, beachcomber, vagabond, drifter; loafer, idler, U.S. Inf. bum, good-for-nothing, Fr. vaurien; derelict, castaway, outcast; rogue, knave,
scamp, scoundrel; (collectively) trash, riffraff, rabble, canaille, scum, dregs of society, vermin, ragtag and bobtail, flotsam and jetsam.

—v. 3. reduce to poverty, impoverish, pauperize, ruin, break, bankrupt, destroy financially.

beggarly, adj. 1. mean, base, trashy, shabby, shoddy, dirty, filthy; miserable, wretched, vile, foul, sordid, scurvy, nasty; disgusting, contemptible, despicable, detestable.

2. inadequate, poor, sorry, sad, pitiful, pathetic; paltry, piddling, meager, mere, Inf. measly; small, puny, little, slight.

beggary, n. 1. poverty, destitution, penury, indigence, impecuniousness, impecuniosity, penilessness, neediness; insolvency, bankruptcy, liquidation; distress, straits, indebtedness; pauperism, pauperage, pauperdom, mendicancy, mendicency; lack, need, want, privation; paucity, dearth, shortage, deficiency, insufficiency, scarcity, default, absence.

2. beggars, rabble, riffraff.

begin, v. 1. commence, start, go ahead, Inf. fire away, Inf. blast away; embark, set sail, set to or about, turn to, Inf. take off, Inf. jump off, Inf. kick off, Inf. blast off; take steps, get going, get a move on, get on the stick, start off, start out, move out, get the show on the road; start in, plunge in, Inf. pitch in, Inf. steam in, Inf. dive in, Inf. get one's feet wet, Inf. get down to it, Inf. get to it.

2. arise, rise, dawn, come into existence, come to be, take birth, see the light of day; issue forth, come forth, burst forth, break out; spring up, spring forth, crop up.

3. initiate, actuate, instigate, set in motion, start the ball rolling, take the first step, make the initiative, take the plunge, make a start, break the ice; open, pioneer, lead off; institute, inaugurate, found, establish, set up, organize, originate, break ground, lay the foundation, lay the first stone; introduce, launch, broach, usher in; organize, promote, back up, supporting, promoting, backing, financing; instigate, incite, provoke, cause, prompt, urge, goad, cause, prompting, urging, goading.

4. initial, early, incipient, introductory, inagural; prime, primary, primal, primate; elementary, fundamental, basic, rudimentary.

beggar, n. 1. novice, novitiate, neophyte, tyro, amateur, rookie, greenhorn, tenderfoot, newcomer, new boy; student, pupil, freshman, learner, initiate, fledgling, apprentice, trainee; recruit, raw recruit, abecedarian, catechumen.

2. initiator, actuator, instigator, agent, originator, starter, mover, prime mover; founder, innovator, inventor, deviser, organizer; author, architect, conceiver, shaper, designer; creator, maker, producer, begetter, engenderer, parent, mother, father, sire.

beginning, n. 1. initiation, actuation, instigation, creation, inception; institution, inauguration, introduction, constitution, establishment, origination, organization, foundation.

2. start, commencement, onset, outbreak, dawn, conception, birth, genesis, exordium; Inf. kick off, Inf. jump off, Inf. send off, Inf. take off, Inf. blast off; rise, arising, beginnings, emergence, incipience, nascentness, infancy.

3. origin, source, first cause, starting point, square one; fountain, fountainhead, spring, mainspring; top, head.

—adj. 4. initial, early, incipient, introductory, inaugural; prime, primary, primal, primate; elementary, fundamental, basic, rudimentary.

begird, v. 1. bind, belt, truss, gird; wrap, swath, swaddle, bandage; buckle, tie, pinion, fasten, couple.

2. encompass, surround, circumvent, circumscribe, environ, encircle, ring; confine, hem in, hedge, limit, bound, enclose; contain, corral, fence, picket, pen, box in, shut in.

begrim, v. soil, dirty, blacken, tarnish; sully, befoul, defile, contaminate; smear, tar, grease, blur; draggle, dribble, bemire, Archaic. daggle, spatter, muddy, blotch; smudge, smutch, smear, bedaub; spot, stain, maculate.

begUDGE, v. envy, resent, grudge, be jealous; covet, crave, hanker for, desire, lust after.

beguile, v. 1. mislead, delude, dupe, fool, befoul; hoodwink, bamboozle, humbug, take in, pull the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes; deceive, cheat, gull, cozen, outwit, circumvent; defraud, fleece, swindle, pluck, rook, mulct, Inf. diddle, Inf. gyp.

2. divert, distract, delight, interest, regale; amuse, entertain, occupy, engross, absorb, engage; please, cheer, gladden, gratify, tickle.

3. (usu. of time) pass, while, spend, fritter, waste, idle.

behalf, n. 1. in or on behalf of for, acting for, in place of, representing, as a representative of, in the name of, on the part of, under authority of, on orders of.

2. in or on one's behalf in the interest of, for the benefit of, for the advantage of.

behave, v. 1. (all of oneself) deport, demean, conduct, comport, acquit; carry, bear, manage, govern, regulate.

2. act, perform, function, operate, run, work; respond, comply, adjust, conform.

3. (all usu. imperative) obey, mind, mind one's p's and q's; fly right, shape up, get on the stick, toe the line or mark.

behavior, n. 1. demeanor, conduct, deportment, comportment, Archaic. habit; bearing, carriage, posture, gait, pose, port; manners, breeding, upbringing, rearing; habits, ways, dealings, customs, practice, morals, ethics, principles.

2. reaction, response, adaptation, adjustment, performance, function, operation.

3. misbehavior, disobedience, delinquency, misdeeds, Inf. cutting up, Inf. goings-on. See misbehavior.

behead, v. decapitate, decollate, sever the neck of, execute, or chop off or slice off the head of; guillotine, send to the ax, send to the headsman or headman; execute, kill, impose capital punishment on, inflict the death penalty on.

behest, n. 1. command, commandment, order, decree, edict, fiat, precept, enjoinder, enjoinement, ordination, charge, word; dictate, mandate, rule, ruling, requirement, imposition, injunction, Law. writ; prescription, directive, direction, compulsion, instruction; volition, will, wish, desire, want, choice, pleasure; determination, fixation, fixture, decision, terms, appointment, establishment.

2. demand, exact, ultimatum; exhortation, urge, urging, pleading, begging; solicitation, requisition, request, proposal, asking, petition; invitation, bidding, summons, call, beck, beckoning, nod.

behind, prep. 1. U.S. in back of, at or on the heels of, in the wake of, beyond, on the other side of.

2. after, later than; off the pace of, out of step with.

3. supporting, promoting, backing, financing; instigating, causing, prompting, urging, goading.

—adv. 4. in back, in the background, bringing up the rear, rearward.

4. afterwards, next, after, subsequently, close upon, hard at the heels.

5. at or on the heels of, in the wake of; beyond, on the other side of.

behindhand, in arrears, overdue, in debt.

behold, v. 1. observe, look at, see, eye; notice, note, remark, mark, heed, pay attention to; witness, watch, view, survey; desery, discern, glimpse, gaze at, stare;
beholden, present; consider, take cognizance of.
—interj. 2. look! look at that! ecce!

beholden, adj. 1. obligated, obliged, indebted, bound, owing; grateful, thankful.
2. answerable, accountable, responsible, liable, chargeable, amenable.

beholder, n. spectator, watcher, viewer, observer, witness, eyewitness; onloooker, bystander; inspector, examiner.

behoof, n. advantage, benefit, interest, good; well-being, Archaic. weal, welfare; betterment, improvement, advancement, advancement, promotion; gain, profit, help, aid, service, avail.

behoeve, v. 1. be necessary, be essential, be requisite, be needful, be indispensable; be obligatory, be incumbent upon, be required of; be binding on, be bound; be proper, be due, be right, be correct; be suitable, be appropriate, be fitting, be meet; befit, become, beseem, suit, convey.
2. be worthwhile, be advantageous, be gainful, be well, be to one's advantage or advantage; be helpful, be useful, be beneficial.

being, n. 1. existence, Latin. esse, life, living, animativeness, animation; vital force, vital principle, clan vital, life blood, vitality, life force; actuality, reality, presence; ubiquity, omnipresence; truth, verity, veracity, fact.
2. substance, entity, Metaphysics. ens, principle; nature, essence, spirit, quiddity, haecceity, quintessence, essentialness; individuality, personality, character, temperament; particularity, singularity, peculiarity.
3. creature, beast, animal, thing; human being, human, person, fellow, man, earthling; body, soul, mortal, sentient; individual, personage, one, someone, somebody, Archaic. wight.
4. Being God, the Absolute, the Creator, the Almighty, the Supreme Being.

belabor, v. 1. beset, besiege, pelt, bombard, belabor, SI.
2. eject, emit, issue, disembogue, pour out, outpour; one's brains out; overwork, beat to death.
3. answerable, accountable, responsible, liable, —interj. 2. look! look at that! ecce!

belittle, n. 1. disparage, decry, deprecate, demean, detract, deflate, derogate, Inf. talk down; mitigate, bate, lessen, attenuate, decrease, diminish, boil down, wither, shrivel, subtract from, cheapen, devaluate, depreciate, downgrade, degrade, lower, reduce; shorten, shrink, abridge, contract, condense, compress, curtail, narrow, cut short, truncate, obtruncate; dwarf, bedwarf, overshadow, make small.
2. minimize, slight, underrate, undervalue, beggar, misprize, extenuate, underestimate, underreckon, think nothing of, set no store by, fail to count on; deemphasize, underplay, make light of, Inf. play down.
3. discredit, disfavor, disprove, make disreputable, injure or impair the credit or reputation of; criticize, pull to pieces, carp or cavil at; satirize, lampoon, pasquinade, caricature, ridicule, mock, poke fun at, laugh at, jibe at, sneer at, deride, disdain, contemn, scorn, scoff, spurn, pooh-pooh.
4. humble, humble, mortify, Sl. put down, make [s.o.] eat humble pie or crow or his words, make [s.o.] swallow his words; shame, disgrace, dishonor, abuse, debase, vitiate; slur, sully, vilify, malign, blacken, imb.
pug, traduce, falsify, scandalize, smear, smirch, be-
smirch, taint, defame, denigrate, impute, asperse, slan-
der, libel, calumniate, Sl. dump on, drag through
the mud or mire, heap dirt upon, fling dirt, Sl. dump
on, Sl. badmuth, Sl. poormouth.

bell, n. tocsin, alarm, curfew, siren; carillon, chimes,
belong, v. 1. to be a member of, be Usu.
belong to
n.
1. roar, blare, trumpet, bray, thunder; bellow,
militant, martial, warring, war
(Anat.
apostynum; pouch, (of birds) gizzard, (of birds) crop, cr
maw, ingluvies, (of birds) proventriculus, (of swine)
crop, craw, maw, ingluvies, (of birds) proventriculus,
Anat., Zool.
3. zone, zonule, region, tract, area, district, circuit;
circle, circle, round, zoic; circumference, periph
ery, perimeter; band, strip, layer, stratum, level.
—v. 4. girdle, sash, waistband, cummerbund,
bellicose (defs. 1-4).
bellow, v. 1. roar, blare, trumpet, bray, thunder;
howl, ululate, hoot, yelp, bark, yap; catervaul, squall,
screech, squeal.
2. shout, cry out, vociferate, exclaim, yell, whoop,
Inf. holter.
belly, n. 1. abdomen, stomach, Inf. tummy, gut,
Sl. breadbasket, Scot. and North Eng. wame; paunch,
potbelly, Inf. bay window, Inf. corporation, Sl. pot,
Sl. beer belly, Sl. spare tire, Obs. gorbelly; colonic
cavity, intestinal cavity, visceral cavity, Anat., Zool.
venter, ventral region, ventricile, ventricular cavity,
Anat. epigastrium; pouch, (of birds) gizzard, (of birds) crop, cran
maw, ingluvies, (of birds) proventriculus, (both of ruminating
animals) first stomach, rumen; in-
testines, bowels, colons, (of swine) cecum, intestines,
inner, inwards, inside, vitals, viscera, (of animals) en-
tails, Inf. gizzard, Sl. guts.
2. appetite, appetite, appetite, hunger, thirst, crav
ing, glutony, Pathol. bulimia; relish, gusto, zest, ea
gerness; hangkering, yearning, longing, lust, Sl. letch.
3. womb, uterus; hold, cavity, vault; interior, recess,
recesses, penetralia; depth, depths, gulf, chasm, abyss.
4. underside, underpart, underbelly.
—v. 5. swell, swell up, swell out, bag, Brit. Dial.
plim; balloon, balloon up, balloon out, balloon forth;
inflate, expand, puff up, puff out; fill out, bulk, dis-
tend, enlarge, bloat.
belong, v. 1. Usu. belong to be a member of, be affiliated with, be associated with, be allied to, owe allegiance to; be a follower or adherent of, adhere to.
2. Usu. belong to be the property of, be owned by, be at the disposal of; be vested in, be occupied by, be held by, inhere in.

3. Often belong to be part of, be an adjunct to, be relevant to, be a concern of; pertain, appertain, relate, fit.
4. Usu. belong in have qualifications for, be suited for, be appropriate for.
belongings, n. 1. effects, personal effects, chattels,
possessions, personal possessions, property, properties,
Inf. things, Sl. stuff, Sl. junk; baggage, bag and bage
ge, gear, impedimenta, dunnage, luggage, kit, duff,
All Law. personality, choses, choses in possession
or action, choses transitory.
2. paraphernalia, accoutrements, appointments, appointements, appendages, accessories, trappings; goods, moveables, movable articles or goods, furniture.
belonged, v. 1. loved, dearest, dear, precious, trea
ured, cherished, valued, prized; esteemed, revered, re
pected, admired, worshiped, idolized.
2. favorite, pet, favored, darling; doted on, pampered, spoiled, cosseted, babied.
—n. 3. lover, inamorato, inamorata, sweetheart, spark, Inf. flame, love, Romeo, Juliet; fiancé, fiancée, betrothed, young man, boy friend, young lady, girl friend; paramour, intimate, Fr. intime, friend.
below, adv. 1. under, beneath, underneath, Dial.
neath; down, downward or downwards, netherward;
low, on the ground; underlying, subjacent, on the bot
tom; underground, belowground, belowdecks, sub-
merged, downstairs, Chiefly Brit. below stairs.
2. on earth, under the sun, in this world, here below,
here; earthbound, earthly, worldly, terrestrial.
3. beneath, under, further down, underneath, lower
than, lower down, Dial. neath.
—prop. 4. lesser than, smaller than, cheaper than,
lower than, inferior to; subordinate to, secondary to,
subservient to.
5. unworthy of, unqualified for, unbecoming, unbec
coming, not behooving, unseemly, unsuitable, inap
suitable, inap, unfit, malapropos, unsuitable, inappropriate,
unmeet; degrading to, shameful to, unattractive
distasteful to, unacceptable to, objectionable to, unattractive to.

belt, n. 1. girdle, sash, waistband, cummerbund,
cestus, Archaic. zone, Archaic. Pocitic. cincture;
baldric, cord, cordon, braid, thong, strap, (for a horse) surcingele.
2. band, headband, ribbon, frontlet, fillet; collar,
collarband, neckband; hatband, sweatband; wrist
band, Eccles. maniple; stripe, stripping, streak, streak
ning, striation; stroke, line, dash, bar; strip, tape, tag,
label.
3. zone, zonule, region, tract, area, district, circuit;
circle, circle, round, zoic; circumference, periph
ery, perimeter; band, strip, layer, stratum, level.
—v. 4. girdle, girded, gird, bind, truss; wrap,
swathe, swaddle, bandage; buckle, strap, tie, pinion,
fasten, couple, hook, snap.
4. mire, swamp, bog, bury; plunge, sink, immerse,
submerge, engulph.
bemoan, v. 1. lament, mourn, grieve, sorrow, be
wail. Scot. and North Eng. greet, express woe or
bemuse, v. 1. confuse, addle, befuddle, muddy; mix up, muddle, bemuddle; perplex, puzzle, bewilder; discompose, disconcert; discomfit, upset.

2. stupefy, numb, benumb, stun, shock, overwhelm; knock over, Inf. booth over; amaze, astound, astonish, surprise; knock [s.o.] off their feet.

bend, n. 1. long seat, seat, stool, settle, pew; bleacher, grandstand seat; Brit. form, Rowing. bank; Brit. Dial. dickey.

2. workbench, worktable, table, trestle table, counter; stand, booth, stall, window.

3. court, bar, tribunal; judiciary, judicature; (all collectively) judges, jurists, adjudicators, lawyers, advocates, counsel, barristers, solicitors.

bend, v. 1. flex, bow, crook, twist, contort; curve, turn, swerve, veer, deviate, divert, deflect, diverge; circle, coil, curl, spiral, loop; meander, zigzag, wind, wind in and out, sinuate; hook, angle off, shoot off at an angle; arch, vault, camb, inflect.

2. mold, shape, determine, regulate; influence, sway, dominate, predominate; rule, govern, boss, lead by the nose, twist around one's little finger.

3. subdue, subjugate, conquer, vanquish, suppress, overcome, overwhelm, overpower, crush, smash, humble, humble, bring one to his knees, bring to terms.

4. direct, point, aim, train, fix, set; incline, bear, head, steer; tend, trend, lean, bias; heed, mind, pay heed or attention, attend to, look after, turn to, set one's mind to.

5. stoop, crouch, squat, hunch, get down; bow, court, bar, tribunal; judiciary, judicature; (all collectively) judges, jurists, adjudicators, lawyers, advocates, counsel, barristers, solicitors.

benevolence, n. 1. kindness, goodness, graciousness, chivalry; humanitarianism, humaneness, humanity, love; altruism, selflessness, consideration, considerateness; grace, mercy, pity, sympathy, forbearance; magnanimity, good will, brotherly love; generosity, charity, charitableness, bounty, liberality, almsgiving; philanthropy, benevolence, munificence, beneficence, munificence, beneficence.

2. present, gift, bestowal, largesse; gratitude, dole, Fr. tout, touser, ti, super, bonus, prize, award; donation, alms, contribution, offering, offertory, oblation; benefit, boon, blessing, benediction; aid, assistance, help, succor; relief, comfort, solace; grant, subvention, honorarium, subsidy; devise, bequest, bequeathment, legacy.

benefactor, n. patron, helper, well-wisher, sympathizer, friend; philanthropist, supporter, backer, angel.

benefice, n. 1. sinecure, office, preferment; rectorate, Brit. rectory, pastor, pastorship; presbytery, curacy, priorate, abbacy, chaplaincy, chaplainship, vicarate, vicarage, vicariage; bishopric, see, episcopate, archbishopric, primacy, cardinalate; provostship, deanship, professorship, lectureship.

2. stipend, prebend, emolument, revenue.

beneficence, n. 1. kindness, goodness, graciousness, chivalry; humanitarianism, humaneness, humanity, love; altruism, selflessness, consideration, considerateness; grace, mercy, pity, sympathy, forbearance; magnanimity, good will, brotherly love; generosity, charity, charitableness, bounty, liberality, almsgiving; philanthropy, benevolence, munificence, beneficence, munificence, beneficence.

2. present, gift, bestowal, largesse; donation, alms, contribution, offering, offertory, oblation; benefit, boon, blessing, benediction; aid, assistance, help, succor; relief, comfort, solace.

beneficial, adj. 1. advantageous, helpful, serviceable, availing, valuable; favorable, favorable, propitious, auspicious, promising, benign; suitable, convenient, commodious, contributive, contributory, conducive; aidful, aiding, obliging, accommodating, accommodating, helping; profitable, gainful, rewarding, remunerative; lucrative, paying, moneymaking.

2. salutary, wholesome, efficacious, salubrious, salutiferous; healthful, healthy, nutritious, nourishing, Inf. good for; curative, healing, sanative, restorative; bracing, strengthening, invigorating, tonic; edifying, uplifting, improving; soothing, relieving, soothing, comforting, calming, quieting, balsamic.

benefit, n. 1. advantage, behoof, interest, good; well-being, Archaic. weal, welfare; betterment, improvement, furtherance, advancement, promotion; gain, profit, help, aid, service; avail, efficacy, use, usefulness, serviceableness.

2. Usu. benefits perquisites, Inf. perks, fringe benefits, Inf. fringes, Inf. extras; insurance, pension, vacation, paid holidays, sick days, earned days, personal days.

beneficence (def. 1).

2. present, gift, largesse; contribution, donation. See beneficence (def. 2).

benevolent, adj. 1. kind, good, good-hearted, warm-hearted, humane, loving; altruistic, selfless, considerate, thoughtful; kindly, kind-hearted, beneficent, benign, benignant; generous, charitable, boun-

benefition, n. blessing, anointing, sign of the cross, Archaic. benison; prayer, invocation, grace, orison.
teous, liberal, open-handed; magnanimous, philanthropic, big, humanitarian, munificent, big-hearted; merciful, pitying, ruthless, soft-hearted, compassionate, tender, gentle; clement, lenient, temperate, mild; fatherly, motherly, paternal, maternal, brotherly, sisterly; neighborly, friendly, amicable, amiable, cordial, gracious, chivalric, chivalrous; understanding, broad-minded, sympathetic, forbearing, tender-hearted; accommodating, accommodative, obliging, indulgent, well-meaning; helpful, helping, aiding, aidful.

2. charitable, nonprofit, eleemosynary.

benign, adj. 1. kind, good, good-hearted, warm-hearted, humane, loving; kindly, kind-hearted, beneficent, benignant, benevolent; altruistic, unselfish, considerate, thoughtful; compassionate, tender, gentle, soft-hearted, merciful, ruthless; clement, lenient, temperate, mild, fatherly, motherly, paternal, maternal, brotherly, sisterly; neighborly, friendly, amicable, amiable, cordial, gracious, chivalrous; understanding, broad-minded, sympathetic, forbearing, tender-hearted.

2. favorable, propitious, auspicious, fair, promising; favorable, propitious, auspicious, fair, promising; broad-minded, sympathetic, forbearing, tender-hearted.

3. inclination, disposition, predisposition, determined, insistent, set, resolved, fixed, direct; favorable, propitious, auspicious, fair, promising; broad-minded, sympathetic, forbearing, tender-hearted.

brotherly, sisterly; neighborly, friendly, amicable, amiable, cordial, gracious, chivalrous; understanding, broad-minded, sympathetic, forbearing, tender-hearted.

bent, adj. 1. crooked, flexed, bowed, twisted, contorted; curved, coiled, circled, curled, spiraled, looped; arched, infected, vaulted, cambered.

2. determined, insistent, set, resolved, direct; disposed, predisposed, inclined, prone, partial; moved, swayed.

—n. 3. inclination, disposition, predisposition, temperament, affection, mind, turn, aptness; tendency, conatus, appetency, propensity, proclivity, leaning, penchant, proeness; direction, trend; predilection, partiality, prejudice, bias, ply, twist, feeling; predisposition, fondness, attraction.

4. gift, flair, knack, genius; ability, capability, capacity, aptitude, endowment, faculty, competence, skill, adroitness, proficiency.

benumb, v. numb, desensitize, anesthetize; narcotics, desensitize, deaden; dull, blunt, obtund, Inf. take the edge off; muddle, obfuscate, confuse, bewilder; stun, stupefy, daze; shock, stagger, electrify; paralyze, hypnotize, mesmerize, magnetize, petrify; freeze, narcotize, deaden; dull, blunt, obtund.

berate, v. scold, chide, tongue-lash, rate, harangue, rant, curse, execrate, impugn, anathematize; upbraid, objurgate, excoriate, lambaste, flay, fulminate against; castigate, chastise, berate, censure, criticize, reproach, reprove, reprove, Inf. jump on, Inf. dress down, Inf. slam, Sl. jump all over, Sl. chew out, Inf. bawl out, Sl. strafe.

2. assail, revile, blackguard, vituperate, abuse, belabor, lash, rail against, inveigh against; attack, light into, Inf. sail into, Inf. tear into, Inf. rip into, Inf. face into, Inf. jump down [s.o.'s] throat, Archaic. clapperclaw.

3. vilify, traduce, asperse, calumniate, impugn, slur, malign, defame, denigrate, slander, libel, backbite, bespatter; denounce, decry, disparage, discredit, depreciate, belittle, minimize, run or put down, Inf. knock; pull to pieces, Sl. do a hatchet job on, cut up, shred, give a bad name, Sl. badmouth, speak ill of, speak evil of; gibbet, scorn, hold up to scorn, deride, ridicule, scoff or jeer at, sneer at, mock, lampoon, pasquinade, make fun of.

bereave, v. deprive, dispossess, divest, rob, strip.

bereavement, n. 1. loss, dispossession, deprivation, privation, want; adversity, misfortune, hardship, trial, tribulation, trouble.

2. sorrow, grief, sadness, woe, mourning; anguish, travail, distress, heartache, misery.

berserk, adj. frenzied, mad, insane, maniacal, hysterical, frenetic; ranting, raving, storming, foaming at the mouth; enraged, raging, violent, fierce; out of one's head or mind; uncontrollable, unrestrainable.

berth, n. 1. bed, bunk, billet, cot, pallet, Sl. the sack, Sl. the hay, Brit. Sl. kip, Brit. Sl. doss.

2. Nautical. anchorage, moorage, quayage; dock, dry dock, floating dock, graving dock, wharf, pier, landfall, English quay, Sl. levee, land line or space or place; harbor, port, haven.

3. Chiefly British. job, employment, living; post, position, place, situation, office, capacity; appointment, commission, charge, assignment.

—v. 4. Nautical. moor, dock, land, warp, snub, tie up; anchor, drop anchor, cast anchor, lay anchor.

beseech, v. implore, entreat, obsecrate, importune, beg, plead, Brit. Inf. prig; appeal to, conjure upon; supplicate, pray, invoke, obtest, adjure; petition, Rare. sue, solicit, ask for, apply for, seek; urge, press, insist, demand.

beesem, v. befit, suit, become, accord with; be suitable, be appropriate, be fitting, be meet; be- hoove, be proper, be due, be right, be correct.

beset, v. 1. assail, harass, attack; badger, bother, pester, hector, Sl. bug, Sl. hassle; hound, nag, dog, Sl. ride; bait, provoke, vex, Sl. needle; torment, bedevil, plague; tease, taunt, twerk.

2. surround, encompass, circumscribe; environ, ring, encircle, circle, begird, girdle, engird; besiege, siege, invest; enclose, ensphere, contain, corral, fence, picket, pen, box in, shut in.

3. stud, bestud, spangle, bed, embroider; deck, bed, deck; array; decorate, ornament, embellish.

beside, prep. 1. next to, by or at the side of; Dial. aside of, by, with, at one's elbow; alongside, side by side, abreast, cheek by jowl, next door to, adjacent to, in juxtaposition with; near to, close to, Brit. Dial. near-hand, close at hand to, nearby, close by; but a step from, on the edge of, bordering upon.

2. compared with, contrasted with, next to, in comparison with, in contrast with, against.

3. apart from, not connected with, not related to, irrelevant to, not relevant to, not applicable to, not pertinent to; off the point, off the subject.

4. besides, over and above, in addition to. See besides (def. 3).

besides, adv. 1. moreover, furthermore, further, in addition; additionally; also, too, likewise, still, yet, again; together with, along with, in conjunction with, conjointly; on top of everything else, to boot, into the
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—prep. 3. over and above, above and beyond, in addition to; apart from, U.S. Inf. aside from, other than, except, excepting, Inf. outside of, with the exception of; excluding, barring, saving; exclusive of, without, sans.

besiege, v. 1. siege, lay siege to, invest, confine, cordon off, blockade; surround, encircle, encompass, hedge in, pen in, shut in.

2. importune, press, pressure, push, ply; pester, plague, bother, trouble, nag, hound, buttonhole; beset, beleaguer, hector, harass, harry.

besmirch, v. smear, smirch, smudge, begrime, sully, soil, stain, smutch, draggle; daub all over, bedaub, blot, spot, blemish, splatter, spatter, bespatter; defile, blotch, mar, deface.


besot

v.
1. bespeak, ask for, ask for in advance, speak for, speak up for, solicit; prearrange for, order, engage, bid for, sue for; stipulate, requisition, reserve, secure, assure.

2. show, demonstrate, display, evince, exhibit, manifest, reveal, disclose, betray; indicate, imply, intimate; signify, import, point to, affirm, give a token or sign of; betoken; reflect, represent, savor of; tell of, proclaim, declare, express, testify, bear witness to, attest to; mean, denote, connote, suggest, purport.

besprinkle, v. 1. sprinkle, scatter, strew, shower, dispense; dash, dust, powder, dredge, season, spice, flour, sugar; dampen, moisten, spray, wet, water; bedew, scatter, splatter, spot, blemish, blotch, mar; smear, besmear, muddy, tarnish, taint, blacken; mark, brand, stigmatize.

8. finest, first, leading, top, paramount; strong—
7. ought to, should, no doubt should.
6. as best one can try and try again, Inf. do one's darndest, fight the good fight, muddle through.
5. greatly, extremely, most deeply, most highly, most fully.
4. carnal, sensual, animalistic, lustful, libidinous, salacious; lascivious, licentious, lecherous, vile, abhorrent, repulsive, loathsome, odious, hateful, detestable, offensive.
3. base, low, mean, sordid, bad; execrable, abominable, horrible, horrid, atrocious; vile, abhorrent, repulsive, loathsome, odious, hateful, detestable, offensive.
2. otherwise, else, more, on the side.
1. adj. theroid, animalic, animalian, beastlike, beastly, therioid, therionic, theriform, theric, therionic, theriform, theric.
chance. *Inf.* fifty-fifty chance, *Inf.* toss up, *Inf.* six of one and a half dozen of the other; venture, undertaking, enterprise, business.

**betide**. *v.* happen, *Archaic.* hap, occur, take place, supervene, befall, chance, *Archaic.* bechance, *Archaic.* arrive; transpire, intervene, crop up; become, come into being, come about, come to pass, fall, materialize; prove, eventuate, result, turn out; ensue, issue, emanate, flow out, *Inf.*

**betoken**. *v.* indicate, show, signify, import. *v.* 1. betoken, *better.* *v.* 1. superior, of a higher grade, prefer, *better.*

**blow the whistle**


2. reveal, divulge, let the cat out of the bag, give away. *v.* happen, *hap, occur, take place, Archaic.*

3. mislead, delude, dupe, fool, befool; hoodwink, *hoodwink.*

4. (intermediately, halfway, midway, in the middle of) mislead, amid, midst, in the midst of, among, mongst; half-way from both, midway to both, *Archaic.* betwixt; intermediate to, interjacent to, intervening, interventio to.

5. linking, connecting, joining, bonding; affiliating, associating, uniting, alloying; involving, concerning, affecting, engaging, occupying.

6. distinguishing, differentiating, discriminating; characterizing, marking, featuring, peculiarizing. *adv.* 4. immediately, midway, in the middle, in between; in the midst, at intervals, intermit-tently.

**bevel.** *n.* 1. oblique, cant, bezel, chamfer, miter; slant, angle, diagonal, bias, *Heraldry.* bend; incline, slope, tilt.

—v. 2. cant, miter, cut at an angle, slant.

—adj. 3. oblique, canted, mitered, beveled; slanted, diagonal, angled, at an angle; inclined, sloping, tilted. *beverage.* *n.* drink, potable, thirst quencher; soda, *beverage.*

*bewail.** *v.* lament, mourn, grieve, bemoan. *v.* 1. anguish oneself, wring one's hands, tear one's hair and North Eng. contingent, body, mass; gathering, group, knot, com-pany, tribe; gang, band, troupe, squad, crew, party. *bewail.* *v.* 1. lament, mourn, grieve, bemoan, *bewail.*

2. anguish oneself, wring one's hands, tear one's hair and distress or greet, sorrow, express woe and North Eng. contingent, body, mass; gathering, group, knot, company, tribe; gang, band, troupe, squad, crew, party.

*bewilderment.** *n.* 1. breach of faith, bad faith, disloyalty, perfidy, faithlessness, treachery; double-dealing, duplicity, falseness, chicanery; *bewilderment.* *n.* 1. breach of faith, bad faith, disloyalty, perfidy, faithlessness, treachery; double-dealing, duplicity, falseness, chicanery; *bewilderment.* *n.* 1. breach of faith, bad faith, disloyalty, perfidy, faithlessness, treachery; double-dealing, duplicity, falseness, chicanery; *bewilderment.* *n.* 1. breach of faith, bad faith, disloyalty, perfidy, faithlessness, treachery; double-dealing, duplicity, falseness, chicanery; *bewilderment.* *n.* 1. breach of faith, bad faith, disloyalty, perfidy, faithlessness, treachery; double-dealing, duplicity, falseness, chicanery; *bewilderment.* *n.* 1. breach of faith, bad faith, disloyalty, perfidy, faithlessness, treachery; double-dealing, duplicity, falseness, chicanery.
bewitch, v. 1. curse, hex, jinx, witch, becharm, cast a spell over, put a spell on, Inf. spook, Sl. put or slam the whammy on; demonzee, bedevil, possess.
2. allure, lure, entice, charm, intrigue, beguile, inveigle; tempt, tantalize, seduce, enchant, ensorcel; captivate, fascinate, spellbind, entrance, mesmerize, hypnotize, transfix, enrapture, transport.

beyond, prep. 1. on the farther side of, on the far side of, on the other side of; farther than on, more distant than, past, after, over, across, behind.
2. outside the reach of, outside the range of, outside the limitations of, above, too deep for, beyond the depth of; beyond the power of, beyond the control of.
3. farther and above and beyond, in excess of, more than.

—adv. 4. farther on, farther away, farther along, down the road, Inf. down the road a piece; far, far away, far off, afar, off, at a distance.

5. the great beyond hereafter, afterworld, otherworld, world to come, next world; future, ultimate future, destination, destiny; the unknown, the great unknown.

bias, n. 1. angle, slant, tilt, cant, skew, list, slope, bevel.
2. tendency, inclination, proclivity, propensity, leaning, proneness; bent, warp, twist, partiality, prejudice, predilection; preconception, predisposition, fixed idea, preconceived notion; intolerance, bigotry, close-mindedness, narrow-mindedness, one-sidedness.

—v. 3. predispose, dispose, incline, influence, sway, bend; warp, distort, prejudice, jaundice.

bib, n. chemisette, tucker, dickey; apron, pinafore, napkin.

Bible, n. 1. Holy Writ, the Good Book, the Holy Scriptures. See Scripture (defs. 1-3).
2. (i.c.) handbook, manual, vade mecum, enchiridion; guidebook, primer, text, textbook, authority.

bibliography, n. list, compilation, catalog, record, compendium; book list, bibliotheca.

bibliophile, n. booklover, bookworm, bibliophile; book collector, bibliopole; bibliothéca, bibliomaniac.

bibulous, adj. 1. alcoholic, dypsomaniacal, bibacious, inebrinated, crapulous, given or addicted to drink, Sl. on the sauce, Sl. on the bottle, Sl. on the booze, under the influence; drunken, sottish, besotted, awash, Literary. in one's cups, Inf. boozie, Sl. pifficated, Sl. pie-eyed, Sl. shit-faced; (all with regard to alcoholic beverages) intemperate, immoderate, excessive, inordinate, extreme. See also drunk.

2. absorbent, spongy, spongious, porous, permeable, pervious; retentive, absorptive, Physical Chem. adsorbent; soaking, blotting, sponging, absorbing, sorbent, resorvent.

bicker, v. 1. wrangle, argue, altercation, jangle, dispute; quarrel, have words, Inf. row, Inf. scrap, squabble, spat, tiff, conflict, clash, lock horns, fight, battle, spar, fence, cross swords; disagree, fall out, jar, be at loggerheads, be at variance, differ, dissent, oppose; contend, contest, litigate, haggle, Sl. hassle, Scot. argie-bargie, Scot. sturt, Scot. and North Eng. threap, Scot. and North Eng. prig; debate, question, discuss, controvert; bandy words, moat, sif, Inf. kick around, Sl. hash over; quibble, cavil, nitpick, belabor a point, split hairs, chop logic.
2. run rapidly, rush, hurry, hasten, move quickly or swiftly, scramble; race, speed, Inf. roar, Inf. barrel, tear, zoom, zip.
3. quiver, flicker, flutter, flit, dance; shiver, ripple, wave, sway, totter, stagger; flap, wave to and fro, oscillate, fluctuate, vacillate; quaver, shake, quake, tremble, twitter, shudder; undulate, vibrate, pulsate, throb; jerk, twitch, vibrate, jump.
4. twinkle, sparkle, glimmer, blink, shimmer; glint, glitter, glisten, Archaic. glister; spark, sputter, splutter, flash, flare; streak, gleam, fulfill, glare, coruscate; glow, shine, stream, flow.

—n. 5. wrangle, dispute, argument, altercation, controversy, tilt, jangle; quarrel, row, squabble, dust-up, spat, jar, tiff, Inf. hassle, Inf. Barney; disagreement, falling-out, difference of opinion, discord, contention, strife, dissension, variance; conflict, clash, fight, Inf. scrap, brawl, battle; fracas, uproar, brouhaha, commotion, rumus, Inf. rukus; struggle, tussle, donnybrook. Scot. sturt, Scot. and North Eng. threap, Inf. run-in, Inf. set-to, Sl. rhubarb; brawl, embroilment, imbroglio.

bicycle, n. tandem, cycle, Brit. push-bike, Inf. bike, three-speed, Inf. a three, five-speed, Inf. a five, ten-speed, Inf. a ten, racer; highwheelers, penny-farting, ordinary, boneshaker, velocipede, tricycle, Inf. trike; unicycle; safety bicycle, safety moped.

bid, v. 1. command, order, adjure, dictate, charge, Obs. conjure, direct, enjoin; prescribe, set, appoint, ordain, decree, demand, require; summon, call, cite, beckon, invite.
2. propose, suggest, submit, advance, extend; offer, tender, proffer, pay.

—n. 3. offer, proffer, proposal, proposition, suggestion, submission, motion; advance, ante.

bidding, n. command, commandment, order, ordinance, injunction, mandate, dictate, charge; summons, call, citation, convening; instruction, direction, prescription, enjoining; demand, requisition, request, behest, invitation; bid, offer, proffer, proposal, suggestion.

big, adj. 1. large, huge, enormous, Chiefly Brit. Whacking, prodigious, immense, colossal, monstrous, gigantic, giant, tremendous, Brobdingnagian, towering, tall, overgrown; great, vast, extensive, spacious, capacious, voluminous; grand, grandiose, majestic, august.

2. bulky, hulky, hulking; massive, massy, ponderous, gargantuan, elephantine; beefy, burly, brawny, muscular, strapping, robust, stalwart, bouncing, bouncy; thickset, stocky, solid, heavy, chunky.

3. obese, overweight, corpulent, gross; paunchy, potbellied, round-bellied, big-bellied, abdominal; fat, plump, flabby, rotund, buxom, well-fed; pudgy, Chiefly Brit. podgy, chubby, portly, stout; swollen, bloated, puffy.

4. filled, brimming, overflowing; verging, bordering, on the brink.

5. important, salient, significant, consequential, weighty, influential, powerful; notable, noteworthy, esteemed, prominent, outstanding, famous, well-known, illustrious, renowned; eminent, distinguished, elevated, exalted, high, top; chief, head, leading, foremost, prime, supreme, paramount; main, principal, primary, capital, essential, radical.

6. boastful, bombastic, inflated, swell-headed; pretentious, haughty, arrogant, pompous.

7. magnanimous, generous, unselfish, altruistic; gracious, kindly, kindhearted, benevolent, beneficent, humane, forgiving; just, fair, impartial, unbiased, unprejudiced; noble, honorable, high-minded, lofty, sublime, princely, chivalrous, heroic; splendid, superb, glorious, magnificent.

8. loud, ardent, passionate, persistent, unceasing, unflagging.

bigot, n. intolerant, illiberal, Inf. little person, Sl. Archie Bunker; racist, anti-Semite; sexist, male chau-
billet, n. 1. beak, nib, neb, pecker.

bilk, v. 1. default, dishonor, refuse to pay, decline to redeem, Sl. Welsh; abscond, Sl. skip town, Brit. Sl.levant, Brit. Sl. do a moonlight flit.
2. swindle, cheat, defraud, fleece, rook, gull, Archaic: chuse; stack the deck, Inf. gyp, Sl. chisel, Sl. gaff; pluck, mullet, victimize, exploit, play on or upon, take advantage of; Inf. diddle, Inf. do, Sl. burn.
3. bamboozle, delude, deceive, mislead, hoodwink, pull the wool over [s.o.'s.].
4. reside, live, live at, abide, bide, dwell.
5. quarter, provide quarters for, bed, bunk, charge, assignment.

billfold, n. wallet, folding purse, purse, pocketbook; card case, credit card container; money clip; money belt.

billowy, adj. surging, swelling, heaving, waving, undulating; rolling, rising, tossing; rippling, undulant, swirling; rising and falling, ebbing and flowing.

bimonthly, adj., adv. bimestrial, Obs. bimensal every two months; semimonthly, fortnightly, twice a month.

bin, n. box, can, coffer, canister, case, casket, Brit. caddy; Hutch, chest, cupboard; hamper, basket, crate, pannier; receptacle, container, hold; enclosure, stall, pen, crib.

bind, v. 1. fasten, secure, tie, tie up, bundle, colligate, truss, wrap; join, unite, connect, encircle, gird, attach; lace, entwine, plait, interlace, weave, interlock; buckle, hook.
2. bandage, tape, dress, wrap, swathe.
3. strap, chain, hoop, hitch, tether, hobble, hopple, fetter, trammel, pinion, shackles, gyre; manage, handcuff; leash, bridle, muzzle; chafe, choke, hamper.
4. hold, hold fast, grip, stick, stick together, adhere, glue, cement, paste, conglutinate, lute, cohere, consolidate, set, harden, solidify, congeal, gel, agglutinate, gum; clog, compact, fuse, coalesce; thicken, cake, clot, coagulate, curdle.
5. require, prescribe, assign; astring, engage, obligate; restrict, constrict, constrain, force, compel, impel, press, enforce; inhibit, encumber, cumber, burden, yoke.
6. edge, border, hem, trim, purfl, purl.


biography, n. life story, life, life history, Inf. bio; memoir, memoirs, recollections, adventures, fortunes; account, history, record; autobiography, filmography, psychobiography.

bird, n. 1. flier, fledgling, cageling, fowl, bird of prey; songbird, warbler, songster.
2. Slang. eccentric, Inf. character, Sl. freak, Sl. nut, Sl. weirdo, Sl. whacko.
3. birds of a feather friends, cohorts, cronies, brothers, colleagues; gang, group.
4. for the birds Slang. ridiculous, absurd, preposterous, unbelievable, laughable; contemptuous, unworthy, reprehensible.
5. the bird Slang. disapproval, hissing, boooing, scoffing, ridicule, Inf. Bronx cheer, Inf. raspberry.

birth, n. 1. childbirth, bearing, delivery, parturition, confinement. See bearing (def. 2).
2. background, parentage, lineage, descent, nativity, origin, race, extraction, derivation; ancestry, family, house, affiliation, blood, blood line, strain, stock; pedigree, genealogy, stirs; heritage, birthright, patrimony, legacy.
3. origin, beginnings, start, source, fountainhead. See beginning (defs. 2, 3).
4. give birth to a bear a child, bring forth, deliver. See bear (def. 1). b. initiate, originate, discover, invent, spawn. See begin (def. 3).

birthday, n. day of birth, natal day, anniversary; birthday party, celebration, commemoration.

birthmark, n. blemish, patch, discoloration, disfigurement, mole, nevus.
bishop, n. right, privilege, duc, droit, Law. primogeniture; heritage, patrimony, legacy, inheritance, Inf. what's coming to one.

biscuit, n. bun, scone, Brit. cookie; cracker, soda cracker, saltine; rusk, cracknel, zwieback, wafer; hardtack; pretzel.

bine, v. 1. halve, divide in half, cut in two, dichotomize, Obs. dimidiate; split, cleave, sunder, cut down the middle.

2. intersect, intercross, decussate, cross, crisscross, crosscut, cut across.

3. fork, part, furcate, bifurcate, separate, subdivide; branch, ramify, stem, diverge, diversicate.

biscuit, n. 1. restrainer, harness, halter, yoke, rein; 1 bit

2. bisexual, amphiorientic, SL. ac/dc, SL. switch-hitting, SL. hitting from both sides of the plate.

—n. 3. androgyn, epicing; All Biol. hermaphroditic, pseudohermaphroditic, All Bot. gynandrous, gynandropermorph, gynandromorphous, monoinous.

4. All SL. switch-hitter, bi-guy.

bise, n. 1. bit, pun, gibe, quip; 1 biting, adj.

biting, adj. 1. caustic, mordant, acrimonious, bitter, acid, acrid, acid, pungent; trenchant, cutting, incisive, slashing, scathing; penetrating, piercing, stinging, pricking, nipping, See bitter (defs. 4-6).

bitter, adj. 1. all usu. of taste acrid, biting, pungent; acid, tart, harsh, sour, subacid, acetous, vinegary, unsweet, unsweetened; acerb, acidic, acidulent, acaceous, acidulated; distasteful, unappetizing, unpalatable, unsavory; disagreeable, unpleasant, nasty, unlikeable.

2. distressful, distressing, harrowing, heartbreaking, heart rending, tormenting; sad, unhappy, sorrowful, woeful, tearful, lamentable, mournful, regretful; poignant, moving, touching; acute, intense, severe; painful, smarting, agonizing, torturous, excruciating; grievous, crushing, deplorable, dreadful, brutal; oppressive, burdensome, consuming, raging, onerous; ruinous, calamitous, disastrous, tragic.

3. hostile, resentful, indignant, piqued, angry; adverse, opposed, opposing; aggressive, belligerent, bellicose; peevish, petulant, crabbed, testy, splenetic, touchy, waspish, irascible, edgy; spiteful, virulent, malicious, venomous, vitriolic, vicious; antagonistic, rancorous, ill-disposed, malevolent, malignant; ill-tempered, ill-humored, ill-natured, short-tempered; morose, surly, sulen, sour, moody.

4. caustic, mordant, acrimonious, bitter, acid, acrid, acidulous, acid, pungent; trenchant, cutting, incisive, slashing, scathing; penetrating, piercing, stinging, pricking, nipping. See bitter (defs. 4-6).

5. sarcastic, satirical, ironic, ironical, cynical; double-edged, edged; contemptuous, contumelious, taunting, teasing; scornful, mocking, derisive, derisory, sardonic.

6. insulting, scorning, denouncing, berating, lashing; abusive, corrosive, corroding, erosive; cruel, mean, brutal; unkind, uncharitable, unbenevolent, uncordial, unamiable, unfriendly.

bitterness, n. 1. all usu. of taste sourness, aci- dity, vinegariness, tartness, harshness, sharpness, acerb- ity.

2. resentment, grudge, animosity, hostility; indigna tion, pique, dudgeon; rancor, choler, anger, bile, spleen; gall, wormwood, gall and wormwood.

3. acrimoniousness, causticity, asperity, mordancy; pungency, venom, venomousness, virulence, stinging, acrid, acridity, acidity, acrid, pungent; trenchant, cutting, incisive, slashing, scathing; penetrating, piercing, stinging, pricking, nipping; astringent, severe, stern, austere, stringent; harsh, keen, pointed, sharp, sharp- tongued.
bedness, testiness, touchiness, irascibility, ill-temperedness, short-temperedness, edginess.

bivouac, n. campment, lodgment, castration; camp, cantonnement, casern; quarters, lodgings, barracks, billet, berth.

biweekly, adj., adv. fortnightly, twice monthly, semimonthly, twice a month, every two weeks, every other week.

blab, v. chatter, prattle, chipper, cackle; prate, bleat, Inf. gab; jabber, chatter, chaffer, talk idly, Inf. shoot the bull.

black, adj. 1. dark, pitch-black, coal-black, jet, jetty; ebony, ebon, raven, sable; inky, pitchy, nigritude; gloomy, dismal, cheerless, Stygian; somber, sullen, dour, dreary, downcast, despondent, forlorn.

bladder, n. vesica, sac, bag, receptacle, pocket, pouch, bursa, capsule, theca; saccule, saccula, utricle, vesicle, cyst, blister, bile.
blatant, adj. obtrusive, flagrant, glaring, egregious.

blaze, n. Inf. drivel, driveling, blether, blather, adj. blasphemous, sacrilegious, profane, irreligious.

blast, n. or v. 2. noisy, clamorous, clamant, rackety, obstreperous, overt, obvious, manifest, clear, bald, baldfaced; sheer, brazen, brazen-faced, bold, haughty; uninviting, dreary, literary, drear, dismal, gloomy, cheerless, joyless; drab, dull, flat, monotonous; somber, melancholy, sad, mournful, forlorn, miserable, wretched.

bleat, v. 1. baa, blat, bray, whinny, cry, call; babble, prate, blather, blab.

bleach, v. blend, bleach, bleat, v. 1. mark, spot, speckle, stain, sully, tar, hickey.

bleachers, n. grandstand, tiers, stands; benches, long seats, seats, stools, settles, pews, Brit. forms.

bleak, adj. bare, barren, desolate, windswept, bleak.

blemish, v. mark, spot, speckle, stain, sully, tar, hickey.

blend, v. 1. mix, admix, commix, intermix; mingle, commingle, scramble, intermingle, interlard; compound, combine, alloy, Chem. levigate, merge.
coalesce, melt together; unite, join, inosculate, fuse, amalgamate, incorporate; intertwine, interweave, link together; synthesize, homogenize, hybridize, mongrelize.

1. harmonize, get on well, complement, suit, fit.

—n. 3. combination, amalgamation, assimilation, incorporation; mixture, admixture, commixture, intermixture, mingling, intermingling, commingling; junction, union, fusion, synthesis; hybridization, mongrelization, homogenization; hybrid, mongrel, half-breed.

bless, v. 1. consecrate, sanctify, hallow, dedicate; glorify, extol, praise, exalt, honor; canonize, Rom. Cath. Ch. beatify, make holy, baptize, anoint; make the sign of the cross, Archaic. sain, give benediction; absolve, pardon, acquit.

2. sanction, approve, be in favor of, support, endorse, countenance, smile upon; assent, consent, permit, allow.

blessed, adj. 1. consecrated, sanctified, hallowed, sacred, holy, divine; venerated, revered, revered; glorified, extolled, exalted; sainted, canonized, Rom. Cath. Ch. beatified.

2. happy, joyful, joyous, lucky; endowed, granted, blesse, bountiful, gifted, bountifully.

3. fortunate, favored, lucky; endowed, granted, blessed, blesse, bountifully.

blessing, n. 1. benediction, Archaic. benison, grace, thanksgiving, prayer, invocation; devotion, worship, praise, honor, glorification, exaltation; absolute, pardon, acquittal.

2. benefit, boon, advantage, profit, gain; favor, 6. closed, shut, sealed; obstructed, blocked, barred, blockaded, barricaded; impassable, dead-end, without exit.

3. benefit, boon, advantage, profit, gain; favor, benefit, boon, advantage, profit, gain; favor, fortune, good fortune, relief; bounty, gift, benefit, beneficially.

4. ignorant, nescient, naive, unaware, unenlightened, unacquainted, unconversant, unversed; incognizant, unknowing, unapprised, uninformed; insensitive, unconscious, unfeeling; indifferent, insusceptible, unaffected, untouched, unmoved.

5. concealed, obscure, covered, hidden, hideaway, out of sight or view; undisclosed, unrevealed, unknown; anonymous, unidentified, unnamed.

6. closed, shut, sealed; obstructed, blocked, barred, blockaded, barricaded; impassable, dead-end, without exit.

7. poke or put [s.o.’s] eye out, gouge out the eyes of, render sightless, deprive of sight; cut off [s.o.’s] view, block [s.o.’s] line of vision, blindfold, get into [s.o.’s] way, Archaic. hoodwink.

8. conceal, hide, cover up, screen; obfuscate, obscure, cloud over, fog up, shroud, shield, mantle, cloak, veil, curtain, drapery, envelopment; mask, blinker, blind, blinder, shudder.

9. shade, cover, screen, shield, mantel, cloak, veil, curtain, drape, envelopment; mask, blinker, blind, blockaded, barricaded; impassable, dead-end, without exit.

10. concealment, hiding place, hideaway; subterfuge, cover, cloak, camouflage, masquerade, disguise, Inf. front.

11. affection, pretense, deception, delusion, feint, fake, fraud; artifice, stratagem, maneuver, chicanery, guile, wile, finesse, evasion, smoke screen; decoy, ruse, trick, trap, snare, net, catch, ambush, pitfall, Inf. dodge.

12. Usu. the blind the sightless, the visionless, the unsighted, the partially sighted.

blindfold, v. 1. cover [s.o.’s] eyes, Archaic. hoodwink. See blind (def. 7).

2. obfuscate, obscure, cloud over, fog up. See blind (def. 8).

—n. 3. mask, blinker, blind, shudder. See blind (def. 9).

—adj. 4. rash, impetuous, irrational, unthinking. See blind (def. 3).

blinking, n. 1. delight, happiness, felicity, enjoyment, delectation, pleasure, luxury; joy, joyousness, exaltation, elation, rapture, jubilation, ecstasy, ravishment; exhilaration, gaiety, jollity, gladness, cheer, glee, Archaic. joyance; enchantment, transport, captivation, fascination; gratification, fulfillment, contentment, glory.

2. heaven, Eden, seventh heaven, utopia, paradise; Elysium, Arcadia, sunshine, halcyon days; beatitude, serenity, peace, heavenly peace, blissfulness, blessedness.

blister, n. 1. blain, boil, furuncle, carbuncle, pustule, pimple, papule, pock, wen, whelk, Rare. bleb, Archaic. botch. See blain.

2. swelling, bulge, bulge, protuberance, projection, prominence; growth, tumor, intumescence, tumefaction.

—v. 3. vesicate, swell, tumefy.

4. thrash, whip, spank, batter, beat, beat up, punish.

5. excoriate, denounce, criticize, attack, assail, castigate, scathe; shame, disgrace, embarrass, mortify.

blithe, adj. 1. cheerful, gay, jovial, jolly, merry, gleeful, blithesome; happy, pleased, contented, glad; ecstatic, joyful, elated, joyous, rejoicing, exultant, jubilant, overjoyed; enthusiastic, animated, spirited, flushed, buoyant, frisky, skittish, rollicking, playful,
gamesome, frolicsome, sportive; jocular, jocose, jok- ing, jesting, wagish; jovial, mirthful, delightful, glad- some, hilarious; sprightly, light-hearted, debonair, jaunty, lively, airy, brisk, spry.

2. genial, convivial, easy-going, amiable, friendly, outgoing; winsome, sunny, smiling, cheery, riant; optim- istic, in good spirits, positive; bubbling, sparkling, effervescent.

3. carefree, free and easy, heedless, untroubled, un- concerned, happy-go-lucky; nonchalant, casual, indif- ferent, blase, devil-may-care; apathetic; dispassionate, detached, cool.

blizzard. n. snowstorm, snow squall, snow flurry, snow, snowfall; storm, squall, tempest, rainstorm, thunderstorm, hailstorm; hurricane, typhoon, tornado, whirlwind, U.S. Inf. t-storm, cyclone; gale, wind, blast, blow, windstorm.

bloat, v. swell, puff out or up, balloon, inflate, Obs. sulfurate, pump up; expand, distend, stretch, dilate, spread out, fill up or out, round out; enlarge, get bigger, grow, gain, increase, pad.

blob, n. 1. globule, drop, droplet, glob, gutta, bubble, dewdrop, pearl, tear; bead, sphere, sphere- oval, oval, pellet, ball, shot, pea, pill; lump, mass, dab, particle, dash, speck, dot, iota.

2. spot, mark, splotch, splash, daub; stain, soil, smudg, blot, blotch, blemish; smear, smear, dirty mark, finger print.

3. dullard, dolt, dunce, nincompoop, half-wit. See blockhead.

4. ancestry, lineage, heritage, genealogy, back- ground, family, house; extraction, stock, pedigree, race; descent, derivation, origin, stirs, line; kinship, kindred, consanguinity, cognition, blood ties, blood lines.

5. in cold blood deliberately, premeditatively, inten- tionally, on purpose, knowingly, Law. with malice aforethought or malice prepense.

bloodless, adj. 1. pale, wan, sickly, colorless, ane- mic; pallid, sallow, ashen, chalky, pasty; peaked, faint, faded, whey-faced; gaunt, haggard, drawn, ema- ciated; livid, deathly, deathlike, cadaverous; ghostly, ghastly, grim, white as a ghost or as a sheet.

2. spiritless, languid, dull, listless, sluggish, torpid; ghastly, grim, white as a ghost or as a sheet.

3. temperament, humor, nature, temper, state of mind, mood, spirit; disposition, character, makeup, mettle, constitution.

4. ancestry, lineage, heritage, genealogy, back- ground, family, house; extraction, stock, pedigree, race; descent, derivation, origin, stirs, line; kinship, kindred, consanguinity, cognition, blood ties, blood lines.

bloodthirsty, adj. 1. murderous, slaughterous, homicidal; ferocious, fierce, savage, ruthless, vicious, fell, truculent; brutal, inhuman, barbarous, barbaric, barbarian, hellish, brutal; sadistic, animalistic, cannibalistic, fiendish, ogreish; diabolical, demonic, de- moniac, devilish.

2. harsh, grim, severe, unrelenting, grinding, remorseless; merciless, heartless, pitiless; cruel, hard- hearted, stony-hearted, marble-hearted; revengeful, vengeful, out for revenge, out for blood.

bloody, adj. 1. bleeding, sanguinolent, Med. phleb- otomical.

2. bloodstained, sanguinary, ensanguined, gory, blood-soaked.

3. slaughterous, murderous, homicidal; feral, brutal, cruel. See bloodthirsty.

6. obstruct, impede, hinder, deter, bar, blockade, barricade, stand in the way; stop, stay, restrain, constrain, trammel, bride, retard, frustrate, thwart.

7. fend off, ward off, stave off, beat off; parry, fend, counter.

8. shape, mold, form, fashion, tailor, frame.

9. plan, plan out, lay plans, lay out a plan, lay out, work out, sketch out, map out, hammer out, knock out; outline, delineate, schematize.

blockade, n. 1. siege, besiegement, beleaguerment, investment, encirclement, envelopment, cutting off of supply lines.

2. barrier, barricade, obstacle, obstruction; stop, block, impediment, hindrance, check, deterrent, hur- dle, stumbling block; congestion, jam, blockage, stop- page.

—v. 3. besiege, siege, lay siege to, invest, confine, cordon off; surround, encircle, encompass, hedge in, pin in, shut in.

blockhead, n. dunce, lunkhead, bonehead, knuckle- head, fathead, pinhead, numskull, addlepate; fool, dolt, dimwit, nincompoop, ninny, lightweight; oat, boor, lout, dolt, dullard, Inf. chump, lumpoo, looby, Sl. klutz; idiot, simpleton, half-wit, lamebrain, pin- brain, moron, cretin, imbecile; All Sl. chump, sap, dumbbell, dingbat, ding-a-ling, meatball, meathead, jerk, booby, boob, noodle, blubberhead, nudnik, schmuck, schlemiel, U.S. schmo.

blowing, adj. 1. abloom, in bloom, flowering, blossoming, in blossom.
2. growing, waxing, flourishing, prospering, thriving, luxuriant; glowing, flushed, radiant; vigorous, healthy, sound.

blossom, n. 1. bloom, flower, floweret. See bloom (def. 1).

blot, n. 1. spot, speck, blotch, patch, dot, mark; smudge, smut, smear, smirch, blur; stain, soil, dirt.
2. blemish, taint, flaw, mar; defect, fault, crack, scratch; imperfection, disfigurement, defacement.

—v. 3. spot, smudge, smut, mark, ink; speckle, bedaub, bespatter, dribble, drabble, Archaic: dazzle; smear, smear, slime; soil, dirty, sully, besmirch, muck, bemire; stain, tarnish, blacken, discolor, mar.
4. Usu. blot out obscure, shadow, adumbrate, darken, dim; obliterate, erase, expunge, rub out, delete, cancel, cross out, mark over or through, scratch out, Print. dele; annihilate, exterminate, extirpate, abolish, demolish, destroy, ruin, wipe out.
5. absorb, soak up, extract moisture from, dry out.

blotch, n. 1. blob, glob, patch, globule, splash. See blot (def. 1).

—v. 3. smear, smirch, stain. See blot (def. 3).

blotter, n. record, register, list, day book, police blotter.

blow1, n. 1. slap, punch, hit, Inf. clout, Inf. buff, Sl. shot, Sl. slug, Sl. paste, Sl. bash, Sl. rap 'side the head.
2. shock, calamity, reversal. See calamity (def. 2).
3. come to blows fight, spar, grapple, scuffle, tussle, Inf. fight, Inf. mix it up, engage in fisticuffs; dispute, skirmish, fall out, clash, row.
4. without striking a blow effortlessly, easily, without contest, Inf. hands down, Inf. walking away.
5. strike the first blow take the initiative, make the first move, lead off, start the ball rolling, meet [s.o.] head-on. See begin (def. 3).

blow2, v. 1. breeze, flurry, puff; bluster, squall, blast; fly, soar, zoom, sail, float, drift; wave, flap, flutter, ruffle, flourish, undulate, waft, toss.
2. exhale, respire, emit, spout, give off, vent; puff, pant, huff, wheeze, gasp, breathe hard; whistle, whistle, wind, whoosh, sigh, suspi re, exude.
3. sound, blast, blare, toot, tootle.
4. Informal. brag, boast, crow, bluff, Inf. talk big.
5. burst, explode, rupture, pop; break open, split open, crack, split; implode, pop in, collapse; blow up, shatter, burn out, blow out, puncture; destroy, demolish, detonate; erupt, burst forth.  
6. Slang. lavish, spend freely, Sl. spend as if money is going out of style, Inf. throw one's money around; squander, waste, fritter away, misspend, run through, dissipate.
7. Slang. botch, bungle, muff, make a mess or hash off; mismanage, Inf. mess up, Inf. screw up.
8. blow hot and cold vater, vassillade, fluctuate, shift or go back and forth, Inf. Inf. shilly-shally.
9. blow one's stack or top lose one's temper, become enraged, flare up, lose control, Sl. flip one's lid, Sl. flip out; shout, yell, scream, bellow, roar.
10. blow out extinguish, snuff out, smother, stif l, douse, quash.
11. blow over cease, end, conclude, finish, terminate, come to an end; pass, pass away, come to rest, subside, settle down; sink into oblivion, be forgotten, go out of one's head, be gone, be buried in the past.
12. blow up exaggerate, enlarge on, overstate, embroider, color, stretch, heighten; enlarge, magnify, expand, amplify, distend, inflate, balloon.
—n. 13. puff, breeze, zephyr, gust, flurry; wind, disturbance, turbulence, windstorm, storm, tempest, gale, blast; hurricane, tornado, whirlwind, cyclone, twister, squall, blizzard, northeaster; monsoon, sirocco, sirocco.
14. sound, blast, blare; whine, wail, shriek; whistle, toot.

blowzy, adj. 1. ruddy, red-faced, red, florid, rubicund, sanguine; bloated, puffy, swollen, pletoric, turbid, timid.
2. disheveled, tousled, frowzy, uncombed, messed, mussily; unkempt, bedraggled, untidy, slipshod, slovenly, sloppy, slatternly.

blubber, v. 1. cry, wail, whimper Inf. booho. See bawl (def. 3).

—n. 2. cry, caterwauling, bawl. See bawl (def. 5).

bludgeon, n. 1. club, cudgel, night-stick, Inf.illy, Inf. billy club, Brit. truncheon; blackjack, Sl. sap.
—v. 2. club, cudgel, strike, hit, Sl. clout, beat, Inf. beat on; fell, knock down, beat up, beat senseless, Inf. club over, Sl. sap. See beat (defs. 1, 7).
3. coerce, bully. See hector (def. 3) and beat (def. 8).

blue, n. 1. sky, blue skies, empyrean, firmament, frank, open, honest, candid, plain.
adj. blowzy, 1. ruddy, red-faced, red, florid, rubicund.
2. blemish, taint, flaw, mar; defect, fault, crack,  —v. 2. flower, germinate, grow. See (def. 1).
—adj. 3. coerce, bully. See (def. 1) and (def. 2).
4. depressed, despondent, morose, doleful, dispiriting, gloomy, depressing, dispiriting.
5. righteous, puritanical, moralistic, severe, strict, rigid, prudish.
6. Informal. indecent, risqué, bawdy, obscene, Inf. dirty; vulgar, coarse, offensive, improper.

bluff, adj. 1. frank, open, honest, candid, plainspoken, outspoken; direct, plain, straightforward, downright; crude, rough, unvarnished, burly, blistering.
2. steep, sheer, abrupt, sudden, precipitous; perpendicular, vertical; acclivitous, ascending, rising; bold, towering.
—n. 3. cliff, palisade, scarp, ridge, escarpment, crag, peak; headland, promontory, foreland; wall, bank, slope, height, knoll.

bluff, v. 1. mislead, delude, deceive, bamboozle, hoodwink, fake [s.o.] out, blind, pull the wool over [s.o.’s] eyes, throw dust in [s.o.’s] eyes; fool, trick, hoax, humbug, cozen, take in, put one over on, Brit. Inf. gammon.
2. pretend, feign, fake, sham, Inf. four-flush, Inf. bull; bluster, roister, puff, Sl. blow hard, Sl. talk big; brag, boast, hector, trumpet, bluster and bluff.
—n. 3. sham, fake, show, false show, mere show, Inf. bluff, Inf. four-flushing; bravado, bragadocio, bluster, fanfaronade.
4. fake, fraud, humbug, Inf. phony, Inf. four-
fluster; blusterer, bluffer, blatherskite, Sl. blowhard, Sl. windbag; braggart, boaster, gascon, fanfaron.

5. call some one's bluff take one up on, take a dare, accept a challenge, take up the gauntlet.

blunder, n. 1. mistake, error, flaw, fault, inaccuracy; botch, abortion, miscarriage, fiasco, fizzle, foolie, fumble, Sl. screwup; misunderstanding, misconception; inadvertence, omission, oversight, slip. Inf. slip-up, Sl. boo-boo, Sl. goof, Sl. boner; folly, stupidity, foolishness.

2. imprudence, impropriety, indiscretion, faux pas, gaffe, gaucherie, solecism; malapropism, spoonerism, howler, Sl. blooper, slip of the lip, slip of the tongue, slip of the pen, Freudian slip.

—v. 3. flounder, stumble, bungle, slip, Sl. goof or goof up, Inf. flub; err, slip up, make a mistake; miscalculate, misjudge, missreckon, miscount, mismatch; fail, miss, miscarry, abort, miss the mark; fumble, boggle, botch or botch out, mess up, hash up, Sl. screw up, muff, blow it, foosome, put one's foot in one's mouth.

blurt, adj. 1. dull, rounded, not sharp, unpointed, edgesless, sharpened, thick.

2. abrupt, curt, short, brusque; frank, candid, open, direct, outspoken, plain-spoken; plain, downright, unvarnished, straightforward; bluff, brusque, bold, brazen, barefaced, insolent, impudent; sharp, keen, trenchant, acrimonious, sarcastic, stinging, cutting, biting, piercing, stringent; brutal, cruel; churlish, bearish, gruff; inconsiderate, tactless, blustering; rude, uncivil, unceremonious, ungracious, discourteous, impolite, unmanly.

3. dull, dim-witted, stupid, slow, thick, solid, dense; insensitive, obtuse, unperceiving; unseen, unobservable, inattentive.

—v. 4. dull, round, soften, take the edge off of.

5. numb, stupefy, deaden, obtund; weaken, impair, devitalize; anesthetize, tranquilize, pacify, appease, soothe, mollify.

blunt, adj. 1. smear, besmear, smirch, smudge; sully, dirty, soil, stain, smutch, begrime; bedaub, daub all over, blot, splootch, spot, blemish, splash, bespatter.

2. abrupt, curt, short, brusque; frank, candid, open, direct, outspoken, plain-spoken; plain, downright, unvarnished, straightforward; blunt, brusque, bold, brazen, barefaced, insolent, impudent; sharp, keen, trenchant, acrimonious, sarcastic, stinging, cutting, biting, piercing, stringent; brutal, cruel; churlish, bearish, gruff; inconsiderate, tactless, blustering; rude, uncivil, unceremonious, ungracious, discourteous, impolite, unmanly.

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boast, v. 1. brag, crow, Australian, skite, beat the drum, draw the longbow, Archaic, vaunt, trumpet, blow one's own trumpet, toot one's own horn, sing one's own praises, Sl. shoot the bull, Sl. lay it on thick; bluster, roister, puff, Sl. blow hard, Sl. talk big; show off, strut, parade, swagger, flaunt, Literary, plume oneself; pat oneself on the back, flatter oneself; congratulate oneself.

2. brag about, make much of, celebrate, emblazon.

3. committee, council, cabinet, advisory group, panel; advisers, directors, trustees.

4. Often board up or over close up, cover up, batten, fasten down, tie down, clamp down, screw down, nail down, secure, tighten, make fast, fix; fasten, hook, latch, lock, padlock.

5. feed, lodge, house, quarter, billet, accommodate, Inf. put up, bed; live in, Inf. room in, take one's meals, Inf. eat in.

6. go on board, go aboard, enter, go or get on, step aboard, come in or on.

7. come alongside, near, approach, close in on or upon, press in on, bear down on; attack, storm, bash, pummel, assault, assail, beset.

boastful, adj. bragging, braggart, crowing, vaunting, boasting, vaporizing, blowing, fanfaronading; proud, overproud, vain, vainglorious, egotistical, conceited, swelled-headed, swollen, inflated, puffed-up; cocky, overbearing, overweening, Scot. vauntie; pretentious, pompous, arrogant, haughty, grandiloquent, magniloquent, Inf. high-hat.

boat, n. 1. vessel, craft, yacht, houseboat, packet; sailboat, sloop, dory, pinnace; motorboat, speedboat, jet boat, shell, hydroplane, hydrofoil; rowboat, skiff, pram, punt, canoe, kayak, dugout, Naut. galley; ten-man, denim, ditty bag, dobbin, ten-tom, small boat; dinghy, yawl, lifeboat, tug.

2. ship, liner, steamer, ferry, ark, Inf. windjammer; slipper, schooner, galleon, cutter, Naut. ketch, Naut. brigantine, Naut. brig, Naut. bark; freighter, merchantman, carrack, barge, whaler, Eastern U. S. smack.

3. float, sail, navigate, cruise, yacht, steam, drift; motorboat, hydroplane, row, paddle, oar.

4. ship, ferry, freight, barge; transport, convey, carry, send.

bob, v. 1. jerk, twitch, jounce, weave, nod; oscillate, swing, vibrate, move back and forth, go up and down; quiver, quaver, shake, waggle, wiggle.

bob up emerge, appear, materialize, come up out of nowhere.

bob, v. cut short, trim, dock, chip, shear, prune, crop, lop.

bode, v. portend, augur, presage, import, point to, bespeak, betoken; indicate, signify, mean, imply, intimate, denote, connote, suggest, purport.

bodiless, adj. 1. incorporeal, disembody; bodiless, incorporeal, unembodied, disembodied, discarnate, disembody; portend, augur, presage, import, point to, inf. forebode, foreshadow, forewarn, foreknow, signal, hint, suggest, threaten, indicate, predict, indicate, disclose; exclaim, shout, call out; reveal, disclose, speak out of turn, let slip, give away the game, Inf. spill the beans, Inf. let the cat out of the bag. See babble (def. 4).

blush, v. 1. redden, color, flush, turn red or scarlet, crimson, mantle, glow.

—n. 2. reddening, color, flush, rossiness, Ruddiness; tint, hue, tint, suggestion.

bluster, v. 1. spout, blast, roar, trumpet; gasp, wheeze, huff, puff, pant.

2. swagger, strut, roister, harangue, Sl. blow hard, Sl. blow, Sl. talk big; throw one's weight around, be overbearing, lord it over, give [s.o.] a hard time, bully, badger.
bodily; spiritual, immaterial, unsubstantial, unfleshly; intangible, impalpable, imponderable, immeasurable.

2. extramundane, transmundane, supernatural, superphysical, hyperphysical; ethereal, airy, vapory; spectral, ghostly, phantom, wraithlike; shadowy, illusory, chimerical, visionary, fanciful, unreal.

bodily, adj. 1. corporeal, corporal, fleshly, incarnal, carnal, somatic, physical; earthly, material, substantial, tangible, palpable; concrete, real, true, actual.—adv. as a body, as a group, collectively, en masse; wholly, as a whole, Latin. in toto; bag and baggage.

body, n. 1. corporality, materiality, matter; corporeal, physical, build, figure, frame, form, shape; framework, skeleton, flesh and bones; trunk, torso.

2. carcass, corpse, cadaver, Sl. stiff, remains; cremains, ashes.

3. person, human being, human, being, individual, creature.

4. majority, bulk, most, major or greater part, lion’s share, nearly all, preponderance; principal part, core, essence, heart, center, hub, kernel.

5. collectivity, aggregation, mass, corps; troupe, crew, team, band, party; group, bunch, gang, pack, herd; crowd, throng, mob.

6. consistency, consistence, density, solidity, firmness; richness, substance; shape, structure.


boggle, v. 1. take alarm, take fright, Inf. push the panic button; start, jump, Inf. jump out of one’s skin or pants; shy, fight shy.

2. hesitate, waver, falter, pause, hang back, shilly-shally, hem and haw; equivocate, prevaricate, hedge, sidestep, evade the issue, pussyfoot, weasel.

3. dissemble, disguise, mask, camouflage, obscure, cloud; equivocate, prevaricate, hide, sidestep, evade the issue, pussyfoot, weasel.

4. bungle, botch, muddle, flub, be all thumbs; All Sl. mess up, foul up, lose up, screw up, goof up, gum up, flub.

5. astound, astonish, amaze, overwhelm, Inf. flabbergast; startle, stagger, shock, bowl over.

6. stout, astonish, amaze, overwhelm, Inf. flabbergast; startle, stagger, shock, bowl over.

bogus, adj. counterfeit, spurious, unauthentic, unsound, apochryphal, sham, mock, make-believe, fake, Inf. phony.

bohemian, adj. 1. nonconformist, unconventional, unorthodox, Fr. oùtre; irregular, radical, left bank, avanti-garde, way-out; original, eccentric, bizarre, curious, odd.

2. gypsy, nomadic, wandering, traveling, peregrinating, vagabond; itinerant, peripatetic, roaming, footloose.

boil, v. 1. seethe, simmer, stew, steam, decoc, brew; cook, heat, parboil, poach.

2. foam, churn, froth, fullminate, spume, mantle; bubble, effervesce, bubble, gurgle, guggle; fizz, fizzle, sputter.

3. rage, rave, bluster, storm, rant, roar, rampage; splutter, boil over, explode, Sl. blow one’s top; fume, sizzle, chafe, smolder, bristle; fire up, burn up, flare up, flame up, fly into a passion, Inf. fly off the handle; ferment, quiver, stir up, arouse, rile.

4. boil down a. shorten, abridge, condense, digest, synopsize. b. come down, point, indicate, designate; mean, signify, denote.

boll, n. 1. blain, furuncle, furunculus, carbuncle, pustule, pimple, papule, papilla, pock, wen, whelk, Rare. bleb, Archaic. botch; abscess, ulcer, ulceration, fester, festering, gathering, gumboil, parulis, tubercle, Obs. apostem or apostemation, Archaic. imposture or imposthume; canker, lesion, chancre, chancreoid, soft chancre, simple chancre; sore, open or running sore, gall, excoriation; whitlow, agnail.

boisterous, adj. 1. noisy, obstreperous, vociferous; agitated, disturbed, unquiet, restive; blustering, clangorous, rackety; loud, ear-splitting, booming, deafening; rowdy, rambunctious, brawling, disorderly, robustious, out of hand; clamorous, riotous, uproarious, rocking, wild; Sl. raising Cain, Sl. raising hell, Sl. raising the roof; rampageous, reckless, rampant, rollicking, swaggering; unrestrained, unruly, uncontrolled, uncontrollable.

2. (of waves, wind, and weather) stormy, raging, tempestuous, turbulent, tumultuous; rough, choppy, squally, swirling, whipping, gusty, Archaic. troubous; violent, vehement, furious, frenzied, cyclonic, typhonic.

bold, adj. 1. courageous, fearless, daring, dauntless, unafraid; valiant, valorous, lionhearted, intrepid, audacious, Scot. braidy; heroic, stalwart, stout, sturdy, defiant, plucky, gritty; adventurous, venturesome; resolve, undismayed, unflinching, unalarmed, confident, assured; rash, daredevil, foolhardy.

2. barefaced, brazen, brassy, insolent, rude, impudent, impertinent, pert, saucy, fresh, Scot. and North Eng. crouse; immodest, unabashed, unresolved, shameless, cheeky, unblushing; presumptuous, forward, indecorous, unseemly; frank, candid, open, honest, direct, plainspoken, outspoken, straightforward.

3. conspicuous, prominent, eye-catching; ostentatious, obtrusive, pretentious; flashy, showy, garish, gaudy.

4. steep, sheer, bluff, abrupt, sudden, precipitous; perpendicular, vertical; acclivitous, ascending, rising, toweling.

bolster, n. 1. cushion, pillow, pad, hassock, Brit. woolsock; support, supporter, prop, brace, bracer, mainstay.

—v. 2. cushion, pillow, cradle; support, prop, shore up, brace, underbrace, buttress; shoulder, lift, hold up, boost.

bolt, n. 1. lock, latch, catch, holdfast, pin, fastener; spike, clamp, pawl, bar, tie, clinch; rod, skewer, spike, dowel, pin, peg; screw, nail, brad, rivet, staple.

2. dash, dart, sprint, bound, spring, rush, run; flight, escape, fleeing, hegira.

3. length, roll, coil; piece, section, portion.

4. arrow, dart, quarrel; missile, projectile, trajecktile.

5. thunderbolt, lightning, sheet of lightning, flash, fulguration.

—v. 6. fasten, make fast, secure; lock, latch, catch, hold; screw, clamp down, Mach. batten, clinch, tie, pawl, bar.

7. shoot, discharge, fire, let fly, pour forth; detonate, set off.

8. gobble, gulp, swallow whole, devour, cram, stuff, gorge.

9. dash, fly, Inf. take off, Sl. tear off, scoot, speed, sprint, run; rush, hurry, hasten, spank, scud; flee, make a run for it, turn tail, escape.

bomb, n. 1. explosive, fireball, Inf. blockbuster, grenade, Molotov cocktail, shell, torpedo, missile, projectile, trajecktile; mine, land mine.

—v. 2. bombard, Brit. Sl. prang, strafe, shell, torpedo, Mil. barrage, fusillade, blitz, blitzkrieg; shoot, fire on, open fire on, pepper, cannonade.

bombard, v. 1. bomb, shell, fusillade. See bomb (def. 2).
set upon, pounce upon, descend upon, fall on; light into, Inf. lace into, Inf. rip into, Inf. tear into, Sl. zap, Sl. lay into.

3. assault, vituperate, revile, rail against, inveigh against, lash, abuse, belabor, Inf. jump down [s.o.'s] throat, Archaic. clapperclaw.

bombardment, n. strafing, air raid, peppering, salvo, fusillade, Navy, broadside, Both Mil. barrage, enfilade; assault, offensive, onslaught; rush, blitz, blitzkrieg, storming, Fr. coup de main, Obs. brunt; battle, combat, Mil. skirmish; raid, foray, sortie, sally; invasion, aggression, incursion, escalade.

bombast, n. grandiosity, rodomontade, pomposity, magniloquence, grandiloquence;umidity, turgidity, flatulence, Archaic. tumpaty; extravagance, rant, highfdown language, sesquipedalism; bravado, bragadocio, gasconade.

bombastic, adj. pompous, orotund, fustian, adj.

bombardment, v. resound, resonate, vibrate, trill, reverberate, echo; bang, blast, blare, clang, peal, ring, grind, achiever, SI. Brit. SI. bibliophile, swot. See also bookman, walking encyclopedia; student, overachiever, Sl. grind, Brit. Sl. swot. See also bibliophile.

boom, v. 1. resound, resonate, vibrate, trill, reverberate, echo; bang, blast, blare, clang, peal, ring, buzz, sound loudly; screech, shriek, wail, howl, whistle, cry; clamor, bellow, roar, rumble, thunder, clap; explode, burst, report, shoot, shoot off or out, blow up, pop, go off, detonate.

2. progress, prosper, thrive, flourish, luxuriant, burgeon, mushroom; spring up, burst forth, develop vigorously; grow, wax, increase, gain, add to.

3. promote, campaign for, advance, boost up, talk up; advertise, publicize, broadcast, announce, make known; declare openly, promulgate, proclaim, herald, trumpet, ballyhoo, beat the drum; push, Inf. plug, Inf. hype, puff, vaunt.

—n. 4. booming, roaring, bellowing, rumbling, thundering; resonance, vibration, trilling, reverberation, echoing; banging, blasting, blaring, clamoring, clanging, pealing, ringing, buzzing; screeching, shrieking, wailing, howling, whining.

5. explosion, clap, bang, loud noise, report, shot, burst, pop, detonation.

6. increase, augmentation, addition, rise, gain, markup.

boomerang, v. come back, return, rebound, spring back, resile, bounce back; recoil, reverse, backfire, backlash, come home to roost; ricochet.

boon, n. benefit, advantage, plus, blessing, favor, goodly thing; reward, present, gift; handel, endowment, bestowal, largess; perforque, Inf. perk; compensation, recompense, remuneration, emolument, repayment, payroll; gratuity, tip, ducour, honorarium, (in Chinese ports) cumshaw, (in India, Turkey, etc.) bakshesheh, Fr. pourboire.

2. premium, bounty, inducement, encouragement, stimulation; bribe, bait, payment, Inf. payola, Sl. palm greaser.

book, n. 1. opus, opuscule, work, tome, tract, treatise; publication, volume, writing, title.

2. notebook, looseleaf, pad, scratch pad; log, ledger, blotter, account book, day book; diary, journal.

3. by the book according to rule, according to Hoyle.

4. like a book completely, thoroughly, wholly, entirely, from A to Z; Inf. like the back of my hand, Inf. better than I know myself.

5. make book bet, gamble, wager, stake, Brit. punt.

—v. 6. register, record, log, post, enter, enroll, insert, inscribe.

7. reserve, engage beforehand, charter.

8. schedule, slate, bill, program, Inf. line up.

bookish, adj. 1. literary, lettered, literate, learned, erudite, educated, well-educated; conversant, knowledgeable, well-read, informed, well-posted, well-grounded, well-schooled, accomplished; intellectual, cerebral, brainy, highbrow or highbrowed; bibliophilistic, bibliophilic; studious, scholarly, diligent, sedulous, conscientious, industrious, assiduous.

2. academic, theoretical, hypothetical, abstract, notional, ideational, speculative; unrealistic, impractical, ivory-towerish, utopian, visionary.

3. pedantic; pedantical, scholastic, pedagogous, donnish, precise, punctilious, exact, meticulous, fastidious, fussy, finicky, particular; stilted, formal, stiff, stuffy, dry; rigid, narrow, hidebound; platitudinous, unimaginative, original, uninteresting; boring, dull, tedious, tiresome.

bookkeeper, n. clerk, registrar, recorder, agent; accountant, certified public accountant, C.P.A., Both Brit. chartered accountant, C.A.; controller, comptroller, auditor; inspector, examiner, reckoner, analyst, Insurance. actuary, computer; cashier, teller.

bookworm, n. bibliophile, ardent reader; scholar, bookman, walking encyclopedia; student, overachiever, Sl. grind, Brit. Sl. swot. See also bibliophile.

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galoot, Sl. lug, Chiefly Brit. Sl. joskin; bungler, bumbler, fumbler, botcher, blunderer, bogglor, Inf. butterfingers, Inf. stumblebum, Inf. duffer, Sl. slob; Philistine, vulgarian, vulgarist, ribald, low or vulgar or ill-bred fellow.

2. rustic, peasant, provincial, country cousin, countryman, farmer, plowman, plowboy, chuff, son or tiller of the soil, swain, kern or kerne, gafter, hobbain, (in Egypt) fellah, (in Russia) muzhik or moguk or mullick or mulchik, (in Spanish America and Southwestern U.S.) peon, Archaic, hind, Often Disparring, hillbilly, Disparaging, bogtrotter, Fr. Sl. truffe, Inf. chawbacon, Inf. cider sneezer; yokel, bumpkin, country bumpkin, hawkbuck, Dial. lumpkin, Sl. hick, Sl. woodtick, Sl. rube, Sl. hayseed, Sl. hoosier.

3. (of all peasants) alien, foreigner, stranger, outsider, outlander, tramontane.

boorish, adj. 1. rude, vulgar, uncouth, coarse, unmanly, ill-mannered, ill-bred; churlish, brushty, barbaric, crude, crass, base, low, vile, contemptible; loutish, oafish, dotlich, drollish, stdoll, cdlophding, gawkish or gawky, lubberly, lumpish, lumpen, clownish, Sl. klutzy.

2. rustic, rural, peasantlike, agrastic, agrarian; pastoral, bucolic, bucolical, sylvan or silvan, Arcadian; inurbane, backwoods, provincial, countryed or countryfied, country-bred, country-born, upcountry, from the sticks, yokelish, Sl. hickish, Sl. rube, Sl. hayseed; homespun, homebred, homey or homy, homely, homelike, homish, down-home, (usu. of thought or philosophy) cracker-barrel, Inf. folksy.

boost, v. 1. lift, raise, raise up, cast up, hoist; thrust; elevate, exalt, upgrade, aggrandize. 2. promote, support, advance, further, forward, help onward, facilitate; publicize, Sl. plug, advertise, write, up, bring or drag into the limelight; commend, recommend, sanction, back, advocate, put in a good word for, pat on the back; assist, aid, abet, foster, benefit. 3. encourage, enhearten, praise, extol, acclaim, eulogize, laud, speak well of, have or say a good word for; inspire, inspirit, build up, buck up, uplift; animate, fire [s.o.'s] imagination, enliven.

4. increase, hike, inflate, jack up, add to, superadd; animate, fire [s.o.'s]' imagination, enliven. 5. lift, raise, Inf. a leg up, hoist; thrust, heave, push, shove. 6. increase, hike, rise; enlargement, magnification, heightening, expansion.

7. refresh, Inf.; pick-me-up, Inf. picker-upper, Inf. upper; Inf. shot in the arm, Inf. ego trip; peptalk, build-up, inspiration, uplifting; encouragement, praise, acclaim, laudation; upgrading, improvement.

8. promotion, support, advancement, furtherance; recommendation, commendation, sanction, backing, pat on the back; publicity, Sl. plug, advertisement, attention, write-up; assistance, aid, abet.

boot, n. footwear, bootie, wellington, Brit. Sl. wellie; clodhoppers, combat boots, Sl. boondocker, Sl. gunboats; rubber, galosh, mukluk, overshoe.

booth, n. 1. stall, stand, counter, table; compartment, cubicule, cubbyhole, cubby, bay, carrel, carol, cell; closet, room, enclosure.

2. shed, shack, lean-to, hut, outbuilding, outhouse; stable, pen, coop, hatch, cote; tent, awning, tepee, wigwam; shelter, covering, protection, roof.

bootless, adj. vain, unavailing, purposeless, useless, Sisyphan, futile, ineffective, inefficacious; worthless, valueless, nugatory; fatuous, inane, inconsequential; fruitless, unproductive, abortive, barren, effete, sterile, impotent; unprofitable, profitless, gainless, unremunerative; unsuccessful, Inf. no-go, to no purpose, to no avail, for naught.

booty, n. 1. spoil or spoils, loot, plunder, pillage, Archaic. prey, Archaic. boot, Scot. Obs. reif. 2. prize, winnings, reward, recompense; profits, earnings, wages, salary, emolument, perquisites, Inf. perks; gain, grab, pickings, takings, Inf. haul. 3. stolen goods, Inf. steal, Sl. hot goods, Sl. boodle, Sl. the take, Sl. the goods, Sl. swag.

bordello, n. brothel, bagnio, Obs. stew, lupanar, Obs. kip, nunnery, Archaic. bordel; house of prostitution, house of ill-fame, house of ill-repute, bawdy-house, whorehouse, Inf. sporting house, Inf. call house; All Sl. call joint, cathouse, parlor house, brothelhouse, honky-tonk, pick-up joint.

border, n. 1. perimeter, periphery, edge, rim, fringe, verge, skirt; circumference, circuit, compass, ambit, margin, frame, outline, confine, confines; brink, brim, brow, hem; bound, limit, bourn, pale, extremity, termination; limits, city limits, outer limits. 2. frontier, frontier line, boundary, boundary line, bounding line, border line or borderline, partition, line, line of demarcation, line.

3. borderland, borderground, borders, bounds, marches, marchland; outpost; outskirts, purlieu.

4. edging, trimming, bordering, skirts, beading, selvage, welt, Herbal. bordure, Bot., Zool. fimbria or fimbriea, Bot., Zool. fimbriation; binding, list; ruff, ruffle; flounce, flourishing, froux, frill, frilling, valance, aigrette, frill, frilling, valance, aigrette, frill, frilling, valance.

5. fringe, befringe, trim; bind; purfling, purfl.

6. edge, skirt, verge, line; rim, hem; frame, march, bound, margin, marginate.

7. adjoin, abut on or upon, verge upon, impinge upon; neighbor, flank, side, lie near to, lie close to, lie next to, lie or be adjacent to; touch, reach, meet, butt, impinge, kiss; join, conjoin, connect, attach, unite, affix, annex, append.

bore', v. pierce, perforate, puncture, ream, trepan, riddle; penetrate, open up, reach into, tap, broach, drill, auger, mine, tunnel, burrow, lower into; cut out, dig out, gouge out; drive, punch, force, work; stab, pink, sink, stick, prick.

bore', v. 1. weary, tire, wear on, wear out, fag out, exhaust, jade; buttonhole, Inf. bend [s.o.'s] ear, Sl. talk one's head off; set or send one to sleep, bore stiff, bore to tears, bore to death; annoy, trouble, irritate, irk, bother, exasperate, tax [s.o.'s] patience, Inf. get, pinch, pinch, hurt, harass, burden, oppress. —n. 2. pest, bother, nuisance, pain, Sl. pain in the neck, Sl. headache, tiresome person; Inf. downer, Inf. drag, Sl. pill; Inf. drip, Inf. wet blanket, Inf. loser; Sl. dullsville, Inf. nowhere.

3. annoyance, irritation, aggravation, vexation, inconvenience.

bored, adj. 1. weary, tired, sick of, worn out, fagged out, exhausted; buttonholed, bored stiff, bored to tears, bored to death; annoyed, irritated, irked, exasperated, Sl. fed to the gills, Sl. fed up; jaded, hardened, infuriated.

2. indifferent, uninterested, blasé, nonchalant, pococurante; listless, spiritless, flagging, phlegmatic.

boredom, n. 1. ennui, U.S. Sl. the blues, low spirits, doldrums, malaise; tedium, monotony, repetition, routine, schedule; dullness, humdrum, deadness, flatness; dreariness, stuffiness.

2. apathy, impassivity, dispassion, lack of feeling or emotion, insentience, insensibility, unfeelingness; lethargy, languor, listlessness, dullness, stolidity, sluggishness; indifference, unconcern, unresponsiveness, uninterestedness, disinterest.

boring, adj. 1. tedious, monotonous, humdrum,
repetitious, routine, unvaried; dull, flat, dead, bland, insipid, Sl. blah, Sl. ho-hum; uninteresting, uninspiring, unmanned, unexciting, dry-as-dust; mediocrec, Inf. nothing to write home about, Sl. nothing; long-winded, prolix, windy, wordy, drawn out, dragged out, long-drawn.

2. wearily, wearisome, tiring, tiresome, wearing, boresome; annoying, irksome, bothersome, exasperating.

borrow, v. 1. ask for the loan of, use temporarily; scrounge, mooch, sponge, cadge, leech, freeload, U.S. Inf. bum.

2. appropriate, arrogate, purloin, usurp, commandeer, take, use; seize, claim, seize, profane, commandeer, rob, commit, purloin, hold, possess, seize, take, own, seize, grab, knap, pillage.

borrow, n. 1. container, glass, vial, phial, flasket, cruet; bottle, jar, carboy, demijohn.

bottom, n. 1. foot, lowest point, lowest part, Astron. nadir, Astron. perigee; foundation, groundwork, understructure, substructure, substratum, understratum, underlayer; pedestal, footing, Archit. socle, Archit. plinth; support, prop, stay, brace; baseboard, doo, wainscot, underpinning.

2. underside, lower side, sole, undersurface, underpart, underneath, belly.

3. bed, ground, floor, bottoms; Davey Jones’s locker.

4. buttocks, rump, posterior, hindquarters, haunches, fundament, nates, Zool. podex, Anat. gluteus maximus, (both of a horse) crupper, croup, seat, Fr. derrière, Inf.anny, Inf. rear or rear end, Brit. Inf. bum, Inf. backsides, Inf. behind. See buttocks.

5. basis, foundation, principle; essence, quiddity, substance, essentials, rudiments, main ingredient.

6. origin, cause, source, beginning, derivation, wellspring, fountainhead, spring; root, base, core, heart, Inf. pub.

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bough, n. branch, limb, twig, stem, stalk; bine, Bot. runner, Bot. sarmentum, tendril; shoot, sprout, switch, spring, sprig, spray.

boulder, n. stone, rock, boulder; sarsen, Druid stone, graywether.

boulevard, n. avenue, concourse, street, strip; main road, thoroughfare, Inf. drag, public road, roadway; drive, terrace, circle, row.

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bounty, 1. generosity, liberality, munificence, bound1, 1. Usu. bounds limits, boundaries, borders, outskirts. See boundary (defs. 1-3).
2. out of bounds a. forbidden, prohibited, taboo, banned, off-limits. b. untoward, improper, uncalled for, unbecoming; disrespectful, irreverent, discourteous, impolite, rude. —v. 3. limit, confine, cramp, straiten, restrict, restrain; circumscribe, demarcate, delimit, hem in, wall in. 4. adjourn, abut, border, lie next to, be adjacent to, be contiguous with, boundary, 1. frontier, frontier line, boundary line, line of demarcation, line, border, border line, partition line, line of demarcation, line, fence. 2. border, perimeter, peripheral, edge, rim, fringe, verge, skirt; circumference, circuit, compass, ambit, margin, frame, outline, confine, confines; brink, brink, brow, bound; limit, butting, abuttal, bourn, pale, extremity, termination; limits, city limits, outer limits. 3. borderland, borderground, borders, bounds, march, marches, marchland; outpost, outskirts, suburbs, Fr. banlieue. boundless, adj. unbounded, unlimited, uncircumscribed, unrestricted, limitless, illimitable, shoreless; immense, vast, great, extensive; incalculable, undetermined, indeterminate, indefinite, undefined; immeasurable, measureless, innumerable, numberless, myriad, countless, untold, uncounted; infinite, endless, without end, unending, never-ending, innominate, inexhaustible; unceasing, constant, uninterrupted, perpetual, eternal; permanent, enduring, everlasting, perdurable. bountiful, adj. generous, liberal, giving, munificent, princely, openhanded, free-handed; altruistic, free, unselfish, unspiring, unstinting, self-sacrificing; charitable, philanthropic, eleemosynary; kind, good, beneficent, benevolent, magnanimous, big-hearted, large-hearted. 2. rich, luxuriant, lavish, rank, prodigal, prolific, proliferous; profuse, rife, replete, abounding, overflowing, overspilling, spilling over, running over, exuberant, superabundant; full, filled, abrim, chock-a-block, Brit. Inf. chock, Inf. chock-full, bursting, bristling, teeming, jammed, packed, Inf. jam-packed, Archaic. fraught. 3. ample, abundant, plentiful, plenteous, plentitudinous, bounteous, copious, fat, bumper; immeasurable, unmeasured, unstinted, inexhaustible, bottomless; much, many, numerous, Inf. dime a dozen; in quantity or quantities, in plenty, Inf. aplenty, Inf. galore. bounty, n. 1. generosity, liberality, munificence, open-handedness, free-handedness; charity, charitableness, philanthropy, almsgiving, giving, donating; altruism, unselfishness, self-sacrifice; kindness, goodness; beneficence, benevolence, grace, big-heartedness; grace, help, aid, assistance, relief, succor. 2. gift, largess, tribute, present, presentation, hand sel or hansel; contribution, donation, offering, benefaction; grant, subsidy, subvention, endowment, be stowal, concession. 3. bonus, premium, gratuity, tip; reward, guerdon, honorarium, Archaic. meed; recompense, remuneration, rebate, solutum, Inf. kickback. bouquet, n. 1. nosegay, bunch of flowers, posy, corsage, boutonniere; spray, Brit. 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Dial. bough-pot, garland, wreath, festoon, chaplet. 2. aroma, odor, scent, fragrance, perfume, spicy smell; redolence, odoriferousness, savor; trail, trace, breath. 3. character, quality, air, atmosphere, aura, exhalation, emanation, essence, spirit; flavor, complexion, tone. bourgeois, adj. 1. middle-class, propertyed, landed; working-class, proletarian, plebian. 2. conventional, common, ordinary, unimaginative; philistine, unrefined, uncultivated, uncultured. 3. materialistic, money-oriented, acquisitive; capitalist, noncommunist, nonsocialistic. bourn, n. 1. bound, limit, pale, extremity; frontier, boundary line, borderline, line of demarcation. 2. destination, goal, terminal point, finish, end, journey's end, end of the road, end of the line, last stop. 3. realm, domain, sphere, zone, range, ground, territory; area, vicinity, region, locale, locality. bout, n. 1. boxing match, prizefight, spar, fist-fight; trial, trial of strength, test, contest, duel; match, meet, tilt, joust; conflict, fight, clash, scuffle, tussle, scrap, fisticuffs, exchange of blows, Inf. set-to. 2. round, round, inning, Inf. go, Sl. wheel, shift, tour, stint, watch, time; period, spell, season, fit, stretch, run. 3. spree, flying, revel, carouse, debauch, drinking bout, drunk; All Sl. bender, binge, foot, tNickname, jag, bust, bat, bar-hop, Brit. pub-crawl. bovine, adj. 1. stolid, phlegmatic, torpid, hebetudinous, sluggish, spiritless, lifeless, inanimatoe. 2. dull, obtuse, dense, thick, thick-witted, slow-witted, dim-witted, dull-witted, dead between the ears, dead from the neck up; doltish, oafish, clodish, lumpish, Boeotian. bow1, v. 1. kneel before, salaam, genuflect, curtsey, nod, bob; prostrate oneself, fall on one's knees, lie prone, throw oneself at the feet of; bend the knee to, bend to, humble oneself to, defer to, stoop, get down. 2. bow and scrape grovel, truckle to, kowtow; lick, spit, lick [s.o.'s] shoes, like or kiss [s.o.'s] feet, kiss the hem of [s.o.'s] garment, Sl. boostick; court, pay court to, curry favor, keep time to, dance attendance upon, be at [s.o.'s] beck and call, agree to anything; toady, toady to, fawn, fawn upon, Sl. fall all over; All Sl. shine up to, play up to, suck up to, apple-polish, butter-up, brown-nose. 3. submit, yield, surrender, give in, give way to; capitulate, succumb to, fall, bite the dust, lay down arms; resign oneself, acquiesce, throw in the towel, give up the ship, cease the struggle, grin and bear it. 4. subdue, subjugate, conquer, vanquish, suppress, overcome, overwhelm, overpower; crush, smash, humble, humiliate, bring [s.o.] to his knees; master, dominate, domineer, rule, control, govern, boss, lead by the nose; sway, influence, move, affect, dispose, predisperse, warp, distort. 5. curve, bend, turn, swerve; flex, crook, twist, contort; arch, vault, camber, inflect. —n. 6. genuflection, prostration; bow, nod, curtsey, salaam, kowtow; greeting, salutation, salute, how-do-you-do. bow2, n. 1. sling, slingshot, Brit. catapult, arбалет, longbow, crossbow. 2. bend, curve, curvature, sinus, Math. catenary, incursion; arc, arch, arciuation, vault, camber, convexity, horseshoe; hook, crook, coil, spiral; crescent, halfmoon, semi-circle, lune, meniscus; circle, wheel; wave, curl, crimp; parabola, hyperbola. 3. twist, bias, warp, veer, swerve, slue, skew; angle, inflection, dogleg; fold, flexure. 4. archer, Bowman, toxophilite. —v. 5. curve, bend, turn, swerve; flex, crook, arch,
bowl, n. 1. (often pl.) Anat. intestine; intestines, large intestine, small intestine, colon, colons, (of swine) chitterlings.

2. bowels (usu. pl.) Inf. innards, inwards, insides; vitals, vital organs, vital parts; viscera, (of animals) entrails, Inf. gizzard, Sl. guts.

3. (usu. pl.) interior, interior part, interior space, inside, inside part, inner space, recess, recesses, penetralia; belly, depth, depths; hold, cavity, vault.

—v. 4. disembowel, embowel, eviscerate, Rare. eviscerate, exenterate.

5. devitalize, weaken, enervate; debilitate, enfeeble, deplete, sap, exhaust.

bower, n. 1. arbor, grotto, alcove, recess, leafy

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brash, adj. 1. weave, plait, pleat, twill; interweave, interthread, interlace, Brit. Dial. raddle, Brit. Dial. wattle; entwine, intertwine, knot, mat; interwind, interlock, interdigitate; twist, ravel, twine, tangle, entangle; wind, intort, coil, convolve, roll, corncorn; twirl, fold, infold, curl, wreath, loop, knot, purl, thread.

2. trim, embroider, lace, frill.

brain, n. 1. Sometimes brains intelligence, understanding, intellect, mind, reason, rationality, Gk. Philos. nous, intellectuality; aptitude, mentality, braininess, brain-power, Inf. gray matter, Sl. smarts; wisdom, sageness, sagacity, sapience, sapiency, wit, intellectualness; comprehension, apperception, grasp, insight, cognition, penetration; acumen, discernment, perspicacity, perception, percipience, judiciousness; recognition, cognizance, realization, appreciation, apprehension; astuteness, shrewdness, savvy, keenness, longheadedness, common sense; ingenuity, cleverness, aptness, parts; alertness, brilliance, brightness, acuity, sharpness.

2. Slang, planner, leader, designer; head man, boss, director, Sl. the man, Inf. kingpin.

3. Informal. genius, intellectual, intellect, thinker, Inf. an Einstein, mastermind, mental giant, Inf. wizard, Inf. whiz.

bramble, n. brier, brier bush, bramble bush, bush, shrub.

branch, n. 1. limb, stem, bough, spray, switch, twig; shoot, sprout, runner, tendril.

2. section, division, subdivision, subgroup, member, affiliate, wing, arm, offshoot; chapter, lodge, post, office, local office, local.

3. tributary, feeder, spring, channel, stream, brook, runlet.

—v. 4. fork, part, furcate, bifurcate, separate, divide, subdivide, bisect; ramify, stem, shoot off, angle off, go off on a tangent.

5. diverge, deviate, diversariate; spread, radiate, fan out.

6. branch out (all of business activities, pursuits, etc.) expand, extend, enlarge, increase, widen, broaden, develop.

brand, n. 1. make, kind, type, sort, class, line; grade, quality.

2. trademark, stamp, label, name; symbol, sign, representation, seal, marker; identification, tab, tag, earmark; insignia, ensign, sigil, signet, badge, crest, emblem; motto, catch phrase.

3. mark, spot, blot, stain, slur; blemish, blotch, smudge, smirch, taint; stigma, mark of disgrace, discrediting, loss of reputation, disparagement, defamation, calumniation, slander, Law. libel.

—v. 7. meet, face, brook, weather, sustain, undergo, endure, bear, suffer, Inf. take, Inf. stick, Inf. hang tough, Inf. hang in there; tolerate, stomach, abide, Archaic. bide, stand, stand for, put up with, bear with, Inf. lump it.

brandish, v. 1. wave, flourish, wield, raise, whisk, shake, jerk, swing, flap, move about, flap, wag.

2. flaunt, parade, display, portray, exhibit, show off, vaunt; swagger, strut, strut one's stuff, swashbuckle.

brassy, adj. 1. brass, copper, golden; metallic, metaline.

2. harsh, grating, jangling, jarring, dissonant; shrill, stentiment, piercing; loud, noisy, blaring, thundering, deafening; raucous, clamorous, boisterous, uproarious, cacophonous.

3. brazen, bold, brash, loud-mouthed, mouthy, shameless, barefaced; impudent, insolent, out of line, saucy, Inf. cheeky, Inf. fresh.

bravery, n. 1. courage, valor, valorousness, valiancy, valiance, heroism, prowess, stout-heartedness, lionheartedness or lion-heartedness, ironheartedness or iron-heartedness,
or iron-heartedness, great-heartedness or great-heartedness, high-heartedness, virility, manliness, manfulness, manhood, gallantry, chivalry, chivalrousness; intrepidity, intrepidity, fearlessness, dauntlessness, awelessness, dreadfulness; boldness, bold-spiritedness, high-spiritedness, daring, derring-do, audacity, audacity, audaciousness, rashness; dash, elan, panache, (usu. negative) bravado; assurance, self-assurance, self-reliance, confidence, pot-value, pot-valiancy, pot-valliance.

2. fortitude, endurance, tenacity, determination, will, will-power; firmness, resoluteness, resolution, indomitableness, indomitablety, invincible, invincibility, stanchness, stanchness, steadfastness, stalwartness, doughtiness, sturdiness, hardiness, hardihood, building courage; mettle, pluck, pluckiness, spirit, backbone, heart, nerve, guts, U.S. Infl. sand, Infl. starch, Infl. spunk, Sl. guts, Sl. moxie.

3. showiness, gaudiness, tardiness, flamboyance, flashiness, frilliness, Sl. jazziness; gaiety, gaudery, trumpery, finery, frippery, frillery, superfluity, Sl. flash or flashery.

4. splendor, splendiferousness, magnificence, grandeur, grandness, grandiosity, brilliance, gloriousness; elegance, luxuriousness, lavishness, sumptuousness, Infl. swankiness or swankiness, Infl. poshness, Infl. plushness, Infl. ritziness.

brawl, n. 1. fight, wrangle, affray, fray, rough-and-tumble, tussle, donnybrook, brannigan, Infl. scrap, scrap, Sl. rubarb, Scot. sturt; fracas, rumpus, scramble, scuffle, brouhaha, free-for-all, Infl. ruckus; tumult, turmoil, clamor, uproar, commotion, disturbance; argument, quarrel, bicker, altercation, Infl. hassle, Infl. barney; disagreement, squabble, spat, tilt, Brit. Dial. fratch.

—v. 2. fight, wrangle, tussle, wrestle, scuffle, lock horns, battle, spar, Infl. row, Infl. scrap; argue, quarrel, bicker, altercate, squabble, spat, tilt, Infl. hassle.

brawn, n. 1. muscle, muscles, well-developed muscles, sinew, Infl. beef, muscularity; musculature, muscular development, physique; brawnniness, huskiness, heftiness, Infl. beefiness.

2. power, potency, might, force, strength, muscular strength, Literary. puissiance; mightiness, powerfulness, forcefulness.

brawny, adj. muscular, strapping, muscular, well-muscled, full-muscled, powerfully-muscled, well-developed, broad-shouldered, powerfully-built, Derog. muscle-bound; stalwart, rugged, hefty, husky, solid, well-knit; able-bodied, able, athletic, strong, wiry, sinewy,they; stout, staunch, stanch, firm, sturdy, burly, tough, iron, Infl. hard as rock, Infl. tough as nails; powerful, potent, mighty, all-powerful, herculean, Literary. puissant.

bray, n. 1. whinny, neigh, bleat, blat, baa, cry, wail, call; blare, blast, honk, hoot.

—v. 2. whinny, bleat, blat, baa, cry, wail, call; blare, trumpet, blast, honk, hoot.

brazen, adj. 1. brass, brassy, coppery, golden; metallic, mettalic.

2. bold, defiant, daring, brash, audacious; loudmouthed, mouthy, outspoken, plainspoken, frank, candid; barefaced, shameless, immodest, indecent, indecorous, unseemly; impudent, insolent, bold-faced, out of line; saucy, Infl. cheeky, Infl. fresh, flippant, impertinent, pert, Archaic. malapert, rude, presumptuous, forward, familiar.

breach, n. 1. break, rupture, fracture; cleft, split, cut, rent, rift; gap, opening, hole, gulf, void; chasm, crevice, fissure.

2. violation, transgression, contravention, infraction, infringement, nonobservance; offense, misdeed, misde-meanor, misfeasance, trespass.

3. schism, separation, disunion, falling-out, parting of the ways; discord, dissenion, disagreement, friction, variance, conflict; hostility, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, ill will, bad blood; alienation, disaffection, estrangement.

—v. 4. open, open up, make an opening, break open, lay open, break through, gap, burst, Sl. bust; cleave, crack, split, fracture, rupture.

5. violate, transgress, trespass, contravene, infringe; defy, flaut, make a mockery of, take the law into one's own hands.

breaith, n. 1. breadth, width, width, thickness; diameter, radius, caliper, bore; stretch, spread, reach, span; section, piece.

2. extent, magnitude, measure, quantity, amount, fullness; capacity, volume, proportions, dimensions, size, gauge, bulk, content; scope, range, area, play, compass, swing, sweep.

3. expanse, space, extension, expansion, spaciousness, extensiveness, amplitude, vastness, immensity, capaciousness, largeness, roominess; open space, free space, clearing, opening.

4. liberality, liberalness, latitude, open-mindedness, broad-mindedness, magnanimity.

break, v. 1. smash, shatter, bater, beat, crash; fracture, fragmentize, splinter, shiver, tear, chip, crack, snap; split, rend, reave, tear apart, wrench apart, pull to pieces; cleave, sunder, disjoint, cut off, break off, sever; crush, grind, pulverize, mash, granulate, hash, crumble, powder, pound; destroy, demolish, wreck, Sl. total, Sl. bust, ruin, knock to pieces; cut up, chop up, mince, hack up; mangle, lacerate, maim, make mincemeat of, mutilate; explode, burst, rupture, dismantle, blast.

2. infringe, breach, infract, commit a breach or infraction, violate, transgress, disobey, defy, contravene; oppose, act counter to, contradict, cancel out; ignore, disregard, neglect, pass over, disdain, scorn; fail to notice, take no note of, let slip or slide, forget, shirk, slight.

3. annul, nullify, disannul, abolish, declare null and void; quash, invalidate, vacate, disannul, cancel, discharge, set aside; repeal, revoke, rescind.

4. pierce, perforate, puncture; penetrate, reach into, tap, broach, open up; drill, mine, tunnel, burrow; drive, force into, work; stab, pink, sink, stick, prick.

5. interrupt, interfere, punctuate, Sl. butt in; interrupt, interpose, intrude, intervene; obstruct, get in the way of, choke off; discontinue, disconnect, break off, suspend, intermitt; hinder, inhibit, impede, retard; stop, halt, arrest, restrain, check, cease, shut down, stay, stem.

6. overcome, overpower, overwhelm; crush, defeat, worst, beat down, put down, squelch; suppress, subdue, abort, extinguisn, stamp out; humble, humilate, bring [s.o.] to his knees.

7. decode, decipher, solve, figure out, unravel, untangle; translate, interpret, construe.

8. divide up, Infl. divvy up, subdivide, separate, partition, set apart; break up, scatter, disperse, disband, dismiss, dispel; disrupt, upset, unsettle.

9. betray, reveal, divulge, let the cat out of the bag, give away, blab, bluff out, let slip, disclose; violate a confidence, reveal the secrets of, whisper about; exhibit, display, vent, show, manifest, evince; unmask, uncover, unblend, bare, expose; bring to light, lay bare.

10. weaken, impair, invalidate, incapacitate, cripple, handicap, undermine; (all usu. of health) lose ground, take a turn for the worse, go downhill; (all usu. of psychological or emotional health) crack, let go, come apart at the seams, go to pieces, Sl. lose it, Sl. lose
breakable, adj. frangible, fragile, frail, brittle, easily broken; friable, crumbly, not shatterproof; shaky, tottering, wobbling, teetering; unstable, unsteady, Inf. jerry-built; weak, weakened, feeble, decrepit; delicate, flimsy, slight, dainty.

breakdown, n. 1. collapse, foundering, toppling down, cave-in; malfunction, wearing out, Sl. conking out; (all usu. of emotional or psychological health) nervous breakdown, going to pieces, coming apart at the seams, cracking, Sl. losing it.

breakwater, n. sea wall, mole, jetty, groin, barrier, embankment.

breast, n. 1. chest, bosom, front; mammary gland, Sl. boob; teat, mamma, nipple, Chiefly Dial. pap, (of males) dug, (of cows) udder; bust, set. See bosom (def. 1). 2. heart, soul, core; affections, feeling, emotion, sentiment, sensibility; conscience, compunction.

breath, n. 1. respiration, breathing, wind, Archaic, halitus; inhalation, inspiration, exhalation, expiration; pant, wheeze, gasp, gulp.

breech, v. 1. respite, inhale and exhale, puff, pant, wheeze, gasp, gulp; inhale, inspire, exhale, expire, exhausting, expel.

briefness, n. 1. brevity, shortness, shortlivedness, transience, impermanence, ephemeralness, caducity.

brevity, n. 1. briefness, shortness, shortlivedness, transience, impermanence, ephemeralness, caducity.
brief, adj. 1. a. short, brisk, succinct, to the point; b. curt, sharp, abrupt; c. briefly, briefly. 2. comparatively; a. small, slight, insignificant; b. brief, in brief.

briefly, adv. 1. momentarily, temporarily, for a little while, for a short time; b. briefly, shortly, swiftly, briskly, suddenly, quickly; c. cursorily, perfunctorily, hurriedly.

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proficient, accomplished; capable, competent, able. See *brilliant* (def. 3).

4. animated, alive, lively, spirited, sprightly; buoyant, airy, sunny, blithe, gay, cheerful, cheery; happy, joyous, joyful, glad, gladsome.

5. favorable, opportune, propitious, auspicious, providential, fortunate, lucky; promising, encouraging, rosy, rose-colored, roseate; fair, elegant, mild, pleasant.

**brilliant**, v. 1. light, illumine, illuminate, *Archaic* illuminate; irradiate.

2. shine, gloze, burnish, buff, polish, varnish, wax; glaze, gilt, gloss, luster, mercerize; freshen, furbish, clean; enhance, adorn, SI. jazz up, bedeck, beautify.

3. cheer, comfort, enhearten, uplift, encourage; lighten, cheer up, gladden, elate; enliven, animate, inspire.

**brilliant**, adj. 1. shining, bright, sunny, sunny; illuminated, alight, light, lit, lighted; white, golden, rutilant, aureate; radiant, radiant, lambent, resplendent, beaming, beamy; dazzling, vivid, intense, ablaze, aflame, afire; fulgent, effulgent, refulgent, shiny, glossy, gleaming, agleam, glaring; lucid, lucent, Rare, relucent, luciferous; lustrous, (both usu. of gems) oriental, oriental; sheerenful, sheeny, nitid, polished, burnished; aglow, glowing, luminous, luminescent, luminiferous; incandescent, phosphorescent; sparkling, scintillating, scintillant, coruscating, twinkling, shimmering; glimmering, aglimmer, glistening, aglisten, *Archaic* glistering, glinting, aglitter, fulgid.

2. magnificent, superb, rich, beautiful, gorgeous; sparkling, dazzling, splendid, splendidous, Music, bravura; glorious, illustrious, distinguished; renowned, famous, celebrated, eminent, prominent; august, admirable, majestic, honorable, noble, revered; exceptional, laudable, praiseworthy, worthy, remarkable; creditable, estimable, commendable, meritorious, deserving, exemplary; prime, choice, select, rare, best, sterling.

3. intelligent, bright, intellectual, cerebral, brainy; gifted, precocious, talented, apt; expert, adroit, dextrous, skillful, deft, handy; inventive, resourceful, ingenious, proficient, accomplished, masterful; capable, competent, able, efficient; quick, clever, alert, keen, sharp; alive; perceptive, percipient, perspicacious, discerning; astute, penetrating, acute, subtle; nimble-witted, sharp-witted, keen-witted, quick-witted; aware, observant, clear-eyed, far-sighted; sagacious, shrewd, long-headed, hard-headed; understanding, apprehending, comprehending, knowing, cognitive; sage, sapient, wise, profound, deep; scholarly, erudite, educated, learned, well-read; enlightened, en lighten, enluminous.

4. turn your point.

**brisk**, adj. 1. active, lively, animated, spirited, vivacious; enlivened, invigorated, energetic, energized, vivified, vitalized, inspired; vigorous, spry, sprightly, pert, Inf. peppy, Inf. snappy, Music, allegro; swift, quick, prompt, alacritous; airy, breezy, jaunty, zestful, sportive; full of life, full of get up and go, full of vim and vigor, in high spirits; eager, zealous, ardent, vehement, enthusiastic, fervent, Inf. sparkling, fired up.

2. sharp, crisp, fresh, bracing, nipping; invigorating, refreshing, stirring, roborant; stimulating, revivifying, tonic, strengthening, beneficial; restorative, rejuvenating, revitalizing.

**bristle**, n. 1. hair, whisker, stub, stubble, Scot. birse; prickles, Zool. seta, Bot. trichome, spine, quill, shoot; thorn, barb, barbule, point.

—v. 2. prick, horripilate, stand up, rise; start up, stir up, arouse; be angered, be infuriated, be maddened.

**bristly**, adj. prickly, stubby, stubby, nubby, whiskered, bewhiskered; tipped, prickled, spined, quilled, pointed, barbed, pronged; rough, shaggy, hairy, bearded, comose; hornet, thorny, spiny; All Zool., Bot. trichomic, trichoid, barbellate, hispid, hispidulous, strigose, spicular, spiculate.

**brilliant**, adj. 1. fragile, frail, weak, infirm, delicate, feeble, rickety.

2. breakable, fragile, breakable, smashable, shivery, splintered, shattered, (of wood) brash; crumbly, friable, pulverulent, pulverizable, powdery, triturable.

**broach**, v. suggest, mention, bring up, open; propose, offer, proffer, pose; introduce, submit, present, set forth, put before; throw out, bring to [s.o.’s] attention, place before, hold out; advance, put forward, propound, tender, move, make a motion.

**broad**, adj. 1. wide, extensive, expansive, large; beamy, outspoken, splay, spread out, thick, hippocampus; spacious, capacious, roomy, ample, commodious, voluminous.

2. immense, vast, sweeping, far-reaching, far-flung; unlimited, illimitable, unbounded, boundless, measureless, infinite, interminable, endless.

3. full, entire, whole, complete, perfect; absolute, plenary, total, utter, thorough, all, out and out.

4. comprehensive, inclusive, encyclopedic, of great scope, compendious; all-inclusive, composite, exhaustive, all-embracing; general, universal, ecumenical, world-wide, catholic, latitudinarian, widespread.

5. plain, clear, direct, straightforward, sincere, candid, frank; undisguised, unconcealed, unquestionable, clear-cut; evident, visible, pronounced, apparent; striking, glaring, staring, bare, naked, well-marked.

6. broad-minded, liberal, good-hearted, good, fair, just. See *broad-minded*.

7. delicate, indecent, improper, indecorous, infelicitous; unsnobbishly, unbecoming, uncomely; refinable, genteel, gentle, gentlemanly, ladylike.

8. free, unrestrained, unconstrained, unconfined, unobstructed; open, untrammeled; uncontrolled, unbridled, unchecked, unfettered, unhindered, uncompelled.

**broadcast**, v. 1. transmit, send out, cable, relay, radio; air, put on the air, televise, telecast.

2. scatter, disperse, strew, bestrew, sow, disseminate; spread, circulate, distribute, propagate, pass the word around.

3. advertise, announce, publish, voice; proclaim, herald, trumpet, blazon, blurb, ballyhoo, beat the drum, Inf. shout from the housetops or rooftops.

—n. 4. show, program, telecast, radiobroadcast, radio program.

**broaden**, v. 1. widen, enlarge, expand, extend; open,
open up, spread, spread out; stretch, distend, dilate, swell.

2. increase, develop; augment, supplement, add to.

**broad-minded, adj.** liberal, good-hearted, good, kind, fair, just, square, evenhanded; generous, charitable, considerate, thoughtful; big, magnanimous, philanthropic, munificent, benign, benevolent, beneficent; dispassionate, broad, impersonal, impartial, disinterested; unprejudiced, unbiased, unbigoted, unswayed; tolerant, forbearing, catholic, latitudinarian, understanding, sympathetic.

**broadsidé.** 1. criticism, censure, critical review; attack, bombardment, battering, storming; assault, onslaught, assailement, besetment; cannonade, Mil. battery, Mil. barrage, discharge, volley, salvo.

2. placard, poster, bill, circular, U.S. flyer, brochure. See brochure.

**brochure.** n. pamphlet, booklet, leaflet, folder, chapbook; treatise, monograph, tractate, tract, essay; bulletin, notice, placard, poster, Fr. affiche, playbill, bill; advertisement, circular, handbill, U.S. flyer, broadside, broadsheet, handout, throwaway.

**broil.** 1. grill, toast, barbecue, cook, heat, warm, roast, sear, toast, fry, griddle.

2. warm, heat, parch, burn, singe, sear, blister.

**broil.** 1. quarrel, dispute, altercation, wrangle, embroilment, brouhaha; rumpus, uproar, tumult, out-break, commotion; clash, scrimmage, scuffle, scramble, fracas, fray, brawl, scrap.

—v. 2. brawl, scrimmage. See brawl (defs. 3, 4).

**broken.** adj. 1. shattered, smashed, crumbled, crushed, mangled, pulverized; fragmented, ruptured, torn, fractured, split, rent, cracked; damaged, destroyed.

2. interrupted, disrupted, unsuccessfully, discontinuous, disjoint, disconnected, fragmentary, incomplete, discrete; spasmodic, intermittent.

3. defeated, beaten, overthrown, vanquished, overthrown, destroyed, broken, demolished, overcome, subdued, subjugated, quelled, suppressed, crushed, ruined, undone, Inf. lick, Inf. trimmed; fallen, subdued, weakened, broken down.

4. tamed, trained, broken in, gentled, domesticated, house-broken.

5. rough, irregular, not smooth, uneven.

6. weakened, unsteady, rundown, in poor health; disheartened, demoralized, dispirited.

7. ruined, bankrupt, impoverished.

8. broken down out of working order, in disrepair, not functioning, out of order, out of commission, gone, haywire, Inf. on the blink, Inf. on the fritz, Inf. out of kilter, Sl. out of whack, Sl. gone kerflooie, Sl. kaput, Sl. on the bum, Sl. dead.

**broken-hearted.** adj. grief-stricken, sorrowful, mournful, disconsolate, comfortless, inconsolable; overcome, prostrated, stricken, heavy-laden, lamenting, forlorn, bowed down, spiritless; disappointed, dejected, heartbroken, cast down; dashed, crushed, despairing, in despair, hopeless; sad, melancholy, woeful, miserable, wretched, depressed, doleful, rueful, woebegone; gloomy, gloom, cheerless, unhappy, long-faced.

**broker.** n. 1. agent, factor, dealer, cambist; stockbroker, stockjobber.

2. middleman, wholesaler, distributor, jobber; medium, intermediary, go-between.

**bronzé.** adj. metallic-brown, rust, rust-colored, copper, copper-colored, henna.

**brooch.** n. clasp, pin, stickpin, breastpin, chatelaine.

**brood.** n. 1. litter, nest, furrow, fry, spawn, spat; young, offspring, get.

2. breed, line, strain, stock, kind, species.

—v. 3. incubate, hatch, sit, set, cover.

4. ponder, meditate, muse, reflect, contemplate; consider, study, weigh, deliberate, ruminante, Inf. chew the cud.

brook', n. stream, streamlet, brooklet, creek, Dial. crick, U.S. Dial. kill, rivulet, rill, run, runnel, runlet or Dial. rundle, Brit. Dial. beck, Brit. Dial. gill or ghyll, Scot. and North Eng. sike or syke, Scot. and North Eng. burn; channel, waterway, watercourse; branch, tributary.

**brookie.** v. suffer, endure, bear; tolerate, abide, accept, stand, withstand, take patiently, submit to, put up with, swallow, digest, stomach, pocket; undergo, experience, sustain, weather, forbear, Obs. abs. Chiefly Scot. thee, Scot. and North Eng. dree.

**broom.** n. sweeper, besom, whisk, Archaic; wisp; brush, duster.

**broth.** n. stock, consumé, bouillon; soup, pottage, U.S. chowder; liquid, water.

brothel. **n.** bordello, Archaic; bordel, bagnio, Obs. stew, lunapar, Obs. kip, nursery; house of prostitution, house of ill-repute, house of ill-fame, bawdy-house, whorehouse, Inf. sporting house, Inf. call house; All Sl. call joint, cathouse, parlor house, barrow-house, honky-tonk, pick-up joint.

**brother.** n. 1. sibling, sib, blood brother, identical twin; kin, kinsman, relative, relation.

2. associate, colleague, affiliate, fellow, comemor, peer, compere, confere, mate, partner, helpmate, helpmeet, co-worker, yokelfellow, yokemate; companion, friend, ally, comrade, crony, chum, Fr. copain, frater, amigo, Fr. ami.

**brotherhood.** n. 1. kinship, relationship, relatedness, consanguinity, Anthropol. sibship.

2. fellowship, colleagueship, mateship, partnership, companionship, brotherliness, camaraderie, comrade ship, esprit de corps; friendliness, amicability, sociability, clubliness, Inf. chumminess, sodality; affability, kindliness, kind-heartedness, congeniality, geniality, cordiality, hospitality.

3. fraternity, club, lodge, clan, set, clique, community, society, circle, party; band, team, troop, group, congregation, assemblage; association, consociation, affiliation, consortium, conference; union, alliance, guild, league, coalition, organization.

brouhaha. **n.** clamor, uproar, hubbub, din, commotion, Inf. to-do, disturbance, disruption, public sensation; turmoil, tumult, broil, brawl, struggle; pandemonium, bedlam, free-for-all, fracas, rum pus, scramble, scuffle, Inf. ruckus; tempest in a teapot.

**brow.** n. 1. eyebrow, forehead, temple, front; visage, countenance, mien, appearance, aspect, air, bearing; chief, boss, head, top, sum, chief; top, sum, peak, apex, crown, tip.

browbeat. **v.** intimidate, cow, bully, bulldoze, bluster, stamp on, stand, withstand, take patiently, submit to, put up with, swallow, digest, stomach, pocket; undergo, experience, sustain, weather, forbear, Obs. abs. Chiefly Scot. thee, Scot. and North Eng. dree.

**browse.** n. pamphlet, booklet, leaflet, folder, chapbook; treatise, monograph, tractate, tract, essay; bulletin, notice, placard, poster, Fr. affiche, playbill, bill; advertisement, circular, handbill, U.S. flyer, broadside, broadsheet, handout, throwaway.

—v. 2. browse, scramble. See browse (defs. 3, 4).

**browse,** v. 1. scan, peruse, skim, dip into, have a look at, look over, run over check over; thumb through, flip through, leaf through, look through, glance through.
brunette, adj.  

bruise  

1. contuse, injure, hurt, harm, do damage to, damage; discolor, blacken, mar, deface, Inf. mark up, spoil; scratch, scrape, bump, hit; cut, gash, slash, knife, wound; lacerate, mutilate, disfigure, maul, mangle, main.  

2. (all of drugs or food) crush, beat, pound, grind, pulverize, powder.  

—n. 3. contusion, black-and-blue mark, discoloration, spot, mark; blemish, blotch, Shf. hickey, disfigurement, scar; injury, hurt, bump, lump; scratch, scrape, abrasion, cut, Shf. boo-boo; rip, tear, slit, slash, gash, laceration, wound, mutilation, disfigurement.  


brunt, n. shock, concussion, force, full force, violence, impact, percussion; strain, stress, pressure; effects, repercussions, consequences, results.  

brush, n. 1. broom, besom, whisk, whiskbroom; shock, concussion, force, full force, violence, impact, percussion; strain, stress, pressure; effects, repercussions, consequences, results.  

2. encounter, engagement, action, skirmish, clash.  

3. contusion, black-and-blue mark, discoloration, spot, mark; blemish, blotch, Shf. hickey, disfigurement, scar; injury, hurt, bump, lump; scratch, scrape, abrasion, cut, Shf. boo-boo; rip, tear, slit, slash, gash, laceration, wound, mutilation, disfigurement.  

4. irrational, unthinking, unintelligent, unreasoning, incomprehending; mindless, insensible, senseless, Rare. insulte, stupid.  

brute, n. 1. beast, creature, animal, D1al. critter.  

2. barbarian, savage, hellkite, wild man; ogre, monster, troglodyte; Vandal, Goth, Hun, Tartar.  

3. churl, lout, boor, oaf, rustic, dock, clod, Archaic. carl; swine, devil, demon.  

bubble, n. 1. globule, glob, drop, droplet, bead, tear, blob, gutta; sphere, spherule, spheroid, ball, oval, Geom. ellipsoid; vacuum, air pocket, air hole, hole, opening, imperfection, defect.  

—v. 2. effervesce, percolate, boil, roll, foam, froth, spume; gurggle, guggle, fizz, burble; sparkle, glitter, glow, radiate.  

buccaneer, n. 1. pirate, sea robber, sea rover, sea dog, sea wolf; viking, corsair, privateer, freebooter, rapprocer.  

2. robber, bandit, brave, Sp. bandolero, brigand, picaroon, desperado; outlaw, gangster, thug, ruffian.  

3. pillager, plunderer, marauder, despoiler, depredator, vandals; predator, ransacker, sucker, looter, rifer, forager, raider. See also pirate (defs. 1-6).  

buck', n. 1. stag, male deer, ram.  

2. blade, playboy, ladies' man, man about town, Sl. lover boy, philanderer; dandy, jack-a-dandy, top, poppinjay, coxcomb, spark, beau, dude, exquisite, Sl. swell.  

buck", v. 1. leap, spring, jump, bound, vault; hop, skip, prance, gambol, frisk; bob, bounce, jerk; throw, dislodge, unseat.  

2. resist, make a stand, contest, contend, oppose, object.  

bucket, n. pail, scuttle, Inf. growler; barrel, cask, Naut. scuttlebutt; can, pan, tin, pot, basin, pitcher; vessel, container, holder.  

buckle, n. 1. clasp, hook, catch, snap, hook and eye, button, fastener, fastening, hasp; brooch, pin, stickpin.  

2. bend, bulge, fold, wrinkle, crinkle, crumple, ripple, crinkle; knot, kink, crook, crimp, gnarl; twist, warp, contortion, curve, turn; curl, curlique, screw, spiral, corkscrew, coil, loop, convolution, twirl, whirl, whir.  

—v. 2. bud, sprout, begin to grow, germinate, unfold, open, flower, bear fruit, fructify; spring up, develop vigorously, mushroom, burgeon, boom; thrive, flourish, prosper, luxuriate.  

bud, n. 1. sprout, shoot, grow, germinate, pulpulate, send out shoots, put forth; bloom, blossom, open, flower, bear fruit, fructify; spring up, burst forth, shoot up, develop vigorously, mushroom, burgeon, boom; thrive, flourish, prosper, luxuriate.  

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3. nip in the bud stop, quash, quell, suppress, squelch, put down or out, stamp out, extinguish.  

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budge, v. 1. move, stir, go; shift, move over, give budge, n. buckle, clasp, clip, hook, catch, snap, hook and eye, button, fastener, fastening, hasp; brooch, pin, stickpin.  

2. bend, bulge, fold, wrinkle, crinkle, crumple, ripple, crinkle; knot, kink, crook, crimp, gnarl; twist, warp, contortion, curve, turn; curl, curlique, screw, spiral, corkscrew, coil, loop, convolution, twirl, whirl, whir.  

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resources, means, assets, capital; funds, finances, moneys, purse.

—v. 5. estimate, cost, cost out; plan, docket, schedule, program.
6. allow, allocate, allot, ration.

buff, v. 1. polish, burnish, furbish, shine; wax, varnish, gloss; rub, rub up, smooth.

—adj. 2. yellow, yellowish, gold, apricot, canary, sallow, citron, lemon.

buffer, n. 1. shock absorber, bumper, fender; cushion, pillow, pad, mat.
2. guard, shield, screen; wall, dividing wall, partition, barrier, embankment, bulwark, rampart, levee, dike.
—v. 3. absorb, cushion, pad, dull, deaden; ease, lessen, diminish, mitigate, alleviate.

buffet, n. 1. blow, Inf. clip, cuff, poke, jab, dab, pat; thrwack, slap, strike. See blow (def. 1).
2. shock, concussion, shaking, jolt, jar; collision, clash, crash, bang.
—v. 3. slap, punch, hit, Inf. clout, Inf. buff, Sl. slug; Sl. bash, rap; beat, pound, thump, thrash, Inf. wallop.
4. push, shove, thrust, butt, bunt; knock, brush, jostle, bump, ram, bang, hit, disturb.
5. contend against, clash, conflict with, struggle against; fight, battle, give or do battle, joust; brawl, feud, come to blows; pommel, beat, beat into the ground, batter.

buffet, n. 1. sideboard, cabinet, cupboard, closet, locker, bureau.
2. lunch stand, counter, shelf, table, board; locker, bureau.

—adj. 3. smorgasbord, potluck; mixed bag, assorted; help-yourself, do-it-yourself.

buffoon, n. jester, clown, fool, joker, comedian, funnyman, wit, wag; mime, mimic, pantomimist, mummer; goliard, gracioso, pantaloon; acrobat, contortionist, juggler. See fool (def. 2).

bugbear, n. 1. bugaboo, bogy, Inf. bogman; hoboblin, ogre, spectre, phantom, scarecrow; monster, gorgon; nightmare.
2. anathema, abomination, hate, pet peeve, Fr. bête noire; annoyance, bane, irritation, thorn in the flesh or side.

bugle, n. cornet, horn, tooter; trumpet, clarion.

build, v. 1. construct, assemble, set up; make, fabricate, manufacture, produce; erect, elevate, raise, rear, put up.
2. mold, form, fashion, model, shape, frame; create, invent, originate, devise, compose, put together; cast, block, hammer, forge, sculpture.
3. establish, found, originate, base.
4. develop, increase, strengthen; intensify, heighten, magnify, accelerate, speed up, pick up, quicken.
5. manner, form, shape, configuration; physique, figure, body, frame.

building, n. 1. structure, construction, erection, superstructure; edifice, fabric, pile; house, lodge.
2. construction, erection; making, manufacturing, framing, forming.

bulge, n. 1. projection, protrusion, convexity, prominence, protrubrance, (of a bone) tuberosity; nodule, node, knob, mass, lump, bump; swelling, intumesence, tumefaction, dilation, enlarging.
2. increase, augmentation, acceleration, intensification; surge, rise, boost.
—v. 3. swell, swell up or out, puff up or out, tumefy; bag, belly, balloon, balloon up or out or forth; expand, distend, dilate, enlarge, bloat.
4. protrude, stick out, overhang, beetle, jut out, thrust forward.

bulk, n. 1. magnitude, extent, mass, substance, matter; dimensions, density, thickness, quantity, volume, weight, heft, size, measure.
2. massiveness, immensity, hugeness, largeness, bigness; bulkiness, corpulence, corpulence, fatness, fleshiness, portliness.
3. greater part, better part, majority, body, nearly all, preponderance, lion's share.

bulky, adj. 1. massive, immense, vast, ponderous; huge, enormous, colossal, mammoth, titanic, elephantine, monstrous, prodigious; large, big, great, substantial, goodly.
2. stout, thickset, full-figured; obese, fat, corpulent, overweight; chubby, tubby, pudgy, plump; rotund, portly, plumpish, potbellied, abdomenous.
3. unwieldy, cumbersome, awkward, gross; hulky, husky, clumsy, ungainly, ungraceful, lumberish, lumpish.

bullet, n. slug, pellet, ball, missile, projectile.

bulletin, n. 1. news report, news, announcement, statement, flash; communication, notification, information, intelligence, tidings, word; communiqué, dispatch, telegram, avis.
2. pamphlet, handbill, dodger, throwaway, flyer, leaflet; brochure, circular, folder, program; broadside, broadsheet, poster, placard.
3. summary, monograph, compendium, abstract; symposium, compilation, conspectus, analysis, recapitulation; outline, review, prospectus.

bully, n. 1. brawler, hector, ruffian, intimidator, Sl. bulldozer, Inf. terror, coercer, dictator, oppressor, despot, tyrant, hard taskmaster, Simon Legree.
2. blusterer, roisterer, vaporer, ranter, raver, rowdy, U.S. tough; (all usually of women) fury, hellicat, shrew, scold, vixen.
—v. 3. intimidate, browbeat, overawe, cow, daunt, dismay, frighten, terrify, petrify, put the fear of the Lord into, scare, disconcert; dominate, overbear, lord it over, Inf. pull rank, override, ride roughshod over, Inf. push around, Inf. kick around, trample, tread on, Inf. walk all over [s.o.]; tyrannize, terrorize, threaten, coerce, exact, compel, lay down the law to, bulldoze, drag; hector, torment, harass, abuse, taunt, tease, bullyrag.
4. swagger, bluster, roister, bluff, rant, rage, thunder, storm, Sl. showboat.
—interj. 5. Informal. good, well done, great, neat, nifty, right on, boffo.

bulwark, n. rampart, redoubt, bastion, bulwark, median line, demi-lune, retrenchment, fortification, strength, outwork; wall, fence, palisade, barricade, barrier; abutment, embankment, bank, buffer, buttress, damn, dike, levee.

bum, n. 1. Informal. derelict, drunkard, drunk, Sl. stiff, Sl. wino, Sl. rummy; beggar, mendicant, Inf. panhandler; vagabond, drifter, vagrant, hobo, tramp; loafer, idler, beachcomber, wastrel, good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well; cadder, sponge, scrounger, parasite.
2. Informal. debauch, carouse, bacchanal, orgy, saturnalia. See also carousel (def. 1).
—v. 3. Informal. borrow, cageway, sponge, Sl. mooch, Sl. hit, Sl. hit up, Sl. touch, Sl. put the touch on; beg, scrounge; idle, laze, lounge, loafl, loaf around, Inf. bum around; wander, drift, tramp, hobo, vagabond; hitchhike, thumb.
—adj. 4. Slang. bad, poor, unsatisfactory, inferior, worthless, Sl. crummy, Sl. cheesy; wretched, miserable, Inf. rotten, Inf. lousy.
5. Slang. false, untrue, spurious, bogus, counterfeit, fabricated, trumped-up; misleading, deceptive,
bunk', n. 1. platform bed, bed, berth; cot, pallet, couch. See bed (def. 1).

—v. 2. Informal. bed down, sleep. See bed (defs. 8, 13, 14).

bunk', n. Slang See bunkum.

bunk, v. 1. collide with, crash into, smash into, run into, Inf. plow into; butt, jar, jolt, jostle; strike, beat, rap, hit, bang, tap, smack, thwack, thump.

2. (all by force of collision) dislodge, displace, move, remove, shift; budge, nudge, shove, push.

3. bunk into Informal. meet, encounter, chance upon. See chance (def. 9).

4. bunk off Slang. murder, kill, eliminate. See murder (def. 4).

—n. 5. collision, smash, crash, crack, smash, thud, clunk; blow, buffet, thwack, whack, lick, Inf. wallop.

6. swelling, lump, contusion, intumescence, tume

ence; protuberance, node, nodule, knob, bulge.


bumptious, adj. aggressive, forward, obtrusive, self-assertive, Inf. pushy; arrogant, overbearing, overweening; cocky, overconfident, audacious, impertinent, insolent, impudent, brazen, brassy, Inf. nery, Inf. cheeky, Scot. vaunty.

bunch, n. 1. group, collection, assemblage, accumulation, gathering, concentration; bundle, cluster, fascicle, clump; bale, sheaf, wisp, tuft, fagot; lot, batch, family, set, series; quantity, stack, pile, heap, mass, array, assortment; agglomeration, conglomerate, galaxy, host, multitude.

2. bulge, knob, lump, protuberance. See bulge (def. 1).

—v. 3. group together, bring together, put together, amass; sort, assort, classify, class, bracket, lump together; line up, stack up, pile up, heap up; collect, gather, cluster, bundle.

4. Usu. bunch up crowd, herd, huddle, cram or jam together, squeeze up or in or together.

bundle, n. 1. bunch, group, collection, assemblage. See bunch (def. 1).

2. package, parcel, pack, packet, Sl. bundle, sack, knapsack, backpack; basket, hamper, bag, pouch, Obs. budget.

—v. 3. tie, tie up or together, colligate, truss, wrap, package, bind, fasten; group, bunch, cluster, gather, categorize, bracket; classify, arrange, organize.

4. bundle off or out hurry off, hustle, rush off, scurry, scamper, Inf. vanoose, take off, Sl. split; decamp, abscend, depart, leave.

bung, v. botch, mar, spoil, mismanage; Inf. miff, Inf. flub, Inf. foul up, Inf. screw up. See botch (def. 3).

benguin, n. botcher, Inf. duffer, Sl. butcher, mismanager; fumbler, butterfingers, blunderer, stumbler, Inf. bull in a china shop; lubber, looby, lout, oat, Sl. klutz, Sl. schlemiel; blockhead, dunce, ignoramus, Sl. bananahead, Sl. yo-yo.

bungling, adj. clumsy, awkward, bunglesome, gauche, maladroit; blundering, botching, stumbling, tripping; ungainly, lubberly, gawky, oafish, graceless, ungraceful; inept, unskilled, unaccomplished, inexpert, incompetent, stupid.

bunker, n. bin, box, chest, cof fer. See bin.

bunkum, n. claptrap, humbug, pretense, foam, froth; insincere talk, empty promises, lies. See nonsense (defs. 2, 3).

buoy, n. 1. float, marker, guide, beacon, signal.

2. life preserver, life jacket or belt or vest, cork jacket, Mae West.

buovancy, n. 1. Floatability; lightness, levity, weightless

ness.

2. cheerfulness, cheer, joy, good humor, good or high spirits; liveliness, animation, spiritedness; resil

ience, Inf. bounce, Inf. pep, zing.

buoyant, adj. 1. floatable, lofty, supernatant; light, weightless.

2. cheerful, gay, light-hearted, gleeful, mirthful, glad, happy, merry, jolly, jovial, bright, carefree, free and easy, in high spirits or humor; sprightly, vivacious, lively, full of life, animated, jaunty, resilient, Inf. bouncy, Inf. peppy.

3. invigorating, exhilarating, refreshing, bracing, stimulating.

burden, n. 1. weight, onus, cross, millstone, albatross; duty, charge, obligation, responsibility, tax; strain, encumbrance, impediment, hindrance, handicap; trouble, care, anxiety, worry; hardship, difficulty, affliction, oppression; trial, tribulation, ordeal; woe, grief, misery, sorrow, Archaic. bale.

2. load, payload, charge, cargo, freight.

—v. 3. weigh down, weight, load, load with, saddle with, charge, tax; encumber, cumber, impede, hamper, handicap; strain, overload, overburden, overtask, overtax.

4. trouble, distress, worry, torment, afflict, oppress; try, vex, perturb, disturb.

burdensome, adj. 1. onerous, ponderous, oppressive, massive, backbreaking, crushing; cumbersome, cumbrous, unwieldy, bulky.

2. troublesome, distressing, bothersome, worrisome; vexatious, irksome, wearisome, tiresome.

bureau, n. 1. chest of drawers, chiffonier, chest, dresser, commode, locker, chifforobe, wardrobe, cabinet, sideboard.

2. department, agency, office, post, portfolio, branch, division, subdivision.

burgeon, v. 1. bud, sprout, begin to grow, germinate, pullulate, put forth, shoot out or up; bloom, blossom, flower, open, bear fruit, fructify.

2. grow, develop, proliferate, multiply; accelerate, quicken, snowball, mushroom, intensify, magnify; increase, augment, escalate, expand, spread.

burglar, n. 1. housebreaker, Brit. picklock, Raffles, sneak thief, cat burglar, Inf. second-story man; Inf. hold-up man, Sl. stick-up man, mugger; safecracker, Jimmy Valentine; robber, thief, stealer, Inf. crook, Sl. yegg; felon, gangster, criminal.

2. pillager, plunderer, ransacker, sacker, looter, rifle, forager, raider, vandal. See also robber.

burglary, n. 1. break-in, housebreak, housebreaking, breaking and entering, forced entry; robbery, theft, Sl. heist; Inf. hold-up, Sl. stick-up; Inf. mugging, Sl. jumping, Sl. rolling; safecracking.

2. stealing, thievery; larceny, felony.

3. looting, plundering, raiding. See also robbery.

burial, n. 1. funeral, exequies, obsequies, rites or ceremonies; burying, interment, entombment, inhumation, sepulture.

2. grave, graveyard, cemetery. See burial ground.

burial ground, n. grave, graveyard, cemetery, God's acre, memorial park, necropolis, golgotha, potter's field; charnel house, (of wild animals) boneyard.
burlesque, n. 1. satire, lampoon, farce, spoof; caricature, cartoon, parody, travesty; Literature. mock-heroic, mock-tragedy; mockery, imitation, exaggeration, take-off, macaronics.
2. U.S. Theater. peep show, striptease, girlie show; nudie; burletta, slapstick, harlequinade; follies. —adj. 3. satirical, farcical, caricatural, travestying, adj. —Inf. 7. combustion, oxidation, fire, flame, blaze, conflagration; kindling, ignition, calefaction; incineration, incineration, cremation, cremation. —n. 6. get down to business — Inf. 1.形状 up; animated, enthusiastic, eager; stimulated, aroused, Inf. hot, intensely desirous, intense; ardent, fervent, fervid, perpervid, impassioned, passionate, frenzied.
6. crucial, critical, acute; pivotal, climacteric, decisive, vital, essential; urgent, pressing, compelling, primary, important.
—n. 7. burlesque, parody, travesty; mock, mimic, imitate, exaggerate, take off, ape; ridicule, laugh at, make fun of, stultify.
bury, v. 1. on fire, flame, blaze, deflagrate; burned, adj. 1. blazing, ablaze, raging, on fire, afire, fiery; flaming, aflame, smoking, ignited; very hot, boiling, scalding, sizzling; smoldering, simmering, parching, roasting, baking, broiling, grilling, baking, toasting. 2.gleaming, gleaming, glowing, aglow, glaring; very bright, lighted, alight, luminous, illuminated; radiant, brilliant, incandescent; shimmering, twinkling, flashing, flickering, glittering, aglitter, sparkling, fluttering. 3. sharp, acute, cutting, biting, stinging, piercing; singeing, searing, cauterizing; strong, pungent, poignant, reeking, acrid; caustic, corroding; painful, excruciating, racking, tormenting, agonizing; smarting, prickling, irritating.
4. desperate, violent, tempestuous; very angry, Inf. burned up, irate, wrathful, wroth, incensed; enraged, raging, infuriated, infuriate, furious; ranting, raving, vehement, fuming, seething; heated, worked up, flared up; vexed, irritated, piqued, chafed, galled, riled, nettled, agitated; offended, disturbed, perturbed, unquiet.
5. excited, exhilarated, enlivened, inspired, Inf. psyched or psyched up; animated, enthusiastic, eager; stimulated, aroused, Inf. hot, intensely desirous, intense; ardent, fervent, fervid, perpervid, impassioned, passionate, frenzied.
businesslike, adj. efficient, effective, effective; systematic, orderly, regular, methodical, well-ordered, in order, thorough; practical, functional, pragmatic, matter-of-fact; diligent, painstaking, careful, sedulous, assiduous, industrious; correct, accurate, precise, shipshape; realistic, wordly-wise, down-to-earth;
bust, n. 1. portrait sculpture, sculpture, Naut. figurehead, head, carving; statue, statuette, figure, model; representation, image, effigy.
2. chest, breast, bosom, front. See bosom (def. 1).

bustle, v. 1. Often bustle about stir, move, fuss, fly, flutter, flit; buzz; hustle, run, rush, dash, dart, scramble, scamper, scuttle, hurry, lose no time.
2. Often bustle with abound, teem, swarm, be filled, be bursting, be overrun or thronged, be buzzing or humming.
3. hustle, hurry, rush, push, drive, compel; bestir, rouse, arouse, commove, agitate, excite.
—n. 4. busyness, stir, fuss, flurried, pother, ado, Inf. to-do, Sometimes Facetious. do; briskness, robustness, fleetness, rapidity, quickness, speediness, swiftness; hustle, restlessness, commotion, tumult; activity, action, doing, motion, movement; occupation, engagement, employment.

busy, adj. 1. occupied, engaged, employed, working, at work, on duty, at it; taken, in use, tied down or up; engrossed, absorbed, involved, intent, preoccupied, diverted; diligent, assiduous, industrious, laboring, toiling, grinding, drudging, slavery, hardworking, zealous, sedulous, studious, persevering.
2. active, energetic, energetical, vigorous, jumping, hustling, hurrying, rushing, pushing, drive, compel; bestir, along. 

butter, n. 1. vendor, hawk, peddler. See vendor (def. 1).
—v. 4. (all of meat) slaughter, chop, hack, carve, cut, trim, slice, abattage; dress, prepare.
5. slaughter, massacre, kill off, annihilate, exterminate, liquidate, decimate, destroy, cut to pieces, maul, savage, dismember, disembowel, hew, hack, hack to pieces, chop, chop to pieces, mutilate, tear limb from limb, wade in blood, put to the sword, give no quarter, show no mercy, do to death; kill, slay, murder, cut down, execute, put to death, assassin, shed blood, spill blood.
6. bungle, botch, make a mess or hash of, bosh, muck, blunder, foul up, Sl. mess up, Sl. blow, Sl. screw up, Sl. louse up, Inf. butch, Inf. flub, Inf. gum up the works, Sl. bitch, Inf. bollix.

butchery, n. 1. slaughterhouse, slaughterer, abattoir, shambles, Obs. butcher-row.
2. manufacture, massacre, slaughter, wholesale killing, mass-murder, mass-homicide, mass-execution, mass-slaying, general slaughter, mass-destruction, bloodbath, effusion of blood, fusillade of blood, noyade, Rare. internecion, Rare. truncation, decimation, annihilation, extermination, liquidation, pogrom, genocid; mutilation, dismemberment, disembowelment; killing, slaying, murder, manslaughter, homicide, assasination, bloodshed, bloodletting.

butt, n. 1. end, extremity, tip, tail; bottom, base, support, foundation; handle, shaft, hilt, shank. 
2. remnant, leftover. See end (def. 6).
3. Slang. rear, rear end. See buttocks.

buttock, n. Usu. buttocks rump, posterior, dorsal or lumbar region, hindquarters, haunches, loins, fundament, nates, Zool. podex, Anat. gluteus maximus, (both of a horse) crupper, croup; seat, bottom, Fr. derrière, Inf. fanny, Inf. rear or rear end, Brit. Inf. bum, Inf. backside, Inf. behind, Inf. butt, Inf. can, Inf. duff, Inf. tail, Inf. beam, Inf. keister, Inf. prat, Sl. ass, Brit. Sl. arse, Sl. buns, Sl. cheeks, Sl. heimie.

button, n. 1. stud, link, fastener; buckle, clasp, hook, hook and eye, snap.
2. disk, knob, dial, switch, tuner.

butress, n. 1. prop, support, reinforcement; stanchion, bar, beam, post, shore; strut, brace, bracket, rib, stay.
2. strengthener, upholsterer, sustainer, maintainer; mainstay, cornerstone, pillar.
—v. 3. support, prop up, brace, shore up, undergird; strengthen, reinforce, uphold, defend, back up.

buxom, adj. (used only of women) full- bosomed, Inf. busty, Sl. top-heavy; healthy, robust, strapping, lusty, plump, chubby; rosy, rosy-cheeked, ruddy; lively, hearty, vigorous.

buy, v. 1. purchase, pick up, pay for, get one's hands on, come by; invest in, put money into; acquire, obtain, get, procure, secure; hire, engage, take on.
2. bribe, suborn, pay off, buy off, Sl. grease [s.o.'s] palm; fix, Inf. rig, Inf. square.
—n. 3. purchase, acquisition; U.S. Inf. bargain, Sl. steal. See bargain (def. 2).

buzz, n. 1. hum, murmur, bombination; drone, purr, whirring; sibilation, hiss, whizz; sigh, rustle, sough.
2. rumor, report, gossip, hearsay, Inf. scuttlebutt, scandal; small talk, chitchat.
—v. 3. hum, murmur, bombilate, bombinate, whisper; whizz, whir, wheeze, sibilate, hiss, fizzle, sizzle.
4. gossip, spread rumors; talk idly, chitchat, chatter, palaver, prate, gabble, Inf. gab.
by, prep. 1. near, next to, beside, abreast of, Dial. aside of; through, through the agency of, under the aegis or auspices of; by way of, via, over, along, on; not later than, before, at.
—adv. 2. near, at hand, in the immediate vicinity; past, beyond; aside, to one side, away, out of the way.
3. by and large in general, for the most part, on the whole; as a rule, usually, most of the time.
bygone, adj. past, departed, dead, gone by, former, previous; old, ancient, obsolete, extinct; out of date, outdated, antiquated, passe, outmoded.
by-name, n. surname, cognomen, appellation; nickname, epithet, sobriquet. See appellation (def. 1).
by-pass, n. 1. detour, indirect route, circuitous route, roundabout way, roundabout; shortcut, side road, back road, by-path, byway.
—v. 2. avoid, neglect, overlook, give [s.o. or s.t.] the go-by; circumvent, Inf. do an end run, Inf. short-circuit; miss, pass over, elude, evade, go over [s.o.'s] head.
by-path, n. byway, back road, side road, byroad; dirt road, footway, footpath, lane, alley.
bystander, n. onlooker, observer, witness, eyewitness; spectator, watcher, viewer, beholder, gazer, gaper, gawker; passer-by, looker-on.
byword, n. 1. slogan, motto, catch phrase, battle cry. See battle cry (def. 2).
2. proverb, maxim, apothegm, adage. See adage (def. 1).
3. butt, victim, scapegoat. See butt.
cab,  n. taxi, taxicab; carriage, cabriolet, brougham, hansom, hack, hackney, four-wheeler, fiacre, droshky, coach, vehicle, conveyance; driver's seat or compartment.

cab.al, n. 1. camarilla, junto, ring, gang, band, crew, party; faction, clique, coterie, set, Inf. push; union, coalition, combination, league, confederacy.
2. plot, complot, conspiracy, intrigue, connivance; plan, design, scheme, racket.
—v. 3. plot, complot, conspire, intrigue, connive, machinate.

cab.al.a, n. 1. mysticism, occultism, cabalism; eso-
terics, esotericism, esoterism, esotery, hermetics, hermeticism; supernaturalism, transcendentalism; theosophy.
2. mystery, puzzle, enigma, question, question mark; secret, esoterica, arcanum, closed or sealed book; unknowable, unknown, deep or profound secret, mystery of mysteries.

cab.al.is.tic, adj. 1. occult, mystic, mystical, super-
natural, preternatural, transcendental.
2. secret, cryptic, perdu, private; concealed, hidden, veiled, shrouded, enshrouded; obscure, indefinite, dim, dark, vague, cloudy, nebulous.
3. impenetrable, incomprehensible, inscrutable, un-fathomable, unknowable, incognizable, inconscionable, undiscoverable.

cab.ar.et, n. 1. nightclub, club, Inf. night spot, Inf. spot; dance hall, discotheque, Inf. disco, Sl. juke joint; casino; ratshskeller, beer garden; tavern, bar, bistro, pub, public house, Sl. honky-tonk, Sl. dive, Sl. joint.
2. British. show, floorshow, entertainment; presentation, production.

cab.in, n. 1. cottage, cot, bungalow, bower, log cabin, blockhouse, Brit. Dial. cote, Scot. but and ben; hut, hutch, shack, shanty, Scot. bothy; lodge, skilodge, chalet.
2. room, chamber, compartment, apartment, cell, stall, nook; (all on ships) saloon, stateroom, house, deckhouse, cuddy.
—v. 3. confine, constrict, squeeze, pinch, crowd, crush, pack, cram, ram, cramp, stuff, wedge.

cab.in.et, n. ministry, assembly, administration, senate; board, committee, council, advisory group, panel; advisors, directors, trustees.
2. commode, cupboard, china closet; chest, chest of drawers, set of drawers, bureau, chifforobe, chiffonier; receptacle, box, file, repository, safe.
3. chamber, compartment, booth, stall.

cable, n. 1. rope, cordage, cord, strand, line, wire, guy; chain, mooring, Naut. hawser.
2. telegram, cablegram, telegraph; message, news.
—v. 3. telegraph, wire, radio, radiograph.

cache, n. 1. hiding place, dead drop, hole, hide-
out; crypt, vault, repository.
2. hoard, wealth, supply, store, garner; kitty, fund, collection, savings, nest egg; hidden treasure, loot.
—v. 3. conceal, hide, secrete, cover, bury; store, put away, Inf. stash, squirrel or squirrel away, Sl. sock away, save.

cackle, v. 1. cluck, chuckle, click, clack; crow, quack.
2. chuckle, chortle, giggle; titter, twitter, te-hee, snicker, snigger.
3. chatter noisily, prattle, jabber, gibber, Sl. gibber-
jabber, jargon; babble, prate, tattle, twaddle, Brit. twattle; patter, gabble, blather, drive; chit-chat, chitter-chatter, chaffer, bandy words; gossip, buzz, talk idly, Sl. shoot the breeze, Sl. gas, Inf. gab, Sl. bull; palaver, clack, clatter, rattle, Sl. run off or on at the mouth; gush, blab, Inf. spout, be loquacious or talkative.
—n. 4. cackling, cluck, clucking, chuckle, chuck-
lng, click, clicking, clack, clacking; crow, crowing, quack, quacking.
5. chuckle, chuckling, chortle, chortling, giggle, gig-
gling, broken laughter; titter, tittering, twitter, twitter-
ing, Inf. te-hee; snicker, snickering, snigger, snigger-
ing.
6. idle talk, small talk, chatter, chattering, Angl.
Indian. bukh; chit-chat, chit-chatting, chatter-chatter, gossip, blab, blabbing, Inf. gab; cackling, gibber, gib-
bering, Sl. gibber-jabbering; babble, babbling, babble-
ment, Fr. bavardage, blather, blathering, rapid and in-
articulate talk; twaddle, twaddling, Brit. twattle, Brit. twattling, drive, driving; prate, prating, tattle, tat-
ting, excessive talk; gushing, Inf. spouting, Sl. run-
ing off or on at the mouth; rambling, maundering.

cacophonous, adj. harsh, grating, raucous, jarring, strident, screechy, sneaky; absonant, dissonant, discordant, inharmonious, unmelodious.

capophony, n. dissonance, discord, discordance, jar; stridency, grating, jangle, croaking, rasping, cater-
auling.

cad, n. rascal, rapscaction, rogue, scamp; knave, scoundrel, Inf. heel, Archaic. caitiff, bastard, worm; boor, churl, bear, Chiefly Brit. Sl. bounder, vulgarian, miscreant; jilter, two-timer, double-crosser, cheater; buck, blade, boy, ladies' man, man about town, Sl. lover boy, philanderer.
cadaver, n. corpse, dead body, Sl. stiff; carcass, remains.

cadaverous, adj. corpse-like, death-like; ghastly, ashen, chalky, pale, pallid, wan, blanched, sallow; gaunt, haggard, drawn, hollow-eyed, thin, emaciated; grim, sinister, hideous, horrible, revolting, sickening.

caddish, adj. ungentlemanly, unmannerly, ill-man-nered, impolite, uncivil, uncouth, rude; ill-bred, low-bred, underbred; unrefined, coarse, raw, crude; base, vulgar, desplicable, ignoble, contemptuous; obnoxious, obtrusive, presumptuous, presuming; jilting, Sl. two-timing, double-crossing, cheating.

cadence, n. 1. flow, rhythmic flow, movement, lit, swing, jingle.

2. beat, pulse, rhythm, rhythm pattern, rhythmical emphasis, Music. rhythmic accentuation, Music. arsis or upbeat, Music. thesis or downbeat, Prosody. ictus, prominent pulsation; accent, accentuation, stress, emphasis; meter, measure, rate, cadency.

3. intonation, intonation pattern, inflection, modulation; pronunciation, articulation, enunciation, vocalization; speech pattern, manner of speaking, mode of expression.

4. Music. flourish, cadenza, embellishment, bravura, concluding strain, Inf. big finish; trill, ornament, arabesque, falderal or folderol; run, roulade.

cadre, n. 1. nucleus, core, hard core, key group, inner circle, central part.

2. framework, scaffold, skeleton, shell; outline, sketch, draft, plan, diagram.

café, n. coffeehouse, Inf. bistro, restaurant, eating house, diner, cafetera, automat; bar, barroom, tavern, grogshop, wineshop, beer hall, beer garden, rathskeller; cabaret, night club.

cage, n. 1. receptacle, box, enclosure, pound; pen, corral, cage, crib, coop, aviary, m; prison, cell, vault, dungeon, lockup.

2. framework, skeleton, scaffold, shell.

—v. 3. confine, intern, impound, shut in; coop, mew, encage, pen, corral, fence; imprison, incarcerate, jail, lock up, immune; hem in, restrict, restrain.

cajolement, n. wheedling, beguilement, beguiling, blandishment, blarney, coax, palaver, gloze, Inf. sweet-talk, Inf. soft-soap; humor, jolly, palmy, pander to, cater to, Inf. stroke; flatter, fawn on, truckle, Inf. butter, butter-up, play up to, curry favor with.

cajolery, n. wheedling, beguilement, beguiling, blandishment, blarney, coaxing, palaver, Inf. soft soap, Inf. sweet talk, Inf. honeyed words, Sl. line, Sl. snow job; humoring, jollying, pandering to, catering to, Inf. stroke; flattery, Inf. butter, Inf. honey; fawning, playing up to, Sl. buttering-up, Inf. apple-polishing, curryying favor.

cake, n. 1. fritter, toste, pastry, sweet bread, sweet bun, cookie; pancake, griddlecake, flapjack; unleavened bread, wafer.

2. bar, piece, cube, block; floe, mass, crust.

—v. 3. harden, indurate, solidify, coagulate, congeal, thicken; agglomerate, conglomerate, consolidate.

calamitous, adj. 1. catastrophic, cataclysmic, cataclysmal, tragic, disastrous, ruinous; destructive, destroying, devastating, withering, demolishing, ravaging, desolating.

2. fatal, dire, black, ill-starred, ill-fated, star-crossed; inauspicious, unpromising, unfavorable, unlucky, un providential, untoward; sad, miserable, wretched, woeful, woful, baleful.

calamity, n. affliction, adversity, hurt, harm, ruin, frustration, desolation; misery, wretchedness, agony, torture, torment, distress, suffering, Archaic. bale; woe, grief, sorrow, dolor, sadness, anguish, anxiety, unhappiness, heartache, heartbreak, heavy heart; trouble, trouble and strife, sea of troubles, hardship, storm and stress; misfortune, infelicity, ill or bad luck, ill or bad fortune, ambsace, evil eye, evil wind, dark cloud or star, storm clouds; trial, tribulation, burden, load, heavy load or burden, weight.

2. catastrophe, cataclysm, disaster, tragedy; shock, blow, heavy or nasty or staggering blow, buffet, stroke, stroke of ill or bad luck or fortune; mishap, mischance, miscarriage, misadventure, Scot. and North Eng. misolanter; glitch, casualty, accident; reverse, reversal, reverse of fortune, setback, come down, bringdown, bitter pill.

calculable, adj. 1. computable, measurable, reckonable, countable; determinable, predictable, estimable, gaugeable, appraisable, assessable; ascertainable, discoverable.

2. reliable, dependable, to be counted on, trustworthy.

calculate, v. 1. compute, count, figure, enumerate, work out, reckon; sum up; figure out, Sl. dope out, ascertain, determine; estimate, evaluate, gauge, measure, weigh, take into account; cast, forecast, predict.

2. design, intend, plan, set up; adapt, adjust, make suitable, fit.

calculating, adj. shrewd, sharp, scheming, designing, sly, crafty, contriving, Sl. sneaky; cautious, careful, wary, prudent; discreet, circumspect, politic, far sighted.

calculation, n. 1. computation, reckoning, estimation, estimate, count, result, product, end product or result; expectation, forecast, prediction, prospect, anticipation.

2. forethought, foresight, planning, care, circum spection, deliberation; cautiousness, caution, wariness, discretion, prudence; design, craftsmanship, contrivance, scheme, expedient.

calculator, n. 1. computer, arithmetician, mathematician; adding machine operator, computer operator, programmer, compiler.

2. calculating machine, adding machine, pocket calculator; abacus; computer.

calendar, n. 1. menology, chronogram, Obs. ephemeris; almanac, chronology; chronicle, annals, record; log, register, daybook.

2. list, agenda, schedule, docket; bill, program, slate.

caliber, n. 1. bore, diameter.

2. quality, merit, virtue, excellence; ability, capability, capacity, faculty, competence; gift, endowment; flair, talent, genius, knack.

calisthenics, n. exercise, physical training, athletics, gymnastics, slumastics, aerobics, isometrics, daily dozen, Brit. physical jerks; jogging; drill, workout, warm-up, practice.

call, v. 1. cry out, sing out, hail, halloo or hallo; cry, exclaim, shout, yell, Inf. holler, scream; clamor, vociferate; roar, bellow.

2. ask, invite, summon, signal; convoke, convene, muster, assemble, call together; telephone, phone, dial, dial up, ring, ring up, Inf. buzz.

3. announce, proclaim, ord; name, christen, designate, style, dub, Archaic. clepe; consider, estimate, designate, judge, reason.

4. call down a. invoke, appeal to, pray to, supplicate, petition, entreat. b. reprimand, chastise, reprove, rebuke, upbraid, chide.

—n. 5. cry, outcry, clamor, shout, scream, Inf. holler; signal, cooe, sooe, animal note, caw, tweet, chirp.

6. summons, signal, alarm, tocsin; invocation, invitation, bidding, calling, appeal, notice, request.
call girl, n. prostitute, lady of the evening, woman of the profession, Mrs. Warren, Fr. fille de joie; demimonde, demirep, loose woman, fallen woman, woman of ill repute, white slave; trolop, strumpet, Archaic. wench, troll, drab, quean; paramour, courtesan, mistress, conundrums, kept woman, Sl. doxy. See also prostitute (def. 1).

calling, v. summons, invitation, call. See call (def. 6).

callous, adj. hard, hardened, indurate, indurated; thick-skinned, pachydermization, inured, hard-boiled, case-hardened, hard-nosed; insensitive, unfelt, obdurate, unsympathetic, hard-hearted, cold; indifferent, apathetic, uncaring.

callow, adj. immature, inexperienced, green; unsophisticated, uninhibited, naive, innocent; Sophisticated, juvenile, adolescent, childlike, Sl. kiddish, puerile, infantile; undeveloped, unformed, unripe.

calm, adj. 1. still, motionless, smooth, undisputed, unagitated, quiet; windless, waveless, stormless; stationary, becalmed; tranquil, serene, restful, reposeful, placid, peaceful, halcyon.

2. composed, collected, self-possessed; cool, cool-headed, self-controlled, passionless, impassive, dispassionate; easy-going, relaxed, even-tempered, imperturbable, unexcitable, unflappable; unconcerned, unmoved, unperturbed; unruffled, staid, sedate; undemonstrative, unemotional, stoical, philosophical.

—n. 3. motionlessness, stillness, quietude, quiescence, calmness; tranquillity, serenity, sereneness, placidity, placidness, placidity; repose, rest, reposefulness, restfulness, peace, peacefulness, harmony, harmoniousness.

4. composure, self-possession, coolness, impassivity, poise, sang-froid; steadiness, self-control.

—v. 5. soothe, allay, assuage, mollify, soften; quiet, still, compose, lull, hush; pacify, tranquilize, smooth, settle, Infl. cool [s.o.] off; sedate; opiate, narcotize, stupefy, dull, deaden; relax, loosen up, settle down; placate, mediate, reconcile.

6. defuse, depoliticize, devolatilize.

calmness, n. 1. composure, self-possession. See calm (def. 4).

2. motionlessness, stillness. See calm (def. 3).

callumiate, v. 1. slander, libel, impute, asperse, insinuate, traduce, falsify, accuse falsely, misrepresent, belie; injure, abuse, assail, stab, insult, backbite, Sl. bdsm, engage in personalities; slur, sully, defile, smear, smirch, besmirch, soil, blacken, taint, tarnish, attain, blight, smudge, stain, spot, brand, stigmatize, drag through the mud or mire, heap dirt upon, throw mud on, spatter, bespatter, Sl. dump on.

2. defame, denigrate, vituperate, vilify, vilipend, scandalize, run down, berate, revile, malign, impugn, gibbet, criticize, pull to pieces, Sl. do a hatchet job on; cut up, shred, give a bad name, speak ill of, speak evil of, hold up to scorn, sneer at, lash, belittle, detract, disparage, decry, deprecate, depreciate, derogate, devalue, deflate; humiliate, humble, mortify, Sl. put down.

calumny, n. 1. slander, libel, calumny, false accusation, misrepresentation, falsehood, malicious falsehood, lie, untruth, traducement, aspersion, imputation, innuendo, Infl. brickbat, insinuation, reflection; abuse, injury, backbiting, mud-slinging; slur, blot, blot on the escutcheon, smear, smirch, taint, taint, stain, tarnish, spot, black spot or mark, blight, blemish, brand, stigma.

2. defamation, denigration, vilification, vituperation, scandal; censure, reproach, denunciation, curse, male- diction, invidious, comination, Archaic. exproportion, animadversion, revilement, obloquy; belittlement, depreciation, disparagement, derogation, deflation, depreciation, devaluation; humiliation, humble pie, mortification.

camaraderie, n. comradeship, companionship, brotherliness, esprit de corps, good-fellowship, clubliness, Infl. groupiness; close friendship, intimacy, closeness, affinity, relationship, kinship, brotherhood; friendliness, amicability, sociability, congeniality.

camouflage, n. 1. disguise, mask, screen, cloak, blind, covering, concealment; deception, trickery, ruse, artifice, subterfuge, dissimulation; pretense, guile, appearance, cover-up, show, window dressing, façade, front, face front.

—v. 2. disguise, hide, conceal, cloak, mask, cover, cover up, cover over; deceive, misrepresent, falsify, cover over; fudge, garble, muddle.

camp, n. 1. encampment, bivouac, cantonment; military quarters, Sl. the Q; temporary lodgings, tents, shelters, barracks.

2. cabin, cottage, hut, summer home; resort, vacation spot, recreation area.

3. faction, sect, party, group, set, clique; cause, doctrine, persuasion.

—v. 4. encamp, pitch camp or tent; tent, tent out, Infl. sleep out; hike, backpack; reside, lodge, stay over.

5. settle, put down roots, moor, anchor, become ensconced, move in and take over, carve a spot for oneself, inhabit.

camp, adj. 1. (usu. deliberately exaggerated) artificiality, affectation, affectedness, studiedness; ostentation, display, posing, posturing, peacockery; airs, mannerisms, gestures.

2. (usu. conscious) banality, imparity, vapidness, Sl. corniness or corn; egregiousness, blatancy; garishness, gaudiness, ugliness; crudeness, lack of subtlety or refinement.

—v. 3. Slang. (often in reference to homosexuality) flaunt, display, show off, exult in, boast, announce; strut, flounce, prance, peacock.

campaign, n. 1. battle, crusade, war; battle plan, course of action, strategy, tactics, maneuvers, operations.

—v. 2. run for office, run, Brit. stand, Infl. throw one's hat in the ring; electioneer, canvass, barnstorm, Infl. take to the stump.

campus, n. college grounds, quadrangle, Infl. quad; college, university; academy, academe.

campy, adj. Slang. 1. exaggerated, affected, mannered, studied, theatrical, extravagant, outlandish, ostentatious, showy; overdone, banal, egregious, blatant; garish, loud, crude, vulgar; trivial, trite, Sl. trashy, Sl. corny.

2. All Derog. (of foods) bucket, pail; drinking cup, tankard.

can, n. 1. container, receptacle, vessel; jar, tin; bucket, pail; drinking cup, tankard.

2. Slang. bathroom, toilet. See bathroom.


—v. 4. (of foods) preserve, put up, keep, make.

5. Slang. dismiss, discharge, fire. See discharge (def. 6).

canal, n. 1. artificial waterway, channel, race, con-
duct, watercourse; strait, aqueduct, waterway, seaway.
2. duct, pipe, main, tube, cylinder; passage, passage-way, adit; conduit, sewer, culvert, cloaca, flume, trough, chute; spout, gutter, drain, guily, ditch.

cancel, v. 1. void, avoid, declare null and void, render null and void, nullify, disannul, annul, quash, invalidate, vitiate, vacate, disenact, disestablish; set aside, call off, supersede, discharge; cease, Law, Obs. pros, stop, discontinue, break off; countermand, counterorder, override, overrule; veto, negate.
2. revoke, rescind, abrogate, reverse, repeal, abolish; rescind, retract, withdraw, take back, recall; renounce, relinquish, repudiate, abjure, forswear, abnegate; disavow, disclaim, disown, deny; unsay, go back on one's word, eat one's words, back-pedal, renege; relinquish, repudiate, abjure, forswear, abnegate; recant, retract, withdraw, take back, recall; renounce, relinquish, repudiate, abjure, forswear, abnegate; disavow, disclaim, disown, deny; unsay, go back on one's word, eat one's words, back-pedal, renege; terrors, apostatize, defect, change one's mind.
3. delete, Print. dele, blue-pencil, x out, cross out, strike out, scratch out, mark off; blot out, rub out, crush out, wipe out, erase, efface; expunge, eradicate, obliterate.
4. neutralize, nullify, expiate, compensate for, make up for, offset; counterbalance, counterpoise, counteract, counterbalance, counterpoise, counteract, countervail.
5. write off, absolve, clear, wipe the slate clean, eliminate.

CANCELLATION, n. 1. voidance, avoidance, cancel, disannulment, annulment, nullification, Law. defeasance; quashing, invalidation,Obs. vacatur, disenactment, disestablishment, setting aside; cessation, Law. nolle prosequi, discontinuance, suspension; countermand, counterorder, overriding, overruling; veto, negation.
2. revocation, rescinding, rescindment, rescission, abrogation, reversal, repeal, abolishishment, abolition; recantation, retraction, retractation, withdrawal, recall; renouncement, renunciation, relinquishment, repudiation, abjuration, abnegation; disavowal, renunciation, relinquishment, disavowal, renunciation, relinquishment.
3. deletion, Print. dele, crossing out, striking out, scratching out, marking off; blotting out, rubbing out, crushing out, wiping out, erasing, erasion, effacing; expunging, eradication, obliteration.
4. neutralization, nullification, expiation; counterbalance, counterpoise, counteraction, countervail.
5. write off, absolve, clear, wipe the slate clean, eliminate.

CANDID, adj. 1. frank, forthright, direct, straightforward, straight-from-the-shoulder, foursquare, man-to-man, heart-to-heart; plain, plain-spoken, plain-speaking, downright, outright, explicit, unequivocal, unambiguous, undisguised, Inf. flat-footed; out-spoken, free, free-spoken, free-speaking, unreticent, bold, unreserved, unrestrained, unconfined, unchecked, unabashed, uninhibited, unshrinking; blunt, bluff, brusque, tactless.
2. open, open and sincere, open-hearted, genuine, transparent; guileless, ingenuous, sincere, artless, naive, simple, undeceptive, uncectful, undisguise, undisguising, aboveboard, open and aboveboard, up front, on the level, on the up and up.
3. informal, unposed, uncontrived, undesigned, unstudied; spontaneous, unpremeditated, uncalculated, undeclared; extemporaneous, extemporary, impromptu, improvised, improvisational, unrehearsed, unprepared, ad-lib, Inf. off the top of one's head, Inf. off the cuff.
4. honest, honorable, just, fair, fair and square, square-dealing, square-shooting; impartial, equitable, objective, balanced, even, even-handed, Inf. level; unbiased, nonbiased, unprejudiced, nonprejudiced, nonjudicial, unpresupposed, unjaundiced, open-minded.

CANDIDATE, n. 1. office seeker, nominee, runner, front runner, seeker, aspirant, suitor; job seeker, applicant, contestant, competitor, entrant.
2. probationer, apprentice, journeyman, learner; postulant, novice, novitiate; Eccles. confirmand.

CANDIED, adj. glacé, sugar-coated, sugared, honeyed; saccharine, sugary, sickeningly sweet; flattering, cajoling, ingratiating, blandishing.

candle, n. taper, tallow light, rush light, bougie, dip; paschal, vigil light; torch, flambeau, flare, flame.

candlestick, n. candleholder, standard, paschal, chandelier, luster; candelabrum; candlestand, torchère, girandole, sconce.

CANDOR, n. frankness, forthrightness, straightforwardness, candidness, calling a spade a spade, St. telling it like it is; plain-speaking, plain-spokenness, downrightness, outrightness, explicitness, unequivocalness; outspokenness, freeness, free-spokenness, free-speaking, nonreticence, boldness, unrestrained, unconstraint, unconstraint, bluntness, bluntness, tactlessness.

CANDY, n. confectionery, confection, sweets, sweetmeat; bonbon, fondant, comfit, sugarplum, sugar-candy; taffy, butterscotch, praline, peanut brittle; fudge, cream, nougat, toffee, caramel, chocolate; mint, peppermint, kiss, lollipop, sucker; dainty, tidbit.

cane, n. 1. stick, staff, walking stick, crutch; rod, staff, truncheon, cudgel; cane, stick, staff, walking stick, crutch; rod, staff, truncheon, cudgel.
2. stem, reed, stalk, shoot.

—v. 3. beat, strike, hit, smite, cudgel; slap, rap, thrash, lash, scourge, knout, flagellate; horsewhip, —v. 3. beat, strike, hit, smite, cudgel; slap, rap, thrash, lash, scourge, knout, flagellate; horsewhip, —v. 3. beat, strike, hit, smite, cudgel; slap, rap, thrash, lash, scourge, knout, flagellate; horsewhip, —v. 3. beat, strike, hit, smite, cudgel; slap, rap, thrash, lash, scourge, knout, flagellate; horsewhip, —v. 3. beat, strike, hit, smite, cudgel; slap, rap, thrash, lash, scourge, knout, flagellate; horsewhip.

cannibalize, v. 1. barrage, bombardment, shelling, battery, roadside, assault, salvo, volley, artillery fire; pounding, firing upon, attack.

—v. 2. bombard, shell, pattle, pound, fire upon, blast, pepper, attack with cannon.

canny, adj. 1. careful, cautious, prudent. See careful (def. 1).

2. astute, discerning, penetrating; shrewd, alert, keen, sharp, acute; knowing, sagacious, wise, sensible; quick-witted, bright, smart.

canoe, n. dugout, pirogue, kayak, outtrigger.

canon1, n. 1. Eccles. rule, regulation, law, statute; Eccles. n.
canoe, adj. rule, regulation, law, statute; Eccles. n.
canonize, v. 1. declare a saint, enroll in the Eccles. n.
canonize, v. 2. bombard, shell, patter, pound, fire upon, blast, pepper, attack with cannon.

canopy, n. tent, awning, tilt, tester, Archit. n.
cant, n. 1. amble, saunter, trot, dog-trot, lope, gallop.

canvas, n. coarse cloth, sailcloth, duck, ticking, drill, denim, burlap, tarpaulin.
canvas, v. 1. solicit votes, campaign, electioneer, poll, survey, request, ask for, bespeak, invite; apply for, appeal for, petition for. beg for, beseech, entreat, implore; press, urge, push.

2. investigate, inquire into, look into, U.S. check into or up on, inspect, go over; examine, scrutinize, explore, study, analyze, break down, take stock of; survey, scan, peruse, go or look through; consider, contemplate, think about, give thought to, evaluate, weigh; discuss, debate, discourse, talk about or over, air, ventilate; argue, dispute, reason, convince, persuade.

—n. 3. solicitation, campaign, poll, survey; request, invitation, appeal, petition, suit; entreaty, plea, supplication, beseeching; urging, pressing, pushing.

canyon, n. ravine, gulch, valley, gully; gorge, chasm, fissure, cleft, gap, water gap; opening, break, crack, cut, notch, split, divide.
cap, n. 1. beanie, skullcap, zuchetto, calotte, beret, tam-o’-shanter, tam, calcap, toque, castor, montero, tuque, stocking cap, Inf. toboggan; nightcap, biggin; turban, tarbosh, fez, shako, barret, Rom. Cath. Ch. biretta; hat, bonnet, sombrero, tent, gallon hat; veil, net, snood, cover, covering, overlay; headdress, mantilla, headcloth, wimple, hood; crown, crownpiece, mortarboard, headpiece, headgear, helmet, hard hat.

2. top, lid, capsule, plug, cork, stopper, stopple, bung, ferrule.

3. summit, apex, vertex, apogee, pinnacle, peak, tip, top, crest, heights, Latin. ne plus ultra; acme, zenith, meridian, crowning point, climax, culmination, maximum.

—v. 4. top, crown, overlie, surmount, sit atop or on, pinnacle, tip, Brit. nib.

5. consummate, perfect, put the finishing touches on, round out or off, culminate, climax; complete, conclude, terminate, finish, end, top out.

6. surpass, transcend, excel, transcend, eclipse, overshadow, outdo, outstrip, outshine; best, better, beat, win over, prevail over; exceed, go beyond, rise above or over.
capability, n. 1. capableness, competence, competency; efficacy, effectiveness, adequacy, sufficiency, readiness, qualification; capacity, potential, potentiality, potency, power, amplitude, magnitude, scope, extent, range, compass.

2. ability, faculty, talent, facility, mind [for]; flair, bent, turn, knock, forte, strong point; proficiency, adeptness, skill, skillfulness, dexterity, adroitness, dexterity; aptitude, intelligence, intellect, cleverness, quickness, aptness, wit, mother wit, sagacity, head, brain, mind; acumen, penetration, perspicacity; sense, reason, judgment, understanding.

3. withstandingness, resistance, tolerance; endurance, strength.

4. capabilities potential, possibilities; aptitudes, gifts, endowments; abilities, faculties, powers, talents, skills; attributes, qualities, characteristics, features.
capable, adj. 1. intelligent, apt, smart, clever, ingenious, brilliant; sagacious, learned, knowledgeable, versed, able, talented, gifted, adept, skillful, dexterous, adroit, deft; competent, proficient, efficient, adequate, equal to, Inf. up to; efficacious, effective, effectual; expert, masterful, masterly, accomplished;
skilled, experienced, *Fr. au fait*, practiced, qualified, adapted, suited, fitted.

2. **capable of** a. needing, in need of, wanting, requiring; receptive, impressionable, (*all usu. fol. by of or to*) susceptible, open, accessible, subject. b. predisposed to, inclined to, prone to, liable to, likely to, having a tendency for, tendentious, tendential, *Archaic*. propense.

**capacious**, adj. large, spacious, roomy, ample, commodious, voluminous; broad, expansive, wide, extensive, widespread; vast, immense, amplitudinous; huge, big, great, massive, gigantic, tremendous, mammoth.

**capitate**, v. enable, empower, qualify; sanction, warrant, authorize; equip, endow, endue, supply, fit out, arm.

**capacity**, n. 1. amplitude, ampleness, magnitude, largeness, sufficiency, room, *Naut.* burden; volume, dimensions, proportions, measure, space, size, scope, extent, range, compass.

2. aptitude, potential, capability, the stuff, *Inf.* what it takes, *U.S. Inf.* the goods; intelligence, intellect, aptness, wit, mother wit, sagacity, head, brain, mind; acumen, penetration, perspicacity; sense, reason, judgment, understanding; ability, gift, talent, endowment, forte; competence, adequacy, sufficiency, capableness, readiness.

3. withstandingship, resistance, tolerance; endurance, strength, power; susceptibility, vulnerability.

4. position, post, place, office; function, responsibility, job, duty, performance.

5. legitimation, authorization, empowerment; certification, license, warrant, sanction.

6. (**all of electricity**) capacitance, potential, output, yield, production.

**caparison**, n. 1. trappings, housings; harness, tack, tackle, rigging.


3. (**all of a sumptuous nature**) equipment, equipage, apparatus, gear, accouterments, appurtenances, appointments, fixtures, fittings, habiliments, *Inf.* things; outfit, outfitting, turnout, rig.

—v. 4. (**all with a caparison**) outfit, fit out, git up, fit, rig up, rig out, rig, turn out, gear; equip, furnish, supply, provide, *Obs.* appoint.

5. deck, deck out, bedeck, trap, adorn, array, ornament; (**all to a sumptuous degree**) dress, dress out, clothe, vest, garb, attire, apparel, habit, *Sl.* dude up; gown, robe, drape.


**cape**, n. peninsula, chersonese, tongue, neck, *Archaic*. ness; promontory, headland, foreground, tip, point.

**caper**, n. 1. frolic, frisk, romp, gambol; hop, skip, bounce, spring, prance, leap, jump, bound.

2. prank, trick, practical joke; antic, shenanigans, gambado, *Inf.* dido; fun, sport, jest, game; escapade, lark, spree, adventure.

—v. 3. skip, hop, dance about; leap, jump, bound about; frolic, frisk, romp, gambol, cavort.

**capital**, n. 1. seat of government, center of government, first city.


3. principal, assets, stock, investment; funds, moneys, finances, savings, hard cash, liquid assets; cash, reserve, means, wherewithal, working capital, supply, resources, revenue, ways and means; wealth, riches, treasure.

—adj. 4. principal, chief, main, important; major, prime, paramount, ultimate, cardinal; first, primary, foremost, initial, front, head; dominant, predominant, preeminent, uppermost, topmost, utmost, master; crowning, leading, greatest, ruling, overruling; definitive, conclusive, determinative; key, vital, crucial, central, essential.


**capitalism**, n. free enterprise, laissez-faire; exploitation, dog-eat-dog.

**capitalist**, n. 1. financier, investor, moneyman, banker, tycoon, baron.


**capitalize**, v. 1. take advantage of, put to advantage, make the most of, turn to account, cash in on; seize the day, strike while the iron is hot, make hay while the sun shines; use, exploit, milk, bleed, drain, suck dry.

2. turn a profit, turn a penny, make a buck, realize on.


**capitol**, n. Statehouse, legislative building; legislature.

**capitulate**, v. 1. surrender, give up, lay down arms, raise the white flag, cry craven; yield, submit, succumb, fall, bite the dust; acknowledge defeat, come to terms; throw in the towel or the sponge, throw up one's hands; call it quits, *Sl.* pack it in, give up the ship.

2. acquiesce, comply, accede, give in, cry or say un- cle; concede, accede, agree, concur; yield, cave in, bend, bow, relent, mellow, soften; back down, renge, retract, recant.

**capitulation**, n. 1. surrender, submission, yielding; acquiescence, compliance, accedence, concession, non-resistance.

2. summary, summation, digest, abstract, résumé, synopsis, conspectus; enumeration, numeration, list, listing, catalogue.

**caprice**, n. 1. vagary, notion, crank, impulse, brain wave; whim, whimsy, fancy, humor, crotchet, maggot; idiosyncrasy, idiocrasy, peculiarity, eccentricity, quirk, oddity; eccentricism, turn, twist, fit; fad, craze.

2. whimsicality, capriciousness, fickleness, frivolity, volatilitiy.

**capricious**, adj. whimsical, fanciful, impulsive, moody, crotchety; fickle, skittish, inconstant, moonish, changeable, changeful, variable, faddish; flighty, mercurial, volatile, undependable, unsteady, unstable; fitful, erratic, irregular, spasmodic, uneven; irresolute, uncertain, indecisive, undecided, vacillating, wavering, shilly-shallying, infirm of purpose; irresponsible, wayward, wanton, lawless; heteroclitic, deviative, stray.

**capsize**, v. overturn, turn over, upend, keel over, knock over, tip over, *Inf.* turn turtle; upset, overturn, overthrow.

**capacious**
captain, n. 1. chief, leader, head, headman, Inf. number one, Sl. top banana; skipper, master, sailing master, officer, chief officer, ship's captain, Inf. old man; chief, commander, commandant, foreman, overlord, principal, governor.
—v. 2. lead, command, head, boss, take charge, be in charge; steer, pilot, skipper.
caption, n. 1. heading, title, legend, inscription, imprint; headline, banner, Inf. scarehead, Journalism. screamer.
—v. 2. head, entitle, title, label, inscribe, imprint.
captious, adj. 1. faultfinding, carping, nagging, cavilling; scoffing, impugning, picking, Inf. picky; hard to please, hypercritical, critical, biting, cutting, belittling, deprecating; chiding, reproachful, censorious, disapprobatory, disapproving, derogatory, reprehensible, condemnatory, denunciatory, objurgatory, animadversional.
2. ensnaring, perplexing, entangling, entrapping; astute, pointed, clever, subtle, stealthy, crafty, calculating, artful; treacherous, arch, shrewd, Inf. loaded, Inf. tricky; sly, cunning, vulpine, Inf. fox; invidious, scheming, conniving, perfidious, collusive, guileful, deceptive, delusive.
captivate, v. charm, delight, enchant, take the fancy of; fascinate, infatuate, enthral, enrapture, enamor, bewitch, Inf. vamp, Sl. knock off one's feet, Sl. knock for a loop; attract, lure, catch, win, enchant, snare, ensnare, enslave; dazzle, transport, mesmerize, hypnotize, carry away, turn one's head; seduce, ravish, bedevil, becharm, inflame, tantalize, Inf. drive one crazy.
captive, n. prisoner, slave, hostage, bondman; convict, Inf. con, Inf. jailbird.
captivity, n. 1. corpse, cadaver, dead body, remains, Sl. stiff; All Fig. body, Sl. bod, person, self.
card, n. 1. postcard, greeting card, sympathy card, mass card; identification, ID, badge, calling card; cards, playing cards.
2. bill, program, slate; calendar, schedule, docket, agenda, order of the day; menu, bill of fare; Sports. list, roster, batting order, line-up.
3. in or on the cards imminent, impending, near, at hand; likely, probable, apt, liable, in the wind or air, in the offing; destined, fated, ordained, in store.
cardinal, adj. 1. main, chief, principal, prime, central, focal; essential, necessary, indispensable, primary, elementary, fundamental, basic, basal; first, foremost, headmost, leading, dominant, supreme, uppermost, highest, paramount, crowning, preeminent, top; greatest; charged, most important, important.
2. red, scarlet, crimson, vermillion.
—n. 3. Rom. Cath. Ch. prelate, primate, archbishop, Eastern Ch. arch; archbishop, metropolitan, bishop, diocesan.
care, n. 1. worry, anxiety, disquiet, disquietude, uneasiness, inquietude; distress, fretfulness, misgiving, qualm, apprehension; trouble, concern, regard, solicitude, cark; anguish, sorrow, dolor, grief, sadness, affliction, heartache; matter, ailment, ill, grievance; vexation, annoyance, nuisance, tribulation; strain, pressure, burden, onus; tax, cross, encumbrance, cumbersome, lead, handicap.
2. attention, carefulness, caution, prudence, pains; heed, heedfulness, watchfulness, advertisement; alertness, vigilance, circumspection, wariness; awareness, consciousness, mindfulness, meticulousness, fastidiousness, conscientiousness, scrupulousness, punctiliousness, painstakingness; exactness, precision, preciseness, strictness, particularity, accuracy.
3. protection, charge, ward, keep; responsibility, safekeeping, safeguard, custody, guardianship, tutelage, guidance; surveillance, vigil, lookout.
4. ward, charge, dependent, minor, protégé.
—v. 5. be concerned, be solicitous, be uneasy, worry, trouble; fret, fuss, fidget, be apprehensive; bother, mind, Inf. give a damn, Inf. give a hoot, Inf. give a hang, Archaic. cark.
5. take care of a. care for, sit, sit with, baby-sit, watch, look after. b. attend to, act on, deal with, see to, take action on, take up.
6. care for like, fancy, enjoy, be fond of, take to, be pleased with, Inf. be sweet on, Sl. have a crush on; prefer, rather, have a mind to, incline towards; hanker after; hope for, wish, want, desire; yearn for, long for, hunger for, thirst for, crave, covet; love, cherish, hold dear, be enamored of, treasure, prize.
careen, v. tilt, lean, cant, heel, incline, list, slope, slant; sway, bend, tend, lurch, pitch; tip, keel, turn over; veer, shift, swerve, deviate, diverge, sheer.
career, n. 1. course, progression, progress, passage, line, movement, march; orbit, flowing, flow, flux, rush, onrush, run; journey, trip, trek, direction, route, road, track, beat, way, lap, round, circuit, ambit.
2. occupation, profession, trade, business, line; vocation, avocation, following, calling, pursuit, craft, métier; employment, job, work, living, livelihood; bent, inclination, set.
—v. 3. run, hustle, bustle, rush, scramble, scamper, scuttle, bolt, dash, dart, fly, Inf. take off, Sl. tear off, scoot, speed, sprint, shoot, hurry; hasten, spank, scud.
carefree, adj. 1. insouciant, free and easy, heedless, untroubled, unconcerned, unworried, happy-go-
lucky, Inf. living the life of Riley; nonchalant, casual, indifferent, blase, devil-may-care.

2. cheerful, gay, jovial, jolly, merry, mirthful, gleeful, blithe, blithesome; happy, pleased, contented, glad; ecstatic, joyful, elated, joyous, jubilant; sprightly, light-hearted, debonair, jaunty, lively, airy, brisk, spry; enthusiastic; animated, spirited, flushed, buoyant, frisky, skittish; rollicking, playful, game, some, frolicksome, sportive; jocular, joose, joking, jesting, waggish.

3. genial, convivial, easygoing; winsome, sunny, smiling, cheery, riant, laughing; optimistic, upbeat, in good spirits, positive; elastic, resilient.

careful, adj. 1. cautious, wary, canny, prudent; politic, discreet, judicious, circumspect; aware, alert, awake, observant; mindful, thoughtful, concerned, solicitous, considerate, regardful, heedful, attentive; watchful, vigilant, on guard, guarded; apprehensive, fearful, worried, uneasy; halting, hesitant, Inf. yellow-light.

2. meticulous, punctilious, scrupulous, conscientious; exact, precise, accurate, correct; particular, finical, finicky, picky, fussy, hard to please; critical, exacting, demanding, fastidious; painstaking, minute, detailed, fine, nice, thorough, searching; scientific, mathematical, severe, rigorous, strict, close.

careless, adj. 1. inattentive, inadvertent, unmindful, unthoughtful, unthinking, nonsensical, disregarding; unwise, imprudent, injudicious, indiscreet, uncircumspect; unwary, incautious, off guard, unguarded, unheeding, heedless; reckless, rash, temerarious; inconsiderate, uncaring, tactless, uncivil, rude.

2. negligent, neglectful, remiss, slack, lax, lose; inaccurate, inexact, incorrect; disorderly, sloppy, untidy, Inf. messy, slovenly, slatternly, Inf. raunchy; unorganized, Inf. harum-scarum, hit-or-miss; casual, slapdash, slipshod, offhand.

3. nonchalant, casual, indifferent, perfunctory, blasé, devil-may-care, thoughtless, forgetful, absentminded; lackadaisical, listless, apathetic; free and easy, untroubled, unconcerned, unworried, happy-go-lucky, insouciant.

4. sprightly, light-hearted, debonair, jaunty, lively, airy, brisk, carefree. See carefree (defs. 2, 3).

care, n. 1. touch, brush, graze, lick, tongue; stroke gently, fondle, handle, pat, rub, massage; hold, hug, clasp, embrace, cuddle, snuggle, nestle, nuzzle; kiss, osculate, Inf. make out, Inf. neck, Inf. smooch; Inf. pet, Sl. canoodle, Sl. feel up, Inf. paw; toy with, play with, play footsie, Both Euph. foot around, mess around.

2. coddle, cosset, pamper, pet, baby, treat gently, Inf. take off.

3. touch, brush, graze; stroking, fondling, handling, patting, rubbing, massage; hug, clasp, embrace, cuddle, nuzzle; kiss, osculation, Inf. smack.

caretaker, n. superintendent, Inf. super, supervisor, overseer, warden, manager, curator, steward; janitor, maintenance man, clean-up man, handyman; custodian, keeper, guardian, conservator, guard, watchman, warden.

careworn, adj. tired, weary, fatigued, haggard, drooping, faint, flagging, fagged, Inf. Tuckered; weakened, worn, spent, exhausted, footsore; crushed, beaten, wasted, stretched, endebted, overworked; overworked, heavy-laden, oppressed, toilworn, dispirited, sorry, life-weary, Inf. down and out; sorrowful, forlorn, bowed down.

cargo, n. lading, freight, freighthage, haul; load, burden, charge, weight; contents, merchandise, goods, stuff; boatload, shipload, Chiefly U.S. carload, wagonload, truckload.

caricature, n. 1. cartoon, portrait, sketch, drawing, representation, parody, spoof, farce, burlesque, takeoff; satire, lampoon, squib, pasquinade, travesty.

2. mimic, imitate, ape, Inf. take off, Sl. make like; parody, satirize, lampoon, squib, burlesque, travesty; mock, ridicule, stultify, make fun of, laugh at.

carillon, n. bells, chimes, dingdong, tintinnabulation.

carnage, n. butchery, slaughter, wholesale or general slaughter, random or indiscriminate slaughter, massacre, blood bath, effusion or fusillade of blood, Rare: internecion, Rare: trucidation; pogrom, mass-murder, mass-murdering, mass-execution, noyade; genocide, mass-destruction, annihilation, extermination, liquidation.

carnal, adj. 1. earthly, worldly, temporal, mundane, terrestrial; secular, profane, unspiritual, physical, corporeal.

2. sensual, voluptuous, bodily; lustful, lascivious, libidinous, licentious, lecherous, Archaic: lickerish, Sl. horny; concupiscent, sexual, erotic, lewd, prurient, salacious; unchaste, impure, unclean, indecent, wanton, wayward, prodigal; animal, animalistic, bestial, brutish, crude, coarse, gross.

carnality, n. 1. worldliness, earthliness, temporality, secularity, profaneness, unspirituality, corporeality.

2. sensuality, voluptuousness, fleshliness; lustfulness, lewdness, prurience, salaciousness, Sl. horniness; lust, lechery, concupiscence, Sl. hot pants, Sl. the hots; animality, bestiality, brutishness, coarseness, grossness.

carnival, n. 1. amusement show, circus, extravaganza; sideshow, freak show, puppet show; merry-go-round, carrousel, Ferris wheel.

2. merrymaking, revelry, reveling, revels; frolic, party, revel, masquerade, masque, ball; festival, festivity, fete, fiesta, Mardi gras; celebration, jubilee, Inf. jamboree, gala; funmaking, jollification, conviviality, whoopee, Inf. goings on; carousal, orgy, bacchanalia, saturnalia, Sl. love-in.

carnivorous, adj. flesh-eating, carnivoral, zoophagous, omnivorous, omnivorous; ichthyophagous; anthropophagous, cannibalistic, man-eating; rapacious, predatory, predacious, raptorial.

carol, n. 1. song, tune, melody, chant, ditty; noel, spiritual, hymn, canticle, anthem.

2. sing, chant, lilt, melodize, chime in, Music. harmonize, Music. descant; warble, troll, trill, chirrup, chip.

carousel, n. 1. drinking bout, brannigan, drunk, potation, compotation, bouse, guzzle, drunken carouse or revel, bacchanal, bacchanalia; cocktail party, happy hour; spree, flying, carouse, revel, romp, bout, wassail; All Sl. binge, bender, hellbender, lust, toot, tear, jag, bat, barhop, bar-crawl, Brit. pubcrawl; revelry, merrymaking, jollification, Inf. goings on; celebration, gala affair, wing-ding; orgy, debauch, debauchery, saturnalia, Scot. randy.

2. a. carrousel, merry-go-round, roundabout. b. tournament, tourney, field day, gymkhana.

carouse, n. 1. drinking bout, brannigan, bouse, compotation; spree, flying, carouse, revel. See carousel (def. 1).

2. revel, wassail, roister, bouse, make merry, cut loose, let loose, Inf. live it up, Inf. party, Inf. step out, whoop it up, Sl. make whoopee; go on a spree, make the rounds, Sl. tie one on, Sl. go on a drunk or bing or bender or toot or tear or bat or jag, Sl. paint the town red, Sl. bar-hop, Sl. bar-crawl, Brit. Sl. pub-
crawd; debauch, dissipate, wanton, sow wild oats, have one's fling; overindulge, overdo, burn the candle at both ends, not know when to stop, not know when one has had enough.

carp, v. complain, faultfind, cavil. Sl. beef; quibble, wrangle, pull to pieces. Sl. nippick; rag, pick on or at, peck at, jibe at; criticize, find fault, belittle, depreciate, disparage, impugn, dep, Sl. moan and groan; blame, chide, reproach, censure, rebuke, repro, reprehend, sneer at, discredit, animadvert.
carpenter, n. woodworker, cabinetmaker, joiner, builder, hammerer.
carpet, n. rug, area rug, scatter rug, throw rug, mat, matting, runner; shag. Afghan, Oriental, Persian carpet or rug, Turkish rug or carpet.
carping, adj. faultfinding, nagging, caviling, capacious; scoffing, impugning, Inf. picky; hard to please; hypercritical, critical, critical, bitter, cutting, belittling, depreciating; chiding, reproachful, censorious, disapproving, derogatory; reprohensive, condemnatory, denunciatory, obtrusive, animadversional.
carriage, n. coach, stagecoach, chariot, phaeton, hansom, landau, brougham, surrey, cabriolet, coupe, victoria, barouche, four-wheeler, hackney, rockaway. U.S. buggy, Chiefly Brit. tallyho; sulky, gig, calash, currique, chaise, tilbury, (in Japan, the Philippines, etc.) jinrikisha; wagon, cart, tumbrel, Chiefly Brit. trap; car, vehicle, conveyance.
  2. posture, stance, stand, pose, position; poise, bearing, presence, demeanor, appearance, attitude, guise, aspect, cast; manner, mode, mood, air, mien, deportment, behavior.
carrier, n. 1. transporter, convoyer, vehicle, conveyance; bearer, bringer, messenger, runner; porter; U.S. bellboy, U.S. bellhop, delivery man; mail carrier, mailman; newsboy, newspaper boy.
  2. frame, rack, roof rack, luggage carrier.
carrion, n. dead flesh, dead body, cadaver, corpse, remains; bones; offal, putrefying meat, rot, decay, decomposition; garbage, refuse, waste.
carry, v. 1. convey, transport, Inf. to; portage, haul, cart, lug, pull along, drag; move, shift, transfer, displace, transplant; take, deliver, give, bring, fetch, get, go get; transmit, send, dispatch, convey, communicate, bear, pass on or along; lead, impel, conduct; force, propel, push, press.
  2. support, hold up, maintain, sustain, uphold; bear, take on, undertake, assume, shoulder, lift; buttox, brace, shore up, stay, prop up, underprop, underpin; strengthen, reinforce, fortify.
  3. (all of oneself) behave, deport, demean, conduct, comport, acquit, bear; manage, govern, regulate.
  4. extend, continue, take to; spread, distend, stretch, reach, expand.
cart, n. 1. handcart, truck, handtruck, pushcart, wagon, dray; dumpcart, tipcart, barrow, handbarrow, wheelbarrow; carriage, tilbury, buggy, tumbrel, gig, dogcart, currique, Chiefly Brit. trap.
  
v. 2. transport, convey, carry, bear, portage, dray, haul, lug, move, truck, tote; bring, conduct, transfer, transplant, transplant, convey.
carte blanche, n. free license, license, free rein, blank check; run of the house, key to the city, full rights, pass key, passe-partout; permit, sanction, authority.
carton, n. box, package, packing box or case, crate, pasteboard or paperboard or strawboard case, corrugated paper or cardboard container.
cartoon, n. caricature, lampoon, pasquinade, burlesque, take-off, satire, parody; portraiture, portrait, representation, picture, portrayal; depiction, line drawing, sketch.

2. comic strip, comics, U.S. funnies; animated cartoon, Motion Pictures. short.
cartoonist, n. caricaturist, lampoonist, lampooner, pasquinader, burlesquer, satirist; artist, sketcher, drawer, animator.
cartridge, n. 1. shell, cartouche, canister, canister shot, case shot, cap; bullet, ball, grenade, Mil. projectile.
  2. capsule, cylinder, case, container; reservoir, magazine, cassette.
carve, v. 1. cut, chisel, sculpt, sculpture, tool, block out, rough-hew; cast, form, mold, fashion, model, figure; hammer out, forge, roughcast, knock out; gouge out, gash, slash, hack, hackle; engrave, groove, cut in, trench, incise, grave, scrape, stipple; etch, notch, whittle. Archaic. insculp.
  2. hew, saw, trim, prune, lop; detruncate, dismember, dislimb, disjoin, amputate, quarter; slice, cleave, chop, rive; seve, dissever, rend, half, abscond, split, dissect.
  3. divide, appropriation, portion, partition; parcel, distribute, deal, dole, allot, allocate, assign; subdivide, split up, part.
cascade, n. waterfall, falls, cataract, chute, Niagara; downpour, shower, deluge, flood; rush, slide, avalanche.
case, n. 1. instance, occurrence, occasion; happening, phenomenon, event, adventure; affair, concern, matter, business; precedent, antecedent, exemplar; representative, prototype, type, standard, model, paradigm, norm; example, illustration, sample, exemplification, specimen.
  2. situation, condition, state, circumstance, position, place; plight, problem, difficulty; predicament, Inf. fix, Inf. pickle, mess, pin, pinch, turn, straits; dilemma, impasse, cul-de-sac, corner.
  3. statement, presentation, postulation, plea; explanation, exposition, explication, reasoning, reason, rationale; argument, position, premise; thesis, assumption, hypothesis, supposition, presupposition, supposal; evidence, ground, testimony, proof, facts.
case?, n. 1. container, box, receptacle, can, canister, skipper; carton, package, crate, trunk, cofP, casket, caddy, bin, chest, cabinet; Rom. Cath. Ch. monstrance or ostensorium, pyx, Gk. and Rom. Antiq. pyx; repository, reliquary, shrine; tray, vasculum; vessel, cask, hogshead, firkin, keg, tun, tub, vat, barrel; cartidge, cartouche, magazine, chamber.
  2. covering, casing, sheathing, sheath, scabbard; envelope, wrapper, jacket, cover; boot, socket, holder, cartridge, model, case, cartridge, cased, cartridge, cased.
  3. divide, apportion, portion, partition; parcel, displace, transplant; take, deliver, give, bring, fetch, get, go get; transmit, send, dispatch, convey, communicate, bear, pass on or along; lead, impel, conduct; force, propel, push, press.
  4. support, hold up, maintain, sustain, uphold; bear, take on, undertake, assume, shoulder, lift; buttox, brace, shore up, stay, prop up, underprop, underpin; strengthen, reinforce, fortify.
  3. (all of oneself) behave, deport, demean, conduct, comport, acquit, bear; manage, govern, regulate.
  4. extend, continue, take to; spread, distend, stretch, reach, expand.
carton, n. box, package, packing box or case, crate, pasteboard or paperboard or strawboard case, corrugated paper or cardboard container.
carton, n. caricature, lampoon, pasquinade, burlesque, take-off, satire, parody; portraiture, portrait, representation, picture, portrayal; depiction, line drawing, sketch.
casserole, n. 1. terrine, baking

2. ballroom, dancehouse, discotheque, Inf. disco; tavern, roadhouse, nightclub, Inf. honky-tonk; clubhouse, club, resort, haunt, gathering or meeting place, rallying point, Inf. stomping ground, Sl. hangout.

cask, n. barrel, keg, hogshead, firkin, puncheon, pipe, tierce, tun, tub; vat, vessel, container, receptacle.

casket, n. 1. coffin, pall, box, sarcophagus, Scot. and North Eng. kist, Sl. wooden overcoat or kimono.

2. chest, case, container, receptacle.

casseroles, n. 1. terrine, baking or covered dish, skillet, frying pan, saucepan.

cast, v. 1. throw, toss, dart, shy, chuck, pitch; hurl, dash, sling, let fly, send, launch; fling, flirt, heave, jerk, cant, shoot, catapult.

2. disseminate, scatter, spread, bespread, stew, bestrew, sow, broadcast; distribute, disperse, circulate; sprinkle, spatter, bespatter.

3. emit, send forth, discharge, radiate; eject, throw forth, propel, project, spurt, squirt, jet, ejaculate; throw up, vomit, disgorge; expel, oust, exclude, bar.

4. lose, part with, misplace, mislay; shed, drop, doff, throw off, shake off; slough, peel, flake, molt, exuviate.

5. discard, reject, dismiss, set aside, throw out, get rid of, Inf. junk, Inf. trash, Sl. eighty-six.

6. bestow, award, impart, confer, commit; grant, present, give, bequeath; All Theat. select, choose, allot, assign.

7. arrange, shape, mold; plan out, make fit or suitable; form, sculpt, carve, model; work, knead, turn, twist, warp.

8. compute, calculate, reckon; figure; add, total, sum up.

9. forecast, predict, foretell, foresee; prophecy, read the signs, interpret omens.

10. cast about search, seek, look for; grope about, ransack.

—n. 11. throw, toss, Chiefly Brit. chuck, shy, pitch; hurl, slang, fling, flirt, heave, cant, jerk; shooting, launching, catapulating.

12. dissemination, sowing, broadcasting; scattering, spreading, stirring, sprinkling; distribution, dispersal, circulation.

13. emission, discharge, radiation; ejection, propulsion, projection, execution; expulsion, elimination.

14. fortune, lot, portion, fate, destiny, doom, star.

15. arrangement, form, shape; mold, impression, casting; model, replica, reproduction.

16. All Theat. dramatis personae, performers, players, actors, actresses; company, troupe, repertory.

17. appearance, semblance, complexion, guise, aspect; carriage, mien, bearing, air; behavior, demeanor, deportment.

18. look, color, shade, hue, tint, tone; touch, dash, trace, twist, suggestion, suspicion, suspicion, hint; smack, flavor, taste.

19. sort, kind, style, type, stamp; spirit, vein, grain, streak, stripe; quality, nature.

20. tendency, inclination, leaning, propensity, proclivity; proneness, predisposition, bias; bent, direction, set, turn, predilection; disposition, humor, mood, temperament, constitution.

21. computation, reckoning, addition, calculation; sum, total, count.

22. forecast, prediction, prognosis, prophecy, foretelling; conjecture, guess, estimate.

castaway, n. 1. discard, castoff, Inf. throw-out, (of cards) slough; reject, factory reject, second, irregular; hand-me-down.

2. outcast, pariah, Ishmael, unperson, nonperson; exile, expatriate, political refugee, outlaw, excommunicate; wail, stray, foundling; rejectee.

3. wanderer, vagabond, rover, itinerant, nomad, knuck-of-the-road, beachcomber, vagrant, hobo, tramp; beggar, panhandler, scavenger; derelict, down-and-out, U.S. Inf. bum.

—adj. 4. adrift, cast adrift, shipwrecked, marooned, derelict, abandoned, forsaken, Naut. ahull; stranded, aground, grounded, stuck.

5. thrown away, discarded, rejected, unwanted, sloughed off, Inf. junked, Inf. trashed; second-hand, used, Euph. pre-owned, hand-me-down.

caste, n. class, rank, order, degree; position, standing, place, station, condition, status; sphere, affiliation, group, family, clan, lineage, descent, ancestry.

castigate, v. 1. punish, discipline, chastise, chasten; spank, slap, strike, smite, baste, cuff, box, pummel; thump, beat, face, drub, cane, birch, switch, trounce, thrash, strap, whip, horsewhip, flail, flog, lash, scourge, flagellate.

2. criticize, scold, blame, reproach, censure, take to task, Inf. call on the carpet, Inf. haul over the coals, Sl. stick it to [s.o.]; correct, admonish, reprove, rebuke, remand, whip, berate, fustigate, obtrude, dress down, humiliate, Inf. tell [s.o.] off, Sl. put down; penalize, punish.

castle, n. 1. stronghold, fortress, citadel, keep, tower, donjon, hold.

2. palace, manor house, hall, chateau, mansion, chalet.

crastrate, v. 1. asexualize, emasculate, ovarietectomy, oophorectomy; alter, (of horses) geld, Inf. fix, Inf. cut, (of female animals) spay, (of fowl) capon, New England (of animals) deacon, eunuchize, unman, effeminize, womanize.

2. expurgate, purge, censor, bowdlerize, Inf. clean up; impoverish, weaken, debilitate, take the teeth out of, render ineffectual.

castration, n. asexualization, effeminization, Surgery. orchidectomy; ovarietomy, oophorectomy; altering, gelding, unmanning.

casual, adj. 1. chance, fortuitous, serendipitous, Inf. fluky or fluky; unexpected, unanticipated, unforeseen, unforeseeable, unlooked-for.

2. offhand, offhanded, facile, easy, effortless, loose, smooth, slick; perfunctory, cursory, throwaway; nonchalant, blasé, cool, relaxed, at ease, easy-going; informal, unceremonious, (of clothes) sporty.

3. indifferent, apathetic, unconcerned, uncaring, pucocurante, uninterested, disinterested; listless, lackadaisical, half-hearted; dispassionate, inexcitable, lukewarm, tepid; carefree, free-and-easy, insouciant, devil-may-care.

4. random, haphazard, hit-or-miss, hit-and-miss, arbitrary, capricious, promiscuous, leaving much to chance; irregular, unsystematic, systemless, unmethodical, methodless, indiscriminate; orderless, un-
directed, aimless, indefinite, vague; careless, thoughtless; desultory, fitful, spasmodic, sporadic, erratic.

5. accidental, unintentional, unintended, unpredicated, unmediated, uncalculated, unplanned, undesigned; indeliberate, inadvertent, involuntary; unthinking, unwitting, unconscious; incidental, occasional, contingent, adventitious.

—n. 6. temporary, temporary employee. Inf. temp, office temporary; casual laborer or worker, part-time laborer or worker or employee; (of soldiers) irregular.

almsman, almswoman, charity case, welfare case, welfare client.

casualty, n. 1. Military. a. fatality, dead man; wounded man, injured man; missing in action, MIA. b. casualties fatalities, losses; dead, wounded, dead and wounded, missing in action.

2. victim, sufferer; unfortunate, poor unfortunate, wretched, miserable wretch, poor devil; loser, prey, fortune's fool.

3. accident, mishap, misfortune, misadventure, miscarriage, Scot. and North Eng. mischanger, glitch; shock, blow, nasty or staggering blow, buffet, stroke, fell stroke, stroke of bad or ill luck or fortune.

4. wreck, shipwreck; crash, car crash, plane crash; collision, smash-up, pile-up.

5. fluke, freak accident, one in a million, twist of fate; forlorn, happening, hap, hazard.

casuistry, n. sophistry, sophism, philosophism, speciousness; petitiforgery, quibbling, nitpicking, hair-splitting. Derog. Jesuitism; subtlety, guile, deceit, splitting, Derog. split, cut, chopping, catch.

—v. 3. codify, classify, categorize, alphabetize; rank, group, bracket, sort, assort, arrange; list, enumerate, tabulate, enroll, chronicle, calendar, schedule, Law. docket.

catacomb, n. catacombs tunnels, maze, labyrinth.

catalogue, n. 1. list, enumeration, laundry list, beadroll, roll, slate, must, directory; index, table, file, classification; inventory, record, register; schedule, calendar, docket; chartulary, archives.

2. bulletin, handbill, dodger, throwaway, flyer, leaflet; pamphlet, brochure, circular, folder; prospectus, syllabus.

—v. 3. codify, classify, categorize, alphabetize; rank, group, bracket, sort, assort, arrange; list, enumerate, tabulate, enroll, chronicle, calendar, schedule, Law. docket.

catch, v. 1. grasp, snatch, grab, claw, pluck; grip, clutch, clench, hold. Basketball. palm; receive, acquire, come into possession of.

2. seize, capture, take captive, apprehend, stop, arrest, take into custody, Inf. nab, Sl. cop; entrap, trap, ensnare, snare, entangle, trip up; corner, corral, lasso, rope, noose, bag, net, hook, pull in.

3. reach, get to, get in touch with, contact; intercept, cut off at the pass, overtake, catch up with.

4. understand, comprehend, fathom, savvy, Inf. get through one's head, Inf. figure out, Inf. catch on, Inf. get it, Inf. get a fix on, Sl. latch onto, Sl. get the drift of, Sl. get the hang of, Brit. lay hold of; perceive, discern, make out, Inf. make heads or tails of, Brit. twig; espy, see, see through, see the light, picture, read, recognize.

5. contract, get, break out with, Inf. come down with; be sick or ill with, become infected with, suffer from.

6. surprise, startle, take off guard, walk in on; detect, discover, find, come upon or across, Inf. spot.

7. hook, clap, clip, snap, hook and eye, buckle, but, spring, fastening, pin; chain, link, latch, lock, bolt, hasp; click, clinker, pawl, holdfast, Mach. detent, Mach. dog.

8. take, pickings, Inf. haul, Hunting; bag; gain, winnings, prize, trophy; loot, booty, spoil, pillage, plunder, Sl. swag.

9. trick, snare, trap, springe; catch-22, Sl. hooker, Inf. small or fine point.

catching, adj. 1. contagious, communicable, transmittable, transmissible, transferable, inoculable, infectious, spreadable, Obs. taking; epidemic, epidemic, miasmal, miasmatic, miasmatical, miasmic, pestilential.

2. fascinating, intriguing, interesting, charming, enchanting, entrancing, bewitching, hypnotizing, mesmerizing; captivating, winning, catchy; appealing, alluring, enticing, fetching, inviting, magnetic; ap-
petizing, tantalizing, seductive.

catchword, n. slogan, refrain, motto, saying, by-word, catch phrase, buzz word, battle cry, red flag, trigger word; signal, cue, cue word; watch word, password, formula, shibboleth, pet phrase, cliche; tag, epithet, name.
catchword, v. 1. coach, tutor, instruct, train, teach, school, educate, initiate, nurture; edify, inspire; inform, show, familiarize, acquaint, enlighten; communicate, tell, impart, relate, preach, descent, discourse; inculcate, instill, indoctriuate, imbue, implant; ground, drill, discipline.
2. interrogate, cross-examine, examine, investigate, inquire, Inf. put through the third degree, interpellate, pump, drill; question, query, quiz.
catchworden, n. novice, novitiate, initiate, tyro, catechumen, n.
catchword, n. catchword, n.
catchword, n. 1. class, classification, type, sort, kind, category, n.
catchword, v. 1. cater, cater, v.
2. lapac-
catchword, n. caterwaul, v.
3. purgation, purging, cleansing, cleaning out, ablation, abversion; purification, purifying, depuration, purgation; lustration, Roman Hist. lustrum; expurgation, censoring, censorship.
cathartic, adj. 1. purgative, purging, Med. lapac-
cathartic, n. catharsis, n.
cathartic, adj. 2. purgative, laxative, Med. aperient, physic, cleanser, purifier, depurative; carminative, emetic, vomitory.
cathedral, n. cathedral, n.
Catholic, n. Catholic Church, Roman Catholic; ultramontane; All Disparaging, papist, Roman, Romanist, Mariolater, Brit. Sl. left-footer.
catholic, adj. 1. general, universal, ecumenical, widespread, world-wide, global; comprehensive, all-inclusive, all-encompassing, all-embracing.
2. liberal, broad-minded, open-minded, wide, broad; impartial, even-handed, fair, just, dispassionate, disinterested; unbiased, unprejudiced, unbiassed, unprepossessed.
cattle, n. 1. livestock, stock, domestic animals; cows, beef, neat, Archaic. kine.
2. Disparaging. rabble, rout, ruck, canaille, riffraff, rubbish, drags, scum, scum of the earth, dregs of society.
causation, n. assembly, assemblage, gathering; meeting, conclave, convention, council, conference, session.
cauldron, n. kettle, pot, crot, vat, boiler; pressure cooker; crockpot.
causation, n. 1. origination, invention, creation, production, manufacture; inspiration, conception.
2. causality, cause and effect.
3. cause, reason, root, origin. See cause (def. 1).
cause, n. 1. occasion, source, root, origin, fountainhead, mainspring; agent, mover, prime mover; author, creator, producer, originator, parent, sire.
2. reason, reason why, why and wherefore, the why, Inf. what for; rationale, motive, explanation; inspiration, inducement, incentive, stimulus, determinant; base, basis, grounds, antecedents; right, call, warrant, ground, justification.
3. topic, question, matter, point, case, issue, problem, moot point, bone of contention.
4. ideal, principle, belief, tenet, conviction, guiding light; purpose, reason for being, raison d'être; end, aim, object, objection.
—v. 5. effect, occasion, generate, bring about, bring on, bring to pass; begin, give rise to, raise, originate, found, institute; create, produce, author, father, sire.
6. compel, make, induce, force, coerce, constrain, Scot. gar, Sl. strongarm.
caustic, adj. 1. acrimonious, mordant, bitter, acrid, pungent; trenchant, cutting, incisive, slashing, penetrating, piercing, sting, nipping, biting; astrigent, severe, stern, austere, stringent; harsh, keen, sharp, sharp-tongued; sour, acidulous, acid, tart; virulent, spiteful, malicious, feminine, venomous, vicious, malevolent, malignant; invidious, hateful.
2. sarcastic, satirical, cynical; edged, double-edged; contemptuous, taunting, teasing; scornful, mocking, derisive, sardonic.
3. insulting, excoriating, denouncing, berating, lashing; abusive, corrosive, corroding, erosive; cruel, mean, brutal; unkind, uncharitable, unbenevolent, uncordial, unamiable, unfriendly.
4. peevish, petulant, crabbed, testy, touchy, wapish, irascible, edgy; ill-tempered, ill-humored, ill-natured, short-tempered; hostile, resentful, indignant, piqued, angry; morose, surly, moody.
5. rude, churlish, boorish, bearish, graceless, uncen-
eremonious, rough; unmanfully, uncivil, ill-bred, ungracious, impolite, discourteous; abrupt, brusque, blunt, curt, short, gruff, crusty.
cauterize, v. (for curative purposes) burn, sear, singe, scald, scorch, char, torrefy; (by means of burning) disinfect, sterilize, antisepitize, cleanse.
cauterize, v. 1. alertness, prudence, care, wariness, circumspection, discretion, deliberation; watchfulness, vigilance, heed, attention, carefulness, heedfulness, guardedness; concern, thought, regard, mindfulness, attentiveness, calculation.
2. warning, caveat, admonition, monition, forewarning, alarm, Inf. yellow light, Inf. red flag; fore-
cautious adj. careful, prudent, wary, Archaic ware; shrewd, Inf. cagey, scrupulous, guarded, stealthy; precautionary, Inf. go-slow, Inf. yellow-light; watchful, vigilant, sleepless, wakeful. See careful (def. 1).

cavalade n. procession, array, spectacle; train, caravan, company, troop, retinue, cortège; file, column, march.
cavalier n. 1. horseman, knight, horse soldier, trooper, dragoon, lancer, hussar, cavalryman.
2. gentleman, gallant, man about town, blood, young blood, blade, beau, dandy, playboy.
—adj. 3. haughty, disdainful, supercilious; proud, arrogant, contemptuous, patronizing, condescending, imperious, Sl. cocky.
4. offhand, Inf. flip, unceremonious, careless, casual, nonchalant, perfunctory, indifferent, blâsé.
cavalry n. mounted troops, horse, troopers, dragoons, lancers, hussars; mounted rifles, squadron, horse soldiers, horse marines.
cave n. cavern, grotto, hollow, cavity; under-ground chamber, subterrane, den, dugout, tunnel, subway, cellar.
caveat n. 1. objection, criticism, Inf. brickbat; quibble, subtlety.
cavity n. hole, hollow, cave, cavern; crater, cup, scoop, concavity; pit, shaft, chamber, mine, bore, tunnel, excavation; abyss, crevasse; opening, aperture, orifice, fissure, crack, clef, chink, notch, gap.
cavort v. prance, caper, frolic, romp, gambol; skip, hop, dance about; leap, jump, bounce, bound; hop, bob, trip, whirl, turn, caracole.
cease v. 1. stop, discontinue, desist, Archaic sur-cease, quit, end, leave off, come to an end, finish, conclude, terminate; break off, pause, intermit, suspend, rest; take a break, take a breather; abate, lessen, lull, quiet down, let up, come to a halt or standstill.
2. put a stop to, halt, terminate, put an end to; check, quell, silence, suppress, Archaic. stanch; abandon, leave behind, drop, withdraw from, refrain from, abstain from, give up, forbear; bring to an end, complete, consummate.

—n. 3. cessation, suspension, intermission, pause, letup. See cessation.
ceaseless adj. 1. unending, endless, never-ending, interminable, Sisyphian; eternal, perpetual, everlasting, lasting, enduring, perennial, permanent.
2. incessant, unceasing, nonstop, constant, uninterupted, continual, continuous, unbroken; unremitting, unintermitting, relentless, persistent; recurrent, repeated, frequent, habitual.
3. uniting, indefatigable, unwearied, never-failing, unwavering, unfailling, undiminished; invariable, fixed, stable, steady.
cede v. yield, surrender, deliver up, turn over, part with; release, let go of, quit one's hold on, yield possession of; relinquish, renounce, forsake; transfer, give over, convey, make over, sign away, Law. demise; grant, give, donate, bequeath, tender, render.
ceiling n. 1. topside, upper side, roof, Arch. dome; cover, covering, covert, lid, top.
2. top limit, maximum, Inf. lid; limitation, restriction.
celebrate v. 1. observe, honor, keep, commemorate, memorialize, ceremonialize, solemnize, ritualize; consecrate, dedicate, hallow, make sacred, sanctify.
2. proclaim, herald, trumpet, ballyhoo, beat the drum; announce, make known, spread the word, broadcast, publicize, advertise, promulgate, Sl. hype.
3. praise, laud, eulogize, extalt, glorify; reverence, venerate, revere, adore, worship, crown, bless, pay homage or tribute to, honor; belaud, extol, Archaic, magnify, make much of, Inf. crack up; lionize, puff, swell, inflate, blot, enlarge; hail, acclaim, cheer, con-gratulate, applaud; compliment, flatter, Inf. pat on the back, hand it to [s.o.], give [s.o.] credit.
4. paint the town red, Inf. go out on the town, Inf. do the town, Inf. kick up one's heels, make merry, Inf. raise the roof, Sl. whoop it up, Sl. party.
celebrated adj. famous, famed, renowned, well-known, prominent, Inf. big-name; respected, venerable, distinguished, Fr. distingué, eminent, pre-eminent, notable, noted; illustrious, great, glorious, radiant, lustrous; honored, exalted, acclaimed, much touted, popular, well-liked; immortal, fabled, legendary, historical.
celebration n. 1. observance, keeping, honoring; ceremony, ceremonial, rite, ritual, procedure, formalities; remembrance, commemoration, memorialization, solemnization, ritualization; consecration, dedication, hallowing, sanctification.
2. holiday, religious feast day, holy day; event, occasion, red-letter day, birthday, anniversary, jubilee; festivity, festival, fête, carnival; party, gala, ball, dance, cotillion, extravaganza, happening, Inf. shin-dig, Sl. wing-ding, Sl. bash; gaieties, merrymaking, jollification, frolic, spree; revelry, saturnalia, carousal, Bacchanalia, bacchanal, wassail.
celebrity n. 1. personage, notable, dignitary, Inf. bigwig, Sl. big shot, Sl. biggie, Sl. big gun, Sl. big wheel, magnate; Sl. big cheese, Fr. grand fromage, Sl. fat cat, Sl. heavy, Sl. high-muck-a-muck; Sl. celeb, luminary, somebody, name, Inf. big name, lion; star, hero, superstar, toast of the town.
2. fame, renown, high repute, distinction, note, prominence. See fame.
celerity n. 1. swiftness, speed, rapidity, swiftness, quickness, fleetness; hurry, haste, hastiness, precipitation; acceleration, velocity, pace.
2. dispatch, promptness, expedition; alacrity, briskness, sprightliness, spryness, liveliness; animation, vivacity, vim, vigor, bustle; ebullience, effervescence, spirituedness, go.
celestial adj. 1. heavenly, divine, godly, sublime, supernal, supernatural; ethereal, paradisiacal, Elysian, Arcadian, Olympian, utopian; angelic, seraphic, cherubic, saintly, blessed, blest, holy, hallowed; majestic, splendid, blissful, glorious, golden, ambrosial.
2. astronomical, uranic, nebular, empyrean, em-
pyreal; extraterrestrial, supramundane, extramundane, ultramundane, unworldly, unearthly; solar, heliacal, heliac, astral, sidereal, stellar, spheric, starry; planetary, asteroidal, lunar, selenological.

celibacy, n. 1. (all in reference to sexual relations) continence, abstinence, self-restraint, asceticism, self-abnegation, self-denial; chastity, virginity, virtue, purity.

2. singleness, bachelorhood, spinsterhood, Euph. single blessedness; religious life, monasticism, priesthood, sisterhood, nunhood.

celibate, adj. 1. single, unmarried, unwed, spouseless, wiseless, husbandless.

2. (all in reference to sexual relations) abstinent, continent, abstemious, restrained, self-disciplined, ascetic, austere.

3. chaste, pure, immaculate, virtuous, undefiled, virginal, unsullied, untouched, Archaic. honest.

—n. 4. virgin, maid, maiden, spinster; bachelor, misogynist, misogynist.

5. priest, monk, brother, nun, sister.

cell, n. room, chamber, compartment, apartment, cabin; cubicl e, stall, booth, berth, cubbyhole, Brit. snuggery; nook, recess, closet, hole in the wall, hole, cavity; cloister, hermitage, asylum, retreat; cage, enclosure, lockup, place of confinement, Sl. coop.

cellar, n. basement, vault, crypt, subsurface; downstairs, underground, Chiefly Brit. stairs, underground, cellar.

cement, v. 1. glue, paste, mortar, solder, braze, gum or stick together; bond, bind, join, fix, affix, unite, seal.

2. pave, concrete, asphalt, macadamize, plaster, stucco, parquet; overlay, overspread, cover.

3. adhere, cohere, stick, hold, cling, cleave, take; congeal, harden, set.

cemetery, n. graveyard, burial ground or place, necropolis, golgotha, Western U.S. boot hill; churchyard, potter's field, memorial park, God's acre; charnel house, ossuary, (of animals) boneyard.

censor, n. 1. examiner, reader, inspector, reviewer; expurgator, bowdlerizer, abridge, amender; Mrs. Grundy.

2. faultfinder, critic, criticaster, Inf. knocker; carper, complainer, carver; castigator, chastiser, censurer, reprimander, chider, scold, scolder; denouncer, objurgator, berater; detractor, slanderer, backbiter, muckraker, defamer, libel, calumniator, vituperator, vilifier, vilipender, reviler; abuser, traducer, disparager, deprecator, maligner; denier, belittler, discreditor.

—v. 3. examine, read, review, inspect; expurgate, bowdlerize, refine, purge; cut, delete, abridge, amend, edit.

censorious, adj. critical, faultfinding, captious, capricious; complaining, animadversional, nagging, hair-splitting, querulous, caviling; caustic, biting, vitriolic; cutting, trenchant, severe; disparaging, berating, derogatory, disapproving, disapprobatory, hypercritical; objurgatory, denunciatory, fulminatory; condemnatory, comminatory, incriminatory, accusatory, damnatory; upbraiding, scolding, abusive; reproachful, cenuring, reproving, vituperative, vilifying, invective, vilipend ing, blackening, opprobrious; calumniatory, secur ilious, defamatory, slandering; maligning, aspersing, malicious, virulent.

censurable, adj. reproachable, reprovable, rebukable, impeachable, condemnable, damnable; reprehensible, blameworthy, guilty, culpable, faulty, at fault, imputable; answerable, chargeable, blamable, accountable, amenable; wrongful, wrong, amiss, discreditable, disgraceful, objectionable; uncommendable, illa able, ill-advised, ill-judged.

censure, n. 1. disapproval, disapprobation, reproba tion, reprehension, objection; fulmination, denunciation, condemnation; criticism, animadversion, Inf. brickbat, aspersion, obloquy; tirade, philippic, diatribe.

2. reproof, reproach, rebuke, reprimand, stricture; upbraiding, castigation, obfuscation, vituperation; scolding, dressing down, tongue-lashing, Sl. hell.

3. blame, accusation, accusal, charge; imputation, incrimination, crimination, inculcation.

—v. 4. blame, accuse, charge, incriminate, criminate, inculpate.

5. criticize, arraign, animadvert on or upon, reprobate, condemn, denounce, denunciate, remonstrate, proscribe; decry, inveigh against, rail against, fulminate against, declaim against, attack; disapprove, deprecate, disparage, belittle.

6. upbraid, reproach, reprove, rebuke, reprehend; castigate, vituperate, reprimand, admonish; chide, scold, carp at, berate, Inf. take to task, Inf. call on the carpet, Inf. dress down; All Sl. blast, bawl out, yall at, give [s.o. ] hell, lay [s.o. ] out in lavender, read the riot act.

census, n. enumeration, poll, tally, count, head count, tabulation; statistics, figures, listing, statement; demography.

centenary, adj. 1. hundredth, centurial; centuple, hundredfold.

—n. 2. centennial, hundredth anniversary.

3. century, hundred years.

center, n. 1. middle, middle point, navel, omphalus, midst; focus, focal point, focalization, point of concentration, point of convergence, nucleus; core, heart, marrow, gist, kernel, nucleus, crux; hub, nave, axis, pivot; Biol. centrosome.

—v. 2. focus, focalize, bring into focus; converge, come together, unite, unify, meet; converge upon, centralize, concenter, concentrate, close on.

central, adj. 1. middle, mid, median, medial, mesial, mean, intermediate, centric, midstmost, middlemost, centermost.

2. internal, incir ror, inner, inside, inward, innermost; inland, midland.

3. pivotal, axial, key, focal; causal, basic, basal, fundamental; essential, indispensable, vital, Inf. gut.

4. cardinal, chief, main, principal, prime, primary, first, foremost, uppermost, paramount, most important.

centralization, n. 1. consolidation, centralism, centering, focusing, focalization, concentration; convergence, confluence, congregation, aggregation.

2. unification, alliance, coalition, association, affiliation, confederation, federation; federalization, nationalization.

centralize, v. 1. concentrate, concenter, converge, congregate, aggregate, come together, collect, gather; center, focus, focalize, consolidate, compact, streamline.

2. unify, unite, join, associate, affiliate, coalesce, ally, league, confederate, federate; federalize, nationalize.

centrifugal, adj. radial, radiating, outward, divergent, diverging, Anat. and Physiol. efferent.

century, n. 1. centenary, one hundred years, ten decades; aeon, eternity, several lifetimes, five generations, what seems like forever.

2. period, era, age, time.

ceramics, n. pottery, earthenware, clay pots, crocks; porcelain, china, delft ware, stoneware, ironstone; tiles, mosaics.

cereal, n. 1. grain, seed, kernal, meal, hominy,
ceremonial

Chiefly Southern U.S. grits; wheat, rye, oats, rice, corn, maize, barley, bran.

2. breakfast food, cold cereal, granola; oatmeal, Trademark. Cream of Wheat, farina, porridge, mush.

ceremonial, adj. 1. formal, ritual, solemn, celebratory, triumphal, sacramental, ceremonious, commemorative; dignified, stately, imposing, impressive, lofty, august, majestic; conventional, customary, functional, ritualistic.

—n. 2. rite, ritual, service, ceremony, observance; formality, duty, custom, practice, function; solemnity, sacrament, liturgy.

ceremonious, adj. 1. ceremonial, formal, stately.

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chaff, v. 1. warm up, heat up, rub together, kindle, inflame.

2. wear, wear down or away, wear out, fray, ravel, unravel, shred, wear to shreds or pieces, tatter, Inf. frazzle, erode, waste away; abrade, rub, fret, rasp, grate, scratch, scrape, excoriate; scour, scrub.

3. irritate, rankle, exasperate, aggravate, exasperate, rub the wrong way; annoy, vex, irk, peev, gall, nettie, tease; harass, harry, ride, nag, get on one's back; plague, torture, torment, trouble; hector, pester, badger, Archie. haggle, bother; disturb, agitate, shake, unsettle, ruffle, fluster, unnerve; pique, roil, rile, madden, anger, enrage, infuriate, inflame; arouse, excite, provoke, goad, spur, prod.

4. seethe, sizzle, simmer, foam, smoke, boil, burn; fume, rage, storm, rant, rave, go on, Inf. carry on; fret, fuss, make a fuss about or over, grumble, gripe, croak, complain, whine, Inf. grouse, Inf. stw, Sl. squawk, Archaic. pine, pout, frown, sulk, brood over or on, mope.

—n. 5. irritation, aggravation, rub, vexation, torment, trouble; pain in the neck; annoyance, nuisance, bother, pest.

6. heat, hotness, caloric, warmth, warmth; hot, soreness, pain, ache, hurt; abrasion, rub, graze, scrape, scratch, sore; erosion, fret, fray, Inf. frazzle.

chaff', n. 1. husks, shocks, hulls, glumes, pods, shells; cases, casings, outer coverings; peels, skins, rinds.

2. refuse, Dial. culch, rubbish, garbage, waste, Brit. wasterl, discarded matter; offal, carrion, rot, spoil; offscourings, dregs, draft, grounds, remains, leavings, leftovers; scraps, orts, hogwash, swell; remainder, residue, residuum, scum; scoria, dross, remnant, slag.

3. junk, worthless stuff, Sl. dreck, trumpery; trash, riffraff, Brit. Dial. raff, litter; filth, dirt, dust, sweepings; debris, detritus, rubble, stubble, wreckage; fragments, remnants, frag ends, bits and pieces, odds and ends; castoffs, rags, tatters, castaways, rejects, discards.

chaff', v. 1. banter, josh, tease, twit, taunt, Inf. kid, Inf. ride, Inf. rail, Inf. rag; joke, jest, mock, make fun of, deride, ridicule good-naturedly; be playful or jocular, fool around, Inf. mess around, Sl. horse around, clown around.

2. raillery, banter, bantering, badinage, perisflage; joshing, teasing, Inf. kidding, twitting, taunting; ribbing, Inf. riding, Inf. railing, Inf. ragging; joking.
chagrin, v. vexation, annoyance, irritation, aggravation, perturbation, dismay, bitterness, resentment, chafing, ranking,smarting; bother, fret, worry, care, displeasure.

1. chagrined, vexed, annoyed, irritated, put out, chain, chair, speaker; chairwoman, chairlady, n.

chain, 1. Inf. smart remark.
light-heartedness; humor, wit, witticism; repartee, quip, witty, sally, Inf. wisecrack, clever or smart remark.

2. disappointment, frustration, sadness, sorrow, grief; unhappiness, depression, dejection, gloom, disconsolation, perturbation, dismay; bitterness, resentment.

3. humiliation, shame, mortification, abasement; embarrassment, discomposure, discomfiture, disconsolation.

—v. 4. vex, annoy, irk, dismay, put out, irked, aggravated, exasperated, perturbed, dismayed, displeased, ruffled, nettled, bothered; disappointed, frustrated, dejected, downcast, sad, unhappy, despairing, desponding, despondent; humiliated, ashamed, embarrassed, mortified, disgraced, abashed, disconcerted, discomfited, nonplussed.

4. chain a.
bonds, fetters, shackles, manacles, irons, fetters, tether, entrammel, gyve; hitch, make fast, moor, cable, belay, gird.

5. chain b.
cage, coop, entomb, immure.

6. electric chair, death seat; electrocution, execution.

v. 7. seat, install, swear in. See seat (def. 7).

8. (usu. of meetings) preside, moderate, lead, facilitate, direct, control, manage, oversee, supervise, govern; order, organize, co-ordinate; emcee.

chair, n. 1. seat, bench, stool, sofa; armchair, fauteuil, Morris chair, easy chair, wing chair, rocking chair, Inf. rocker, Eames chair, (in ancient Greece) klimos; chairbed, chaise longue; wheelchair.

2. pew, box, loge, stall.

3. throne, dais, bench, cathedra, stool, faldstool, see, office, Brit. woolsock, Anglo-Indian, gaddi.

4. professorship, professorate, instructorship, tutorage, Brit. readingship, Brit. lectureship.

5. chairman, chairwoman, chairlady, chairperson; presiding officer, speaker, leader, facilitator, moderator; toastmaster, master of ceremonies, Inf. emcee, Inf. M.C.

6. electric chair, Sl. hot seat, death seat; electrocution, execution.

v. 7. seat, install, swear in. See seat (def. 7).

8. (usu. of meetings) preside, moderate, lead, facilitate, direct, control, manage, oversee, supervise, govern; order, organize, co-ordinate; emcee.

chairman, n. chair, speaker; chairwoman, chairlady, chairperson; moderator, facilitator, leader, toastmaster, master of ceremonies, Inf. emcee; governor, executive, director, supervisor, manager, administrator.
countability, unaccountableness, indemonstrability, unconformability; uncertainty, incertitude; unpredictability, unpredictableness, unforeseeableness; changeableness, capriciousness, fickleness; predetermination, kismet, God’s will, stars, planets.

3. prospect, possibility, the realm of possibility, conceivability, conceivableableness; probability, probableableness, likelihood, likeliness, liability.

4. opportunity, opening; time, occasion, turn, round, Inf. shot; sporting chance; advantage, good time, good chance, good opportunity; odds-on, sure bet, Inf. sure thing, golden opportunity.

5. risk, hazard, gamble; speculation, venture, Inf. flier, Inf. plunge, Sl. whack, Sl. crack; potshot, random shot, leap or shot in the dark, pig in a poke; potluck, blind bargain, sight-unseen transaction.

6. by chance accidentally, unintentionally, undesignedly, without design, by accident, by mistake; inadvertently, involuntarily, unwittingly, unthinkingly, unconsciously; randomly, haphazardly, casually, incidentally, unpredictably, whichever way the wind blows; luckily, fortuitously, as it chanced, as luck would have it, by a piece of luck, by a fluke, by good fortune or a piece of good fortune.

—v. 7. occur, transpire, happen, hap, come, come about, come to pass, come off, Sl. come down, take place, betide; befall, fall, fall to one’s lot, Archaic. bechance; result, come to, eventuate; turn up, crop up, Inf. show up, Inf. pop up.

8. Informal. risk, hazard, gamble; speculate, venture, Inf. plunge, Inf. go out on a limb; dare, jeopardize, tempt fortune, take or run the risk or hazard or chance; take a chance, try one’s luck or fortune; leave or trust to chance, take a leap or shot in the dark.

9. chance on or upon happen upon, come on or upon, come across, stumble on or upon, hit upon, find; chance on, mess in, run across, run into, cross the path of, Inf. meet up with, Inf. come or run up against, Inf. bump into, Inf. run smack into.

—adj. 10. random, haphazard, casual, arbitrary, hit-or-miss; fortuitous, serendipitous, aleatory, unpredictable, Inf. fluky; unexpected, unanticipated, unforeseen, unlooked-for; accidental, unintentional, un-intended, unpresumed, undesigned, unplanned, uncalculated; indeliberate, inadvertent, involuntary; incidental, occasional, contingent, adventitious.

chandelier. n. luster, corona, light fixture, gasolier, electrolizer; candelabrum, candlestick, candleholder, sconce.

change, v. 1. substitute, shuffle, alternate, diversify, variegate; exchange, interchange, commute, switch, replace; hodgepodge, barter, trade, swap.

2. alter, modify, permute, modulate, inflect, mutate; convert, transform, metamorphose, transfigure, transmute, transsubstantiate, transmogrify; translate, transpose, metathesize; revolutionize, transshape, remodel, recast, reconstruct, restyle, shift, reorganize, reorder, permute; distort, warp, bend, twist, denature, disguise.

3. vary, fluctuate, vacillate, tergiversate, Inf. blow hot and cold; reverse, turn, swerve, Inf. whistle or sing a different tune, Inf. be on the other side of the fence, Sl. do an about-face, Sl. do a 180°; move, evolve, grow, improve, better, reform; worsen, deteriorate, decline.

—n. 4. alteration, modification, permutation, modulation, inflection, mutation; conversion, transformation, metamorphosis, evolution, transfiguration, transmutation, transsubstantiation, transmogrification; translation, transposition, metathesis, transition; revolution, innovation, novelty, new idea or thing.

5. variation, fluctuation, vacillation, vicissitude; reversabil-
chaotic, adj. 1. confused, disordered, jumbled, muddled, harum-scarum, topsy-turvey, pell-mell; upset, scattered, askew, awry; desultory, disconnected, unordered, random; disorganized, unplanned, undirected, haphazard, unsystematic, unmethodical; formless, shapeless, aimless, purposeless, absurd; care- less, slapshod, sloppy, untidy; littered, muddled, disordered, disarranged, hanger-mugger.

2. clamorous, uproarious, tumultuous, tumultuary, tempestuous; unrestrained, uncontrolled, unruly, boisterous, rampageous, wild, frantic, riotous, anarchal, lawless, orderless; unquiet, stirred-up, restless, agitated, hectic, frenzied, fermenting; seething, raging, turbulent, stormy.

chap, v. 1. redden, roughen, chafe, make raw; split, cleave, crack, break, cut, open.

—n. 2. crack, fissure, chink, cleft, rift, cranny, cavity; cut, slit, rent, split, break.

chapel, n. oratory, chantry, sacellum; church, house of God, place of worship.

chaperon, n. escort, matron, (in Spain and Portugal) duenna; guardian, shepherd, protector, protectoress, tutelary, tutelar, houseparent, housemother, housefather, tutor, tutoress, governor, nursesmaid; companion, companion, attendant.

chapter, n. 1. division, subdivision, branch, department; part, portion, section; clause, article, passage.

2. phase, stage, period, age, era, time; episode, occurrence, event, happening.

3. council, assembly, convocation, convention, conclave, synod, consistory; body, group, company, troop, troupe; gathering, assemblage, grouping, cluster, arrangement.

character, n. 1. personality, individuality, ego; nature, disposition, temperament, temper, complexion; genius, idiosyncrasy; essential quality, Hinduism, dharma.

2. trait, feature, attribute, characteristic. See characteristic.

3. reputation, repute, status, standing, position, station; name; notability, note, glory, prestige, popular favor, éclat, fame, renown; distinction, esteem, re- gard, respect, worth, account.

4. integrity, honesty, honor; courage, strength, fortitude, backbone; respectability, rectitude, uprightness, morality, goodness; truthfulness, frankness, sincerity, conscientiousness, scrupulousness.

5. person, individual, being, human being, mortal, specimen, somebody, someone; man, woman.

6. eccentric, odd fellow, oddity, case, Inf. card, odd or queer fish, Inf. nut, Inf. poor soul. See eccentric (def. 5).

7. role, part, piece; portrayal, representation, characterization, personation, impersonation; actor, actress, dramatis persona.

8. insignia, ensign, sigil, signet, badge, crest, emblem; symbol, ideogram, sign, seal, mark, marker; trademark, idiographic, stamp, label, name, brand; notation, code, device; cipher, figures, numbers; letters, rune.

9. in character to be expected, as expected, as one might suspect or guess; just like one, one through and through; normal, proper, suitable.

10. out of character inappropriate, unfit, unsuitable; out of joint, out of tune; contrary to expectations.

characteristic, adj. 1. typical, representative, indicative, illustrative, symptomatic, diagnostic; distinguishing, differentiative, distinctive, discriminative, diacritical; particular, specific, pointed, marked; special, unique, peculiar, singular; individualistic, individual, idiosyncratic; symbolic, emblematic.

2. quality, nature, feature, attribute, property, trait; idiosyncrasy, idioscrasy, peculiarity, specialty, singularity, mannerism, quirk; personality, temperament, character, disposition; tendency, bias, leaning, propensity, proclivity, penchant, proneness, drift, predilection, predisposition, streak; complexion, tone, aspect, mood, cast, turn, bent, style; detail, particular, particularity, point, element, essential; badge, trade- mark, earmark, symptom, mark.

characterize, v. 1. distinguish, specify, signalize, identify; show to be, define; label, tab, ticket, call; name, denote, designate, style; stamp, brand, put [s.o.] down as.

2. describe, portray, represent, depict, touch on; draw, sketch, paint, picture; analyze, evaluate, judge.

charge, v. 1. fill, fill up, load, plug, pack, ram down; inject with; suffice, pervade, permeate; spread over, overspread, overrun, saturate, diffuse; bathe, soak, steep; imbue, infuse, penetrate, interfere.

2. command, bid, order, dictate, adjure, direct, Obs. conjure; ordain, decree, enact; prescribe, set; appoint; summon, beckon, invite, cite, call; enjoin, entreat, exhort, call upon, urge, incite, induce; require, demand, exact, requisition, Brit. Mil. indent.

3. impute, accuse, indict, arraign, impeach, cite, book; allege, assert, incriminate, implicate, criminate, indent.

4. attribute, assign, impute, charge, take on credit, take on account; attribute, assign, attribute, credit, credit, invest with, chalk up to; refer, arrogate, appropriate, associate, connect with.

5. attack, assault, rush, storm, blitz; beset, beleaguer, besiege, siege; fall on, open fire on, pounce on, set upon, Inf. face into, Inf. rip into, Inf. tear into; bombard, barrage, broadside, Sl. zap, Sl. let [s.o.] have it, Sl. lay into, Sl. give it to.

6. load, weigh, weigh down, weight, lade with, place on; burden, tax, encumber, cumber, superpose; impede, hamper, hinder, handicap; strain, over- load, overburden, overtask, overtax, overwhelm, over- charge.

7. load, freight, fill, stow; stuff, pile, heap, stack, pack, Rare. implete.

8. impose, ask, expect, fix a charge, ask a price, price; levy, assess, appraise; fine, tax, exact.

9. defer payment, bill, debit, put on one's check or bill or tab; buy now, pay later; buy on the lay-away or installment plan; take on credit, take on account.

10. duty, responsibility, office, trust; obligation, bounden duty, liability; oath, word, commitment, promise, pact; mission, calling, assignment, business.

11. care, custody, wardship, protection, keep, keeping, safekeeping, safeguard; auspices, aegis, patronage; guardianship, tutelage, guidance, chaperonage; supervision, superintendence, surveillance, management, direction; jurisdiction, control, rule, ad- ministration.

12. ward, dependent, minor, protégé.
chargeable, adj. 1. liable, responsible, accountable, answerable, amenable; indictable, arraignable, answerable, amenable; blamable, imputable, accusable.

2. imposable, taxable, leviable, exactable, inflicting, unavoidable, tithable, rateable, assessable.

charger, n. war-horse, cavalry horse, trooper, Liter. courser, Archaic. destrier; mount, steed, palfrey, riding horse.

charity, n. 1. generously, liberal, unselfish, bountiful, bounteous, munificent; free, free-handed, open-handed, giving, magnanimous, big-hearted; philanthropic, humanitarian, eleemosynary, almsgiving, altruistic; ungrudging, unsparking.

2. kind, beneficent, benign, benevolent, caritive, benign, open-hearted; kindly, lenient, considerate, tolerant, humane, understanding, sympathetic; mild, easy, soft, soft-hearted, tender, merciful, element, compassionate, indulgent, permissive; accommodating, agreeable, amiable, helpful, obliging, willing, easy-to-please; good-natured, well-disposed, friendly, well-meaning, well-intentioned, good.

charity, n. 1. generosity, liberality, liberality, bountiness, munificence, munificence; unselfishness, free-handedness, open-handedness, magnanimousness, big-heartedness; philanthropy, humanitarianism, altruism, almsgiving, giving, donating, self-sacrifice; love of mankind, Christian love, agape, Latin. caritas; kindness, beneficence, goodness, favor, service, courtesy; benignancy, benignity, benevolence, humanity, good will, open-heartedness, kindliness, kind-heartedness.

2. leniency, indulgence, permissiveness, easiness; tolerance, understanding, sympathy, considerateness, thoughtfulness, consideration; compassion, compassionateness, forgiveness, mercy; clemency, mercifulness; tenderness, soft-heartedness, softness, gentleness, mildness.

3. benefaction, donation, alms, contribution, offering, offerory, oblation; present, gift, bestowal, largess; gratuity, dole, Fr. pourboire, douceur, tip; bonus, plus, extra, prize, award; benefit, boon, blessing, beneficence, aid, assistance, help, succor, relief, comfort, solace; grant, subvention, honorarium, subsidy; devise, bequest, bequeathment, legacy.

charlatan, n. quack, quacksalver, Archaic. empiric, pretended, impostor, humbug, mountebank; fraud, fake, Inf. faker, hypocrite, pharisee, Inf. fourflusher; cheat, deceiver, swindler, confidence man, Inf. con man; trickster, U.S. chiseler, hoaxter, defrauder, cozen; beguiler, decoy, allurer.

charm, n. 1. attractiveness, appeal, allure, allurement, desirability, desirableness; pleasingness, engagingness, delightfulness, pleasantness, harmony, harmoniousness; beauty, beautifulness, pulchritude, loveliness, prettiness, comeliness; grace, gracefulness, elegance, refinement.

2. charms attractiveness, engagingness, appeal, allure, allurement; draw, pull, magnetism, irresistible attraction; beguilement, wiles, cajolery, blandishment, inducement, persuasion; enticement, lure, temptation, tantalization, seducement; bewitchment, enchantment, fascination, mesmerism, hypnotism, captivation.

3. trinket, small ornament, bauble, bit of jewelry, bijou; trifle, bagatelle, souvenir, memento, keepsake, token.

4. amulet, periapt, talisman, fetish; icon, sacred object, phylactery, scarab; hex sign, voodoo doll, apotropaion; lucky piece, safeguard, rabbit's foot, wishbone, Ornith. furcula, horseshoe.

5. chanting, chant, invocation, conjuration, conjuring, summoning, summons; magic formula, hocus-pocus, mumbo-jumbo, magic word, abracadabra, open sesame, incantation.

—v. 6. delight, please greatly, make happy, delight to; attract, appeal to, allure; draw, pull, engage; beguile, wile, cajoile, blandish, coax, induce, persuade; entice, lure, tempt, tantalize, seduce; bewitch, enchant, fascinate, mesmerize, hypnotize, captivate.

charmer, n. 1. enchantor, enchantress, bewitcher, beguiler, seducer, seductress, vamp, siren, temptress; ladies' man, lady-killer, Romeo, Valentino, Don Juan; con man or artist, smooth talker.

2. magician, Archaic. mage, wizard, witch, hex, warlock, sorcerer, sorceress, black magician, necromancer; conjurer, chanter, Rare. incantator, mesmerist, hypnotist, hypnotizer; exorcist, voodooist, therugist.

3. miracle-worker, thaumaturge, medicine man, witch doctor, shaman, Both Southern U.S. and West Indies: root doctor, conjure man.

4. soothsayer, diviner, clairvoyant, prophet, prophetess; seer, fortuneteller, crystal-gazer, palmist, astrologer.

charming, adj. 1. pleasing, delightful, delectable, enjoyable; attractive, appealing, Inf. enticing, Inf. eye-catching; winning, taking, engaging, winsome; sweet, agreeable, likeable; lovely, pretty, fair, handsome, prepossessing, beautiful, exquisite; graceful, elegant, refined.

2. enticing, alluring, tempting, tantalizing, titillating, thrilling; intriguing, diverting, beguiling, inducing, provocative, seductive, arousing; irresistible, magnetizing, electrifying, captivating, inflaming, enamoring; fascinating, catching, hypnotizing, mesmerizing; en-
chanting, bewitching, entrancing, enthraling, enrapturing, enravishing, transporting.

**chart**, n. 1. graph, tabulation, table; diagram, blueprint, plan, scheme, outline, sketch, guide, map. —v. 2. graph, tabulate, draw, draw up, delineate; map out, chalk out; diagram, blueprint, plan, shape a plan, chart a course, steer, guide, pilot; draw up a scheme, outline, sketch, map, represent, picture.

**charter**, n. 1. lease, permit, license, authority; franchise, concession.

**chary**, adj. 1. careful, cautious, circumspect, mindful, heedful; guarded, on guard, alert, on the alert, on the qui vive, watchful; wary, leery, apprehensive, distrustful, suspicious, Inf. cagey.

**chase**, v. 1. pursue, give chase, run after, fly after, follow after, make after, take off after, Brit. chez; hound, dog, bedog; shadow, trail, haunt, Inf. tail; hunt, stalk, course, trace, track, run down. —n. 2. suit, court, Inf. court and spark, Brit. chevy, Inf. hound, dog, bedog; shadow, trail, haunt, Inf. tail.

**chaste**, adj. 1. virtuous, good, innocent, modest; frame, framework, undercarriage, Inf. chase; fastidious, particular, scrupulous, exacting, meticulous, reprimand, reprove, scold, chide, criticize, censure, call down, call on the carpet, take [s.o.] to task, Inf. dress down, Sl. strafe, Sl. chew out, Sl. jump all over; obfuscate, excoriate, upbraid, rebuke, flay, fulminate against, tongue-lash, lay [s.o.] out in lavender, Inf. jump down [s.o.'s] throat, Archaic. clapperclaw; punish, penalize, rap [s.o.'s] knuckles, slap [s.o.'s] wrists. See chastise (def. 1).

2. restrain, curb, check, stop, halt; subdue, tame, break, humble; temper, moderate, soften, tone down. —v. 3. purify, refine, depurate; expurgate, purge, cleanse, deterge, Med. absterge; decontaminate, depollute, unsully.

**chastise**, v. 1. spank, whip, thrash, flog, switch, birch, scourge, flagellate, horsewhip, curry, strap, threash, flail, cowhide, Brit. Dial. yerk, Inf. tan [s.o.'s] hide, Inf. trim, Inf. thump, Inf. lace, Inf. lambaste, Inf. whale, Sl. whomp, Sl. belt; beat, cuff, buffet, box, Dial. hit [s.o.] up side the head, Inf. whack, Inf. wallop, Inf. crown, Inf. give it to, Sl. knock around or about, Sl. give [s.o.] the business, Sl. give [s.o.] the works, Sl. give [s.o.] what for, Sl. let [s.o.] have it, Sl. lay into; fustigate, cudgel, bludgeon, worse, than, bastinado.

2. discipline, correct, punish. See chasten (def. 1).

**chastity**, n. 1. chasteness, virtue, virtuousness, goodness; innocence, innocency, modesty, Rare. pudicity; purity, pureness, untouchedness, uncorruptedness; freshness, cleanliness, spotlessness, stainlessness, immaculacy, immaculateness.

2. celibacy, virginity, Obs. pucelage, maidenhood or maiddom; singleness, bachelorhood, spinsterhood, unmarried state, Euph. single blessedness.

3. continence, continency, abstinence, abstention, abstemiousness, nonindulgence, restraint, self-restraint, self-control; restraints, restraining, forbearance, desistance.


**chatter**, v. 1. talk, converse, palaver, Inf. rap, chit-chat, coze, confabulate, chin, Inf. pass the time of day, Inf. chew the fat with the bull, Sl. chew the fat or the rag, Sl. yak; chatter, clack, prattle, prat, rattle, babble; gossip, tittle-tattle, buzz. —n. 2. talk, conversation, palaver, tête-à-tête, coze, causerie, confabulation, Inf. confab, Inf. chin session, Inf. rap session; gossip, Inf. rap; chatter, prattle, clack, babble, rattle, Brit. natter.
mumble, splutter, stammer; chat-chat, chatter-chatter, chaff, bandy words; gossip, buzz, talk idly, sl. shoot the breeze, sl. gas, inf. gal, sl. bull; palaver, clack, clatter, rattle, sl. run off on or at the mouth; gush, blab, inf. spout; be loquacious or talkative, ramble, maunder.

—n. 2. small talk, chat-chat, chatter-chatter, gossip, 
cheating, fraud, defraud, flee, rook, gull, 
cheat, swindler, fraud, confidence 
man, sl. con man, sl. flim-flam man, crook, chisel; 
fake, phony, humbug, trickster, invigilator, 
bamboozler, dissembler, bluff, petitotagger; sharper, sharpie, 
shark, bilker, diddler; adventurer, rogue, pica 
room, rascal, wolf in sheep's clothing, knave, deceiver, 
sl. fourflusher; impostor, masquerader, pretender, 
mountebank, hypocrite, charlatan, inf. quack.

2. cheating, fraud, swindle, confidence game, sl. con game, sl. flim-flam game, sl. rip-off; deception, 
pre-tense, trick, hoax, imposture, artifice.

v. 3. swindle, defraud, fleece, rook, gull, 
Archaic. chouse; overcharge, sl. soak, inf. gyp, 
sl. chisel, sl. gaff, pluck, mulct; victimize, exploit, play 
on or upon, take advantage of, inf. diddle, inf. do, sl. burn.

4. delude, deceive, beguile, mislead, hoodwink; pull 
the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes, cozen, bluff, take in, 
bamboozle, bulk, horsenoggle, cully, jockey, inf. buffalo, 
inf. finagle, sl. con, sl. flim-flam, sl. flam, sl. sting, 
sl. put across; trick, spout, outwit, overlook, circumvent, 
get around, put one over on.

5. plagiarize, lift; rig, fix, throw; stack the deck, 
mark the cards, load the dice.

6. cheat on play around, fool around; deceive, 
play false, be unfaithful or untrue to, cuckold, 
inf. two-time.

check, v. 1. stop, arrest, stay, stall, bring to a 
standstill; halt, pause, hesitate, balk, brake; put a stop 
or an end to, terminate, end, quash, squel, squish, inf. 
put the kibosh on, nip in the bud; cut, cut back on, 
decrease, diminish, reduce, lessen, curtail, abridge, 
put the kibosh on, nip in the bud; cut, cut back on, 
decrease, diminish, reduce, lessen, curtail, abridge, 
stop, stay, prevention, preclusion, —

2. restrain, hold back, control, limit, 
circle, confine, restrict, law. enjoin; hinder, hamper, block, 
stop, stay, prevention, preclusion, —

inform, indagate, explore, survey, study; inquire into, 
inf. indagate, explore, survey, study; inquire into, 
put an injunction, law. enjoinment; proscription, ban, 
Law. 

3. chain, fetter, shackles, hobble, trammel, bridge, 
rein, harness; choke, gag, muzzle, smother.

4. verify, corroborate, validate, authenticate, 
confirm, substantiate, support; investigate, research, 
archaic. indagate, explore, survey, study; inquire into, 
probe, search into, look into; examine, inspect, test, 
scrutinize, peruse, look over.

5. check out informal. take a look at, sl. take a gander at, inf. give [s.o.] the once-over; assess, inf. size up.

6. correspond, agree, jibe, prove right, tally, check 
out; conform, harmonize, fall in with, dovetail.

7. check up on oversee, supervise, overlook, inf. 
keep tabs on, monitor, regulate.

—n. 8. stop, stay, prevention, preclusion, law. 
estoppel; prohibition, forbiddance, disallowance, 
law. injunction, law. enjoinment; proscription, ban, embargo.

9. restrain, control, retardation, chem. retardation; 
repression, inhibition, constraint; restriction, limitation, 
curb, restriction, contain, suppress, hold in; withhold, prevent, bar, debar, forbid, prescribe, law. estop.

10. obstacle, deterrent, hindrance, impediment, 
tramble, bulk; obstruction, oppression, blockage, impediment, stopper; bar, barrier, barricade; block, stumbling block, catch, snag, hitch, drawback, liability;
checkered, adj. 1. diversified, diversified, varied, versatile, many-sided.
2. variegated, multicolored, many-colored; checked, plaid, tartan.

checkmate, n. 1. arrest, standstill, halt, stoppage; cessation, ceasing, discontinuation, discontinuance; suspension, abeyance; delay, holdover, deferment, deferral, postponement.
2. repulse, rebuff, rejection, setback, reverse, repudiation; conquest, victory, triumph, win; beating, drubbing, trouncing.
3. frustration, bafflement, thwarting, foiling; hindrance, obstruction, barrier, bar.

check-out; inspection, examination, exploration, search, probe, investigation; scrutiny, perusal, study, research. Archaic: indagation; verification, check.

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check, stand, stay, Chess. mate; block, blockage, impasse; stalemate, deadlock, standstill, full stop, dead stop; stand-off, tie, draw, dead heat.

delay, holdover, deferment, deferral, post-booking, discontinuation, discontinuance; suspension, indagation; verification, check.

check, stand, stay, Chess. mate; block, blockage, impasse; stalemate, deadlock, standstill, full stop, dead stop; stand-off, tie, draw, dead heat.

influence, substance, validation, substantiation, authentication, confirmation.

14. criterion, standard, norm; measure, gauge, rule, yardstick; guideline, canon, principle; pattern, model, type, example, benchmark.
15. bill, tab; ticket, stub, receipt, scrip, coupon, token, tessera, Chiefly Brit. counterfoil; certificate, voucher, chit; label, Brit. docket; credentials, identification, ID, authorization, papers, pass.

checkered, adj. 1. diverse, diversified, varied, versatile, many-sided.
2. variegated, multicolored, many-colored; checked, plaid, tartan.

checkmate, n. 1. arrest, standstill, halt, stoppage; cessation, ceasing, discontinuation, discontinuance; suspension, abeyance; delay, holdover, deferment, deferral, postponement.
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—v. 4. rout, discomfit, trounce, drub, whip, crush, overwhelm, put to flight, floor. Sl. mop or wipe the floor with, Inf. make short work of; conquer, subjugate, vanquish, subdued, overpower, overthrow, master, overmaster; overcome, defeat, beat, worst, lick, win the day, prevail over, triumph over; outmaneuver, outgeneral, outwit, trump.
5. stop, arrest, check, Chess. mate; frustrate, foil, thwart, hinder, obstruct; ruin, spoil, upset, trip up.

check, n. 1. jowl, chop, gill.
2. Informal. audacity, impudence, insolence. See audacity (def. 2).
3. checks Slang. buttocks, rump, Inf. rear end. See buttock.
4. tongue in cheek facetiously, jokingly, jestingly, in jest, in fun, as a joke; mockingly, sarcastically, insincerely.

cheep, v. chirp, chirrup, peep, tweet, twitter, chatter; sing, carol, lilt.

cheer, n. 1. shout, yell, hurrah, hurray, huzzah, rah.
2. encouragement, comfort, solace, consolation, relief; hopefulness, hope, faith, confidence, reassurance; inspiration, inspiritment, heartening, enheartening, emboldening.
3. cheerfulness, gladness, gaiety, gayness; good or high spirits, blitheness, blithesomeness, light-heartedness; buoyancy, optimism, good nature; joy, sunshine, delight, pleasure, happiness, felicity, bliss; joyfulness, joyousness, jubilation, exhilaration, exultation, glee, elation, joviality, merriment, jollity, mirth, mirthfulness, hilarity; jubilation, jubilancy, rejoicing, jubilee, frolic, fun, enjoyment; revelry, revel, conviviality, festivity.
4. animation, liveliness, vivacity, vivaciousness, sprightliness; spirit, enthusiasm, exuberance, animal spirits; energy, life, vitality, vigor, vim, Inf. pep; ebullience, sparkle, effervescence, shine, glow.
5. applause, clap, salute; shout, yell, cry aloud, Inf. holler, root for; hurrah, hurray, huzzah.
6. cheer up be of good cheer, take heart, Inf. buck up, U.S. Inf. chirk; comfort, solace, make [s.o.] feel better, console, reassure; encourage, inspire, inspirit, Inf. pep up, buoy up, raise [s.o.'s] spirits, give [s.o.] a lift; gladden, hearten, enhearten, embolden; animate, vivify, quicken, vitalize, energize, enliven, brighten, invigorate, give new life to; fortify, strengthen, restore; revitalize, revivify, revitalize.
7. institute, stimulate, arouse, rouse up, awaken; fire, kindle, enkindle, stir, goad, spur on, prod, prick; push, egg on, urge, impel, exhort; boost, promote, prompt, Inf. spark, Inf. sparkplug, instigate, foment, provoke; excite, work up.

cheerful, adj. 1. cheery, full of cheer, gay, sunny, in good or high spirits; blithe, blithesome, light-hearted, lightsome, buoyant, optimistic, positive, Inf. upbeat, beamish; debonair, free and easy, carefree, easygoing, breezy, airy, happy-go-lucky, untroubled; genial, congenial, amiable, good-natured, friendly; jovial, merry, jocund, jolly, mirthful, hilarious; riant, laughing, smiling, happy as a lark; joyful, joyous, jubilant, rejoicing, gleeful; exultant, in seventh heaven, elated, overjoyed, thrilled, exhilarated.
2. animate, alive, lively, Chiefly U.S. Inf. chipper, jaunty, vivacious, sprightly, fresh; spirited, dynamic, energetic, vigorous, active, spry; frisky, playful, frolicsome, sportive, zestful; enthusiastic, enthused, eager, excited; Inf. full of pep, Inf. peppy, full of vim and vigor, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed; aglow, glowing, flushed, alight, lit up, bright, enlivened, shining, shiny; sparkling, ebullient, bubbling, bubbly, effervescent; happy, glad, blissful, beatific, pleased, delighted, Inf. tickled pink.
3. hearty, ungrudging, generous, whole-hearted, heartfelt, genuine, sincere, earnest.

cheerfulness, n. cheer, good spirits, blitheness, gaiety, joyfulness, joyousness. See cheer (defs. 3, 4).

cheering. adj. happy, good, pleasant, reassuring, comforting, encouraging, heartening, enheartening; promising, bright, sunny, auspicious, propitious, favorable; inspiring, inspiring, reviving, reviving, restoring; refreshing, stimulating, quickening, stirring, exciting.

cheerless, adj. 1. gloomy, drab, dreary, dull, depressing, dismal; bleak, cold, comfortless, barren, grim, austere; desolate, lonely, deserted, empty, abandoned, uninhabited; dark, somber, sunless, lightless, murky, dingy.
2. dejected, depressed, down, downcast, downhearted; disheartened, dispirited, discouraged, despondent, down in the mouth; sad, saddened, melancholy, sorrowful, plaintive, heavy-hearted; grievous, dolorous, doleful, mournful, rueful, lugubrious, funereal; morose, gloomy, saturnine, glum, joyless, sullen, unhappy, somber, solemn, grave, serious, tragic, miserable, wretched, woeful, woebegone, disconsolate, insconsolable; heartick, heartsease, aching, grieving, mourning, lamenting, weeping, tearful, lachrymose; forlorn, hopeless, despairing, grieved, afflicted, heartbroken, crushed.

cheery, adj. in good spirits, blithe, gay, cheerful, sunny. See cheerful (defs. 1, 2).

chef, n. cook, food preparer; pastry chef, baker, confectioner; short-order cook, Sl. hash-slinger; gourmet, gastronome.

cherish, v. 1. esteem, revere, venerate, idolize, idolatrize, adore; love, hold dear, fancy, dote on; hold, hold fast to, cling to, hang on to, cleave to,
chasp.

1. harbor, shelter, support, defend, guard; aid, succor, foster, cultivate, sustain, preserve; nurse, care for, coddle, nurse, nourish, feed.

cherub, n. angel, seraph, Fine Arts, putto; innocent, darling; child, baby, infant.

chest, n. 1. thorax, front, breast; bust, bosom. See chest.

2. box, crate, trunk, cofiner, casket, caddy, file; case, vesselum, receptacle, shrine, reliquary; bunker, bin, crib, hutch; carton, container, canister, Gk. and Rom. Antiqu. pyxis; locker, strongbox, safe, repository; treasury, money-box, till, kitty.

3. chest of drawers, set of drawers, bureau, dresser; chifforobe, chiffonier, cabinet, cupboard.

chew, v. masticate, Archaic. manducate, grind, crush, crunch, craunch, munch, mumble; nibble, bite, gnaw, rend, damage, injure.

chic, adj. 1. stylish, fashionable, smart, natty, spruce, dapper, trim; modish, a-go-go, in the very latest style; in vogue, à la mode, in fashion, in style; popular, in, Sl. in the groove, all the rage; up-to-date, current, modern, mod, new; up-to-the-minute, Inf. trendy, Sl. cool, Inf. nifty, Sl. neat, Sl. hip, Sl. hip.

2. elegant, high-class, Sl. classy, high-toned, Sl. trendy, Sl. hip, Sl. fashion, Sl. chic, fancy, Inf. swank, Inf. swanky, Sl. swell; dressy, flashy, Sl. snazzy, Sl. sharp, Sl. sharp as a tack; suave, urbane, sophisticated, chi-chi, cosmopolitan.

—n. 3. style, stylishness, neatness, spruceness, dapperness, trimness, neatness; fashionableness, modishness, elegance; dressiness, flashiness, Sl. snazziness, Sl. sharpness; flair, panache, pizzazz, dash; fanciness, Sl. ritziness, Inf. swankiness, luxuriousness, Sl. class; polish, grace, refinement, culture; sophistication, cosmopolitanism, urbanity, urbaneness, suavity, suaveness.

chicanery, n. fraud, fraudulentty, deceit, deception, chicanery, duplicity, guile, double-dealing, Sl. monkey-business, Sl. dippy-doodle; trickery, gulling, knavery, rascality, hoodwinking, deluding, boodling, &c.; dishonesty, falseness, humbuggery, artifice, subterfuge; pettifoggery, bamboozling, cheating, con, swindling, fleece, wiles, sophistry, artfulness, craftiness, treachery; cajolery, beguilement, inveigling, blandishment, barney.

chide, v. scold, tongue-lash, rate, upbraid, Sl. chew out, Inf. dress down, Inf. jump on; castigate, chastise, berate, censure, reproach, rebuke, reprove, reprimand, reprobrate, blame; denounce, take to task, call to account, call down, lecture; admonish, caution, warn, forewarn, put on one's guard.

chief, n. 1. head, leader, doyen, principal, Inf. boss, Inf. bossmen, Inf. kingpin, Inf. number one, Mr. Big, Sl. top dog, Sl. head honcho, Sl. big cheese; superintend, director, dean, chairman; manager, overseer, supervisor, superintendent, foreman, headman, Brit. gaffer.

2. chieftain, sachem, warlord, war chief, commander, commandant; ruler, lord, overlord, lord and master, suzerain, paramount.

—adj. 3. supreme, head, first, foremost, headmost, premier, paramount, Inf. boss; ruling, reign, commanding, controlling, directing, governing.

4. main, principal, cardinal, prime, primary, uppermost, most important; essential, necessary, indispensable.

chieflly, adv. 1. principally, especially, particularly, essentially, first and last, first and foremost, above all.

2. mainly, in the main, mostly, for the most part, on the whole, by and large, predominantly; in general, generally, as a rule, usually.

chieftain, n. chief, sachem, commander. See chief (def. 2).

child, n. 1. youth, youngster, youngling, young one, Archaic. child; juvenile, adolescent, tyke, Inf. kid, Scot. and North Engl. bairn, Brit. Sl. chavez, Scot. wean; boy, little boy, lad, stripping, spring, Scot. and North Engl. callant, Inf. child, Inf. small fry, Inf. shaver; baby, infant, babe, Sl. bimbo, cherub, innocent; tot, tod, U.S. Inf. tad, tiny tot, preschooler.

2. descendant, offspring, progeny; scion, heir, heirson, daughter, chip off the old block.

childbirth, n. accouchement, confinement, lying-in, labor, travail; bearing, childbearing, delivery, childbed, Med. eutocia, Med. dystocia; parturition, parturency, pullulation; nativity, birth, genesis.

childhood, n. infancy, babyhood, tender age; youth, boyhood, girlhood, adolescence, puberty, juvenility, juvenescence, puereity, growing up; teens, school days, pupilage, flower of youth, springtime of life, dayspring of life; minority, nonage, juniority, immaturity.

childish, adj. 1. infantile, childlike, Rare. childish, babyish, infantine, Inf. kiddish; boyish, girlish, youthful, Inf. young, juvenile, juvenescence, puerile, adolescent.

2. immature, undeveloped, unfledged, unfeathered, jejune; budding, tender, soft, unripe, delicate; inexperienced, green, tyro, sophomoric, callow, unwise, awkward, clumsy, inexpert.

3. silly, foolish, dim, foolish, stupid, Inf. dum, Inf. dopey, unintelligent; idiotic, imbecile, inane, Inf. moronic; absurd, nonsensical, senseless, crackbrained; witless, halfwitted, Sl. dimwitted.

childlike, adj. 1. infantile, babyish; boyish, girlish. See childish (def. 1).

2. ingenuous, open, guileless, genuine, artless; sincere, honest, undeceptive, unfeigned, undissembling; natural, unassuming, unpretending; trusting, unsuspicuous, unwary, unsuspecting; credulous, gullible, believing; frank, candid, forthright, straightforward; naive, simple, innocent, unsophisticated, unworidly; green, raw, wet behind the ears, born yesterday.

chill, n. 1. cold, coldness, frigidity, gelidity, algidity, chilliness, coolness, bitterness, rawness, bleakness; shivers, numbness, Pathol. algelation; briskness, iciness, iciness; glaciation, Physics, glaciation; briskness, chilliness, coolness; bitterness, rawness, bleakness; shivers, numbness, Pathol. algelation.

2. influenza, flu, grippe, Inf. bug; fever, ague, cold, catarrh, rheum; cough, whooping cough, chin-cough, shivers, numbness, Pathol. algelation; briskness, iciness, iciness; glaciation, Physics, glaciation; briskness, chilliness, coolness; bitterness, rawness, bleakness; shivers, numbness, Pathol. algelation.

3. rusty, rheumatic; stiffness, infirmity, coldness; nippy, cool, chilly, draughty, breezy; biting, bitter, nipping, brisk, sharp, snappy, penetrating, sting; numbing, chilling, piercing, zippy; frosty, wintry, brumal, snowy, hibernal, hoary; glacial, arctic, hyperborean, Siberian, sunless, polar.
1. chirp, tweet, cheep, peep, chirrup; twitter, v.
adj. 1. chime, v. 1. peal, toll, gong, dong, ring, clang,
2. chime in
3. bugbear, bugaboo, bogy, Inf.
ate; numb, benumb, petrify; nip, cut, pierce, pinch, bite, sting.
chilly, adj. 1. cold, frigid; cool, nippy. See chill (def. 3).
2. indifferent, unresponsive, impassive; unfriendly, unsociable. See chill (def. 5, 6).
chime, v. 1. peal, toll, gong, ring, clang, clanger; ding, ding, jingle, tinkle; sound, resound, reverberate; (of time) announce, indicate, mark, ring in, bring, usher in.
2. chime in a. harmonize, blend; complement, enhance; b. interrupt, break into, Sl. but in, Sl. horn in, intrude into, add or put in one's two cents worth.
—n. 3. chimes bells, carillon, glockenspiel; gong, Angelus, tollin.
chimera, n. 1. monster, monstrosity, Gorgon. See monster (def. 1).
2. idle fancy, whim, humor, caprice, crotchet, bubble, vapor, maggot; daydream, dream, Inf. pipe-dream, castle in the air, pie in the sky, fool's paradise; figment of the imagination, hallucination, mirage, illusion; delusion, self-delusion, deception, self-deception, trick.
3. bugbear, bugaboo, Inf. bogymian; goblin, hobgoblin, ogre, spectator, phantom, nightmare.
chimerical, adj. 1. unreal, imaginary, illusory, delusory; visionary, quixotic, romantic, starry-eyed, in the clouds; ethereal, unsubstantial, airy, vaporous, gossamer, spectral, dreamlike.
2. (all to an extreme degree) fanciful, notional, whimsical, unrealistic, fatuous, wild, fantastic, fabulous, outrageous, extravagant, preposterous, outlandish; gothic, bizarre, grotesque.
china, n. 1. porcelain, eggshell porcelain, delphineware, majolica, faience, stoneware, ironstone, basaltware, Wedgwood ware, crackleware, gombokroon.
2. pottery, crockery, ceramics, earthenware, ware, terracotta, Both Ceram. biscuit, bisque.
3. dishes, tableware, service.
chink1; n. 1. crack, chap, check, fissure, crevice, crevasse, cleft, stria, cranny, groove, sulcus, Archaic scissure; break, fracture, rupture, split, rift, breach, scission, separation, division; slit, gash, scotch, rent, cut, incision.
2. hole, gap, cavity, opening, orifice, aperture; space, interspace, interval, interstice, narrow; chasm, gorge, ravine, gulch, gully, rut, furrow, ditch, trench.
—v. 3. fill up, close up, stop up, plug up; cement, spackle, plaster.
chink2; n. 1. cleft, slot, fissure, crevice, crevasse, cleft, stria, cranny, groove, sulcus, Archaic scissure; break, fracture, rupture, split, rift, breach, scission, separation, division; slit, gash, scotch, rent, cut, incision.
2. hole, gap, cavity, opening, orifice, aperture; space, interspace, interval, interstice, narrow; chasm, gorge, ravine, gulch, gully, rut, furrow, ditch, trench.
—v. 3. fill up, close up, stop up, plug up; cement, spackle, plaster.
chip, v. 1. fragment, crumb, crumble, break up or off, crack off, chop or hack off; chin, whet, hew; nick, snap, notch, gash, scratch, mar.
—n. 2. fragment, shard, chunk, snip, snippet; bit, morsel, goblet, snatch, scrap, crumb; slider, splinter, shave, shred, shaving, flake; slice, rasher, Brit. Dial. collop; piece, cake, corner.
3. nick, nick, check, crack, break, fresh, scratch, scotch, place, spot; imperfection, fault, flaw, defect, Sl. bug.
4. disk, wafer, slug, coin, Obs. plate; token, counter, marker, checker, man.
chirper, adj. Chiefly U.S. Informal. lively, cheerful, animated, vivacious, jaunty. See cheerful (def. 1, 2).
chirp, v. 1. tweet, cheep, peep, chirrup; twitter, trill, warble, whistle; shrill, stridulate, crow.
choke, v. 1. strangle, strangleth, throttlen, garrote, bowstring, hang; asphyxiate, suffocate, strangle, strangulate, throttle, garrote, strangle, strangulate, throttle, garrote, strangle, strangulate, throttle, garrote, strangle, strangulate, throttle, garrote.

n. (of the sea, a lake, etc.) wavy, undulating, rough, bumpy, uneven, irregular; blustery, turbulent, tempestuous, stormy.

choke, adj. 1. of the sea, a lake, etc.) wavy, undulating, rough, bumpy, uneven, irregular; blustery, turbulent, tempestuous, stormy.

choke, n. 1. jaw, muzzle; jaws, jowls, chops; mouth, oral cavity, (of an animal) maw; All Sl. gob, Scot. gobb, bizoo, kissar, mush, trap, yap.

choke, v. i. jerk, bump

choke, n. 2. history, account, chronology; narrative, narration; memoir, biography, autobiog.
chronicler, n. historian, historiographer, chronologist, chronicler, annalist, documenter; registrar, recorder, clerk; autobiographer, biographer, memorialist; narrator, reporter.

chronological, adj. in sequence, sequential, sequent, chronological, chunky, adj. stout, stodgy, stocky, thick, thickset, mass, lump, hunk; block, square, clump; n. chunky, "Companion, friend, comrade, Obs."

chum, n. Obs. companion, friend, comrade, or Chiefly Brit, adj. chubby, "Dumpy, stumpy, stubby, squabbish, squat, squatty, chunky, stodgy, thick, thickset,"

chunky, adj. 1. stout, stodgy, stocky, thick, thickset; fat, obese, corpulent, overweight, flabby, portly, purdy, Scots: fleshy, filled-out, well-fed; ample, substantial, full.

2. paunchy, potbellied, round-bellied, big-bellied, large-bellied, great-bellied, abominable, Inf. bay-windowed, Inf. corporational, Sl. beerbellied, Obs. gorbellied.

3. dumpy, stumpy, squabbish, squabby, squat, squatty; chunky, stodgy, thick, thickset.

chuck, v. 1. pat, poke, tap, fillip; tweak, pinch, squeeze; fondle, caress.

2. toss, cast, throw, dart, shy, pitch, Baseball: peg; fling, flirt, jerk, cant, heave; hurl, dash, sling, let fly, send; propel, launch, catapult.

3. Informal. relish, give up, resign from, quit, relinquish, give up, relinquish from, quit, chuck.

—v. 3. record, put on record, set down, mark; document, register, calendar. Law: docket; enroll; chronologicalize, set forth in order; report, relate, recount, write an historic account of, take minutes, list, enter.

4. community of worshipers, congregation, parish, Christian fellowship, communion, body, fold, flock.

5. clergy, church officials, hierarchy, prelacy, episcopacy, papacy, the Vatican, popeedom; presbytery, vestry, parish council, (in some Reformed churches) classis.

6. sacred calling, religious vocation, religion, clerical profession, priesthood, ministry, rabbinate; holy orders, the cloth, the pulpit, the desk; religious life, monasticism, celibacy, the convent.

7. (usu. cap.) pre-Reformation Christianity; the Roman Catholic Church.

churchman, n. ecclesiastical, clergyman, cleric, priest, minister, rabbi. See clergyman, ecclesiastic.

churl, n. 1. rustic, peasant, provincial, country cousin, countryman, hobnail; farmer, plowman, plowboy, chaff, swain, gaffer, kern, son or tiller of the soil, (in Egypt) fellah, (in Russia) muszhik or moujik, (in Spanish America and Southwestern U.S.) peon, Archaic: hind; yokel, bumpkin, country bumpkin, havnock, Dial. lumpkin, Often Disparaging. hillibilly, Disparaging. bogtrotter, Inf. chawbacon, Inf. cider sweater, Sl. nick, Sl. woodnick, Sl. rube, Sl. hayseed, Sl. booser, Fr. Sl. truffe.

2. boor, curmudgeon, brute, barbarian, yahoos, Inf. goop, Chiefly Scot: tyke, Brit. Sl. mucker; lout, oaf, dol, clot, clodhopper, clodpole or clodpole or clodpate, gawk, looby, lubber, ox, clown, slouch, Chiefly Scot: cuddy, Inf. luxmox, Sl. klutz, Sl. galloot or gallool, Sl. lug, Brit. Sl. joskin.

3. wretch, cur, cad, scoundrel, dastard, knave, hawbuck, hillbilly, or tiller of the soil, or fellah, (in Russia) fellah, (in

4. miser, niggard, scrooge, skinflint, penny pincher, pamper, skimp, scrooge; beast, hound, viper, skunk, polecat; vulgar, varisian, ribald, Philistian, vulgar or low or ill-bred fellow; All Inf. jerk, rat, creep, stinker, louse, Derog. bastard, Derog. SOB; All Sl. bum, Chiefly Brit. rotter, Chiefly Brit. bounder, Brit. blighter.


churlish, adj. 1. rustic, rural, peasantlike, agristic, agrarian; pastoral, bucolic, bucolical, sylvan or silvan, Arcadian; unurbane, backwoods, provincial, countryfied, countrybred, country-born, upcountry, from the sticks, yokelish, Sl. hickish, Sl. rube, Sl. hayseed; homespun, homebred, homey, homely, homish, down-home, (usu. of thought or philosophy) cracker-barrel, Inf. folksy.

2. boorish, loucheil, oafish, dolthead, clodhopper, clodhopping, lubberly, looby, clownish, lumpish, lumpen; crude, crass, brutal, barbaric, beastly, bestial, swinish, repugnant, contemptible, base, vile; rude, vulgar, uncouth, coarse, ill-bred, ill-mannered, unmannerly; arrogant, audacious, impudent, insolent, brash, brazen, bold, presumptuous, impertinent.

3. surly, cantankerous, irascible, crabbed, irascible, obstreperous, choleric, bruiser, crusty, grumpy, peppery, grouchly, dyspeptic, sassy, bearish, snappish, waspish, snarling, growling, belligerent; cross, feisty, huffy,

4. —v. 3. record, put on record, set down, mark; document, register, calendar. Law: docket; enroll; chronologize, set forth in order; report, relate, recount, write an historic account of, take minutes, list, enter.
huffiness, irritability, peevish, cranky, bilious, testy, touchy, ill-tempered, bad-tempered, short-tempered; fractious, quarrelsome, caveling, disagreeable, Inf. orneriness, Inf. bitchiness, Inf. ugly; caustic, mordant, moracious, biting, cutting, stinging, sarcastic, insulting; sharp, uncivil, rough, harsh; abrupt, curt, short, terse, blunt.

4. miserly, niggardly, penurious, parsimonious, chary, usurious, Obs. usurious, tight, tight-fisted, close, close-fisted, close-handed, Inf. stingy, Inf. cheap, narrow, illiberal, grudging, scrippering, pincheg; beggarly, meager, pauper, shabby, Sl. two-bit, Sl. lousy, Sl. rotten; sordid, avaricious, greedy, rapacious, extortionate; covetous, venal, mercenary, grasping.

churlishness, n. 1. rusticity, ruralism, agrarianism; pastoralism, pastorality, bucolicism; inurbanity, backwoodsiness, provincialism, provinciality, yokeldom, Sl. hickishness; hominess, homeliness, homishness, Inf. folkiness.

2. boorishness, loutishness, oafishness, doltishness, hickishness; hominess, homeliness, homishness, Inf. woodsiness, provincialism, provinciality, yokeldom, Sl. hickishness; hominess, homeliness, homishness, Inf. folkiness.

3. surliness, cantankerousness, irascibility, irascible-ness, coarseness, unmanly, unmanliness, unmanageable; unmanaging, ungovernable, ungovernанal, unmanageable.

chute, n. 1. shaft, slide, funnel, gutter, channel, groove, Mach. raceway; course, way, waterway, conduit, culvert, Civ. Eng. aqueduct, duct, tube, pipe, main, hose, spout, gargoyle; flume, sluice, drain, Naut. scupper; ditch, dike, trench, trough, receptacle, hopper, sink.

2. waterfall, cataract; canyon, gorge, chasm, ravine, gulch, Western North Amer. coulee, watercourse, arroyo, couloir, gully.

cigarette, n. smoke, regular, king, king-size, filter, menthol; Inf. butt, Inf. cig, Inf. ciggy, Sl. weed, Sl. fag, Sl. coffin nail, Sl. gusper, Sl. cancer stick; (all marijuana) joint, reefer, Sl. stick. See reefer.

cinch, n. 1. (all of horses) girth, girt, saddle band, surcingale; band, belt, girdle, strap. See belt (def. 1).

2. Informal. tight grip, grasp, hold, clutch, grab, snatch.

3. Slang. something easy, Inf. snap, Sl. child's play, Sl. a breeze, duck soup, piece of cake, Sl. a picnic, pushover, Inf. shoo-in, a sure thing.

—v. 4. gird, bind, girdle, begird, girded, Inf. tight, gird, girdle, Inf. a hale, Inf. a breeze, duck soup, piece of cake, Inf. a picnic, pushover, Inf. shoo-in, a sure thing. See belt (def. 4).

cincre, n. 1. circular border, band, tie, collar, belt, ring, skirt, ribbon, fillet, garland.

2. encompassment, encirclement, circumspection, circumambulation; walling in, hemming in, restriction, constringence, choking.

—v. 3. encircle, circle, gird, begird, girdle, Inf. be fringed, encircle, ring, environ, encompass.

cinder, n. 1. ash, spark, fleck; ember, coal, charcoal, clinker.

2. cinders remnants, remains, residue; soot, smut, dust, Chiefly Scot. and Brit. cinders.

cinema, n. 1. motion picture, cine, film, movie, moving picture, picture show, photoplay, Inf. flick; slender film, talking picture, Sl. talkie; movies, films, pictures.

2. motion picture theatre, movie theatre, movie house, movie palace, cine, showhouse, (formerly) nickelodeon.

cipher, n. 1. zero, naught, nothing, nil, aught, Sl. goose egg.

2. number, numeral, integer, figure, digit; notation, symbol, sign.

3. nonentity, nobody, nonperson, unperson, obscurity, Inf. no account; nothing, naught, nullity, Sl. zilch, Sl. zip.

4. code, coded or secret message, secret writing; cryptograph, cryptogram, anagram, acrostic.

—v. 5. figure, compute, calculate, do arithmetic or math, do sums; count, reckon, number, add, total, estimate.

6. code, decode, decipher, Inf. crack.

circle, n. 1. disk, round, roundlet, roundel, wheel; ring, band, hoop, cordon, annulus; crown, coronet, diadem, halo, corona, aureole, wreath, garnish; belt, Archaic. incircle, girth, cestus, baldric, cummerbund, sash; collar, necklace, neckband, fillet; bracelet, circle, armet; arena, rink, circus; orb, ball, globe, knob, bulb, globule, sperule.

2. realm, sphere, dominion, domain, province; field, bailiwick, hub, niche; circumference, perimeter, periphery, radius, compass; ambit, scope, capacity, extent, reach, stretch; zone, theatre, area, range, bounds; region, section, quarter, district, division, department, precinct; vicinity, vicinage, neighborhood, purleurs, pale.

3. group, set, coterie, knot, ring, Inf. bunch, Inf.
circuit, adj. 1. round, lap, tour, sweep, swing.

2. circular, adj. circular, adj.

v. spread, spread abroad, scatter, be- circulate, circulate.

3. rotate, revolve, whirl, twirl, extend, adj. extend, adj.

4. boundary, boundary line, line of de-

marcation, line.

5. circumscribe, v. circumscribe, v.

adj. careful, cautious, mindful, heedful; guarded, on guard, alert, on the alert, watchful, discreet; chary, wary, leery, apprehensive,

wheel, roll, trundle; move around, pass around, round, make rounds; convolute, coil, twist, convolve; roll, curl, curl, involute; incurve, curve; reel, wind, unwind.

4. circumference, n. circumference, circumference.

5. revolution, full turn, whirl, gyration, spiral, round, turn, loop, coil, curl, eddy, gyrate; circumrotate, circumsolve; move around, circuit.

circuit, n. 1. round, lap, beat, ambit, cycle, compass; orbit, trajectory, revolution, turn, loop, circle, sphere, orb, globe; route, path, course, itinerary, run, track.

2. tour, voyage, journey, pilgrimage, trip, travels, wanderings; outing, excursion, expedition, perigrination, trek, hike, walk, stroll, perambulation.

3. frontier, frontier line, boundary, boundary line, bounding line, border line, partition line, line of demarcation, line.

4. border, perimeter, periphery, edge, rim, fringe, verge, skirt; circumference, compass, ambit, margin, frame, outline, confines, confines; brink, brow, brim, hem; bound, limit, bourn, pale, extremity, termination; limits, city limits, outer limits.

5. borderland, borderground, borders, bounds, march, marches, marshland; outpost; outskirt, pur-lieu, suburbs, suburbia, Fr. banlieue.

circular, adj. roundabout, circular, ambiguous, meandering, tortuous, sinuous, serpentine, anfractuous, fleuous, turning, twisting, zigzag, helical, labyrinthine, malapazale; rambling, indirect, devious.

circular, adj. 1. round, disklike, annular, ring-shaped, hooped; spherical, spheroidal, globular, globate, rotund, bulbous; cycloid, rotiform, orbicular, orbiculate, perimetric.

2. rounded, curved, curvilinear; arched, bowed, bent.

3. circuitous, roundabout, indirect. See circuitous.

v. 1. spread, spread abroad, scatter, bestrew, strew, send out, disseminate, propagate, diffuse, disperse, intersperse, distribute; emit, give out, put forth, put forward; advertise, placard, publicize, make known, make public, publish, promulgate, run, Archie; divulg; proclaim, announce, declare, tell, utter, enunciate, give currency to; report, bring into the open, divulge, lay before the public, give to the world; blazon, blaze abroad, trumpet, broadcast, proclaim from the rooftops, proclaim at the crossroads, herald, noise abroad, hawk about; rumor, rumor about, bruil, whisper about, repeat, bandy about; air, ventilate, vent.

2. spread like wildfire, go the length and breadth of the land, course; get abroad, get out, come out, be published, become public; acquire currency; be diffused, permeate; drift, flit, blow about, scatter, disperse; emanate, flow, issue, go forth; meander, wander, pass around, travel; pass from mouth to mouth, change hands; go the rounds, circuit, shift about.

3. rotate, turn, circumrotate, revolve, circumsolve; move in a circle, circle, go around, compass; pirouette, gyrate, spiral, spin, pivot, swivel; whirl, swirl, gyre;
circumspection, n. caution, care, prudence, discretion, solicitude, providence, forethought, foresight; cautiousness, carefulness, heedfulness, mindfulness; attention, attentiveness, watchfulness, alertness, vigilance; circumspection, n. citation, 1. circumcision, n. 1. big top, cirque, carnival, rodeo; 2. band, troupe, company, touring company. spectacle, exhibition, performance, entertainment, side show. 2. band, Troupe, company, touring company. 3. ring, arena, hippodrome, amphitheater, coliseum, stadium, bowl, field; gymnasia, gymnasium, palestra. 4. turmoil, commotion, uproar, hubbub, hubbubalo, three-ring circus; Inf. to-do, fracas, rumpus, Inf. ruckus; 1. detail, fact, factor, particular, point, item, element; feature, aspect, respect; part, attribute, accessory. 2. incident, occurrence, happening, event, instance, occasion, phenomenon, incidence; adventure, affair, case, episode; eventuality, contingency, possibility; fortuity, happenstance, coincidence, chance, accident; stipulation, proviso, provision, clause, qualification, specification. 3. circumstances condition, state, state of affairs, situation, position; plight, predicament, difficulty; crisis, exigency, emergency; vicissitudes, ups and downs, turn of events, course of events, the times; lot, fortune, welfare, well-being, Archaic; wear, standing, rank, grade, position, state, status; estate, status; footing, station, elevation, step, Inf. notch. circumstantial, adj. 1. indirect, evidential, deduced, presumed, implausible, inferential, implied, presumable; hearsay, interpretable, verisimilar; inconclusive, controvertible, conjectural, debatable. 2. secondary, incidental, contingent, dependent, conditional, provisional; nonessential, unessential, extraneous, extrinsic, external, adventitious, supervenient; accidental, fortuitous, serendipitous, chance. 3. particular, detailed, precise, exact, accurate, minute; explicit, specific, express, pointed, to the point; exhaustive, full, thorough, plenary, complete. circumvent, v. 1. entrap, ensnare; encircle, sur-}


civilization, n. 1. culture, cultivation, refinement, polish; education, enlightenment, sophistication, civilization.
worldliness; elevation, development, advancement, progress; taming, domestication, humanization, unbarbarizing, indoctrination, inculcation, socialization, ctitification, Sociol. acculturatio; education, schooling, instruction, teaching.

2. customs, way of life, folkways, ways, habits, Sociol. mores.

civilize, v. 1. tame, domesticate, humanize, unbarbarize, acculturize, acculturitalize, socialize, indoctrinate, inculcate, shape, mold, form; educate, school, inst, teach, tut, train, coach, break in, teach [so.] manners, show [so.] how to act.

2. cultivate, refine, polish, smooth the rough edges; enlighten, edify, inform, acquaint, sophisticate, citify; elevate, uplift, broaden, develop.

claw, v. 1. clatter, clatterclatter, tick-ack, click; snap, crack, rap, smack.

2. chatter, palaver, blab. See chatter (def. 1).

clack, v. 1. cluck, chuck, gaggle, gobble, gobble.

2. rattle, rattlesnake, clacker, clapper, cricket, noise-maker, bull-roarer, thunder-stick; catcall, whizzer.

3. chatter, small talk, Inf. gab. See chatter (def. 2).

claim, v. 1. demand, require, command, have rights to, deserve to, be entitled to, lay claim to, pretend, Sl. have dibs on; expropriate, requisition, commandeer, exact.

2. assert, declare, proclaim, predicate, allege, aver, maintain, hold, profess, avow, affirm, acknowledge, admit, own; postulate, assume, take for granted, presume, premise.

3. challenge, call, summon, charge; sue, appeal, plea, petition, beg, pray, entreat.

—n. 4. clatter, clatterclatter, tick-ack, click; snap, crack, smack, rap.

5. rattle, rattlesnake, clacker, clapper, cricket, noise-maker, bull-roarer, thunder-stick; catcall, whizzer.

6. chatter, small talk, Inf. gab. See chatter (def. 2).

clamor, n. 1. uproar, din, babel, racket, hue and cry, ballyhoo, hullabaloo; shouting, shout, yell, holler, outcry, vociferation; bray, bellow, blast, clangor, jangle; hissing, catcalls, caterwauling.

—v. 3. cry out, shout, yell, holler, vociferate; bray, hawl, bellow, hoop, hoot, yelp; hiss, catcall, caterwaul.

4. brawl, broil, struggle, wrangle; argue, quarrel, spat, squabble, tiff; dispute, contend, dissent, disagree.

5. demand, insist, press for, urge; drive, force, push, thrust, put.

clamorous, adj. 1. uproarious, clamant, clangorous, racketey, blustering, noisy; loud, deafening, ear-splitting, ear-piercing, bawling, bellowing, braying, howling, caterwauling, ululating, wailing, crying, hysterical.

2. brassy, bold, brash, loud-mouthed, mouthy, shameless, barefaced; unruly, boisterous, obtrusive, rampageous, wild, riotous; tumultuous, tumultuary, tempestuous, turbulent, stormy, raging.

3. urgent, importunate, insistent, persistent, pressing, urgent; vehement, protesting.

clam, n. 1. vise, clasp, clincher, clip, hasp, holdfast, holder, stirrup, brace; coupling, buckle, fastener, catch.

—v. 2. vise, press, squeeze, hold; secure, make fast, fasten, fix, brace, bracket; clinch, screw down, nail, bolt; grapple, grip, grip, clip, clutch, clasp, grasp.

clan, n. 1. tribe, family, house, gens, sept, dynasty, nation, race; line, lineage, ancestry, pedigree, breed, strain, stock, stirs, Biol. phylum, Biol. class, Biol. division.

2. clique, set, coterie, in-crowd, circle, knot, band, ring, gang, crowd; order, sect, faction, group, party, team, camarilla; fraternity, brotherhood, fellowship, sodality, society, community, troop, club, lodge, organization; association, affiliation, consortium, company, alliance, league, coalition, federation, guild, union, Inf. outfit; confederation, syndication, conspiracy, cabal.

clandestine, adj. 1. covert, undercover, stealthy, surreptitious, feline, night-time, back-alley, C1A-type, Watergate, Canon Law. subreptitious; collusive, conspirative, conspiratory, furtive, underhand, underhanded, Inf. under the counter, backroom, sneaky, sneaking, sly, foxy, crafty, cunning; unethical, dishonorable, illegal, unlawful, unauthorized, Canon Law. obreptitious.

2. secret, hugger-mugger, dark, closed, unpublic, not open to the public, private, confidential, closed-door, closeted, Archaic. privy; hidden, concealed, enconced, shrouded, cloaked, disguised, veiled, masked, screened, in the dark; undisclosed, unrevealed, unpublicized, silent; mysterious, arcane, intriguing.

clang, v. (all with difficulty) climb, mount, ascend; scramble, scrabble, claw, shin, shiny.

—n. 2. clanger, clangor, reverberation; ring, knell, toll, chime, peal.

clammy, adj. 1. sweaty, damp, moist; wet; rainy, drizzly, misty, vaporous, foggy; chilly, cold.

2. sticky, gummy, pasty, viscous, viscid, ropy, dauby, glutinous, adhesive; smeary, slimy, moldy, Rare. mucid.

3. morbid, sinking, sickly; uneasy, nervous, anxious, worried.

clamber, v. (all with difficulty) climb, mount, ascend; scramble, scrabble, claw, shin, shiny.

—n. 2. clanger, clangor, reverberation; ring, peal, dingdong, gong.

clangor, n. 1. clang, ring, peal, reverberation.

2. clamer, din, racket, noise, uproar, tumult, hue and cry.

clank, n. 1. dull clang, clangor, jangle, clink, Sl. clunk, chink.

—v. 2. clang, clangor, jangle, clink, chink.
clannish, adj. 1. akin, related, cognate, family, familial, lineal, fraternal; ethnic, ethnocentric, racial, tribal, cultural; leagued, allied, confederated.
2. cliquish, insular, closed, unmixing, exclusive, selective; narrow, parochial, provincial; haughty, snobbish, Inf. snotty, uppercrust, supercilious, disdainful, contemptuous.
3. prejudiced, bigoted, narrow-minded, close-minded, intolerant, illiberal.

2. buffet, cuff, tap, fillip; rap, bat, pat, dab, jab, poke. Inf. clip; hit; knock, bump, ram.
3. strike together, come together sharply, (of wings) flap or beat, snap; clatter, percuss; explode, fullinate, detonate; applaud, handclap.
4. put forcibly, place suddenly, set, bang, slam.
5. sham, fraud, deception, imposture, fabrication, Inf. claptrap, paid applauder, Inf. street effect, quackery, charlatanry; trick, hoax, bilge, rigmarole, tripe.
6. blow, box, Inf. clip, cuff, poke, jab, pat, tap, fillip; slap, punch, hit, Inf. clout, Inf. buffet, Inf. slug, Sl. bash; thwack, slap, strike, Inf. whack; pound, thumb, thumping, Inf. wallop.

clapper, n. 1. tongue of a bell, tongue; rattle, clacker, noisemaker.
2. claqueur, paid applauder, Sl. hired rooter.

clAprap, n. 1. bombast, rododomant, rant, inflation, fistian, cant, jargon, empty words, hogwash; ostentation, sensationalism, frippery, gaudiness, twaddle, glitter, gloss; pretentiousness, pretension, pretense, false show; bluster, fanfaronade, swaggering, peacockism, peacockery; cliché, banality, platitude, commonplace; sophism, sophistry, casuistry, jesuitism, speciousness, elenches; untruth, hypocrisy, insincerity; humbug, bunkum, Sl. bunk; flatfety, false praise, cajolery, barney, palaver; nonsense, trumpery, twaddle, Inf. bosh, babble, prate, moonshine, gibberish, prattle, blather, drivel, Sl. bilge, rigmarole, tripe.
2. sham, fraud, deception, imposture, fabrication, stage effect, quackery, charlatanry; trick, hoax, mockery; pose, Inf. front, affectation, airs, attitude, veneer, display, parade.

claque, n. 1. (all usu. hired) fans, followers, supporters, promoters, rooters, Inf. boosters, Inf. arm wavers; (all usu. of adolescent girls) boxboysboys, teenyboppers, groupies.
2. sycophants, flatterers, toadies, toadeaters, tubbooters, promoters, rooters, Inf. arm wavers; (all usu. of adolescent girls) boxboysboys, teenyboppers, groupies.

clarification, n. clarifying, simplification, elucidation, explanation; description, definition, specification, explication, interpretation, annotation, comment, footnote; exposition, disclosure, revelation, Archaic. enucleate, uncovering, unveiling, unmasking; show, demonstration, manifestation, exhibition, presentation, solution, answer, light, illumination, enlightenment.

clarify, v. 1. make clear, disambiguate, make plain, simplify, make simple, make understandable, render intelligible; make explicit or unequivocal, define, make precise, specify; show, point out, demonstrate, manifest, exhibit, present, set forth; elucidate, annotate, comment upon, footnote; explain, describe, explicate, interpret; solve, resolve, clear up, decipher, figure out, disentangle; shed or throw light on, illuminate, enlighten, fill in.
2. expose, bring to light, disclose, reveal, bring out, Archaic. enucleate; lay open, unfold, uncover, bare, unveil, unmask, make visible.

clariom, adj. 1. brassy, shrill, strident, stridulous, strident; high-pitched, sharp, acute, penetrating, ear-piercing, earsplitting; loud, blaring, resounding, deafening.
2. clear, clear as a bell, distinct, on key or pitch; pure, true, sweet; full, rich, orotund, sonorous, resonant.

clarity, n. 1. clearness, pellucidness, pellucidness, limpidness, limpidness, translucence, transparency, crystallinity, vitreousness, vitreosity, lucency; purity, simplicity, clearness, severity; visibility, visibility, brightness, brilliance, luminosity, radiance, effulgence, refugelence, refulgenceness.
2. lucidity, lucidness, perspicuity, plainness, unambiguousness, unambiguity, unmistakability; explicitness, preciseness, precision, exactness, definiteness, distinctness, clear-cutness, comprehensibility, comprehensibility, understandability, understandability, intelligibility, intelligibility, penetrability, perceptibility, discernibility, apprehensibility, decipherability, legibility, obviousness, apparentness, evidentness, manifestness, palpability, patentability.

clash, v. 1. clang, clanger, clank, clatter, rattle.
2. bump into, collide with, crash into, smash into, run into, Inf. plow into; butt, jar, jolt, jostle.
3. conflict, contend, dispute, disagree, argue, contest, contravene, spar, cross swords, lock horns; squabble, quarrel, feud, bicker, have words, be at [s.o.'s] throat.
4. struggle, battle, encounter, engage, meet; fight, combat, give or do battle, duel, joust, tussle, scuffle, brawl, come to blows.

5. clang, clanger, clank, clatter; din, racket, tumult, uproar, noise.
6. conflict, opposition, disagreement, discord, discord, disension, friction, variability, strife; enmity, hostility, antagonism, antipathy, bad blood, ill will.
7. argument, altercation, dispute, row, quarrel, squabble, dustup, spat, tiff, Brit. Dial. fracas; encounter, meeting, engagement, confrontation, showdown; battle, struggle, conflict, tussle, bout, donnybrook, Scot. sturt, Inf. scrap, Inf. run-in; skirmish, action, brush, fray, affair; melee, fracas, up roar, free-for-all.
8. collision, smash, crash, smash-up, crack-up, car crash.

clashing, adj. 1. clanging, clangorous, clanking, clattering, rattling.
2. conflicting, opposing, disagreeing, discordant, dissenting, variant, differing, hostile, antagonistic, antipathetic.

clasp, n. 1. hook, catch, clip, snap, hook and eye, button, fastener, fastening; pin, brooch, broach, buckle, clasp, grapple; latch, lock, bar, bolt, hasp; click, clinker, pawl, holdfast, Mach. detent, Mach. dog; clamp, vise, brace.
2. grasp, handshake, grip, grip, clutch, clench; hold, embrace, hug, squeeze.
3. hook, catch, pin, clasp, snap, button, buckle, fasten; secure, unite, couple, link; clench, clamp, vise, brace, bracket; latch, lock, bar, bolt, hasp, shut.
4. seize, grapple, snatch, grab; clutch, clench, grip, grasp; hold, enfold, envelop, enclose, encircle, entwine; embrace, hug, squeeze, press, snuggle, cuddle, cherish.

class, n. 1. category, division, section, branch, de-
partment, province, realm, domain, area; classification, arrangement, grouping; group, set, collection, selection; species, genus, breed, brood, genre; kind, sort, kidney, type, brand, name, variety; make, cast, cut, mold, form, style, manner; grain, feather, tone, color, stripe; stamp, designation, denomination, suit; character, constitution, make-up, composition, Archaic. crisis; temperament, temper, nature, humor, mood, persuasion.

1. level, stratum, position, place, state, caste; status, standing, rank, grade, estate, order, range, set, circle, sphere, coterie, clique; sept, clan, tribe, family; ancestry, lineage, stock, pedigree, descent, strain, derivation, extraction; origin, source, birth; connection, influence, power, weight, prestige, importance.

2. course, subject, curriculum; seminar, lecture, discussion; lesson, study; period, session.

—v. 4. group, arrange, classify. See classify.

classic, adj. 1. first-class, first-rate, excellent, superior, masterly, Inf. A one or A number one; consummate, quintessential, master; outstanding, remarkable, extraordinary; noteworthy, notable, of note, marked, exemplary.

2. standard, model, guiding, ideal; prototypical, paradigmatic, archetypal.

3. ancient; Archaic, Attic, Hellenistic. See classical (def. 1).

4. basic, fundamental, rudimentary, elementary, primary.

5. ageless, timeless, deathless, immortal, undying, imperishable, eternal; enduring, lasting, abiding, perennial, perdurable.

6. traditional, customary, conventional, prescriptive, tried-and-true; legendary, venerable, hallowed, time-honored, longstanding; typical, characteristic, usual, normal, regular, regulation, stock, familiar, true-to-type, true-to-type.

7. definitive, authoritative; influential, weighty, prestigious.

—n. 8. masterpiece, masterwork, Archaic. master, chef-d-oeuvre, great work, magnum opus.

9. standard, standard work, model, mirror, example, criterion; type, archetype, paradigm, prototype, original; ideal, paragon, exemplar, quintessence.

classical, adj. 1. Greek, Hellenistic, Attic, Archaic; Roman, Augustan, Ciceronian; heroic, epic; ancient.

2. harmonious, symmetrical, balanced, proportioned, well-proportioned; concinnous, eurhythmic, regular; simple, plain, ornate, pure, restrained, understated; lucid, clear, clear-cut, eloquent; elegant, refined, polished, finished; stately, dignified, reposing, grand, majestic; artistic, aesthetic, tasteful.


4. standard, definitive, authoritative, influential, weighty, prestigious.

classicism, n. (in all reference to art, literature, architecture, etc.) proportion, balance, symmetry, order, harmony, concinnity, eurhythm; simplicity, plainness, purity, restraint, understatement; lucidity, clarity, eloquence; elegance, refinement, polish, finish; stateliness, dignity, grandness, majesty.

classification, n. 1. arrangement, grouping, ordering, collocation, categorizing, categorization, taxonomy; organization, systematization, codification, methodizing; designation, denomination, assignment, allocation, apportionment, distribution.

2. category, class, division, section, branch; group, set, collection, assortment, selection; kind, sort, type, genre, variety; order, range, rank, grade, gradation.

3. system, code, index, directory.

classify, v. arrange, range, order, dispose, place, group; organize, sort, assort, size; class, type, name, label, tag, ticket, brand; digest, index, file, codify, number, alphabetize; draw up, list, catalog; categorize, pigeonhole, Sl. peg, Sl. button-down, Inf. put [s.o. or s.t.] down as; associate, bracket; distinguish, rate, rank, grade, graduate; allocate, allot, assign, distribute.

clatter, v. 1. rattle, clatter, racket, din; jangle, clang, clanger, echo, reverberate, resound.

2. hurl, clank, crash, bang, clump, tramp, be heavy footed, Inf. stomp or thump around; clash, collide, bump.

3. chatter, jabber, cackle, clack; prate, rattle, gabble; gush, blab, Inf. spout; babble, prattle.

—n. 4. rattling, clattering, clatter, racket, noise, din, clamar, raucousness, uproar; disturbance, tumult, pandemonium, commotion, hubbub, bedlam, Inf. shivaree; banging, thumping, clumping, crashing, clanking.

5. chatter, chattering, jabbering, jabber, pratling, pratling, cackling, cackle, gibbering, gibber; gabbling, gabble, babbling, babble, running on, rattling away.

6. gossip, buzzing, palaver, tittle-tattle, tattle, idle talk.

clause, n. 1. sentence, paragraph, passage, section, division.

2. article, particle, provision, proviso, point, specification, particular, detail; stipulation, term, condition, qualification, exception, exemption, reservation, Law. covenant; rider, addendum, addition, supplement, appendix, codicil.

claw, n. 1. talon, pounce, curved nail, unguis, hoof, paw, Fr. griffe, Ornith. spur; pincer, nipper, chela, fang; hook, clamp, forceps, togs, gravel, grapple, grappling iron, cant hook.

—v. 2. tear, scratch, pounce, Archaic. clapperclaw, scrape, dig; pierce, prick, puncture, punch, perforate, jab, poke, gouge; cut, gash, slash, rend, rip, lacerate, mangle; stab, knife, lancinate, wound.

3. seize, grab, pull, snatch, catch hold of, hook; grasp, grip, grip, clench, clutch; grapple, grappling hold fast, fasten upon.

clay, n. 1. argill, clay stone; clayey earth, loam, adobe, terracotta, brick; potter's clay, Obs. argil, Ceramics. slip, kaolin, bole, fire clay; clayware, pottery, earthenware, stoneware, ceramics, porcelain, china.

2. earth, ground, soil, Archaic. marl, Archaic. glebe; sod, turf, sward; mud, mire, wet earth.

3. human body, flesh, flesh and blood, mortal clay.

clayey, adj. clayish, claylike, argillaceous, argillitic, Obs. loamy, earthy; pasty, gummy, sticky, adhesive, gluey, viscous, viscid, viscid; plastic, fickle, malleable, moldable, formable; tractable, yielding, pliant, flexible.

clean, adj. 1. unsoiled, unsullied, spotless, speckless, white, snowy, immaculate; cleansed, washed, bathed, laundered, scrubbed, wiped, scoured; polished, dusted, swept, vacuumed, whisked; tidy, well-groomed, well-kept; fresh, fragrant, deodorized, sweet; wholesome, healthy, healthful.

2. pure, unstained, stainless, unblemished; perfect, flawless, faultless; virgin, untouched, unadulterated, unspoiled, untainted; unpolluted, uncontaminated, sanitized, disinfected, antisepticized.

3. clear, clarified, refined, distilled, unmixed; elutriated, Chem. edulcorated, purged, expurgated, defecated.

4. open, free, accessible, unobstructed, unbloked, passable; blank, void, vacant, empty; legible, readable,
cleanly adj. 1. neat, orderly, methodical, well-kept, well-groomed, clean-cut; trim, compact, smart, dapper, *Chiefly Brit.* trig.

2. spotless, stainless, speckless, white, snowy, immaculate; fresh, fragrant, odorized, sweet; unsoiled, unspotted, unblemished, unstained.

cleanse v. 1. clean, bathe, lave, cleanse. *Chiefly Scot.* dight; deterge, *(of clothes)* launder, shampoo, lather, soap; scrub, swab, mop; shower, douse, rinse, flush, douche, sponge; absterge, scour, wipe, rub, polish; sweep, vacuum, whisk; tidy, neaten, order, do up.

2. purify, depurate, purge, expurgate, defecate, mundify, lustrate; freshen, ventilate, depollute, decontaminate, sanitize, sanitize, disinfect, antisepticize; clear, clarify, refine, distill; elutrate, *Chem.* edulcorate.

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cleanse v. 1. clean, bathe, lave, cleanse. See clean *(def. 13).*

2. purify, depurate, purge, expurgate. See clean *(def. 15).*

cleanser n. 1. detergent, soap powder or flakes, abluent, abister, solvent, soap, shampoo, scouring powder; purifier, disinfectant, antiseptic; purgative, cathartic.

2. washer, dishwasher, washing machine; cleaner, launderer, laundryman, washerman, laundress, washervoman, spotter; shampooer, sponger, wiper, douser; scrubber, swabber, mopper-up, scouer.

clear adj. 1. light, sunny, sunnyish; cloudless, fair, unclouded, fine, mild.

2. bright, shining, radiant, brilliant; illuminated, alight, lit, lighted; lambent, resplendent, beaming, ir- radiant, lucent, luciferous; aglow, glowing, luminous, luminescent, incandescent; lustrous, nitid, sparkling, glistening.

3. transparent, limpid, pellucid, translucent, crystaline, diaphanous; glassy, transpicious, hyaline.

4. pure, even, perfect, unadulterated, unmixed, unalloyed; genuine, valid, true, real, authentic; unblemished, clean, unmarrred, flawless, faultless, orient, stainless; unstained, unsullied, unpolluted, uncontaminated, untainted, uncolored.

5. defined, distinct, discernible, recognizable, well-defined, well-marked; visible, vivid, graphic; unhidden, undisguised, un concealed; perceptible, distinguishable, audible, hearable; articulate, enunciated, enounced; *(of sounds)* clarion, silvery, sweet.

6. comprehensive, understandable, apprehensible, ascertainable; intelligible, legible, coherent, cogent; simple, plain-spoken, exoteric, straightforward; unambiguous, lucid, perspicuous, unconfused, luculent; perspicacious, persuasive, discerning, astute, penetrating, keen, sharp, quick.

7. evident, plain, obvious, palpable, manifest, appar ent; unmistakable, unequivocal, unquestionable, incontrovertible; clear-cut, explicit, patent, express; pronounced, salient, prominent, marked, decided; undeniable, irrefutable, irrefragable, indisputable, incontestable, apodictic, indisputable; authoritative, absolute, downright, utter, sheer, thorough, out-and-out; unequivocal, conclusive, undisputed, unquestioned, beyond question, beyond a shadow of a doubt.

8. positive, definite, assured, sure, certain; convinced, confident, secure, satisfied, free from doubt; unshaken, unwavering, undeviating, *Inf.* cocksure.

9. serene, calm, peaceful, still, quiet; restful, stormless, windless; placid, tranquil, sedate, untroubled, unperturbed, undisturbed, unagitated; peaceful, halcyon, irenic, composed; quiescent, reposeful, comfortable, easeful.

10. excused, freed, loose, released, discharged, liberated, at liberty; manumitted, emancipated, disenthralled; free, rid, quit, scot-free; exonerated, vindicated, absolved, acquitted, *Inf.* let off, justified, forgiven.

11. open, wide, exposed, unobstructed, unimpeded, emptied, empty, unloaded, free, unpacked; exonerated, vindicated, absolved, acquitted, *Inf.* let off, justified, forgiven.

12. emptied, empty, unloaded, free, unpacked; exhausted, depleted, deflated.

—adv. 13. clean, completely, entirely, totally; altogether, wholly, fully, utterly.

—v. 14. lighten, brighten, break, clear up; clarify, enlighten, illuminate, shed light on; elucidate, explain, *Archaic.* enucleate; interpret, expose, bare, demonstrate, show, exhibit, lay open; define, make plain, make clear, disambiguate, simplify.

15. cleanse, purify, clean, expurgate, depurate, refine; wash, deterge, purge, expunge, *Med.* absterge; erase, wipe clean, wipe away; leach, lixiviate, filter, percolate, strain.

16. remove, evacuate, make vacant, get out; cut away, take away or off, sweep away or off; empty, flush, drain; exhaust, deplete, deflate, void, eliminate.

17. disentangle, free, extricate, disengage, disem barrass, disengage, unentangle, unknotted, unknotted, unravel, unknot, loosen; detach, unfasten, unloose, separate, undo; un clog, unstop, unseal, unblock, dislodge.

18. exonerate, absolve, vindicate, excuse, exculpate; acquit, discharge, pardon, amnesty, reprieve, forgive, *Inf.* let off; release, liberate, free, set free, let go; emancipate, manumit, disenthral, disenslave; un fetter, unshackle, unchain, unbind, unbolt, un tie.

19. process, handle, expedite, dispatch, dispose.
20. gain, profit, net, realize a profit, make a profit, earn, win, bring in; glean, reap, Inf. take off the top.

21. authorize, approve, pass, sanction, ratify, legalize; give one's nod of approval, set one's seal to, Inf. O.K., Chiefly U.S. approbate; permit, allow, consent to, Inf. give the green light to or go-ahead to.

22. settle, square, satisfy, liquidate, pay off, discharge; cancel debts, close an account, wipe off; balance, adjust, reckon.

23. pass over, skip over, leap over, hop over, jump over, vault over, bound over, bounce over, Inf. make.

clearance, n. 1. clearing, opening, aperture, passage; space, hole, gap; separation, interspace, interval; slit, split, break, crack.

2. leeway, margin, allowance; headroom, headway, elbowroom, room to spare, Naut. berth.

clear-cut, adj. 1. definite, explicit, detailed, precise, exact, fixed, distinct, well-defined, express; unambiguous, unmistakable, unconfused, unequivocal; lucid, clear, plain, perspicuous, understandable, intelligible, comprehensible, perceptible, discriminable, appreciable.

2. obvious, apparent, evident, transparent, intelligible, perceptible, discernible, sensible; undeniable, unambiguous, explicitly, expressly.

clearheaded, adj. 1. astute, discerning, perceptive, penetrating, piercing; perspicacious, perceptive, discriminative, appercipient; bright, smart, sharp, shrewd, keen, quick, Inf. quick on the trigger; sagacious, sapient, wise.

2. alert, wide-awake, aware, Inf. heads-up, Inf. on the ball, Inf. on the stick, Inf. on one's toes, Sl. nobody's fool; observant, on the watch, on the alert, on the lookout; heedful, mindful, careful, cautious, wary, chary; attentive, vigilant, watchful, Argus-eyed, on the qui vive; eagle-eyed, hawk-eyed; lynx-eyed, sharp-eyed.

3. lucid, rational, sane, reasonable, sound, clear-thinking, clear-sighted, level-headed; judicious, prudent, wise, sober, circumspect; thoughtful, sensible, intelligent, reasonable; comprehending, thinking, knowing, cognitive; long-sighted, far-sighted, far-seeing, long-headed; resourceful, creative, imaginative.

4. composed, collected, calm, steady; unruffled, undisturbed, unperturbed, unshaken, untroubled, unexcited; poised, self-possessed, self-restrained, cool-headed, tranquil, serene, placid.

clearing, n. 1. clearing, opening, passage; open space, open field, glade, cleared land; expanse, tract; patch of land, felled forest, tilled field.

2. extrication, disentanglement, disengagement, loosening, unraveling; acquittal, discharging, releasing; liberation, emancipation, freeing; vindication, exoneration, expiation, justification.

3. clarification, refinement, purification; cleaning, flushing; brightening, becoming fair.

4. eradication, elimination, voidance, annulment; liquidation, settlement.

clearly, adv. 1. distinctly, starkly, patently, palpably; noticeably, visibly, conspicuously, discernibly, apparently, recognizable, perceptible, observable, manifest, overtly, markedly, pronouncedly, prominently; in full view, in plain sight, before one's eyes, to the eye, obviously, evidently, to all appearances; transparently, openly, plainly; on the face of it, at the first blush, at first sight, prima facie, seemingly.

2. positively, determinately, certainly, veritably, unequivocally, unambiguously, explicitly, expressly; surely, confidently, assuredly, unquestionably, beyond question, conclusively, incontestably, irrefutably, uncontrovertibly, undeniably, irrefragably; demonstrably, indubitably, undoubtedly, beyond doubt, decidedly, definitely, decisively, admittedly; unqualifiedly, unconditionally, absolutely, totally, implicitly, utterly; officially, confirmedly, emphatically, dogmatically, authoritatively.

cleavage, n. 1. cleaving, splitting, halving, chopping, cutting, slashing, fissure, partition, section; split, split in the ranks, take off the top.

2. division, separation, breach, scission; dichotomy, divergence, disjunction, dissociation, divarication; rift, rupture, fracture, segmentation, fragmentation, disconnectedness, disjuncture, disunion, division, Inf. split in the ranks, Inf. partitioning of the parts.

cleave, v. 1. stick, cling, clasp, hold close, hold fast, cherish; cohere, be united, be joined.

2. be true, be devoted, remain faithful, remain constant; stay close, stick together, Inf. stick with; grow together, coalesce; believe in, have faith in, uphold, sustain, support, stand by, upbeat; embrace, grip, hold, hug.

cleave', v. 1. split, divide, partition, halve, bisect, quarter, section; hack, hew, chop, slash, slit; part, rupture, open, lay open, gash, rive, rend, Sunder; disjoin, separate, Obs. dimidiate, bifurcate; cut off, sever, shear off, detach, break off, abscind.

2. cut a passage, blaze a trail; make a path, make one's way, push through, trail a path, pan through, plow through, cut through, tear, slice, slip, slide, move at a good clip.

cleaver, n. knife, butcher's knife, chopper; hatchet, ax, machete, tomahawk; blade, sword, broadsword.

cleft, n. 1. space, opening, split, gap; scissure, fissure, crevice, crack, rift, chink, cranny; defile, gully, gulch, chasm, crevasse, ravine, flume, gorge, canyon, pass, Brit. Dial. clough; trench, ditch, trough, furrow, fossé.

2. cleavage, division, separation, divergence; rupture, rent, breach, break, fracture, fork, branch, bifurcation; cut, gash, slit, slot, nick, notch, chop, orifice; aperture, interstice, hiatus.

cleft', adj. split, divided, parted, separated, asunder; cut, gashed, slit, notched, slotted, cracked, crannied, fissured; cloven, rent, hewn, sundered, riven; halved, bisected, partitioned; branched, pronged, forked, bifurcated; ruptured, fractured, dissociated, divergent, disjunct.

clemency, n. 1. mercy, leniency, quarter, humanity; mitigation, relief, easement, easing, softening, mollification, assuagement, lessening, alleviation, palliation; forgiveness, placability, exorability, indulgence; pity, sympathy, compassion, commiseration; consideration, kindness, kindheartedness, benignancy, benevolence, beneficence, charity, magnanimousness, liberalness; forbearance, patience, tolerance, longanimity; gentleness, tenderness, easiness, softness, soft-heartedness, mild-heartedness.

2. (of the weather) mildness, moderation, temperance, calmness, warmth; calmness, tranquillity, peacefulness, stillness; favorableness, propitiousness, pleasantness, desirability.

clement, adj. 1. merciful, lenient, humane, mitigative, mitigatory; forgiving, pardoning, placable, exorable, indulgent; pitying, sympathetic, compassionate, commiserative, commiserable, condolent, condolatory, truthful, Rare, pitiful; considerate, kind, kindly, kind-hearted, benignant, benevolent, charitable, magnanimous, beneficient, liberal; forbearing, patient, tolerant, longanamous; gentle, tender, benign, easy, soft,
soft-hearted, mild-hearted.
2. (of the weather) mild, fair, moderate, temperate, balmy, warm; calm, tranquil, peaceful, halcyon, still, quiet; favorable, propitious, desirable, pleasant.

clench, v. 1. close, shut, seal, zipper, zip up, (of the teeth) grip.
2. grip, grasp, clasp, clutch, hold, hold fast or tight; grab, seize, lay hold of, lay hands upon, put an iron grip on.
3. clinch, nail, bolt, rivet, screw, hook, tack; (all by nailing, screwing, etc.) fix, fasten, secure, attach, connect, couple.
4. set, stiffen, tense, tighten, gird, brace, screw up, double up.
5. grip, hold, grasp, clutch, clamp, clinch; iron or tight grip, grip of steel, firm hold, strange hold, hammer lock, bear hug.

clergy, n. 1. clergyman, minister, rabbi, priests, preachers, clericals; churchmen, ecclesiastics, prelates, bishops, monsignori, cardinals.
2. priesthood, ministry, holy orders, the cloth, the pulpit; pastor: preacher, preacher, prelate, presbytery, episcopacy, hierarchy, Rom. Cath. Ch. the Church.

clergyman, n. 1. minister, priest, rabbi, ecclesiastic, churchman, cleric, clerical, clerk, parson, minister of the gospel, servant of God, man of the cloth, father, padre, Brit. blackcoat, reverend, cassock, abbe.
2. pastor, rector, dean, vicar, Dial. dominie; confesor, spiritual director, shepherd of souls; curate, curé, chaplain, U.S. Mil. Sl. sky pilot, U.S. Mil. Sl. Holy Joe; deacon, presbyter, elder.
3. preacher, evangelist, missionary, spreader of the Word, sermonizer, sermonist, Obs. Rare. sermoneer.
4. theologian, exegete, canonist, divine, Talmudist, hierophant. See also priest.

cleric, n. 1. clergyman, minister, priest, rabbi, parson, churchman, ecclesiastic. See clergyman, ecclesiastic.
—adj. 2. ecclesiastical, churchly. See clerical (def. 2).

clerical, adj. 1. secretarial, stenographic, typing, transcribing, transcriptional, scribal; filing, Inf. girl-Friday; bookkeeping, accounting, actuarial; white-collar, salaried, professional; clerkly, Inf. office, Inf. desk; All U.S. sales, selling, merchandising, marketing.
2. ecclesiastical, churchly, clerical of the cloth; rabbinical, ministerial, pastoral, priestly, sacerdotal, hieratic; apostolic, monastic; prelate, papal, pontifical, episcopal, canonical, hierarchic, hierarchical.

clerk, n. 1. office worker, record keeper, filer; secretary, typist, transcriber, transcriptionist; stenographer, reporter, notary, notetaker, shorthand writer, Law. prothonotary, (in ancient Greece and Rome) tachygrapher, Obs. brachygrapher, legographer; penman, copist, scribe, scrivener, amanuensis; bookkeeper, accountant, calculator, reckoner, actuary; apostolic, monastic; prelate, papal, pontifical, episcopal, canonical, hierarchic, hierarchical.
2. clergyman, ecclesiastic, clerical; lay reader, lector, acolyte, sacristan, elder, presbyter. See also clergyman, ecclesiastic.

clever, adj. 1. bright, brilliant, luminous, keen, acute, sharp, sharp-witted, sharp as a tack; intelligent, gifted, well-endowed, precocious, talent; apt, smart, agile, quick, quick-witted, ready; able, capable, competent, efficient; adept, proficient, masterful.
2. facile, easy, graceful, Inf. nifty; glib, fluent, glowing, unconstrained; witty, epigrammatic, urbane, piquant; scintillating, sparkling, sprightly; jocular, wagish, whimsical, droll.
3. sagacious, cunning, guileful, shrewd, Archaic. parlous; canny, Inf. cute, subtle, artful, crafty, slick; sly, wily, foxy.

climax, n. 1. brightness, brilliance, keenness, acuteness, sharpness, sharp-wittedness, braininess; gift, giftedness, endowment, genius, precocity, parts; talent, flair, bent, turn, forte; intelligence, aptness, smartness, agility, quickness, quick-wittedness; ability, capability, competence, competency, efficiency; adeptness, proficiency, mastery.
2. facility, ease, grace, finesse; wittiness, epigrammatism, urbane, piquancy, piquantness; sprightliness, jocularity, wagishness, whimsy, drollness.
3. sagaciousness, sagacity, cunning, cunningness, guile, sleight, canniness, Inf. cuteness, shrewdness; subtility, artfulness, craftiness, slyness, wiliness, foxiness.

client, n. 1. client, customer, trade, business, clientele, Inf. habitué; buyer, purchaser, Both Chiefly Law. vendee, emptor; shopper, marketer; consumer, user.
2. dependent, follower, protégé, student, pupil, disciple; attendant, supporter, backer, adherent.

clientele, n. 1. clients, customers, trade, business, patronage; patrons, patrons, regulars, Fr. habitués; buyers, purchasers, shoppers, marketers.
2. dependents, followers, protégés, students, pupils, disciples; following, attendants, Obs. attendance, cor- tege, retinue, supporters, backers, adherents.

cliff, n. precipice, crag, bluff, Brit. scar; ridge, ledge, shelf, palisade, crest, chin, escarpment; peak, pine- nacle, summit, promontory, tor.

climacteric, n. 1. Physiology. menopause, change of life; crucial age, grand climacteric.
2. crisis, crux, crunch, crest; crossroads, turning point, critical moment or point, critical period, crucial moment, critical juncture, moment of truth, climax, zero hour; emergency, exigency; predicament, plight, dilemma, quandary, strain, extremity; pinch, rub, scrape, squeeze, push, Inf. hole, Inf. clutch, Sl. crunch.

climate, n. 1. weather, prevailing weather, Literary. clime.
2. region, area, zone, place, locale.
3. milieu, atmosphere, air, aura, ambience; spirit, feel, sense, tone, undertone, overtone; mores, norms, ethos, ideology, world view.

climax, n. 1. culmination, acme, zenith, meridian, high noon, pitch, orgasm, Inf. payoff; height, high point, extremity, maximum, max., crowning point, supreme moment; prime, heyday, maturity, fruition.
bloom, full flower; sublimity, supremacy, perfection, extreme, utmost, uttermost, *U.S. Sl*. the most, *U.S. Sl.* the greatest, *Sl.* the tops; summit, apex, vertex, apogee, *Latin. ne plus ultra*; pinnacle, peak, crest, heights; spire, point, tip, tip top, top; crown, cap, headpiece, head, capper.

2. crisis, critical point, turning point, juncture, crossroads, turning of the tide; intensification, heightening, build-up, acumination, sharpening.

—v. 3. culminate, peak, crest, heighten, intensify, come to a head; result, end, terminate; acuminate, sharpen; bring to a head, build up, increase; crown, cap, pinnacle, tip, top, top off, surmount, sit atop or on; complete, perfect; put the finishing touches on; round out or off; complete, conclude, finish, top out, bring to a close.

climb, v. 1. ascend, mount, scale, escalade, go up; get up; clamber, shin, shiny, struggle or scramble up; make or work one’s way up; surmount, overtop, top; *(all of vines)* twine up, creep up, trail up.

2. rise, arise, lift, lift off; increase, shoot up, jump up, run up, advance, escalate, swell, tower; incline, lean, tilt, tip.

3. advance oneself, get ahead, make strides, work one’s way up the ladder, improve one’s position; achieve, succeed, make good, *Inf.* make it.

—n. 4. ascent, mount, scaling; clamber, shinning, shinning; surmounting, overtopping, topping.

5. hill, slope, mountain, elevation, height, peak, summit; incline, grade, gradient, acclivity.

clinch, v. 1. attach, fasten, make fast, secure, fix, set; rivet, nail, screw, bolt, drive in; clamp, vise, brace; lock, bar, hasp; pinion, bind, tie, fetter.

2. seize, grab, *Inf.* collar, lay hold of; wrestle, grapple; grip, gripper, snap; clinch, nail.

3. settle, dispose of, establish, complete, cap, conclude, guarantee, make sure, clinch, clench, clutch, clasp.

4. fastener, holdfast, fastening; hold, grip, clinch, gripe, clench, clutch, clasp.

clincher, n. 1. fastener, holdfast, fastening; clamp, vise; nail, screw, rivet, bolt.

2. determining factor, *Inf.* cruncher, finisher, last; straw, straw that broke the camel’s back; crowning blow, finishing blow, *Fr. coup de grâce*, *Sl.* stock-dolager, deathblow; finishing touch, last stroke, wind-up, close, finale, *Inf.* payoff, punch line; culmination, crown, crowning touch, cap, capper, capstone, *Fr. pièce de résistance*; end, end of the line, match point.

cling1, v. 1. adhere to, stick to, be attached to; stick together, cohere, fuse, coalesce, unite, join.

2. hold tight, cleave to, hug, embrace; hold fast, grapple, clinch; fasten upon, grip, grip, grasp; clench, clutch, clasp, hang onto.

3. cherish, love, be attached to, be fond of; remain faithful to, remain constant to, be devoted to; be infatuated with, *Both Sl.* be hooked on, be stuck on.

cling2, v. 1. ring, ting, tinkle, tintinnabulate, chime, ding, ding-dong; clink, chink, clank, click, clack; clang, clanger, resound, twang, vibrate, jingle, jangle, rattle; knell, toll, strike, sound.

—n. 2. ring, ringing, ting, tinging, tinkle, tinkling, tintinnabulation; chime, chiming, ding, ding-dong; clink, clinking, chink, chinking, clanking, clacking, click, clicking, clack, clackling; clang, clanging, clangor, clangoring, resounding, twang, twanging, vibrating; jingle, jingling, jangle, jangling, rattle, rattling; knell, knelling, toll, tolling, striking, sounding.

clinic, n. infirmary, hospital, polyclinic, medical center; dispensary, outpatients’ ward, emergency room.

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clink1, v. 1. ring, ting, chink, ding. See clinking2 (def. 1).

—n. 2. ringing, tinging, chinking, ding, ding-dong. See clinking2 (def. 2).

clink2, n. Slang. jail, prison, lockup. See jail.

clip1, v. 1. cut off, bob, crop, snip, nip; shear, shave, fleece; trim, pare, prune; shorten, truncate, stunt, check the growth of, pollard.

2. curtail, cut short, reduce, diminish, rench; shorten, abridge, condense, epitomize, abstract; boil down; cramp, constrict, contract, compress.

3. cut out articles, make clippings, extract, excerpt, quote, cite, cull, glean.

4. Informal. hit, punch, strike, swath, smack. See smack.

5. move swiftly, go rapidly, race, run, speed.


—n. 7. clipping, cutting, snipping, bobbing; shearing, fleeing, shaving; cropping, trimming, paring, pruning; stuffing, checking, docking, curtailing, renchment, truncation; abstraction, reduction, compression, abbreviation, condensation, epitome, contraction, abridgment.


10. Informal. pace, rate, speed.

clip2, n. 1. metal clasp, hasp, fastener, hook, buckle, coupler, copula, vise; grip, gripper, snap; clinch, nail.

—v. 2. fasten together, clamp, hasp, clinch, hold, hook, buckle, couple, grip, vise, press.

3. encircle, encompass, surround, enclose, enfold, circumscribe, envelop.

4. *clippers* shears, pruning tools, cutters, scissors; hair trimmer, razor.

cutting, n. 1. excerpt, quotation, citation, literary gleaning, selection, abstract, cutting.

2. snip, piece, snippet, snatch, chip, lock of hair; remnant, fragment, scrap, sample, shred; shaving, sliver, slice, *Brit. Dial.* collop, paring, cutting.

clique, n. set, coterie, in crowd, crowd, clan, circle, knot; band, ring, gang, troop, team, group, community; fraternity, sorority, brotherhood, sodality, society, club, lodge, organization; sect, faction, order, party, camorra.


2. cover, screen, blind, mask, veil, shroud; disguise, incognito, camouflage, masquerade, misrepresentation; pretext, semblance, front, subterfuge, evasion.

—v. 3. hide, conceal, ensconce, cover up, mask, veil, shroud,robe; obscure, obfuscate, adumbrate, cloud, becloud, befog, haze.

clock, n. 1. horoscope, watch, timekeeper, timer, timepiece, dial; chronometer, chronoscope, chronograph; speedometer, taximeter; time clock.

2. around the clock all day and night, without a break, nonstop; ceaselessly, perpetually, constantly, continuously, endlessly, incessantly.

—v. 3. time, mark the time, keep time, measure
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clockwork, n. 1. precision machinery, mechanism, inner workings, works, wheels within wheels, wheelwork, synchrony, perfectly timed or accurate operation.
2. like clockwork regularly, systematically, methodically, at regular intervals, on schedule, according to plan; smoothly, evenly, without a hitch, steadily, uniformly; invariably, without exception, every time.
clod, n. 1. lump, mass, gob, glob, wand, bald; nugget, chunk, Inf. hunk; large piece; clump, cluster, bunch, pile, heap, mound; bulge, hum, node, lump, knob, knob, protuberance, lumps.
2. earth, soil, ground, Archaic. loam, Archaic. glebe, field; sod, turf, sward, lawn, grass, green, greensward; subsoil, undersoil, clay, gumbo, mud, mire; marl, fertilizer, humus, mulch.
3. stupid person, blockhead, dolt, dunce, dope, Inf. dummy, Inf. knucklehead, Sl. nudnik, Sl. stupidhead, fool; oaf, loot, Inf. goop, Sl. jerk, Sl. creep, donkey, ass. See fool (def. 1).
cloddish, adj. awkward, clumsy, inept, maladroit, heavy-handed, blundering, bungling, gawky or gawkish, like a bull in a china shop, Inf. butterfingered, Sl. klutzy; loutish, oafish, dull, lumpish, lumpen, clodhopping, clowns, lumberly; obtuse, stupid, dull, dense, Inf. thick; rude, vulgar, uncouth, coarse, boorish, unmanly, ill-mannered, ill-bred.
clophopper, n. 1. rustic, peasant, provincial, country cousin, countryman, homemaker; farmer, plowman, plowboy, chuff, son or tiller of the soil, swain, kern, gaffer, (in Egypt) fellah, (in Russia) muszhik or mujjik, (in Spanish America and Southwestern U.S.) peon, Archaic. hind; yokel, lumpkin, country bumpkin, hawbuck, Dial. lumpkin, Often Disparaging. hillbilly, Disparaging. bogtrotter, Inf. chawbacon, Inf. cider squeezer, Sl. jerk, Sl. woodchuck, Sl. rube, Sl. hayseed, Sl. hoosier, Sr. Sl. truffle.
2. clodhoppers brogans, brogues, heavy shoes, clumsy footgear, work shoes or boots, construction boots, hiking shoes or boots, Sl. gunboats, Sl. combat boots.
clog, v. 1. encumber, hamper, hinder, cumber, place an obstacle in the way of, balk; impede, incommodate, embarrass, delay, U.S. filibuster, retard, slow up or down, brake; frustrate, thwart, cross, oppose, countercheck, counteract; complicate, make things difficult, interfere, get in the way, intervene, intercede, interpose, come between; interrupt, break off, cease, discontinue, suspend, put an end to, curtail; deadlock, bring to a standstill, bring to an impasse; checkmate, foil, defeat, crush, stamp or wipe out.
2. check, hold in check, hold back, restrain, constrain, cram, trammel, bridle, curb; disadvantage, handicap, cripple, saddle, burden, load; hobble, hopple, tether, tie up, shackle, fetter, handcuff, chain, lock up; prevent, block, obstruct, Obs. intercept, deter; detain, stay, keep, halt, stop, arrest; bar, blockade, barricade, stand in the way; prohibit, forbid, disallow, debar, exclude, shut out.
3. crowd, stuff, cram, fill up, fill to overflowing, overfill, overstuff, overcrowd; clot, gum up, congest, choke up, stop up, dam up, close off, back up.
—n. 4. encumbrance, hindrance, impediment, stumbling block; snag, snarl, hitch, rub, drawback, fly in the ointment; difficulty, complication, embarrassment, cumbersome, trouble, bother, pain in the neck, inconvenience, inutility; hobble, handicap, disadvantage, baffle, hinder, hamper, cripple, maim, trap, trammel, bridle, curb, bit; tether, cord, chain, leash; shackles, handcuffs, fetter, lock, padlock; prevention, Obs. interception, prohibition, forbiddance, disallowance, debarring, exclusion.
5. block, obstacle, obstruction, remora, bar, barrier, hurdle, barricade, blockade; congestion, jam, blockage, stoppage; dead end, blind alley, cul-de-sac, impass, stalemate, deadlock, checkmate.
6. check, balk, stay, deterrent, detention; stop, halt, pause, arrestment, end, curtailment, cessation; interruption, discontinuation, suspension; delay, U.S. filibuster, retardation, brake; frustration, thwarting, crossing, countercheck; interference, intervention, intercession, interposals.
cloister, n. 1. covered walk, ambulatory, promenade, walkway, corridor, arcade, colonnade, gallery, piazza, archway; courtyard, quadrangle; portico, porch, stoa, U.S. veranda.
2. monastery, abbey, priory, friary, convent, nunnery, cenoby; novitiate, enclosure; cubicle, cell, closet, stall, carrel.
3. refuge, asylum, retreat, hermitage, haven, shelter, resort, sanctuary, sanctum sanctorum, (in ancient worship) adyptum; ark, covert, hideaway, mew, arbor, bower; den, study, library, ivory tower.
4. religious life, Inf. religion, the contemplative life, monasticism, monachism, sisterhood, nunhood, convent, monastery.
—v. 5. confine, shut up, immure, wall in, Inf. hole up, incarcerate, imprison; embower, coop up, pen in, fence in, hedge in, restrict, limit, enclose, close.
6. seclude, set apart, isolate, separate, segregate, sequester, hide, conceal, shelter; retire, withdraw, hibernate.
cloistered, adj. 1. secluded, sequestered, hidden, concealed, secreted; sheltered, protected, shielded, guarded; cloistered, confined, immersed, walled up, enclosed, holed up, incarcerated, imprisoned, shut up, penned in, counted up.
2. recluse, reclusive, aloof, remote; separate, separated, segregated, set apart; isolated, solitary, private, alone, solitudinarian, hermitic.
3. retired, withdrawn, monastic, monachal, conventual, cloistral, cloisterlike, clausal.
close, v. 1. shut, close up, close off, seal, seal off, obturate; lock, padlock, bolt, latch; fix, fasten, secure, Scot. steek.
2. stop, clog, choke, jam, congest; block, obstruct, bar, occlude, barricade, blockade, stand in the way; impede, hinder, trammel, bridle, restrain.
3. join, unite, connect, articulate, bind, tie, splice, link, yoke, attach; coalesce, consolidate, merge, blend, come together, fuse.
4. complete, conclude, terminate, end, finish, adjourn, climax, culminate, wind up; settle, fix, establish, clinch, complete, decide, agree, come to terms or an agreement; arrange, adjust, work out.
5. grapple with, clench, embrace, lay hold of, clutch, grip, wrest, seize; do battle, join issue, come to close quarters, struggle with, tussle with, Sf. tangle with, lock horns, cross swords, join combat.
6. close down a. discontinue, suspend, cease, halt, stop, drop, break off, leave off, put an end to, have done with, dispatch. b. crack down, eliminate, exterminate, stamp out, make a clean sweep.
7. close in on a. approach, near, draw near, come close or closer, draw close or closer. b. surround, envelop, encircle, encompass, engird, box; bottle up, hem in, besiege, beleaguer, trap.
8. close out a. (all of price) reduce, lower, decrease, discount, mark down, cut, slash, cheapen. b. liquidate, dispose of, finish off, cancel, withdraw, Inf. put the kibosh on, Sl. eighty-six.
—adj. 9. compact, condensed, dense, solid, crushed, pinched, squeezed, crowded, packed, Inf. jam-packed,
stuffed, packed like sardines.

10. near, proximate, approximate, in close proximity, immediate, within an ace of; vicinal, neighboring, bordering, abutting, contiguous, adjacent.

11. similar, like, alike, not unlike, much the same; analogous, comparable, parallel; correspondent, corresponding, reciprocal.

12. intimate, dear, familiar, Scot. pack, bosom; clubby, chummy, hob-and-nob, hand and glove, Inf. thick, Inf. thick as thieves, Sl. buddy-buddy, Sl. palsy-walsy; inseparable, indivisible, indissoluble, inseparable, fast.

13. confidential, privy, private, exclusive, special, personal, secret, top secret, inviolate, unrevealed, undivulgeable; screened, guarded, concealed, hidden.

14. tight, tight-fitting, skin-tight, snug, hugging.

15. intense, concentrated, strict, minute, constant, unremitting, unrelenting, assiduous, dogged, hands-on; intent, searching, vigilant, acute, attentive.

16. faithful, conscientious, true, accurate, literal, sound; scrupulous, exacting, stringent, particular, exact, precise.

17. well-matched, nearly equal or even, on equal or even terms, even-odds, Inf. fifty-fifty, Sl. anybody's; hard-fought, sharply contested, nip and tuck, neck and neck, nose to nose, photo finish, by a whisker, Sl. by a nose, Sl. by a hair.

18. shut, shut tight, closed, locked, latched, bolted, fixed, fast, secure.

19. enclosed, cloistered, closed, secluded, shut in.

20. surrounding, enclosing, encompassing, enveloping, engulphing, engirding.

21. barred, blocked, barricaded, blockaded, obstructed, hindered, impeded, shut off.

22. narrow, tight, confined, confining, constricting, limiting, binding.

23. heavy, oppressive, muggy, humid, sweltering, stifling, suffocating; musty, stuffy,usty, moldy, mildewy.

24. reticent, taciturn, uncommunicative. See closemouthed.

25. miserly, parsimonious, penurious. See close-handed.

—adv. 26. almost, nearly, Inf. pretty near or close, closely, within a hair or eyelash; not quite, just about, all but; well-nigh, as good as.

27. nearly, near, or close at hand, nigh, hard by, close by, at one's door, at one's heels.

—n. 28. end, conclusion, termination, finish, finale, windup, coda, Sl. payoff, Sl. curtains.

29. enclosure, court, courtyard, piazza, plaza, plazza, arcade, cul-de-sac.

closefisted, adj. mean, stingy, mingy, tight, tightfisted, close, miserly, niggardly, pinch-penny, penny-pinching, grudging, scrimping, ungenerous, illiberal, beggarly, penurious, parsimonious.

close-fitting, adj. tight, tight-fitting, skin-tight, snug, close, hugging; (all of clothing) constricting, restricting, limiting, confining, hampering, binding; glued, plastered, like paper on the wall.

close-mouthed, adj. reticent, taciturn, uncommunicative, reserved, retiring, quiet, close; silent, mute, mum, obtuse, secretive, evasive; brief, terse, concise, laconic, Rare. pauciloquent.

closet, n. 1. cabinet, cupboard, celleret, locker, cuddy, storage compartment, Obs. coin; wardrobe, press, clothes press, case; pantry, scullery, larder, but- tery, amby, store room, storage, cellar; repository, cache, vault, crypt, safe, Chiefly Brit. strong room.

2. cubicule, cubbyhole, cubby, booth, stall, bay, car-

rel, carol, cell; office, berth, cabin, chamber, camera; coop, pen, cage, confine; compartment, enclosure, room.

—v. 3. confine, pen, cage, coop up, shut or close up, lock up; cloister, sequester, seclude.

—adj. 4. private, secluded, sequestered, isolated, hidden, concealed; secret, covert, undercover, clandestine, furtive, unrevealed.

5. speculative, notional, theoretical, hypothetical; impractical, visionary, quixotic, romantic, unrealizable.

closure, n. 1. stoppage, blockage, occlusion, obtura-
tion; locking, padlocking, bolting, latching, secur-
ing; plugging, stopping, corking, stanching, blocking, damming; strike, walkout, shutdown.

2. conclusion, termination, cessation, windup, Rhet. peroration, Par. Proc. clouche; completion, culmination, consummation, fulfillment, perfection, realization.

3. lid, top, cover; plug, cork, stopper, stopple, bung; spat, tap, faucet, valve; joint, joiner, juncture, union, connection, coupler, articulation; lock, padlock, latch, bolt; jam, congestion, impediment, barricade, blockade, barrier, obstruction, obstacle; bulwark, dam, levee, dike.

clot, n. 1. lump, glob, knot, curd, precipitate, coagulum, coagulation, Med. grime, Pathol. thrombus; clump, gob, mass, concretion; obstruction, block, clog.

—v. 2. coagulate, curd, cake, set, congeal, jell, jell, thicken, curdle, (of milk) clabber; block, obstruct, clog, stop up, cut off.

cloth, n. 1. woven fabric, textile, material, Chiefly Brit. stuff, dry goods; tissue, rag.

2. the cloth the clergy, the pulpits, the priesthood, the ministry, holy orders.

clothes, v. 1. dress, garb, vest, attire, apparel, habit, Sl. dude up, Sl. drag; don, put on, slip on, slip into.

2. outfit, fit out, fit up, fit, rig up, rig out, rig, gear, turn out, accouter; array, bedizen, deck, deck out, be- deck, dress up, trap, trap out, caparison; All Inf. doll up, pretty up, gussy up, spruce up; All Sl. swank up, trick up, fit out.

3. cover, wrap, cloak, envelop, enwrap; muffle, swaddle; endow, endue or indulge, invest.

clothes, n. 1. apparel, wearing apparel, wear, dress, attire, garb, clothing; garments, raiment, vestments, habiliments, habit, Inf. gear, Inf. togs, Inf. togs, Inf. duds, Sl. threads, Sl. rags, (of transvestites) Sl. drag; array, wardrobe, accouterment; livery, uniform.

2. costume, outfit, ensemble, Inf. getup.


4. bedclothes, bedding, bedcovers, linens, sheets, blankets.

cloud, n. 1. haze, vapor, mist, steam, fog, Inf. pea soup; nebula, nebulousity, smoke, smog, snot, dust, puff; smoke screen, dust storm.

2. pall, shroud, mantle, cloak, veil, screen, shade, shadow, cover.

3. blur, smudge, smear, smut, smirch, blotch, spot, blurred spot, blot, macula, patch; stain, maculation; speck, speckle, daub; blemish, tarnish, imperfection, defect, flaw, fault, mar, taint; mark, stigma, brand; soil, dirt, grime.

4. despondency, despair, wretchedness, desolation, depression, dejection, prostration; oppression, hardship, misery, suffering; sorrow, distress, grief, woe; gloom, darkness, dimness; bewildermens, dilemma, confusion, perplexity; fogginess, obscurity, obsura-
tion; occultation, eclipse; futility, uselessness, hopeless-ness, dark future; tragedy, disaster, ill fortune,
cloudburst

1. overcast, overclouded, overshaded

n.

2. clown, 4. milky, emulsified, opalescent, opaque, nontransparent
defame, slander, vilify, vilipend; censure, criticize, reproof; under suspicion, suspect, suspected, disgraced, in disrepute, discreditable, lackluster, lusterless, dull, dim, dingy, flat.

3. variegated, mottled, blotched, maculate, spotted; cloudburst, 1. cluster, group, bunch, aggregation, colony; thicket, shrubs, bushes, copse, Chiefly Brit. clump

4. throng, crowd, congregation, flock; multitude, assemblage, galaxy, shower; swarm, dense mass; volley, flight.

5. in the cloud a. absent-minded, faraway, abstracted, not all there; preoccupied, bemused, lost in a dream, lost in thought, dead to the world; dreaming, dreamy, woolgathering. b. impractical, unrealistic, unreasonable, irrational, starry-eyed.

6. under a cloud under suspicion, suspect, suspected, distrust; in disgrace, in disrepute. Sl. in the doghouse, out of favor, unable to show one’s face.

7. shadow; eclipse, hide, conceal, occult; frost, frost fogged.

8. clouded, troubled, worried, anxious, unquiet, preoccupied, bemused, lost in a dream, dead to the world; dreaming, dreamy.

9. cloud, befog; darken, smoke, dim, bedim, dusk, blind, blacken; overcast, grow cloudy, gloom, darkle, promiscuous, nebulous, undefined, ill-defined; indistinct, vaporous, murky; moist, damp, drizzly, drippy, wet; shadow; eclipse, hide, conceal, occult; frost, frost over; dull, blur, blear; shroud, cover, cloak, veil, screen, curtain.

10. depress, oppress, overwhelm; overcome; distress, upset, disturb, unbalance.

11. wielder, confuse, perplex; disorient, muddle, mystify, baffle; obsfuscate, obscure, complicate, confound.

12. put to shame, humiliate, mortify, discredit, expose, gibbet; denounce, anathematize, degrade, defile, defame, slander, vilify, vilipend; censure, criticize, reproach; malign, slur, give a bad name; doubt, mistrust, suspect, challenge, question; stigmatize, mark, brand; taint, sully, tarnish, stain.

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1. glut, stuff, cram, gorge, overfeed; surfeit, pæco, brand; taint, sully, tarnish, stain.

2. give [s.o.] the low-down, give [s.o.] the details, inform [s.o.]; give a hint, tip off, inform [s.o.].

3. Inf.

4. Inf.

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11. Inf.

12. Inf.

clown, n. 1. buffoon, merry-andrew; jester, fool, harlequin, pantomime, mime; punch, pantaloon, Scareamouch; zany droll, wag, Fr. farceur; wit, comic, comedian, humorist, funnyman; joker, prankster, practical joker, Inf. cutup, Inf. card.

2. boor, churl, curmudgeon, brute, yahoo, Inf. goop; loft, oaf, dolt, clod, clodhopper, lubber, ox, slouch, Inf. lummock, Sl. klutz, Sl. galoot, Sl. lug; bungler, bumbler, fumbler, botcher, blunderer, boggler, Inf. butterfingers, Inf. duffer.

3. peasant, rustic, country cousin, provincial, gaffer, hobnail, Often Disparaging. hillbilly, Inf. chawbacon, Inf. cider squeezer; yokel, bumpkin, country bumpkin, hawkswell, Sl. hick, Sl. rube.

4. jest, make fun, banter, chaff, joke, Sl. wise-crack; play pranks, Inf. cut up, trick, fool; pantomime, mime, burlesque, parody, lampoon, ridicule.

cloy, v. 1. glut, stuff, cram, gorge; overfeed; surfeit, pall, overfill, overdo; satiate, sate, saturate, fill up, satisfy, suffice.

2. choke, gag, sicken, nauseate; dull, deaden, numb, benumb, blunt, obtund; weary, exhaust, tire, bore.

club, n. 1. cudgel, bludgeon, bastinado, blackjack, flail, flail, billy, Chiefly Irish Eng. slillaghe, mac, Archaic. mail, Obs. truncheon; cane, baton, staff, stick, Polo. mallet.

2. society, organization, brotherhood, fraternity, sorority, fellowship, lodge, sodality, community, troop, group; clique, coterie, set, circle, knot, band, ring, gang, crowd, clan; association, affiliation, consortium, company, alliance, league, coalition, federation, guild, union, Inf. outfit.

3. headquarters, center, rendezvous, meeting place, house, clubhouse, haunt, casino, Inf. hangout; retreat, lodge, camp.

4. cabaret, night club, key club, Inf. night spot, Inf. spot; bistro, roadhouse, tavern, bar, pub, public house, rathskeller, beer garden, Sl. dive, Sl. joint, Sl. honky-tonk; dance hall, discotheque, Inf. disco, Sl. juke joint.

—v. 5. cudgel, bludgeon, baste, bastinado, blackjack, flail, fustigate, Archaic. thrash; beat, batter, strike, knock, thump, slap, thrash, crack, crack a clout.

6. coalesce, league, team, band, herd, pool; associate, affiliate, ally, syndicate, federate, confederate, incorporate; unite, combine, merge, conjoin, join together.

7. Often club up or together join forces, pull together, stand shoulder to shoulder, stand side by side, cooperate, concert, work or act together; act in concert; lump together, pool resources, make a joint contribution, make a common purse; share, apportion, cooperate, concert, work or act together; act in concert; lump together, pool resources, make a joint contribution, make a common purse; share, apportion, split or divide the cost, Inf. divvy up the cost, Inf. go Dutch.

cluck, v. 1. cackle, cluck, chick, cluck, click, clack; crow, quack; chirp, chirrup, chirk.

2. cackle, cackling, chuck, chuckling, chick, chuckling; click, clicking, clack, clacking; crow, crowing, quack, quacking; chirp, chirping, chirrup, chirruping, chirk, chirking, coo, cooing.

clew, n. 1. hint, tip-off, initiation, cue, suggestion; inkling, trace, note, glimmer, suspicion; insinuation, implication, inference; impression, feeling, idea, notion; direction, indication, indicator, pointer, guide, mark; sign, token, symptom, symbol, key.

—v. 2. Informal. give [s.o.] a hint, tip off, intimate, cue, suggest; insinuate, imply, infer, give the impression; give a sign, indicate, direct, point out, guide.

3. clue in Slang. fill [s.o.] in, give [s.o.] the facts, Inf. give [s.o.] the low-down, give [s.o.] the details, inform [s.o.].

clamp, n. 1. cluster, group, bunch, aggregation, colony; thicket, shrubs, bushes, copse, Chiefly Brit.
cluster, 1. clump, tuft, thicket, grove, Inf. hunk, large piece; gob, glob, wad, ball; bulb, node, knot, gnarl, knub, nodule; protuberance, projection, bump, bulge, hump, hunch.

2. clumping, stamp, stamping, Inf. stomp, Inf. stomping, heavy step or tread, stump, tramp, trudging, trudge, plodding, lumbering, clamping; clumsy gait, stumbling, tripping, bump, bumping; plump, plumping, plop, plopping, Inf. plunk, Inf. plunking; thud, thudding, Sl. bonk, Sl. bonking, Sl. clunk, Sl. clunking, bang, bumping.

—v.  4. clomp, stamp, Inf. stomp, step or tread heavily, stomp; tramp, trudge, plod, lumber, clamp; walk clumsily, stumble, trip, bump; plump, plop, Inf. plunk, thud, Sl. bonk, Sl. clunk, bang.

5. cluster, group, bunch, lump, mass, unite, agglutinate, stick together; bundle, pack, package, tie together, roll up, bind, sheaf; pile, heap, stack, shock; collect, assemble, congregate, aggregate.

clumsy adj. 1. awkward, ungraceful, ungainly; oafish, doltish, clumsily; heavy-footed, lumbering, crass, thoughtless, insensitive, tactless, untoward, inartistic, unfitting.

2. unhandy, inept, bumbling, clumsy, blundering; unskilled, left-handed, maladroit,笨手笨脚, SI. clumsy; plump, plumping, plop, plopping, plunk, Inf. plunking; thud, Sl. bonk, Sl. clunk, bang. —n.  4. clomp, stamp, Inf. stomp, step or tread heavily; tramp, trudging, trudge, plodding, lumbering, clumping; clumsy gait, stumbling, tripping, bump, bumping; plump, plumping, plop, plopping, Inf. plunk, Inf. plunking; thud, thudding, Sl. bonk, Sl. bonking, Sl. clunk, Sl. clunking, bang, bumping.

5. cluster, group, bunch, lump, mass, unite, agglutinate, stick together; bundle, pack, package, tie together, roll up, bind, sheaf; pile, heap, stack, shock; collect, assemble, congregate, aggregate.

clutch v. 1. seize, snatch, grab, lay hold of, fasten upon; catch, capture, take, hook, snag, ensnare, Sl. nab.

2. grip, grasp, gripe, clasp, clench; hang on to, cling, hug, embrace, Sl. clinch.

3. grope for, claw at, snatch at, catch at, make a grab at, reach desperately for; pounce on, swoop down on.

—n.  4. grasp, grip, gripe, clasp, embrace, clench; snatching, taking, seizure, capture, apprehension, Sl. nabbing.

4. control, grasp, control, grip, grip, hold, clasp; hands, talons, claws, fangs; keep, custody, possession, retention; mercy, mastery, dominion, dominance.

5. hook, claw, talon, pounce; pincer, chela, nipper.

6. clip, clamp, vise, wrench, pliers; forceps, tongs, tweezers, pinchers.
impure, unprocessed; flawed, imperfect, unperturbed, rudimentary, undeveloped, primitive.

3. uncivil, uncouth, rude, crude, crass, unpolished; rough-hewn, homespun, homely, earthy; rustic, countriﬁed, loutish, churlish, boorish, ignorant, unso- phisticated; ill-mannered, ill-bred, impolite; unman- nerly, ungentlemanly, unladylike, unwomanly; unseemly, unbecoming, indecorous; inharmonious, harsh, gratifying gruf, bearish, boisterous, Inf. loud, brazen, brassy.

4. vulgar, obscene, lewd, lurid, scurrilous, Facene- nine; ribald, bawdy, pornographic, smutty, Sl. raun- chy; lascivious, prurient, base, foul, foul-mouthed, rank, filthy, dirty; indelicate, indecent, offensive, dis- gusting, revolting.

5. inferior, second-rate, faulty, low-class, rafﬁsh; mediocrite, ordinary, prosaic, commonplace, common; sorry, trashy, tawdry, cheap, shabby, shoddy, paltry.

coarsen, v. roughen, thicken, densify, callous, harden, ossify; toughen, indurate, inure, desensitize, anesthe- tize, numb, benumb, blunt, dull, dealen.

coarseness, n. 1. vulgarity, commonness, lowness, crudeness, rudeness; incivility, impropriety, unseemli- ness, ungentlemanly or unladylike behavior, bad man- ners; misconduct, rowdiness, rafﬁnism.

2. unrefinement, lack of polish, ineligence, parvenu- ism, lack of breeding, poor taste, Philistinism, gau- cherie, facetiousness; boorishness, churlishness, brash- ness, brazenness.

3. indecency, indelicacy, offensiveness, scurrilous- ness; obscenity, foulness, ﬁlth, ﬁlthiness, lewdness, prurience, ribaldry, bawdiness, smuttness, Sl. raunchiness.

4. cheapness, gaudiness, tawdriness, triteness, shabbiness, shoddiness.

5. scratchiness, bristliness, prickliness; roughness, rakeheliness.

cost, n. 1. seashore, shore, strand, seaside, sea- board, seacoast, littoral, water’s edge; shoreline, coastline, strand line, high tide mark; beach, sands, sand, foreshore,inning, Fr. plage, Chieﬂy Brit. shingle, Law. derelic; waterside, edge, margin, rim, brink.

—v. 2. slide down, sled, sledride, sled, sled, glide, glide, glissade, volplane, float, drift, sail, waft, skim over the surface.

3. hug the shore, ply the coast, keep land in sight, stay near the coast, sail from port to port; border, skirt, rim, lie along the shore.

coastal, adj. seacoast, coastwise, shore, seaside, beachfront, littoral, waterside, riparian.

coat, n. 1. overcoat, Chieﬂy Brit. greatcoat, sur- coat, faneought, dreadnought, maxim, midi, fur, mink, redingote; trenchcoat, mackintosh; fabric, material, cloth.

2. suiting, wool, tweed, worsted, ﬂannel, gabardine, mackintosh; suit of armor, armor plate, armature, panoply; cuirass, corselet, lorica, breastplate, Ar- mor. brigandine: protection, covering, sheathing.

cox, v. 1. wheedle, cajole, beguile, charm, invei- gle; persuasion, palaver, induce, move; invite, lure, entice, wile; encourage, urge, entreat, importune, implore; blandish, ﬂatter, Inf. sweet-talk, Inf. soft-soap, butter up, Inf. butter, Inf. honey up; humor, jolly, pamper, pander to, cater to; fawn on, play up to, curry favor with.

2. manipulate, work, maneuver, guide, direct, steer, pilot, engineer.

coxing, v. wheedling, cajoling, blarney, beguile- ment, charm, inveiglement; urging, entreata, importu- nity, imploring; persuasion, palaver, Inf. sweet talk, Inf. soft soap, Inf. honeyed words, Sl. line, Sl. snow job; humoring, jollying, pandering to, catering to, pampering, Inf. stroking; ﬂattery, blandishment, Inf. butter, Inf. honey; fawning, playing up to, Sl. buttering-up, Inf. apple-polishing, curry favor.

cowl, n. 1. spider’s web, gossamer, thread, ﬁlament, fiber, ﬁbril, ﬁbrilla, Biol. membrane, Zool. webbing.

2. gossamer, cheesecloth, mosquito netting, gaue, tissue, tissue paper; sheer, chiffon, voile, organza, organdy, lace, ﬁligree; ephemeria, thin air, vapor, smoke, fog, dust; bubble, fizzle, effervescence, suds, foam, froth, lather, spume, spray; feather, ﬂuff, ﬂue, down, thistledown; dream, fantasy, daydream, illusion; hallucination, phantom, shadow, ghost, spirit; ignis fatuus, will-o’-the-wisp.

3. plot, intrigue, scheme, machination, conspiracy, complicated plan; network, mesh, web; net, trap, snare, ensnarement; tangle, snarl, entanglement, involu- ment, involulement, entwinement, intertwinement; lattice, latticework, fret, fretwork, meander; laby- rinth, maze.

4. cobwebs confusion,indistinctness, fog, fogginess, vagueness, obscurity, dimness, cloudiness, unclarity; perplexity, uncertainty, bewilderment, bafﬂement, nonplus; paradox, puzzle, dilemma, quandary, dis- order, disarray, disarrangement, inconcertment, muddle, jumble, mess.

cock, n. 1. rooster, chanticleer, cockerel, male chicken; male bird or fowl, gander, drake, gobbler.

2. weathercock, weather vane, wind vane, vane.

3. leader, chief, captain. See leader.

4. stopcock, valve, faucet, tap, spigot.

cock, v. 1. tilt, tip, incline, turn, twist, bend; set, position, pose.

2. stand up or upright, perk up, rise, stick up or out; bristle, stand on end, stiffen up.

3. Dialect. strut, swagger, swashbuckle, parade, put on airs, show oﬀ, flaunt oneself.

cockalorum, n. Informal. bantam cock, bantam, smart aleck, wiseacre, Sl. wise guy; jackanapes, whip- persnapper.

coyced, adj. 1. cross-eyed, strabismal, strabismic, strabismal, squinting, squint-eyed.
2. Slang. tilted, crooked, not straight, at an angle, twisted, slanted, sloped; awry, askew, to one side, sideways; slanting, aslant, slantwise, at a slant, sloping, aslope, at a slope.

3. Slang. foolish, absurd, crazy, Sl. cockamamie, nonsensical, senseless, insane, wild. See foolish (def. 2).

4. Slang. wrong, mistaken, erroneous, false, faulty; incorrect, off the mark, inaccurate, inexact, imprecise.

cocksure, adj. 1. assured, self-assured, confident, self-confident, self-possessed, perfectly sure or certain of oneself; steady, unwavering, unswerving, unhesitating, unflinching, unblinking; in control, in charge, on top of everything, in command.

2. overconfident, too sure, cocky, arrogant, haughty, supercilious, self-important; conceited, Inf. stuck-up, snobbish, snobby, Inf. snotty, snooey, condescending, patronizing; overproud, inflated, puffed up, bloated, egotistic, egotistical, big on oneself, Sl. stuck on oneself, in love with oneself.

3. self-assertive, presumptuous, forward, assertive, aggressive, Inf. pushy; overbearing, domineering, Inf. bossy, authoritarian; bumptious, brazen, brassy, Inf. fresh, Inf. nry, audacious, bold; impudent, insolent, Inf. cheeky, brash, rude, Inf. snippy, impertinent, saucy, pert.

coddle, v. 1. pamper, cocker, cosset, dandle, mollycoddle, Obs. fondle; indulge, favor, humor, dote on, cater to, wait on hand and foot, pet, spoil, baby.

2. poach; simmer, stew, steep, brew, heat, cook generally.

code, n. 1. digest, pandect, capitulary, body of law, corpus juris, civil code.

2. ethic, value system, morality; morals, principles, ethics; rule, law, principle, standard, criterion, canon, maxim, prescription, guideline, regulation.

3. cipher, cryptogram, cryptography; cryptology, secret language or writing.

codici, n. addition, addendum, supplement, rider, appendix, epilogue, coda, tail, back matter, subscript, postscript, PS, Law. allonge; afterthought, second thought, reconsideration.

codify, v. 1. (all of a set of laws) digest, abstract, summarize, synopsise; condense, compress, concentrate, consolidate.

2. classify, group, arrange, pigeonhole; order, grade, graduate, rank, rate; catalogue, list, file, index, tabulate, alphabetize; organize, systematize, systemize, methodize, coordinate; standardize, formalize, regularize.

coequal, adj. 1. equal, equipotent, equipollent, on equal or even terms, on the same footing; equivalent, tantamount, synonymous, all one, all the same, Inf. six of one, half a dozen of the other; equibalanced, equiponderant; uniform, of a kind, of a piece, cast in the same mold; level, even, parallel.

2. correspondent, corresponding, coordinate, complementary, complemental, complementing; correlative, correlational, correlated, reciprocal, reciprocative.

3. peer, compeer, equal, rival; partner, colleague, conferee, associate.

4. counterpart, equivalent, match, twin, double, other half, alter ego, chip off the old block; alternate, pendant, companion, mate, fellow; correspondent, coordinate, correlative, parallel, analogue.

coerce, v. 1. compel, force, drive, press, constrain, pressure, oblige, hustle, railroad; impel, urge, impress, provoke, extort, cause, require, exact, necessitate, make; draft, conscript, commandeering; persuade, induce, prevail upon, insist upon, Inf. shove or ram down one's throat; apply pressure, Sl. lean against or on, arm-twist, twist [s.o.'s] arm, put the screws on or to, Inf. strong-arm, put the heat on, squeeze.

2. tyrannize, terrorize, threaten, exact, bulldoze, dragoon; bully, head, torment, harass, abuse, taunt, tease, bullyrag; intimidate, browbeat, overawe, cow, frighten, terrify, petrify.

3. control, dominate, lay down the law to, supervise, direct, manage, boss, manipulate; domineer, overbear, boss around, bear down upon, lord it over, Inf. pull rank, override, ride roughshod over.

correction, n. 1. compulsion, pressure, duress, constraint, obligation; urge, provocation, requirement, necessitation; persuasion, inducement, insistence, arm-twisting.

2. tyranny, terror, threat, force, enforcement; bullying, tormenting, harassment, abuse; intimidation, browbeating, frightening.

3. control, domination, supervision, manipulation; dominance, overriding; dictatorship, police state.

coeval, adj. contemporary, coexistent, coexisting, coetaneous, coeternal; contemporaneous, simultaneous, coexistent, coequal.

2. coequal, coetaneous, coetinally, coetaneously, coextensive; proportionate, proportionally, coextensively, coextensive.

coexist, v. contemporize, coextend, happen together, exist together, exist side by side; concur, parallel, coincide, synchronize; accompany, go hand in hand with, keep pace with, keep in step with.

coeexistence, n. concurrence, concurrency, simultaneity, simultaneity, contemporaneity, contemporaneousness, constantantaneousness, isochronousness; coincoincidence, coinconcomitance, coinconcomitancy, coinexistency; coevality, contemporariness, coetaneity, coequeness; coextension.

coequant, adj. 1. contemporary, coeval, coetaneous, coeternal, coexisting; contemporaneous, simultaneous, constantantaneous, isochronous, synchronous, synchronlous, coincident, concurrent, coincident, parallel, coextensive, coterminous, coterminus.

2. compatible, congenial, agreeable, cooperative, cooperating, symbiotic.

coffee, n. 1. espresso, cappuccino, café au lait, Sl. java, Sl. mud; stimulant, Inf. pick-me-up or pick up.

2. coffee klatsch, kaffee klatsch, coffee party; social gathering, social gathering, sociable, affair, Inf. get-together.

coffer, n. 1. strongbox, money chest, locker, safe; box, chest, casket, case, jewelry case, coffret; can, canister, container, receptacle, Brit. caddy.

2. coffers treasury, funds, capital, means, assets, moneys, finances, pecuniary resources.

coffin, n. casket, pall, box, sarcophagus, Scot. and North Eng. kist, Sl. wooden overcoat or kimono.

cog, n. 1. sprocket, ratchet, tooth, gear tooth, operating, symbiotic.

2. Informal. pawn, nonentity, nothing, cipher, number; inferior, underling, subordinate, Sl. small fish.

cogent, adj. 1. convincing, forceful, effective, telling, authoritative, weighty; influential, forcible, potent, powerful, puissant; clear, plain, certain, sure, positive, definite, evident, luculent, valid, sound, believable, proving, conclusive, unanswerable; persuasive, persuasory, efficacious.

2. to the point, at issue, relevant, pertinent, applicable, connected, tied in with; suited to, apropos, germane; consistent, corresponding, compatible.

cogitate, v. 1. meditate, contemplate, think, cerebrate, put on one's thinking cap, be lost in thought, be
abstracted, be absorbed, be immersed, be engrossed, concentrate, focus, put one's mind to; muse, ponder, brood, mull over, dwell on, be in a brown study; reflect, ruminate, chew over, chew one's cud, rack one's brains, cudgel one's brains.

2. deliberate, excogitate, take to heart, consider, *Archaic*: ponder; weigh, evaluate, study, revolve, revolve, turn over, examine, on; think about or over, have one's mind on, wonder about, consider, speculate, surmise, suppose, conjecture, theorize, hypothesize.

3. conceive, think up, imagine, fancy, have ideas about, *Inf.* dream up, envision, envisage, visualize; devise, contrive, machinate, cabal, plan, scheme, plot, design, *Obs.* consult, *Obs.* intrigue; frame, concoct, brew, invent, hatch.

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cogitation, *n.* 1. meditation, meditating, contemplation, contemplating, musing, pondering, brooding, mulling over, dwelling on; reflection, reflecting, cogitating, rumination, ruminating, chewing over, chewing one's cud, brown study; thought, thinking about or over, cerebration, cerebrating, being lost in thought; concentration, concentrating, focusing, having one's mind on, wondering about, lucubration, brainwork, headwork.

2. reason, rationality, thinking; intellect, mind, brains, brainpower; intelligence, sense, understanding.

3. thought, conception, concept, idea, conceit, notion, sensibility, apprehension, grasp.

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cogitate, *v.* 1. stick, adhere, cleve, accrete, cling, clasp; fasten, attach, bind, fuse, seal, fix; coagulate, coalesce, unify, unite; combine, amalgamate, consolidate, connect, come together, converge; congeal, gel, gelatinize, gelatinate, jelly, set; thicken, coagulate, clot, clabber, curdle; solidify, harden, cake.

2. follow, make sense, be evident, stand to reason, be clear, be logical, be consistent, square with; hold good, hold water, hold up, stand; come together, be convergent; hang together, be unified, be organized.

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cognition, *n.* 1. perception, discernment, enlightenment, cognizance; intelligence, comprehension, understanding, notion, sensibility, apprehension, grasp.

2. wisdom, knowing, awareness, insight; conversance, conversancy, familiarity, acquaintance, ken.

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cognition, *n.* 1. knowledge, familiarity, acquaintance, ken; perciepence, discernment, discrimination; connoisseurship, sophistication, urbanity.

2. awareness, consciousness, sentiment, sensibility, sensitivity; observation, notice, note, regard; observation, consideration, mindfulness, regardfulness; alertness, watchfulness, wariness, cautiousness.

3. realization, recognition, discovery, awakening; intuition, insight, enlightenment; perception, apprehension, comprehension, understanding, appreciation.

4. Heraldry. badge, label, sign, token; coat of arms, escutcheon; livery, uniform.

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cognizant, *adj.* 1. aware, conscious, sentient, alive to; sensible of, familiar with, acquainted with, *Sl.* wise to; mindful, regardful, observant, awake, wide-awake; alert, cautious, wary, on the qui vive, on the beam or ball.

2. informed, in the know, apprised, enlightened, posted, up-to-date, *Fr.* au courant; knowledgeable, knowing, conversant, versed; sharp, quick, intelligent, perceptive, discerning, discriminating; sophisticated, worldly-wise, urbane, *Sl.* hip, *Sl.* with it.

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cognize, *v.* perceive, discern, see; comprehend, understand, fathom, penetrate, apprehend, grasp, ken, seize; take in, make out, gain insight into, gain an impression of; know, realize, recognize; become conscious of, be cognizant of, be aware of, be sensible of; heed, attend, regard.

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cognomen, *n.* surname, last name, family name, patronymic; name, title, honorific, style, designation, appellation; epithet, appellative, by-word, label, tag, *Sl.* handle; nickname, *Sl.* moniker, sobriquet, agnomen, by-name, pet name, diminutive; pseudonym, anonymous, alias, assumed name, pen name, nom de plume, *Fr.* nom de guerre, stage name, *Fr.* nom de théâtre.

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cohabit, *v.* live together, lodge together, reside together, abide together, stay together; bed down with, *Sl.* shack up with; room together, room with, *Sl.* buddy up.

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cohere, *v.* 1. stick, adhere, cleve, accrete, cling, clasp; fasten, attach, bind, fuse, seal, fix; coagulate, coalesce, unify, unite; combine, amalgamate, consolidate, connect, come together, converge; congeal, gel, gelatinize, gelatinate, jelly, set; thicken, coagulate, clot, clabber, curdle; solidify, harden, cake.

2. follow, make sense, be evident, stand to reason, be clear, be logical, be consistent, square with; hold good, hold water, hold up, stand; come together, be convergent; hang together, be unified, be organized.

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cohesion, *n.* 1. cohesion, adherence, accretion, sticking; attachment, firm hold, fixity, agglutination; coalescence, union, junction, fusion; glutinousness, glutinosity, viscosity, viscosity, tenacity, inseparability, indivisibility; congelation, solidification, set, concretion, cementation; amalgamation, consolidation, connection, convergence.

2. logic, rationality, *Rhett.* concinnity, intelligence; comprehensibility, apprehensibility, understandability, intelligibility, decipherability, penetrability.

3. consistency, congruity, accord, accordance, agreement, congruency, concord, concordance, conformity, unity; harmony, consonance, rapport, relation.

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cohort, *n.* 1. troop, brigade, legion, squadron, platoon, column, unit, wing, battery, contingent, detachment; group, band, company, body, party, gang, crew, outfit, team.

2. following, cortege, retinue, entourage, suite, train, court.


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coil, *v.* 1. wind, spiral, curl, intort, twist, twirl, roll, interwove, convolve, turn; clew, ball; curve, incurvate, sinuate; wrap around, entwine, twist,
wreath; reel, unwind, *Naut.* worm; rotate, revolve, wheel; interweave, *Both Chiefly Brit.* wattle, raddle; plait, braid, plat; screw, contort; meander, wander, ramble.

—n. 2. helix, rings, circles, rondeur, windings, *Bot.* tendril; spiral, gyration, whorl, vortex, twist, full turn, revolution, rotation; convolution, roll, curl; curl-ice, kink.

coin, *n.* 1. piece, specie, copper, peso, piece of eight, piaster, doubleoon, escudo; change, silver, gold, mintage, coinage; pocket money, jingler, pin money, petty cash, chicken feed, rouleau; money, cash, currency, *Sl.* chink.

—v. 2. mint, monetize, stamp out, die; issue, circulate.

3. invent, create, make up, compose, neologize, neoteorize; devise, concoct, frame, hatch, formulate, design, conceive, germinate, think up or of, dream up; make, fabricate, manufacture, fashion, form, construct, produce; originate, initiate, begin, start, commence; introduce, inaugurate, launch, institute.

coinage, *n.* 1. mintage, minting, monetization, monetizing, dieing, stamping; issuance, circulation.

2. change, coins, silver, gold, *Sl.* chink; pocket money, pin money, petty cash, chicken feed, rouleau; money, cash, currency.

3. invention, innovation, neologism, neology, neomorphism; creation, original, composition, concoction, contrivance, fabrication.

coincide, *v.* 1. synchronize, occur simultaneously, happen together; be correspondent, reciprocate; correspond, harmonize, comport, match, tally, equal; mesh, jibe, suit, go along with; be synonymous, be equivalent, be equal, be the same as; cohere, be congruous; conform, quadrato; accompany, be concomitant.

2. agree, concur, accord, see eye to eye, be at one with, fall along with or into.

coincidence, *n.* 1. accord, harmony, concord, concordance, concert, rapport, unity, *Rhêt.* connivency; agreement, accordance, correspondence, conformity, conformation, conformance, congruity, congruence, consonancy, consonance, consonancy; unanymity, unani-mity, consensation, consensus, concurrence, equality, synonymity, identicalness, uniformity; similarity, affinity, connaturalness, consensus.

2. coexistence, contemporaneity, contemporaneousness, contemporariness, simultaneity, simultaneity, concomitancy, concomitance, synchronism, synchronousness; coextension, coequality, coetaneity, coextension; confluence, confluent; parallelism, correlation.

3. asynchronism, fluke, accident, chance, incidental occurrence, unpredictable event; serendipity, stroke of luck, *Sl.* good or lucky break, fortuitousness.

coincident, *adj.* 1. agreeing, corresponding, correspondent, concurrence, consonant, consonant, conforming, conformable, coinciding; accordant, concordant, congruent, congruous; harmonious, consonant; synonymous, equivalent, coordinate, alike; unanimous, in unison, in accord, in rapport, in harmony, at one, of the same mind, of one mind; comparable, similar.

2. simultaneous, concomitant, concurrent, parallel, collateral, side-by-side; contemporaneous, coinstantaneous, synchronal, synchronous, *Inf.* in sync, synchronized, isochronal, isochronous; coexistent, coexisting, contemporary, coeval, conterminous; coterminous, coextensive; joined, joint, con-joint, conjunct, copulate, united, linked, unified.


cold, *adj.* 1. heatless, sunless, cool, chill, chilly, nippy, unheated, unwarmed, frigid, icy, algid, gelid, freezing, ice-cold; frosty, wintry, brumal, hibernial, snowy, hoary, rime; arctic, glacial, polar, hyperborean, hyperboreal, Siberian; bitter, biting, nipping, numbing, chilling; stinging, penetrating, piercing, blasting, zippy; sharp, brisk, keen, crisp, snappy; breezy, airy, draughty, windy.

2. chilled, numbed, benumbed, frostbitten, frost-nipped, frozen stiff, frozen solid, chilled to the bone or marrow; shivering, chattering, teeth-chattering, quaking, shaking, shivery, aguish; refrigerated, cooled, iced; glaciated, frozen, iced, frosted, congealed, regelated.

3. dead, gone, deceased, defunct; rigid, stiff, still; clay-cold; (of fires) extinguished, snuffed, choked.


5. passionless, dispassionate, spiritless, unfailing, coldblooded; insensitive, inanimate, insentient, unemotional, uncaring, heartless, soulless; unsympathetic, unempathetic, impassive, indifferent, aloof, apathetic, unconcerned, inconsiderate.

6. frigid, passive, undesiring, supine, inert, inexitable; phlegmatic, listless, lackadaisical, half-hearted; unexcitable, unperturbable, imperturbable, impulsive, flinty, flinty, stely, callous, hardened, obdurate, thick-skinned; unimpressed, unperturbed, unfurled, stoical, stoic; reserved, reticent, uncommunicative; unmoved, indurate, inured, amenity, untouched, unsharpened.

7. unfriendly, unsociable, unwelcome, unwelcoming, forbidding; uncordial, ungracious, unamicable, inhospitable; unapproachable, inaccessible, distant, remote, standoffish, *Inf.* offish.

8. depressing, discouraging, dispiriting, disheartening, distressing; bleak, gloomy, stark, dismal, woeful, sorry.

9. uninteresting, uncompelling, uninspiring, unimaginative; lifeless, dull, vapid, insipid, prosaic; flat, zestless, drab, lackluster; tame, mediocre, bloodless; humdrum, commonplace, matter-of-fact, tedious, tiresome, wearisome, uninspired, boring.

10. faint, weak, slight, feebie, bare, meager, scarce, small, little; low, indistinct, faded.

—n. 11. frigidity, chill, coldness, gelidity, algidity, iciness, frost, *Jack Frost*; glaciation, refrigeration, congelation, *Phys.* regelation; briskness, chilliness, coolness; bitterness, rawness, bleakness, sharpness; shivers, numbness, *Pathol.* algor; cold weather, cold snap, inclemency, severity.

12. influenza, flu, grippe, virus, *Inf.* bug; fever; ague, cold, catarrh, rheum; cough, whooping cough, chincough, pertussis, bronchitis, common cold; hay fever, rose fever, rose cold.


14. without preparation, without training, unprepared, unreadied, unpracticed.

15. abruptly, suddenly, rashly, precipitously, on the spur of the moment, on the spot; unexpectedly, without warning or notice.

cold-blooded, *adj.* 1. unemotional, dispassionate, spiritless, cold; insensitive, unfeeling, unpomptionate, uncaring, heartless; unkind, pitiless, merciless, hard-hearted, cold-hearted, marble-hearted, stony-
hearted; unsympathetic, unresponsive, impassive, indifferent, aloof; excitable, imperceptible, frigid, chilly; impervious, stony, steely, flinty; hardened, obdurate, callous, thick-skinned; unfruffled, unperturbed, stoical, soporific; unmoved, unimpassioned, unstrung, untormented, indurate, inured.

2. cruel, brutal, inhuman, savage, barbarous; ferocious, fierce, wolfish, feral, ferine; harsh, severe, grim, hard, terrible; ruthless, vicious, fell, truculent; deliberate, calculating, cool, shrewd. See cruel.

coliseum, n. stadium, arena, bowl, circus, hippodrome, amphitheater, theater, colosseum.

collaborate, v. cooperate, coact, concur, conspire, colluder, n.

colosseum, n.

1. neckpiece, neckband, collar, gorget, wimple; ruff, rabato, ruche, bertha; boa, scarf, ascot, cravat.

2. hot under the collar Slang. angry, irate, upset. See angry (def. 1).

—v. seize, grab, grasp, grip, clench, clasp, lay or take hold of, lay hands upon, fasten upon.

collar, n. 1. neckpiece, neckband, collar, gorget, wimple; ruff, rabato, ruche, bertha; boa, scarf, ascot, cravat.

2. hot under the collar Slang. angry, irate, upset. See angry (def. 1).

—v. compare, analogize, juxtapose. Rare. juxtaposition, appose; pair, partner, match, collocate; verify, confirm, check, crosscheck; sort, sort out, arrange, categorize.

collateral, adj. 1. lateral, side, flanking, skirt.

2. parallel, side by side, cheek by cheek, cheek by jowl; concurrent, concomitant, coincident, simultaneous.

3. accompanying, attendant, associated, affiliated; relative; auxilliary, subordinate, subsidiary; additional, contributing, corroborating, sustaining, upholsting, confirming, verifying, certifying, affirming; secondary, nonessential, unessential, incidental, accidental, dependent, contingent, indirect.

—n. 4. security, insurance, assurance, surety; guarantee, pledge, warrant, gage, endorsement.

5. Slang. money, cash, Sl. dough, Sl. bread.

collation, n. 1. comparison, juxtaposition, collocation, matching, pairing; confirmation, verification, validation; arrangement, ordering, grouping, distribution; organization, methodization, systematization, systematization.

2. light meal, snack, bite, nosh, tidbit.

colleague, n. 1. associate, consociate, confreere, compere, peer, mate, partner, copartner, cohort, collaborator, cooperator; ally, compatriot, confederate, accomplice, Law. accessory; assistant, adjunct, coadjutor, coadjutant, coadjutrix, adjuvant, aide.

2. teammate, co-worker, fellow worker; classmate, schoolmate, schoolfellow; messmate, dining companion, commensal.

3. friend, companion, sidekick, comrade, chum, crony, Inf. buddy, Inf. pal.

collect, v. 1. accumulate, heap up, pile up, roll up, stack up, pack; compile, amass, cumulate; hoard, squirrel away, load up, stow away.

2. gather, glean, take in, pull in, harvest; bring together, rally, muster, call up, round up, round in.

3. group, cluster, bunch up or together; mass, crowd, congregate, agglomerate; flock together, throng, herd, swarm, surge; bring together, rally, muster, call up, round up, round in.

4. assemble, convene, forgather, come together, meet, Inf. gang up, huddle, go into a huddle, get to-
collected, adj. calm, composed, self-possessed, cool, Inf. together; nonchalant, at ease, untroubled, unexcited, undisturbed, unperturbed, undissembled, untrodden, sedate; self-controlled, poised, balanced, steady; easy-going; peaceful, serene, tranquil, placid.

collection, n. 1. accumulation, heap, pile, mass, cumulation; hoard, store, stock, stockpile, supply, fund; treasure, holdings, savings, Inf. loot. 2. amassment, assemblage; aggregation, concentration, agglomeration, conglomeration, cluster, clump; bouquet, posy; lot, pack, batch, bunch, Inf. raft. 3. set, series, array, assortment; variety, medley, jumble, hodgepodge; clutter, Inf. mess. 4. anthology, compilation, collected works, corpus; ana, analects, collectanea, garland. 5. assembly, group, body, congregation, muster, gathering; crowd, number, throng, host, multitude, confluence, concourse; drove, swarm, flock; herd. 6. offering, offertory, oblation, tithe; pledge, subscription, gift, contribution, donation, alms; drive, fund drive.

collective, adj. 1. composite, aggregate, corporate, conglomerate; collected, gathered, compiled; accumulated, massed, clustered, agglomerate. 2. combined, compound, cumulative, agminate; joint, united, unified, coactive, concerted, cooperative, collaborative. 3. common, general, majority, representative; mutual, like-minded, concurrent, consonant. —n. 4. aggregate, assemblage, collection; body, congregation, assembly, gathering, crowd, throng, aggregation, multitude; company, band, group, crew, team, outfit.

collectivism, n. communalism, collective or public ownership, socialism, communism, Marxism; communalization, socialization, nationalization, collectivization.

college, n. 1. institution of higher learning or education, liberal arts college, four-year college; university, multiversity, Derog. education factory, Derog. phrontistery or phrontisherion; post-secondary school, junior college, two-year college, technical school, vocational school; academy, institute, polytechnic, conservatory; Alma Mater. 2. academia, academe, the groves of academe; the halls of ivy, college life, college years. 3. (within a university or college) department, division, discipline, area, field, faculty; school, professional school, specialized school, graduate school, postgraduate school. 4. learned association, athenaeum, cultural society, council, fellowship, academy; league, union, partnership, corporation, consortium. 5. company, assemblage, body, corporate body, conclave, college, congregation.

collide, v. 1. crash, smash, bump, bang; meet, encounter, come into collision; crash into, smash into, run into, bump into, Inf. plow into, Brit. Sl. prang; butt, buffet, jar, jolt, jostle, dash. 2. clash, conflict, disagree, differ, discord, be at variance or cross-purposes.
collision, n. 1. crash, impact, impingement, encounter, meeting, bump, shock, buffet; crash, smash-up, crack-up, pile-up, wreck; accident, casualty, automobile accident, car crash. 2. conflict, opposition, disagreement, discord, disaccord, dissension, friction, variance, clash.
collocate, v. 1. assemble, gather, collect, amass, accumulate, muster, bunch, put or place together; juxtapose, collate, pair, partner, match. 2. arrange, range, order, dispose, place, group; classify, categorize, pigeonhole, Sl. peg; digest, index, file, codify, number, alphabetize, tabulate; organize, sort, sort out, assort; coordinate, systematize, systemize, methodize; grade, graduate, rank, rate, distinguish.
collocation, n. 1. collection, assembly, assemblage, accumulation, amassment, gathering, mustering; collection, juxtaposition, matching, pairing. 2. arrangement, placement, distribution, allocation, allotment, disposal, situation, placing, ordering; classification, categorization, grouping, pigeonholing; tabulation, alphabetization, codification, indexing, filing, numbering; organization, assortment, sorting, sorting out; coordination, systemization, methodization; gradation, graduation, ranking, rating.
colloquial, adj. informal, casual, familiar, common, ordinary, uncereemonial, everyday, workday, household; simple, plain, unadorned, unaffected, unstudied, unpretentious, unassuming, inartificial; conversational, confabulatory, interlocutory, chatty; vernacular, natural, native, dialectal, dialectical.
colloquialism, n. 1. localism, regionalism, provincialism. 2. vernacular, idiom, parlance; spoken language or speech, everyday or workday or common speech, informal speech or language; (all of speech) informality, familiarity, commonness, simplicity, plainness, naturalness, inartificiality; chattiness, conversationalism.
colloquy, n. 1. conversation, converse, talk, discourse, dialogue, interlocution, verbal exchange; chat, chitchat, palaver, confabulation, Inf. confab, little talk, causerie. 2. conference, discussion, debate, parlance, parley, powwow, huddle.
collude, v. 1. conspire, connive, plot, complot, cabal, scheme, intrigue, maneuver, machinate; (all in criminal activity) cooperate, collaborate, unite, join, join forces or hands, band together, Inf. hitch horses. 2. (all in reference to criminal activity) abet, overlook, tolerate, ignore, disregard, wink or blink at, shut one's eyes to.
collusion, n. connivance, complicity, Law. covin, Sl. cahoots; conspiracy, cabal, plot, complot, intrigue, scheme, Inf. little game.
collusive, adj. conspirative, Law. covinous, conviving, conspiring, plotting, intriguing, scheming, designing, machining, engineering; dishonest, deceitful, fraudulent; underhanded, double-dealing, treacherous.
colonial, adj. 1. territorial, Hist. provincial, protectoral, mandated, imperial; daughter, dependent, subordinate, subject. 2. colonizing, settling, colonializing; early American, Pilgrim, Puritan, Anglo-American; frontier, pioneer, pioneering.

—n. 3. colonist, colonizer, settler. See colonist.
colonist, n. colonial, colonizer, colonizationist, settler, Hist. planter, pioneer, Chiefly U.S. frontiersman, U.S. homesteader, squatter, habitant; forefather, found-
er, founding father, Pilgrim, Puritan, patriot; Anglo-
American, immigrant, emigrant, émigré, Amer. Hist.
redemptioner.

colonization, n. setting, peopling, establishing, founding, forming a colony; subjugation, conquest, domination, rule, sovereignty.

colonnade, n. 1. peristyle, colonniation, peripteroi, colonnarium building; portico, porch, veranda, gallery, Chiefly Brit. piazza, arcade, covered walk, cloister; columns, pillars, piers, posts, shafts, poles.

2. series, row, line, file, rank, string, sequence, succession, progression.

colony, n. 1. settlement, Hist. plantation, U.S. homestead, frontier fort, stockade.

2. dependency, territory, province, dominion, possession, mandate, protectorate, daughter country, satellite.

3. village, town, hamlet; community, group, cluster, aggregation; section, district, quarter, neighborhood, block.

color, n. 1. hue, tint, tinge, tinture; tone, shade, cast.

2. complexion, skin color or coloring or tone, coloring; bloom, glow, warmth, rosiness, brightness, ruddiness; blush, flush.

3. (all in literary composition) emphasis, force, strength, power, intensity; vividness, reality, sense, meaning, significance; life, vivacity, vibrancy, animation, vigor; brilliance, richness.

4. pigment, dye, paint, tint, colorant, crayon.

5. colors a. badge, insignia, rosette, ribbon. b. attitude, position, bent, bias, warp, slant, prejudice; personality, characteristics; aspects, stripe, vein, mold, grain, breed, strain, stamp.

6. outward appearance, guise, semblance, show, mere show, façade, front, face; cloak, mask, disguise, masquerade.

7. plausibility, credibility, conceivability, possibility; probability, likelihood.

8. pretext, excuse, poor or lame excuse, likely story, Inf. alibi; justification, reason, grounds, defense, plea, protestation.

9. change color a. blush, flush, redder, crimson, glow, burn, flame, warm, color up.

b. pale, turn or grow pale, turn white, blanch.

10. flying colors victory, triumph, success.

-v. 11. tinge, tinture, temper, tint, shade, paint, dye, stain, daub, chalk; illuminate, brighten, blazon, emblazon; (all with color) imbue, infuse, suffice, instill, breathe.

12. (all of a narrative, report, explanation, etc.) distort, twist, pervert, warp, slant, garble, slur, misconstrue, misstate, misconceptions, misrepresent, belie, false; falsify; torture, stretch, strain, exaggerate, overstate, overdraft, understate; disguise, mask, camouflage, gloss over, whitewash, varnish; embroider, embellish, adorn, ornament, titivate, dress up, paint in glowing colors or terms, deodorize.

colorable, adj. 1. plausible, credible, tenable, believable, conceivable, feasible; specious.

2. deceptive, tricky, slippery, Inf. shady; ostensible, apparent, pretended, feigned, simulated, spurious, bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent, sham, false, fake, Inf. phony.

color blindness, n. achromatopsia, Daltonism, chromo-blindness, Ophthalm. monochromatism; Ophthalm. deuteranopia, green blindness; Ophthalm. protanopia, red blindness; Ophthalm. tritanopia, blue blindness, yellow blindness.

colorful, adj. 1. multicolored, many-colored, variegated, kaleidoscopic, psychedelic; rich, brilliant, lustrous, luxuriant, intense, full-toned, bright-hued, high-colored, deep-colored; gaudy, garish, showy, loud, screaming, Sl. jazzy.

2. vivid, graphic, striking, impressive; vibrant, gay, bright, dynamic, inspired, animated.

3. (all of people) eccentric, quiant, droll, flaky, offbeat, odd, Inf. quirky, Sl. balmy.

colossean, adj. 1. hollow, toneless, uncolored, achromatic, achromous; drab, dreary, flat, mat, dingy, lusterless, lackluster. Scot. and North Eng. blae; bleached, blanched, washed-out, etiolated.

2. pallid, pale, pale-faced, anemic, sickly; waxen, sallow, wan, pasty, ashen, livid, ghostly.

3. dull, uninspired, spiritless, lifeless, dead, torpid, U.S. Sl. blah; boring, uninteresting, dry, dry-as-dust, Inf. ho-hum; weak, lukewarm, tepid; insipid, vapid, inane, empty, hollow; wooden, stiff, stodgy, stuffy.

colossal, adj. 1. gigantic, monstrous, mammoth, gargantuanae, Titanica, Cyclopeanae, Antaeae; huge, vast, immense, massive, ponderous; monumental, enormous, mountainous, magnitudinous; elephantine, dinosaurian, dinotherian, megatherian, jumbo.

2. herculean, mighty, powerful, strapping, strong; tall, towering, lofty, alpine, skyscraping.

3. tremendous, stupendous, extravagant, spectacular, wonderful, Inf. super, Inf. super-duper; prodigious, awe-inspiring, awful, terrible, commanding, imposing, overwhelming, overpowering, staggering; extreme, extraordinary, exceptional, inordinate, exorbitant, exceeding.

colossus, n. 1. giant, titan, Gargantuana, Goliath, Antaeus, giantess, Amazon; Hercules, Samson, Atlas, muscle man, Tarzan, Superman, man mountain; Cyclops, Polyphemus.

2. monster, behemoth, leviathan, whale, hippopotamus, elephant; dinothere, dinosaur, megalosaur, stegosaurus, mammoth, megatherium.

3. mountain, skyscraper, tower, monument; prodigy, wonder, marvel.

colt, n. 1. foal, yearling, weanling, young horse.

2. youngster, shaveling, Inf. shaver, lad, Chiefly Scot. laddey, boy, youth, chap, Inf. kid; imp, rascal, brat, bantling, urchin; adolescent Inf. Contemptuous. whelp, hobbledehoy, whippersnapper, jackanapes; scion, striping, sprig, chip off the old block.

3. novice, beginner, neophyte, tyro, amateur, rookie, greenhorn, tenderfoot, newcomer; learner, apprentice, initiate, trainee, catechumen; fledgling, gosling, cub.

collish, adj. 1. playful, playsome, frivolous, jocular, jocose, roguish, prankish, mischievous; frolicsome, rompish, rollicksome, frisky; sportive, gamboling, lively, spirited, animated, skittish, feeling one's oats; perky, jaunty, debonair, lighthearted, blithe, blithe; elated, ebullient, jubilant, mirthful, cheerful, Inf. chipper, merry, jocund, jolly; sunny, sparkling, breezy.

2. unruly, ungovernable, uncontrollable, intractable, indocile; wild, untamed, unbroken, undisobedient.

column, n. 1. pillar, upright support, caryatid, atlas, telamon; columnna caelata, pilaster, colonnade, peristyle; post, shaft, pier, pole, pylon; standard, stalagmite, spine, cylinder; Nautil. mast, spar.

2. obelisk, monolith, pagoda; turret, minaret, tower, steeple, campanile, bell tower; totem pole.

3. (all vertical) list, row, line; queue, file, string, train, progression, formation.

4. editorial, commentary, essay, article; by-line article; syndicated column.

columnist, n. editorial writer, editorialist, editor, writer, analyst; correspondent, reporter, reviewer, critic; journalist, newsman, newswoman, gentleman or
woman of the press, gentleman or woman of the Fourth Estate.

comatose, adj. 1. unconscious, Med. soporose, insensible, Psychiatry. cataleptic, immobile, Pathol. narcoleptic; narcotic, stuporous, stupefied, drugged, hypnotized.

2. dull, sluggish, phlegmatic, lethargic, lymphatic, torpid, heavy, leaden, lifeless; languid, languorous, listless, spiritless; inactive, inert, supine, stagnant; lazy, otiose, idle, indolent, drowsy.

3. insensible, unfeeling, impassible, blunt, callous; hardened, numbed; anaesthetic, numb, numbed, benumbed, deadened; cool, cold, frigid, icy, frozen; unresponsive, unsympathetic, unreceptive, passive; apathetic, indifferent, unconcerned, detached, withdrawn, oblivious, imperceptive, impervious; passionless, unemotional, impassive; insensitive, thickskinned, pachydermatous; inanimate, insensitive, indifferent, animate.

4. sleepy, drowsy, somnolent, slumberous, oscillant, soporiferous, soporic; dormant, quiescent, inoperative.

5. unintelligent, slow-witted, dull-witted; stolid, obtuse, bovine, blockish, lumpish; dense, thickheaded, Inf. thick, slow, stupid.

comb, n. 1. fine-tooth comb, serration, serrated edge, toothed strip; hair comb, hairbrush, brush, currycomb; card; rake; harrow.

2. comb's comb, crest, tuft, Zool. caruncle, topknot; growth, Zool. beard, outgrowth, ridge, spine; feather, plumage, panache.

—v. 3. arrange, fix, adjust, do, dress, adorn; put in order, smooth, disentangle, untangle, unsnarl, get the knots out; curry, groom, brush, rub, clean.

4. weed out, screen, sort through, sift through; discard, eliminate, get rid of.

5. (all of wool fibers) card, dress, separate.

6. sweep across, move across, extend across, reach across.

7. rake, search thoroughly, go over; sift through; discard, eliminate, get rid of.

8. break, break at the crest, roll over, curl over, form whitecaps.

combative, adj. 1. pugnacious, quarrelsome, argumentative, contentious, agonistic; looking for a fight, antagonistic, opposing, adverse, opponent, rival; combative, militant, hostile, unfriendly, ready for a fight.

2. combating, fighting, warring; enemy, opposing, rival, opponent, adverse, antagonistic, hostile; combative, pugnacious, militant, looking for a fight. See combative.

combination, n. 1. fusion, conjunction, admixture, blending, coalescence. Bot. homogeneity; commingling, mingling, minglement, interminglement, intermixture.

2. aggregation, aggregate, assortment, medley, mélange, olio, potpourri, Inf. combo; collection, set, series, array, grouping, cluster; miscellany, miscellaneous, salmagundi, hodgepodge, jumble, hash, gallimaufry, olla-poprida.

3. mixture, mix, conglomeration, agglomeration, combine, Archaic. crasis; amalgamation, blend, homogenization; compound, composite, hybrid, mongrel, amalgam, alloy, Chem. levigation; composition, synthesis, consolidation, mosaic, patchwork.

4. association, alliance, league, coalition, union, guild, consortium, syndication, conspiracy, cabal; company, partnership, joint concern, corporation, merger, monopoly, trust, alignment, bloc, cartel; society, organization, party, camorra; congregation, assemblage, assembly, convention, meeting, group, gathering, band, ring, gang, team, troop; community, circle, club, fraternity, brotherhood, lodge, clan, clique.

5. intertwine, interlock, entwine; intimate, mingle, intermingle; commingle, mingle, intermingle; Chemic. amalgamate, blend, homogenize; Bot. homogeneity; commingling, mingling, minglement, interminglement, intermixture.

6. argument, debate, discussion, polemic, logomachy, war of words; controversy, dispute, disputation, discord, contestation; disagreement, quarrel, altercation; dissension, variance, difference of opinion, wrangling, bickering.

7. opposition, confrontation, defiance, contradiction, contravention, refutation, objection, protestation; uprising, resistance, dissension; obstruction, interference, counteraction.

combatant, n. 1. fighter, battler, warrior, brave, soldier, man-at-arms, belligerent; attacker, assailant, assaulter, assaulter, invader, aggressor, militant, adversary, opponent, antagonist, enemy, foe, opposition; rival, contestant, competitor, contender; duelist, swordsman, fencer, jouster, gladiator; champion, prize fighter, boxer, pugilist, wrestler, grappler; opponent, disputant, debater, arguer, wrangler.

—adj. 2. combative, fighting, battling, warring, enemy, opposing, rival, opponent, adverse, antagonistic, hostile; combative, pugnacious, militant, looking for a fight. See combative.

combustible, adj. 1. inflammable, flammable, combustible, inflammable, flammable, incombustible, incombustion, conjunction, admixture, 1. chemical, physical, chemical, physical; compound, composite, hybrid, mongrel, amalgam, alloy, Chem. levigation; composition, synthesis, consolidation, mosaic, patchwork; inflammable, flammable, incombustible.
flammary, conflagratory, incendiary; fiery, combustive, explosive, ignitable, Rare. accendible, tindery; burnable, consumable.

2. excitable, nervous, high-strung, spirited, temperamental; touchy; testy, peevish, thin-skinned, edgy, on edge.

3. bright, cholerick, snappish, irritable; irascible, quick-tempered, short-tempered, Inf. short-fused, impatient; hot-headed, hot-tempered, volatile, fiery, explosive, volcanic.

combustion, n. burning. Chem. oxidation, fire, flame, blaze, conflagration; kindling, ignition, calefaction; incineration, cineration, cremation, incremation; parching, roasting, scorching, torrefaction, scorification; singeing, cautery, cauterization, searing.

come, v. 1. approach, near, draw near, close, close in, bear down upon; advance, make for, move toward, press upon.

2. arrive, enter, check in, clock in, punch in, ring in, Inf. hit town. Sl. blow in; appear, turn up, show up, make or put in an appearance; reach, gain, attain, arrive at, Chiefly Naut. or Dial. fetch, get to, Inf. make it.

3. extend, reach, stretch, run, go, range, cover.

4. occur, happen, transpire, take place, fall, come to pass, come about. Sl. come down; befall, betide, chance, Archaic. bechance; result, ensue, follow, eventuate, turn out, work out, Inf. pan out.

5. issue, emanate, flow from, emerge from, derive from, spring from, stem from, follow from, grow out of.

6. fare, manage, do, get on, get by, Inf. shape up, Inf. make out.

7. be born, take birth, become, enter into existence, come into the world, see the light of day, originate.

8. seem, seem like, appear, appear like, look, look like, evil days, go downhill, deteriorate, degenerate, go to the dogs or the devil, Inf. go to pot, have seen better days, hit rock-bottom, Sl. be on the skids; (all from a position of importance, distinction, etc.) fall, descend, stumble, slide, slip, slump, plunge, plummet, flop, tumble, take a fall, Inf. come a cropper.

9. come down on a. oppose, voice opposition, protest; disapprove, disfavor, discomfit, take a dim view of; reject, veto; Inf. give thumbs down to.

10. come along a. occur, happen, transpire; result. See come (def. 3). b. progress, make progress, advance, proceed, get along, make steps or headway, make strides, forge ahead; develop, mature, ripen, age, fructify; flourish, thrive, bloom, blossom, fatten. c. (all from a position) enter, make one's entrance, walk on, take the stage, Inf. hit the boards.

11. come around a. occur, happen, transpire; result. See come (def. 3). b. progress, make progress, advance, proceed, get along, make steps or headway, make strides, forge ahead; develop, mature, ripen, age, fructify; flourish, thrive, bloom, blossom, fatten. c. (all from a position) enter, make one's entrance, walk on, take the stage, Inf. hit the boards.

12. come forward volunteer, step forward, offer one's services, offer or present or proffer oneself, not wait to be asked, need no invitation or prodding.

13. come in a. enter, step in, set foot in, cross the threshold, find one's way into, breeze in, Inf. barge in, Sl. bust in. b. penetrate, infiltrate, leak in, seep in, soak through; flow in, infilow, rush in, pour in, Inf. c. arrive, show up. See come (def. 2).

14. come into a. acquire, obtain. See come by. b. inherit, Chiefly Dial. her, enter in for, step into a fortune; succeed to, step into the shoes of.

15. come off a. occur, happen, transpire; result. See come (def. 4). b. acquit oneself, make one's mark, Inf. do oneself proud, Inf. do right by oneself.

16. come on a. also, come upon chance upon, happen upon, fall upon; find. See come (def. 9a). b. progress, make progress, advance, proceed, get along, make steps or headway, make strides, forge ahead; develop, mature, ripen, age, fructify; flourish, thrive, bloom, blossom, fatten. c. (all from a position) enter, make one's entrance, walk on, take the stage, Inf. hit the boards.

17. come out with a. succeed, win, win out, triumph, prevail, weather the storm, Inf. beat the game or system; make the grade, rise to the occasion, Sl. cut the mustard, Sl. hack it; come off, Inf. make a hit, Sl. click, Sl. connect. b. meet expectations, fulfill requirements, justify hopes; bring [s.t.] off, Inf. pull [s.t.] off.

18. come to a. revive, regain consciousness, come around, recover, awaken, stir. b. total, total up to, add up to, amount to, mount up to, run to.

19. come up a. approach, near. See come (def. 1). b. compare, compare to or with, admit of comparison, measure up to, match up to, hold up against,
Inf. stack up against, Inf. hold a candle to.

31. come up with a. reach, approach, near, draw near, close in. b. produce, supply, furnish, provide, equip. c. present, submit, put forward, advance, hold out; propose, suggest, think of, think up, put up, offer.

comedian, n. 1. comic, humorist, wit, funnyman, jokemaster; buffoon, clown, jester, harlequin, fool, merry-andrew, madcap; pantomime, mime, mimic, mummer, impersonator, vaudevillean, vaudevillist; Scaramouch, Columbine, Pantaloon, Punch, Punch-inello; zany, droll, wag, Fr. farceur.

2. joker, prankster, joketeller, practical joker, wise-cracker, Inf. cut-up, charifer, Inf. card; punster, epigrammatist, caricaturist, burlesquer, quipster. Fr. bel esprit, parodist, satirist, lampooner, comedist.

3. Slang, wisecracker, wise guy, smart aleck, wiseman, Sl. smart or wise ass; smarty, smartypants; Miss Tizzie Lish.

comedy, n. 1. farce, comic opera, It. commedia dell'arte, comedy of manners, comedy of errors, musical, musical comedy; burlesque, Theat. burletta, commedietta, travesty, sock, skit; comedy, zany, pantomime, mimicry; vaudeville, slapstick, low comedy, high comedy.

2. fun, humor, wit, salt, Attic salt; drollery, wittiness, buffoonery, foolery, waggery, horseplay; banter, pleasantry, persiflage, raillery, chaffing, badinage; jesting, joking, japing, jocosity, jocularity; frivolity, jollity, joviality, jocundity; hilarity, levity, facetiousness, ludicrousness, ridiculousness, farcicilaty; tomfoolery, silliness, Inf. shenanigans; inanity, foolishness, giddiness.

comeliness, n. 1. prettiness, loveliness, beauty, pulchritude, handsomeness; fairness, attractiveness, eye appeal, allurement; charm, grace, glamour, appeal, winsomeness, Scot. bonniness; wholesomeness, rosiness, blossom, flower, glow, radiance; sightliness, goodliness, agreeableness; gracefulness, elegance, delicacy, fineness; shapeliness, buxomness.

2. propriety, seemliness, decorum, decency, tastefulness, taste; correctness, refinement, polish; respectability, sedateness, mannerliness, modesty, demureness; suitableness, fittingness, meetness, fitness, aptness, appropriateness; harmony, concinnity, symmetry, balance, proportion.

comely, adj. 1. pretty, handsome, beautiful, good-looking pulchritudinous; lovely, goodly, sightly, Chit. L. belle, pretty, Chit. Charming, lovely, beautiful. Inf. divine; pleasing, agreeable, appealing, attractive, Scot. bonny fair, wholesome, rosy, rosy-cheeked, blooming; healthy, glowing, radiant, bright-eyed; personable, nice, winsome, charming, alluring, engaging, winning; elegant, delicate, exquisite, fine, graceful; shapely, buxom, curvaceous, well-proportioned.

2. proper, seemly, becoming, befitting; decorous, tasteful, decent, modest; correct, refined, polished, cultivated; respectable, sedate, mannerly, demure, respectful, ladylike, polite; suitable, fitting, meet, apt, fit, appropriate, Fr. comme il faut; harmonious, concinnate, symmetrical, balanced, proportioned.

come-on, n. Slang. inducement, lure, enticement, allurement, temptation, tantalization. See bait (defs. 2).

comfort, v. 1. console, solace, pacify, calm, compose, tranquilize, give respite to; relieve, ease, alleviate, soften, lighten one's burden, assuage, allay, palliate, ameliorate, mitigate, abate, reduce; reassure, encourage, hearten, enhearten, disburden, calm or quiet one's fears; support, sustain, bear up; cheer, gladden, divert, brighten one's outlook.

2. satisfy, gratify, pamper, warm, nourish, refresh; revive, restore, bolster up, put at ease; invigorate, re-juvenate, reanimate, revivify, inspirit.

—n. 3. consolation, solace, condolence, commiseration, sympathy, soothing words; relief, easement, reassurance, rescue, deliverance; soothing, lightening, cheer, gladdening, diversion; source of comfort, friend in need, security blanket.

4. calm, calmness, compose, quiet, serenity, tranquillity, peace; respite, repose, rest, ease, contentment, well-being, happiness; enjoyment, pleasure, cheer, amusement; warmth, snugness, coziness, restfulness, peacefulness.

5. sufficiency, abundance, plenty, luxury, opulence, Inf. creature comforts, Inf. bed of roses.

comfortable, adj. 1. habitable, homelike, Inf. homey, livable; cozy, warm, snug, Inf. water-tight; roomy, ample, loose, loose-fitting, commodious, luxurious, Inf. fit for a king.

2. at ease, at rest, relaxed, at one's ease; cheerful, contented, untroubled, without care; unmolested, undisturbed, unexposed, complacent, placid; quiet, restful, easeful, calm, tranquil, serene, peaceful; unaffected, unplagued, free from pain or worry; prosperous, well cared for, well-off, well-to-do, free from want, Inf. on a bed of roses, Inf. in clover, Inf. sitting pretty.

3. likable, easy, amiable, congenial, genial, cordial; agreeable, enjoyable, pleasant, gratifying, satisfying, pleasing, pleasurable.

4. adequate, acceptable, sufficient, satisfactory.

comforter, n. 1. sympathizer, consoler, mollifier, pacifier, peace-giver; helper, supporter, well-wisher, friend, Inf. friend in need.


comfortless, adj. 1. dismal, inhospitable, drear, cheerless. See cheerless (def. 1).

2. inconsolable, disconsolate, forlorn, woebegotten, sick at heart, wretched. See cheerless (def. 2).

comic, adj. 1. funny, droll, light, rich, humorous; zany, quizzical, comical, jocular, jocular; witty, facetious, waggish, Attic; punny, epigrammatic, Rhet. paronomastic; burlesque, Inf. palinode, vaudevilian, slapstick, farcical; nonsensical, absurd, ludicrous, ridiculous, amusing, laughable, risible, hilarious, side-splitting, silly, inane, foolish.

2. jocund, merry, blithe, blithesome, mirthful, jovial, jolly; gay, frolicsome, sportive, sporting, playful, pranksy, giddy, madcap; pantomime, mime, mimic, pantomimist, caricaturist, burlesquer, quipster, Fr. bel funeur, or smart.”

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commandeer, v. 1. draft, induct, conscript, conv.

1. abduct, take by force, carry off, steal, kidnap; haunt, strong-arm, intimidate.

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drive, browbeat, bully, usurp, accroach; help oneself to, make free with.

distrain; wrest from, take from, Law.

seize, take possession of, expropriate, appropriate, mobilize.

list, muster in, levy; activate, call up, Archaic, shanghai, crimp; recruit, gaffer; leader, director, executive, overman, superintendent, taskmaster; supervisor, foreman, headman, boss, Inf. bossman, SI. the man, SI. head honcho, Brit. gaffer; leader, director, executive, administrator, dean, chairman, chairwoman,

chairlady, chairperson, speaker; chief, head, principal, Inf. kingpin, Inf. number one, Inf. Mr. Big, Sl. top dog, Sl. big cheese, Sl. top banana.

2. officer, captain, ship's captain, skipper, commandant, Inf. old man; chieftain, sachem, warlord, war chief; ruler, governor, lord, overlord and lord, master, master, suzerain, paramount.

commanding, adj. 1. imposing, impressive, majes-
tic, august, noble, awesome, masterful, compelling, forceful, authoritative, self-assured, self-confident, positive; authoritarian, assertive, demanding, dictatorial, Inf. bossy, imperious, autocratic; domineering, overbearing, pushing, Inf. pushy, presumptuous, peremptory.

2. in command, chief, head, leading; directing, direc-
torial, supervising, supervisory, superintending, over-
seeing; ruling, controlling, governing, administering, administrative, managing, managerial.

3. dominating, overlooking; wide, expansive, exten-
sive, far-reaching.

commemorate, v. 1. memorialize, celebrate, cere-
monialize, solemnize, ritualize; observe, honor, mark, signalize; dedicate, sanctify, make sacred, consecrate, hallow; reverence, venerate, revere, pay tribute, pay homage; immortalize, preserve, keep, fix in memory.

2. recall, bring to mind, conjure up; remind one of, carry one's thoughts back to, serve as a memento of.

3. eulogize, panegyrize, extol, laud, Inf. laud.

4. honor, enshrine, exalt; bestow honor upon, make honor-
of, lionize, aggrandize; commend, applaud, acclaim, cheer, congratulate; bestow honor upon, make honorable mention of, confer dignity upon, Archaic. distinguish.

5. celebrate, ceremony, ceremonial, commemorative, ritual, rite; dedication, sanctification, consecration; observance, keeping, honoring, hallowing.

6. public notice, recognition, acknowledgment; glorifica-
tion, exaltation, elevation, ennoblement; praise, laudation, kudos, flattery, aggrandizement; commendation, applause, acclaim, acclamation; congratulation, toast.

7. memorial, commemorative service, wake, funeral; remembrance, recalling, reminiscence; memorialization, solemnization, ritualization.

8. holiday, feast day, holy day, saint's day; jubilee, anniversary, birthday; festival, fête, fiesta, carnival; revelry, merrymaking, rejoicing, carousel.

9. memento, souvenir, reminder; commemorative slab, gravestone, tombstone, marker, headstone.

10. memorial, celebratory, celebrating, observing, honoring, marking, signalizing; recognizing, acknowledging; in honor of, in memory of, in commemoration of; kept in remembrance; perpetuating, preserving; reminiscent, re-
minding, recalling to mind.

commander, n. 1. manager, overseer, overlooker, overman, superintendent, taskmaster; supervisor, foreman, headman, boss, Inf. bossman, SI. the man, Sl. head honcho, Brit. gaffer; leader, director, executive, administrator, dean, chairman, chairwoman,
ball rolling; take the first step, take the initiative, take the plunge, make a start, make a beginning, break the ice; open, pioneer, lead off; institute, inaugurate, hand over; found, establish, set up, organize, originate, break ground, lay the foundation, lay the first stone; introduce, launch, broach, usher, Sl. ring in.

**commencement, n.** 1. start, beginning, opening, dawn, genesis, advent; conception, origination, birth; rise, arising, emergence, incipience, nascence, infancy; Inf. kick-off, Inf. send-off, Inf. blast-off; starting point, threshold, square one; base, rudiments; first step, first stage, first move; début; Inf. coming out, unveiling; prelude, preface, introduction, preamble, proem, overture; fountain, fountainhead, spring, mainspring; top, head.

2. initiation, actuation, instigation, creation, inception; inauguration, establishment, foundation.

3. (in universities and colleges) graduation day, graduation services, graduation, baccalaureate services.

**commend, v.** 1. recommend, promote, say a good word for, put in a good word for, stand up for, Inf. stick up for, stand by, uphold; endorse, back, advocate, sanction; approve enthusiastically, Chiefly U.S. approve, preconize; encore, root for, applaud, clap.

2. praise, laud, extol, cry up, Inf. crack up, boost, Archaic. magnify, emblazon; acclaim, cheer, celebrate; congratulate, compliment, flatter, Inf. pat on the back, hand it to [s.o.], give [s.o.] credit; puff, swell, lionize, belaud, make much of.

3. entrust, trust, confide, delegate, invest; consign, put into the hands of, hand over, transfer; commit, charge, assign.

**commendable, adj.** laudable, praiseworthy, meritorious, estimable, admirable, Brit. Dial. grately; reputable, creditable, respectable, deserving, worthy; noble, sterling, exemplary, excellent, superior, good, above par; honorable, virtuous, righteous, upright, just, right-minded, principled; unimpeachable, irreproachable, blameless.

**commendation, n.** 1. approval, approbation, endorsement, reference, sanction; recommendation, good word, glowing terms, pat on the back; acclaim, acclamation, exoiment, laudation, kudos, Archaic. magnification; applause, cheering, clapping, plaudits, salvo, accolade.

2. tribute, testimonial, credit, recognition, citation; award, trophy, laurels, medal, ribbon; eulogy, eulogization, encomium, panegyric; congratulation, compliment, flattery, puffery.

**commendatory, adj.** recommendatory, recommending, promoting, endorsing, advocating, sanctioning; approving, approbative, approbatory, preconizing, commending; praising, laudatory, acclamatory, celebrative, congratulant; complimentary, flattering, favorable.

**commensurate, adj.** proportionate, appropriate, adequate. See commensurate (def. 3).

**commensurate, adj.** 1. equivalent, equal, coequal, equidistant, cotaneous, commensurable; coordinate, balanced, even, parallel, symmetrical; matching, fellow, same, identical.

2. corresponding, comparable, similar; counterpoised, counterbalancing, equiponderating; uniform, consistent, accordant, harmonious, coincident, coextensive, synchronous, in agreement.

3. proportionate, proportional, proportioned, measured, to scale, on a proper scale, commensurable; appropriate, suitable, acceptable, meet, fit, due; adequate, ample, sufficient, satisfactory, enough, competent, passable.

**comment, n.** 1. annotation, note, footnote, scholium, gloss, marginalia, Latin. adversaria; explanation, exegesis, expansion, exposition, elucidation, clarification, illumination, illustration, commentary; supplement, appendix, addendum, codicil, glossary, Law. al- longe; postscript, p.s., subjoiiner, epilogue, sub- junction, endpiece, tailpiece, tag, postfix, suffix.

2. remark, word, statement, utterance; opinion, editorial, interpretation, observation, reaction; discussion, review, descent, criticism.

—v. 3. annotate, make notes on, gloss, footnote; explain, expand upon, amplify, elucidate, clarify, illuminate, shed light, illustrate, exemplify.

4. remark, touch upon, say a word about, say something about; discuss, expound upon, descend, make a statement regarding; editorialize, opine, express one's views, interpret, give one's reaction to, give one's observations on, review, criticize.

**commentary, n.** 1. annotation, notes, footnotes, scholia, gloss, marginalia; comments, remarks, Latin. adversaria.

2. essay, thesis, dissertation, exposition, exposé, study, tract, tractate, monograph, pamphlet, theme, composition, paper; discussion, discourse, lecture, speech, descant, dissertation, sermon, homily; review, opinion, interpretation, criticism; article, editorial, column, piece.

3. explanation, exegesis, elucidation. See comment (def. 1).

4. **Usually commentaries** chronicle, record, history, archive, documentation, log, minutes, proceedings; journal, diary, memorandum, memoirs, commonplace book; narrative, narration, recital, account, report, chronology, detail, recapitulation, relation, recountal, description, delineation.

**commentator, n.** 1. annotator, glossarist, scholiast, exegete, explainer, expositor, expounder, interpreter, commenter.

2. essayist, dissertationist, dissoriter, monographist, pamphleter, writer, author; lecturer, discorser, descanter, sermonizer, preacher, homilist, speaker.

3. editorialist, columnist, reviewer, critic, newsman, newspaperman, newspaperwoman, journalist; news analyst, newscaster, sportscaster, weatherman, broadcaster, Brit. newsreader, Radio, Television. anchor man.

**commerce, n.** 1. trade, traffic, buying and selling, barter, truck; dealing, transaction, exchange, inter- change, reciprocity; business, marketing, merchandis- ing, mercantilism, commercialism; bargaining, negoti- ating.

2. social relations, conversation, association, fraternity, fellowship; communion, sympathy, harmony, union, connection, intimacy; communication, intercourse, interchange, dealings, interlocution, conversa- tion, dialogue, colloquy, parley, discussion, debate; argument, disputation, logomachy, verbal contest.

3. coitus, coition, sexual intercourse, copulation, fornification, congress, consummation, conjugation, conjunction; coupling, mating, making love, Sl. doing it, Sl. getting it on, Sl. going to bed.

**commercial, adj.** 1. mercantile, of business, of trade, of buying and selling; merchantable, marketable, saleable, vendible; mass-produced.

2. mercenary, avaricious, greedy, covetous, eager for gain; acquisitive, grasping, Sl. grabby, rapacious; selfish, hoarding, possessive.

—n. 3. advertisement, ad, Chiefly Brit. Inf. advart, spot advertisement, spot; announcement, blur, state- ment, broadcast, Inf. plug, Inf. pitch.

**commingle, v.** mix, admix, commix, intermix; blend, mingle, scramble, intermingle, interlard; com-
bines, compound, alloy, *Chem.* levigate, merge, coalesce, melt together; unite, join, insulate, fuse, amalgamate, incorporate; interweave, intertwine, link together; synthesize, homogenize, hybridize, mongrelize.

**commiserate**, v. pity, feel sorry for, compassion; sympathize, console, grieve, feel for, bleed for, empathize; solace, console, soothe, comfort.

**commiseration**, n. pity, compassion, fellow feeling, sympathy, empathy, condolence; solace, consolation, soothing, comfort, relief; charity, humanity, kindness, tenderness.

**commissary**, n. store, supply, outlet, exchange, commissary, n.

**commission**, v. in service, working, running, operating; delegate, representative, consuls, plenipotentiary, diplomat, minister; alternate, surrogate, substitute, secondary; regent, provost, warden, chancellor, commissioner, vicar; broker, middleman, intermediary, instrument, lieutenant; steward, manceiple, supplier, Mil. quartermaster, purser; provider, victualer, sutler, feeder.

**commission**, n. 1. entrustment, entrusting, commitment, placing in charge, covenant, charget; investment, ordination, vesting, endowment, licensing, crediting, accrediting, accreditation; delivery, deliverance, placement, commanding, *Feudal Law.* commendation; delegating, delegation, handing over, passing over, making over, consignment, bestowal.

2. direction, charge, command, commandment, ordinance; injunction, dictate, mandate, will; instruction, prescription, bid, bidding, behest, directive; request, demand, requisition, summons, execution; authorization, warrant, grant, decree, writ, edict, exequator, *Rom. Cath. Ch.* bull, proclamation; charter, document, certificate, diploma, papers.

3. authority, power, permit, sanction, license; force, right, prerogative; assignment, appointment, position, incumbency.

4. committee, delegation, delegation, leation, agency, board; council, consul, embassy, mission, proxy; congress, cabinet, chamber, legislature, senate, representatives.

5. task, duty, office, trust, responsibility, obligation, devoir; part, work, errand, Inf. bit; capacity, function, scope; post, station, berth, place, rank, role; service, job, occupation, employment, business.

6. perpetration, violation, committal, actuation, performance, execution, infliction, practice; malfeasance, wrongdoing, evildoing, lawbreaking; malpractice, misconduct, disobedience, misbehavior, insubordination; sinning, peccancy, trespass, transgression, transulence, transcurriculum; infringement, encroachment, intrusion, invasion, incursion.

7. crime, sin, wrong, wrongdoing, evil; deed, misdeed, offense, felony, malefaction, breach; infraction, misdemeanor, error, blunder, mistake.

8. compensation, share, cut, portion, piece, part; allotment, allowance, dividend; brokerage, percentage, fee, rake-off.

9. in commission in service, working, running, operating; in service, in operation, in use.

10. **out of commission** not working, in need of repair, out of kilter, Sl. out of whack, out of order, broken, disabled; injured, not playing, Inf. on the bench, *Sports.* on the sidelines, *Sports.* sidelined; out of action, in mothballs, mothballed, deactivated, inactive.

—v. 11. authorize, command, bid, order, dictate, adjure, enjoin; ordain, decree, enact, institute, prescribe; set, appoint, assign, nominate, Mil. detail, name, station; sanction, charter, grant, warrant, privilege, enfranchise, license; ratify, approve, allow, permit, let; credit, accredit, qualify, legalize.

12. entrust, invest, endow, charge, vest, endue; entitle, brevet, promote; delegate, depute, delegate, empower, enable; consign, trust, place in charge of, deliver, make over, give over, hand over, turn over; delegate; commit, obligate, covenant, pledge, promise.

13. order, engage, contract for, indent, enlist; secure, hire, employ, book, retain; request, demand, requisition, impose, call for, ask for.

**commissioner**, n. 1. official, agent, commissary, deputy, proxy, factor; attorney, attorney-at-law, attorney general, solicitor general; representative, delegate, consul, envoy, emissary, ambassador, legate, nuncio; minister, dignitary, diplomat, plenipotentiary; negotiator, intermediary, middleman, broker.

2. magistrate, officer, public servant; governor, mayor, sheriff, marshal; regent, provost, warden, chancellor, vicar; exacth, (all three *Rom. Cath. Ch.*) vicar-apostolic, vicar-capitular, vicar-general; bey, dey, viceroy, pasha, tetrarch; burggrave, margrave, palatine, khedive; vice-chairman, vice-chancellor, vice-consul, vice-regent, vice-gerent.

3. authority, ruler, commander, director, head, chief, chairman.

**commit**, v. 1. entrust, commend, confide, vest in, charge with; assign, delegate, appoint, commission, authorize, depute, delegate, invest, empower; send, dispatch, consign, hand over, give over, sign over, deliver, render, surrender, submit, yield; transfer, transmit, convey, forward, place, put, lay, deposit, reposi- store, save, bank, cache, Inf. salt down.

2. do, perform, practice, execute, Inf. pull; produce, effect, make, enact; perpetrate, pursue, continue, carry on; be a party to, participate in, have a hand in.

3. institutionalize, put away; hospitalize, confine, imprison, jail, incarcerate, put in custody; impound, intern, immure.

4. pledge, covenant, promise, swear, plight, vow, give one's word, assure; mortgage, hypothecate, impound, obligate, engage, undertake, pair, raise, deposit, repositor, store, save, bank, cache, Inf. salt down.

5. (usu. of oneself) decide, make up one's mind, take a stand, fix upon, determine, choose; resolve, settle, conclude.

**commitment**, n. 1. entrustment, entrusting, committing, placing in charge, covenant, chargeship; investment, ordination, vesting; endowment, licensing, crediting, accrediting, accreditation; delivery, deliverance, placement, commanding, *Feudal Law.* commendation; delegating, delegation, handing over, passing over, making over, consignment, bestowal.

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13. order, engage, contract for, indent, enlist; secure, hire, employ, book, retain; request, demand, requisition, impose, call for, ask for.
committee, n. council, board, cabinet, panel, chamber, advisory group, advisers, deliberative body, jury; commission, mission, task force, assignees, detail, work party or force.

commix, v. mix, admix, intermix, blend. See commingling.

commixture, n. mixture, mixing, admixture, intermixture, blend, blending; mingling, intermingling, commingling; intertwining, interweaving, interlarding; compound, compounding, alloy, alloying. Chem. levi- gation, merging, coalescence, uniting; junction, union, fusion, fusing, interfusion, synthesis; combination, amalgamation, assimilation, incorporation.

commode, n. 1. buffet, sideboard, vitrine, china cabinet or closet, cabinet, cupboard, U.S. Furniture. lowboy, Chiefly Brit. dressing table; dresser, vanity, washstand; chest of drawers, chiffonier, clothespress, U.S. bureau. 2. toilet, potty, lavatory, outhouse, latrine, privy, Sl. John, Naut. head, Chiefly Brit. water closet, Chiefly Brit. w.c.

commmodious, adj. 1. spacious, capacious, roomy, loose, loose-fitting, big, large, huge, great, vast, extensive; comfortable. Inf. cozy, snug, homelike, Inf. homey, livable, habitable, pleasant, Sl. cushy; accommodating, convenient, conducive, appropriate, apt, suitable, well-suited, fitting, favorable. 2. ample, liberal, more than enough, abundant, plentiful, copious, prodigal; commensurate, enough, adequate, sufficient, satisfactory.

commodity, n. 1. thing, item, article, product, article of merchandise, ware, staple. 2. commodities a. goods, wares, stock in trade, vendibles, items of trade; produce, farm products, b. estate, belongings, chattels, capital, stock; resources, holdings, assets, property.

common, adj. 1. mutual, collective, correlative, communal; reciprocal, interchangeable, correspondent, complementary, Archaic. commutual; joint, shared, parallel, twin, fellow; united, unified, consensual, concerted, unanimous. 2. public, community, civic, civil; state, national, international; social, societal, generic, racial. 3. widespread, general, universal, world-wide; ordinary, usual, conventional; prevailing, current, popular; customary, wonted, accustomed, habitual, routine, repeated, recurrent; established, acknowledged; ritual, traditional, orthodox, consuetudinary. Inf. according to Hoyle, Inf. S.O.P.; received, approved, understood; familiar, known, everyday, daily, average, normal, standard, Inf. G.1. 4. ordinary, plain, simple; native, domestic, home spun, garden-variety, run-of-the-mill, household, commonplace; homely, salt-of-the-earth, workaday; vernacular, colloquial, informal, prosaic, pedestrian, plebeian, bourgeois, provincial; subordinate, minor, indistinguished, insignificant, inferior, of no value, worthless, low-bred, low-brow, ill-bred; nameless, ignominious, inglorious, ignoble, Sl. cottonpicking, Sl. no great shakes.

5. hackneyed, trite, stale, oft-repeated, oft met with, expected; overused, worn-out, well-trodden, in the beaten path; mediocre, indifferent, middling, indistinct, stock, unexceptional, Inf. dime-a-dozen.

6. mean, low, vile, cheap, base, low, depraved; indelicate, gross, trashy, tawdry; odious, low-minded, unseemly, of the street; coarse, vulgar, poor, shabby, ignoble; untutored, illiterate, uncouth, ill-mannered, uncultured, unrefined, unwanted, Philistine.

—n. 7. green, square, village green or square; com-

mons, quadrangle, mall, greensward, grassplot; park, campus.

commonalty, n. 1. the public, the general public, the many, the great unnumbered; multitude, crowd, world at large; populace, citizenry, proletariat, hoi polloi, bourgeoisie, the masses, the humbler classes, rank and file; commoners, peasantry, salt of the earth; the lower classes, low life, drags, underlings, riffraff, Inf. the great unwashed; mob, rabble, hoard, herd, rout. 2. society, community, commonwealth, state, body politic; stockholders, shareholders, participants, members.

commoner, n. 1. common person, one of the people, everyman, the common man, one of the crowd, Inf. one of the mob, Inf. John Q. Public, Inf. John Doe, Inf. John Smith, Inf. the man in the street; citizen, plebeian, pleb, proletarian, Fr. roturier; peasant, nobody, underling. 2. householder, townsman, burgher.

commonly, adv. 1. without distinction, without originality, trite, without inspiration, lacking spirit, indifferently, indiscriminately, without thought or effort, Sl. without a brain cell ticking; tolerably, inef fectually, perfunctorily, carelessly, negligently, idly, superficially, sloppily, Inf. any old way; badly, wretchedly, ignobly, unworthily; cheaply, meanly, negatively; with bad grace, rudely, uncivilly, sullenly, insolently, impudently; tastelessly, vulgarly, coarsely, showing ill breeding, wastefully, vilely, basely, contemptibly. 2. usually, generally, ordinarily, normally; currently, popularly, conventionally, familiarly, universally; customarily, according to custom, in the usual way, in the natural order of things, by force of habit, habitually; as a matter of course, on an average, as a rule, most often, generally speaking, for the most part; daily, day by day, again and again, over and over, repeatedly.

commonplace, adj. 1. ordinary, usual, general, un distinguished, unimpressive, mediocre, pedestrian, everyday, homely, workaday, Inf. run-of-the-mill; uninteresting, tame, dull, slow, sober; monotonous, boring, tedious, tiresome, wearisome, humdrum, unvaried. 2. trite, hackneyed, platitudinous, bromidic, familiar, stock, oft-repeated, stereotyped, tautological; trivial, prosaic, banal, dry, matter-of-fact, prosy; stale, tired, thin, threadbare, worn-out, not new, unimaginative, Inf. old-hat, Inf. moth-eaten, Inf. warmed-over; collo quial, popular, vernacular, provincial; unassuming, artless, unsophisticated, untutored, unmannered, vulgar, non-literary, uneducated, jargonal, Inf. jarg ony, Inf. slangy. —n. 3. cliché, platitude, Inf. bromide, old maxim, axiom, truism; prosaisms, stereotype, hackneyed expression, trite saying, banality, triviality, common sentiment, twaddle, familiar tune, saw, Inf. same old song, Inf. chestnut.

common-sense, n. practicality, sound judgment, good or plain sense; discernment, prudence, sound perception; native wit or intelligence, mother wit, intuition, Inf. horse sense; practical wisdom or knowledge, judiciousness, sound thinking, balanced judgment, worldly wisdom, Inf. the voice of experience; presence or coolness of mind, level-headedness, reasonableness, perspective, balance, ballast; composure, calmness, sang-froid; shrewdness, cleverness, resourcefulness.

common-sense, adj. sound, practical, sensible, commonsensible, commonsensical; wise, sagacious, judicious, just, prudent, intelligent; level-headed, cool, clearheaded, down-to-earth, matter-of-fact; logical, rational, sane, reasonable, dispassionate, cool and
calm, sober; well-thought-out, solid, experienced, well-founded, soundly based, well-grounded, based on facts; sensible, shrewd, astute, hard-headed, expedient, politic; open-minded, unprejudiced, unbiased, unjaundiced; understandable, plausible, credible, believable.

communality, n. 1. empire, realm, state, nation, community. 2. commonalty, society, populace, citizenry, the body politic, the people, the general public. 3. republic, democracy, federation, federated states, representative government, constitutional government.

communication, n. 1. turmoil, tumult, turbulence, storm, storm and stress, squall, tempest, hurly-burly; disorder, chaos, confusion, upheaval; disquiet, unrest, disturbance, distraction, excitement, furor, agitation, disruption, perturbation. Sl. flap; bother, pother, trouble, fuss, fuss and feathers, Inf. to-do, Inf. foofaraw, Inf. stew, Inf. tizzy, Sl. lather, Sl. hoo-ha; ado, bustle, stir, activity, motion, movement. 2. uproar, racket, noise, hubbub, fracas, rumpus, Inf. ruckus; melee, hullabaloo, brouhaha, affray, brawl, broil, embroilment, imbroglio. 3. violence, fury, frenzy, rage; cataclysm, convulsion, eruption, outburst, explosion, fulmination. 4. sedition, insurrection, rebellion, insurgence; riot, insurrection, violence, fury, frenzy, rage; cataclysm, convulsion.

communicate, v. 1. inform, tell, speak, advise, apprise, notify, give notice to, give word, mention to, point out, bring to one's attention, let know, have one to know, give one to understand, enlighten, clue in; Inf. open [s.o.'s] eyes; announce, publish, proclaim, declare, pronounce, set forth, put forth; convey, relate, put across, get across; say, utter, voice, breathe, enunciate, come out with, blunt out; disclose, reveal, divulge, bring out, make known, uncover, unmask, unveil, lay open. 2. impart, transmit, transfer, pass on, put across, hand on, share; diffuse, disseminate, spread; confer, bestow, vouchsafe, grant, accord, allow; offer, extend, proffer, tender, deliver, present; infuse, suffuse, imbue, instill, implant, ingrain, inculcate; (both of dis ease) infect, afflict with. 3. intercommunicate, interface, interchange, exchange views or opinions or ideas; deal with, have dealings with, have commerce or intercourse with, Inf. have truck with, be in touch or contact with; communicate, converse, talk, chat, confabulate, Inf. confab, Sl. chin, Sl. chew the fat, Sl. chew the breeze; raise, reach, come across, get [s.t.] across, get to, make contact with, Inf. contact, get in touch or contact with; correspond, write, epipistolize, Inf. drop [s.o.] a line or note; telephone, Inf. phone, call, dial, Chiefly Brit. ring up. 4. announce, publication, declaration, pronouncement; disclosure, divulgement, revelation; enunciation, articulation, utterance, saying, speaking, voicing; impartation, transmission, transmission, transference, transfer, conveyance, relation; diffusion, dissemination, spreading; conferral, bestowal, donation, endowment; delivery, presentation, extension, proffer, tender, proposal. 5. intercommunication, interplay, interface, interaction, interchange, intercourse, exchange deal, traffic, Inf. truck; conversation, discourse, colloquy, interlocution, confabulation; communication, community, fellowship, social intercourse; correspondence, contact, touch, connection. 6. information, Inf. info, data, facts, Sl. the dope, Sl. the scoop, Sl. the lowdown; report, account, statement, story; message, dispatch, word, communiqué, bulletin, flash; letter, missive, epistle, note, line. 7. communications the media, the news media; radio, television, TV, journalism, the press, the Fourth Estate; publishing, newspapers, magazines; film; advertising, publicity, public relations, PR. 8. communicative, adj. 1. expansive, open, free, unreserved, unrestrained, unreticent, communicatory; frank, candid, straightforward, unsecretive; talkative, loquacious, garrulous, voluble, chatty, Sl. gabbby; conversational, colloquial, interlocutory, confabulatory; accessible, approachable, conversable, receptive. 2. informative, instructive, educational, enlightening, Inf. eye-opening. 9. communion, n. 1. sharing, exchange, give and take, cooperation, synergy, interaction, joint participation, collaboration; mutuality, reciprocity, interdependence, sympathy, rapport; harmony, consonance, concert, concord, concordance, accord, accordance, agreement, correspondence. 2. fellowship, togetherness, brotherhood, fraternization; companionship, friendship, friendliness, amity, clubbiness, Inf. chumminess; collegianship, mateship, comraderie, camaraderie, esprit de corps, sodality; association, consociation, affiliation, alliance, alignment, connection, connectedness, Genetics linkage; unity, union, unitedness, oneness, fusion. 3. intimacy, familiarity, closeness, relationship; intercommunication, communication, commerce, commune; intercourse, interchange, dialogue, conversa-
1. commutation, exchange, substitution, switch, Bolshevism, Marxism, Leninism, socialism, collectivism, communialism, state ownership, social democracy, phalansterianism, Fourierism, totalitarianism.

2. communiqué, bulletin, announcement, statement, communiqué.

3. community, neighborhood, borough, district, township, hamlet, town, commune, kibbutz, phalanx, phalanstery; convent, nunnery, cloister, priory, monastery, abbey, friary, lamastery, Buddhism, vihara, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, ashram; fraternity, sorority, sodality, brotherhood, sisterhood; company, association, congregation, band; circle, club, lodge, clan, set, clique, coterie; federation, union, alliance, coalition, combine; organization, guild, confederacy, league.

4. joint possession, common ownership, partnership, copartnership, joint tenancy, covenancy, transaction, pact, convention; cease-fire, truce, treaty, alliance, contract, draw in or together; join together, connect, unite, syncretize; combine, conjoin, knot together, interlace, intertwine; mingle, mix, blend, amalgamate, coalesce; fuse, alloy, melt into one; unify, join; forces, teams, group; partners, associates, syndicate, combine, ally.

5. cement, solidify, strengthen, reinforce, stabilize, make firm or stable; secure, affix, attach, link, clasps, hook, tie together, bind.

6. compose, make up, form, embody, incorporate, organize.

7. compact, adj. dense, solid, firm, hard; close, tight, tight-knit, close-knit, impermeable, impassable, inextricable; thick, heavy, thickset, stubby, squat, short, stocky; condensed, concentrated, compressed, packed together, squeezed together, crowded, overfilled, stuffed, crammed, chock-full; bunched together, clustered together, clotted, stuck together, coherent, unified, as one; conjoined, conjunct, connected, combined, corporate, consolidated, united, solidified.

8. small, little, capsule, portable; tight, constricted, limited, narrow, close, snug; trim, tidy, neat, orderly, well-ordered, well-arranged, shipshape.

9. concise, succinct, summary, brief, short; capsule, summarized, condensed, compendious, synoptic; abridged, shortened, cut off or short; pithy, terse, tight, epigrammatic, laconic, pointed, to the point; curt, abrupt, short, cryptic, brusque, crisp, brisk, sharp.

10. 4. consolidate, condense, make dense, thicken, compact; pack together, press together, compress, tamp down, crowd together, squeeze together; reduce, shrink, shorten, abbreviate, constrict, narrow, lessen, limit, constrain, contract, draw in or together; join together, connect, unite, syncretize; combine, conjoin, knot together, interlace, intertwine; mingle, mix, blend, amalgamate, coalesce; fuse, alloy, melt into one; unify, merge; join forces, team up, become partners, correlate, associate, syndicate, combine, ally.

11. cement, solidify, strengthen, reinforce, stabilize, make firm or stable; secure, affix, attach, link, clasps, hook, tie together, bind.

12. composition, make up, form, embody, incorporate, organize.

13. promise, pledge, vow, oath, word of honor, parole, troth; gentleman's agreement, commitment, obligation, engagement; word, assurance, warrant, warranty, surety, security, guarantee, guaranty.

14. companion, n. comrades, cronies, chums, copains, sidekicks, shadow, alter ego, Inf. pal, U.S. Inf. buddy, Sl. cully, Sl. Siamese twin; partner, counterpart, mate, half, partner, half; associate, colleague, peer, affiliate, co-worker, yokelfellow, yokemate, Scot. and North Eng. marrow, Archaic. peer; fellow, confrere, brother, sister; ally, friend, acquaintance, amigo, Fr. ami.

15. assistant, aide, squire, court jester, jester, servant, waiter, house servant, housemaid, nunny, (in Spain and Portugal) duenna; sitter, baby-sitter, au pair girl, guardian, tuteur, tutelar, shepherd, protector, protectress; escort, chauffer, attendant.

16. accomplishment, accessory, match, pendant, companion.
companionable, adj. congenial, amicable, friendly, affable, cooperative, easy to get along with; warm, affectionate, convivial, hearty, jolly, jovial, gregarious; sociable, social, clubby, Inf. chummy; brotherly, neighborly, genial, cordial, hospitable, kindly, kind-hearted, polite, courteous; pleasant, agreeable, charming, ingratiating.

companionate, adj. 1. associate, affiliated, allied, fellow, related, relative, akin, affinitive, like, similar; connected, joint, paired, matched, united, wedded, married; accompanying, attendant, accessory, concomitant, supplementary, supplemental, ancillary, accessory, supplementary, attached, added, quasid, consortium, partnership.

1. compatible, harmonious, accordant, concordant, congruent, congruous, congruent, matching, hand in glove.

companionship, n. fellowship, colleagueship, mateship, brotherhood, fraternity, fraternization, togetherness, company; camaraderie, comradeship, esprit de corps, friendship, amity, Inf. chumminess; association, consociation, affiliation, alliance, union.

company, n. 1. assemblage, group, body, circle, assembly; gathering, meeting; audience; concourse, rally, throng, number; entourage, cavalcade, drove, caravan; congregation, community, flock, host, lot; conclave, convocation, council, convocation, congress; caucus, bloc, Rom. Antiq. comitia, junta; foregathering, conjunction, coalescence, convergence; concentration, aggregation, confluen, conflue.

2. compagnonship, fellowship, friendship, intimacy, intercourse, Inf. chumminess; association, consociation, sodality, society; comradeship, camaraderie, esprit de corps; fraternization, brotherhood, colleagueship.

3. guest or guests, visitor or visitors, caller, friends come to call; commensal, diner; habitué, frequenter; party-goers, partiers, celebrants, merrymakers, socialites.

4. business, firm, house, trust, establishment, institution, concern, Fr. maison, Inf. outfit; corporation, syndicate, association, holding company, partnership, copartnership, parent company, conglomerate.

5. guild, union, league, faction, fellowship; coalition, federation, alliance, Ger. Bund; organization, confederacy, combine.

6. crew, squad, team, detail, party; unit, detachment, division, band, outfit; posse, guard, patrol; column, wing, section, subdivision; brigade, regiment; garrison, troop, battery, contingent; squadron, battalion, platoon, force, corps; legion, cohort, phalanx.

7. cast, troupe, players, dramatis personae, actors, performers.

8. part company. a. break up, part, disunite, separate, dissociate, fall out, become estranged. b. differ, disagree, dissent, conflict, oppose, vary, be of a different opinion or of a different mind. c. depart, withdraw, take leave, leave, exit, Sl. split.

comparable, adj. 1. corresponding, proportional, proportionate, commensurable, similar, commensurate, analogous, cognate; alike, like, near, akin, kindred, close, affinity, relative, correlitive, approximate, approaching, resembling, commensurate, equivalent, synonymous, same, identical, matching; balanced, parallel, symmetrical; uniform, consistent, accurate, harmonious, concordant, synchronous, in agreement.

2. equal to, coordinate, tantamount, on even ground with, on even terms with, on a par with, as good as, on a level with, in a class with, a match for.

comparative, adj. relative, comparable, near, close, approximate, proximate; limited, restricted, qualified, modified.

compare, v. 1. collate, contrast, set side by side, juxtapose, oppose, set against, Sl. stack up; measure, weigh, balance; divide, separate, differentiate, discriminate; correlate, relate.

2. liken, equate, match, analogize, associate, identify with.

3. resemble, look like, have the earmarks of, take after, follow; correspond, parallel, approximate, approach; be a match for, hold a candle to, be as good as, be in a class with, be on par with, be on equal footing.

comparison, n. 1. contrast, contrasting, setting side by side, collation, collating, apposition, juxtaposition, juxtaposing, setting against, Sl. stacking up; opposition, confrontation, confronting; measurement, measuring, weighing, balance, balancing; observation, close scrutiny, study; division, dividing, separation, separating, distinction, discrimination.

2. likening, equating, equation, match; analogy, parallel, association, identification; illustration, exemplification.

3. relation, correlation, ratio, proportion, commensurability, comparability; resemblance, likeness, similarity, affinity, filiation, kinship, propriquity, closeness, nearness, proximity, approximation; relationship, connection, cognition, alliance, comparative-ness; correspondence, homology; assonance, consonance, accord, union, synonymy, equivalence, equipollence.

compartment, n. 1. partition, section, part, division, department; area, sphere, space, place.

pigeonhole, cubbyhole, cubby, niche, nook; drawer, tray, well, till, box, bin, hold, receptacle, bunker.

booth, stall, bay, cubicle, cabrel, carol, nook; pew, alcove, corner; closet, locker, chamber, room, roomette, cabin, berth, apartment, enclosure.

compass, n. 1. needle, magnetic needle, direction finder, radio direction finder, RDF, guide, loran, shoran, Aeronaut, earth inductor.

2. perimeter, periphery, border, edge, rim, fringe; circumference, ambit, margin, frame, outline, confine, confines; bound, limit, bourn, pale, extremity; limits, city limits, outer limits.

area, extent, range, scope; reach, stretch, spread, sweep, span, measure, width, breadth; section, region, zone, quarter; territory, realm, domain, province; premises, demesne.

scale, register, gamut, Music. diapason, range.

circuit, cycle, orbit, revolution; round, lap, turn, loop.

—adj. 6. curved, rounded, bowed, crooked, hooked; arched, vaulted, cambered, embowed, forniform.

—v. 7. lap, go or move around or round, go the round, make the round of; circuit, circle, circumbulate.
8. surround, encircle, encompass, environ, outline, delineate; gird, encircle, girdle, belt, ring; circumvent, bound, limit, confine, shut in, hem in, pen in, keep within bounds.

9. obtain, acquire, procure, get, get hold of, secure; achieve, accomplish, fulfill, carry out, carry off, bring off, Inf. pull off, Sl. come through, Sl. do or turn the trick; perform, do, discharge, execute, dispatch, Inf. take care of, Sl. polish off; effect, effectuate, bring about, bring to pass.

10. contrive, plot, complot, scheme, intrigue, collude, conspire, connive; maneuver, machine, engineer.

11. understand, comprehend, fathom, read, follow; get the idea, Inf. get the picture, Scot. ken, Sl. savvy; Sl. dig; catch, grasp, seize, embrace, take in, apprehend, get hold of, Inf. catch on, Inf. catch or get the drift; see, perceive, discern, see the light.

compasion, n. pity, tenderness, heart, love, ruth, pathos, Archaic. bowels; clemency, lenity, leniency, mildness, easiness, gentleness; mercy, quarter, grace, exorability, placability, liberality; sympathy, commiseration, consolation, concern; kindliness, soft-heartedness, benignity, tender-heartedness, loving-kindness; charity, benevolence, magnanimity, kind-heartedness, beneficence, humanitarianism; sorrow, condolence, solace, fellow feeling, understanding, consideration, considerateness; forbearance, suffering, long-suffering, longanimity, tolerance, indulgence, patience, toleration, endurance; forgivingness, forgivenees, condonation; humanity, kindness, chivalry, goodness.

compassionate, adj. pitying, tender,iful, pitiful, loving; clement, lenient, mild, easy, gentle, soft; merciful, liberal, gracious, exorable, placable, touched; sympathizing, sympathetic, commiserative, consoling; kindly, benign, benignant, soft-hearted, tender-hearted, humane; kind, good, chivalrous, forgiving, pardoning; charitable, benevolent, magnanimous, beneficent, kind-hearted, humanitarian; sorry, condolent, understanding, considerate; forbearing, tolerant, indulgent, patient.

compatibility, n. 1. unanimity, consentience, consentanecity, consentaneness, like-mindedness; concord, concordance, concurrence, consonance, concert; agreement, accord, accordance, compliance, conformity, conformance, conformation; unity, oneness, one-ness of mind, single-mindedness.

2. affinity, friendship, rapport, good will, good feeling, amity, cordial relations; peace, peacefulness; congeniality, amicability, neighborliness; fraternity, brotherhood, brotherliness, fellowship, comradeship.

3. harmony, harmoniousness, proportion, balance, symmetry; coherence, cohesion, consistency; congruity, congruence, congruousness, mutual fitness.

compatible, adj. 1. harmonious, in harmony, agreeing, in agreement, agreeable, accordant, in accord, concordant; concurring, concurrent, consen- taneous, consentient; complying, compliant, complai- sant, conforming, conformable; at one, in unison, in rapport, of the same mind, of one mind, like-minded.

2. coexistent, coexisting, coincident, coeval, concom- itant, contemporary, contemporaneous, simultaneous, cointanant, parallel, side-by-side; synchronized, in step, Inf. in sync.

3. consistent, coherent, cohesive, congruous, congruent; in line, in keeping.

compatriot, n. fellow countryman or countrywoman, countryman, brother, fellow citizen, countryfolk, countrypeople, Sl. paisano.

compere, n. 1. peer, equal, coequal, equivalent, equipollent; fellow, match, counterpart, like, twin, clone.

2. comrade, companion, chum, crony, copain, U.S. Inf. buddy, Inf. pal; sidekick, shadow, alter ego, other self; friend, confidant, familiar, intimate, Inf. bosom buddy.

compel, v. 1. coerce, force, drive, press, constrain, pressure, oblige, hustle, railroad; impel, urge, impress, provoke, extort, cause, require, exact, necessitate, make; draft, conscript, commandeer; persuade, induce, prevail upon, insist upon, Inf. shove or ram down [s.o.'s] throat; apply pressure, Sl. lean against or on, armtwist, twist [s.o.'s] arm, put the screws on or to, Inf. strong-arm, put the heat on, squeeze.

2. tyrannize, terrorize, threaten, bulldoze, dragoon; bully, hect, torment, harass, abuse, taunt, tease, bullyrag; intimidate, browbeat, overawe, cow, frighten, terrify, petrify.

3. subdue, suppress, quash, quell, squash, crush; overpower, overwhelm, overcome; conquer, vanquish, defeat, override.

4. control, master, dominate, lay down the law to, supervise, direct, manage, boss, manipulate; dominate, overbear, boss around, lord it over, Inf. pull rank, ride roughshod over; curb, check, bind, restrict; Law. distrain.

compendious, adj. concise, terse, succinct, brief, comprehensive, summary, packed, pithy, inclusive, elliptical, synoptic, compact, sententious; contracted, compressed, condensed, abridged, shortened, short.


2. summary, epitome, synopsis, abstract, symposium, compilation, digest, consensus; condensation, abridgment, reduction, compression, abbreviation; analysis, recapitulation; résumé, brief, précis; outline, aperçu, sketch, review, syllabus, prospectus, Latin. multum in parvo; docket, bulletin, minute; extracts, fragments, cuts, extracts, clippings, citations.

3. full list, inventory, account.

compensate, v. 1. counterbalance, counterweigh, counterpoise, countervail, offset, be equivalent to; counteract, neutralize, nullify, cancel out; counterpoise, counterweight, counterblance, balance, equalize, hand, counter, be equivalent to; neutralization, nullification cancella-
**compete**

1. **v.** vie, contend, struggle, fight, wrestle, tussle, grapple, jockey for position; combat, fight, battle, spar, joust, tilt, fence; meet, breast, lock horns, clash, collide, encounter, engage; participate, enter, throw or toss one's hat in the ring; rival, emulate, match, contest, oppose, challenge, play against, pit oneself against, try to beat [s.o.'s] time, defend one's title.

2. **n.** fitness, fittedness, competency, qualification, eligibility, preparedness, readiness; capability, capableness, efficiency, commensurability, the stuff, Inf. what it takes, U.S. Inf. the goods; ability, ableness, efficacy, efficaciousness, effectiveness, effectiveness; mastery, authority, expertise, expertise; proficiency, adeptness, address, finesse, facility, polish; practice, experience, know-how, savoir-faire; skillfullness, adroitness, dexterity, dexterity, dexterousness; knowledgeability, understanding, Sl. savvy; conversation, familiarity.

3. **v.** vie, contend, strive, struggle, fight, compete, combative, ready to fight, competitory. 2. opposing, contentious, antagonistic, conflicting; fighter, battler, jouster, competitor, go.

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3. fighter, battler, jouster, competitor. See competitor (defs. 1, 2).

4. rivalry, vying, emulation, Inf. one-upmanship, Inf. keeping up with the Joneses.

5. 3. sickness, illness, ailment, malady, malady, indisposition, infirmity, disability, disorder, disfigurement, disease, infection, affection; invalidism, valetudinarianism, debility.

6. 1. assertiveness, confidence, self-confidence, self-assurance, assurance, assurance, assurance, assurance. 2. aggression, boldness, bravado, assertion, assertion, assertion, assertion.

7.1. smug, self-satisfied, self-satisfied, self-satisfied; complacent, self-assured, self-assured, self-assured. 2. copious, copious, copious, copious; abundant, plenteous, abundant, abundant, abundant.

8. 1. adequacy, commodiousness, ampleness, abundance, abundance, abundance; adequacy, commodiousness, ampleness, abundance, abundance, abundance. 2. responsibility, accountability; reasonableableness, sensibleness, rationalness, saneness, soundness.

9. 1. fit, fitted, qualified, eligible, prepared, well-grounded, trained, ready, capable, efficient, Sl. on the ball, commensurate, equal, Inf. up to; able, efficacious, effective, effectual; masterful, expert, authoritative; proficient, adept, accomplished, polished, practiced, experienced, Fr. au fait; adroit, deft, dexterous, skilled, skillful; knowledgeable, versed, well-informed, Inf. knowing the ropes, Sl. savvy; conversant, familiar, up.

10. 2. satisfactory, Inf. up to snuff; acceptable, adequate all right, Inf. O.K.; unexceptional, unremarkable, so so.

11. responsible, accountable; reasonable, sensible, rational; sane, mentally sound, Latin. *compos mentis*.

12. 1. contest, game, meet, match, one-on-one; bout, tournament, encounter, engagement, athletic event; race, run, sweepskaad, run for one's money; contention, challenge, opposition; strife, struggle, conflict, clash, fight, infighting, Sl. rat race. 2. rivalry, vying, emulation, Inf. one-upmanship, Inf. keeping up with the Joneses.

13. 3. sickness, illness, ailment, malady, indisposition, infirmity, disability, disorder, disfigurement, disease, infection, affection; invalidism, valetudinarianism, debility.

14. 1. critic, animadversion, Inf. brickbat; cavil, quibble; lament, lamentation, jermiad, wail, ulceration, moan, groan, kvehet, Sl. belly ache; criticize, censure, cavil, nag, pick, Inf. give [s.o.] a hard time; find fault, deprecate, disapprove, deplore; murmur, whine, fret, repine.

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18. complaint, Inf. raise a fuss, Inf. yell, Sl. grouch, Si. grouch, Sl. kick, Sl. squawk, Sl. beef, Sl. bitch, Dial. holler; bewail, lament, moan, groan, kvehet, Sl. belly ache; criticize, censure, cavil, nag, pick, Inf. give [s.o.] a hard time; find fault, deprecate, disapprove, deplore; murmur, whine, fret, repine.

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complaisant, adj. 1. obliging, agreeable, accommodating, amenable, reasonable; deferential, respectful, submissive, acquiescent, yielding, conciliatory; compliant, pliant, flexible, pliable, conformable.
2. gracious, pleasant, complacent, genial; amiable, pleasing, likable, good-natured, good-humored, Scot. and North Eng., Irish Eng. sonsy; amicable, neighborly, friendly, sociable, congenial, affable; easy, open, unrestrained, easy-going; delightful, nice, sweet, lovable; kind, kindly, kindhearted, considerate, Scot. courteous; engaging, winning, winsome, charming; civil, cordial, courteous, mannerly, courtly; urbane, suave, well-mannered, well-bred, civilized, sophisticated; tactful, diplomatic, polite, chivalrous, artful.

complacent, adj.

complex, n. 1. crowning touch, finishing touch, final touch, Inf. clincher, Inf. TOPPER; All Fig. icing or frosting on the cake, dessert.
2. balance, remainder, difference; filler, make-weight; supplement, addition, addendum, accessory.
3. counterpart, equivalent, match, twin, double, aggregate, full amount or quantity, full allowance, full number, full allowance, full measure; total, grand total, sum total, sum and substance, the whole, the entirety; the lot, one and all, all and sundry; load, capacity, full house; set, package, package deal; All SL. the works, the whole works, the whole ball of wax, the whole kit and caboodle, the whole deal, the whole shooting match, the whole mess, the whole bunch, the whole shebang.
4. aggregate, full amount or quantity, full number, full allowance, full measure; total, grand total, sum total, sum and substance, the whole, the entirety; the lot, one and all, all and sundry; load, capacity, full house; set, package, package deal; All SL. the works, the whole works, the whole ball of wax, the whole kit and caboodle, the whole deal, the whole shooting match, the whole mess, the whole bunch, the whole shebang.
5. company, cast, troop; body, team, party, band, crew, outfit, Inf. bunch, SL. mob.
—v. 6. complete, set off; crown, cap, culminate, consummate, fulfill, Inf. top off.
7. correlate, reciprocate, correspond, coequal; supplement, add to, round off or out, fill out, make up, make good.

complementary, adj. 1. complementary, completory, completive, filling, fulfilling; perfective, consummating, consummative, culminating, consummative.
2. correspondent, corresponding, parallel, analogous, answering, complementing; reciprocal, reciprocative, correlative, correlational, correlated; equivalent, coequal, tantamount; mutual, commutual, common, joint, respective, two-way.
3. interrelated, interconnected, interlinked, interassociated, interdependent; paired, mated, matched, doubled; companion, brother, sister, twin, fellow.

complete, adj. 1. entire, whole, total, integral, comprehensive, plenary; self-contained, independent, autonomous, self-supporting; solid, undisected, unbroken, uncut, unshortened, unabridged, all in one; intact, sound; undiminished, unlesioned, unreduced, unabated; full, filled, replete with, pregnant; cram-full, chock-full, jam-packed; stuffed, packed, Inf. wall-to-wall, crammed.
2. thorough, thoroughly, total, exhaustive, in-depth, A to Z, Brit. A to Zed, Brit. DIAL. graddly; absolute, dyed-in-the-wool, full-legged; utter, gross, rank, sheer, radical, sweeping; unqualified, uncompromised, unconditional, unconditioned, unreserved, unmitigated; unrestricted, unlimited, unhampered, unimpeded, unbound; unequivocal, clear, unambiguous, explicit, express.
3. categorical, flat, clear-cut; downright, out-and-out, outright, straight-out, all-but, through and through; fundamental, real, genuine, essential.
4. finished, ended, concluded, finalized, realized, fulfilled; accomplished, achieved, effectuated, settled, executed; discharged, performed, enacted; terminated, ended, closed; culminated, capped, crowned; clinched, Inf. wrapped up, disposed of, SL. polished off; mature, ripe, mellow, rounded out, rounded off, filled out.
5. perfect, ideal, exemplary, model; superlative, consummate, crowning, august; superb, exquisite, extraordinary; faultless, flawless, defectless; unblemished, spotless, unspotted, stainless, untainted, untarnished, unsoiled, unharmed; undesired, undeleted, undesired, unperfected, unscarred, unimpaired, uninjured, undamaged, unmarred.
6. developed, formed, disciplined, primed, cultivated, polished, bred.
—v. 7. complement, supplement, fill in or out, implete, round out, round off; replenish, make up, refill; finish, conclude, finalize, realize, fulfill; accomplish, achieve, effect, effectuate, settle; execute, discharge, perform, bring about, enact; terminate, end, close; clinch, Inf. wrap up, dispose of, SL. polish off, get through; consummate, cap, crown, culminate; mature, ripen.
7. perfect, make faultless, rectify, right, better, amend, ameliorate, improve; purge, cleanse, purify; correct, emend, edit, revise, clarify, mend; reform, regenerate, rehabilitate, repair; enrich, enhance, refine, retouch, remodel; elaborate, embellish, adorn; cultivate, develop; polish, shine, brighten, burnish, buff; restore, reclaim, revive, resuscitate, redo.

completely, adv. 1. entirely, purely, wholly, stone, totally, comprehensively, plenarily, fully; into thin air, bag and baggage; solidly, soundly; throughout, altogether, nothing short of.
2. thoroughly, extensively, from the ground up, from A to Z, Brit. from A to Zed, absolutely; utterly, grossly, quite; unqualifiedly, unconditionally, unrewarded, SL. all the way, to the nth degree, SL. like mad, SL. like crazy, Inf. hook, line, and sinker; enthusiastically, fervently, heart and soul, whole hog.
3. unequivocally, clearly, unambiguously, explicitly, expressly; fundamentally, actually, really, truly, verily, essentially, radically; categorically, flatly, down-right, out-and-out, outright, all-out, straight-out; through and through, backward and forward, all through and all through; all over, all in, all through; through and through; thoroughly, whole and whole, throughout, all the way, to the nth degree, whole hog, whole hog, whole hog.
4. perfecting, improving, rectifying, righting; purging, cleansing, purifying; correcting, emending, editing, revising, clarifying, mending; cultivating, developing.

complex, adj. 1. compound, composite; elaborate, sophisticated, manifold, multifarious, multiple, multiplex; intricate, interwoven, involved, complicated, irreducible; inextricable, Gordian, knotted, snarled, tangled, entangled; mingled, mixed, motley, mosaic, multifaceted, variegated, compounded; conglomerate, aggregated, Bot. acerate, fascicular, multiform.
2. difficult, inscrutable, unfathomable, obscure,
deep, hidden, crabbled; undecipherable, enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling, perplexing, bewildering; impenetrable, mazy, labyrinthine, Class. Myth. Dae- dallian; roundabout, winding, circuitous, convoluted; tortuous, sinuous, meandering, anfractuous, flexuous.

—n. 3. network, structure, organization, conglomerate, combination; totality, ensemble, conglomerate, aggregation, conglomeries; web, webwork, labyrinth, tangle, entanglement, complication, involvation.

4. obsession, fixation, mania; fancy, notion, delusion; quirk, fixed idea, Fr. idée fixe, preoccupation.

complexion, n. 1. tone color, coloration, coloring; pigmentation; cast, tinge, tint.

2. appearance, aspect, character, look, stamp; likeness, lines, carriage, bearing, outward show; face, mien, countenance; front, visage, semblance; color, nature, contour, angle, effect; tone, tenor, quality, presence; phase, manifestation, guise, favor, light, air, demeanor, expression.

3. viewpoint, attitude, posture, disposition, leaning; tendency; turn, mood, temper, spirit; figure, shape, image, composition, constitution; make-up, Arch. crasis.

complexity, n. 1. intricacy, network, complex, complicity; web, webwork, tangle, tangled skin, sleeve; coil, twist, involution, circuitry, tortuosity, sinuosity, meander, ambiguousness, flexuosity.

2. complication, problem, perplexity, puzzle, riddle, bafflement, knot, Gordian knot; wilderness, jungle, labyrinth, maze; difficulty, entanglement, involve- ment, imbroglio; predicament, plight, quandary, dilemma, Inf. stew; kink, gnarl, knotty point, paradox; implication, ramification; wheels within wheels, Chinese boxes, incomprehensibility, unintelligibility, obscurity.

compliance, n. 1. acquiescence, yielding, assent, abidance, submission; adaptability, agreeableness, complaisance, tractableness, tractability, malleability, malleableness, pliancy; respectfully, dutifulness, faithfulness, biddableness, deference, capitulation; meekness, docility, timidity, passiveness.

2. subservience, servility, obeisance, ingratiation, subjection, slavishness, abasement, prostration, toadyism; cringing, fawning, bowing, scraping, cowering, truckling, Sl. bootlicking, bending; self-renunciation, self-surrender, self-effacement.

3. obedience, observance, conformity, abidance; accordance, concession, accession; cooperation, collaboration, responsiveness.

complaisant, adj. 1. acquiescent, yielding, submissive, malleable, ductile, flexible, pliant; accommodating, agreeable, adapting, adaptable, tractable, disposed, inclined; dutiful, faithful, manageable, willing, capitulating, complying, obliging, obeying, nonresisting, unassertive, assenting; respectful, deferential; docile, timid, gentle, meek, passive, subdued.

2. subservient, servile, obsequious, ingratiating, obeisant, prostrate, Arch. acquiesce in, submit to, consent to, agree to, concurs, grant, accept; be faithful to, be regulated by, be subject to.

2. accord with, harmonize with, tally with, correspond, chime or fall in with; accommodate, adapt, adjust, suit, fit.

3. surrender, relent, give in, give way to, succumb; stoop, bend, bow, truckle to, knuckle under, do [s.o.’s] bidding.

4. perform, discharge, execute, carry out, carry into effect, come across with; meet, satisfy, fulfill, complete.

component, adj. 1. constituent, composing, constituting, integral, integrant, forming; fragmentary, complementary, sectional, fractional; elemen-
comport, 203

comprehensible, adj. understandable, apprehensi-
ble, intelligible, coherent, articulate, unconfused, logical, consistent, explicable; recognizable, cognizable, cognoscible, knowable, graspable; imaginable, conceivable, realizable; fathomable, penetrable, perceptible, discernible; plain, obvious, clear, unambiguous, unequivocal; clear-cut, evident, overt, patent, palpable, manifest; lucid, pelucid, perspicuous, unclouded, translucent, unobscure, hidden, unconcealed, unveiled; explicit, graphic, vivid, distinct.

comprehension, n. 1. understanding, apprehension, intellect, intelligence; knowledge, Sl. savy, Inf. fix, Brit. Sl. suss; wisdom, enlightenment; realization, insight, discernment, perspicacity, penetration; recognition, cognition, cognizance, apprehension, perception, awareness; intuition, sense, imagination.
2. scope, extent, measure, range, breadth, latitude; embrace, compass, reach, sweep, limits, bounds; circuit, sphere, realm, orbit, area, province, field.
3. comprehensiveness, inclusiveness, extensiveness, thoroughness.
4. comprisal, comprising, inclusion, incorporation, containing; embracing, compassing, encompassing, covering, spanning; constituting, constituting, composition, constitution.

comprehensive, adj. 1. inclusive, inclusory, all-inclusive, encyclopedic, blanket, umbrella; exhaustive, thorough, thoroughgoing, unqualified, radical, complete, all-around; extensive, extended, broad, wide, widespread, sweeping, far-reaching, expansive; voluminous, capacious, large, sizable, ample, substantial; universal, world-wide, ecumenical, catholic.
2. able, capable, intelligent; knowledgeable, wise, shrewd, acute, perceptive, intuitive.
3. adequate, correct, just, right, fair, reasonable, just, right; correct, just, right, fair, reasonable, just, right; correct, just, right, fair, reasonable, just, right; correct, just, right, fair, reasonable, just, right; correct, just, right, fair, reasonable, just, right; correct, just, right, fair, reasonable, just, right; correct, just, right, fair, reasonable, just, right; correct, just, right, fair, reasonable, just, right.
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5. density, denseness, consistency, consistence, impermeability, inpenetrability, impenetrableness, solidity; compactness, closeness, tightness, narrowness; narrow straits, tight squeeze, bind, confinement; brevity, briefness, shortness, economy.
6. abridgment, survey, digest, epitome, compendium; synopsis, abstract, summary; précis, conspectus; syllabus, résumé, brief, outline, sketch.
7. solidification, concretion, coagulation, congelation, clot, gel, curd, curds; evaporation, dehydration, desiccation, dissipation, deliquescence, inspissation.

comprise, v. include, contain, comprehend, embrace, subsume, take in, incorporate, embody; enclose, encircle, envelop, enfold, encompass, compass; cover, take into account or consideration, involve; span, extend, reach, pass over; hold, engross; consist of, be composed of, be compounded of, be resolvable into.

compromise, n. 1. concession, trade-off, yielding, adjustment, modification, accommodation; reconciliation, reconcilement, conciliation, propitiation; making up, making peace, coming to terms, harmonization, rapprochement; arbitration, negotiation, mediation; squaring, rectification, setting right, redress, mending, patching, healing.
2. reparation, indemnification, atonement, compensation, satisfaction, amends; appeasement, pacification, placation; (all usu. of prison sentences or other penalties) commutation, Law. compounding, extenuation, alleviation, mitigation, abatement.
3. settlement agreement, composition, conclusion; arrangement, understanding, terms, conditions, stipulations; truce, armistice, cease-fire, cartel, entente, détente; compact, formal agreement, contract, inden- ture, covenant, bond, treaty, alliance, pact, convention; mutual understanding, accord, accordance, concord, concordance, concurrence.
4. happy medium, golden mean, Fr. juste-milieu, Latin, aurea mediocritas; balance, mean, middle ground, middle of the road, moderation, temperance, reasonableness, mediocrity, half measures.

—v. 5. settle, agree, compose, come to terms, come to an understanding, make the best of; arrange, make a deal, meet halfway, give and take. Inf. go fifty-fifty, bridge over; reciprocate, exchange, trade, trade off; concede, yield, adjust, modify, accommodate; arbitrate, negotiate, mediate.
6. rectify, square, set right, redress, mend, patch; appease, pacify, placate; compensate, indemnify, satisfy, make amends, atone; (all usu. of prison sentences or other penalties) commute, Law. compound, extenuate, consolidating, incorporating; compaction, compacting, coalescence, cohesion, densification; thickening, hardening, concretion.
2. constriction, constricting, constringency, constraining, astringency, squeezing, pinching, crushing, crowding, packing, cramming, ramming, stuffing, wedging; binding, wrapping up, trussing up.
3. shortage, shortening, reduction, reducing, retrenchment, retrenching, contraction, contracting; curtailment, curtailing, cut, cutting down, cutting back, cutting short; decrease, decreasing, diminution, diminishing, subtraction, subtracting, subduction, subducting; narrowing, bridging; abbreviation, abbreviating, abbreviating, abstracting, summarizing, digesting, epitomizing, synopsizing.
4. shrinkage, shrinking, shriveling, withering; slimming down, slenderizing; restriction, restricting, constraint, constraining, stricture, boundary; gramm. ellipse, Gram. syncope, Gram. hapology, Phon. elision, Phon. synaeresis.
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comptroller

accountant, certified public accountant, C.P.A., Both Brit. charterd accountant, C.A.; controller, treasurer, cashier, banker, bursar, purser, trustee, depository; bookkeeper, reckoner, manager, inspector, examiner, analyst, Insurance, actuary; agent, steward, almoner; clerk, registrar, recorder.

compulsion, n. force, coercion, constraint, coercion, duress; will, pressure, press, stress, strain; control, domination, power, dint, strength, influence; oppression, suppression, physical coercion or violence, Inf. the strong arm; impression, enforcing, compelling.

compulsory, adj. coercive, forcing, forcible, compelling, constraining, controlling, commanding, authoritative, authoritarian, imperious, peremptory, Inf. bossy; dominating, overbearing, oppressive, crushing, forceful, violent, Inf. strong-arm.

compunction, n. remorse, contrition, regret, penitence, repentance, contriteness, sorrow, sackcloth and ashes; pang of conscience, guilt, shame, embarrassment, self-humiliation, self-mortification; self-reproach, self-reproof, self-blame, self-accusation, self-condemnation.

compounded, adj. 1. remorseful, contrite, regretful, penitent, repentant, penitential; sorrowful, grieved, sad, mournful, doleful, rueful, sorry, apologetic; self-reproaching, self-reproving, self-blaming, self-condemning, conscience-stricken, troubled, guilt-stricken, shamed, embarrassed, humiliated.

concealed, adv. 1. the negative, no, nay; argument, side, interest.

concealed, adj. hidden, secreted, hidden or tucked away; catch, bury, tuck away, keep away, keep out of sight; hush up, hider-mugger, Inf. cover up, Sl. keep the lid on; dissemble, cloud, becloud, befog, screen, mask, cloak, obscure, veil, curtain, ensnroud, keep in the shade or the dark.

concealed, adj. hidden, secreted, hidden or tucked away; catch, bury, tuck away, keep away, keep out of sight, keep in the background; disguise, camouflage.

2. keep secret, keep dark, keep it all in, keep quiet about; hush up, hugger-mugger, Inf. cover up, Sl. keep the lid on; dissemble, cloud, becloud, befog, screen, mask, cloak, obscure, veil, curtain, ensnroud, keep in the shade or the dark.

computer, n. 1. adding machine, calculator, calculating machine; analog computer, digital computer, data processor.

2. mathematician, arithmetician, geometrician, geometer, algebraist; abacist, calculator, estimator.

comrade, n. 1. companion, chum, crony, copain, U.S. Inf. buddy, Inf. pal, Obs. copemate; sidekick, shadow, alter ego, other self; playmate, schoolmate, schoolfellow, classmate; messmate, dining companion, commensal; teammate, co-worker, fellow worker.

2. friend, confidant, familiar, Inf. bosom buddy, roommate, bunkmate, Sl. bunkie; Achatos; intimate, lover, bedfellow, soul mate, Fr. intime.

3. ally, compatriot, confederate; collaborator, co-hort, cooperator, accomplice, Law. accessory; assistant, helper, helpmate; colleague, confere, associate, consociate, compeer, peer, mate, comate.

con, v. 1. study, peruse, examine, scrutinize, pore over.

2. memorize, commit to memory, learn, learn by heart, learn word for word, learn by rote, master, Sl. get down; fix in the mind, ingrain, infix, inculcate, impress on the mind, get in one's head, hammer or drive into one's head.

con, v. U.S. Slang. delude, deceive, mislead; bamboozle, hoodwink; cheat, swindle. See bamboozle (defs. 1, 2).

concatenate, v. 1. link, unite, catenate, connect, tie, bind, fuse; join, chain, conjoin, couple, hook, combine; string together, thread, lace, interlock, interlink.

2. linked, united, joined, chained, tied, bound; connected, interlocked, interlinked, interlocking, interlocking; successive, consecutive, sequent, serial, sequential, consequent.

concatenation, n. 1. link, linkage, connection, chain, tie, nexus, connexus; union, junction, juncture, conjugation, conjunction, conjuncture; joiner, joining, conjoining, connecting, interlinking, interlocking; coupling, accumulation, hook up, combination.

2. series, succession, course, catena, continuity, consecutiveness; string, line, queue, row, tier, column, train; file, cavalcade, procession, caravan.

concave, adj. 1. incurvate, incurved, sunken, concave, concave, hollow, cavity, hole, sink, scoop, bowl, column, train; file, cavalcade, procession, caravan.

2. hollow, hollow out, scoop, scoop out, gouge out; furrow, groove, trench.

concavity, n. 1. incurvitation, incurvation, incurvity; hollowness; impression, depression.

2. hollow, cavity, hole, sink, scoop, cup, bowl, crater, pit; indentation, indent, dent, dimple, concave.

conceal, v. 1. hide, cover, secrete, ensconce, shelter; catch, bury, tuck away, keep away, keep out of sight, keep in the background; disguise, camouflage.

2. keep secret, keep dark, keep it all in, keep quiet about; hush up, hugger-mugger, Inf. cover up, Sl. keep the lid on; dissemble, cloud, becloud, befog, screen, mask, cloak, obscure, veil, curtain, ensnroud, keep in the shade or the dark.
concealment, n. 1. hiding, covering, sheltering, en-

conceit, n. 1. self-esteem, self-importance, self-

conceivable, adj. 1. thinkable, imaginable, cogita-

conceive, v. 1. think, opine, conjecture, surmise,

concede, v. 1. acknowledge, recognize; admit, al-

concede, v. 1. deliver, grant, transfer, give, vouchsafe, bequeath, hand over, donate, tender, release, give up.

redeem, abandon, resign, surrender, relinquish, waive.

concentration, n. 1. focus, centrality, conver-

concentrate, v. 1. focus, center, concenter, con-

consummation, n. 2. enshrouding, veiling, masking; disseminating, cover-up, obscuring.

2. privacy, obscurity; inconspicuousness, impercepti-

3. secretion, burial; camouflage, disguise; hiding, cover, shield, blind, ambush, ambuscade; hiding place, hideaway, covert, coverture, Inf. hide-out; shelter, retreat, refuge, mew.

2. deliver, grant, transfer, give, vouchsafe, bequeath, hand over, donate, tender, release, give up.

3. renounce, abandon, resign, surrender, relinquish, waive.

4. fancy, whim, whimsy, caprice, fantasy; quirk, twist, kink, eccentricity, crotchet, maggot; daydream, dream, Inf. pipe dream, castle in the air, pie in the sky.

5. ornament, decoration, frill, filigree, flournce; gaw-gaw, gimerack, Inf. doodad, Inf. fandangle.

conceited, adj. 1. self-important, self-esteemed, self-admiring, self-love, self-worship, self-adulation; pride, vanity, vainglory, vaingloriousness, bovarism, egotism, Inf. ego trip, Inf. big head; self-praise, self-glorification, boastfulness, bragadocio, jactation, bluster, fanfaronade, gasconade; complacency, smugness, self-satisfaction, self-content.

2. thought, idea, notion, apprehension; concept, conception, conviction, sentiment, opinion; judgment, presumption, presupposition.

3. imagination, fancy, mind's eye.

4. fancy, whim, whimsy, caprice, fantasy; quirk, twist, kink, eccentricity, crotchet, maggot; daydream, dream, Inf. pipe dream, castle in the air, pie in the sky.

5. ornament, decoration, frill, filigree, flournce; gaw-gaw, gimerack, Inf. doodad, Inf. fandangle.

conceivable, adj. 1. thinkable, imaginable, cogita-

2. believable, credible, possible, tenable.

conceive, v. 1. think, opine, conjecture, surmise,

3. be engrossed in, be absorbed in, focus attention on, Inf. zero in on; think, ponder, meditate on, contemplate, ruminate, muse over, brood over; apply oneself, Inf. knock down, Inf. buckle down, Sl. knock one's brains out, cudgel one's brains; examine, scrutinize, analyze, study.

4. intensify, strengthen, condense, boil down, re-

duce; purify, Chem. rectify, refine; distill, vaporize, evaporate, extract; coagulate, clot, curdle, thicken, crystallize, concretize.

concentration, n. 1. focus, centrality, conver-

2. collection, gathering, congregation, flock, assem-

blage, assembly, conference, conflux; cluster, agglomera-

tion, agglomerate, aggregation, aggregate, mass, amassment, heap, store, hoard; accumulation, clustering, conglomeration, bunching, packing, crowding, overcrowding, congestion, swarming; crowd, multitude, pack, horde, swarm, press, throng.

3. heed, absorption, engrossment, fixed regard, in-
tensity, intensity; close attention, application, dili-
gence, devotion; rumination, pondering, meditation, deep thought; deliberation, consideration, study, scrutiny, examination.

4. intensification, strengthening, condensation, boil-
down, reduction; purification, Chem. rectifying, refinement; distillation, evaporation, extraction; coagula-
tion, clotting, thickening, crystallization.

conception, n. 1. conceiving, originating, hatch-
ing, generating; inventing, innovating, initiating, cre-
ating; developing, devising, drafting; fashioning, building, forming, fabricating; planning, concocting, producing, evolving, launching, bringing forth.

2. fertilization, fecundation, inception of pregnancy, fertilizing.

3. beginning, origination, source, genesis; outset, in-

choation, origin, inception, emergence, commencement, prime, start; introduction, inauguration, initia-
tion; birth, nativity, nascence; incipience, dawn, open-
ing, budding.

4. imagining, deliberating, philosophizing, meditat-
ing, speculating; musing, fancying, dreaming, envisag-
ing, envisioning; cogitating, conceptualizing, consider-
ing, weighing, concentrating, communing; considera-
tion, speculation, realization, meditation.

5. concept, notion, idea, thought, abstraction, concep-
tualization, principle; belief, view, opinion, convict-
ion, assumption, supposition, persuasion; surmise, conjecture, hypothesis, theory, postulate; considera-
tion, conclusion, inference, apprehension.

6. design, plan, draft; sketch, outline; scheme, pro-
posal, proposition, projection, delineation.

concern, v. 1. relate to, pertain to, appertain to, have to do with, regard; refer to, apply to, mean, go

pregnant, become fertilized, become child.

5. (usu. in passive) found, originate, give birth to, in-
stitute, establish, constitute; begin, initiate, start, occa-
sion, bring about, set up.

concentrate, v. 1. focus, center, concenter, con-

3. result in, give rise to, beget, procreate, father, sire; generate, engender, propagate; become impregnated, become

away, buried; covered, sheltered, screened, masked, dis-
sembled; secret, clandestine, hugger-mugger, unre-
vealed, unexposed, Inf. hush-hush; unseen, unper-
ceived, latent, delusive; obscured, invisible, imper-
ceptible, indiscernible, inconspicuous, unapparent.

concealment, n. 1. hiding, covering, sheltering, en-

conceit, n. 1. self-esteem, self-importance, self-

adaptation; naif, ingenuous, simple, unsophisticated, unworldly, farmer, country, country bumpkin, yokel, bumpkin; naiveté, naivety, naivete; simplicity, ingenuity, ingenuousness, innocence, naivety, naivete; simplicity, ingenuity, ingenuousness, innocence, naive, simplicity; naiveness, naiveté; simplicity, ingenuity, ingenuousness, innocence, naive, simplicity; naiveness, naiveté.
for; affect, touch, bear on or upon, have bearing on, be relevant to, be of importance or interest to, be interested in, be affiliated with, be involved with.

2. be interested in, be involved in, have one's hand in, be engaged in; be busy with, be occupied with, be doing; make it one's business, busy oneself with, occupy oneself with, involve oneself with, engage oneself in, employ oneself in, devote one's time to.

3. trouble, worry, disquiet, make anxious, perturb, disturb, bother; pain, hurt, distress, cause [s.o.] grief.

—n. 4. business, affair, matter, matter of interest, Inf. lookout; job, duty, charge, responsibility, chore, task, mission; department, field, subject, specialty, Sl. thing, Sl. bag.

5. regard, care, thought, consideration; attention, carefulness, caution, prudence, pains; heed, heedfulness, watchfulness, adversity; alertness, vigilance, circumspection, wariness; awareness, consciousness, mindfulness; meticulousness, particularity, fastidiousness, conscientiousness, scrupulousness, punctiliousness, painstakingness; exactness, exactness, preciseness, closeness, strictness, accuracy.

6. importance, bearing, relation, reference; connection, association, line, tie-in, interconnection; pertinence, relevancy, applicability, applicableness.

7. office, shop, store, house; partnership, business, company, firm, enterprise; establishment, organization, corporation, franchise.

concerning, prep. relating to, relative to, in relation to; regarding, in regard to, as regards, about, apropos of, anent, respecting, with respect to; referring to, with or in reference to, in re, re; in the case of, in the matter of.

concert, n. 1. symphony, philharmonic, popular concert, pops; performance, show, Sl. gig; festival, road festival; hootenanny, sing-along, sing-in; musical; concerto; recital; Inf. jam session; serenade, aubade.

2. agreement, accord, correspondence, conformity, conformation, conformance, congruity, agreement, accordance, correspondence, congruence, congruousness; unanimity, consentience, consentaneity, consentaneousness, like-mindedness; accord, harmony, concord, concordance; unity, oneness, oneness of mind or purpose, singleness; chorus, one voice, single voice; union, consensus, joint or general agreement.

3. cooperation, collaboration, interaction, coaction, synergy, teamwork, give and take, pulling together, fraternization, Chieflv U.S. Pol. logrolling; joint action or operation, combined action or effort, coordinated or concerted effort or action, coadjuvant action or effort.

4. in concert together, jointly, in combination, in common, concurrently, coactively, concertedly; mutually, communally, collectively; cooperatively, cooperatingly, in cooperation, collaboratively, in collaboration, in partnership, in collusion, Sl. in cahoots; in union, in league, in association, corporately; unanimously, consentually, by mutual agreement or consent or assent; side by side, arm in arm, cheek by jowl, back to back, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand; in union, in close harmony, in close company with.

—v. 5. arrange, rearrange, make arrangements; contrive, devise, design, work out, work up, set up, Inf. hammer out; concoct, brew, Inf. cook up, hatch, hatch up; shape, cast, frame.

6. plan, lay plans, lay down a plan; conspire, collude, plot, plot, collude, intrigue, connive, scheme.

7. cooperate, collaborate, unite efforts, pool interests, work together, pull together, hang together, stand together, Sl. play ball, Sl. do business; coact, cowork, synergize; associate, affiliate; unite, join, conjoin; confederate, league, band, ally; join forces, Inf. team up, Inf. hitch horses.

concerted, adj. 1. arranged, planned, intended; prearranged, preplanned, predetermined, forehand; well-laid, well-weighed.

2. concurrent, concomitant, parallel, collateral, side-by-side; mutual, joint, conjoint, conjoined, conjugate, conjunctive; synchronized, in step, Inf. in sync.

3. cooperative, cooperating, collaborative, collaborating, coactive, interactive, interactional, interacting, coordinated, synergetic, synergistic; coalitional, allied, leagued, confederated; associated, affiliated; amalgamated, consolidated, merged, incorporated, corporate; in league, in alliance, hand in glove with, Inf. in cahoots with.

concession, n. 1. yielding, conceding, giving in; surrender, capitulation, abandonment, resignation, renunciation; acknowledgment, recognition, admission, apology; allowance, assent, compliance, acquiescence, agreement, accedence, accession.

2. compromise, adjustment, modification; extenuation, mitigation.

3. giving, granting, ceding, cession; bestowal, donation, conferment, conferment; grant, charter, gift, benefice.

4. privilege, exemption, exception; dispensation, indulgence, immunity.

5. franchise, authorization, warrant, license, permit; sanction, leave, permission; right, prerogative.

6. condition, reservation, qualification, provision, limitation, consideration.

conciliate, v. 1. allay or alleviate the fears of, ingratiate oneself with, win over, gain the trust of, earn the confidence of, bring around; placate, appease, propitiate, pacify, pacificate, assuage, mollify, dulcify, soothe, Brit., Australian. dill, Rare. lenify, Archaic. attemper; humor, accommodate, oblige, make adjustments for, acquiesce, defer to, give in to.

2. reconcile, make the peace between, help to make up, settle or resolve differences between, bring to terms; reunite, unite, get back together; remedy, heal, mend, patch up, harmonize, restore harmony, put back on friendly terms, Archaic. accord; mediate, arbitrate, negotiate, intervene, bridge the gap.

conciliatory, adj. 1. placatory, placative, appeasing, propitiative, pacifying, pacificatory, assuaging, conciliative; accommodating, obliging, deferential, obesiant; forbearing, forgiving, acquiescent, ready to give in; accordant, concordant, harmonious, compatible, agreeable, congenial, friendly, amiable, affable.

2. reconciliatory, peacemaking, pacific, pacifical, dovish.

concise, adj. 1. succinct, pithy, terse, tight, epigrammatic; short, brief, small, thumbnail; cryptic, laconic, to the point, pointed, direct, straightforward; curt, abrupt, brusque, crisp, brisk, sharp, incisive, keen, trenchant; clear-cut, decisive, forceful, emphatic.

2. compact, capsule, summary, summarized, condensed, compressed, compendious, synoptic; abbreviated, abridged, shortened, curtailed, cut off or short.

conclude, n. 1. conference, congress, parley, caucus, meeting, session, sitting, huddle, Inf. powwow; assembly, gathering, congregation, forgathering, Inf. get-together.

2. council, convention, synod, diet, vestry, presbytery, convocation, consistory.

conclude, v. 1. close, terminate, bring to an end, wind up, Inf. wrap up; clinch, clench, seal; perfect, consummate, culminate, round off; finish, complete, do; make short work of, dispose of, finish off or up,
conclusion

Sl. polish off, Sl. knock off, dispatch; carry through, follow through, go through with, play out; expire, run out, run its course, be all over; stop, cease, halt, stay, hold, desist, give up; discontinue, suspend, drop, have done with, break off, leave off, quit, Sl. knock it off; postpone indefinitely, table, shelve, ring down the curtain on, call it a day, close or shut down shop.

1. settle, resolve, clear up, reconcile; make peace, come to terms, strike a bargain, agree, compromise, accommodate; arbitrate, mediate, negotiate, engineer, manage, arrange terms, work out, solve; bring about, cause, make happen, effect, effectuate, produce; bring off, Sl. pull off, Inf. put over, All U.S. Sl. swing, cut, hack; achieve, attain, accomplish, compass, arrive at, reach.

2. summary, summation, wrap-up, windup; résumé, synopsis, recapitulation, coda; epilogue, afterword.

3. result, issue, outcome, upshot; effect, consequence, repercussion, aftereffect, afterclap; aftermath, wake, train, trail; outgrowth, derivative, product, offspring, offshoot; fruit, yield, crop, harvest.

4. settlement, resolution, compromise, coming to terms; agreement, gentlemen's agreement, bargain, Inf. deal; pact, covenant, bond, compact, understanding, concordat, alliance, treaty; arrangement, contract, commitment.

5. final decision, judgment, determination, verdict, finding, arbitration, arbitriment; sentence, Law. award, declaration, decree; conviction, view, opinion, sentiments, impression, feeling; reasoning, reflection, observation, thought.

6. deduction, inference, construing, derivation; calculation, computation, reckoning, figuring, gathering, gleaning; understanding, realization, comprehension, perception; assumption, supposition, presumption; thinking, feeling, suspicion; guess, conjecture, theory, hypothesis, Rare. surmisal.

7. in conclusion finally, at last, at long last, at length, in the end; ultimately, eventually.

conclusive, adj.

1. decisive, definitive, decided, settled, determining, determinative; final, ultimate, perfect, absolute, categorical, unqualified, unconditional; infallible, incontestable, unquestionable, indisputable, indubitable, incontrovertible, irrevocable; certain, sure, definite; undeniable, unrefutable, irreparable; clear, defined, plain, apparent, obvious, evident, self-evident, manifest, patent, palpable, unavoidable, inescapable.

2. convincing, valid, authenticated, cogent, substantial, firm; confirmed, corroborative, established, fixed, set, habitual, chronic, inveterate; verifiable, verificative, verifiable; authoritative, strong, powerful, compelling, overwhelming, crushing, damning, telling, revealing; clinching, clenching, crowning, toppling, capping.

3. concluding, closing, final, last, ending, terminal, terminative, Rare. conclusory; finishing, completing.

concoct, v.

1. prepare, cook, cook up, make; compose, combine, mix, put together; get up, Inf. rustle up, muster up.

2. devise, contrive, cogitate, excogitate; think up, dream up, make up, conjure up, Inf. cook up; plot, compass, design, germinate; fashion, fabricate, hatch, invent, forge, scheme, Sl. hoke up; create, originate, formulate, form, draft, frame, shape; coin, mint, neologize, neoterize.

concoction, n.

1. compound, mixture combination, mix, composition, blend, admixture; brew, potion, drink.

2. creation, invention, formation, conception; fabrication, formulation, manufacture, production; contrivance, scheme, plot, plan, design, device; coinage, mintage, neologism, neoterism.

concomitant, adj.

1. attendant, attending, accompanying, belonging; accessory, auxiliary, adjuvant, supplemental, supplementary; (all usually in a subordinate capacity) joint, joined, conjoint, conjoined, conjunctive, connected, tied, bound, linked; associated, affiliated; allied, united, leagued, federated; amalgamated, merged, consolidated.

2. concurrent, parallel, collateral, side-by-side; coexistent, coexisting, coincident, coeval, contemporary, contemporaneous, simultaneous, cointaneous, synchronous, synchronal, synchronized, in time, in tempo, in step, Inf. in sync.

3. cooperative, cooperating, collaborative, collaborating, collective, interactive, interactive, interacting, synergic, synergistic.

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4. offshoot, corollary, side effect; side issue, accompanying circumstance, accessory fact; adjunct, addition, appendage, appendix, supplement, affix, attachment, tailpiece, coda; accessory, attendant, appurtenance, appurtenant; contemporary, coexistent, coeval.

concord, n.

1. unanimity, consentience, consentology, consentaneousness, like-mindedness; concurrence, concordance, consonance; agreement, accord, accordance, compliance, conformity, conformation; unity, oneness, oneness of mind, single-mindedness; consensus, common consent, general consent; concert, chorus, one voice.

2. affinity, friendship, rapport, good will, good feeling, amity, cordial relations; congeniality, amicability, neighborliness; fraternity, brotherhood, brotherliness, fellowship, comradeship.

3. harmony, harmoniousness, proportion, balance, symmetry; coherence, cohesion, consistency; congruity, congruence, congruousness, mutual fitness; amalgamation, consolidation, merger, incorporation, unification; alliance, confederation, federation.

4. peace, peacefulness; quiet, quietude, serenity; tranquillity; order.

5. treaty, settlement, agreement, understanding; truce, armistice, cease-fire, cessation of hostilities; contract, compact, concordat, covenant, convention, pact.

concordant, adj.

agreeing, in agreement, corresponding, correspondent, in correspondence, concurring, concurrent, consentient, consentaneous; harmonious, in harmony, consonant; accordant, in accord, complying, conforming, conformable; proportionate, balanced, symmetrical; coherent, cohesive, consistent, congruent; unanimous, in unison, at one, in rapport, of the same mind, of one mind, like-minded, single-minded.

concordat, n.

formal agreement, contract, charter,
indenture, covenant, bond; compact, treaty, protocol, alliance, pact, Rare, paction, convention; mutual under- standing, accord, accordance, concord, concor- dance, concurrence; settlement, arrangement, bargain, transaction, Inf. deal.

concourse, n. 1. assemblage, gathering, forgather- ing, congregation, company; assembly, meeting, con- ference, rally; collection, cluster, crowd, group, throng, multitude, host, legion; crush, rout, swarm, horde, press.

2. esplanade, mall, promenade, grounds, turf; boardwalk, public walk, sidewalk, track, path; avenue, boulevard, causeway, highway, expressway, thoroughfare, road, land, driveway; terminal, waiting room, station, airport.

3. confluence, conflux, convergence, conjunction, junction, joining; flocking together, concentra- tion, focalization; accumulation, amassment, aggregation, aggregate, agglomeration, agglomerate, conglomeration, conglomerate.

conglomeration, adj. 1. particular, specific, single, singular, certain, special, unique, sole, peculiar, individual, individualized; separate, isolated, distinct, discrete; exact, precise, direct, strict, minute; explicit, definite, ex- press; plain, evident, manifest, obvious; pointed, strikes home, restrictive, limiting, limited, bounded; determinate, well-defined, clear-cut, fixed, finite; determinative, determining, conclusive, decided; graphic, vivid, detailed, striking, telling.

2. actual, real, true, literal; factual, true-to-life, realistic, unimaginary; authentic, genuine, Dial. sure- enough, bona fide, veritable, valid, verifiable, con-firmed, reliable, faithful; absolute, positive, certain, sure, unequivocal, unconditional.

3. physical, corporeal, bodily, substantial, material; non-abstract, tangible, palpable, sensible, perceptible; existing, existent, present.

4. solid, solidified, firm, consolidated; compressed, joined or packed together, compact, dense; conglomer- ated, agglomerated, agglomerative, compound, con- glutinated, conglutinative; coalesced, coalescent, amalgamated; impenetrable, impervious, imperme- able; coherent, cohesive, tight; petrified, petrificant, stone-like, lithoid, rock-like, Archaic lapidific, Physiol. calcified, cement; hard, callous, indurate.

—n. 5. instance, specific, specification, example; particularity, particular, item, feature, detail.

6. concretion, solid mass, conglomeration, agglom- eration. See concretion (def. 1).

7. pavement, paving, cement, mortar; asphalt, mac- adam.

—v. 8. solidify, harden, indurate, densify, set; petrify, Archaic lapidify; conglomerate, agglomerate, coalesce, amalgamate, cohere; conglutinate, aggluti- nate, stick together, adhere, weld, fuse; coagulate, thicken, congeal, clot, curdle; compress, join or pack together; cement, unite solidly.

9. concretize, actualize, realize, make real, make ac- tual, embody, personify, make concrete; externalize, objectify, exteriorize; particularize, specify.

concretion, n. 1. solidification, hardening, densi- fication, induration, Physiol. calcification, firming, setting; petrification, Archaic lapidification; con- glomeration, agglomeration, coherence, cohering, co- hesion; conglutination, sticking together, adherence, adhering, adhesion, welding, fusi- on; braizing, soldering; coagulation, congelation, curdling; cementation, cementing, unification, unifying; consolidation, accretion, aggregation.

2. mass, lump, deposit, swell, mound, tumulus; cake, nugget, block, chunk, hunk; clot, coagulum, curd; knot, knob, node, nodule; stone, Pathol. calcu- lus, rock.

concubine, n. mistress, paramour, kept woman, courtesan, odalisque, Sl. doxy.

concupiscence, n. 1. (all usually of a sensual na- ture) desire, passion, ardor, longing, wanting, yearning, languishing, pining.

2. lust, lechery, Sl. the hots, Sl. hot pants; lustful- ness, lasciviousness, libidinoseness, lecherousness, lewdness, prurience, salaciousness, lubricity, Sl. horni- ness; animality, bestiality, brutishness, coarseness.

concupiscent, adj. 1. lustful, lascivious, lewd, li- centious, libertine, libidinous, lubricous, Sl. hot, Sl. horned sexual, erotic, prurient, salacious; sensual, vo- luptuous, fleshy, bodily.

2. desirous, desiring, longing, wanting, Archaic lickerness; craving, coveting, hungering, thirsting; itching to or for, dying for or to, devoted by or consumed with desire, Sl. hot to trot.

concur, v. 1. agree, correspond, accord, conform; cohere, harmonize, chime.

2. assent, go along with; agree on or upon, come to an agreement or understanding, arrive at an agree- ment, come to terms, strike a bargain, covenant, Inf. get together; be of like or one or the same mind, see eye to eye; acquiesce, yield, submit, give in.

3. comply, accede, agree to, say yes to, echo, Inf. dit- to; consent, grant; allow, countenance, sanction; ap- prove, uphold, ratify, Chiefly U.S. approbate.

4. cooperate, collaborate, unite efforts, pool inter- ests, work together, pull together, hang together, stand together, Sl. play ball, Sl. do business; coac, cowork, synnerize; combine, merge, consolidate, amalgamate; associate, affiliate; unite, join, conjoin, coadunate; confederate, league, band; conspire, collude, connive, Inf. be in cahoots; join forces, Inf. team up, Inf. hitch horses.

5. coincide, synchronize, parallel; coexist, exist to- gether, happen together, contemporize; accompany, keep in step, keep pace with; intersect, overlap.

concurrency, n. 1. union, unification, conjunc- tion, conjugation; joiner, accouplement, connection, Inf. hook-up; coherence, coalescence; concur, con- fluence; amalgamation, merger, consolidation, incor- poration; concurring, concurrency, agreeing, corre- sponding, correspondence, complying, conforming.

2. agreement, accordance, correspondence, con- formity, conformation, conformance, congruity, con- grueness, congruency; unanimity, consentience, con- sentaneity, consentaneousness, like-mindedness; ac- cord, harmony, concord, concordance, concert, rap- port, unity; consensus, joint or general approval, unison.

3. assent, sanction, approval, approbation; compli- ance, concession, accession.

4. cooperation, collaboration, interaction, coaction, synergy, teamwork, give and take, pulling together, fraternization, Chiefly U.S. Pol. logrolling; joint ac- tion or operation, combined action or effort, coor- dinated or concerted effort or action, coadjuvant ac- tion or effort, gentleman’s agreement.

5. coexistence, contemporaneity, contemporaneous- ness, simultaneity, simultaneousness; coincidence concomitance, comconitancy; conjuncture, juncture.

concurrent, adj. 1. parallel, collateral, side-by- side; synchronized, Inf. in sync; coexistent, coexisting, coincident, contemporary, contemporaneous, simul- taneous, synchronous, synchronal; contiguous, adja- cent, contingent, conterminous, coterminous, border- ing, abutting.

2. cooperative, cooperating, collaborative, collabor- ating, coactive, coordinated, interactive, interactional,
interacting, synergetic, synergistic; coalitional, united, allied, leagued, confederated; associated, affiliated; amalgamated, merged, consolidated, incorporated; joint, conjoint, conjoined, conjunctive; in league, in alliance, hand in glove with, in. Inf. in cahoots with, antecedent, accompanying. 3. agreeing, corresponding, respondent, concurring, consensual, consensus; complying, conforming, conformable; accordant, concordant, congruent, congruous; coherent, cohesive, consistent; harmonious, consonant; unanimous, in unison, in accord, in rapport, in harmony, at one, of the same mind, of one mind, like-minded. 4. coincident, coinciding, intersecting, meeting, joining, connecting; confluent, convergent, converging; focal, centralized.

**conclusion**, n. 1. blow, bump, jolt, jolting, jar, jarring, jostle, jostling; impact, crash, crashup, smash, collision, clash, encounter. 2. shock, stun, daze, paralysis.

Condemn, v. 1. censure, reprehension, animadvert on; denounce, denunciate, ob- jurgate, berate; blame, charge, accuse, impute, indict; incriminate, criminate, inculpate, implicate; disapprove, depreciate, disparage, discountenance; reprobate, rebuke, reproach, reprehend, reprobate; castigate, vituperate, reprimand, upbraid; admonish; inveigh against, rail against, decry, declaim, run down, fulminate against; attack, assail, impugn; lash, vilify, curse, revile, vilipend. 2. proscribe, forbid, interdict, prohibit; ostracize, exile; ban, bar, outlaw, blackball, blacklist. 3. convict, find guilty, doom, damn; sentence, pass down; inveighing, declamation; blame, accusation, imputation, indictment, incrimination, crimination, inculpation, implication. 4. force, compel, command, coerce, enforce; press, impel, make; obligate, require, demand, necessitate; impose, order, bind, enjoin.

**condemnation**, n. 1. censure, reprehension, animadversion, criticism, remonstrance, remonstrance; disapprobation, disapproval, objection, disparagement, depreciation; reproof, reproach, rebuke, reprimand, stricture; denunciation, denouncing, execration, inveighing, obloquy, traducery, vilification, vilipending; castigate, vituperate, reprimand, upbraid, admonish; inveigh against, rail against, decry, declaim, run down, fulminate against; attack, assail, impugn; lash, vilify, curse, revile, vilipend. 2. proscribe, forbid, interdict, prohibit; ostracize, exile; ban, bar, outlaw, blackball, blacklist. 3. convict, find guilty, doom, damn; sentence, pass down; inveighing, declamation; blame, accusation, imputation, indictment, incrimination, crimination, inculpation, implication. 4. force, compel, command, coerce, enforce; press, impel, make; obligate, require, demand, necessitate; impose, order, bind, enjoin.

**condemned**, adj. 1. compressed, concentrated, con- densed; pressed together, compacted; pressed, condensed, compact; press down, cut, cut off, cut short, decrease, diminish, diminishing, subtraction, subtracting, subducting, narrowing, bridging; shrinkage, shrinking, shriveling, withering, slimming down, slenderizing. 2. density, denseness, impermeability, solidity; compactness, closeness, tightness, narrowness, narrow straits, tight squeeze, bind, confinement. 3. digest, epitome, compendium, survey, synopsis, abstract, summary, précis, conspectus, prospectus, syllabus, résumé, brief, outline, sketch. 4. abridgment, abridging, abbreviation, abbreviating, abstracting, summarizing, digesting, epitomizing, synopsizing. 5. solidification, coagulation, conglutination, cohesion, concretion, clot, gel, curd, curds; liquefaction, liquidization, distillation, evaporation, deliquesce, Chem. precipitation, fluidization.

**condense**, v. 1. compress, concentrate, consol- idate, compact; press or force together, constrict, con- stringe, squeeze, pinch, crowd, crush, pack, cramp, ram, stuff, wedge, cramp, tighten. Obs. consti- pates, shorten, retrench, contract, cut, cut down, cut back, cut off, cut short, decrease, diminish, subtract, subduct, narrow, bridge; shrink, shrunken, shriveled, wither, slim down, slenderize. 2. abbreviate, capsule, abridge, abstract, summarize, digest, epitomize, brief, synopsis. 3. thicken, solidify, crystallize, harden, cake, set, gel, clot, coagulate, congeal, curdle, curd, Obs. incrust; liquefy, liquidize, Rare. liqueus, deliquesce, Chem. precipitate, fluidize, fluidify, flux.

**condensed**, adj. 1. compressed, concentrated, consolidated, compacted; constricted, constringed, aspring, squeezed, pinched, crowded, crammed, rammed, stuffed, wedged, cramped, tightened; shortened, reduced, retrenched, contracted, curtailed, cut, cut down, cut short, cut back, cut off, decreased, diminished, subtracted, subducted, narrowed, bridged; shrunken, shrunken, shriveled, withered, sere, dried, slimmed-down, slender- ized. 2. abbreviated, encapsulated, abridged, abstracted, summarized, digested, epitomized, synopsized. 3. thickened, solidified, crystallized, hardened, caked, set, gelled, clotted, coagulated, congealed, curdled; liquefied, liquidized, deliquesced, Chem. precipitate, fluidized, fluidified. 4. thick, compact, close; solid, hard, concrete, cohesive, coagulate; liquid, Chem. precipitate, fluid.

**condescend**, v. 1. deign, vouchsafe; humble one- self, lower oneself, unbend, stoop, descend; come down off one's high horse, come down a peg, sing small; yield, give in, back down, come around, come over, fall in with; acquiesce, comply with, accede, concede. 2. patronize, (in speech) talk down to, Sl. put down, set down, offend, humiliate.

**condescending**, adj. 1. patronizing, scornful, disdainful, contemptuous, supercilious, despising; imperious, overbearing, high-handed, pompous, stilted, pretentious; snobbish, snobby, priggish, All Inf. snooty, snippy, snotty, high-hat, high-hatted; presumptuous, arrogant, haughty, lofty, lordly; inconsiderate, self-centered, tactless, uncharitable; offensive, humiliating, insulting, insolent. 2. humble, modest, lowly, self-effacing; deferring, submissive, yielding, complying, compliant; complai-
condescension, n. 1. deigning, stooping, condescending; patronage, patronizing, looking down on or upon; scorn, disdain, contempt, disrespect, underestimation; disparagement, discredit, slurs, detraction; humiliation, dishonor, offense, insult, Sl. put-down; abuse, contumely.

2. snobbery, conceit, overbearingness, airs, assurance; audacity, insolence, brazenness, impudence, impertinence; sauciness, effrontery, gall, flippancy, Rare. priggishness; presumption, arrogance.

3. deference, submission, yielding, compliance; toleration, tolerance, allowance, suffrage; permission, sublicense; indulgingness, indulgence, humor; humbleness, modesty, lowliness, self-effacement, self-abasement; complaisance, graciousness, civility; favor, courtesy, grace.

condign, adj. (all usually of punishment) just, fair, right, rightful, proper, meet, worthy, due; fitting, apt, appropriate, apposite, suitable; richly-deserved, well-deserved, merited; adequate, sufficient, ample, enough, satisfactory; proportionate, commensurate, correspondent, equivalent.

condonation, excusation, excusing, pardoning, remission, forgiving, remission, remitting; overlooking, passing over, disregarding, dispensation, forgetting, oblivion, ignoring.

condole, v. grieve, lament, feel for, be or feel sorry for, bleed for, weep for, pity; sympathize, commiserate, compassionate.

condolence, n. commiseration, sympathy, feeling, fellow feeling, pity, compassion; consolation, solace, comfort, balm, soothing words; succor, relief, support, aid.

condonation, n. excusal, excusing, pardoning, forgiveness, forgiving, remission, remitting; overlooking, passing over, disregarding, dispensation, forgetting, oblivion, ignoring.

condone, v. 1. excuse, pardon, forgive, remit, make allowances for.

2. overlook, pass over, wink at; disregard, dispense with, forget; ignore, look the other way, pay no attention to.

conduce, v. lead to, contribute to, add to; help, be of service to, aid, assist, abet, succor, support; promote, advance, forward, boost; influence, dispose, incline; arrange for, cause, effect, effectuate, bring about.

conductive, adj. contributive, contributing, contributory, accessory, ancillary; helpful, instrumental, useful; favorable, advantageous, convenient, good, in a fair way; leading towards, tending towards, disposed towards.

conduct, n. 1. behavior, demeanor, deportment, comportment, Both Archaic. habit, gest; bearing, carriage, posture, gait, pose, port; manners, p's and q's; breeding, upbringing, bearing; habits, ways, dealing; customs, practices, mores, ethics, principles.

2. reaction, responses, adaptation, adjustment; performance, function, operation.

3. misbehavior, disobedience, delinquency, misdeeds, Inf. cutting up, Inf. going-on. See misbehavior.

4. direction, management, superintendence, supervision, oversight; regulation, running, operation, administration, government; control, command, charge.

5. orchestration, engineering, negotiation, execution, carrying out, performance, doing; accomplishment, discharge, fulfillment, consummation, completion.

6. conducting, leading, guidance, escort, tour.

7. direct, run, operate, manage, carry on; administer, govern, regulate, boss; superintend, supervise, oversee, preside over, look after; orchestrate, engineer, negotiate, work out.

8. execute, carry out, perform, do; succeed in, bring off, Sl. pull off, Inf. put over, All U.S. Sl. swing, cut, hack; accomplish, discharge, fulfill, complete, consummate; bring about, make happen, cause, effect, effectuate, produce.

9. lead, guide, take, show the way, escort, accompany.

—v. 10. (all of oneself) behave, deport, demean, comport, acquit; carry, bear, manage, govern, regulate.

conductor, n. 1. leader, chief, director, fugleman; head, marshal, drum major; chairman, president, executive; manager, supervisor; Inf. super, superintend-ent, overseer, Inf. boss; administrator, dean, functionary, bureaucrat, government official; captain, skipper, master, pilot, driver, steersman, helmsman; guide, cicerone, usher, escort, guard.

2. maestro, choir master, precentor, coryphaeus.

—v. 2. conduct, lead, guide, take, show the way, escort, accompany.

conduct, v. chat, chitchat, palaver, converse, coze; seasoning, flavoring, spices, allspice, herbs and spices.

condition, n. 1. state, stage, phase; situation, circumstance, state of affairs, kettle of fish; predicament, scrape, plight, quandary, dilemma, fix, corner, pinch, Inf. pickle.

2. shape, form, fitness, physical fitness, well-being, health, fettle; working order, Inf. kilter, Sl. whack.

3. position, place, station, estate; standing, footing, status, stratum, level, class, caste.

4. qualification, restriction, limit, modification; consideration, allowance, exception.

5. requirement, necessity, essential, Latin. sine qua non; prerequisite, antecedent.

6. provision, proviso, contingency, contingent; stipulation, term, demand; article, clause, particular, point; premise, assumption, supposition, presupposition, hypothesis, postulate.

—v. 7. prepare, equip, train, get ready, warm up, get in shape, shape up, work out, tone up; teach, instruct, tutor, coach; capacitate, enable, empower.

8. qualify, restrict, limit, set limits or boundaries; stipulate, require, demand, Law. provide.

conditional, adj. 1. dependent, contingent, relative, subject to [s.t.], based upon [s.t.], Inf. iffy.

2. restrictive, restricted, qualified, with reservations, limitative, limiting; stipulatory, provisory, provisional, provisional, provisory, probationary.

condole, v. grief, lament, feel for, be or feel sorry for, bleed for, weep for, pity; sympathize, commiserate, compassionate.

confection, n. candy, sweet, sweetmeat, bonbon, comfit, dainty, confection, sweet, confection, confection, confection, confection.

—v. 10. (all of oneself) behave, deport, demean, comport, acquit; carry, bear, manage, govern, regulate.

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2. maestro, choir master, precentor, coryphaeus.

—v. 2. conduct, lead, guide, take, show the way, escort, accompany.

conduit, n. 1. duct, pipe, main, tube, cylinder; passage, passageway, adit; sewer, culvert, cloaca, flume, trough, chute; spout, gutter, drain, gully, ditch.

2. canal, artificial waterway, channel, race, watercourse; strait, aqueduct, waterway, seaway.

confabulate, v. chat, chitchat, palaver, converse, coze, talk together, pass the time of day, Inf. confab, Sl. rap, Sl. chin, Sl. chew the fat, Sl. shoot the breeze or bull, Sl. bull; talk or speak with, have a talk with, converse with, commune with, communicate with, visit with.

confection, n. 1. composition, concoction, making; manufacture, production, preparation.

2. candy, sweet, sweetmeat, bonbon, confit, dainty, confectionary; preserve, conserve, confect, confiture.

confederacy, n alliance, coalition, entente; union, league, bloc, bund, federation, federacy, federation; partnership, corporation, incorporation, conglomerate, trust.

confederation, n. 1. league, unionizing, unification, union, allying, uniting, joining with, banding together, joining forces, teaming up, siding with, going along with, taking part, Inf. hitching horses; merging, blending, amalgamating, amalgamation, consolidating, consolidation, incorporating, incorporation; centralizing, centralization, federalizing, federalization, federalizing, federalization, federalization, federalization.
confer, v. 1. bestow, award, vouchsafe, accord, present; grant, yield, afford, allot, allow, render, donate; give; give out, deal out, dole out, mete out, Inf. dish out, Inf. hand out.
2. parley, palaver, deliberate, consult together, sit down together, hold conference, Inf. powwow, Inf. huddle, Inf. go into a huddle, Inf. put or lay heads together, Inf. talk turkey; consult with, discuss with, talk with, take up with, talk over; consult, call in, compare notes, exchange views.

conference, n. 1. meeting, parley, palaver, colloquy, huddle, Inf. powwow; convention, council, caucus, session; talk, discussion, tête-à-tête, Sl. rap or rap session, Sl. bull session; forum, symposium, seminar, colloquium, round table; interview, audition, sitting.
2. consultation, deliberation, consideration, examination, study, analysis; dialogue, debate, conversation, communication, communion.

confess, v. 1. acknowledge, admit, allow, grant, concede, avow, own, Inf. own up, Sl. fess up, Sl. come clean, Sl. cop a plea, plead guilty; dish, disavow, unmask oneself, make a clean breast, take the load off one’s mind, come out with, Inf. get it off one’s chest, Inf. get it out of one’s system; tell all, Inf. let it all hang out, Sl. sing, Sl. spill one’s guts, Sl. spill the beans.
2. go to confession, make confession, receive absolution; shrink, hear confession, absolve, administer absolution.
3. declare, profess, make known, affirm, assert, asseverate, give credence to; attest, certify, bear witness to, put into the hands of, commend, give over; delegate, invest, assign, depute, empower.

confidence, n. 1. trust, faith, reliance, dependence; security, sureness, assuredness, surety, positiveness.
2. self-reliance, assurance, self-assurance, self-confidence; aplomb, poise, coolness, calmness; pluck, spunk, spirit, gameness, heart, stamina, vigor; backbone, mettle, nerve, fiber; courage, fortitude, grit, Sl. guts.
3. presumption, presumptuousness, impertinence, impudence, effrontery; brashness, brazenness, cockiness, insolence, cocksureness, Inf. nerve, Inf. chutzpa; arrogance, overconfidence, audacity, assertiveness, bumptiousness; boldness, forwardness, pertness, Inf. freshness.
4. certitude, certainty, freedom from doubt, reassurance; conviction, belief, assurance, assertion, persuasion.

confident, adj. 1. sure, certain, positive, absolute; assured, convinced, secure, satisfied; believing, undoubting, questionless; steady, unwavering, unhesitating, unflinching, unblinking; self-confident, self-assured, self-possessed.
2. presumptuous, impertinent, bold, forward; cocksure, brash, insolent, cocky, Inf. cheeky, Inf. fresh; audacious, assertive, bumptious, pert, Inf. nervy.

confidential, adj. 1. secret, private, privy, restricted, eyes-only, personal, not public, It. in petto; not to be disclosed, not to be mentioned, not to be spoken.
2. intimate, familiar, bosom, close, dear, Inf. thick.
3. trusted, trustworthy, faithful; reliable, dependable, unfailing.

confidentially, adv. secretly, privately, in private; under the veil of secrecy, up one’s sleeve, hugger-mugger, hush-hush, in strict confidence, in a whisper, It. sotto voce, under the rose, sub rosa, behind closed doors; under one’s hat, off the record; between ourselves, Fr. entre nous, Latin. inter nos, between you and me, between you and me and the lamp post, aside.

configuration, n. external form, conformation, formation, structure, construction, construct; outline, contour, shape, build, figure, frame; cast, mold, type, set.

confine, v. 1. restrict, hem in, hedge in; tie down, check, curb, limit; constrain, restrict, bind, tie, restrain, trammel, hamper, cramp, straiten; fix, delimit, delimitate, demarcate; circumscribe, encircle, encompass, gird, begird, girdle, belt.
2. enclose, shut in, shut up, keep in, quarantine, isolate; cage, coop, pen in, raise in, fence, pale, picket, corral; box up, bottle up, seal up; bolt in, lock up, imprison, jail, incarcerate, impound, wall in, immure, put in irons.

—n. 3. Usu. confines boundary, limit, terminus, termination, Archaic. term; border, precinct, line of demarcation, frontier; margin, rim, skirt, edge, verge, brink.

confinement, n. 1. restriction, hemming in, hedging in, tying down, check, curb, limitation; restraint, constraint, stricture, binding, tying; circumscription, encirclement, encompassing, enclosure, enclosing, shutting in, keeping in, quarantine, isolation; caging, cooping, penning in, fencing; bolting in, locking up, imprisonment; limbo, incarceration, durance, custody, detention.
2. childbed, lying-in, Fr. accouchement, childbirth, parturition, labor, travail, delivery.

confirm, v. 1. corroborate, verify, authenticate, validate, substantiate; bear out, prove, establish, evidence, give credence to; attest, certify, bear witness to, testify, vouch for; affirm, aver, assure, pledge, promise, guarantee, ensure, secure, insure; bind, seal, settle, clinch, clench, secure, fix, make certain or sure.
2. sanction, accredit, authorize; warrant; approve, ratify, endorse, support, underwrite; sustain, back up, uphold, make good, justify, vindicate; countersign, sign, subscribe, recognize, acknowledge; agree, con-
sent, accede, assent, concur, accord, acquiesce, comply.
3. strengthen, make firmer, reinforce, fortify, buttress, brace, steel.

**confirmation**, *n.* 1. corroboration, verification, authentication, validation, substantiation; proof, evidence, attestation, certification, testimony, witness; affirmation, assertion, averment, assurance, positive declaration; pledge, promise, guarantee, guaranty, surety, security, warrant, warranty.
2. sanction, accreditation, authorization, approval, ratification, endorsement; support, sustainment, backing, defense, justification; signature, subscription, recognition, acknowledgment; agreement, consent, accedence, assent, concurrence, accord; acquiescence, compliance, accordance, conformity.

**confirmed**, *adj.* 1. valid, true, factual, accurate, correct, right; corroborated, verified, authenticated, validated, substantiated, documented, certified, noted; proven, demonstrated, shown, attested to.
2. settled, decided, clinched, sealed; certain, sure, definite, positive; firm, decisive, absolute, final, conclusive.
3. ratified, approved, accepted, recognized, acknowledged; authorized, official, licensed, sanctioned, warranted, accredited, endorsed.
4. genuine, real, bona fide, authentic; dyed-in-the-wool, through-and-through, complete; established, set, fixed, rooted; inervert, chronic, habitual.

**confiscate**, *v.* 1. seize, appropriate, expropriate, commandeer, arrogate, usurp, take possession of, claim.
3. steal, thieve, rob; plunder, despoil, pillage.

**confiscation**, *n.* 1. appropriation, takeover, seizure, expropriation, arrogation, usurpation, approachment, impoundment.

**conflagration**, *n.* holocaust, wildfire, raging fire, ring or sea of fire, wall or sheet of flames, blaze, *Obs.* flagration.

**conflict**, *v.* 1. clash, collide, jar, disagree, differ, disaccord, diverge, be at variance, be at odds; oppose, contradict, contravene.
2. contend, contest, argue, spar, cross swords, lock horns; squabble, quarrel, feud, bicker, wrangle, have words, be at [s.o.'s] throat; struggle, battle, do or give battle, encounter, engage, meet; fight, combat, duel, joust; tussle, scuffle, brawl, come to blows.

4. controversy, infighting, feud; argument, alteration, dispute, row, quarrel, squabble, dustup, spat, *tiff, Brit.* Dial. fratch.
5. opposition, opposition, *Literary.* agon; disagreement, discord, disaccord, dissension, friction, variance; enmity, hostility, antagonism, antipathy, bad blood, ill will.

**confluence**, *n.* 1. flowing together, confluss; junction, union, meeting, concurrent; convergence, appulse, diffuence.
2. concourse, flocking together, concentration. See *concourse* (def. 3).
3. crowd, throng, assemblage, concourse; shoal, covey, flock, bevy, drove, herd, mob, army, array, galaxy. See *concourse* (def. 1).

**confluent**, *adj.* 1. mingling, blending, commingling, flowing or running together, concurrent; joining, meeting, growing together, coalescent.
2. tributary, branch, affluent, feeder; channel, stream, rivulet, brook, rill, creek, run, *Brit.* Dial. gill.

**conform**, *v.* 1. (usu. fol. by to) comply, observe, obey, acknowledge, respect; adhere to, abide by, acquiesce in, submit to, yield to, consent to, agree to; concur, grant, accept; adapt to, adjust to, reconcile with; be conventional, be regular, be ordinary, run with the pack, swim with the stream, follow the crowd, follow the fashion, travel in a rut, do in Rome as the Romans do.
2. correspond, harmonize, tally, agree with, accord with; square, fit, suit, match.
3. adjust, adapt, accommodate; alter, modify, coordinate, assimilate, transmute; make conformable, bring into correspondence, reconcile, make similar, make harmonious; conventionalize.

**conformable**, *adj.* 1. corresponding, like, resembling, similar; harmonious, agreeable, congruous, consonant, consonant, consistent with; appropriate, suitable, fit, befitting, proper, meet.
2. compliant, acquiescent, submissive, yielding; mal-leable, ductile, flexible, pliant; adaptable, tractable, manageable, governable, biddable; capitulating, willing, complying, obliging, obeying; docile, meek, timid, passive, unassertive.
3. dutiful, duteous, law-abiding, loyal, faithful, respectful; conventional, customary, traditional, orthodox; habitual, usual, standard, common, ordinary.

**conformation**, *n.* 1. structure, form, manner of formation, make; shape, figure, configuration.
2. symmetry, correspondence, regularity, proportionality; balance, poise, equilibrium; congruity, consonance, agreement; harmony, compatibility, accord, accordance, concord, concordance; coherence, consistency, uniformity, conformity.
3. conformity, adaptation, adjustment; preparation, suiting, accommodation, acclimatization, assimilation.

**conformity**, *n.* 1. correspondence, congruity, agreement, consonance, accord, accordance; accord, concord, concordance; coherence, consistency, uniformity, conformity.
2. compliance, obedience, magerization, acquiescence, abidance; submission, subjection, yielding, surrender, capitulation; allegiance, observance, deference, respectfulness, dutifulness, faithfulness; conventionality, orthodoxy.

**confound**, *v.* 1. perplex, nonplus, puzzle, mystify, bewilder, baffle, pose; amaze, astound, astonish, startle, stun, daeze, dumbfound, strike dumb, stupefy, petrify, paralyze, surprise, take by surprise; confuse, disconcert, dismay, unsettle, rattle, bother, muddle, embarrass.
2. contradict, refute, confute, disprove; rebut, counter; quash, void, annul, invalidate, upset, set aside, put down, explode, silence, *Inf.* shut up.
3. mingle, mix, blend, intermingle, jumble, make indistinguishable; mistake one thing for another, confuse, mix up.
4. damn, curse, denounce, imprecate, execrate, maledict.

**confounded**, *adj.* (used euphemistically) damned, damnable, execrable, cursed, accursed, blasted, infer-
nal, diabolical; abominable, odious, hateful, detestable, dreadful, wretched; extreme, excessive, all-fired, monstrous, enormous, huge.

**confront**, v. 1. oppose, stand opposed to, stand in the way of, thwart, cross, counter, contradict, resist; dispute, challenge, threaten, call into question, oppugn; defy, face in defiance, stand up to.

2. tackle, come to grips with, cope with; brave, meet head on, take the bull by the horns; face up to, face to face, come face to face with, meet, encounter; front, stand in front of, stand facing.

3. attack, accost, affront, assail; assault, set upon, aggress, waylay; charge, storm, invade; bother, trouble, annoy, harass, molest, harry, bully; badger, nag, pester, pursue, importune; call to, appeal to, invoke.

4. set face to face, bring face to face, set opposite, pit against; compare with, stand over against; set side by side, set in opposition.

**confrontation**, n. showdown, face-off; settlement, crisis, turning point; contest, battle, encounter, conflict.

2. opposition, counteraction, counter, contradiction, thwart, cross, confrontation; dispute, discussion, challenge, threat, dare; defiance, resistance, withstand.

3. attack, assailment, assault; charging, storming, invading; bother, trouble, annoyance, harassment, molestation; badgering, nagging, pestering, importuning.

4. tackling, grappling, coping with, braving, taking the bull by the horns; meeting, facing, facing up to, meeting face to face.

**confuse**, n. 1. adj. confusion, n. 1.

6. disconcert, abash, embarrass, mortify, shame; disoblige, abash, embarrass, mortify.

5. stupefy, shock, disarm, discompose, Inf.

4. perplex, bewilder, baffle, nonplus, puzzle, mystify, Inf.

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4. set face to face, bring face to face, set opposite, pit against; compare with, stand over against; set side by side, set in opposition.

**confuse**, v. disprove, refute, rebut, invalidate, bring to naught; expose, show up, explode, scatter to the winds, discredit; belie, contradict, confound, controvert, gainsay, dispute; overthrow, subvert, overcome, defeat, upset, get the better of; squelch, silence, shut up.

**congeal**, v. solidify, harden, crystallize, concrete; freeze; ice; glacialize; refrigerate, chill, cool.

**congener**, n. 1. compatible, correspondent, congruous, well-matched, suited or appropriate to each other; sympathetic, kindred, affinitive, related, cognate, like-minded, of the same mind, of one mind; concurrent, consentaneous, consenting, agreeing, in agreement, Fr. en rapport, at one, in unison; harmonious, concordant, accordant, in accord, consonant, synchronized, in step; Inf. in sync.

2. agreeable, amiable, companionable, cooperative, easy to get along with, Scott. cotch, Gemütlichkeit; easy-going, compliant, comfortable, likable, pleasant, good-natured, nice, sweet, kind, kind, kind-hearted, cordial, hospitable, Scot. and North Central U. S. lopper, Pathol. caseate; gel, gelatinize, jell, jelly, jellify.

**congenial**, adj. 1. compatible, correspondent, congruous, well-matched, suited or appropriate to each other; sympathetic, kindred, affinitive, related, cognate, like-minded, of the same mind, of one mind; concurrent, consentaneous, consenting, agreeing, in agreement, Fr. en rapport, at one, in unison; harmonious, concordant, accordant, in accord, consonant, synchronized, in step; Inf. in sync.

2. agreeable, amiable, companionable, cooperative, easy to get along with, Scott. cotch, Gemütlichkeit; easy-going, compliant, comfortable, likable, pleasant, good-natured, nice, sweet, kind, kind, kind-hearted, cordial, hospitable, Scot. and North Eng., Irish Eng. sonsy; pleasing, favorable, to one's liking, to one's fancy, to one's taste, Brit. Dial. bonny; friendly, amicable, affable, neighborly, sociable. See genial (def. 1).

**congeniality**, n. 1. compatibility, congruity, congruence, congruousness, correspondence; sympathy, understanding, affinity, kindred, kindredness, like-mindedness, oneness, relationship, rapport; agreement, concurrence, consentaneousness, consentaneity; harmoniousness, harmony, accord, accordance, concord, concordance, consonance, concert.

2. amiability, affability, amiety, good will, good feeling; pleasantness, pleasingness, likableness, likability, good-naturedness, good-humoredness; agreeableness, amenableness, amenity, sweetness, sweet-temperedness, Ger. Gemütlichkeit; geniality, graciousness, cordiality, hospitality, kindness, kindliness, kind-heartedness, warm-heartedness; friendliness, amicability, neighborliness, sociability.

**congenital**, adj. 1. inborn, inbred, connate, conatural, natural, natural-born, ingenerate; native, hereditary, inherited, in the blood, in the family.

2. inveterate, rooted, deep-rooted, ingrained, engrafted, enwrought, enwrought.

**congeries**, n. collection, assemblage, aggregation; pile, heap, mass, accumulation, amassment, agglomeration, bulk; number, composite, concentration, conglomeration; cluster, clump, Bot. sorus, bunch, batch, lot, crowd, pack; congestion, press, crush, cumulation;
congratulatory, adj. complimentary, felicitating, congratulation, n. 1. agglomeration, agglomerate, aggregation, aggregate, conglomeration; corporation, multinational, multinational company, firm, company, partnership, joint concern, merger; trust, monopoly, cartel.

congregate, v. 1. wish [s.o.’s] joy, rejoice with, felicitate, compliment, wish [s.o.] many happy returns, Archaic. gratulate, offer one’s felicitations or compliments, bless; shake [s.o.’s] hand, Inf. pat on the back; hail, salute.

2. applaud, acclaim, cheer; praise, sound the praises of, sing the praises of, cry up, Inf. crack up; laud, exalt, Archaic. magnify.

congratulate, v. 1. wish [s.o.] joy, rejoicing with, well-wishing, felicitating, complimenting, Archaic. gratulation, blessing.

—interj. 2. congratulations best wishes, good wishes, bless you, take a bow, nice going, Sl. way to go; fine business, many happy returns.

congratulatory, adj. complimentary, felicitating, congratulant, congratulational, Archaic. gratulatory, gratulable, exultant, rejoicing, jubilant, celebrative, celebratory, favorable, positive; praising, praiseful, acclamatory, laudatory, commendatory.

congregate, v. 1. gather, group, cluster, bunch up or together; mass, crowd, agglomerate; flock together, throng, herd, swarm; bring together, convoy, summon, call together, rally, muster, call up, mobilize; round up, round in, ingather.

2. assemble, convene, forgather, come together, converge, meet, Inf. gang up, huddle, go into a huddle, get together, rendezvous.

congregation, n. 1. gathering, assembly, congregation meeting, group, body, circle, knot; crowd, throng, bunch, mob, rout; gang, crew, company, band, troop, troupe; galaxy, multitude, host; congestion, press, crush; congregation, cumulative, confluence, convergence.

2. conclave, convocation, council, synod, consistory, convocation, council; muster, mobilization, association, union, combination, conference, convention, congress; caucus, bloc, Rom. Antiq. comitia, junta; for gathering, conjunction, coalescence.

3. community, flock, body, fold, parish; brethren, laity, fellowship, communion.

congress, n. 1. legislature, Parliament, Duma; upper house, House of Lords, Senate; lower house, House of Commons, House of Representatives.

2. assembly, meeting, assemblage, gathering, conference, Inf. powwow; conference, convention, muster; caucus, bloc, junta; conclave, convocation, council, synod, consistory, convention, soviet; for gathering, conjunction, coalescence; session, hearing, séance; interview, audience, sitting.

3. encounter, confrontation, counteraction; dealings, transaction, traffic, commerce, intercourse; conversation, discourse, converse.

4. coitus, intercourse, copulation, fornication. See coitus.

—v. 5. assemble, congregate, convene, convok; gather, collect, band.

congruity, n. 1. agreement, accord, accordance, concord, concordance, correspondence, concurrence, consonance; unanimity, union, unity, concert, uniformity, homogeneity; harmony, consistency, compatibility.

2. appropriateness, suitableness, fitness, aptness, appositeness; pertinence, relevance, relevancy, applicability, admissibility.

congruous, adj. 1. agreeing, harmonious, compatible, accordant, consonant, congruent; correspondent, complementary, conformable, homogeneous.

2. proper, fit, fitting, befitting, becoming, seemly, meet; suitable, appropriate, expedient, apt, apposite; relevant, germane, applicable, admissible, apropos, Latin. ad rem.

conic, adj. conical, conoid, cone-shaped; funnel-shaped, Anat. infundibular, Bot. infundibuliform; pyramid-shaped, pyramidal, tapering, pointed.

conjectural, adj. speculative, speculative, suppositional, suppositive, presumptive; hypothetical, suppositional, theoretical, academic, referential, allusive.

2. guessed, surmised, suspected, imagined; assumed, reputed, supposed, putative; doubtful, uncertain, undetermined, hard to believe, questionable, problematic.

conjecture, n. 1. guess, surmise, speculation, Sl. shot in the dark; assumption, supposition, presupposition, premise, presumption; hypothesis, thesis, theory; postulate, postulation; augury, forecast.

2. suspicion, inkling, feeling; intuition, divination, impression, fancy; attitude, way of thinking.

3. judgment, conclusion, deduction, inference, thinking; conviction, persuasion, position; belief, credence, view, viewpoint, opinion, sentiment, mind.

—v. 4. guess, surmise, suspect; believe, think, fancy; imagine, envision, think up, dream up, make up, conjure up; infer, take it; assume, suppose, Archaic. trow, presuppose, premise, presume, take for granted; understand, gather, divine, intuit.

5. postulate, posit, predicate, theorize, hypothesize, hypothetize; hint, intimate, allure to; predict, augur, prognosticate.

6. maintain, assert, opine, hold, dare say; consider, regard, conceive, acknowledge, recognize; judge, deem, conclude, deduce.

conjoin, v. 1. join, join together, unite, bind together, tie, tie together, yoke, yoke together, hitch, hitch together, link, link together, concatenate, splice, couple; connect, bridge, span; combine, mix, commix, coalesce, commingle, blend.

2. ally, league, confederate, join forces or hands, team up, Inf. hitch horses; federate, federalize, centralize; associate, affiliate; incorporate, consolidate, amalgamate, merge.

conjoint, adj. 1. joined, joined together, linked, linked together, tied, bound, coupled, spliced; conjoined, conjunct, conjugate; merged, combined, amalgamated, incorporated, consolidated; associated, federated, federated; in union, in league, in alliance; in common, in conjunction, in association.

2. joint, concerted, cohesive, hand in hand, arm in arm; mutual, common, communal, collective, shared; cooperative, cooperating, collaborative, collaborating, coordinated, coordinate, synergetic, synergistic; coalitional, conjunctive, corporate, corporative; federal, federate, confederate, league, union; confederant, agreeing, concurrent, consentual, conscientious, consensentient, concomitant, unanimous.
conjugal, adj. conubial, matrimonial, nuptial, hynemeal, epithalmial; marital, married, wedded; spousal, husbandly, wisely, bridally.

conjunction, n. 1. combination, unification, accouplement, joinder; merger, incorporation, consolida­
tion, amalgamation, conglomeration, engrossment; junction, juxtaposition, collocation; joining, linking, splicing, uniting, binding, bonding, yoking; connecting, conjoining, coupling; meeting, touching, border­
ing, edging, skirting, abutting.
2. union, association, affiliation, conjunction, con­
junction; cooperation, collaboration, coaction, united action; concurrence, concert, synergy; agreement, ac­
cordance, concordance; alliance, federation, confeder­
ation, league; conspiracy, collusion, Inf. cahoots.
3. coincidence, co-occurrence; simultaneity, simulta­
aneousness; contemporaneity, contemporaneity; coexistence, concomitance.

conjunction, n. 1. circumstances, state of affairs, set of conditions; context, environment, total situa­
tion, status quo, Inf. the picture or whole picture, Inf. the story.
2. coincidence, concurrence, co-occurrence; simulta­
neity, simultaneousness; contemporaneity, contempo­
aneousness; coexistence, concomitance.
3. crisis, crux, crunch; crossroads, turning point, critical moment or point, crucial moment, junc­
ture, critical juncture, moment of truth, zero hour. Mill H-hour; emergency, exigency; predicament, plight, dilemma, quandary, strait, extremity; pinch, rub, scrape, squeeze, push, Inf. hold, Inf. clutch.
4. combination, unification, union, connection, junction, conjunction, accouplement, joinder; merger, incorporation, consolidation, amalgamation, conglom­eration, engrossment; joining, linking, splicing, uniting, binding, bonding, yoking; connecting, con­
joining, coupling; meeting, touching, bordering, edg­
ing, abutting, skirting.

conjunction, n. 1. invocation, evocation, calling up by incantation; calling upon, summoning, sum­mons; petition, petitioning, suit, appeal; supplication, beseechement, beseeching, obstestation, obsecration; re­quest, prayer, praying, orison, plea, pleading, interces­sion.
2. incantation, chant, magic formula, magic word, invocation; mumbo jumbo, hocus-pocus, abracad­abra, open sesame.
3. spell, jinx, hex, negative influence; magic, charm, rune, Sceorn; cantrip, enchantment, bewitchment, be­devilment; trance, hypnosis, hypnotism, mesmerism, fascination, rapture; captivation, obsession, posses­sion; enthrallment, allurement, seduction.
4. magic, sorcery, wizardry, thaumaturgy, theurgy; black magic, black art, occult art, voodoo, hoo­doo; witchcraft, witchery, necromancy, shamanism; divina­tion, sortilege.
5. legerdemain, sleight of hand, artful trickery, skill­ful deception.

conjure, v. 1. (with the object as devil or spirit) in­voke, call upon, rouse, summon, beckon, command, order; call up, raise up, bring into existence, incorpore­
alize.
2. cast a spell, enchant, bewitch, ensorcell, bedevil, entrance, spellbind; voodoo, hex, jinx, hoo­doo.
3. Usu. conjure up recall, bring to mind, bethink, re­collect, remember; call to mind, evoke, review, re­trace.

conjurer, n. magician, conjurator, incantator, evoca­
tor, enchanter; sorcerer, wizard, warlock, theurgist; miracle-worker, thaumaturgist, wonder-worker, fairy godmother; witch, necromancer, shaman; medium, fortunate-teller, diviner, dowser, soothsayer, astrologer, clairvoyant; voodoo, witch doctor, medicine man; Magus, Merlin, Wizard of Oz, Hecate, Circé.

conneat, adj. 1. inborn, inbred, native, natural, con­natail, natural-born, ingenerate; congenital, he­reditary, inherited, in the blood, in the family; innate, intrinsic, inherent, indigenous, immanent.
2. cognate, related, kindred, akin, generic, congen­neric; uterine, enate, enatic, agnate, consanguine, ger­mane, sororal, fraternal; allied, affiliated, associated, apposite, affined; similar, alike, common, correlated, correspondent, comparative, relative.

connect, v. 1. (all often followed by together) join, unite, splice, tie, bind, fasten, lash; chain, couple, link, concatenate, lace, string; knit, sew; gird, truss; hy­phenate; bolt, lock, pinion, clamp; secure, anchor, moor; conjoin, subjoin, affix, fix, annex, attach, tack, staple, hook, nail, pin, rivet, screw; graft, ingraft; bridge, bridge over; (of trains or buses) connect up, continue, run; fuse, solder, weld; tape, glue, aggluti­nate, conglutinate, cement, paste; seal, concrete; clasp, button, buckle.
2. adjoin, abut on or upon, verge upon, impinge upon; touch, reach, meet, kiss, butt, impinge; neighbor, border, flank, lie next to, lie or be adjacent to.
3. mix, combine, mingle, coalesce, blend; come together, knit, grow together, cohere, adhere, stick together, hang or hold together; articulate, corre­late, unify; amalgamate, consolidate, incorporate, merge.
4. associate, affiliate, join up with, join forces with, side with, go along with; league, ally, confederate, unionize, band together, join forces or hands, team up, Inf. hitch horses; associate with, deal with, treat with, have to do with, have connection with, Inf. tie in with.
5. relate, identify, ally, bracket, equate, parallel, draw a parallel; attribute, assign, ascribe, impugn; at­ttribute to, assign to, ascribe to, impute to, charge to, credit or attribute with; fix on or upon, pin on, Inf. pin­point, saddle on or upon, father upon, blame for, Sl. hang on.
6. (all of ideas, fashions, art forms) come off, go, Inf. make a go of it, succeed, prevail; Inf. catch on, Inf. take, Inf. make a hit, Sl. click.

connected, adj. 1. joined, linked, tied, bound, spliced, fastened, lashed; chained, coupled, linked; se­cured, anchored, moored; conjoined, conjoint, sub­joined, fixed, affixed, attached, annexed; tacked, stapled, hooked, nailed, pinned, riveted; fused, soldered, welded; taped, glued, cemented; sealed; clasped, but­toned, buckled.
2. merged, combined, associated, consociated, amal­gamated, consolidated, incorporated; united, unified, leagueed, allied, confederated, federated; in union, in league, in alliance; in common, in conjunction, in as­sociation.
3. mutual, shared, common, communal, collective; cooperative, cooperating, collaborative, collaborating, coordinated, coordinate, synergetic, synergistic; con­certed, coactive, hand in hand, arm in arm; coalitional, conjunctive, conjugate, conjunct, corporate, corporate; concordant, agreeing, concurrent, con­sentual, consentaneous, consentient, concomitant.
4. related, affinal, affiliated, affinitive, agnate, cognate, Gram. paronymous; correlative, Bot. homog­enous, alike; kindred, akin, ibid; pertinent, relevant, appropos, germane, to the point, apt, apposite.
5. adjoining, joining, conjoining, contiguous, abut­ting, tangential, tangent, contactual, touching, meet­ing, Obs. attingent; adjacent, bordering, skirting, edg­ing, proximate, juxtapositional, juxtaposed, next to,
connection, n. 1. union, junction, conjunction, juncture, conjuncture, conjunction, marriage, Inf. hook up; unification, accompaniment, joiner; juxta- position, collocation; joining, linking, uniting, bind- ing, bonding, splicing, yoking; connecting, conjoining, coupling; meeting, edging, bordering, skirting, abutting. 2. intersection, nexus, connexus, point of union or contact; focus, focal point, focalization; coalescence, confluence; abstraction, abstraction.

3. coherence, cohesion, adherence, adhesion; congruity, congruence, congruousness, harmony, harmonious- ness, conformity, uniformity, consistency, connected- ness; relevance, relevancy, pertinence, germaneness, ap- plicability, appositeness; affinity, rapport.

4. link, tie, bond, knot, yoke; coupler, coupling, connective; joint, joiner, articulation, commission; pivot, hinge, elbow, knee, dovetail joint, rabbit, rabbit joint; linkage, concatenation, chain; seam, suture, welt; clamp, clasp, latch, buckle, clip.

5. association, affiliation, relationship, relatedness, tie-in; attachment, dependence, mutual dependence.

6. merger, amalgamation, consolidation, incorporation; alliance, league, federation, confederation, bund, entente, combination; society, order, fraternity, sorori- ty; cabal, conspiracy; coterie, set, circle, clique, cluster, Inf. bunch, Inf. gang, Inf. team, Inf. crew.

7. context, contextual relation, reference, frame of reference, context, setting, situation, background.

8. relative, relation, blood relation, kinsman, sibling, agnate, cognate; family, kin, kith and kin, kinsfolk, people, flesh and blood. Inf. folks; in-law, relative-in- law; kinship, relationship, blood relationship, consanguinity, family tie.

9. Slang. (all of commerce in narcotics) source, contact, Sl. main man; Sl. pusher, Sl. dealer.

10. Usu. connections pull, in, contacts; contact, go-between, middleman, intermediary, medium, friend at court.

11. sexual intercourse, sexual commerce or union or congress, sex, intercourse, mating; intimacy, carnal knowledge, sexual or marital relations, sleeping togeth- er or with; copulation, coitus, coition, Archaic, venery, sex act, act of love.

connivance, n. 1. overlooking or purposely overlook- ing, ignoring, disregarding, paying no regard or heed to, paying no attention to, taking no notice or note of, being blind to, closing or shutting one's eyes to, looking the other way, pret- ending not to notice, blinking the fact, winking or blinking at, feigning ignorance, hearing nothing, not hearing a word, Inf. taking, Inf. paying no mind or heed to; making light of, passing over, glossing over, letting pass, Inf. letting it go.

2. condoning, allowing for, making allowances for, being indulgent; suffering, countenancing, enduring, tolerating, bearing, bearing with, brooking, stomaching, putting up with, standing for; pardoning, excusing, forgiving, remitting, letting off.

3. conspiring, colluding, intriguing, plotting; (all in criminal activity) lending oneself to, being a party to, privately consenting, having a finger in the pie, Inf. being on the take; (all in criminal activity) interacting, co- acting, interfacing, synergizing, combining, cooper- ating, collaborating, working together or in union or side by side, acting jointly or in concert.

4. implied consent, tacit consent or approval or en- couragement, secret approval, allowance, sufferance, tolerance, toleration, condonation or secret conden- nation; voluntary oversight, pretended ignorance; collu- sion, complicity, conspiracy, intrigue, corridor in- trigue, jobbery, playing politics, Chiefly U. S. Pol. logrolling, indirect abetment or encouragement, re- mote participation; (all in criminal activity) interac- tion, coaction, synergy, cooperation, collaboration.

connive, v. 1. overlook or purposely overlook, ig- nore, disregard, pay no regard or heed to, pay no at- tention to, take no notice or note of, be blind to, turn a blind eye, close or shut one's eyes to, look the other way, pretend not to notice, blink the fact, blink or wink at, feign ignorance, hear nothing, not hear a word, Inf. take, Inf. pay no mind or heed; make light of, pass over, gloss over, let pass, Inf. let it go.

2. condone, allow for, make allowances for, be in- dulgent; suffer, countenance, endure, tolerate, bear, bear with, brook, stomach, put up with, stand for; pardon, excuse, forgive, remit, let off.

3. conspire, collude, cabal, intrigue, plot, complot; (all usually in criminal activity) lend oneself to, be a party to, privately consent, play politics, have a finger in the pie; (all usually in criminal activity) interact, coact, interface, synergize, combine, cooperate, colla- borate, work together or in union or side by side, act jointly or in concert.

connoisseur, n. aesthetic, epicure, (both of food) gourmet, gourmand; judge, critic, arbiter of taste, Latin. arbiter elegantiae; expert, authority, specialist, pundit, savant, maven, one of the cognoscenti.

connotation, n. 1. suggestion, implication, signification, insinuation; allusion, reference.

2. subtext, undercurrent, undertone; nuance, touch, hint, intimation; inference, sup- position, coloration; meaning, sense, significance, pur- port, import.

connotative, adj. suggestive, implicit, expressive, indicative, inferential, significative; allusive, referen- tial; latent, underlying, under the surface, between the lines; implicit, tacit, understood, unspoken, unvoiced, unsaid, unuttered, unexpressed.

connote, v. suggest, imply, infer, hint at, intimate, insinuate, allude to; involve, include, implicate; mean, signify, indicate, import, purport.

connotative, adj. conjugal, matrimonial, nuptial, hy- menal, epithalamic; marital, married, wedded; spousal, husbandly, wifely, bridal.

conquer, v. 1. (all by force of arms) acquire, ob- tain, win; overrun, occupy, annex; seize, take, take over, appropriate.

2. vanquish, subdue, subjugate, master, overcome, overpower, overwhelm, overthrow, defeat; reduce, prostrate, flatten, crush, smash, break, humble, bring [s.o.] to his knees; suppress, quell, put down, beat down.

3. overcome, surmount, rise above, triumph over, prevail over, best, get the better or best of; prevail, triumph, succeed, win, Inf. come out on top.

conqueror, n. victor, victress, victrix; champion, hero, winner, triumphor; master, conquistador, subjugator, subduer, defender, vanquisher.

conquest, n. 1. vanquishment, subjugation, sub- jection, mastery, domination, overthrow, defeat; ap- propriation, seizure, Inf. takeover, occupation.

2. seduction, captivation, enchantment, allurement, enticement, inveiglement, enthrallment, fascination.

3. victory, triumph, success, win, walkaway, Sl. pushover, Sl. picnic; catch, captive, acquisition; feat, coup, feather in one's cap.

4. spoils, booty, plunder, loot, haul, take, prize, Sl. swag.

consanguinity, n. kinship, blood relationship, family- tie or connection, common ancestry or lineage, cognition; filiation, enation, agnation, sibship; relation- ship, connection, association, affiliation.
conscience,  n.  1. sense of right and wrong, moral sense, inward monitor; the still, small voice; principles, scruples, morals, ethics, standards.
2. uprightness, honesty, probity, rectitude, integrity, conscientiousness.
3. in all conscience in all reason and fairness, in faith, in truth, truly, certainly, assuredly; honestly, upon my honor.

conscience-stricken,  adj. contrite, pentitent, penitential, repentant; compunctious, remorseful, regretful, regretting, sorry, troubled, disturbed; guilt-ridden, self-accusing, self-reproachful; chastened, humbled, shamed, ashamed, embarrassed, chagrined.

conscientious,  adj. 1. scrupulous, principled, right-minded, ethical, moral, conscionable; upright, righteous, just, honorable, upstanding, high-minded; good, sincere, honest, true, all wool and a yard wide; earnest, hard-working, dedicated, devoted, faithful, loyal.
2. careful, cautious, prudent, politic, discreet, judicious, circumspect; mindful, thoughtful, regardful, heedful, attentive, solicitous; meticulous, punctilious, exact, precise, accurate; correct, proper, decorous, rigorous, strict, close.
3. in all conscience in all reason and fairness, in faith, truly, certainly, assuredly; honestly, upon my honor.

conscientiousness.  2. uprightness, honesty, probity, rectitude, integrity, self-accusing, self-reproachful; chastened, humbled, shamed, ashamed, embarrassed, chagrined.

consensus,  n. common consent or assent, general agreement, unanimity, consensus, concordance, concurrence, like-mindedness; concord, concordance, concurrence, consonance; agreement, accord, accordance, compliance, conformity, harmony; unity, oneness, oneness of mind, single-mindedness; concert, chorus, one or single voice.

consent,  v. 1. grant, permit, agree, allow, admit; accept, go along with, Inf. take to, Inf. cotton to, Inf. buy; acknowledge, recognize, Archaic. agnize, subscribe to.
2. (often fol. by to or an infinitive) yield, acquiesce, concede, give in, submit; obey, comply with, abide by, defer to, conform to; side with, fall in with, Sl. string along with, go with the stream, join in the chorus, go with the current.
3. testify, endorse, uphold, sustain, corroborate, substantiate, verify, confirm, ratify, homologate; countersign, seal; check, visa, visa, clinch.

consequence,  n. 1. result, effect, event, outcome, issue, upshot, sequel; aftermath, outgrowth, afterclap, turnout, aftereffect, fallout, wake; reaction, repercussion, reverberation.
2. inference, implication, conclusion, deduction, illation, corollary.
3. importance, significance, signification, portent; weight, weightiness, greatness, import, force; emphasis, stress, urgency; interest, concern, matter.
4. distinction, standing, elevation, grandeur; prominence, prestige, eminence, influence; notability, repute, fame, report; name, account, regard, esteem; mark, caliber, rank.

consequent,  adj. 1. consequent, consequential, resultant, resulting, follow-up; owing to, due to, attributable to, ascribable to, consequent, resulting, consequential, resultant; due to, attributable to, consequent.
2. inferential, implicative, illative; deductive, derivative.
3. importance, significance, signification, portent; weight, weightiness, greatness, import, force; emphasis, stress, urgency; interest, concern, matter.
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conservation,  n. preservation, preserving, saving, res-
conservatism, n. 1. traditionalism, conventionalism, orthodoxy, orthodoxy; preservation of the status quo, resistance to change, die-hardism; conservativeness, moderation, caution, prudence.
2. political conservatism, rightism, reaction, Hunkerism, Hunkerousness; ultra-conservatism, Birchism, Bourbonism.

conservative, adj. 1. opposed to change, diehard, reactionary, ultra-conservative; (all of politics) right-wing, rightist, Birchist, Birchee, Bourbonian, Hunkerous, Tory, Toryish.
2. cautious, prudent, careful, Inf. go-slow; moderate, temperate, sober, stable, unchanged, Anthropian; unprogressive, old-fashioned, Sl. square, Sl. straight, traditional, conventional, orthodox, standard; Ivy-league, Inf. button-down; middle-American, middle-class, bourgeois.

3. preservative, conservational, conserving, protective, saving.

—n. 4. champion of the status quo, Inf. stick-in-the-mud, die-hard, Inf. hardhat; Sl. square, Sl. straight; political conservative, right-winger, rightist, reactionary, Bircher, Bourbon, Hunker, Tory.

conservator, n. guardian, custodian, keeper, caretaker, janitor, concierge, guard, watchman, warden; superintendent, Inf. super, supervisor, overseer, warden, manager, curator, steward.

conservatory, n. 1. greenhouse, Brit. glasshouse, hothouse; nursery, arboretum, vineyard; pleasure-garden, pleasure-grove, green court, viridarium; summerhouse, gazebo, pavilion.
2. conservatoire, music school, drama school, school of fine arts; institute, academy; studio, workshop, atelier.

conserve, v. 1. preserve, keep, save, protect, guard, shield; take care of, maintain, keep up, support.
2. save, use sparingly, Inf. go easy on, reserve, set aside, spare, leave alone.

—n. 3. Often conserves compote, fruit soup; preserves, jam, marmalade, jelly, julep; confiture, confection, comfit, sweetmeat, sugarplum, bonbon.

consider, v. 1. contemplate, weigh, think over, turn over in one’s mind, give thought to, mull over; ponder, Archaic. perpend, ruminate, cogitate, meditate on, brood over, muse on; deliberate, reflect upon, revolve, put one’s mind to, give one’s attention to, pay attention to, study, pore over, examine; chew over, talk over, discuss; envisage, envision, dream of; think about, kick around, tinker with, toy with, flirt with the idea.
2. heed, mark, note, observe; bear in mind, take into account, factor into, take into consideration, keep in view, make allowance for.
3. deem, adjudge, judge, think, believe, hold, opinion, suppose; estimate, gauge, appraise, rate.
4. regard, respect, esteem, value, honor.

considerable, adj. 1. sizable, Inf. tidy, Inf. pretty, substantial, appreciable; large, big, great; goodly, tolerable, fair, decent, reasonable.
2. distinguished, noteworthy, respectable, estimable, praiseworthy, remarkable, extraordinary, valuable, important, influential; illustrious, renowned, venerable.

considerate, adj. 1. thoughtful, kind, kindly, kind-hearted, compassionate, tender, sympathetic, patient, forbearing; benevolent, beneficent, charitable, generous, unselfish; aware, sensitive, attentive, mindful, heedful, concerned, solicitous; friendly, neighborly, welcoming, gracious, obliging, accommodating.
2. considered, deliberate, deliberated, well-thought-out; prudent, careful, circumspect, circumspective.

consideration, n. 1. attention, notice, heed, adversity; observation, examination, inspection, scrutiny, review; advisement, consultation.
2. deliberation, reflection, contemplation, speculation, thought; meditation, rumination, cogitation, musings; forethought, premeditation.
3. thoughtfulness, kindness, kind-heartedness; compassion, sympathy, patience, forbearance; friendliness, benevolence, beneficence, generosity; attentiveness, concern, solicitude.
4. recompense, compensation, emolument, perquisite, remuneration, fee, payment; gratuity, tip, Fr. pourboire.
5. importance, import, significance, value; consequence, weight, moment.
6. estimation, esteem, honor, reverence, regard, respect, admiration.

considering, prep. bearing in mind, keeping in view, in view of, in light of, taking into consideration, taking into account, making allowance for.

consign, v. 1. hand over, deliver, transfer, convey; remand, remit; give over, resign, yield; entrust, assign, delegate, relegate; bequeath, leave to, commend to, refer to, confide to; deposit with, commission, authorize.
2. Commerce. send, post, mail, ship, dispatch, freight, transmit.

consignment, n. delivery, transferal, giving over, relinquishment; entrustment, assignment, trust, delegation, relegation, bequest; commission, warrant, mandate; office, mission, errand, task.

consignor, n. merchant, vendor, seller; transmitter, shipper, dispatcher; shipping or freight company, transfer company.

consist, v. 1. Usu. consist in be comprised in, be contained in, be constituted by; inhere in, lie in.
2. Usu. consist of be composed of, be made up of, be made from or with, be formed of; contain, hold, embrace, incorporate, involve, embody.
3. Usu. consist with harmonize, agree, accord with, conform; be compatible, be consistent, jibe, fit in with, go along with; accommodate, suit, befit, become.

consistency, n. 1. coherence, holding together, retention of form, maintenance of solidity or firmness; density, firmness, thickness, viscosity.
2. adherence, attachment, devotion, constancy, faithfulness, fidelity, fealty, loyalty, allegiance; compliance, obedience, abidance, acquiescence, concurrence.
3. agreement, harmony, accordence, concordance; congruity, correspondence, consonance, compatibility, correlation, conformity.

consistent, adj. 1. agreeing, accordant, concordant, compatible, congruous, consonant, harmonious, conformable.
2. undeviating, true to type, steady, dependable, regular; uniform, identical, selfsame, unchanging.
3. cohering, adhering, clinging, tenacious, persistent; devoted, faithful, loyal, Inf. tried and true.

consistently, adv. 1. unswervingly, staunchly, firmly, faithfully, resolutely, unfailingly, without fail, dependably.
2. steadily, repeatedly, regularly, over and over, day in and day out, like clockwork.

consolation, n. 1. comfort, pity, sympathy, compassion, commiseration, condolence, solace.
conso- 2. relief, easing, easement, soothing; softening, cushioning, mollification, lightening; smoothing, calming; mitigation, abatement, remission; reduction, diminution, lessening, slackening, weakening, relaxation; alleviation, assuagement, palliation, appeasement; slacking, deadening, dulling, blunting; tempering, moderating, moderation.

conso- le, v. comfort, solace, afford consolation; share [s.o.'s] misery, lament with. See comfort (def. 1).

consor-t, n. spouse, husband, wife, better half, other half, Humorous. rib, squaw; helpmate, helpmeet, mate, partner.

2. companion, comrade, crony, chum, Fr. copain, sidekick, shadow, alter ego; friend, ally, Inf. pal, U.S. Inf. buddy, Sl. cully, Sl. Siamese twin.

—v. 3. associate with, keep company with, hang out or around with, go around with, Inf. pal around with, fraternize, mingle with, mix with; couple with, pair off with.

4. agree, harmonize, blend, adapt, accommodate; correspond, jibe, tally.

conspicuous, adj. 1. observable, recognizable, discernible, perceptible, distinguishable; defined, distinct, well-defined, well-marked; visible, vivid, graphic; unhidden, undisguised, unconcealed, unmistakable; unveiled, uncurtained, unshrouded, unscreened.

2. evident, plain, plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face, obvious, palpable, manifest, apparent; explicit, clear-cut, patent, express; pronounced, prominent, marked; unequivocal, unquestionable, incontrovertible.

3. blatant, obtrusive, flagrant, glaring, egregious; overt, bold, bald, bald-faced.

4. garish, gaudy, tawdry, loud, lurid, screaming; vulgar, coarse, tasteless, crass; showy, ostentatious.

5. striking, impressive, imposing, majestic, grand, august, stately, dignified; awesome, awe-inspiring, lofty, wondrous, marvelous, prodigious; distinguished, eminent, famous, well-known, renowned; illustrious, glorious, brilliant, radiant, lustrous.

conspirac-y, n. 1. collusion, connivance, Law. coven; machination, manipulation, maneuvering, engineered, wire-pulling, foul play, sharp practice.

2. plot, complot, scheme, Inf. racket, Inf. little game; artifice, contrivance, stratagem, design, Inf. frame-up.

3. cabal, camarilla, junta, clique, secret society; coalition, alliance, confederacy.

4. concurrence, accord, agreement; collaboration, cooperation, coaction, affiliation; unionization, combination, Sl. hookup, Sl. tie-in.

conspirator, n. confederate, collaborator, collaborationist, collider, abettor, accomplice; cabalist, schemer, plotter, intriguer, conspirer, conniver, operator, machinator, engineer, Inf. finagler, Inf. wire-puller.

conspire, v. 1. plot, complot, scheme, intrigue, cabal, be up to something or no good, Dial. colleague; machinate, maneuver, engineer, rig, operate, Inf. frame.

2. collaborate, cooperate, collude, concur, coact, Si. collage; artifice, contrivance, stratagem, design, Inf. frame.

3. be in cahoots with, be in bed with; unite, combine, join, join hands or forces, gang up on [s.o.], Inf. hitch horses.

constancy, n. 1. faithfulness, fidelity, faith, devotion, devotedness, abidingness, attachment, allegiance, loyalty; ardor, zeal, eagerness, earnestness; trustiness, trustworthiness, dependability, reliability; truthfulness, honesty, integrity, honor, principle.

2. steadfastness, steadiness, resolution, resoluteness, firmness, determination, decisiveness, purposiveness; perseverance, tenacity, Inf. stick-to-it-iveness; application, adherence, industry, diligence; fortitude, backbone, grit, mettle, pluck, Inf. sand; obstinateness, obstinacy, doggedness, stubbornness, Inf. cussedness, inflexibility, intransigence, obdurateness, contumacy, contumaciousness.

3. uniformity, regularity, similarity, sameness, invariableness; stability, permanence, fixedness; immutability, unchangeableness, unchangingness, incorruptibility, irreversibility.

constant, adj. 1. uniform, regular, even, same, identical, systematic, methodical, invariable, fixed; firm, fast, solid, steady, stable; permanent, abiding,
constellation, Astron. n. 1. Astron. configuration. Rare. asterism.
2. (all of important or famous persons) galaxy, plane.

constipation, n. constine, determined, serious, decided, un-
duited, indomitable; persevering, industrious, assid-
ous, sedulous; persistent, relentless, plodding, untiring,
unflagging, unwearied, indefatigable; tenacious,
dogged, strong-willed, grim, unshrinking; game,
plucky, gritty; obstinate, stubborn, inf. cussed, un-
compromising, unbending, unyielding, inflexible, ob-
durate, contumacious.

constipated, adj. constive, Pathol. bound, blocked, impacted,
Euph. in a bind.

constipation, n. costiveness, obstipation.

constituent, adj. 1. component, integral, elemental.
See component (def. 1).
—n. 2. part, element, unit. See component (def. 3).

constitute, v. compose, form, make, comprise, make up, consist of, compound; incorporate, embody.
2. appoint, nominate, name, deputize, depute, ordain; install, inaugurate, confirm, induct, commission.
3. establish, create, originate, develop; set up, found, institute, occasion, bring about, give rise to.
4. enact, draft, pass into law; legislate, ordain, decree.

constitution, n. composition, make-up, structure, Archiac. crasis; organization, synthesis, formation, configuration; arrangement, contexture, construction, conformation.
1. physique, build, body, physical nature; strength, vigor, health, power.
2. disposition, aspect, temperament, mood, mettle; character, nature, spirit, condition, state; essence, quiddity, idiosyncrasy, idiocracy, singularity, particularity.
3. establishment, formation, founding, creation, foundation; institution, introduction, enactment, inception.
5. body of laws, Latin. corpus juris, code, charter, pandect, canon; rules, laws, principles.

constitutual, adj. 1. inherent, inbred, intrinsic; inborn, innate, instinctive, congenital, connate, Archiac. ingenerate; indwelling, immanent, ingrained, infixed, implanted, instilled; indigenous, rooted, natural, native.
2. healthful, beneficial, salubrious, salutary, salutif-
erous; wholesome, hygienic, healthy, nutritious.
3. essential, fuadamental, basic, elementary, basal; integral, component, constituent.
4. lawful, legal, legitimate, licit; statutory, chartered, vested; statutable, rightful, authorized, prescribed, per-
mittred.
—n. 5. walk, stroll, airing, amble, saunter, prome-
nade, march; ramble, perambulation, hike, outing, tramp; trot, jog, jog trot, run.

constrain, v. coerce, compel, force, drive, press, pressure, oblige, hostile, railroad; impel, urge, impress, provoke, instigate, extort; cause, require, (usu. used passively) bind, exact, necessitate, make; draft, con-
script, commandeer; persuade, induce, prevail upon, insist upon, pin [s.o.] down, Inf. shove or ram down
one's throat; apply pressure, Sl. lean against or on, armtwist, twist [s.o.'s] arm, put the screws on or to, Inf. strong-arm, put the heat on, squeeze.

2. tyrannize, terrorize, threaten, bulldoze, dragoon; bully, hector, torment, harass, abuse, taunt, tease, bullyrag; intimidate, browbeat, cow, frighten, terrify, petrify.

3. confine, restrict, hem in, in hedge in, tie down; check, curb, limit; bind, astrict, tie, bound; enclose, shut in, shut up, keep in, quarantine, isolate; cage, coop, pen in, rail in, fence, corral; box up, bottle up, seal up; lock up, imprisonment, jail, incarcerate, impound, wall in, immune, put in irons.

4. repress, inhibit, stifle, hamper, hinder, impede; restraint, hold back, hold in, control, suppress, swallow.

constrainment, n. confinement, imprisonment, incar- ceration, durance, detention; captivity, chains, bonds; bondage, slavery, servitude, thralldom, subju-
ghement, enthrallment.

2. repression, control, inhibition, stifling, restraint, suppression; diffidence, timidity, bashfulness, reserve, embarrassment.

3. restriction, limitation, check, curb, obstruction, deterrent.

4. coercion, compulsion, force, coaction; pressure, duress, obligation; persuasion, inducement, insistence, arm-twisting; urge, provocation, requirement, necessi-
tation, necessity.

constrict, v. cramp, squeeze, tighten, pinch, Inf.
tighten up on, Inf. put the squeeze on, strangle, stran-
gulate, draw or press in, bind, wrap up, coarctate,
straiten, constringe, compress, astringe; contract,
shrink, narrow, reduce, decrease, diminish, cut down or short, curtail.

2. impede, obstruct, block, clog, slow, stall, stop, ar-
rest, reign, draw reign, Inf. pull back on, bring to a standstill, bring to an impasse, stalemate, checkmate, check, curb, retard, thwart, foil, prevent, inhibit, re-
strain, repress, constrain, hold, hamstring, delay, frustrate, bar, hold up, tie down, deter, detain, stay, Inf.
clip one's wings; hinder, hamper, trammel, handicap, fetter, shake, tie, tie one's hands, manacle; en-
cumber, cumber, burden, saddle with; limit, restrict, confine, circumscribe, keep within bounds, bound, de-
marcate, define.

constriction, n. 1. cramping, squeezing, tightening,
tightening, pinching, strangling, strangulation, binding,
shutting up, coartting, straitening, constringing,
compression, compressing, astringing; constriction,
contracting, shrinkage, shrinking, narrowing, Obs.
angustation, reduction, reducing, decrease, decreasing, diminution, diminishing, cutting down or short, curtailment, curtailing.

2. tightness, contraction, stricture, inner pressure, astringency, strangulation, strangling, choking,
squeezing, binding; cramp, crick, cramp, stiph, crink,
pang, ache, throes; spasm, muscle spasm, convulsion.

3. knot, charley horse, gnarl, block; lump, bump,
bulge, swell, swelling, tumescence, hump, knob, pro-
tubercule, node, nodule, nodulus.

4. impediment, obstruction, blockage, clog, clog-
5. Phonetics. (all of the vocal tract) closure, occlusion, stoppage, block, glottal stop, obstruction.

6. Conference, deliberation, consultation, arrangement, make-up; design, format, layout, style.

3. Explanation, explanation, clarification, exegesis, translation; interpretation, reading, rendering, analysis, commentary.

constructive, adj. 1. helpful, advantageous, beneficial; productive, useful, practical.

2. Structural, architectural, tectonic.

3. Inferential, inferred, implied, implicit; deduced, derived; interpretive, interpretative, made up.

construct, v. 1. Explain, explicate, expound, interpret, translate; clarify, elucidate, spell out.

2. Deduce, infer, gather, take, take to mean, understand by; diagnose, read, read into, read between the lines; decipher, unravel, resolve, figure out, make out, puzzle out, put two and two together.

consul, n. Attached, commercial attaché, consular agent, consul general.

consult, v. 1. Call in, seek the opinion of, confer with, seek or ask advice or information from, refer to.

2. Take into account, have an eye to, regard, respect, have consideration or regard or respect for, be considerate of, be thoughtful of.

3. Consider, deliberate, confer, parley, palaver, sit down together, hold conference, Inf. powwow, Inf. huddle, Inf. go into a huddle, Inf. put or lay heads together, Inf. talk turkey; discuss with, talk with, take up with, talk over, compare notes, exchange views or opinions.

consultation, n. 1. Conference, deliberation, consideration, examination, study, analysis; dialogue, debate, conversation, communication.

2. Meeting, parley, palaver, colloquy, huddle, Inf. powwow; convention, council, caucus, session; talk, discussion, tête-à-tête, Sl. rap, Sl. rap session, Sl. bull session; forum, symposium, seminar, colloquium, round table; interview, audience, sitting.

consume, v. 1. Expend, use up, exhaust, drain, deplete, empty; finish, finish off, Sl. polish off, dispose of, get rid of, Sl. do in.

2. (All of food or drink) devour, absorb, eat up, swallow, gulp down, drink up, guzzle, gobble, bolt, wolf, Inf. put away or down, Inf. pack away or in.

3. Devour, eat up, swallow up, envelop; engulf, inundate, deluge, swamp, submerge; drown, choke, smother, overcome; destroy, ruin, Dial. ruinate, ravage, wreak havoc upon; devastate, desolate, lay to waste, waste, Sl. kill; demolish, wipe out, wreck, Sl. total; raze, gut, fell, prostrate, level; wipe off the map, erase, obliterate, eradicrate. See destroy (defs. 1, 2, 4, 6).

4. Waste, dissipate, squander, fritter or foot away, lose, throw away, lavish, misspend, misuse, Sl. blow, spend foolishly.

5. Absorb, engross, take up or in, draw in; preoccupy, occupy or seize the mind, engage wholly; mesmerize, hypnotize, fix, arrest, rivet; fascinate, enwrap, enthral, grip, hold, hold spellbound, captivate.

6. Disintegrate, break up, fall apart, wear out; decay, rot, spoil, rust, go bad; go, fail, quit, Sl. conk out, slow down, stop, die, give up, run out; waste away, fade away, ebb, weaken, tire, melt; dissolve, disappear, vanish, perish, evaporate, dissolve or disappear into thin air.

consumer, n. User, buyer, purchaser, Both Chiefly Law. vendee, empor; shop, shopper, marketer; customer, client, patron, patronizer, regular, Fr. habitué.

consummate, v. 1. Complete, perfect, crown, top, cap, put the last or finishing touch to; finish, carry through, conclude, close, wind up, clinch, clench, seal, bring to a successful end, terminate; fulfill, realize, accomplish, complete, carry out, perform, execute, do.

—adj. 2. Complete, total, perfect; superior, supreme, transcendent, ultimate, best, matchless; superb, excellent, superlative, extraordinary; remarkable, notable, noteworthy, distinguished; highly accomplished, expert, proficient, adept, skilled, skillful; talented, gifted, endowed, apt; masterful, masterly, professional, veteran, experienced, practiced, versed, Fr. au fait; topflight, top-drawer, first-rate, Inf. top-notch, ace, Inf. crack, Sl. crackerjack, Inf. whiz-bang.

consummation, n. 1. Completion, perfection, final touch or stroke; close, end, termination, finish; conclusion, finale, final act or scene, last part or stage; culmination, climax, capper, denouement.

2. Fulfillment, realization, actualization; accomplishment, attainment, acquisition, achievement, fruition, success.

consumption, n. 1. Use, expenditure, diminution, loss, reduction, depletion, exhaustion; waste, dissipate, dispense, mislead, misapply, misplace, wear and tear, harm, damage; destruction, ruination, ruination, ravagem, devastation; demolition, wrecking, razing, gutting, leveling; wiping out, erasure, effacement, obliteration, eradication. See destruction (defs. 1, 2, 4, 6).

2. Tuberculosis, TB, white plague, pulmonary phthisis, black lung; gradual wasting away, wastage, decline, emaciation, tabes.

contact, n. 1. Touch, tangency, traction; union, juncture, junction, conjunction, association, meeting; connection, adhesion, cohesion.


3. Adjacency, contiguousness, abuttal, abutment; apposition, juxtaposition; proximity, contiguity, nearness, closeness, propinquity; communication.

4. Acquaintance, reference, referral, connection, Sl. in.

—v. 5. Communicate with, get in touch with, get hold of, reach, look up; approach, seek out; write, phone, call, notify; meet, see.

6. Touch, meet, graze, brush, scrape; (all usu. followed by on, upon, or against) impinge, strike, dash, collide.

contagion, n. 1. (All usu. of disease) Communication, transmission, transmittal, transference.

2. Infection, contamination, pollution, corruption.

3. Spread, dispersion, dissemination, propagation, circulation; insinuation, suggestion.
contagious, adj. catching, communicable, transmissible, transferable, inoculable, infectious, zymotic, spreadable, Obs. taking, spreading, carrying, Vet. Med. epizootic; epidemic, epizootical, pandemic, miasmal, miasmatic, miasmatic, pestilential.

contain, v. 1. hold, receive, admit, carry, seat; accommodate, have capacity for, be capable of holding.
2. comprise, include, comprehend, embrace, subsume, take in, incorporate, embody; enclose, encircle, envelop, enfold, encompass, compass; cover, take into account or consideration, involve.
3. restrain, control, keep under control, hold back, bind; repress, suppress, stifile; check, keep in check, Both SI. keep the lid on, place the lid on, curb, halt, limit.

contaminate, v. defile, befoul, pollute, corrupt, foul, spoil; sully, taint, soil, besmirch, besmirge; infect, poison, envenom, empoison, canker; vitiate, debase, adulterate; deprave, pervert, debauch, degrade, dishonor.

contamination, n. 1. corruption, pollution, befoulment, defilement; infection, poisoning, contagion, septicity, vitiation, debasement, adulteration; degradation, perversion, deprecation, debauchment.
2. uncleanness, foulness, impurity, filthiness; depreciation, dissipation.

contempt, v. 1. disdain, scorn, despise, misprize, show contempt for, view with contempt, hold in contempt, snap one's fingers at, turn up one's nose at, spurn, slight, snub, shun.
2. deprecate, vituperate, disparage, reproach, censure, decry, condemn, vilify; consider beneath oneself, look down on or upon, SI. put down.

contemplate, v. 1. watch, keep an eye on, keep a vigil, rivet one's eye upon, stare at, gaze at, view, look at; attend, pay attention to, mind, heed; observe, regard, eye, peer, pry; survey, reconnoiter, scrutinize, scan, examine, inspect; witness, see, notice, note.
2. meditate, muse, ponder, brood, mull over, dwell on; reflect, cogitate, rack one's brains, cudgel one's brains, ruminate, chew over, chew one's cud, be in a brown study; think about or over, cerebrate, put on one's thinking cap, be abstracted, be lost in thought; concentrate on, focus on, put one's mind to, have one's mind on; consider, deliberate, excogitate, take to heart, Archaic. perpend; revolve, review, turn over, weigh, evaluate, study, con; wonder about, speculate, surmise, suppose, conjecture, theorize, hypothesize.
3. purpose, intend, aim, project, destine, mean; have in view, envisage, envision, visualize, dream of, aspire to, look forward to, imagine, fancy; conceive, think up, have ideas about, Inf. dream up; devise, contrive, plan, scheme, plot, design, Obs. consult; frame, concoct, invent, brew, hatch.

contemplation, n. 1. watching, keeping an eye on, staring at, gazing at, viewing, looking at; attending, paying attention to, heeding; observation, observing, regarding, eyeing, peering, prying; survey, surveying, sighting, reconnaissance, reconnoitering, scrutinization, scrutinizing, scanning, examining, examination, examining, inspection, inspecting; witnessing, seeing, noticing, noticing, taking note.
2. meditating, musing, pondering, brooding, mulling over, dwelling on; reflecting, cogitating, ruminating, chewing over, chewing one's cud; thinking about or over, cerebrating, being lost in thought; concentrating on, focusing on, having one's mind on; considering, deliberation, deliberating, excogitation, excogitating, revolving, weighing, evaluation, evaluating, studying, conning; wondering about, speculation, speculating, surmising, supposing, conjecture, conjecturing, theorizing, hypothesizing.
3. meditation, reflection, cogitation, ruminating, brown study; thought, cerebration, concentration, lubrication, brain work, headwork.
4. purpose, intention, aim, project, destination; proposal, plan, scheme, plot, design, concoction, idea, conception, contrivance.
5. prospect, potential, probability; vision, ambition, dream, aspiration, hope; anticipation, expectation, expectancy.

contemplative, adj. 1. meditative, meditating, mus- ing, pondering, brooding, mulling over; reflective, reflect- ing, cogitative, cogitating, ruminant, ruminative, ruminating, chewing, chewing one's cud; pensive, thoughtful, concentrating, intent, abstracted, rapt in thought, lost in thought, bemused, Archaic. museful; deliberative, excogitative, lubricative.

—n. 2. monk, Rom. Cath. Ch. friar, nun, sister, cenobite; yogi, yogin, yogini.

contemporary, adj. 1. coexistent, coexisting, coeval, coetaneous, coeternal; contemporaneous, simultaneous, con- stainstantaneous, synchronal, synchronous, isochronal, isochronous; concurrent, concomitant, coincident, parallel, conterminous, coextensive.
2. present, present-day, present-time, present-age, twentieth-century, of the here and now; existant, existing, living.
3. modern, modish, mod, fashionable, new-fashioned, newfangled; up-to-date, up-to-the-minute, in, Inf. now, SI. hip, SL., Obs. hep, SI. with-it, SI. together.

contempt, n. 1. disdain, scorn, disregard, disrespect, mean or low opinion; disguard, loathing, abhorrence, revulsion, detestation; contemptuousness, haughtiness, arrogance, superciliousness, contumely.
2. dishonor, disgrace, shame, ignominy; humiliation, disfavor, disesteem, disrepute, discredit.

contemptible, adj. 1. mean, abject, low, unworthy, base, inferior, loathsome, despicable, wretched, vile, scurrvy, curish; shabby, trashy, sleazy, cheap, sordid, Inf. low-down, Inf. lousy, Inf. mangy, Inf. scummy.
2. ignominious, despised, miserable, lamentable, pitiful, SI. stinking; worthless, trivial, paltry, sorry, petty, insignificant.

contemptuous, adj. 1. haughty, lordly, pompous, arrogant, high and mighty; supercilious, cavalier, con- tumelious.
2. scornful, disdainful, insolent, imperious; flouting, sneering, withering, insulting; cynical, derisive, jeering, scoffing.

contend, v. 1. struggle, wrestle, grapple, tussle, scuffle; battle, fight, combat, war, wage war, skirmish; join battle with, set to, engage, encounter; clash, joust, tilt at, duel, cross swords with, fence; spar, brawl, scrap, box, fall to blows.
2. dispute, debate, argue, wrangle, altercation, Archaic. moot; squabble, quarrel, spat, be at loggerheads.
3. compete, vie, rival, contest; oppose, challenge, pit oneself against, play against, take on, face.
4. assert, maintain, hold, claim, profess; allege, affirm, state, aver, asseverate, predicate; declare, pronounce, enunciate.

content, n. 1. contents a. insides, Inf. inwards; constituents, components, ingredients. b. topics, subjects, themes, text, matter, subject matter; chapters, episodes.
2. significance, meaning, purport, intent, import, force; profundity, depth, pith, weight, substance, essence.
3. volume, capacity, mass, density; area, measure, compass; extent, scope, expanse, range, vastness; size,
contented, adj. 1. satisfied, gratified, pleased; happy, glad, sunny, cheerful; delighted, charmed. 2. peaceful, tranquil, quiescent, placid; comfortable, snug, at ease; at peace; easygoing, relaxed, complacent, calm, carefree; unworried, untroubled, unconcerned. —v. 3. appease, gratify; satisfy; please; delight, gladden, charm; cheer; placate; humor; pacificate; soothe, pacify, mollify, dulcify; pamper, coddle, mollify. 

—n. 4. satisfaction, gratification, contentedness, contentment, complacency; happiness, pleasure, gladness, felicity, delight, cheer.

5. ease of mind, ease, comfort, well-being; quietude, respite, solace; serenity, peace, peacefulness, tranquillity.

contented, adj. satisfied, gratified, pleased. See content (defs. 1, 2).

contention, n. 1. struggle, conflict, strife, hostilities, combat, war; fight, clash, skirmish, battle, fray, affray, fracas, melee, brawl, barroom brawl, scuffle, tussle; set-to, scrap, fistfights, slugfest. 2. rivalry, competition; contest, game, meet. See contest (def. 2).

3. dispute, debate, argument, disagreement, disension; controversy, disputation, contest, logomachy; squabble, altercation, wrangle, broil, quarrel, feud; spat, tiff, jangle, velitation, bicker, row, miff.

4. assertion, claim; opinion, view, belief.

contentious, adj. 1. quarrelsome, argumentative, disputatious, litigious, controversial; dissident, factious, at loggerheads, at odds, at variance, at issue; capacious, fracious, bickering, peevish, querulous; cross, testy, snappish, petulant.

2. competitive, combative, agonistic, competitive, ready to fight; pugnacious, belligerent, bellicose, brawling, opposing, conflicting, antagonistic, hostile.

contentment, n. satisfaction, gratification, contentedness; happiness, gladness. See content (defs. 4, 5).

contest, n. 1. battle, struggle, conflict. See contention (def. 1).

2. competition, contention, rivalry; match, tourney, game, regatta, meet, joust, duel, tug of war; tournament, bout, round, encounter, engagement, fr. concours, athletic event; race, run, dash, sprint, trial, heat, scrimmage; run-off, sudden death, showdown; sweepstakes, derby, handicap, steeplechase; Olympics, in ancient Greece agon, decathlon, pentathlon, marathon, in ancient Greece agonistics.

3. dispute, controversy, argument. See contention (def. 3).

—v. 4. struggle, battle, contend, fight, combat, war, wage war; wrestle, grapple, tussle, scuffle; set to, join battle with, engage, encounter; clash, skirmish, conflict; joust, tilt at, duel, fence, cross swords with; spar, brawl, scrap, box, fall to blows, Sl. duke.

5. dispute, argue, contend, litigate; oppose, controvert, challenge, impugn, counter; rebut, refute, deny, gainsay, confute; debate, call into question, question. Rare. Discept.

6. compete, rival, strive against, vie; pit oneself against, play against, oppose, take on, face, challenge.

contestant, n. 1. competitor, contender, rival, opponent, adversary; agonist, protagonist, antagonist.

2. disputant, disputer, litigant.

context, n. 1. connection, contextual relation, relationship, meaningful: following words, next sentences; text, substance, subject, theme, topic, matter under discussion.

2. situation, circumstances, conditions, environment, milieu; qualifying factors, state of affairs, facts.

contiguity, n. 1. adjacency, adjacency, juxtaposition, contiguousness, Obs. attingen or attingence, Obs. attiguosness; nearness, closeness, proximity, proximateness, proximity, approximation, propinquity, vicinage.

2. contact, abuttal, abutment; union, conjunction, intersection; meeting, joining, touching, abutting; connecting, conjunction, or contact.

3. continuum, continuous or unbroken mass or stretch, continuous or unbroken extent, expanse.

contiguous, adj. 1. touching, meeting, joining, connecting, connecting, contactual, abutting, tangential, tangent, Obs. attingent, Obs. attinguous; bordering, skirtings, edging, juxtapositional, juxtaposed, proximate, in close proximity, next to, Inf. right next to, Inf. next door to.

2. adjacent, near, nearby, close, close by, hand by, nigh, neighboring, converging, vicinal.

continence, n. 1. continency, chastity, celibacy, purity; virginity, virtue, innocence, innocency.

2. temperance, temperateness, moderation, modestness, avoidance of extremes; restraint, self-restraint, self-control; refraining, refraining, forbearance, desistance; abstention, absence, nonindulgence, abstemiousness.


4. teetotalism, nephalism, sobriety, sobriety; prohibition, blue-ribbonism; Rechabism.

continent, n. 1. mainland, main, Latin. terra firma.

—adj. 2. chaste, celibate, virgin, virginal; pure, untouched, unconfounded; virtuous, innocent, good; pristine, uncorrupted, unsullied, stainless.

3. temperate, moderate, self-restrained, self-controlled; refraining, refraining, desisting; abstemious, abstinent, nonindulgent, dieting, fasting.

4. puritanical, puritan-like, austere, self-mortifying, self-depriving; ascetic, self-denying, self-abnegating.

5. teetotal, sober, not intoxicated or drunk; prohibition, U.S. dry, blue-ribbon.

contingency, n. 1. chance, mere chance, happy chance, fortuity, serendipity, happenstance, luck, fortune; odds, run of luck; uncertainty, fortuitousness, casualness, randomness, haphazardness, arbitrariness, accidentalness.

2. possibility, likelihood, eventuality; event, circumstance, occasion, situation, case, juncture, conjuncture; casualty, accident, emergency, exigency, exigence; predicament, quandary.

3. fluke, chance event, chance occurrence, happening, hap; freak accident, one in a million, twist of fate; bad luck or fortune, stroke of bad luck or fortune.

4. incidental, detail, small detail, minor detail, minia
tia, particular, point; aspect, facet, factor; respect, re
gard.

5. nonessential, unessential, inessential; extra, accessory, appurtenance, supplement; auxiliary, subsidiary, secondary; addition, addendum, appendage.

contingent, adj. 1. conditional, provisional, provisory, stipulatory; dependent on or upon, depending, depending on, hanging on, hinging on, circumstantial, depending on circumstances; subject to, incident to, incidental to.

2. likely, possible, probable, incident; in the cards, on the books, in the air, in the wind, aloof, as it, afoot.

3. uncertain, indefinite, unsettled, unestablished; open, up in the air, touch-and-go, borderline, hanging in the balance, Sl. up for grabs; unpredictable, unforeseeable; unaccountable, undetermined, unascertainable, indivisible.

4. chance, fortuitous, serendipitous, aleatory, Inf.
flaky or fluky; random, haphazard, casual, arbitrary, hit-or-miss; unexpected, unforeseen, unanticipated, looked-for; accidental, incidental, occasional, adventitious.

—n. 5. share, quota, portion, lot, allotment, allocation, percentage, piece of the action, Inf. cut; part, parcel; measure, ration; dole, dividend, pitance. 6. (all of troops) detachment; reinforcements, reserves.

7. group, body, company, complement; party, faction, movement; coterie, clique, set, band, Inf. bunch, Inf. team, Inf. crew, Inf. crowd. 8. likelihood, probability, eventuality; possibility, contingency; event, circumstance, occasion, situation, case, instance, juncture, conjuncture. See also contingency (defs. 1-3).

continual, adj. 1. uninterrupted, unbroken, unceasing, incessant, ceaseless, continuous; unremitting, ongoing, nonstop, constant; endless, eternal, everlasting, perpetual, sempiternal, infinite, boundless, Inf. no end, ininterminable, illimitable. 2. frequent, regular, persistent, repeated, habitual; around-the-clock, day-in and day-out, dawn-to-dusk, at every turn.

continuance, n. 1. endurance, continuation, duration, lastingness, abidingness; permanence, constancy, perseverance, persistence; Inf. stay, staying power, stick-to-it-tiveness.

2. extension, prolongation, protraction, perpetuation; adjournment.

3. sequence, succession, addition, repetition; connection, concatenation.

continuation, n. 1. extension, prolongation, continuation, perpetuation; line, sequence, continuity, succession, progression.

2. sequel, installment, addition, supplement, epilogue, postscript, appendix, peroration, Music. postlude; tail, train, wake; round, suite, series, chain, course; scale, rank, file, row, string, range.

continue, v. 1. extend, keep on, endure, stick to; pursue, carry on, keep on, keep at, maintain course, go along; drag on, run on, wear on; be steadfast, persevere, persist.

2. resume, proceed, advance, further, add, pick up where one left off. 3. last, endure, survive, exist, remain, subsist, live on; be permanent, be constant, be durable. 4. abide, stay, rest, remain; tarry, linger, wait. 5. sustain, maintain, retain; prolong, protract, extend, perpetuate, preserve; support, uphold, bear up, hold up; follow up, stay on top of, stick with.

6. adjourn, postpone, delay, procrastinate; keep pending, carry over.

continuity, n. 1. continuousness, uninterruptedness, unbrokenness; connection, linkage, union, cohesion, whole, coherence, interrelatedness, interrelationship; flow, duration, contiguity, continuum. 2. continuation, perpetuity, constancy, persistence; protraction, prolongation, extension.

continuous, adj. 1. connected, entire, unbroken, uninterrupted; consecutive, progressive, serial, linear, successive.

2. ceaseless, unceasing, incessant, unremitting; endless, everlasting, eternal, sempiternal, interminable, infmite, boundless; ongoing, nonstop, constant, perennial, perpetual, continual.

contort, v. 1. twist, wrench, turn, twist; bend out of shape, warp, deform, put out of shape, misshape, disfigure; distort, screw up, make faces, grimace, out, stick out one's lower lip, Fr. faire la moue; rithe, squirm, wriggle, wiggle.

2. shrivel, shrink, curl up, wrinkle, crumple, ripple, crinkle; gnarl, knot, kink, crook, crimp; curl, spiral, screw, coil, loop, convolute, twirl, whirl.

contortion, n. 1. deformation, distortion, misshapenness, crookedness, lopsidedness; deformity, disfigurement, malformation, anamorphic formation; face, grimace, pout, Fr. moue.

2. twist, warp, curve, bend; bulge, fold, wrinkle, crumple, ripple, crinkle; knot, knick, crook, crimp, gnarl; curl, curlicue, screw, spiral, corkscrew; coil, loop, convolution, twirl, whorl, whirl.

contortionist, n. acrobat, gymnast, tumbler, exerciser; trapeze artist, trapezist, equilibrist, tightrope walker, acrobat, dancer, contortionist.

contour, n. silhouette, profile, outline, lines, curves; form, shape, figure, mold, cast; feature, line, lineament, trait; configuration, conformation, structure, composition, make-up.

contraband, n. smuggling, illegal traffic, trafficking; black-marketeteering, running; dope-smuggling, drug traffic.

—adj. 1. prohibited, illicit, unlawful, illegal, unlicensed, unauthorized; proscribed, restricted, forbidden; taboo, Ger. verboten, off-limits; smuggled, trafficked, brought in, sneaked in, bootleg, black-market, Inf. hot.

contract, n. 1. compact, covenant, concordat, convention, pact, treaty, entente, alliance; settlement, arrangement, understanding, agreement, gentleman's agreement, deal, bargain, transaction; bond, indenture, commitment, obligation, Sl. hit, Sl. death warrant; warrant, warranty, guarantee, guaranty, pledge, word, promise, spouson.

2. legal document, cartel, acknowledgment, written acknowledgment, written guarantee or guaranty, written warranty, written pledge or promise; written agreement, deed, lease.

3. betrothal, betrothing, betrothment, engagement, espousal, sponsalia, plighting, match, marriage compact, vow, subharrition, Archaic. affiance.

—v. 4. compress, condense, concentrate, abstract, synopsise, summarize, digest, brief, epitomize; concentrate, straiten, constringe, astringe, squeeze, tighten, cramp, pinch, bind, wrap up, coagulate; reduce, re-trench, shorten, lessen, curtail, decrease, diminish, cut, cut down, cut back, cut off, cut short, subtract, subduct, abbreviate, abridge, narrow, bridge, crop, clip, spiff, prune, pare down.

5. wrinkle, knot, crinkle, crease, ruffle, rumple, radder, ruck, corrugate; purse, purse up, pucker.

6. (all usually of disease) catch, get, acquire, break out with, come down with, become infected with; expose oneself to.

7. incur, bring upon, fall into, lie under, bind oneself to, be obligated to; be liable, be responsible for, be answerable for, be chargeable for, be accountable for, be amenable to, be legally responsible for.

8. settle, establish, agree on, covenant, make or strike a bargain, come to terms; negotiate, make terms, adjourn, work out, pound out, hammer out, bargain, dicker, haggle, haggle, Sl. hassle, Scot. argle-bargle; stipulate, limit, circumscribe, demarcate, bound.

9. enter into, assume, take on, take up, undertake, essay into, embark on or upon, set about, engage in, enter upon, agree in, go in for, endeavor, try, tackle; form, develop, forge, generate, constitute, institute, fashion, organize, build, erect, engender, beget, breed, hatch; cultivate, solicit, Inf. tout; promote, propound, lobby, push; vow, vouch, indent, promise, commit oneself to.

10. betroth, engage, affiance, plight, plight one's troth, espouse, bind, give one's hand, bestow one's
contraction, n. 1. compression, compressing, condensation, condensing, concentration, concentrating, abstracting, summarizing, digesting; concretion, constricting, confinement, confining, constringency, constriction, astringing, astringency, tightening, pinching, cramping, binding, wraping up; reduction, reducing, renunciation, renunciation, shortening, lessening, curtailment, curtailment, diminishing, decrease, decreasing, cutting down or off, subtraction, subtracting, subduction, subtracting, abbreviating, bridging, abbreviating, narrowing, cropping, clipping, trimming, pruning, shearing. 2. abstraction, summarization, synopsis, digest, brief, epitome, abbreviation, compendium, résumé, précis, prospectus, survey, abridgment; narrow straits, squeeze, shortage, loss, diminution, compactness. 3. Physiology. (all of muscle) contracture, tension, tenseness, tensing, flexing, tightness, tightening, stretching. 4. restriction, control, limitation, regulation, protection, control, withdrawn, removal, extraction, taking out or away. 5. Gram. ellipse, gramm syncope, gramm haplogy; Phon. elision, phon synaerisis.

contractor, n. architect, builder, constructor, mason, manufacturer, maker, artificer; planner, deviser; worker, jobber, journeyman.

dissertation, n. 1. disaffirmation, gainsay, controvers, dispute, oppose, counter. 2. dissent, differ, challenge, impugn; rebut, refute; disprove, overthrow, negate, confute. 3. belie, disallow, thwart, counteract, contravene, run counter to; reverse, cancel, rescind, abrogate, annul, nullify.

contradiction, n. 1. disaffirmation, gainsay, contradiction, denial, denegation; contravention, refutation, negation, contradiction. 2. response, rebuttal, rejoinder, impugnation, disputation, dissection; disagreement, difference of opinion. 3. inconsistency, variance, discrepancy, disparity, ambivalence, antithesis; incongruity, contrariety, antilogy, Rhet. antiphrasis; clash, controversy, discordancy.

contradictory, adj. 1. contradicting, inconsistent, paradoxical, ambivalent, antithetical, incongruous, inconsistent, discrepant; opposing, conflicting, antagonistic, irreconcilable, refutative, negational. 2. dissentient, dissenting, opposite, contrary, at odds, at variance; dissident, argumentative, disputative, unreconciled; negative, obstinate, perverse.

contradistinction, n. contrast, contrariety, contraposition, antithesis; difference, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, unlikeness, opposition, oppositeness; distinction, distinguishing, differentiation.

contraption, n. Informal. contrivance, device, gadget, invention, creation, artifice, makeshift, hickey, widget; mechanism, apparatus, rig, gear, tackle, equipment, machine, appliance, Rube Goldberg, Arcanic trangam; All Inf. machmacallit, thingumajig, thingumabob, doohickey, do-hinkey, dingus, dodo, gadso, gimmick, fandangle, Australian. doover.

contrary, n. 1. contrast, contradistinction, contraposition, opposition, oppositeness, polarity, polarization; difference, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, unlikeness; distinction, differentiation, distinguishing. 2. perversity, contrariness, obstinacy, recalcitrance, noncooperation; hostility, antagonism, antipathy, friction, conflict, enmity, bad blood, ill will, repugnance, oppugnance.

contrary, adj. 1. opposite, counter, contradictory, contrapositive, converse, antithetical; incompatible, incongruous, irreconcilable, worlds apart, poles apart; discordant, clashing, discrepant, inconsistent. 2. adverse, hostile, unfriendly, antagonistic, antipathetic, opposed, dead against, inimical, repugnant, oppugnant; warring, at odds, at variance, at cross purposes; unfavorable, untoward, adverse, inauspicious, unpropitious; ill, foul, inclemency.

contrast, v. 1. differentiate, discriminate, distinguish, make a distinction, mark, mark off or out; oppose, counterfeit, set over or off against. 2. differ, vary, diverge, stand out or apart, form a contrast; diverge from, depart from, deviate from; counter, contradict, contravene, go contrary to, run counter to, fly in the face of.

—n. 3. contrariety, contradistinction, contraposition, opposition, oppositeness, polarity, polarization; difference, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, unlikeness; distinction, distinguishing, differentiation.

contravene, v. 1. oppose, be in conflict with, cross, clash with, run counter to; contradict, oppugn, countervail, refute, belie, confute, rebut; frustrate, foil, thwart, check, abort; obstruct, hinder, hamper, interfere; intervene; annul, nullify, abrogate. 2. violate, transgress, infringe, trespass, encroach upon; break, disobey.

contravention, n. 1. counteraction, opposition, antagonism, oppugnancy, contradiction, rebuttal; frustration, thwarting, foiling, checking, aborting; obstruction, blocking, hindering, hampering, interfering, intervention; annulment, nullification, abrogation. 2. violation, transgression, infringement, trespass, encroachment, disobedience.

contremtemps, n. 1. (all of an embarrassing or inopportune nature) mistake, error, blunder, botch, bungle, Inf. slip-up; All Sl. boner, boo-boo, goof, blooper, boggle, Boot, dumb trick, fool mistake, screw-up, foul-up, louse-up. 2. (all of an embarrassing or inopportune nature) mishap, mischance, misadventure, miscarriage, glitch, ac-
cident.
3. faux pas, gaffe, social blunder or indiscretion, slip in conduct or manners, mistake in conduct or etiquette or propriety, breach of etiquette or manners; transgression, dereliction, misconduct, misdeed; false step, wrong step, misstep, wrong move, false move, bad move, trip, stumble; offense, peccadillo, oversight, omission, miss; leak, slip, lapse, lapsus.

contribute, v. donate, give, grant, bestow, accord, confer, present, endow, subsidize; provide, furnish, supply, equip, accommodate with; dispense, hand out; help, cooperate, Inf. pitch in, Inf. chip in, Sl. kick in, throw in, ante or ante up; influence, advance, forward, promote; have a hand in, bear a part, conduce to.

contribution, n. donation, gift, present, presentation, offering, alms; bestowal, bestowment, conferment; grant, endowment, subsidy, subvention, allowance; dispensation, hand out.

impost, levy, tax, tribute, duty; gratuity, tip, Fr. pourboire.

article, story, essay, critique, item.

contributor, n. donor, giver, presenter, bestower, conferrer, subscriber, supporter, backer, Law. grantor, subsidizer, patron, guardian angel, benefactor, fairy godmother, sugar daddy.

2. correspondent, reporter, journalist; columnist, reviewer, critic, free lance; writer.

tire, adj. penitent, penitential, repentant, atoning, in sackcloth and ashes; remorseful, compunctionous, regretful, regretting, sorry, sorrowful, troubled, disturbed; conscience-stricken, guilt-ridden, self-accusing, self-reproachful; chastened, humbled, shame, embarrassed.

contrition, n. penitence, repentance, contriteness, sackcloth and ashes; remorse, compunction, regret, sorrow; pang of conscience, guilt, shame, embarrassment, self-humiliation, self-mortification; self-reproach, self-blame, self-accusation, self-condemnation.

controversy, n. device, invention, creation, gadget, Inf. contraption; apparatus, mechanism, machine; instrument, implement, tool, utensil, Inf. thingumajig, Inf. thingumabob; rig, gear, outfit, tackle, equipment, makeshift, Inf. Rube Goldberg.

2. invention, inventiveness, ingenuity, ingeniousness, cleverness; creativeness, originality.

3. plan, plot, scheme, design; expedient, makeshift, fabrication, stratagem, machination, artifice, trick, stroke, coup; intrigue, conspiracy, complot, cabal.

contrive, v. devise, invent, imagine, originate, create, excogitate; design, plan, work out, think up, hit upon, dream up, spin; concoct, make up, fabricate, improvise; construct, work up.

2. plot, conspire, scheme, intrigue, complot; brew, hatch, trump up, fake, Sl. hoke up; machinate, maneuver, manipulate, Inf. finagle, Inf. wangle.

3. manage, cast, frame, coin, formulate, draft, sketch, block out, map out, shape out a course, bring about, effect, organize.

control, v. 1. dominate, rule over, reign over, exercise control over, govern; command, order, dictate, have it all one's way, call the shots, call the plays, run the show; boss, lay down the law, hold the purse strings; be in control, be in the driver's seat, be in the saddle, wear the pants or the trousers, be in a position of authority; hold all the cards, have well in hand, have under control, be master of the situation, be on top of, have [s.o.] under one's thumb.

2. supervise, supe, oversee, preside over, direct, manage, conduct, have or be in charge of; take the lead, lead, hold in hand, hold or keep in line, keep under control; discipline, maintain order, regulate, regiment; rule the roost, wear the crown, occupy the throne, have the whip hand; wield the scepter, wield the power or authority, sway, bend to one's will.

3. subdue, overpower, dominate, master, gain the upper hand, get the better of; browbeat, intimidate, bully, ride roughshod over, ride herd on; oppress, repress, suppress, rule with a high hand, rule with an iron hand, rule with a rod of iron, tyrannize; keep down or under, lord it over, break, humble, crush; subjugate, subject, subordinate, enthrall, enslave, reduce to slavery, hold captive, hold in bondage.

4. restrain, check, keep in check, curb, hold or keep back. The admission of the prisoner was barred; conduct the arrest, hold in, in hand; lest; restrict, fetter, shackle; confine, limit, cramp, constrain; hold in, bottle up, cork up, box up, shut up, seal; block, clog, obstruct, stop; impede, inhibit, hinder, interfere, hamper, encumber, deter, dissuade; detain, keep in, hold, stay; prohibit, forbid, disallow, interdict, prevent, suppress; preclude, obviate, nip in the bud, Inf. put the kibosh on.

—n. 5. rule, command, dictate, dictation, order; regulation, regulating, maintaining order, disciplining, discipline; regimentation, direction, directing, leading, lead, jurisdiction, charge; bossing, supervising, supervision, supervising, superintending, superintendence, overseeing, overseeing, supervising over; conduct, conducting, carrying on, in hand; Inf. in hand, in hand; in hand, Inf. kick in, throw in, ante or ante up; influence, advance, forward, promote; have a hand in, bear a part, conduce to.

—Inf. pitch in, Inf. chip in, Sl. kick in, throw in, ante or ante up; 6. domination, power, authority, influence, sway, ascendancy, reign; overpoweringness, overwhelmingness, mastery, the whip or upper hand; domineeringness, browbeating, intimidating, intimidation; bullying, riding roughshod over, riding herd on; oppression, repress, suppression, ruling with a high or iron hand, ruling with a rod of iron; tyranny, U.S. (usu. of politics) bossism, dictatorship, despotism, sovereignty, supremacy; subjugation, subjection, subordination; enthralment, enslavement, slavery, captivity, bondage.

7. check, restraint, curb; constraint, cramp, limitation, restriction, ceiling; seal, block, clog, stopper, stop; prevent, prevent, suppress; preclude, obviate, nip in the bud; deter, dissuade; hinder, interfere, hamper, encumber, deter, dissuade; detain, keep in, hold, stay; prohibit, forbid, disallow, interdict, prevent, suppress; preclude, obviate, nip in the bud, Inf. put the kibosh on.

—Inf. pitch in, Inf. chip in, Sl. kick in, throw in, ante or ante up; 8. checker, controller, regulator; director, boss, foreman, manager, supervisor, overseer; restrainer, holder of the purse strings, treasurer.

9. controls instruments, devices, dials, knobs, buttons, handles, levers; switches, Elect. toggle switches, wheels, Mach. gears; panel, instrument panel, board, keyboard, dashboard.

controversial, adj. 1. polemical, dialectic; dichotomous, factional, contradictory, discursive, litigious; eristic, pilpulistic.

2. debatable, disputable, argumentable, controvertible; moot, doubtful, questionable, open to discussion; disputed, unsettled, contended, at issue, under question, suspicious.

controversy, n. 1. dispute, disagreement, altercation, war of words, contestation, verbal feud, difference of opinion, heated exchange, logomachy; debate, discussion, polemics, argumentation, disputation, pilpul; fine point, question at hand, moot point, debatable question; tug of war, hassle, political football, Inf. hot potato.

2. contention, strife, argument, quarrel, set-to, wrangle, squabble, spat, tiff, velation, bicker, broil; row, brawl, rumpus, imbroglio.

controvert, v. dispute, altercate, wrangle, cross verbal swords; deny, gainsay, disaffirm, impugn; op-
pose, differ, traverse; argue against, challenge, contra-
dict, protest, refute, rebut, counter.
2. debate, discuss, canvass; consider, examine, review, argue or talk about; thresh out, talk it out, air, ven-
tiate; join issue upon, put to the proof, Rare. discept.

contumacious, adj. contrary, perverse, froward, re-
fractory, cross-grained, Scot. thrawn, wrong-headed; obstinate, stubborn as a mule, mulish, pig-
headed, bullheaded, willful, self-willed, intractable, headstrong, perversive, stiff-necked, dogged, obdure-
race; intransigent, uncompromising, unaccommodating, unbending, unyielding, unsimmissive, inflexible, adamant; tenacious, pertinacious, persistent; unruly, fracious, restless, unmanageable, ungovernable, un-
complying; recalcitrant, rebellious, opposed, recusant, resistant, factious; disobedient, insubordinate, disre-
spectful, insolent; racy, impetuous, ruthless.

contumacy, n. 1. perverseness, perversity, perver-
sion, contrariety, frowardness, refractoriness, wrong-
headedness; obstinacy, stubbornness, mulishness, pig-
headedness, bullheadedness; willfulness, intractability, headstrong, perversiveness, obstinacy, rebelliousness, obstreperousness; infraction, violation, breach.
2. disobedience, insubordination, mutiny, sedition, indisposition, stubbornness, obstinacy; scholarly, litigious, obstinate, stubborn as a mule, mulish, pig-headed, bullheaded, willful, self-willed, intractable, headstrong, perversive, stiff-necked, dogged, obdurate; intransigent, uncompromising, unaccommodating, unbending, unyielding, unsimmissive, inflexible, adamant; tenacious, pertinacious, persistent; unruly, fractious, restless, unmanageable, ungovernable, uncomplying; recalcitrant, rebellious, opposed, recusant, resistant, factious; disobedient, insubordinate, disre-
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spectful, insolent; heady, impetuous, rash.

convalesce, n. 1. recuperation, recovery, resto-
ration, improvement; rehabilitation, remediation, treatment, cure; revival, rejuvenation, rejuvenescence, rally, return to health.
2. hospitalization, institutionalization; incapacita-
tion, bed rest.

convalescent, adj. 1. recuperating, recovering, im-
proving, getting well or better.
2. recuperative, recovery; for the ill, sick person's; rehabilitative, remedial, curative, treatment.

convene, v. 1. assemble, congregate, meet, collect, gather, gather together, forgather, muster; sit, hold a meeting or session.
2. invoke, call together, bring together, round up, rally; summon, call for, send for; summons, cite, subpoena, serve.

convenience, n. 1. expenditure, utility, usefulness, serviceableness, adaptability, accessibility, handiness; suitability, appropriateness, fitness, fittingness; timeliness, seasonableness, opportuneness, favorableness, propitiousness; leisure, ease, freedom; free time, spare time, spare moment, vacant hour, suitable opportunity.
3. advantage, accommodation, service, use, avail, profit.
4. facility, appliance, amenity, appurtenance, mechanical aid.

convenient, adj. 1. expedient, advantageous, bene-
"ficial; useful, of use, helpful, serviceable, adapted, suitable; opportune, timely, well-timed, seasonable.
2. handy, at hand, within reach, at one's fingertips; nearby, propinquant, easily accessible, just around the corner.

convent, n. 1. nunnery, motherhouse, novitiate; religious community, abbey, priory, cloister, cenoby; religious life, religion, sisterhood, nunhood, nunship.
2. See monastery (def. 1).

convention, n. 1. meeting, gathering, U.S. Pol. caucus; assembly, assemblage, congregation; congress, convocation, council; diet, synod, conclave; conference, parley, discussion.
2. contract, compact, agreement; treaty, covenant, concordat, entente; arrangement, understanding; bargain, deal, pact.
3. conventionality, custom, orthodoxy, tradition; propriety, etiquette, formality, protocol; punctilio.

conventional, adj. 1. usual, customary, habitual, wonted; accustomed, normal, standard, regular, rou-
tine; traditional, tradition-bound, orthodox, formal, decorous, academic, methodical, rigid, uncompromis-
ging, canonical; conformist, conservative, Sl. upright, Sl. button-down, Sl. square, Sl. straight, Sl. straight-
"arrow.2. commonplace, common, ordinary, run-of-the-
mill, prosaic; everyday, unoriginal, pedestrian, mid-
dlebrow; trite, cliché, stereotyped, hackneyed; bromid-
ic, platitudinous.

converge, v. 1. meet, intersect, join, blend together, 
flow into one another, unite, become one; focus, concentrate, collect, group; come together, merge, co-
"incide, concur, correspond; approach, close in on, 
come closer to, draw together, center, focalize.
2. work towards a common goal, conspire, cooper-
ate, combine efforts, work together.

convergence, n. convergency, coming together, 
merging, coincidence, concurrence, correspondence; confluence, conflux, confluence; meeting, intersection, conjoin, join, conjoin, union, approach, centering, focal-
ization, focus, concentration, collection, grouping.

convergent, adj. converging, intersecting, concur-
ning, coinciding, coincident, coexisting, coinciding, 
blending together, union, approach, centering, focal-
ization, focus, concentration, collection, grouping.

conversable, adj. 1. agreeable, obliging, accom-
modating, amenable, complaisant, placent; acces-

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sible, approachable, receptive.
2. communicative, expansive, open, free, unrestrained, unreticent; frank, candid, up front, straightforward, unsecretive; talkative, loquacious, garrulous, voluble, chatty, Sl. gabby.
3. conversational, colloquial, interlocutory, confabulatory.

**conversant**, adj. 1. *Usu. conversant with* acquainted with, familiar with, instructed in, knowledgeable in, versed in; learned, skilled, practiced, proficient; apprised of, informed of, privy to, in on.
2. acquainted, familiar, mutually known or recognized; sociable with, friendly with, on good terms with, comfortable with; known to say hello to.

**conversation**, n. 1. talk, dialogue, discourse, colloquy, converse, interlocution, verbal exchange; chat, chitchat, palaver, confabulation, *Inf.* confab, little talk, causerie, table talk.
2. conference, meeting, parley, parlance, tête-à-tête, SL bull session, SL rap session, SL rap; interview, audience, sitting.
3. association, intimate acquaintance, familiarity, communion, community, fellowship, social intercourse; communication, correspondence, contact, touch, connection.

**conversational**, adj. 1. colloquial, interlocutory, confabulatory, discursive.
2. communicative, expansive, open, free, unrestrained, unreticent, conversable; frank, candid, straightforward, unsecretive; talkative, loquacious, garrulous, voluble, chatty, Sl. gabby.

**converse**, v. 1. talk, discuss, speak, chat, chitchat, confabulate, *Inf.* confab, coze, pass the time of day, *Brit.* Drol. tell, SL rap, SL chin, SL chew the fat or rag, SL shoot the breeze or bull, SL bull; talk or speak with, have a talk or little talk with, commune with, communicate with, visit with.

—n. 2. conversation, talk, dialogue. See *conversation* (def. 1).

**converse**, adj. 1. transposed, reversed, turned round or around, contrary, opposite.

—n. 2. the opposite, the antithesis, the contrary; the reverse, mirror or reverse image; the obverse, the other side, the other side of the coin or picture, SL the flip side.

**conversion**, n. 1. transmutation, substantiation, transfiguration, metamorphosis, translation, transmogrification; change, alteration, adaptation, modification, permutation, mutation; reshaping, recasting, refashioning, remaking, redoing; restyling, remodeling, reconstruction, rebuilding.
2. proselytism, shift in belief or attitude, change of heart; spiritual growth, regeneration, rebaptism.
3. transposition, metathesis, permutation, inversion, reversal; commutation, substitution, exchange, interchange; switch, trade, swap; shift, shifting, moving around, reordering, reorganization, rearrangement.
4. expropriation, taking without permission, stealing, embezzlement, peculation; misappropriation, misuse, diversion, deflection.

**convert**, v. 1. transmute, substantiate, transform, transfigure, metamorphose, translate, transmogrify; change, alter, modify, permeate, mutate, metabolize; transshape, reshape, recast, refashion, redefine, remake, redo; restyle, remodel, reconstruct, rebuild; make into, transform into, change into, adapt to or into.
2. proselytize, cause to change religion or belief; regenerate, create anew, give new life, cause to be reborn, rebaptize.
3. expropriate, take without permission, steal, SL lift, embezzle, peculate; misappropriate, misuse, divert, deflect.
4. transpose, metathesize, permeate, invert, reverse, turn around or about; change, exchange, substitute, interchange, commute, switch, swap, trade; shift, move around, reorder, reorganize, rearrange.

—n. 5. proselyte, neophyte, catechumen; disciple, believer, follower.

**convertible**, adj. transmutable, transformable; changeable, alterable, modifiable, permeable, mutable; commutative, substitutive, exchangeable, interchangeable; invertible, reversible, adaptable, adjustable.

**convex**, adj. curved outward, rounded, *Astron.* gibus, hemispheric; bossed, raised, protuberant, bulging, timid, salient; embowed, bent, arched.

**convey**, v. 1. transport, carry, *Inf.* tote, bear; move, shift, transfer, displace, transplant; portage, haul, cart, lug, pull along, drag; take, deliver, give, bring, fetch, get; lead, impel, conduct, channel.
2. transmit, send, dispatch, pass on or along; communicate, impart, make known, tell, relate; disclose, reveal, divulge.

**conveyance**, n. 1. transport, transportation, carrying, conveying, bringing; movement, shifting, transfer, transmission; portage, hauling, carting, lugging, dragging; freighthage, ferriage, shipment, transshipment.
2. vehicle, van, lorry, truck, dray; cart, wagon, wain; carriage, equipage, hansom, hackney, hack, rig, coach, stagecoach; buggy, gig, surly, sulky,rickshaw; bus, cab, car, auto.

**convict**, v. 1. declare guilty, prove guilty, find sentence, condemn, adjudge, doom.

3. prisoner, captive, jailbird, SL con, lifer; trusty.

**conviction**, n. 1. proof of guilt, sentence, judgment, adjudication, condemnation, penalty, punishment.
2. belief, certainty, assurance, trust; opinion, view, position; persuasion; faith, creed, doctrine, tenet, teaching, principle.

**convenience**, v. Often *converse of persuade*, make [s.o.] see the light, bring [s.o.] to reason, talk [s.o.] into [s.t.], bring [s.o.] around, onwards [s.o.]; bring [s.o.] to reason, talk [s.o.] into [s.t.], bring [s.o.] around or round, win [s.o.] over, sell [s.o.] on, *Inf.* jawbone; satisfy, assure, reassure, confirm [s.o.] of, prove to.

2. festive, feasting, party, celebrative, holiday; merry, gay, joyful, joyous.
3. genial, cordial, hospitable; sociable, affable, friendly, amiable, amicable, congenial, agreeable.

**convocation**, n. 1. assembling, gathering, collection, ingathering, forgathering, bringing together, rounding up or in; convenging, summoning, calling together; muster, mobilization, marshalling, rallying, calling.
2. assembly, congregation, flock, gathering, levy, *(in Great Britain)* levee; convention, congress, conclave, diet, conference, meeting; council, committee, synod, U.S. caucus; legislature, parliament, Senate, House; assemblage, group, body, company; concourse, throng, crowd, mob.

**convoke**, v. 1. assemble, collect, gather, ingather,
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forgather, bring together, round up or in, group or herd together.

2. convene, summon, call together, call a meeting; muster, marshal, mobilize, call up, rally.

convolution, n. 1. entanglement, involvment, complication, complexity.
2. circumvolution, winding, twisting, coiling, turning, meandering.
3. whorl, sinuosity, roll, curl, coil, spiral, helix, curli- cue, ringlet; kink, twirl, twist.

convoy, v. 1. escort, chaperon, matronize, accompany, attend, companion; usher, guide, pilot, steer, conduct, lead, direct; guard, watch over, keep an eye on, look after; shepherd, screen, shelter, flank, be by one’s side; protect, defend, back up, support, go or be behind.
—n. 2. protection, defense, security, bulwark, shield, screen, cover, shelter, refuge, safety, safeguard; guidance, tutelage, custody, keeping, care.
3. escort, armed guard, bodyguard, contingent, Navy, escort carrier, Mild, escort fighter; entourage, Inf, company, attend, companion; usher, guide, pilot, steer, conduct, lead; escort, convoy, line, conveyance.

convulse, v. 1. agitate, disturb, unsettle, discompose, upset, shake, shake up, churn, churn up, swirl, roll, Chieflly U.S. rile; commove, heave, upheave, toss.
2. torture, torment, agonize, harrow, excruciate, wring, rack, twist.

amuse, Inf. crack [s.o.] up, Inf. break [s.o.] up. All Sl. wow, kill, sly, knock [s.o.] dead, knock [s.o.] out, knock or lay them in the aisles.

convulsion, n. 1. spasm, paroxysm, throe; fit, seizure, stroke, attack, Pathol. ictus.
2. commotion, turmoil, tumult, turbulence, storm, storm and stress, hurly-burly; disorder, chaos, confusion, upheaval; furor, agitation, disturbance, disruption, unrest.
3. cataclysm, eruption, outburst, explosion, fulmination; violence, frenzy, fury, rage.

cook, v. 1. bake, roast, broil, charbroil, grill, barbecue; sauté, braise, fricassee; fry, frizzle, pan, grille, toast; boil, simmer, steam, stew, seethe, scald; precook, parboil; curry, devil.
2. heat, torrefy, parch, fire, kiln.
3. cook up Informal. concoct, prepare, make, make up, mix, brew; compose, combine, put together; fabricate, improvise, invent, create; contrive, scheme, plan, plot.
—n. 4. chef, Fr. Cookery. chef à cuisine, kitchener.

cool, adj. 1. chilly, chill, nippy, unheated, unwarmed, heatless, sunless; breezy, draughty, windy.
2. composed, collected. Inf. together, self-possessed, self-controlled; easy-going, relaxed, even-tempered, imperturbable, unexcitable, unflappable; unexcited, unmoved, unperturbed; unrailed, staid, sedate; undemonstrative, unemotional, stoical, philosophical; passionless, impassive, dispassionate.
3. passive, undesiring, unexcitable, frigid; phlegmatic, listless, half-hearted, lukewarm; stony, flinty, steely.
4. deliberate, intentional, purposeful, meant, willful, volitional, voluntary; premeditated, calculated, designed, planned, plotted, schemed, devised, contrived.
5. unfriendly, unsociable, unwelcome, uninvisiting, forbidding; uncordial, ungracious, unamicable, inhospitable; unapproachable, inaccessible, closed, tight; distant, remote, stand-offish, Inf. offish.
6. audacious, presumptuous, overconfident, imperti-

nent, assuming, insolent, impudent, brazen, brassy, Inf. nervous, Inf. pushy; unabashed, shameless, forward, Inf. fresh,umptious.
7. aloof, indifferent, apathetic, unconcerned, disinterested, incurious, uninquisitive; removed, detached, uninvolved, unresponsive, unsympathetic.
—v. 8. chill, refrigerate, freeze, frigorify, Rare. infirigidate; ice, glaciate, congeal, regelate.
9. soothe, allay, assuage, mollify, soften; moderate, temper, Archaic. attempt; mitigate, abate, lessen, diminish; quiet; still, compose, lull, hush; pacify, tranquilize, smoothe, settle.

cool it Slang. a. take it easy, calm down, don’t sweat it, go with the tide, roll with the punches, take it in stride, think nothing of it. b. cut it out, drop it, lay off, knock it off, come off it.
11. cool off Informal. calm down, relax, loosen up, settle down, unwind, simmer down.

coop, n. 1. cage, pen, corral, crawl, crib, aviary, mew; receptacle, box, enclosure, pound; Slang. prison, cell, vault, dungeon, lockup.
2. fly the coop Slang. escape, flee, Inf. make a getaway, break away, break jail, escape prison.
—v. 3. cage in, pen up, encage, corral, fence; confine, intern, impound, shut in.

cooperate, v. 1. (all usually followed by with) collaborate, coact, combine, concur, conspire, connive, fraternize, join, unite, synergize, interface, interact, team up, join forces or hands, work together or in unison or side by side, act jointly or in concert, stand shoulder to shoulder, pull together, Inf. hitch horses.
2. contribute, participate, take part, be a party to, share in, go or go along, play along, Inf. play ball, join in, Inf. pitch in, Inf. chip in, lend oneself to, play or do one’s part, pull one’s weight; (all usually negative) lift a finger, lift a hand, raise a finger, raise a hand; side or take sides with, cast in one’s lot with, stand by, Inf. stick by; second, boost, give a boost to, give a lift to.

cooperation, n. 1. interaction, collaboration, union, fusion, synergy, teamwork, give and take, pulling together, fraternization, Chieflly U.S. Pol. logrolling; joint action or operation, combined action or effort, coordinated or concerted or concurrent effort or action, coadjuvant action or effort, gentleman’s agreement.
2. coaction, concurrence, concert, coadjuvancy, con- cord, accordance, harmony, agreement, union, unanimity, consentience, consentaneity, consen- taneousness.
3. help, aid, assistance, lift, boost, hand, helping hand; support, friendship, patronage, backing, advo- cacy, countenance, favor, blessing, grace, sponsor- ship, auspices or auspice, good offices, kind regard.
4. spirit, ardor, zeal, passion, fervidness, fervent- ness; enthusiasm, exuberance, exhilaration, anima- tion, ebullience; esprit de corps, chanship, partisanship, fellowship, comradeship.

coopeative, adj. 1. coactive, collaborative, collabor- ating, coordinated, interactive, interactional, inter- acting, synergetic, synergistic, consentient, consen- taneous; mutual, joint, concurrent, concerted, coadjuvant, united, unified, unanimous, harmonious, agreeing, accordant.
2. helpful, helping, aidful, aiding, assistant, assisting, obliging, accommodative, accommodating.

—n. 3. company, pool, co-op, Inf. combine; commune, society, fraternity; partnership, alliance, entente, association, coalition, confederation.

cooper, n. collaborator, contributor, partici- pant, participant; conferee, conquirer, conspirer, conspirator, abettor, accomplice, accessory or Chieflly
Law. accessory, part of a crime, Sl. gun moll or moll; helper, aid or aide, attendant, acolyte, deputy, adjudant, coadjutant, coadjutor, coadjuvatus or coadjutrix, adjunct, adjuvant, adjutor, Obs. adjutor, auxiliary, ancilla, second, man Friday, gal Friday, henchman, right hand, right-hand man, Sl. gofer; partner, ally, comrade, colleague, associate, consociate, socius, yokelfellow or yokernate, companion, helpmate, helpmeet, Obs. helpfellow, co-worker, co-aid, co-partner, consort, confreere, sidekick, friend, Chiefly Brit. mate.

coordinate, adj. 1. correspondent, complementary, supplemental; correlative, correlational, reciprocal; equal, equipotent, on equal or even terms, on the same footing; equivalent, synonymous, tantamount, all one, all the same, of a kind, of a piece, cast in the same mold, Inf. six of one, half a dozen of the other.

—n. 2. peer, compeer, equal, coequal, rival; partner, colleague, confereere, associate.

3. counterpart, equivalent, match, twin, double, other half, alter ego, chip off the old block; alternate, pendant, companion, mate, fellow; correspondent, correlative, parallel, analogue.

—v. 4. arrange, range, order, dispose, place, group; classify, categorize, pigeonhole, Sl. peg; index, file, codify, collocate, number, alphabetize, tabulate; organize, sort, sort out, assort; systematize, systemitize, methodize; grade, graduate, rank, rate, distinguish.

5. harmonize, adapt, adjust, attune; compose, balance, quadrature; fit, suit, match, mesh, square, parallel, correspond, tally with, jibe with, Inf. gee with.

6. cooperate, collaborate, coact, combine, concur, unite, synergize, interface, interrelate.

cope, v. 1. manage, make do, make shift, get along or by; survive, subsist, eke out, scratch out; hold one's own, rise to the occasion, make the grade, Sl. cut the mustard, Sl. cut it, Sl. hack it, U.S. Sl. come through.

2. cope with treat, handle, dispatch, discharge, dispose of, take care of, deal with, do with; contend with, fight with, struggle with, wrestle with, grapple with, Inf. lock horns, Inf. bump heads, Sl. tangle with, Sl. mix it up.

copious, adj. 1. plentiful, plenteous, plentitudinous, Inf. plenty, fat, bountiful, bounteous; big, large, great, huge, extensive; immeasurable, unmeasured, unbounded, inexhaustible, bottomless; much, many, numerous, Inf. dime a dozen; in quantity or quantities, in piles, Inf. plenty, Inf. galore.

2. ample, abounding, overflowing, overspilling, spilling over, running over; rich, lavish, luxuriant, thriving, exuberant, superabundant; fruitful, fertile, fecund, productive, prolific, proliferous.

3. full, filled, bursting, Archaic. fraught; chock-a-block, Brit. Inf. chockered, Inf. chock-full, jammed, packed, Inf. jam-packed; rife, replete, flush, well-supplied, well-stocked; rampant, teeming, teeming with, swarming, swarming with, crawling, crawling with, bristling, bristling with, alive with, Sl. lousy with.

4. excessive, extravagant, superfluous, overabundant, oversufficient.

copiousness, n. 1. abundance, amplitude, ampleness, fullness, plenteousness, plentifulness, bountifulness, bounteousness; richness, exuberance, luxuriance, lavishness; teemingness, rankness, prodigality.

2. plenty, plenteous, bountiful, cornucopia, horn of plenty, endless supply, Scot. scouth or scouthe, Scot. and North Eng. rought; quantity, quantities, volume, mass, fund, mine, store; lot, lots, heap, heaps, mountain, mountains, stack, stacks, pile, piles, load, loads, mess, slew, whole slew, full measure, good or great deal, quite a little, Sl. scads or scad; All Inf. ton, tons, bag, bags, barrel, barrels, gob, gobs, oodles, Chiefly Brit. lashings or lashing.

3. excess, surplus, surfeit, oversupply, overflow, nimidity, superfluity; glut, plerethra, overabundance, superabundance, supersaturation.

copper, n. penny, cent, U.S. Inf. red cent; All Brit. pence, p, twopence, tuppence, halfpenny, ha'penny, bawbee.

copse, n. thicket, grove, wood, scrub, boscage, copewood, coppipe, brush.

cord, n. 1. string, twine, line, lanyard, cable; leader, gut, wire, strand, filament; braid, cordon, gimp, tape, ribbon, yarn; tendon, sinew, thow.

2. tie, bond, ligature, ligament, nexus, vinculum; tie, bond, ligature, ligament, nexus, vinculum; link, connection, copula.

—v. 3. bind, fasten, bundle, tie up, package; lace, thread, string.

cordial, adj. 1. friendly, warm, courteous, gracious, affable, affectionate, genial, amiable, good-natured, pleasant, heartfelt, wholehearted, whole-souled, hearty, ardent, earnest, sincere, ingratiating.

2. stimulating, invigorating, cheering, restorative, fortifying, heartening, tonic, revivifying, refreshing.

—n. 3. stimulant, exhilarant, tonic, Med. roborant, stomachic, Inf. bracer, Inf. pick-me-up, Inf. pickup.

4. liqueur, after-dinner drink.

cordiality, n. friendliness, warmth, graciousness, courtesy; affection, good will, fellow feeling, fraternization; heartiness, whole-heartedness, ardor, earnestness.

cordon, n. 1. braid, cord, frog, Heraldry. riband; decoration, sash, ribbon, cordon bleu.

2. quarantine, cordon sanitaire, picket line; outposts,
corpulence, n. fatness, fleshiness, obesity, Obeseness, Fr. embonpoint, Pathol. adiposis, adiposity, corpulency; chubbiness, tubbiness, paunchiness, pudginess, plumpness, roundness, rounditude; paunch, pot belly, Inf. bay window, Inf. corporation, Sl. pot, Sl. beer belly, Sl. spare tire, Obs. gorbelly.

2. portliness, stoutness, burliness; hulk, bulk, bulkiness.

corpulent, adj. 1. fat, obese, adipose, overweight, portly, purvy, Scot. fogdel; chunky, tubby, pudgy, Chiefly Brit. podgy, plump; round, round-ended, round; fleshy, filled-out, well-fed, bouncing; ample, substantial, full; big, large, bulky, hulky, hulking.

2. dumpy, stumpy, stubby, squabbish, squabby, squat, squatty; chunky, lumpy, lumpish.

3. stout, stodgy, thick, thickset; heavy, heavy-set, stocky; beefy, brawny, burly, sturdy; strapping.

correct, v. 1. set right, make right, set or put straight, redress, rectify; amend, emend, remedy, straighten out, fix, repair; doctor, cure, mend, touch up; improve, better, ameliorate, mollify; reform, restore, rehabilitate, readjust; adjust, alter, change, modify.

2. scold, chide, rebuke, reprove, reprimand Inf. dress down, berate; reprehend, take to task, call to account, blame, censure, criticize, lecture, warn; chasten, chastise, discipline, punish, castigate.

3. counteract, countervail, offset, counterbalance, counterfeit, compensate; make up for, neutralize, nullify, annul, cancel; undo, reverse, unmake.

—adj. 4. accurate, exact, precise, close, faithful, strict; unerring, Inf. on the mark, on target, on the money, Inf. right on, Sl. spot on; on the button, on the dot, Inf. on the nose, Sl. on the beam; right, just, true, truthful, veracious; factual, actual, literal, true to life, true to form; authentic, real, sound, valid; flawless, faultless, perfect, defectless, errorless.

5. proper, Fr. comme il faut, suitable, fitting, befitting, meet, appropriate; apt, conventional, standard, prescribed, approved, accepted; established, traditional, consuetudinary, general, prevailing; normal, natural, usual, routine, customary.

correction, n. 1. improvement, emendation, amendment, modification, alteration; remedy, redress, rectification, righting, repair, repair: 2. punishment, chastisement, discipline; reproof, admonition, warning; reprimand, scolding, Inf. dressing-down.

corrective, adj. 1. remedial, therapeutic, medicinal, curative, healing; emendatory, U.S. amendatory, rectifying, counteractive; reparative, reparatory, restorative.

2. punitive, disciplinary, penal, castigatory, castigatory, reformatory.

correctness, n. 1. rightness, unerringness, iner bleness, infallibility, unfallingness; absoluteness, certainty, sureness, positiveness, definiteness, fix edness.

2. accuracy, exactness, exactitude, precision, preciseness; closeness, fidelity, faithfulness, conformity; truth, truthfulness, veracity, verity, veri bleness; fact, actuality, factuality, literalness, authenticity, soundness, validity, validness, integrity; flawlessness, errorlessness, faultlessness, perfection.

3. properness, suitability, suitableness, seemliness, becomingness; fitness, fittingness, befittingness, meanness, appropriateness, aptness.

4. propriety, decorum, etiquette, customs, conventions; amenities, civilities, urbanities, graces, courtesies; good manners, good breeding, bon ton, good form.

correlate, v. 1. bring together, relate to each other; compare, contrast.

2. correspond, interact, relate, connect, link, tie in; agree, jibe.

correlation, n. correspondence, equivalence; reciprocity, reciprocity, reciprocalness, mutual relationship, interrelationship, interdependence, mutuality, connection, relationship, tie-in.
correlative, adj. complementary, complementary, completing; corresponding, correspondent, analogous, similar; reciprocal, mutual, interrelated, interconnected.

correspond, v. 1. agree, comply, concur, conform, accord, go hand in hand, go along with; coincide, match, square, fit, fit together, go together; parallel, balance, equal, rival; tally, equate, follow; chime, harmonize, cohere, stand together.

2. reciprocate, complement, coequal, stand counter; relate, correlate, pertain, appertain, belong, answer; resemble, bear resemblance; mirror; look like; compare with, measure up against, Inf. stack up with.

3. (all by letter) communicate, keep in touch or contact, maintain connection; write, epistolize, exchange letters; write to, Inf. drop a line or note to; question, query; answer, reply, respond.

correspondence, n. 1. similarity, analogy, likeness, resemblance, semblance; comparison, comparability; approximation, nearness, closeness.

2. agreement, accordance, conformity, concurrence; accord, harmony, concord, concordance, consonance, line, keeping; symmetry, balance, proportion, equilibrium; reciprocity, reciprocation, correlation, coequality, mutuality, uniformity, equivalence, equivalency, oneness, sameness.

3. counterpart, complement, correspondent, equivalent, coordinate; analogue, parallel; replica, copy, imitation; close match, close imitation or copy or replica; alternate, mate, fellow, companion; twin, alter ego; chip off the old block.

4. correspondence, corresponding, agreeing, complying, concurring, conforming; coinciding, matching; paralleling, equalling, rivaling; cohering, harmonizing; reciprocating, complementing, coequalizing; relating, correlating; resembling, mirroring.

5. epistolography, epistolary intercourse or communication or exchange, letter writing, written correspondence or communication; (both by writing) commerce, intercourse; mail, Brit. post.

6. letters, epistles, missives, messages, favors, Obs. billets; notes, chits, lines; dispatches, bulletins; postcards.

correspondent, n. 1. letter writer, pen pal; (both by letter) writer, communicator.

2. reporter, Inf. leg man; Journalism. stringer or string correspondent; Journalism. staffer, (by letter) contributor; foreign or special or war correspondent; journalist; report man, newspaperman, newspaperwoman, newswriter, Brit. pressman, gentleman of the press, Archaic. gazetteer.

3. correspondent, analogue, parallel; counterpart, equivalent, coordinate; reciprocator; replica, copy, imitation, close match, close replica, close copy, close imitation; alternate, mate, fellow, companion; twin, alter ego; chip off the old block.

—adj. 4. analogous, comparable, parallel; similar, like, alike, not unlike; corresponding, reciprocal, reciprocative, answering.

5. agreeing, conforming, correspondent, consonant, accordant; matching, coinciding; consistent, coherent, cohesive; synonymous, equivalent, Inf. six of one, half dozen of another; uniform, of a kind, of a piece, cast in the same mold.

corridor, n. 1.1d, passage, passageway, hall, hallway, aisle, walk, walkway, promenade, concourse; thoroughfare, causeway, thruway, channel, route, artery, driveway, path, lane, alley, alleyway, road, street, avenue, boulevard, highway, roadway.

2. arcade, gallery, loggia, colonnade, Both Archit. cloister, peristyle; piazza; lobby, foyer, vestibule, anteroom, antechamber; approach, entrance, entranceway, entryway, adit, way in.

3. narrow, defile, bridge, isthmus; outlet, way out, escape route.

corrigible, adj. 1. reformable, correctible, remediable, mendable, repairable, improvable, curable, treatable; teachable, trainable, educable; changeable, amendable, flexible, adaptable.

2. amenable, tractable, pliant; submissive, acquiescent, yielding, agreeable, ready for; compliant, obedient, manageable, governable, docile.

corrororate, v. confirm, verify, prove right, validate, authenticate, certify, attest to; prove, establish, document, evidence, show, bear out, give credence to; sustain, uphold, substantiate, support, back up, endorse.

corrororative, adj. confirmatory, confirmative, verificative, verificatory, validatory, certificatory; substantive, substantive, upholding, supportive.

corrode, v. 1. gnaw, eat out or away, fret, consume, devour, rust, Both Chem. oxidize, oxidate; erode, wear, wear down or away, waste away; abrade, rub away, chafe, fray; scrape, excoriante, grate, rasp, grind.

2. impair, deteriorate, ravage, waste, ruin, destroy; disintegrate, crumble, fragment, fractionate, decompose, decay; degenerate, worsen, canker, spoil, damage, harm, hurt, injure.

corrosion, n. 1. gnawing, eating out or away, consumption, consuming, devouring, corroding, rusting, Both Chem. oxidation, oxidizing; erosion, eroding, attrition, detrition, wearing, wearing down or away, wear and tear, wasting away; abrasion, abrading, rubbing away, fretting, chafing, fraying, grating, rasping, grinding, scraping, excoriating.

2. impairment, impairing, deterioration, deteriorating, wear and tear, ravagement, ravaging, ruination, ruin, destruction, destroying; disintegration, disintegrating, crumbling, fragmentation, fragmenting, fractionization, fractionizing, decomposition, decomposing, decay, decaying; degeneration, degenerating, dilapidation, worsening; cankering, spoilage, spoiling, damage, damaging, harm, harming, hurt, injuring.

3. rust, patina, calcification, film, deposit.

corrosive, adj. 1. caustic, mordant, cauterant, escharotic, acid, acrimonious, acid, acidic, cankerous; sharp, biting, gnawing, eating out or away, consuming, consuming, devouring; corroding, rusting, Both Chem. oxidative, oxidizing.

2. erosive, erodent, wearing, wearing down or away, wasting away; abrasive, abrading, rubbing away, fretting, chafing, fraying; grating, rasping, grinding, scraping, excoriating.

—n. 3. caustic, mordant, cauterant, escharotic, acid.

corrosiveness, n. causticity, causticness, mordancy, acidity, acridness, acrimoniousness, acridity, acridness, sharpness, bitiness; consumptiveness, devouringness, corrosivity, Chem. oxidizability; erosivity, erosiveness.

corrugate, v. 1. furrow, groove, ridge, flute, striate; crease, seam, pleat, plicate, plait; wrinkle, crinkle, knit, pucker, cockle, ruffle, rumple.

—adj. 2. furrowed, grooved, ridged, corrugated, fluted, wrinkled, creased.

corrugation, n. furrow, groove, channel, ridge, flute, stria; crease, seam, pleat, plication, plait; fold, wrinkle, crinkle, pucker, cockle, crumple; rugosity, unevenness, roughness, asperity.

corrupt, adj. 1. dishonest, false, dishonorable, untrustworthy, underhand, deceitful, deceptive; crimi-
nal, knavish, crooked, villainous; base, faithless, recreant, traitorously; venal, bribeable, mercenary, corruptible.

2. immoral, unprincipled, reprobate, unscrupulous, shameless, abandoned; depraved, wicked, evil, iniquitous, sinful, vicious; debased, debauched, degenerate, warped, perverted; dissolve, profligate, licentious, wanton, lascivious, lewd, lecherous, Archaic. lickerish, lustful, libidinous.

3. impure, adulterated, contaminated, defiled, tainted, polluted, infected; spoiled, rotten, decayed, rancid, fetid, putrid, putrescent, putrefactive; impaired, vitiated, marred, degraded, lowered, deteriorated.

—v. 4. bribe, suborn, buy off, buy, pay off, grease [s.o.’s] palm; fix, Inf. rig, Inf. square; induce, tempt, lure, entice, coax, influence.

5. demoralize, deprave, debauch, degenerate, warp, pervert, seduce.

6. alter, adulterate, alloy, tamper with; degrade, lower, prostitute; impair, vitiate, spoil, mar, blot; contaminate, defile, taint, pollute, infect, putrefy, poison, envenom.


corrupter, n. deceiver, knave, crook, villain, criminal; briber, tempter, enticer, wolf, coaxter; debaucher, debauchee, perverter; libertine, profligate, rake, roué; indolent, senile, seducer; lecher, satyr, goat.

corruption, n. 1. depravity, vice, turpitude, wickedness, evil, iniquity, sinfulness, sin, viciousness; demoralization, perversion, degeneracy, laxity, looseness, immorality, shamelessness, abandon, fleshpots; dissolution, profligacy, wantonness, licentiousness, lasciviousness, lewdness, lustfulness.

2. dishonesty, baseness, falseness, underhandedness, deceit, deception; bribery, venality, mercenariness; jobbery, graft, Law. breach of trust; criminality, crookedness, villainy.

3. adulteration, debasement, impairment, vitiation, degradation, deterioration; contamination, defilement, tainting, pollution, infection; foulness, rottenness, rot, putrefaction, putrescence.

corsair, n. 1. privateer, pirate, viking, buccaneer, freebooter, rapparee; raider, plunderer, marauder, deprecatory, looter, looter.

2. privateer, armed ship, pirate ship, pirate, sea rover.

corset, n. stays, girdle, corselet, foundation, foundation garment, stomacher, Obs. bodice.

corsete, n. 1. retinue, train, entourage; suite, staff, attendants, court.

2. procession, parade; column, string, line, file; calvalcade, caravan, coffle.

coruscation, n. gleam, flash, spark, glitter, Archaic. glister; ray, beam, flash, fulguration, glint, glance; sparkle, glimmer, scintillation, shimmer, twinkling, glistening; radiance, brilliance, luster, luminescence, luminosity; glow, glare, phosphorescence, triboluminescence.

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cosmopolitan, adj. 1. international, universal, global, world-wide, catholic, pandemic.

2. unprovincial, broadminded, liberal, cultivated, cultured; sophisticated, worldly, urbane, metropolitan, worldly-wise, wise in the ways of the world, Inf. jet-set.

—n. 3. citizen of the world, world traveler, globe-trotter, Inf. jet-setter, cosmopolite.

cosmopolite, n. See cosmopolitan (def. 3).

cosmos, n. 1. world, universe, creation, nature, wide world, Inf. the whole wide world; heavens, empyrean, vault of heaven, heavenly bodies, nebulae, galaxy, Chieflv Literary. welkin.

2. order, harmony, music of the spheres.

cosset, v. pamper, coddle, cherish, coocker; cuddle, nestle, nuzzle, hug; pet, fondle, caress, cover with kisses; dandle, pat on the cheek, chuck under the chin; make much of, fuss over, coo over, Inf. kill with kindness; coax, wheedle.

cost, n. 1. price, value, worth, face value, market price or value; amount, figure, valuation, quotation, demand, asking price, appraisement, dollar value.

2. sacrifice, loss, penalty; damage, pain, suffering, detriment.

3. payment, outlay, expenditure, disbursement, expense; charge, rate, hire, fare, rent, Inf. what the traffic will bear.

—v. 4. bring in, sell for, fetch, get; afford, yield, amount to, come to; (all in relation to a given sum) Inf. set [s.o.] back, Inf. run, Inf. put [s.o.] in the hole.

5. hurt, harm, injure, damage, do disservice to, overburden, weigh down, bear hard upon.

costly, adj. 1. expensive, dear, high-priced, steep; exorbitant, extortionate, excessive, extravagant.

2. valuable, precious, priceless, inestimable; sumptuous, rich, opulent, lavish, magnificent, splendid, luxurious, gorgeous.

costume, n. livery, uniform, garb, habit, dress; clothing, clothes, attire; raiment, garments, vestments, Inf. gear, Inf. togs, Sl. rags, Sl. threads; ensemble, outfit, Inf. getup. See apparel (def. 1).

cot, n. bed, bunk, berth, billet, pallet, Naut. hammock, Sl. the sack, Sl. the hay, Brit. Sl. doss; Brit. crib.

cot, n. 1. cottage, bungalow, bower, log cabin, blockhouse, Brit. Dial. cot, Sl. but and ben; hut, hatch, shack, shanty, Brit. bothy.

2. refuge, retreat, shelter, protection, hospice, hermitage, sanctuary, sanctum sanctorum, haven; nest, hole, lair, den, cave.

3. sheath, casing, covering, sheathing, wrapper, wrapping, integument, involucrum, involucrum.

coterie, n. 1. club, fraternity, sorority, brotherhood, fellowship, sodality, society, community, troop, team, lodge, organization; sect, faction, order, group, party, camarilla; association, affiliation, consortium, company, alliance, league, coalition, federation, guild, union, Inf. outfit.

2. clique, set, in crowd, circle; knot, band, ring, gang, crowd, clan.

cottage, n. hut, hatch, shack, shanty, Brit. bothy; cot, bungalow, bower, Brit. Dial. cote, Sl. but and ben; cabin, log cabin, blockhouse, A-frame, lodge, ski lodge, chalet.

couch, n. 1. sofa, lounge, settee, divan, davenport, dais, ottoman, love seat, day bed, tête-à-tête, siamoise, sofa, lounge, settee, divan, davenport.

2. bed, cot, pallet, litter, Sl. sack, Sl. hay, Brit. Sl. kip, Brit. Sl. doss.

3. lair, den, burrow, tunnel, cave, hole, mew, covert.

—v. 4. express, phrase, put into words, word, state, frame, style; infer, imply, suggest, hint at.

5. repose, recline, lounge, lie down, sprawl, loll, curl up, bed down; rest, Inf. take it easy.

6. crouch, squat, hunker down, stoop, bend, bow, dip; lie low, lie prone, hug the earth.

7. lurk, lie in wait, lie in ambush, Inf. lay for.

cough, v. hack, Inf. bark; choke, gag, gasp.

council, n. 1. assembly, conclave, convention,
counsel, 1. advice, Chieflly Brit. Dial. rede, advice, remed, counsel, v. 1. enumerate, numerate, number; tell, counsel, n. 1. advisor, guidance counselor, mentor, confidant; guide, coach, leader, teacher, tutor.

counselor, n. 1. advisor, guidance counselor, mentor, confidant; guide, coach, leader, teacher, tutor.

counsel-at-law, Law. counsel, trial lawyer, lawyer, (in Britain) barrister; legal advisor, advocate, attorney, solicitor, jurist, legist; pettytongue, Philadelphia lawyer, Inf. shyster.

count, v. 1. enumerate, numerate, number; tell, count off, list, name.
  2. calculate, compute, reckon up, tally, score, figure, give a figure to, put a figure on, quantify; add up, tally up, sum up, total up, figure up.
  3. include, number among, reckon in or among, reckon with, take into account or consideration.
  4. ascribe, impute, attribute, impute, assign, place, apply, attach.
  5. consider, regard, esteem, deem, hold, judge, look upon.
  6. matter, have worth, weigh, carry weight, rate, amount, Inf. cut ice, Inf. have clout.
  7. count on or upon depend on, lean on, rely on, reckon on, calculate on, figure on, trust, take on trust, be sure of, take for granted; believe in, swear by.
  8. enumeration, numeration, calculation, computation, numbering, tallying, counting.
  9. total number, total, sum total, grand total, tally, score, Inf. the whole story, Inf. the bottom line; whole, aggregate, lot, measure.

countenance, n. 1. appearance, look, expression, complexion, mien, air; image, cast, semblance, form.
  2. visage, face, Sl. pan, Sl. mug, Sl. kissier; profile, contour, features, lines, physiognomy.
  3. sanction, approval, approbation, favor, acceptance, adoption, blessing, grace, Inf. O.K., advocacy, patronage, sponsorship, championship, support, backing, endorsement; encouragement, moral support, succor, assistance, aid, help.
  4. permit, allow, have, let [s.o.] get away with; tolerate, stand for, put up with.
  5. approve, sanction, condone, hold with, favor; support, endorse, back up, second, stand up for, stand behind or beside, take the side of, be a part of, go along with; patronize, maintain, sustain, uphold; assist, aid, help, abet, succor, lend a hand, lend oneself to; encourage, promote, further, foster, forward, advance.

counter, n. 1. table, chopping block, work surface; stand, stall, booth, window, display case; check-out area, cash register, cashier.
  2. token, marker, man, checker; disk, wafer, coin, slug, Obs. plate.

counter, n. 1. enumerator, numberer, abacist; figure, reckoner, estimator; arithmetician, mathematician, adder.
  2. calculator, calculating machine, adding machine, abacus; computer, data processor.

counter, adv. 1. in the reverse direction, in the wrong way, against the grain, against the current or tide, downstream; contrary, in opposition, against, versus.
  —adj. 2. opposite, contrasting, different, another; reverse, return, second; oppositional, diametrically opposed, converse, inverse; contrary, antithetical, antithetic, polar, antipodal, opposite, adversative.
  —n. 3. rebuttal, retaliation, return, comeback, answer; opposition, disputation, argument, denial.
  —v. 5. meet, answer back with, return, rebut; retaliate; oppose, controvert, offset; combat, contend with, dispute, argue against, deny.

counteract, v. 1. act against, go or act counter to, oppose, contravene; run counter to, traverse; cross, antagonize, thwart, obstruct, frustrate, impede, hinder, interfere with; check, repress, restrain; resist, Obs. militate against, withstand; clash with, conflict with, work at cross purposes.
  2. counterbalance, offset, counterpoise, countervail; neutralize, destroy the effect of, undo; annul, nullify, cancel.

counteraction, n. 1. opposition, resistance, contraaction, contradiction, contrariness, reaction; antagonism, obstruction, frustration, hindrance, interference, friction; check, repression, restraint; clash, conflict, collision.
  2. counterbalance, counterpoise, neutralization; annulment, nullification, cancellation.
  3. counterattack, counterblast, countermove, countermeasure; counterblow, counterpunch, counterthrust, counterstroke.

counterbalance, n. 1. balance, counterpoise, counterweight, equilibration.
  —v. 2. balance, counterpoise, equilibrate; equalize, make up for, compensate.
  3. offset, counterpoise; neutralize, destroy the effect of, undo.

counterfeit, adj. 1. forged, fraudulent, imitation, fake, Inf. phony; not genuine, bogus, spurious, spuriousness, bastardly, Australian. bunyip.
  2. pretended, feigned, simulated, make-believe, sham, flash; unreal, false, insincere, mock, ersatz, synthetic; artificial, factitious, contrived, fictitious; assumed, put-on, pseudo; specious, meretricious, theatrical.
  —n. 3. imitation, reproduction, forgery, fake, Inf. phony, sham; falsification, fraud; Jewelry. paste; Masonry. scagliola; (of literary works) plagiarism.
  4. pretense, deception, feigning, make-believe.
  —v. 5. forge, Brit. Inf. coin; (all fraudulently) imitate, copy, plagiarize, falsify, reproduce.
  6. resemble, mirror, look like, favor; duplicate, replicate, match, echo.
  7. simulate, assume, take on, affect, ape, mimic.
  8. feign, disguise, pretend, fake, act, put on, sham, malinger.

counterfeiter, n. 1. forger, Fr. faux-monnayeur, Brit. Inf. coiner.
  2. false, imitator, copier, plagiarist; pretend, feign, malinger, counterfeit; impostor, mountebank, charlatan, quack, empirical, Australian. bunyip.

countermand, v. 1. revoke, rescind, abrogate, reverse, repeal, abolish; annul, disannul, nullify, declare null and void, render null and void, void, avoid; quash, invalidate, vitiate, vacate, disenact, disestablish; cancel, discharge; supersede, set aside.
  2. retract, recall, withdraw, take back; counterorder, override, overrule.
countermarch

—n. 3. counterorder, overriding, overruling, veto.

countermarch, n. 1. reversal, about-face, turn-about; backlash, recoil, reaction, boomerang, rebound.
—v. 2. do an about-face, veer round, wheel about; turn tail, take to one's heels, retrace one's steps; retreat, retire, draw back; revert, retrogress, fall back; withdraw, recede, retrocede, retrograde.

counterrpart, n. 1. copy, duplicate, duplication, Inf. ditto; model, reproduction, replica, facsimile; representation, reflection, likeness, effigy; Photostat, Inf. stat, Xerox copy, Inf. Xerox.
2. parallel, analogue, coordinate, correlative, correlate, reciprocator, correspondent, corresponding part.
3. equivalent, match, twin, double; alternate, pendant, complement, mated, fellow; imitation, close imitation, close copy, close match; complement, supplement; reverse, reverse.
4. equal, coequal, peer, compeer, rival, partner, opposite number, sidekick, alter ego, Australian, cobber; associate, colleague, confrere.
5. chip off the old block, the very image, the spitting image, spit and image.

counterpoise, n. 1. counterbalance, balance, coun-
terpoise, reversel, about-face, turn-
1. n.
2. rustic, rural, farm, country, agrarian, bucolic, georgic, sylvan, rustic, pastoral, Arcadian, bucolic.
3. rustic, yokel, country bumpkin, peasant, SI. redneck, bogtrotter, clothounder, Sl. klutz, clumsy boor, churl, lout, oaf.
3. farmer, husbandman, Brit. yeoman; farm laborer, Archaic. hind, plowman; swain, country boy or lad, plowboy.

countryside, n. 1. rural district, provinces, country, U.S. Inf. the sticks, Sl. the boondocks. See country (def. 5).
2. rurics, countryfolk, countrymen. See countryman (def. 2).
3. landscape, scenery, scene, panorama, tableau, picture, sight; view, vista, prospect, outlook.
4. country, n. shire, canton; province, state, region, territory.
coup, n. (all of a highly successful nature) stroke, move, maneuver, act, action, deed, feat, exploit, stunt; master stroke, Fr. coup de main, stroke of genius, tour de force.
coup de grace, n. deathblow, mortal blow, decisive blow, killing blow, final stroke, finishing touch, quiescence, end-all; the kill, the clincher, the settler, the equalizer, the finisher; knockout, knockout blow, KO, Inf. kayo or kayo punch, Inf. Sunday punch, Inf. haymaker, Sl. sockdolager.
coup d'état, n. (all of political power) seizure, grab, power grab, coup, putsch, overthrow, overturn; revolt, revolution, rebellion, mutiny, insurgency, uprising; (all in reference to power or government) violent change, radical or total or sweeping change, clean sweep.
couple, n. 1. pair, duo, dyad, twosome, binary, couplet, doublet, matched set; brace, span, yoke, team; two, both, Archaic. twain.
2. twins, Astron. Gemini; partners, lovers, man and wife, husband and wife.
—v. 3. partner, twin, double, pair or match up, mate; unite, join, bond, fuse, weld, glue, cohere, stick together, hold together; yoke, bind, tie together, bracket; connect, attach, link, chain, shackle; associate, affiliate, ally.
country, n. 1. region, district, territory, tract of land, land, terrain; section, quarter, area, place; parts, neighborhood, Inf. neck of the woods.
2. nation, power, state, commonwealth, city-state; kingdom, realm, royal domain or territory; union, confederation, confederacy.
3. people, public, population, inhabitants, residents, dwellers; members, membership, citizens, citizenry; nation, society, community; nationality, race, tribe, stock, ethnic group.
4. native land, homeland, fatherland, Latin. patria, mother country; land of one's birth, ancestral home, roots.
5. rural districts, provinces, countryside, U.S. Inf. the sticks, Sl. the boondocks, Sl. the boonies, Australiang. outback; backwoods, hinterlands, back country, woods, bush, Sl. the bushes; wilds, wilderness, frontier, no man's land, the middle of nowhere.
—adj. 6. rural, agrarian, agricultural, agrastic; countrified, provincial, rustic, pastoral, Arcadian, bucolic, georgic, sylvan, U.S. woods, woodland, woody, wooded; back-wood, backwoods, sequestered, secluded, out-of-the-way; isolated, lonely, remote, removed, Australian. outback; sparsely populated, frontierlike, uninhabited.
7. backward, unlearned, ignorant; unpolished, unrefined, uncultured, unsophisticated, unworldly; naive, simple, innocent, artless; awkward, clumsy, inept, Sl. klutz, hobnail, loutish, oafish; rude, uncivil, impolite, uncouth, hick, boorish, gross; unmannerly, wild, Inf. woolly, rough, hard, tough.
countryman, n. 1. native, indigene, native inhabitant or resident; compatriot, fellow citizen, fellow countryman or countrywoman.
2. rustic, yokel, country bumpkin, peasant, Inf. hayseed, Inf. hick, Sl. rube, (in the Southern U.S.) redneck, bogtrotter, clothounder, Sl. klutz, clumsy boor, churl, lout, oaf.
3. farmer, husbandman, Brit. yeoman; farm laborer, Archaic. hind, plowman; swain, country boy or lad, plowboy.
courageous, adj. 1. brave, valiant, valorous, heroic, hero-like, stout-hearted, lionhearted, iron-hearted, great-hearted; virile, manly, manful, manliness, manhood, gallantry, chivalry, chivalrousness; intrepid, intrepidness, fearlessness, dauntlessness, awelessness, dreadlessness; boldness, bold-spiritedness, high-spiritedness, daring, dash, élan, panache, derring-do, audacity, audaciousness, rashness, (usually negative) bravado; assurance, self-assurance, self-reliance, confidence, pot-valor, pot-valiance, pot-valiancy.
2. fortitude, endurance, tenacity, determination, will, will power; firmness, resoluteness, resolution, indomitableness, indomitability, invincibility, invincibility, staunchness, staunchness, steadfastness, stalwartness, doughtiness, sturdiness, hardness, hardihood, bulldog courage; mettle, spunk, guts, panache, intrepidness, intrepidness, dauntlessness, fearlessness, manliness, manhood, gallantry, chivalry, chivalrousness; intrepid, intrepidness, fearlessness, dauntlessness, awelessness, dreadlessness; boldness, bold-spiritedness, high-spiritedness, daring, dash, élan, panache, derring-do, audacity, audaciousness, rashness, (usually negative) bravado; assurance, self-assurance, self-reliance, confidence, pot-valor, pot-valiance, pot-valiancy.
3. manhood, gallantry, chivalry, chivalrousness; intrepid, intrepidness, fearlessness, dauntlessness, awelessness, dreadlessness; boldness, bold-spiritedness, high-spiritedness, daring, dash, élan, panache, derring-do, audacity, audaciousness, rashness, (usually negative) bravado; assurance, self-assurance, self-reliance, confidence, pot-valor, pot-valiance, pot-valiancy.
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courier, n. messenger, carrier, postman, mailman, letter carrier, mail carrier; bearer, porter, bringer; harbinger, herald, runner, forerunner; (in Turkey) kavass; envoy, emissary, legate, nuncio; postrider, rider, estafette, pony express rider; transporter, conveyor, conductor; Pheidippides, Hermes, Mercury, Iris, Ariel.

courteous, adj. 1. mannerly, well-mannered, polite, civil, respectful, deferential, deferent; decorous, proper, formal, Fr. comme il faut, ceremonious; tactful, diplomatic, polite; cordial, genial, affable, good-humored, pleasant, sociable; pleasing, winning, charming, ingratiating, complaisant, agreeable, obliging, attentive.

2. well-behaved, well-bred, refined, polished, civilized; genteel, gentle, ladylike, gracious, kind; gentlemanly, gentlemanlike, courtly, gallant, chivalrous, chivalric; urbane, suave, debonair, sophisticated, elegant.
courtesan, n. prostitute, harlot, whore, woman of ill repute; trollop, strumpet, quean; lady of the evening, call girl, Fr. fille de joie, Cyprian; woman of the profession, member of the oldest profession, Mrs. Warren; paramour, concubine, mistress, kept woman, odalisque, hetaera, white slave, Sl. doxy; temptress, siren, seductress; Delilah, Jezebel.
courtesy, n. 1. mannerliness, politeness, politesse, civility, good manners, good behavior, courtesy; respect, respectfulness, deference; decorousness, propriety, correctness, tact, diplomacy; correctness, tact, diplomacy; cordiality, cordialness, amiability, sociability, friendliness, agreeableness, helpfulness, complaisance, obligingness, Fr. prévenance.

2. gentility, gentleness, graciousness, kindness, ladylikeness; gentlemanliness, courtliness, gallantry, chivalry; urbanity, suavity, social graces, manners; nicety, elegance, elegance, refinement, culture, polish, sophistication; social procedures, decorum, propriety, protocol.

3. respects, dovers, regards; welcome, reception, greeting, salute.

4. consent, agreement, acquiescence, indulgence; generosity, beneficence, munificence; favor, help.

courtsy, bow, genuflection, nod, handshake.
courtier, n. 1. attendant, servitor, squire, pursuivant, seneschal, steward, major-domo, chamberlain; liege-man, vassal, subject, cupbearer, train-bearer; henchman, supporter, follower.

2. flatterer, blandisher, wheedler, cajoler; fawner, sympathet, toady, Inf. bootlicker, Sl. brown-noser, Inf. apple-polisher, yes man, trucker; parasite, hanger-on.
courtliness, n. 1. politeness, politesse, civility, mannerliness, courteousness, courtesy; respect, respectfulness, deference; decorousness, properness, formality, normality, ceremony, ceremonialism; correctness, tact, diplomacy, savoir-faire; gentlemanliness, gallantry, chivalry; elegance, elegance, bon ton, refinement, culture, polish, sophistication; social procedures, decorum, propriety, protocol.

2. flattery, blandishment, bratwurst, wheedling, cajolery; obsequiousness, phony, fawning, toadyism, playing up to, Sl. buttering-up, Inf. apple-polishing, curry favor.
courtly, adj. 1. gentlemanly, gentlemanlike, gallant, chivalrous, chivalric; refined, well-bred, polished, sophisticated, elegant, suave, debonair, urbane; polite, civil, mannerly, well-mannered; respectful, deferential, deferent; decorous, proper, formal, Fr. comme il
courtship, n. wooing, courting, dating, suit, serenading.

courtyard, n. court, quadrangle, Inf. quad., Archit. peristyle; Archit. cloister; patio, yard.
cousin, n. kinsman,kinswoman, kin, congner, Inf. coz.
2. nook, recess, niche; cave, cavern, grotto, hollow, cavity; hideaway, shelter, refuge, retreat.
3. narrow pass, passage, defile; trail, lane, course, corridor; channel, strait.
covenant, n. 1. contract, compact, concordat, convention, pact, treaty, entente, alliance; bond, indenture, commitment, obligation; agreement, arrangement, understanding, settlement, gentlemen's agreement, deal, bargain, transaction; pledge, word, promise, spongion.
2. legal document, cartel, acknowledgment, deed, lease; warrant, warranty, guarantee, guaranty.
—v. 3. pledge, promise, avow; settle, establish, agree on, make or strike a bargain, come to terms; negotiate, make terms, adjust, work out, pound out, bargain, Scot. argle-bargle; stipulate, limit, circumscribe, gain,
cover, v. 1. protect, shield, shelter, place under cover; conceal, hide, house, secrete, ensconce, cache, bury.
2. overlay, overspread, blanket, mantle, canopy, cartridge, pave, film, coat, layer; overgrow, overrun, envelop; overlie, overlap, extend over or beyond, imbricate.
3. clothe, outfit, gear up, garb, robe, invest, don, or put on one's hat.
4. cover oneself with collect, heap up, earn, work for; secure, acquire, pick up, glean, harvest; win, receive, attain, achieve, realize.
5. defend, protect, guard, keep safe; attend, watch over, safeguard, secure; tend, escort, conduct, convey; flank, bulwark, fortify, reinforce.
6. take over, take charge or responsibility, relieve, act for, double for; substitute, replace, stand in for, take [s.o.'s] turn, back [s.o.] up, Sl. pinch-hit; take the blame for, Sl. be the goat for, Sl. the larrikin.
7. screen, curtain, shade, cloak, shroud, veil, mask, hood; hedge, camouflage, disguise; shadow, obscure, cloud, fog, overcast, overshadow, darken, dim, eclipse.
8. cover up hide, conceal secret, repress, Inf. hush up, Inf. keep mum, Inf. put or keep the lid on; Inf. stonewall, Inf. keep under one's hat, Inf. keep one's lips buttoned; disguise, hugger-mugger, feign, pretend; cloud, obscure, obscurate, Inf. lay down a smokescreen; falsify, misrepresent, equivocate, play false, Sl. put on an act.
9. lay on, spread with, slather, go heavy with, be generous with, Sl. slap on, Sl. pile on, Sl. slobber on; coat, smear, besmar, daub, bedaub; paint, varnish, plaster, incrust; plate, gilt, enameled, lacquer.
10. include, contain, incorporate; deal with, embrace, take in, comprise, embody, subsume; provide for, admit, refer to, take into account; review, view, survey, study, take stock of; explore, examine, peruse, consider, investigate, inquire into; report on, write up, describe, tell of.
11. flood, overflow, wash over, inundate, smother, overrun, engulf.
12. counterbalance, compensate, offset; make good for, be good for, settle up, square with, requite, Inf. square; remit, recoup, adjust, satisfy.
13. pass over, travel over, pass through, traverse, cross over, range over, track over, tramp or wander over.
—n. 14. lid, top, cap; ceiling, roof, overhead; head covering, hat, headdress, scarf, hood, cowl; binding, jacket, wrapper, wrap, case, sheathe, envelope; haze, film, coating, layer; blanket, mantle, canopy, carpet.
15. pretense, feigning, dissembling, shamming, putting up a front, surface, empty show, disguise, camouflage; façade, false front, smokescreen, window dressing, faking, hoodwinking; hugger-mugger, Inf. cover-up.
16. woods, underbrush, undergrowth; thicket, vegetation, shrubbery, ground cover; break, bosket, copse, grove.
17. retreat, refuge, haven, lair, den, covert, coverture; hiding, blind, ambush, ambuscade.
18. veil, screen, cloak, shroud, mask, curtain, shadow, shade.
19. break cover emerge, come out of hiding, come into the open, come forth, step forward, Inf. come out of the closet.
20. take cover hide, seek shelter or safety, run for cover, burrow in, Inf. run for the hills; conceal oneself, get out of sight, lie low, Inf. hide out.
21. under cover secretly, covertly, clandestinely, incognito; furtively, stealthily, on the sly, conspiratorially, confidentially, in the dark.
covering, n. 1. protection, shield, shelter, housing; roof, ceiling, overhead, thatch, canopy, awning, marquee, baldachin; pavilion, tent, tarpaulin, tarp, tilit, parasol, umbrella, sunshade, paving, carpet, rug, floor, flooring, linoleum.
2. lid, top, cover; hat, cap, headdress, bonnet; hood, cowl, shawl, kerchief, handkerchief, scarf, mantilla.
3. screen, curtain, shade, veil, facade, false front, smokescreen, mask; shadow, cloud, haze, overcast, fog; pall, darkness, obscurity, swaddling, shroud.
4. blanket, mantle, robe, cloak, wrap, clothing, garb; envelope, sheathe, chase, jacket, binding, wrapper.
5. capsule, pod, casing, tegmen, integument, theca; film, coating, layer, crust.
coverlet, n. bedspread, counterpane, bedcover; quilt, comforter, eiderdown, blanket.
covert, adj. 1. covered, clandestine, surreptitious, underground, behind the scenes, in the background, behind the curtain; out of sight, unseen, invisible, unapparent, latent, dormant, delitescent; unknown, unsuspected, undiscovered; unspoken of, untold, unbreathed, sub rosa; muffled, clouded, dark, mysterious, obscure; furtive, underhanded, stealthy, sly, sneaking, Inf. sneaky; deceitful, insidious.
2. sheltered, concealed, hidden, private, secluded, secret, disguised, camouflage, incognito; screened, veiled, masked.
—n. 3. shelter, cover, protection, refuge, harbor, haven, asylum, sanctuary; hiding place, retreat, resort; lair, den, snugger, cell, closet, Latin sanctum sanctorum, Inf. hide-out; cave, hole, nest, abri.
4. concealment, disguise, camouflage; screen, veil, mask; shield, defense.
covet, v. 1. desire, want, longing for, wish for, have an appetite for; fancy, have an eye on, ogle, set one's heart on, yearn for, hanker for, sigh for, pine for; aim after, aspire to, set one's sights on, dream of.
2. be bent upon, thirst after, crave, eye greedily, hunger for, itch for, have a passion for, lust after; envy, begrudge, grasp after.
covetous, adj. 1. desirous, greedy, avaricious, grasping, acquisitive, Sl. grabby, rapacious, selfish, hoarder, possessed; miserly, penurious, parsimonious, grudging, niggardly; stingy, mean, close-fisted, tight-fisted, close, Inf. tight, penny-pinching; mercenary, venal, usurious.

2. ravenous, ravening, voracious, devouring, glutonous, gormandizing, cormorant, edacious, open-mouthed, hoggish, piggish, swinish; insatiable, insatiate, unquenchable, omnivorous.

3. eager, avid, cupidinous, false, Archaic. lickerish; anxious, breathless, impatient, longing, thirsty, athirst; ardent, agog, zealous, fervent, burning; ambitious, aspiring, hungry, craving, esurient.

4. lustful, lecherous, libidinous, lascivious, salacious, concupiscent, carnal, prurient.

covetousness, n. 1. desire, greed, graspingness, acquisitiveness, Sl. grabinness, avariciousness, rapacity, rapaciousness; selfishness, self-seeking, egocentricity, self-interest, self-indulgence; miserliness, miserliness, penuriousness, parsimony, niggardliness; stinginess, meanness, close-fistedness, tight-fistedness, mercenaryness, venality, usuriousness, sordidness.

2. eagerness, cubidity, avidity, yearning, craving; keenness, itch, itching, appetite, stomach, U.S. Dial. big eye, appetite; anxiousness, breathlessness, impatience, longing, thirst, ardor, zeal, fervency, passion, mania; hanker, aspiration, hunger, lust, ambitiousness.

3. ravenousness, voraciousness, gluttony, edacity, open-mouthedness, hoggishness, piggishness, swinishness; insatiability, insatiateness, omnivorousness, guloity.

covey, n. brood, bevy, flock, Rare. nide; group, company, body, set, outfit, gang, crew.

cower, v. 1. cringe, shrink, flinch, wince, quail, retreat, recede; ss, | Inf. funk, Sl. mooch; shake, tremble, quiver, Inf. shake in one's boots or shoes; kowtow, bow, bow before, bow to, and scrape.

2. skulk, sneak, slither, sneak; grovel, wallow, welter.

3. All Brit. Dial. stoop, squat, hunch, crouch, slouch.

coxcomb, n. dandy, jack-a-dandy, mop, dude, beau, spark, popinjay; blade, Chiefly Brit. blood, buck, jackanapes, whippersnapper; Fr. petit maître, Beau Brummel, macaroni, Archaic. princose; exquisite, Sl. peacock, prinker, preener, show-off; fashion plate, male clotheshorse, silk-stocking, Brit. Inf. toff, snob.

coy, adj. 1. shy, modest, demure, prudish, Archaic. verecund; meek, submissive, tame, gentle, unsung, unpretentious; bashful, diffident, retiring, reserved, demurring; self-conscious, sheepish, shame-faced, blushing, embarrassed; constrained, reluctant, hesitant, backward, skittish; unconfident, unsure, timid, timorous; shrinking, withdrawn, distant, Inf. introverted, quiet, unsocial, unsociable.

2. coquettish, flirtatious, flirty, philandering, playing hard-to-get.

cozene, v. cheat, deceive, beguile, inveigle; double-cross, play one false, dupe, Sl. take [s.o.] for a ride; take advantage of, Inf. have [s.o.] eating out of one's hand, Inf. wrap [s.o.] around one's little finger. See cheat (defs. 3, 4).

cozenance, n. deception, deceit, trickery; hoaxing, deluding, fooling, hoodwinking; swindling, fraudulency, misrepresentation, chicanery, pettyfogging, Inf. hocus-pocus, Inf. hanky-panky; double-dealing, circumvention, bluffing, feinting, Inf. pulling the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes, guile, wile, imposition; victimization, treachery, knavery, duplicity, machination, artful dodging.

cozy, adj. 1. snug, warm, comfortable, homelike, Inf. homey; easy, relaxing, cheerful; sheltered, ensconced, Inf. snug as a bug in a rug, Inf. comfy, Inf. comfy-cozy.

2. (usually as a result of dishonesty) expedient, convenient, beneficial, advantageous, profitable; gratifying, self-serving, of mutual benefit.

crabbed, adj. 1. grouchy, ill-natured, ill-humored, cross, peevish, splenetic, cantankerous, crotchety, crusty; irritable, touchy, testy, out of sorts; bitter, sour, caustic, churlish, snappish, waspish, surly, acrimonious; petulant, sulky, sullen, morose.

2. perverse, contrary, obstinate, stubborn; captious, sarcastic, contumelious, virulent; growling, snarling, harsh.

3. intricate, obscure, hard to understand, trying, difficult, confusing, cryptic, Inf. clear as mud.

4. illegible, scribbled, undecipherable, hieroglyphic; squeezed, cramped, labored.

crabbedness, n. grouchiness, ill nature, ill humor, peevishness, spleen, gruffness; irritability, crotchety, Inf. crabbingness; bitterness, churlishness, snappiness, surliness, acrimoniousness; petulance, moodiness, sullenness, moroseness; acerbity, asperity, acrimony, harshness.

crabby, adj. grouchy, irritable, ill-humored. See crabbed (def. 1).

crack, n. 1. snap, pop, clap, go bang; boom, crash, crackle, explode, thunder, detonate, fulminate.

2. break, crackle, craze, chap; fracture, fragmentize, chip, break off, splinter, shiver, shatter, smash, burst; break or snap in two, split, cleave, Sunder, seven, rend, reave, disjoint; damage, impair, Sl. bust, Sl. total.

3. succumb, fall to, yield, give way, lose ground, go downhill; collapse, topple, break down, come apart at the seams, go to pieces, let go, Sl. lose one's cool, Sl. crack up; founder, fail, die out, Sl. conk out, Sl. go kaput.

4. move, touch, stir, upset, break [s.o.] up, shake [s.o.] up, get to.

5. strike, hit, slap, smack, thwack, Inf. whack, Inf. clip, Dial. hit up side the head; knock, thump, box,
buffet, punch, jab, cuff.

—n. 6. snap, clap, pop, clack; bang, shot, report; sounding; boom, burst, crash, explosion, detonation.

7. blow, hit, strike, slap, slam, thwack, Whack, Inf. whack, Inf. clip, Inf. clout; knock, thump, punch, fillip, jab, cuff.

8. fissure, crevice, crevasse, chink, cleft, stria, cranny, interstice, groove, sulcus, Archaic. scissure; fracture, break, gap, check, rupture, split, rift, breach, scission, slit, separation; hole, gap, cavity, opening, orifice, aperture; space, interspace, interval, interstice, narrow.

cracked, adj. 1. broken, crackled, fractured, chipped, chinky, rims; fissured, split, cloven, rent, agape, dehiscent; holey, foraminous, pervious, leaky.

2. damaged, injured, marred, impaired; faulty, imperfect, defective.

3. Informal. mad, insane, Sl. nuts, Sl. off one's nut. See Crazy (defs. 1, 2, 9).

crackle, v. 1. snap, clap, click, crepitate, decrepitate; pop, burst, go bang, shoot off.

2. crack, break, fracture; fragmentize, craze, chap, shiver, shatter, smash.

cradle, n. 1. crib, bassinet, baby's bed; bed, cot, litter.

2. hotbed, breeding place, nursery; infancy, nascent, beginnings, origins, incunabula; source, fountainhead, mainspring, birthplace, origin.

—v. 3. rock, rock to sleep; calm, pacify, quiet, lull, soothe; nestle, tuck in, put to bed.

4. nurture, foster, nourish, mother, tend, care for, take care of; watch over; nurse, wet-nurse, suckle.

craft, n. 1. skill, skillfulness, dexterity, adroitness, expertise, mastery, artistry; aptitude, facility, address, dispatch, ready skill, Inf. know-how; ingenuity, cleverness, talent, flair, genius, knack.

2. cunning, wiliness, slyness, foxiness, artfulness, trick, crafty, sly, sneaky, tricky, crooked, dishonest, underhanded, Inf. furtive, devious, sly.

—v. 3. rock, rock to sleep; calm, pacify, quiet, lull, soothe; nestle, tuck in, put to bed.

4. nurture, foster, nourish, mother, tend, care for, take care of; watch over; nurse, wet-nurse, suckle.

crank, n. 1. lever, arm, bar, shaft, spindle, crankshaft; handle, Print. rounce; pulley, gin, windlass, capstan, gin, pulley.

2. grouch, crab, bear, churl, Inf. sourpuss; scold, nag, shrew, virago; scowler, snarler, brower, wisp, Inf. crosspatch.

3. zealot, fanatic, bigot, maniac, monomaniac; fan, enthusiast, devotee, buff, Inf. nut; eccentric, character, oddity, Inf. crackpot, Don Quixote, Sl. bird.

4. whim, notion, caprice, whimsy; quirk, quiddity, quip, crotch, kink, vagary.

—v. 5. start, turn over, get going, rev, spin.

cranky, adj. 1. groughy, crabby, surly, sour, moody, crotchety; sulky, morose, sullen, whimpering; irascible, waspish, gruff, curmudgeon, bearish; cross, ill-tempered, ill-natured, ill-humored; irritable, sullen, fretful, choleric; testy, petulant, snappish, peevish, captious, perversive, cantankerous, querulous, quarrelsome, contentious.

2. eccentric, odd, queer, bizarre, pixilated; capricious, whimsical, fickle; erratic, inconsistent, impulsive, flighty.

3. shaky, rickety, tottering, teetering; unsteady, precarious, unsound.

4. crooked, bent, curved, hooked, zigzag, angular; tortuous, sinuous, serpentine, winding.
cranny, n. 1. chink, chip, crack, chap, check, fracture, break; fissure, crevice, crevasse, groove, furrow, rut, berghsrand; cleft, split, slit, rift, breach, stria, rupture, sulcus, scission, *Archaic* scissure, separation; gash, rent, scotch, cut.
2. hole, gap, cavity, opening, orifice, aperture; space, interspace, interval, interstice, narrow.

crapulous, adj. 1. drunk, intoxicated, inebriated, *crappleus*, *crazy*.
2. all Inf. boozy, tight, lit, lit up, lit to the gills; three or four sheets to the wind; go at a snail's pace; go slow, drop dead, knock oneself out; pull oneself along, pull oneself up, trail, lag behind, follow behind.

v. smash, shatter, break, batter, dash, *crash*.

1. adj. crude, coarse, vulgar, rude; impolite, *crass*.
2. v. crave, desire, covet, want, want with all one's heart, yearn for, hunger for, thirst for, long for, hang for, Inf. year for.

—n. 1. desire, Inf. yen, hunger, thirst; longing, yearning, hankering; concupiscence, lust.
2. (all of narcotics) addiction, dependence, physical or psychological dependence, habit, *Sl. monkey*.

cravat, n. (all of a bird, insect or animal) Inf. desire, yen, hunger, thirst; longing, yearning, hankering; concupiscence, lust.

v. crawl, *cray*.

—adj. insane, mad, demented, lunatic, deranged, crazed; of unsound mind, Latin, *non compos mentis*; daft, Inf. daffy, *Chiefly Brit. Inf. petty, Inf. dotty, Inf. crackpot; unbalanced, touched, Inf. half-baked, Brit. Sl. bonkers, unhinged; brainsick, Sl. kooky, Sl. meshuga; All Sl. balmy, dippy, batty, bats, cuckoo, buggy, bughouse, bugs, screwy, wacky, wacko, goofy, loony, squirrely, bananas, nuts, nutty, nutty as a fruitcake.

2. out of one's head, out of one's mind, Sl. loco, mad as a hatter, mad as a March hare; not all there, not quite right, not right upstairs, Inf. in out left field, Inf. off the wall; stark raving mad, Inf. cracked, Inf. mental, Sl. schizo, Inf. off one's rocker, Inf. off one's trolley, Brit. Sl. off one's chump; All Sl. have bats in one's belfry, have a few buttons missing, have a few loose screws.

3. maniacal, wild, *Archaic* wood, raving, hysterical, maddening, frantic, frenzied, delirious; out of control, Inf. haywire, berserk; beside oneself, at one's wit's end.

4. absurd, silly, inane, fatuous, foolish; crack-brained, Scot. doiled, Sl. cockeyed, Scot. and North Eng. glaikit; ridiculous, laughable, risible, derisible, ludicrous, Sl. for the birds; asinine, anserine, idiotic, Inf. moronic, imbecilic; childish, puerile, immature.

5. stupid, simple-minded, bird-brained, feeble-minded, dull-witted; harebrained, light-minded, lightheaded, giddy; scatterbrained, absent-minded, confused; muddled, muddleheaded, bemused.

6. impractical, unjustifiable, unsensible, unfounded, groundless, unsound; haphazard, unconnected; irrational, illogical, unreasonable; preposterous, extravagant, excessive; unrealistic, half-baked; senseless, non-sensical, pointless; irrelevant, inconsequential, purposeless; inappropriate, inept, improper, incongruous, inconsistent; imprudent, indiscreet; unwise, ill-considered, ill-suited, ill- advised; short-sighted, careless, unwary, irresponsible; reckless, rash, harum-scarum.
7. enthusiastic, excited, avid, eager, zealous; ardent, fervid, fervent, passionate, impassioned; fanatical, Inf. wild, dithyrambic; intense, rabid, vehement.

8. infatuated, enamored by or with, U.S. Sl. ape over or for, keen on or about, wild about, mad about or after, fond of, Inf. gone on; U.S. Sl. all hopped up about, Sl. hepped up or over, Sl. hot about or for or on, Sl. steamed up about, Sl. nuts about or on, desirous, avic for or of, covetous.

9. peculiar, strange, offbeat, queer, odd, flighty, eccentric; fantastic, fabulous, imaginative, illusory, illusive, chimerical; incredible, inconceivable, unimaginable, implausible.

10. like crazy Slang. ardently, fervently, passionately, intensely; devotedly, devoutly; enthusiastically, madly, furiously, excitedly; wildly, impetuously, hastily, hurriedly, recklessly.

creak, v. grate, grind, grit, jar, jangle, clank; scrape, scratch, rasp, stridulate; squeak, screech, screech, shrill, shriek, scream.

cream, n. 1. lotion, emollient, cosmetic, emulsion; Pharm. ointment, unguent, liniment, salve; pomade, pomatum. 2. best or choicest part, flower, quintessence; elite, Fr. crème de la crème, salt of the earth, Inf. cream of the crop, pick of the litter; aristocracy, upper class, Inf. upper crust, the best and the brightest; social elite, jet set, beautiful people, U.S. Four Hundred. —adj. 3. cream-colored, yellowish-white, off-white, buff.

crease, n. 1. ridge, groove, furrow, corrugation; crimp; fold, dog-ear, plication, plicate, ruck; wrinkle, line, cow's foot; ripple, crinkle, cramp, crumple, rumple; gather, ruffle, puckering, tuck, pleat, plait; ripple, blemish, bulge, roll, protrusion, protuberance, lump, hump, hunch. —v. 2. put a crease in, fold, ruck, wrinkle, furrow; groove, ridge, corrugate, crimp; fold down or back, dog-ear; ripple, crinkle, crumple, crumple, rumple; gather, ruffle, puckering, tuck, pleat, plait; ripple, bulge, protrude, hump.

create, v. 1. engender, generate, beget, sire, father, spawn, procreate; bring into being, bring to life, give life to, call into existence, cause to exist. 2. originate, invent, innovate, coin; make, produce, fashion, fabricate, frame; design, contrive, devise, develop, construct, build, rear, erect; shape, form, mold, forge; imagine, conceive, Inf. dream up, Inf. hatch; visualize, envisage. 3. invest, constitute, appoint, install, elevate. 4. found, institute, establish, initiate, give rise to, occasion, break ground, sow the seeds of. 5. bring about, arrange, inaugurate, start, launch, incept; Inf. start the ball rolling, Inf. take the first step, Inf. make the first move.

creation, n. 1. generation, siring, fathering, spawning, procreation. 2. origination, invention, innovation; beginning, start, inception, genesis, engenderment; embodiment, formulation, realization, establishment, constitution, institution. 3. formation, development, production, construction, fabrication; design, contrivance, conception; idea, concept, notion, fancy, product of one's imagination; plan, dream, vision.

creative, adj. 1. inventive, imaginative, visionary, inspired; talented, accomplished, artistic, endowed; original, fanciful, ingenious, resourceful; clever, adept, adroit, skilled. 2. formative, shaping, making; godlike, divine, demigurcic; life-giving, life-breathing, quickening.
creditor, n. lender, loaner, dun, money-lender, Obs. moneyman; usurer, moneymonger, Shylock, Inf. loan shark.

credulity, n. gullibility, gullibleness, credulousness, will to believe, blind faith, trustfulness, unsuspicuousness.

credulous, adj. trusting, trustful, believing, undoubting, unsuspicuous, uncritical, unseptual, overtrustful, easy of belief, easy, soft; gullible, deceivable, dupable, foolable, deludable, exploitable; naive, unsuspicious, green, born yesterday, Inf. wet behind the ears.

creed, n. 1. tenet, principles, articles, teaching, rule, Eccles. catechism; doctrine, dogma, canon, formula; axiom, theorem, maxim.

2. sect, religion, denomination, affiliation, cult, fellowship, communion; faith, belief; persuasion, position, leaning, conviction, opinion, view.

creep, v. 1. crawl, crawl on all fours; squirm, wriggle, wriggle, writhe; worm, inch along, go at a snail's pace, advance slowly, drag oneself along, pull oneself along; trail, lag behind, follow behind.

2. skulk, sink, move stealthily, steal; sneak up on, come up on, come up from behind.

3. cower, crouch, cringe; grovel, Inf. bootlick, toady, fawn.

4. slip, slide, shift, move, dislocate.

5. make one's flesh creep frightened, scare, terrify, horrify, make one's hair stand on end; repel, repulse, revolt, turn one's stomach.

creeping, adj. 1. crawling, crawling on all fours; vermicular, squirming, wriggling, wiggling, Zool. reptant.

2. slow, dragging, plodding, snail-like, dawdling; lagging, trailing, tardy, dilatory.

3. cowering, crouching, cringing; groveling, reptilian, fawning, obsequious, sycophantish, servile, truckling.

3. cower, crouch, cringe; grovel, Inf. bootlick, toady, fawn.

crib, n. 1. child's bed, bassinet, cradle.

2. hovel, hut, hatch, shack, shanty, Brit. bothy.

3. enclosure, stall, pen, cage, coop; bin, box, rack, manger.


5. enclosure, stall, pen, cage, coop; bin, box, rack, manger.

5. make one's flesh creep frightened, scare, terrify, horrify, make one's hair stand on end; repel, repulse, revolt, turn one's stomach.

4. tell, protrude, protuberate, bulge, stick out up.

5. make one's flesh creep frightened, scare, terrify, horrify, make one's hair stand on end; repel, repulse, revolt, turn one's stomach.

criminal, adj. 1. felonious, larcent, homicidal, murderous, burglarious; unlawful, illegal, lawless, illicit, law-breaking; delinquent, deleretic, malefisant, misfeasant.

2. nefarious, iniquitous, wicked, flagitious; evil, immoral, sinful, unrighteous, errant, wrong, bad; degenerate, depraved, corrupt, vile, foul, black, villainous.

3. heinous, abominable, monstrous, atrocious, vicious; outrageous, flagrant, gross; disreputable, notorious,
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adj. crimson, crimp, flute, ruffle, scallop, bend; wave, rippling, rowdy, hoodlum, inf. goon, —SI. bad guy.

1. vermilion. Archaic, ruddy, sanguine, rubicund, ple; burgundy, wine, vinaceous, maroon, blood-red, claret, claret-red, alizarin, deep purplish red, deep purplish red.

2. hinder, hamper, frustrate, restrict, inhibit, thwart, keep time to, dancing attendance upon, being at one's beck and call, Sl. footlock, Sl. footlocking, Inf. apple-polishing, Sl. brown-nosing, Obs. blandiloquious, Rare. blandiloquent.

3. crinkle, v. 1. turn, bend, crinkle, buckle; wind, coil, twist.

2. wrinkle, crinkle, cockle, crumple, knit, shrivel, pucker, gather, crook, slant, ruffle, scallop; corrugate, furrow, groove, ridge, striate; ripple, wave, curl, friz, frizzle.

3. rustle, swish, whoosh, hiss, mussur, whisper, sibilate, hiss.

crinkly, adj. 1. wrinkly, crimped, cockled, buckled, creped, shriveled; gathered, smocked, pucker, knit, corrugated, furrowed, grooved, ridged; fluted, crimped, ruffled, scalloped; wavy, curly, frizzy.

2. curvy, winding, twisty, sinuous, anfractuous.

3. rustling, swishing, swooshing, whooshing; murring, whispering, sibilant, hissing.

crimp, v. 1. flute, ruffle, scallop, bend; wave, ripple, curl, friz, frizzle, crimp, corrugate, furrow, groove, ridge, striate; press, crease, seam, pleat, plicate, plait; wrinkle, crinkle, cockle, crumple, knit, pucker, gather, smock, tuck.

2. hinder, hamper, frustrate, restrict, inhibit, thwart, get in the way, hold back, slow down; check, arrest, stop, curb.

—n. 3. flutes, ruffle, scallop, wave, curl, bend; corrugation, furrow, groove, channel, ridge, stria; crease, fold, seam, pleat, plication, plait; wrinkle, crinkle, cockle, pucker, crumple.

crimson, adj. carmine, cramoisy, magenta, fuchsia, claret, claret-red, alizarin, deep purplish red, deep purplish red; burgundy, wine, vinaceous, maroon, blood-red, ruddy, sanguine, rubicund, Archaic: rubric; red, rose, rosy, roseate, cardinal, cerise, ruby, scarlet, cranberry, vermillion.

cringle, v. 1. cow, shrink, quail, bellow, blench, shiver, wince, start, recoil, shy, Inf. funk, Sl. moomch; shake, tremble, quiver, Inf. shake in one's boots or shoes, kowtow, bow, bow before, bow to, bow and scrape, bend, bend before, stoop, squat, crouch, slouch, hunch; kneel, kneel before, fall on one's knees; lie prone, lie low, prostrate oneself, throw oneself at the feet of.

2. grovel, crawl, creep, creep before, slither, sneak, sneak along, steal, steal along, worm, worm along, worm one's way.

3. fawn, fawn upon, Sl. fall all over, truckle, truckle to, toady, toady to; lickspittle, lick [s.o.'s] shoes, lick or kiss [s.o.'s] feet, Inf. be a yes man to, agree to any thing, Sl. bootlick, court, pay court to, curry favor, keep time to, dance attendance upon, be at one's beck and call; flatter, wheedle, slaver, puff, puff up, inflate, blow up; All Sl. shine up to, play up to, suck up to, apple-polish, brown-nose, earn brownie points.

cringing, adj. 1. cowing, shrinking, quailing, blenching, flinching, wincing, starting, recoiling, shying, Inf. funk, Sl. moomch; shaking, trembling, quivering, Inf. shaking in one's boots or shoes.

2. servile, slavish, obsequious, Obs. obsequious, subservient, menial, Obs., Rare. vernile; submissive, docile, unassertive, compliant, acquiescent, deferential, tractable, mealy-mouthed, Tomish, Uncle Tom-ish; prostrate, obesian, on one's knees, lying prone, lying low, prostrating oneself, throwing oneself at the feet of; kneeling, on one's knees, falling on one's knees; kowtowing, bowing, bowing before, bowing and scraping, bending, bending before, stooping, squatting, crouching, siouching, hunching; groveling, crawling, creeping, slithering, sneaking, worming.

3. sycophantic, sycophantish, toadyish, toadying, flattering, fawning, truckling, wheedling, slaver, puffing, puffing-up, courting, paying, curry favor, timeserving, keeping time to, dancing attendance upon, being at one's beck and call, Sl. footlocking, Inf. apple-polishing, Sl. brown-nosing, Obs. blandiloquious, Obs., Rare. blandiloquent, Rare. blandiloquious.
pressed, Inf. snappy, smart.
6. brisk, bracing, nipping, chilly; invigorating, refreshing, stirring, roborant; stimulating, revivifying, tonic, strengthening, beneficial; restorative, rejuvenating, revitalizing.
7. crinkled, wrinkled, crumpled, puckered, gathered; rippled, waved, wavy, curly, frizzy, frizzled.

critic, n. 1. commentator, reviewer, essayist, expositor, expounder, editor, editorialist, criticaster; censor; Mrs. Grundy, Grundyist, Rare. aristarch.
2. connoisseur, esthete, epicure; judge, arbiter, arbi-ter of taste, Latin. arbitrer elegantiae; expert, authority, specialist, pundit, savant, maven, one of the cognoscenti.
3. faultfinder, carper, caviler, quibbler, pettifogger, expert, authority, ter of taste.
4. dangerous, hazardous, perilous; uncertain, risky, critical, overcritical, faultfinding, carping, caviling, Mrs. Grundy, Grundyist.
5. critique, review, commentary. See critique, 3. captiousness, censoriousness, hypercriticism, over-critic, gruff, blunt, gruff, gruff, gruff, gruff.
6. meander, worm, zigzag, wind, wind in and out, si-nuate; hook, angle off, shoot off at an angle, bear off; swerve, veer, deviate, divagate, diverge, slue.
crooked, adj. 1. bent, bending, flexed, bowed, hooked, twisted, contorted; curved, incurvated, angular, coiled, circled, curled, spiraled, looped; arched, arcuate, inflected, vaulted, cambered.
2. meandering, flexuous, sinuous, tortuous, serpentine; meandering, worming, zigzag; swerving, veering off, deviating.
3. awry, askew, tilted, to one side, sideways, off-cen-ter, uneven, Brit. Sl. squint; slanted, slanting, slant-wise, aslant, diagonal, aslope, sloping, oblique.
4. deformed, misshapen, disfigured, distorted, gnarled, warped; irregular, asymmetric.
5. deceitful, tricky, dishonest, fraudulent, under-handed, Inf. left-handed; insidious, guileful, disingen-uous, scheming, plotting, designing, calculating, con-triving; false, false-hearted, double-dealing, two-faced, shifty, slippery, smooth, slick; crafty, cunning, artful, sly, wily, subtle, foxy; shrewd, astute, canny, sharp, knowing, Inf. cagey; unscrupulous, unprincipled, Machiavellian.
6. loaded, fixed, rigged, doctored, marked, weighted, predetermined.
crop, n. 1. harvest, yield, gathering, garner, glean- ing, reaping, cutting, season's growth; production, product.
2. supply, collection, selection, assortment, batch, lot.
3. claw, gullet, maw, throat.
4. clip, cut short, trim; top, lop, mow; graze, nibble, browse.
cross, n. 1. crucifix, crux, rood, crosslet.
2. crossing, crosswalk, corner; crossroad, crossway, intersection, junction, structure; convergence, conver-gency, point of meeting.
3. thwarting, frustration, stumbling block, impediment, encumbrance, hindrance, pain in the neck; trouble, problem, difficulty, embarrassment, trying situa-
cross-examine

cross-examine, n.
1. cross-examine, v.
1. 
2. examine closely, scrutinize, look at carefully; investigate, Inf. check out, probe, explore thoroughly, go over with a fine-tooth comb.
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3. cross-examine, v. 

—v. 8. intersect, meet, join, converge, come together; lie or pass across, crisscross, zigzag, weave, interlace, lace; interweave, intermingling, combine, interlink, interlock, fit together; intertwist, twist together, entwist, entwine, braid, plait, plait, fold across; intertwine, entangle, enmesh, ensnarl, ensnare.

9. traverse, span, bridge, extend across, stretch or weave, in zigzag, or cancel out, scratch out, draw a line 

7. cross out 

off or 

out, blot out, obliterate.

—adj. 4. misfortune, mishap, mischance, adversity, evil, ill, calamity, disaster, catastrophe; affliction, grief, misery, woe; harm, injury, pain, suffering, trial, tribulation, ordeal; blow, stroke, bitter cup.

5. burden, responsibility, weight, load, albatross.

10. transport, carry across or over, take across or over.

11. Slang. betray, Inf. double-cross; inform on, Sl. squeal on, tell on, Sl. rat on, Sl. blow the whistle on.

12. baffle, confuse, Sl. cross up, thwart, frustrate; oppose openly, foil, contradict; interfere, get in the way, impede, hinder, retard, check, slow up or down; block, obstruct, stop, prevent, keep back or down.

13. interbreed, intercross, crossbreed, hybridize, cross-fertilize, cross-pollinate; mix, intermix, blend, fuse, interchange.

—adv. 14. athwart, across, intersecting, crosswise, crossways, transverse, from side to side, oblique, at an angle.

15. reciprocal, mutual.

16. contrary, opposing, opposite, at odds; differing, disagreeing, dissenting; adverse, unfavorable, disadvantageous.

17. crossbred, hybrid, mixed, mongrel.

18. annoyed, bothered, Inf. put-out, peevish, irritated, vexed, gripped, piqued, Inf. ticked off, Sl. pissed off, angry, upset.

19. snappish, snappy, impatient, irritable, short, touchy, testy, thin-skinned, waspish, peevish, petulant; irascible, choleric, ill-tempered, ill-humored, splenetic; cranky, grouchy, grumpy, cantankerous, crotchety, crusty.

20. cross-examine, v. 1. cross-question, interrogate, quiz, Inf. grill, pump, catechize.

2. examine closely, scrutinize, look at carefully; investigate, Inf. check out, probe, explore thoroughly, go over with a fine-tooth comb.

21. cross-grained, stubborn, pigheaded, mulish, obstinate, obdurant, unyielding, unbending; perverse, contrary, opposed, resistant; refractory, recalcitrant, unmanageable, intractable, contumacious; headstrong, willful, strong-willed, wayward.

22. thwart, cross, crisscross; transversely, from side to side, sideways, awry, askant, obliquely, at an angle.

23. contrarily, perversely, wrongly, contrariwise, contrariwise, contrarily, opposingly; at cross purposes, at odds, at variance, at issue; in confrontation, against, versus, Sl. eyeball to eyeball.

24. crotch, n. fork, bifurcation; corner, angle, bend; division, division; groin.

25. crotchet, n. odd fancy, vagary, whim, whimsy, notion, kink, maggot; bias, twist, warp; eccentricity, quirk, peculiarity, idiosyncrasy.

26. crotchety, adj. 1. ghoulish, crabby, crabbed, ill-humored, irritable, cranky, cross; irascible, churlish, curmudgeonly, dyspeptic, disagreeable.

2. eccentric, freakish, queer, strange, odd, Sl. cracked.

27. capricious, whimsical, erratic, fitful, mercurial, changeable, picky, fickle.

28. crouch, v. 1. stoop, bend, bend down, squat, hunker, hunker down, hunch, hunch over.

2. cringe, cower, crawl, creep; grovel, truckle, bootlick, toady, fawn, flatter, Inf. apple-polish, Sl. suck up to; kneel to or before, bow, bow and scrape, be at [s.o.'s] beck and call.

29. croučl, v. 1. boast, brag, beat the drum, Inf. boast one's own horn or trumpet, trumpet; sing about, exult, glory in, gloat, gloat over; show off, strut, swagger, parade, flaunt; bluster, roister, gasconade, bluff, puff, Sl. talk big.

2. cock-a-doodle-doo; cackle, cluck, caw.

30. crowd, n. 1. throng, horde, concentration, mass, confluence, conflux, convergence; herd, pack, swarm, flock, drove, bevy, shoal; congestion, jam, press, crush, rush, flood, deluge, Inf. mob scene.

2. assemblage, collection, amassment, accumulation; array, galaxy, multitude, force, host; congregation, association, league, assembly, conference, convention; for-gathering, conjunction, coalescence.

3. group, company, party, body, gathering; set, circle, clique, faction, coterie; knot, bunch, gang, crew, band, troop, Inf. caboodle; team, troupe, squad; sisterhood, brotherhood, soroity, fraternity, sodality, guild, club.

4. commonality, the public, the general public, the masses; populace, citizenry, proletariat, hoi polloi, bourgeoisie, rank and file; commoners, peasantry; the lower classes, low life, dregs, riffraff, Inf. the great unwashed; mob, rabble, rout.

5. audience, spectators, viewers, watchers, listeners, hearers, attendants, attendants; attendance, house, turnout; followers, regulars, fans, devotees, aficionados, Inf. buffs, Inf. nuts, Inf. freaks.

6. collection, accumulation, heap, pile, mass, cumulation; hoard, store, stock, stockpile, supply, fund; agglomeration, conglomeration, clump; lot, pack, batch, bunch, Inf. raft; array, assortment, variety, medley, jumble.

7. throng, swarm, herd, group, cluster, huddle, concentrate, bunch up or together; mass, congregate, agglomerate; flock together, surge, stream; convene, for gather, come together, meet, Inf. gang up, go into a huddle, get together.

8. shove, press forward, push, make one's way, squeeze through, Inf. elbow or shoulder one's way, jostle, Inf. pile in, Inf. stumble over one another.

9. pack, squeeze, cram, cram, jam; lump together, compress, congest, bunch, bundle, serry, Inf. pack as tight as sardines.

10. fill, heap, pile on, load, lade; pack, stuff, wad, implete, lumen; choke, gag.
crowded, adj. 1. filled, full, packed, congested, serried; thronged, populous, teeming, swarming, overflowing, Inf. jammed to the rafters.
2. close, tight, squeezed in, pressed together, jammed, crammed, compressed, compact; dense, thick, solid, Inf. packed in like sardines, Inf. breathing down each others' necks; Inf. close as pages in a book, Inf. hanging from the ceiling.
crown, n. 1. diadem, coronet, coronal, tiara; gar-crown, crowded, filled, full, packed, congested, ser-
2. sovereign, ruler, monarch, potentate, king, Latin, crownpiece, headpiece, headgear, helmet.
3. cap, hat, crownpiece, headpiece, headgear, helmet.
crude, adj. 1. original, pristine, untouched.
2. barbarity, barbarousness, vicious-
cruel, adj. 1. barbarous, barbaric, bloodthirsty, ferocious, savage, treacherous; vicious, brutal, brutalish, inhuman, animalistic, beastly; sadistic, masochistic; evil, malevolent, maleficient, fiendish, diabolical, hellish, infernal.
2. meander, wander, rove, range, prowl, drift; ramble, winding, wavy, sinuous; course, path, way, line, road.
3. austere, strict, stern, severe, rigid, rigid, strict, severe; harsh, incisive, incisive, incisive, incisive, incisive.
4. uncouth, rude, crass, coarse, unpolished, uncivil; rough-hewn, homespun, homely, earthy; rustic, coun-trified, loutish, churlish, boorish; ignorant, awkward, clumsy, oafish; gruff, bearish, boisterous, Inf. loud, cheap, tatty, brazen, brassy, brash, ill-bred, ill-man-nered, unmannterly, impolite; indecorous, improper, unusually, unbecoming.
5. vulgar, obscene, lewd, licentious, smutty, Inf. raunchy; foul-mouthed, dirty; indecency, indecency, indecency.
6. undisguised, blunt, bare, naked, open; blatant, glaring, outright, downright.
crudeity, n. 1. vulgarity, coarseness, commonness, lowness, crudeness; ruddiness, incivility, impropriety, unseemliness, bad manners; boorishness, churlishness, boisterousness, baseness, brassiness.
2. lack of polish, lack of breeding, unrefinement, in-elegance, inurbanity, inurbanity; parvenuism, poor taste, garishness, loudness, Philistinism, gaucherie, tactlessness.
3. indecency, indelicacy, offensiveness, scurrilous-
4. obscenity, foulness, filth, filthiness, lewdness, prurience, rauncheousness, Inf. raunchiness.
cruel, adj. 1. barbarous, barbaric, bloodthirsty, ferocious, savage, treacherous; vicious, brutal, brutalish, inhuman, animalistic, beastly; sadistic, masochistic; evil, malevolent, maleficient, fiendish, diabolical, hellish, infernal.
2. strict, strict, rigid, severe, unrelenting; harsh, cruel, relentless, remorseless, implacable; pitiless, merci-
3. primitive, rudimentary, uniformed, undeveloped, unevolved; sketchy, drawing-board, outline.
4. faulty, flawed, sloppy, shoddy, poor; incomplete, unfinished, unpublished, incondite, imperfect, imperfect, inartistic.
5. uncouth, rude, crass, coarse, unpolished, uncivil; rough-hewn, homespun, homely, earthy; rustic, coun-trified, loutish, churlish, boorish; ignorant, awkward, clumsy, oafish; gruff, bearish, boisterous, Inf. loud, cheap, tatty, brazen, brassy, brash, ill-bred, ill-man-nered, unmannerly, impolite; indecorous, improper, unseemly, unbecoming.
6. vulgar, obscene, lewd, licentious, smutty, Inf. raunchy; foul-mouthed, dirty; indecency, indecency, indecency.
7. crude, adj. 1. raw, coarse, unrefined, unmilled, unground, unprepared, undressed, unprocessed; natural, original, pristine, untouched.
2. primitive, rudimentary, uniformed, undeveloped, unevolved; sketchy, drawing-board, outline.
3. faulty, flawed, sloppy, shoddy, poor; incomplete, unfinished, unpublished, incondite, imperfect, imperfect, inartistic.
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and ruin, come to dust; decay, deteriorate, fall into decay, rot or waste away, molder, decompose, degenerate; disappear piecemeal, fall off, vanish, fade away, decline, perish.

**crumbly, adj.** friable, apt to crumble, soft; brittle, shivery, fragile, frail, breakable, frangible, fissile.

**crumple.** v. 1. rumple, wrinkle, crinkle, pucker, crimple, rimple; ruffle, corrugate. 2. collapse, fall, topple, tumble, break up, shatter; give way, break down, go or fall to pieces, Inf. go to smash; shrink, shrivel, crush, squash.

**crunch.** v. 1. chew noisily, munch, gnaw, champ, chomp, Dial. chop. Inf. scrunch, Dial. chaw, craunch; chew, masticate. 2. crush, grind, grate, rasp; pulverize, shatter, smash, smash; shrink, shrivel, crush, squash. 3. bark, yelp, bay, bowwow, woof; meow, miaow, purr, caterwaull; whiny, neigh, bray, moo; caw, crow, cock-a-doodle-doo; cluck, hoot, cackle, gabble, quack, squawk; chirp, chcep, peep, coo, cuckoo; bleat, baa, oink.

**crust.** 1. campaign, holy war; cause, move—harsh, surly, rude, curt, brusque, short; adj. crusty, hard, tough, as a long way, quite some distance, faraway, a country mile, remote, distant; b. remotely related, very different, discrepant, incongruous.

**crusty,** adj. 1. occult, esoteric, arcane, perdu, hermetic; secret, hidden, veiled, top secret, Inf. hush-hush; obscure, indistinct, indefinite, unclear, nebulous, vague; inscrutable, oracular, sphingine, sphinxian; mystic, cabalistic, supernatural; unutterable, indefinable, inviolable, undisclosed, unrevealing, unsplicable.

**crush,** v. 1. squash, mash, press down, compress, cramp, constrict, tighten; squeeze, pinch, bruise, con tense; crumple, rumple, wrinkle. 2. pound, grind, smash, shiver, splinter, shatter, pulverize, granulate, powder, triturate, comminute, reduce to powder; crumble, fragment, break up; trample, stamp, crush under foot. 3. press, squeeze, force, force out, extract, express. 4. embrace, hug, enfold, clutch, grip, hold tight, Inf. squeeze the life out of. 5. destroy, demolish, raze, level, ruin, wreck, topple, flatten; erase, blot out. 6. oppress, persecute, browbeat, ride roughshod over; suppress, subdue, quell, quash, put down, squelch, scotch; vanquish, overcome, overpower, conquer.

**crusher, n.** campaigner, fighter, battler; reformer, enthusiast, zealot, fanatic, partisan; liberal, progressive, visionary, dreamer, idealist; advocate, champion, sponsor, lobbyist, canvasser, take up a cause, fight for, work for, lobby, canvass; or Inf. take to the streets, Inf. fight the good fight, Inf. go on the warpath; knock on every door, go door to door, go to the people, barnstorm, Inf. take to the stump.

**crusader, n.** campaigner, fighter, battler; reformer, visionary, dreamer, idealist; advocate, champion, enthusiast, zealot, fanatic, partisan; liberal, progressive, visionary, dreamer, idealist; advocate, champion, sponsor, lobbyist, canvasser, take up a cause, fight for, work for, lobby, canvass; or Inf. take to the streets, Inf. fight the good fight, Inf. go on the warpath; knock on every door, go door to door, go to the people, barnstorm, Inf. take to the stump.

**crusade.** n. 1. campaign, holy war; cause, movement; march, struggle, push. —v. 2. march on or against, move on; campaign, struggle, do battle, take up arms, take up the gauntlet; take up a cause, fight or work for, lobby, canvass; stump, stump the countryside, Inf. beat the drum, Inf. take to the streets, Inf. fight the good fight, Inf. go on the warpath; knock on every door, go door to door, go to the people, barnstorm, Inf. take to the stump.

**cry,** v. 1. weep, shed tears, boohoo, sob; bawl,Inf. —v. 2. shout, yell, holler, squall, yell, roar, howl; scream, shriek, screech, Scot. and North Eng. skir; clamor; outcry, calling, exclamation, hue and cry; uproar, hubbub, hulla toward; proclamation, announcement, declaration, announcement; enunciation, utterance, ejaculation, accusation, vociferation, voice; hail, ahi, hi, hello; hallo, hallo, halloa, ho, hey, Inf. yoo hoo, yoo hoo; cheer, huzza, hurrah, brave, All Fox Hunting. yoicks, tallyho, hui.

**crypt.** n. tomb, vault, mausoleum, sephulchre, burial chamber, grave.

**cryptic,** adj. 1. occult, esoteric, arcane, perdu, hermetic; secret, hidden, veiled, top secret, Inf. hush-hush; obscure, indistinct, indefinite, unclear, nebulous, vague; inscrutable, oracular, sphingine, sphinxian; mystic, cabalistic, supernatural; unutterable, indefinable, inviolable, undisclosed, unrevealing, unsplicable.

**cub.** n. 1. pup, puppy, whelp, colt. 2. youth, youngster, younker, Dial. young'un; boy, lad, hobbledehoy; fledgling, stripling, slip, scion, weird, bizarre.

**cubed.** v. 1. hug, embrace, embosom, enfold; caress, fondle, pet, coddle, Sl. canoodle; dally, nuzzle, make love, bill and coo, Inf. neck, Inf. smooch, Sl. make out, Sl. mess or fool around. 2. snuggle, nestle, curl up, bundle.

**cubs.** n. hexahedron, six-sided body, solid, Sl. die.

**cuddled.** v. 1. hug, embrace, embosom, enfold; caress, fondle, pet, coddle, Sl. canoodle; dally, nuzzle, make love, bill and coo, Inf. neck, Inf. smooch, Sl. make out, Sl. mess or fool around. 2. snuggle, nestle, curl up, bundle.

**cuff.** n. 1. handcuff, manacle, hand-fetter, fetter, supplect, adjure, pray, obtest, obsecrete. 5. cry down disparage, belittle, berate, debase; decry, run down, denigrate, underrate, cheapen. —n. 6. weeping, sob, sobbing, lamentation, wail, moan, groan, keen, ululation, whimper, mewl.

**cry.** v. 1. weep, shed tears, boohoo, sob; bawl, blubber, whimper, mewl, pule, snivel; moan, wail, groan, ululate; lament, mourn, bewail, keen. 2. shout, yell, Inf. holter, squall, yowl, bellow, whoop; roar, rend the air, howl; scream, shriek, screech, Scot. and North Eng. skir; sing out, vociferate, exclaim, announce; blazon, clamor, braise, hawk; call out, hail, address, call to, hallo, halloa, halloa, Fox Hunting; tallyho; yo-ho, Inf. yoo hoo, hello, hi, hey; cheer, huzza, hurrah, brave, Sl. hubba.

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**ductible.** n. 1. club, bludgeon, bat, bastinado, Brit. truncheon, Chiefly Irish Eng. shillelagh; night stick, Inf. billy, Inf. billy club; blackjack, rubber hose, Sl. sap.

**cue.** n. 1. reminder, prompt, catchword, key word; indication, signal, nod, wink. 2. hint, intimation, implication, insinuation, innuendo; suggestion, tip, pointer, word to the wise. 3. role, part, function, office, position, place. 4. stimulus, incentive, impetus, fillip, motive; goad, prick, jog, jolt, spur. —v. 5. signal, indicate, nod, Inf. give the nod, wink; prompt, remind, feed lines, jog or refresh the memory, set back on the track.

6. (all of a musical or dramatic performance) insert, introduce, put in, stick in.
shackle, chain, bond, trammel, gyve, bilboe, Sl. bracelet.
2. off the cuff Slang. a. extemporaneously, impermissibly, ad lib, offhand, on the spur of the moment. b. informally, unofficially, off the record; confidentially, in confidence.
3. on the cuff Slang. a. on credit, on account, on trust, Chiefly Brit. Inf. on tick. b. free, free of charge, on the house, for nothing.

—v. 4. handcuff, Sl. slap the bracelets on [s.o.]; manacle, shackles, put in irons; chain, enchain, tether, fetter, gyve.
cuff, n. 1. buffet, slap, strike, hit, smite, punch, 
2. cookery, cooking; menu, bill of fare;
n. cuisine, n.
cornelet, breastplate, backpiece, aegis, cuirass, n.
corset, coat of mail; armor plate.
cuisine, n. cookery; cooking; menu, bill of fare; table, board, Inf. feed.
cul-de-sac, n. impasse, bottleneck, pocket, blind, Inf. blind alley, Inf. deadend; trap, snag, quandary, predicament.
cull, v. choose, select, pick over, winnow, sift, sort out, separate the wheat from the chaff; collect, pick up, gather, garner, harvest, reap, crop; pluck, glean, single out, pick out, fix upon.
culminate, v. 1. Usu. culminate in climax, peak, crest, height, culmination, perfection, completion, conclusion, closing, termination, ending.
2. complete, conclude, finish, top out, bring to a close; consummate, perfect, put the finishing touches on, top off, round out or off; crown, cap, pinnacle, tip, top, surmount.
culmination, n. 1. consummation, perfection, completion, conclusion, closing, termination, ending.
2. climax, acme, zenith, meridian, high noon, orgasm, high point, supreme moment; sublimity, supremacy, perfection, utmost, uttermost; height, extremity, extreme, maximum, max.; summit, apex, vertex, apogee. Latin, ne plus ultra; pinnacle, peak, crest, crest, heights; spire, point, tip, tiptop, top; crown, crowning touch, cap, capper, capstone, keystone, headpiece, head; finishing touch, last stroke, windup, close, finale, Inf. payoff, punch line; end, end of the line, terminus, terminal.
culpability, n. blame, blameworthiness, censurability; responsibility, guilt, fault; delinquency, dereliction.
culpable, adj. blameworthy, blamable, censurable, reprehensible, reproachable, reprovable; at fault, guilty, sinful, transgressive, peccant, found wanting.
culprit, n. offender, guilty party, malefactor, miscreant; rascal, reprobate, wrong-doer, evil-doer, Sl. the heavy, Sl. the bad guy; felon, criminal, delinquent, lawbreaker, transgressor, sinner.
cult, n. 1. affiliation, faith, denomination, school, persuasion, belief; faction, party, ism, ism.
2. worshippers, believers, members, followers; devotees, enthusiastic zealots, fanatics; claque, fan club, hero-worshippers.
3. adoration, veneration, worship, homage, reverence, hero worship.
cultivate, v. 1. dress, till, till the soil, farm, work, work the land; plow, spade, dig, delve, hoe, harrow, rake; fertilize, manure, compost.
2. civilize, develop, improve, improve [s.o.'s] mind, enlighten, educate, school; train, discipline; refine, polish, finish, perfect.
3. (all of an art, science, etc.) promote, foster, advocate, support, patronize; encourage, abet, further, advance, uphold, back; help, aid, assist.
4. (all of an art, science, etc.) pursue, follow, keep abreast of; study, investigate, delve into, search into, devote oneself to.
5. woo, court, pay court to, pay addresses to; seek [s.o.'s] friendship, seek [s.o.'s] company, make advances, break the ice; ingratiate oneself with, curry favor, dance attendance upon, Sl. shine up to, Sl. suck up to, Sl. play up to, Sl. butter up.
cultivation, n. 1. agriculture, agronomy, geoponics, farming, husbandry, tillage, tillth; tilling, dressing, working; aquaculture, aquiculture, hydroponics.
2. civilization, development, improvement, training, preparation, conditioning, grooming; education, instruction, teaching, tuition; enlightenment, education, illumination.
3. (all of an art, science, etc.) promotion, fostering, advocacy, support, patronage; encouragement, abetment, furtherance, advancement, backing; help, aid, assistance.
4. (all of an art, science, etc.) pursuit, following, study, investigation; devotion.
5. culture, refinement, polish, manners, good breeding; taste, good taste; savoir-faire, tact, discretion, discernment, discrimination.
culture, n. 1. cultivation, refinement, polish; education, enlightenment, sophistication, urbanity, worldliness; elevation, development, advancement, progress; attainment, accomplishment, learning, erudition, knowledge, education; manners, breeding, good breeding, gentility, civility; elegance, grace, courtliness, savoir-faire; taste, good taste, discernment, discrimination.
2. civilization, way of life, customs, folkways, ways, habits, life style, Sociology. mores.
3. agriculture, agronomy, geoponics, farming, husbandry, tillage, tillth; tilling, dressing, working; aquaculture, aquiculture, hydroponics.
—v. 4. cultivate, dress, till, till the soil, farm, work, work the land; plow, spade, dig, delve, hoe, harrow, rake; fertilize, manure, compost.
cultured, adj. 1. cultivated, civilized, refined, polished, finished; genteel, well-bred, thoroughbred, aristocratic, blue-blooded; elegant, graceful, fine; polite, mannerly, courteous, gracious, chivalrous, chivalric, gallant, cavalier, urbane, suave, sophisticated, cosmopolitan; fashionable, stylish, high-class, Sl. classy.
2. enlightened, superior, high-brow, accomplished; learned, Archaic. studied, versed, knowledgeable; educated, lettered, intellectual, scholarly, erudite; well-educated, well-informed, well-read, literary.
culvert, n. drain, channel, sewer, cloaca; conduit, duct, trough, gutter, ditch, gully, Brit. sough; watercourse, waterway, canal.
cumbrous, adj. 1. burdensome, onerous, oppressive; tiresome, irksome, vexatious, troublesome, troublesome, inconvenient.
2. unwieldy, clumsy, awkward, unmanageable, incommodious; ponderous, hefty, heavy, massive, bulky.
cumulative, adj. increasing, growing, adding, totalizing, Inf. piling up; crescend, waxing, swelling, enlarging; accumulative, additive.
cunning, n. 1. craft, craftiness, guile, wiles, slyness, foxiness, artfulness, subtlety, shrewdness; deceit, deception, duplicity, trickery.
2. skill, skillfulness, dexterity, adroitness, expertness, mastery, artistry; aptitude, facility, address, dispatch, ready skill, Inf. know-how; ingenuity, cleverness, talent, flair, genius, art, knack.
—adj. 3. ingenious, clever, resourceful, imaginat-
tive, inventive, creative.

4. crafty, artful, sly, wily, subtle, foxy, Sl. dumb or crazy like a fox, *Scoi., and North Eng.* pawky; shrewd, astute, canny, sharp, knowing, *Inf.* cagey.

5. insidious, guileful, disingenuous, scheming, plotting, designing, calculating, contriving; deceitful, tricky, crooked, dishonest, underhanded; shifty, slippery, smooth, slick.

cup, n. 1. teacup, demitasse, *Fr.* tasse; Literary. chalice, goblet, wine glass; glass, beaker, tumbler, can- nikin; can, mug, stein, tankard; wineskin, drinking horn or gourd, rhein; bowl, *Gk. and Rom.* Antiquity. kylix; punch bowl, jorum, *Gk. and Rom.* Antiquity. kyathus.

2. cupful, 8 fluid ounces, 16 tablespoons, 240 milliliters; teacupful, 4 fluid ounces, 120 milliliters.

3. pan, basin, depression, crater, hollow, concavity; furrow, groove, trough; hole, cavity, excavation, pit.

cupola, n. dome, polygonal vault. spire; lantern, lookout, tower, turret; dome, onion domes, *Inf.*

cupidity, n. 1. greed, graspingness, acquisitive- ness, *Sl.* grubbiness, avariciousness, rapacity, rapa- ciousness; selfishness, miserliness, penuriousness, parsimony, niggardliness; stinginess, meanness, close-fisted- edness, tight-fistedness, mercenary, venality, sordidness.

2. eagerness, avidity, yearning, craving, covetous- ness; keenness, itch, itching, appetite, stomach, *U.S.* Di* al.* big eye, appetite; anxiousness, breathlessness, impatience, longing, thirst, zeal, fervency, passion, mania; hankering, aspiration, hunger, ambitious- ness.

3. ravenousness, voraciousness, gluttony, edacity, open-mouthedness, hoggishness, piggishness.

cupola, n. belfry, bell tower, campanile, steeple, spire; lantern, lookout, tower, turret; dome, onion dome, polygonal vault.

cur, n. 1. mongrel, mongrel dog, bitch, lurcher, Sl. mutt.


curable, adj. healable, treatable, remediable, repair- able; mendable, fixable, restorable; recoverable, re- trievable, reclaimable; corrigible, reformable, im- provable.


curative, adj. 1. therapeutic, medicinal, Rare. med- ical, curing, healing, sanative, sanitary; remedial, cor- rective, reparative, reparatory; mending, restoring, restorative, recuperative, recuperatory; beneficial, ad- vantageous, helpful, salutary, healthy, good, whole- some.

2. (all of meat or fish) preservation, smoking, salting, drying, kippering; pickling, brining, corned; marinading, marinating.

3. (all of meat or fish) preserve, smoke, salt, dry, kip- per; pickle, brine, corn; marinade, marinate.

curfew, n. 1. evening bell, evening hour, bedtime; nightfall, close of day, sundown, sunset, *Brit.* Di* al.* cockshut; evening, eventide; dusk, twilight, *Literary.* gloaming.

2. ban, prohibition, proscription, forbiddance, inter- dict; preventive measure.
curiosity, n. 1. inquisitiveness, inquiringness, inquiring, acquisitiveness, investigativeness, investigating, interrogating, querying, questioning, search, searching, scrutinizing, study, studying, interest, research, researching.
2. intrusiveness, officiousness, meddlesomeness, meddling, business, interference, interfering, intermediating, prying, intruding, interposing, Inf. kibitzing; obtrusiveness, forwardness, audacity, impertinence; snooping, Inf. snoopiness, prowling, peeping, peering, eavesdropping, mousing, Inf. rubbernecking, Inf. nosiness.
3. peculiarity, idiosyncrasy, idiocrasy, eccentricity, hobby-horse; aberration, aberrance, aberrancy, deviation, anomaly, Rare. anomalism.
4. curious, adj. 1. inquisitive, inquisitorial, inquiring, investigatory, investigating; interrogative, interrogatory, interrogating, querying, questioning, searching, scrutinizing, studying, Rare. zetetic, Rare. percontatorial.
2. meddlesome, meddling, intermediating, intrusive, prying, interfering, intruding, interposing, Inf. kibitzing, officious, busy; obstructive, forward, audacious, impudent, meddlesome, snooping, prying, peeping, peering, eavesdropping, mousing, Inf. rubbernecking.
3. long-nosed, nosy, Inf. long-nosed, Inf. snoopy; overcurious, burning with curiosity, agape, agog, all agog.
4. odd, peculiar, queer, oddish, offbeat, quizzical, cranky, Inf. funny, baffling; strange, weird, bizarre, erratic, freakish, grotesque, Sl. rum, Sl. far out; unusual, uncommon, unconventional, unique, unorthodox, unwanted, rare, exotic, out of the ordinary, novel, singular, exceptional; extraordinary, remarkable, astonishing, phenomenal, prodigious.
5. all the rage, Inf. in vogue, being, present-day; existent, extant, actual, being, coincident, concomitant, coeval, coexistent, simultaneous, contemporaneous, synchronous.
6. cursed, adj. 1. doomed, accursed, Brit. Dial. fey, damned, curse-laden, condemned, anathematized, Archaic. maledict, bedeviled, bewitched, hoodooed, voodooed, hexed; star-crossed, ill-fated, foredoomed; un-
curl, cursory

cursory, adj. hasty, superficial, perfunctory, desultory; rapid, hurried, quick, summary, unreflected, precipitate; shallow, ephemeral, discursive, slight; transient, fleeting, passing; careless, immethodical, unmeditated, slapdash, loose.

curt, adj. 1. short, shortened, abbreviated, abridged, condensed.

2. brief, concise, succinct, terse, laconic, pithy, crisp;
   -Brit, woolsack; seat, rest; buffer, cushion, pillow, bolster, upholstery; hassock.

3. short-spoken, abrupt, brusque, blunt, gruff; rude, uncivil, unceremonious, ungracious, impolite; snappish, tart, petulant; harsh, bluff, sullen, hostile, crusty.

curtailment, n. reduction, reducing, decrease, diminishing, cutting short, cut down, cut back, cut off, subtract, subduct, lessen, shorten, contract, abridge, abbreviate, narrow, shrink, compress, Obs. breviate, dock, crop, clip, shear, trim, prune, pare down, shave, nip; All Inf. pull back on, tighten up on, put the squeeze on; limit, restrict, tie down, rein, draw reitn, confine, confine; stub, stunt, truncate, obturate, detruncate, lop, lop off; slim down, slenderize, shrivel, wither, dwarf.

curtainment, n. reduction, reducing, decrease, decreasing, retrenchment, retrenching, diminution, diminishing, cutting short, cutting off, cutting down, cutting back, subtraction, subtracting, subtraction, subducting, lessening, shortage, shortening, contraction, contracting, abridgement, abbreviation, narrowing, shrinkage, shrinking, compression, compressing; dock, cropping, shearing, trimming, clipping, pruning, shaving, nipping; limitation, limiting, restriction, restricting, constringion, constricting, confinement, confining; stubbing, stunting, truncation, obturation, detr truncation, lopping, lopping off; slimming down, slenderizing, shrivel ing, withering.

curtain, n. 1. window curtain, window shade; hanging, drapery, tapestry, dossier, portiere, valance, lambrequin; backdrop, drop, scrim; arras; firescreen.

2. screen, shutter, blind, shade, drape; cover, cloak, veil, purdah.

—v. 3. screen, hide, shield, drape, cover, conceal, veil.

cursy, n. bow, bob, nod, salute, greeting, how-doyou-do; genuflection, kowtow, salaam.

curvature, n. arcuation, incuration, incurvature, curvation, Pathol. cyrosis, curve, camber, bend, bending, flexure; adumity, hook, crook, sinusuity, anfractuosity, winding, curl.

curve, n. 1. arc, arch, vault, Archit. extrados; incurve, incurve, camber; crescent, lunule, lune, meniscus, half moon; bend, turn, horseshoe, Phys. Geog., U.S. oxbow; Geom. parabola, Geom. epitrochoid, Geom. ellipse.

2. trick, deception, cheat, swindle, ruse, wile.

—v. 3. bend, arch, Archit. embow, bow, round; incurve, incurve, camber; crook, hook, turn, inflect, deflect; wind, curl, coil, spiral.

cushion, n. 1. pillow, bolster, upholstery; hassock, mat, pad, pillow, Brit. woolsack; seat, rest; buffer, shock absorber, fender.

—v. 2. pillow, bolster, cradle; support, prop, shore up, brace, underbrace, buttress.

3. check, forestall, quieten, mollify; soften, lessen, allay, mitigate.

cusp, n. point, pointed end, nib; tip, apex, peak, top; corner, angle.

custodian, n. 1. keeper, guardian, caretaker, conservator, protector, preserver, defender; guard, warder, watchman, watchdog.

2. janitor, concierge, clean-up man, maintenance man, handyman.

3. steward, administrator, curator, manager, overseer, superintendent, Inf. super, supervisor; foreman, director, warden, boss, man in charge.

custody, n. 1. keeping, care, guardianship, ward, wardship, protection, Law. trusteeship; keep, safekeeping, safeguard; tutelage, guidance, chaperonage; supervision, superintendence, surveillance, direction, control.

2. holding, possession, retention, Law. seizin.

3. imprisonment, confinement, detention, incarceration, durance; constraint, restraint, duress, fetters.

custom, n. 1. practice, way, fashion, procedure, policy, rule, use; habit, convention, wont, praxis, usage, observance, habitude, second nature; consuetude, tradition, Law. prescription, routing, course; conventionality, matter of course, conventionalism, formality, form.

2. tax, toll, duty, levy, impost; rate, tariff, excise, assessment, exactation.

custody, adj. accustomed, habitual, set, fixed, rooted, established, traditional, consuetudinary, confirmed; usual, wonted, regular, daily, routine, normal, natural; ordinary, conventional, everyday, commonplace; general, prevailing, prevalent, common, frequent; well-known, popular, favorite, household; stock, well-worn, trite, hackneyed, cliché.

custom, n. patron, client, (collectively) clientele; buyer, Law. emptor, Law. vendee; purchaser, shopper, marker, patronizer.

cut, v. 1. gash, slash, lance, slit, slice; notch, ridge, Cookery. score; sever, abscond, split, carve, cleave, sunder; rend, rive, tear, rip; divide, section, apportion; dissect, cut apart, anatomize, disjoin, quarter, disjoint, disunite, dismember.

2. wound, hurt, pain, grief, aggrieve, distress, lacerate; afflicted, trouble, injure, discomfort; insult, slight, affront, offend; touch, move, affect.

3. shun, scorn, snub, slight, spurn, rebuff; ignore, turn one's back on, freeze [s.o.] out, take no note of, cold-shoulder, look right through [s.o.].

4. strike, crack, whip, lash, scourge, flog, flagellate; birch, switch, stripe; mutilate, mangle.

5. hew, saw down, fell; chop, hack, splinter; reap, harvest, gather; lop off, truncate, amputate, detach, remove; trim, clip, chop, snip, nip; shear, crop, (of the hair) Bob; pare, shave, prune.

6. intersect, decussate, cross, bisect.

7. abridge, shorten, abbreviate, condense; contract, epitomize, summarize, abstract; curtail, retrench, cut back; edit, eliminate; reduce, diminish, lower, abate, mitigate, cut down on, ease up on.

8. dissolve, dilute, thin, water or water down; adulterate, degrade, debase, pollute; vitiate, weaken, doctor.

9. sculpture, sculpt, sculp, chisel; carve, whittle, incise, engrave; shape, form, fashion, mold.

10. excavate, hollow out, scoop out, gouge; dig, burrow, tunnel, Archaic. delve.

11. (usu. of engines) stop, halt, turn off, switch off; Informal. discontinue, desist, cease, Sl. knock off, Sl. cut out.

12. record, make a recording or record of, put on disc; tape, taperecord, put on tape; film, photograph.

13. (usu. with across) pass, go, come, roam, ramble, trek; cross over, travel over, traverse.

14. swerve, veer, tack, yaw, turn, change direction or course, Naut. jibe.
cutthroat, n.
epidermis, scarf skin, skin, derma;
cutaway, cutting, severance, disseverance, sunderance;
Inf. fool around, cut out, abscond.
Bot. incised, cleft.
Inf. or obstruct, hinder, thwart, stop. c. disinherit, disherit,
detached, severed, broken off, separated,
up a. lacerate, wound, injure, b. misbehave,
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detached, severed, broken off, separated,
up a. lacerate, wound, injure, b. misbehave,
Inf.ремnant.
cutaway, cutout, abscond.
SI. butt in.
SI. cut in.
cycle, n. 1. round, revolution, rotation; series, succession, run, sequence.
2. eon, age, period, epoch, era.
3. bicycle, bike, monocycle, tricycle; motorcycle, quadcycle, scooter, tandem, velocipede.
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15. Informal. decamp, Inf. vamoose, Inf. split, Inf. take off, Sl. cut out, abscond.
16. cut across transcend, go beyond, rise above.
17. cut in interpose, interrupt, Sl. butt in.
18. cut off a. intercept, seize en route. b. interrupt, obstruct, hinder, thwart, stop. c. disinherit, disherit, disown, renounce.
19. cut up a. lacerate, wound, injure. b. misbehave, Inf. fool around, Sl. horse around, disobey, play pranks or jokes. c. ridicule, criticize, vilify, slander, Inf. bad-mouth.
—adj. 20. detached, severed, broken off, separated, Bot. incised, Bot. cleft.
21. apportioned, divided, sectioned.
22. reduced, lowered, marked down, diminished; di-
cuted, watered down, watered over, adulterated.
23. castrated, gelded, castronized, eunuchized, emasculated, effeminized.
24. cut and dried a. fixed, settled, predetermined, automatic. b. unoriginal, uninspiring; trite, hackneyed; dull, boring, plodding, wearesome.
—n. 25. gash, slash, slit, clef, rift; incision, groove, opening, indentation; wound, laceration; nick, tear, rip.
26. slice, piece, portion, quantity, sliver, shaving, Dial. collop; snip, snippet, snatch, chip; sample, fragment, remnant.
27. percentage, Inf. share; graft, Inf. kickback, Inf. rake-off.
28. style, fashion, mode, manner; shape, form, configuration; type, sort, kind, ilk.
29. strip, swath; passage, course, channel; furrow, trench, tunnel, burrow, ditch, hole, dugout; belt, avenue, corridor, aisle.
30. excision, omission, deletion; excerpt, selection, quotation; cutting, clippings, analects.
31. reduction, cutback, slowdown, diminution; curtailment, abbreviation, abatement, mitigation.
32. insult, affront, offense; sarcasm, taunt, dig, jibe, jeer, slap in the face; rebuff, snub, slight, cold shoulder, deep freeze.
33. woodcut, print, Fine Arts. block print; engraving, etching; impression, illustration, picture, design.
cutaway, n. morning clothes, morning dress, swallow-tailed coat, tail coat, Inf. tails, Inf. tie and tails, white tie, formal, Sl. monkey suit, Sl. soup-and-fish; tuxedo, Inf. tux. See tuxedo.
cuticle, n. epidermis, scarfskin, skin, Anat. derma; integument, membrane, pellicle.
cutpurse, n. pickpocket, pickpurse, lightfingers; purse snatcher, mugger; thief, robber, crook, bandit.
cuthroat, n. 1. thug, killer, murderer, slayer; assassin, liquidator, bravo, gunman, executioner, Euph. dispatcher, Euph. divider, All Sl. gun, hired gun, hit man, triggerman, torpedo, hatchet man.
—adj. 2. murderous, killing, homicidal, death-dealing, lethal, fatal, mortal; savage, barbarous, cruel, brutal, fiendish, bloodthirsty, sanguinary; ferocious, violent, wild, berserk, maniacal.
3. ruthless, merciless, unmerciful, pitiless, unfeeling; dog-eat-dog, every man for himself.
cutting, n. 1. severance, dissection, sunderance; splitting, cleaving, cleavage, slitting; rending, tearing.
2. piece, part, particle, bit; slice, Inf. clip, clipping; (all usu. of a plant) cut, slip, scion.
—adj. 3. sharp, sharpened, edged, honed, razor-sharp; lancinating, stabbing; keen, pointed.
4. numbing, freezing, frigid, chilling, raw; cold, chilly, algid, bitter; piercing, penetrating, biting, nipping, stinging, prickling.
5. caustic, mordant, mordacious, acrimonious, acid, acidulous, acid, pungent; trenchant, incisive, slashing, scathing; astringent, severe, sharp, sharp-tongued, acerb, acerbic, stern, harsh, austere, stringent; acrid, virulent, malicious, malificent, venomous, vicious, malevolent, malignant; invidious, hateful.
6. sarcastic, sardonic, scurrilous, mocking, ridiculing, derisive, derisory; satirical, ironic, ironical, double-edged, cynical; contemptuous, contumelious, disparaging, sneering, disdainful, supercilious, depreciatory; critical, captious, carping, censorious, faultfinding.
cycle, n. 1. round, revolution, rotation; series, succession, run, sequence.
2. eon, age, period, epoch, era.
3. bicycle, bike, monocycle, tricycle; motorcycle, quadcycle, scooter, tandem, velocipede.
—v. 4. recur, reoccur, return, reappear; come again, roll again.
5. ride, go for a ride, drive; motorcycle, bicycle.
cyclone, n. windstorm, storm, gale, gust, squall, blast, simoon, sirocco, whirlwind; tornado, hurricane, typhoon, tempest, twister; monsoon.
cynic, n. pessimist, gloom and doomer, Inf. gloomy Gus, naysayer, Sl. crapehanger; misanthrope, man-hater, misogynist; scowler, sneerer, snarler, growler, grumbler; critic, complainer, faultfinder, detractor; scoffers, satirist, carper, caviler, Inf. knocker; skeptic, nullifidian, doubter; killjoy, Sl. partypooper, spoil-sport, damper.
cynical, adj. 1. skeptical, doubting, doubtful, suspicious, distrustful, disbelieving, unbelieving; critical, captious, hypercritical, carping, carping, censorious, faultfinding; sarcastic, sardonic, scurrilous, mocking, ridiculing, derisive, derisory; satirical, ironic, ironical, double-edged; pessimistic, misanthropic, negative; contemptuous, contumelious, disparaging, sneering; disdainful, supercilious, haughty, arrogant.
2. caustic, mordant, mordacious, acrimonious, bitter, acrid, acidulous, acid, pungent; trenchant, cutting, incisive, slashing, scathing; penetrating, piercing, stinging, prickling, biting, keen, pointed, sharp, sharp-tongued; astringent, severe, acerb, acerbic, stern, harsh, austere, stringent; spiteful, virulent, malicious, malificent, venomous, vicious, malevolent, malignant; insulting, excoriating, denouncing, berating, abusive, scurrilous, offensive, vituperative; mean, brutal, unkind, uncharitable, unbenevolent.
3. abrupt, brusque, blunt, curt, short, gruff, snap-
pish, crusty; peevish, petulant, crabbed, testy, touchy, waspish, irascible, edgy; ill-tempered, ill-humored, ill-tempered; hostile, resentful, indignant, piqued, angry; morose, surly, sour, moody.
cynicism, n. 1. misanthropy, antisociality, hatred; pessimism, defeatism, malism; skepticism, suspicion, disbelief, distrust.
2. derision, ridicule, scorn, mockery; satire, irony, lampoon, burlesque, contempt, disparagement, disdain, superciliousness, haughtiness, arrogance; criticism, censure, hypercriticalness, captiousness; taunt, sneer, gibes, jeer, flout, scoff, sneer, wile, quip, nip; abuse, contumely, barb, slur, vituperation; asperity, acrimony, acrimoniousness, causticity, asperity, sarcasm, acridness, acrimony, pungency, venom, venomousness, venomness; trenchantness, keenness, incisiveness; virulence, spiteful, spitefulness, malice, maliciousness, viciousness, viciousness; astringency, severity, sternness, acerbity, austerity.
4. peevishness, petulance, Rare. petulancy, crabbedness, testiness, touchiness, irascibility, edginess; ill temper, ill-temperedness, short-temperedness, ill humor,
ill-humoredness.

cynosure, *n.* 1. focal point, focus, focus of attention, center of attention, center of interest, polestar.

2. lodestar, guiding light, leader, paragon, hero, mirror, shining example; ideal, beau ideal, acme, apotheosis.


dab, v. 1. bedaub, besmear, smear, smudge, blot, spot; coat, plaster, tar, paint, varnish.
2. pat, tamp, poke, jab; rap, swat, hit, strike, whack, slap, Inf. swipe, thumb, flap.
—n. 3. pat, poke, jab, light blow, peck; rap, knock, fillip, stroke, smack, Inf. swipe, whack.
4. bit, mite, speck, Inf. smidgeon, nip, spot; trace, touch, hint, trifle, tinge, suggestion; pinch, dash, drop, sprinkling, driblet, crumb, modicum.
5. silly, absurd, inane, pointless, fatuous, foolish; nonsensical, senseless, crackbrained, Scot. doiled, Sl. cockeyed, Scot. and North Eng. glaikit; poppycockish, Sl. cockamamie, amorphic; ridiculous, laughable, risible, derisible, ludicrous, Sl. for the birds; asinine, anserine, idiotic, Inf. moronic, imbecilic; childish, puerile, immature.
dagger, n. dirk, poniard, misericord, stiletto, stylet, Obs. bodkin; knife, skean, sheath knife, bowie knife, jackknife, pocketknife, switchblade; short sword, blade, rapier, Fencing. foil; saber, yataghan, falchion, creese, anelace, kukri; machete, bolo, butcher knife, cleaver, barong.
daily, adj. 1. diurnal, quotidian, circadian, day-to-day.
2. everyday, ordinary, common, commonplace; usual, regular, habitual, customary, wonted.
dainty, adj. 1. exquisite, delicate, fine; beautiful, lovely, pretty, fair, goodlooking, handsome, comely, becoming, flattering; tasteful, refined, elegant, graceful, artistic, aesthetic; neat, petite, smart, trim, minion, fine, natty, spruce, Chiefly Brit. attr. tri; attractive, appealing, Inf. fetching, Inf. eye-catching, enticing, charming, taking, engaging, winsome.
2. delicious, delectable, tasty, appetizing, savory, succulent, juicy, rich; nectarous, nectarean, sweet, tender; palatable, toothsome, Scot. gustable.
3. particular, discriminating, painstaking, meticulous, fastidious, scrupulous; fussy, fastidious, finicky, squeamish, overnice, overrefined; exacting, difficult, hard to please.
—n. 4. delicacy, sweetmeat, comfit, treat; morsel, tidbit, kickshaw, hors d'oeuvre; candy, bonbon, confection, sugarplum; ambrosia.
dalliance, n. 1. dawdling, dillydallying, shilly-shallying, procrastination; delay, Archaic. tarryance, loitering, lingering, Sl. hanging around; idling, loafing, Inf. lallygagging, Sl. goofing-off.
2. trifling, toying, fiddling, playing, tinkering, pottering, putting, dabbling.
3. flirtation, coquetry, come-hither looks, Sl. goo-goo eyes; lovemaking, billing and cooing, Inf. spooing, Inf. necking, Inf. smooching, Sl. making out, Sl. messing or fooling around; cuddling, couddling, dandling, petting, Sl. canoodling.
dally, v. 1. sport, play, Sl. mess or fool around; caress, cuddle, coddle, pet, Sl. canoodle; nuzzle, make
love, bill and coo, Inf. spoon, Inf. neck, Inf. smooth, Sl. make out.
2. trifle, toy, flirt; potter, putter, smatter, tinker, fiddle, Inf. fool with.
3. dawdle, loiter, linger, dillydally, shilly-shally, take one's time, take one's own sweet time, Inf. lallygag; delay, tarry, kill time, waste time, while away the time or hours.

damage, n. 1. injury, harm, loss, suffering, misfortune; hurt, wound, bruise, blow, accident; disaster, destruction, devastation, havoc, ruin; wrong, evil, mischief, grievance, outrage.
2. fault, blemish, scar, scratch; erosion, corrosion, dryrot, blight; dilapidation, disintegration, disrepair, wear and tear; defacement, disfigurement, vandalism, defacement.
3. damages Law. cost, expenses, exactment, fine, Law.
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damn, v. 1. condemn, denounce, denunciate, object; confound it, hang it, —interj.
2. attack, flay, light into, Inf. lace into, Inf. pan, Inf. slam, shoot down, Sl. kill, Sl. blast, Sl. let [s.o.] have it right between the eyes; caval, carp, find fault, Inf. nitpick, pick apart, pick to pieces, Inf. pick holes in, Inf. knock, Sl. cut up or to pieces.
3. proscribe, forbid, interdict, prohibit; ostracize, excommunicate, exile.
4. curse, U.S. Inf. cuss, anathematize, comminate, excur, maledict; bedeviled, bewitched, hoodooed; star-crossed, ill-fated, foredoomed; witch, hex; anathema, excommunication, impregnation, maladministration, fulfillment.

damnatory, adj. See damning.

damned, adj. 1. doomed, accursed, cursed, Brit. Dial. fay, curse-laden; condemned, anathematized, Archaic. maledict; bedeviled, bewitched, hoodooed, voodooed, hexed; star-crossed, ill-fated, foredoomed; unsanctified, unblest, unholy, unconsecrated, unhallowed; ruined, undone, blighted, ravaged, despoiled.
2. detestable, hateful, infamous, despicable; loathsome, abhorrent, revolting, repulsive, repugnant; foul, rotten, offensive, nauseous, nauseating.
—adv. 3. extremely, very, Inf. awfully, Inf. terrribly, exquisitely, greatly, exceedingly; superlatively, remarkably U.S. Inf. darned, downright, quite, Sl. hell of a, Sl. heck of a; absolutely, utterly, completely, entirely, wholly, fully, altogether.

damning, adj. 1. incriminating, incriminatory, damnatory, condemned, condemning, dooming; culpulatory, implicatory, implicative; imputative, accusatory, accusable, rectoriminatory, retributive, criminarative, criminative.
2. denunciatory, denunciation, defamatory, fulminatory, condemnation, obtrusive.

damp, adj. 1. moist, dewy, wetish, watery, aqueous; dank, steamy, clammy, muggy, humid; foggy, vaporous, misty, drizzly, dripping, rainy; swampy, marshy, boggy, fenny, miry, soggy, spongy, sodden.
2. check, restrain, retard, dull, deaden. See dampen (def. 1).
3. moisture, humidity, dampness. See dampness.
4. check, barrier, obstacle; discouragement, wet blanket, cold water. See damper (defs. 1, 2).
—v. 5. moisten, bedew, humidify. See dampen (def. 1).
6. check, restrain, retard, dull, deaden. See dampen (def. 2).
7. stifle, suffocate, smoother, choke, extinguish, quench.
dampen, v. 1. moisten, bedew, humidify, vaporize, damp; wet, sodden, soak, saturate.
2. check, restrain, deter; slacken, slow, retard, inhibit; lessen, diminish, abate, moderate, allay, temper; dull, deaden, depress, deject, dispirit, cast a pall over; discourage, dishearten, put a damper on, lay a wet blanket on.
damper, n. 1. barrier, obstacle, stumbling block, impediment, hindrance, stay, stop, difficulty; snag, hitch, knot, check, discouragement; load, drag; pall, cold water.
2. wet blanket, Sl. party pooper, kill-joy, Sl. creeper, hanger.
dampness, n. moisture, dew, damp, wetness, wateriness, sogginess; humidity, steaminess, dankness, mugginess, clamminess; fog, mist, vapor.
damsel, n. maiden, maid, girl, schoolgirl, lass, lassie, Irish Eng. colleen; miss, mademoiselle, young lady, demoiselle, Archaic. demaiselle; young unmarried woman, virgin.
dance, v. 1. step to the music, shuffle one's feet, Sl. shake your bootsie, Sl. hoof or hoof it, Sl. boogie, trip the light fantastic, Sl. cut a rug; move to the music, rock, reel, sway, swing; whirl, twirl, spin, turn around, pirouette; glide, slide.
2. wiggle, wriggle, Sl. wiggle one's hips; jig, bob up
and down, bounce, hop; skip, leap, jump about; prance, caper, gambol, romp, frolic.

—n. 3. ballroom dance, round dance, one-step, two-step, polka, waltz, foxtrot; square dance, Virginia reel, quadrille, cotillion, hoedown; folk dance, jig; Highland fling; belly dance, danse du ventre; tap dance.

4. ball, fancy-dress ball, Fr. bal travesti, formal, U.S. Inf. prom, promenade; dancing party, Inf. shin-dig, social, Inf. hop.

5. the dance ballet, toe-dance; interpretive dance, improvisational dance, improvisation, eurhythms; modern dance, jazz, jazz-ballet.

6. choreography, dance notation, composition.

dancer, n. 1. ballet dancer, toe-dancer, figureant, corryphée; danseur, premier danseur, premier danseur noble; danseuse, ballerina, prima ballerina, prima ballerina assoluta.

2. square dancer, Inf. heel-kicker, Sl. hoofier, Sl. boot-stomper; jigger, belly dancer; tap-dancer.


dandy, v. 1. dance on the knee, ride on the knee, toss up and down.

2. pet, papmer, coddle, cosset, mollycoddle, cocker; coddle, nestle, nuzzle, hug, caress.

dandy, n. 1. top, coaxcomb, Sl. peacock, Beau Brummell, fancy Dan, popinjay; fashion plate, exquisitely-dressed, prettyboy; jack-a-dandy, blade, gay blade, Chiefly Brit. blood, buck; dude, silkstocking, spark, Swl. Brit. Inf. toff; man-about-town, beau, boulevardier, fashionable, the glass of fashion and the mold of form, gallant, ladykiller, ladies' man; zoot suiter, sharp dresser, macaroni.

2. gem, beauty, Inf. beaut, Inf. daisy, Sl. humdinger, Sl. killer, Sl. lollapalooza.

—adj. 3. foppish, dandified, coxcombical, natty, —killer, lollapalooza.

4. excellent, fine, swell, first-rate, Inf. jim-dandy.

danger, n. 1. risk, peril, chance, hazard, jeopardy; vulnerability, liability, susceptibility endangerment, imperilment; instability, unsafety, insecurity, unsoundness, precariousness.

2. menace, threat, minicity, dark clouds; imminence, gathering storm, clouds on the horizon, storm brewing.

dangerous, adj. 1. perilous, hazardous, jeopardous, Archaic parlous; risky, chancy, uncertain, Sl. hairy, Chiefly Scot. unchancy; vulnerable, exposed, unsheltered, assailable, defenseless; unsafe, unsound, insecure, shaky, rickety, precarious.

2. threatening, dire, menacing, ominous, alarming, minacious, fraught with danger; imminent, impending, looming.

dangle, v. 1. hang, hang down, depend, droop, sag; drag, droggle, trail; swing, sway, oscillate, librate.

2. flaut, flourish, wave, brandish, hold up.

3. follow, follow at heel, hang about or around, hang on the skirts or sleeve of, attach oneself to, pin oneself on, fasten oneself upon.

dank, adj. humid, steamy, clammy, muggy; moist, damp, dewy, wet, watery, chilly.

dapper, adj. 1. (all uses. in reference to dress) neat, trim, smart, natty, spruce, sleek; gay, rakish, jaunty, Scot. and North Eng. braw; chic, elegant, well-dressed, well-turned-out, dressed to kill, dressed to the teeth, dressed to the nines, brave, out of a band box, Inf. all gussied-up, Sl. all duded up, Sl. all dressed-up; All Inf. posh, dressy, swank, swanky, ritzy; All Sl. classy, snazzy, sharp, nifty, snappy, nooby, swell.

2. spry, sprightly, agile, nimble, quick, persi, lively.

dappled, adj. 1. spotted, marked, blotchy, mottled, particolored, variegated; pied, piebald, pinto.

—v. 2. dot, spot, bespeckle, stipple, mottle, fleck, bedaub.

dare, v. 1. brave, meet, face, brook, weather, sustain, undergo, endure, bear, Inf. take, Inf. stick, Inf. hang tough, Inf. hang in there; adventure, attempt, risk, hazard, stake, run the gauntlet; pluck up courage, take heart, stand one's ground; presume, make bold, present a bold front, show fight, fly in the face of.

2. challenge, defy, beard, brazen, outbrazen, look straight in the face or eye, throw down the gauntlet, show one's teeth; confront, affront, front, encounter, oppose, taunt, provoke; meet, meet defiantly, hurl defiance at, stand up to or against, Inf. face the music; meet face to face, meet eyeball to eyeball, meet head-on, square off against, take the bull by the horns, bell the cat, twist the lion's tail.

—n. 3. challenge, taunt, confrontation, ultimatum, provocation; gauntlet, glove, gage; defiance, scorn, affront, stand, opposition.

daredevil, n. 1. adventurer, man of courage, blood, brave, soldier-of-fortune, hotspur, Fr. enfant perdu; stuntman, stunt driver, Evel Knievel, Inf. hell-cat; ace, Inf. flying fool; wildcat, madcap, harebrain, fool; glory hog, exhibitionist, show-off.

—adj. 2. daring, rash, heedless, reckless, death-defying, fearless, intrepid, dauntless, unshrinking, unafraid; venturesome, adventurous, bold, audacious, brave, courageous, nerve, Sl. guts; headlong, breakneck, impulsive, impetuous, precipitate, imprudent, incautious, wild, desperate; madcap, foolhardy, harebrained.

daring, n. 1. bravery, boldness, courage, valor, hardiness, resoluteness, stalwartness; audacity, derring-do, venturesomeness, adventurousness, fearlessness, intrepidity; enterprise, valor, heart, defiance; nerve, mettle, spirit, grit, pluck, Inf. spunk, Inf. guts; foolhardiness, rashness, temerity, recklessness, desperation; impetuosity, impetuousness.

—adj. 2. bold, venturesome, adventurous, audacious, brave, courageous, valiant, valorous; fearless, dauntless, intrepid, undaunted, unshrinking, unflinching, plucky, Inf. spunky.

3. impudent, brazen, brassy; unabashed, forward, Inf. fresh, bumptious, Inf. nervous, Inf. cheeky; flagrant, arrant, barefaced.

4. foolhardy, rash, temerarious, reckless, heedless, careless, harebrained; impulsive, madcap, headlong, daredevil, devil-may-care, death-defying, wild.

dark, adj. 1. lightless, aphotic, opaque, black as ink, inky, pitch-dark, pitchy, jetblack, jetty; awl, underlit, poorly-lit.

2. spry, sprightly, agile, nimble, quick, pert, lively.

3. dismal, dreary, bleak, grim, funereal; somber, gloomy, poorly-lit.

4. evil, wicked, villainous, infamous, iniquitous, evil, horrid, horrid, horrid, horrid.

5. evil, wicked, villainous, infamous, iniquitous, black-hearted, flagitious, base, vile; ominous, foreboding, threatening, menacing, sinister.
darken

6. ignorant, unenlightened, unlearned, inerudite, uneducated, unschooled, untutored, untaught; uncultured, uncultivated, unrefined.
7. recodiént, abstruse, profound, deep, esoteric; impenetrable, incomprehensible, unfathomable; difficult, hard, over one’s head, Inf. tough; complex, complicated, intricate, Inf. tricky.
8. occult, hidden, secret, cryptic, perdu, concealed, veiled; obscure, vague, nebulous, ambiguous. Rare. imperspicuous; mysterious, arcane, inexplicable, enigmatic, puzzling, baffling, perplexing, confounding, bewildering.
9. eticent, taciturn, uncommunicative, reserved, retiring, quiet, closed-mouthed, close; silent, mute, mum, omniscent, secretive, evasive.
—n. 10. darkness, lightlessness, blackness, opacity; gloom, gloominess, muck, murkiness, obscurity, tenebrosity, semidarkness.
11. night, nighttime, nightfall, dead of night, witching hour.
12. in the dark a. benighted, in darkness, in ignorance; ignorant, uninformed. See also dark (def. 6). b. in secrecy, secret, closed, concealed, obscured, veiled, sealed.

darken, v. 1. blacken, black, opaque; shade, shadow, overshadow; eclipse, occult, black out, blot out; smudge, smirch, blotch, soot, begrime.
2. cloud, cloud, obscure, obsfuscate, obfuscamate.
3. dull, deaden, mat, tone down, take the color out of.
4. dim, grow dim, grow dark, dusk.
5. gloom, begloom, depress, deject, dishartened, dispirit, discourage, oppress, oppress, cast down, a pall or gloom over, take the heart out of [s.o.] Inf. get [s.o.] down. Sl. bum [s.o.] out.
6. blind, strike blind, put [s.o.’s] eyes out.
7. (all usu. from anger) change or turn color, look black, turn blue in the face.

darling, n. 1. beloved, love, truelove, ladylove; dear one, sweetheart, sweet, sweet, honey, precious, jewel; pet, apple of one’s eye; favorite, minion, toast.—adj. 2. loved, beloved, dear, precious, treasured, cherished, valued, prized; favorite, favored, pet.
3. Informal. lovely, charming, engaging, enchanting, captivating, alluring, bewitching; lovely, adorable, cute, sweet, winsome.

dart, n. 1. arrow, quarrel, Archery. flight, barb, barbule, sting.
2. dash, rush, drive, scramble, scurry.
—v. 3. start, spring, leap, bolt, shoot; dash, whisper, whisk, tear, rush, fly, flit; bound, run, sprint, race; speed, he, hasten, hurry, post; scoot, scud, scuttle, Inf. skedaddle.
4. thrust, hurl, jactulate, heave, let fly, fling, sling; throw, pitch, toss, cast; project, propel, push, launch.
dash, n. 1. smash, shatter, crash, Brit. Dial. pash; strike, break, split, cleave, rive, rend; shiver, fragment, splinter, crack, split, snap; crush, destroy; beat, batter, slam, ram, hit, strike.
2. throw, hurl, catapult; fling, cast, sling, shy, pitch; propel, shoot, drive, thrust; heave, chuck.
3. splash, besplash, splash, spash, splash, splash, dazzle; spatter, bespatter, sploch; sprinkle, besprinkle, dot, speckle, spangle; daub.
4. mix, admix, blend, commingle; adulterate, debase, pollute, contaminate, taint, alloy; dilute, weaken, thin, Sl. cut; strengthen, lance, Inf. spike.
5. ruin, blight, spoil; frustrate, thwart, check, balk, foil, bring to naught; defeat, overthrow.
6. depress, dispirit, deject, cast down, sadden, pros-

6. dastard, n. 1. coward, craven, poltroon, recreant; cur, Inf. meany, base fellow, worm, Archaic. caitiff, Archaic. niddering; sneak, shirker, yellow belly, mouse, baby; weakling, milksop, Milquetoast, mollycoddle.
2. coward, craven, mean, dastardly. See dastardly.

dastardly, adj. 1. cowardly, craven, poltroon, recreant, dastard; pusillanimous, timorous, timid, fearful, afraid, frightened, afraid of one’s shadow, cowering, faint-hearted, chicken-livered, shy, skittish, Inf. yellow.
2. base, mean, mean-spirited, low, vile, abject, despicable, Archaic. niddering; sneak, shirker, yellow belly, mouse, baby; weakling, milksop, Milquetoast, mollycoddle.
3. cowardly, craven, mean, dastardly. See dastardly.

date, n. 1. day, point in time; period, time, season, cycle; month, lunation, quarter, semester; year, lustrum, decade, generation, century; age, epoch, era, con.
2. interval, space, span, length of time, duration.
3. appointment, engagement, assignation, meeting, rendezvous, tryst.
4. escort, squire, beau, boyfriend, man, Inf. old man; swain, lover; girlfriend, girl, Inf. steady, woman, lady, Sl. baby, Inf. old lady; Inf. pick-up.
5. up-to-date current, up-to-the-minute, modern, contemporary.
6. to date up to the present, up to now, as of now;
yet, so far, up to this point.
—v. 7. (all of a particular time) belong to, originate in, come from.
8. show one's age; become obsolete, obsolence, pass out of use or style, be dated.
9. make a date with, make an appointment with; escort, squire, take out; go out with, go with, go steady with; go around together, keep company with, Sl. hang out together.
10. fix the period of, determine the date of, assign a date to.
dated, adj. out-of-date, back-number, passé, outmoded, out-of-style, old-fashioned, Inf. old hat; obsolete, obsoleteness, no longer used, gone by the boards, forgotten.
daub, v. 1. smear, besmear, bedaub, cover, coat, plaster, Inf. slapdash, Inf. slap on.
2. begrime, soil, dirty, sully, bedraggle, draggle, muddy; smudge, smear, spatter, splatter, slop, spot, stain; defile, deface, befoul.
—n. 3. smear, smear, smear, spot, patch, Inf. mess, Inf. spot.
daunt, v. 1. intimidate, unnerve, dismay, petrify, frighten, affright, scare, Archaic. amaze; overawe, terrify, threaten, browbeat, bully, bulldoze, cow; disconcert, alarm, appall, take aback, Inf. take the fight out of, shake up.
2. dishearten, discourage, dispirit, unman, tame; dishearten, discourage, dispirit, unman, tame; deter, set back, put off, check, thwart, shake, take the heart out of, Inf. take the starch out of; bring low, deject.
dunted, adj. 1. dismayed, intimidated, cowed, unnerved, unmanned, disheartened, overawed, subdued, overcome, demoralized, Inf. broken, Inf. psyched out; fearful, afraid, frightened, terrified, timid, timorous, cowardly, appalled, alarmed.
2. deterred, put off, set back, Inf. thrown for a loss, checked, frustrated, blocked; reluctant, hesitant, without the heart for [s.t.]
3. abashed, disconcerted, discomfited, disappointed, thrown for a loss, Inf. take the starch out of; bring low, deject, demoralized, Inf. broken, Inf. psyched out; fearful, afraid, frightened, terrified, timid, timorous, cowardly, appalled, alarmed.
dazling, adj. bright, brilliant, vivid, splendid,
daylight, n. 1. daylight, daytime, Poetic. daylight; light of day, broad daylight, full sun; sunlight light, sunshine, dayshine, sun.
2. 24 hours, mean solar day, solar day, Archaic. sun.
3. feast day, holyday, saint's day; anniversary, birthday, natal day, jubilee; fete, holiday, red-letter day.
4. period, time, age, epoch, era, generation, cycle.
5. heyday, prime, ascendency, height, zenith; best, greatest strength or influence, height of one's power, full flowering.
6. date, point of time, point in time, set time, particular day, appointed time.
7. call it a day quit, break off, stop work, finish up, Sl. knock off, Sl. call it quits, close up shop.
daybreak, n. dawn, sunrise, cockcrow; morning, morn. See dawn (def. 1).
daydream, n. 1. reverie, castle in the air, castle in Spain, dream, musing; fancy, flight of fancy, whim, whimsy, vagary, crotchety, notion, imagination; conceit, thought, idea, conception, concept.
2. fantasy, phantasm, phantasma, Lit. fantasia, Inf. pipe dream; figment, fragment of the imagination, fiction, invention, fabrication; vision, visualization, envisagement, hallucination, mirage.
—v. 3. stargaze, gaze out the window, dream; imagine, fantasize, phantasize, Rare. phantasy; hallucinate.
daylight, n. 1. light, sunshine, sunbeam, sun, luminosity; daylight hours, daytime, day.
2. openness, publicity, the light of day; full knowledge, understanding, comprehension; intelligibility, clearness, clarity, lucidity, perspicuity.
3. dawn, Aurora, crack of dawn; daybreak, morning. See daybreak.
4. space, opening, gap; passage, passageway.
daze, v. 1. amaze, astonish, astounding, stagger, stare, surprise, overpower, Inf. bowl over, Inf. floor, Sl. blow one away, Sl. blow one's mind; stun, stupefy, petrify, paralyze, benumb, dumbfound, strike dumb; dazzle, blind.
2. confuse, bewilder, perplex, confound, baffle; befuddle, muddle, addle, mystify, puzzle, nonplus.
—n. 3. stupor, trance, trancelike state; muddle, fluster, confusion.
dazzle, v. 1. blind, bedazzle; stun, daze, stagger, overpower.
2. amaze, astonish, astounding, Inf. bowl over, Inf. floor, Sl. blow one away, Sl. blow one's mind; stupefy, dumbfound, strike dumb, overawe; confuse, bewilder, muddle, befuddle, addle, mix up, confound, perplex, baffle, puzzle, mystify, nonplus; fluster, flurry, rattle, ruffle, discompose, disconcert, discomfit, Inf. discombobulate.
—n. 3. splendor, brilliance, magnificence, wonder, wondrouness; sparkle, glitter, flash, Inf. razzle-dazzle, Inf. razmataz.
deadlock, n. stalemate, impasse, standstill; quiescent, halt, stop, stoppage, full stop, dead stop, cessation; stand, stay, check, checkmate, mate; block, blockage; stand-off, tie, draw.

1. dilemma, perplexity, nonplus; predicament, hole, Inf. fix, corner; dead end, blind alley, cul-de-sac.

2. stop, halt, cease, bring to a standstill; stand, stay, curb, checkmate; forestall, preclude, obviate, intercept; block, blockade, bar, debar, thwart, trump.

3. prostrate, paralyze, incapacitate, disable, render helpless, make ineffective; undermine, spike, Inf. put the kibosh on.

4. hinder, impede, obstruct, block, tamme!; cram, bind, shackle, inhibit; corner, run or drive into a corner, drive or push to the wall, Inf. tree.

5. confuse, confound, perplex, bewilder, stump, embarras, nonplus, Inf. flummox.

deadly, adj. fatal, mortal, lethal, mortiferous, deathful, Archaic. lethiferous; pernicious, dangerous, hazardous, deleterious, detrimental; harmful, injurious, nocuous, hurtful, nocent, baleful, noisome; destructive, ruinous, calamitous, disastrous; pestilential, pestiferous, noxious, malicious, malignant, menacing; venomous, virulent, toxic, morbific; fell, baneful, mephitic, virulent, poisonous, Archaic. venenose; infective, infectious, pestilent, contaminative, contagious, leprous, septic.

2. murderous, homicidal, slaughtering, bloodthirsty, sanguinarian, internecine; brutal, violent, vicious; human, barbarous, barbaric, hellish; ferocious, ruthless, savage, traumatic, fierce, feral, ferine; terrible, harsh, severe, grim, dreadful, dire; unrelenting, relentless, remorseless, implacable, inexorable, unappeasable; pitiless, merciless, heartless, cruel, cold-blooded, cold-hearted, marble-hearted, stone-hearted.

3. deathlike, deathly, pallid, wan, pale; livid, sallow, ashen, ghostly, white; cadaverous, corpse-like, skeletal, emaciated; gaunt, haggard, hollow-eyed.

4. excessive, inordinate, great, immoderate; overmuch, needless, undue, unnecessary, superabundant.

5. true, unerring, accurate, precise, correct, unflagging, on target, on the mark, Inf. in the bull's-eye.

6. dull, boring, tiresome, humdrum, tedious, uninteresting; fatiguing, wearesome, monotonous, Fr. ennuyant; lackluster, dry, jejune; heavy, ponderous, irksome.

defal, adj. 1. hard of hearing, unhearing, stone-deaf.

2. unmoved, unwavering, unswerving; insensitive, unconcerned, indifferent, inattentive, refusing to listen; unmindful, regardless, heedless.

defaul, v. make deaf; split the ears, stun with noise, din; drown out, muffe, stiffe, hush, quiet.

defal, v. 1. distribute, dispense, mete out, allocate, allot, bestow, assign; apportion, share, divide, parcel out, dole out.

2. (usu. fol. by with or in) occupy oneself in, engaged in, practice, have to do with, have concern, concern; attend to, take care of, see to, reckon with.

3. trade, traffic, do business, buy and sell, exchange; bargain, barter, dicker, haggle, haggle, chaffer, palter; negotiate, arrange, come to terms.

4. deliver, administer, give, direct, cast, launch, on target, on the mark, Inf. in the bull's-eye.

5. uncertain amount, quantity, lot, extent, —

Inf. a. business transaction, dealings, arrangement, negotiation, pact, contract, compact, agreement, concordat. b. bargain, price, Inf. buy.

dealer, n. wholesaler, jobber, merchant, salesman, trader, tradesman, Chiefly Brit. monger; retailer, shopkeeper; vendor, charger, sutler, peddler, Brit. chapman, hawk, huckster, Chiefly Brit. coster-monger; trafficker, middleman, (in stolen goods) Sl. fence.

dealings, n. 1. business, commerce, buying and selling.
debar, shut out, exclude, preclude, bar, keep

debacle, n. 1. downfall, collapse, breakdown, disintegration; breakup, dispersion, disruption, dissolution; overthrow, ruin, demolition, devastation, wreck, havoc, disaster; tumult, turmoil, overturning, Fr. bouleversement, upsetting.

debate, n. 1. discussion, dispute, argumentation, polemic, logomachy, war of words; verbal controversy, altercation, wrangle, heated argument; contention, competition, struggle, strife.

debate, v. 1. seduce, pervert, subvert, demoralize, lead away; (all toward immorality) tempt, allure, entice, inveigle; (all into immorality) trap, entrap, snare, ensnare, pull under.

debaser, adj. 1. devalued, depreciated, reduced, vitiated, lowered, impaired; adulterated, impure, mixed, polluted, fouled, tainted, soiled, contaminated, stained, tarnished, besmirched, desecrated, sullied, Inf. doctored.

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debate, n. 1. discussion, dispute, disagreement, contention, argument, question; disagree, dissent, quarrel, argue, argue the pros and cons, hash over; argue, argue the pros and cons, dispute, contend, contest, question; disagree, dissent, quarrel, argue, argue the pros and cons.

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roister, bouse, make merry, cut or let loose, Inf. party,
Inf. live it up, Inf. step out, Sl. make whoopee; go on a
spree, make the rounds, Sl. tie one on, Sl. go on a
binge or bender or toot, Sl. paint the town red, Sl. bar-
hop, Brit. Sl. pub crawl.
—n. 4. intemperance, debauchery. See debauchery.

debauchery, n. profiliacy, dissolution, licentious-
ness, rakishness, libertinism, dissipation; whoring,
whoring, womanizing, Sl. leching; intemperance,
self-gratification, self-indulgence, overindulgence,
unrestraint, incontinence, immorality; revelry,
carousal, It. dolce vita, wild or riotous or free living,
Inf. high living, killing pace.
deblitate. v. weaken, enfeeble, make feeble, ener-
derve, deprive of strength; exhaust, fatigue, tire, tire
out, Sl. poop or poop out, wear out or down; untrace,
unman, emasculate, undo, incapacitate, cripple, im-
pair; deplete, diminish, reduce, undermine, vitiate.
deblity, n. 1. weakness, feebleness, enfeeblement,
lack of strength, Pathol. asthenia, Pathol. anemia;
infirmity, exhaustion, prostration, enervation; decrep-
titude, caducity, senility; emasculation, castration, un-
manning, impotence, impuissance.
2. languor, lassitude, listlessness; frailty, faintness,
Inf. wooliness; weariness, fatigue.
3. atrophy, Pathol. atony, flaccidity, flabbiness,
limpness; degeneration, decline.
debonair, adj. 1. gay, jaunty, merry, vivacious;
light-hearted, smiling, cheery, sunny, sprightly, light-
some, gay as a lark, spry, lithe; breezy, buoyant, free
and easy, sportive, jocund.
2. gracious, courteous, mannerly, polite, gentlemanly,
affable, obliging; urbane, suave, refined, well-bred,
genteel, elegant, graceful, dapper; gallant, chivalrous,
civil.
debris, n. 1. ruins, wreckage, remains, fragments,
detritus, shards, brash, Native mush; flotsam and jet-
sam, odds and ends, this and that.
2. junk, rubble, trash, rubbish, litter, sweepings,
scourings, leftovers; cross, dregs, refuse, waste, waste
matter; mess, slush, garbage, Sl. dreck, Sl. crap.
debt, n. 1. obligation, indebtedness, inculmance,
accountability, responsibility; liability, claim, account,
score, due; deficit, arrears, debit.
2. in debt owing, accountable, liable, responsible,
answerable for; beholden, bound, bounden; in arrears,
in the red, Sl. in hock; in difficulties, in dire straits,
straitened, encumbered, Inf. owing everyone in town,
Inf. over one's head, Inf. in up to one's ears.
debut, n. 1. initial performance, premiere, first ap-
ppearance, first time up or on or out; introduction,
coming out.
2. launching, entrance, undertaking, beginning, first
step, first attempt, trial, Inf. first shot, Inf. first time
anywhere or on stage, Inf. first time around.
—v. 3. launch, undertake, plunge into, enter upon,
venture, go into, begin, take up, set about, Sl. tackle;
enter society, come out.
decadence, n. 1. decay, corruption, perversion, de-
basement, retrogression, recession; decline, wane, ebb,
declosion, fall; deterioration, degeneration.
2. dissolution, dissipation, moral decay, wild living,
self-indulgence, It. dolce vita.
decadent, adj. 1. decaying, declining, on the wane,
falling off, falling into ruin, withering; deteriorating,
degenerating, spoiling, rotten-tainted.
2. dissolve, dissipated, wasted, worn out; sensuous,
hedonistic, epicurean, carnal; perverted, depraved.
decamp, v. 1. flee, mosey, run off, make off, take
off, make tracks, take flight; fly, bolt, run, show a
clean or light pair of heels; escape, abscond, Jocular.
absquatulate, take the money and run; take to one's
heels, cut and run, Inf. high tail it, Inf. hot foot it, Inf.
skedaddle, Inf. scam, Sl. split, Sl. cut out, Sl. vanoose,
Sl. light out.
2. skip, run out, Inf. go AWOL, desert; take French
leave, Brit. Sl. do a moonlight flit; slip away, sneak
off, steal away, sink away, Brit. Sl. mizzle.
3. depart, leave, go away, go off, be off, Inf. shove
off, Inf. make oneself scarce, Brit. Sl. bugger off.
4. break camp, strike tents; march off or away, move
off or on; evacuate, evacuate.
decipitate, v. behead, guillotine, decollate, ax, bring
to the block; lop or chop off, top, truncate, put under
the ax.
decipitation, n. beheading, decollation, putting un-
der the executioner's ax; lopping or chopping off,
truncating, topping.
decay, v. 1. decline, sicken, fail, waste away, atro-
phy, ebb, wane, dwindle; wither, degenerate;
deteriorate, molder, crumble, fall to pieces,
disintegrate, wear away, corrode.
—n. 3. decline, failing, weakening, labefaction,
collapse, downfall, ruin, ruination; decadence,
retrogradation, corruption; degeneration, deterio-
ation, disintegration, dissolution; impairment,
disrepair, dilapidation, decrepitude; corrosion, ero-
cion, crumbling, Plant Pathol. dry rot; falling off,
waning away, weakness, atrophy, frailty, caducity,
senescence.
4. spoilage, rot, rottenness, rotting, cariocity, putre-
faction, putrescence, putridity, decomposition.
decese, n. 1. death, demise, passing, expiration.
Sec. death (def. 1).
—v. 2. die, perish, expire. See die (def. 1).
deceased, adj. dead, defunct, late. See dead (def. 1).
deciet, n. 1. deception, dissimulation, hypocrisy,
duplicity, dark and crooked ways, evil ways; fraud,
cheating, chicanery, trickery; jugglery, trumpery,
dupery, hocus-pocus, fraudulence, shenanigan; craft,
wiles, guile, finesse, Inf. razzle-dazzle, cozenage,
double-dealing; cunning, slyness, wiliness, duping, cir-
sumvention, Inf. jive, SI. cumvention, SI. hype; intrigue,
sophistry, Inf. funny business,
Law. feint, blind; fraud, imposture, imposition,
Inf. silver britches; modern humbug, Inf. flimflam,
Inf. sham; falsehood, lie, fib,
deceptive, adj. fallacious, illusory, spurious, factitious; deceiving, misleading, evasive, elusive, dodgy, elusive, slippery, shifty; specious, sham, bogus, counterfeit, mock, pseudo; make-believe, delusive, feigned, pretended, unreal, imaginary.

deceive, v. mislead, misinform, misguide, sail under deception, cheat, cheater, duper, fraud, deluder,
n. deceiver,
dodgy, shifty, slippery; fraudulent, false, deceitful,
tended, make-believe.

decelebrate, v. slow up or down, wind down, de-escalate; put the brakes on, throttle down, check or reduce speed, brake, come to a stop or halt.

decency, n. 1. propriety, good taste, decorum, dignity, respectability; appropriateness, seemliness, fitness, suitability, becomingness; etiquette, formality.

decenct, adj. 1. fitting, befitting, appropriate, Fr. comme il faut, proper, mannerly, decorous, dignified; tasteful, in good taste.

decide, v. 1. determine, settle, arbitrate, umpire, referee, Inf. ref; try, hear; evaluate, weigh, consider, think over; reach or come to a decision, form an opinion, hold, deem; judge, adjudge, adjudicate, rule, decree, order, Inf. call the tune, pass or pronounce judgment, sentence.

mediate, intervene, interpose, step in, come between, intercede; negotiate, arrange terms, bargain, parley; bring to terms, reconcile, conciliate; placate, appease, satisfy; adjust, make or set right, set straight, remedy, fix; solve, work out, conclude, end, terminate, finish off.

3. take it one's head, Inf. take a notion; make up one's mind, Inf. fish or cut bait, Inf. if you can't take the heat get out of the kitchen; make a decision, resolve, settle on, fix on or upon; choose, pick or pick out, select.

decided, adj. 1. definite, unmistakable, marked, pronounced, clear, obvious, evident; clearcut, unambiguous, unequivocal; emphatic, categorical, absolute, unequivocal, unconditional; flat, firm, fixed, definitive; final, conclusive, determinate, determinative; positive, absolutely sure or certain, unquestionable, undeniable, indisputable, incontrovertible, incontestable.

set, settled, sewed up, Sl. in the bag, clinched, closed, sealed.

3. resolute, strong-willed, determined, dogged; decisive, unhesitating, unwavering, unsparing.

decipher, v. make out, read, understand, get [s.t.] out of it; decode, translate, interpret, render, explain, construe; solve, work out, figure out, unravel, disentangle.

decision, n. 1. determination, resolution, settling, settlement, arbitration, arbitrament;Law. award, Sports. call; judgment, adjudication, sentence; finding, conclusion, verdict, ruling, decree, edict, order, command.

2. evaluation, weighing, consideration, making up one's mind.

3. firmness, resolution, resolve, determination; grit, pluck, spirit, purpose, strength, will-power; perseverance, tenacity, persistence; steadfastness, unswerving-ness; decisiveness, finality, conclusiveness, definitiveness.

decisive, adj. 1. determining, determinative, deciding, settling; determinate, definite, firm, flat, fixed, definitive; unequivocal, unconditional, absolute, categorical, emphatic; conclusive, crushing, final.

2. resolute, determined, decided. See decided (def. 3).

decor, v. outfit, deck out, Archaic. bedight, array, bedeck, bedizen, emblazon, Inf. trick out; adorn, decorate, embellish, ornament, garnish, enhance, trim, spangle; furbish, refurbish, preen, Inf. sprite up; beautify, enrich, elaborate, grace.

declam. v. speak, orate, perorate, proclaim, hold forth; make a speech, sermonize, lecture; soliloquize, pronounce, enunciate.

2. denounce, inveigh or speak against, decry, attack, criticize, censure, rebuke, reproach, Inf. rap; harangue, rant, rail, spout, Inf. sound off.

declication, n. 1. speechmaking, speaking, orating, Inf. stumping; haranguing, ranting, spouting, mouthing.

2. speech, oration, address, discourse, lecture, sermon, recitation; tirade, harangue, Inf. stump speech; oratory, delivery, eloquence, rhetoric, style, grandiloquence, magniloquence, bombast.

declamatory, adj. 1. oratorical, rhetorical, theatrical, Inf. stagy; stilted, turgid, timid, high-

faced, Janus-faced, hypocritical, Sl. jive; perfidious, treacherous, traitorous, Punic, treasonable.

2. misleading, fallacious, illusory, spurious, factitious; fraudulent, deceptive, catchy; evasive, dodgy, elusive, slippery, shifty; specious, sham, bogus, counterfeit, mock, pseudo; make-believe, delusive, feigned, pretended, unreal, imaginary.
declaration, n. 1. announcement, announcement, publication; avowment, avowal, assertion, affirmation, avowal, avouchment; revelation, disclosure, divulgation, manifestation.

2. proclamation, pronouncement, manifesto, proclamation, promulgation, statement, formal or authoritative statement or announcement; notice, formal notice, notification.

decorative, adj. affirmative, assertive, positive, emphatic, decided; expressive, communicative, declaratory; publicational, promulgatory, propagatory, proclamatory, annunciate, enunciate; explanatory, expository.

declare, v. 1. announce, announce, publish, broadcast, herald, cry, blare, blazon, trumpet; pronounce, rule, decree, proclaim, promulgate.

2. state, aver, assert, avow, avouch, set down, lay down, speak up or out, have one's way; maintain, contend, have, hold, insist, submit; allege, profess, claim; swear, predicate, attest, testify; certify, validate, ratify, confirm.

3. disclose, divulge, tell, give out, come out with; let out, make known, manifest, reveal.

decline, v. 1. deny, turn down, reject, refuse; frown upon, turn thumbs down on, negative, veto; resist, refuse, repel, repulse; spurn, shun, avoid; abstain from, forgo, do without.

2. dissent, demur, balk, protest; withhold consent, refuse, not budge, remain adamant, put one's foot down.

3. descend, drop off, slope, slant, sink, dip; incline, lean, tilt; depress, bend down, turn down.

4. denote, decrease, diminish; abate, let up, taper off, subside, ebb; fade away, evanescence, vanish, die out; approach an end, come to a close, Inf. peter out, wind down; obsolesce, be on the way out; dwindle, shrink, contract.

5. deteriorate, degenerate, decay; languish, flag, droop, sink, fall, weaken, die; shrivel, wither, molder, rot; waste away, melt away, fade away or out.

—n. 6. declivity, downward slope. See declivity.

7. failing, weakening, weakness, debility; worsening, regression, regression, degeneration; deterioration, declination, decay, atrophy, wasting away; enfeeblement, senility, senescence, caducity, (of women) ability, decency.

8. diminution, lessening, lowering; wane, subsidence, ebb, recession, fall-off, downturn, downturn, downslope, downswing; slump, fall, drop-off, plunge, nosedive.

declevity, n. downward slope or slant, Scot. and North Eng. brae, hillside; decline, declension, descent, down-grade; drop, fall, dip; pitch, grade, angle; incline, hill, mean, rise, ascent.

decompose, v. 1. disintegrate, divide, atomize, dissolve, break up, fractionate; distill, reduce, resolve, separate, Physical Chem. electrolyze, Chem. hydrolyze; analyze, anatomize, dissect, take apart.

2. decay, rot, addle, putrefy; spoil, go bad, turn sour; crumble, fall apart, fall to pieces.

decomposition, n. 1. disintegration, fractionation, division, atomization; distillation, reduction, resolution, separation, Physical Chem. electrolysis, Chem. hydrolysis, Biochem. proteolysis; analysis, anatomization, dissection.

2. decay, rot, rottleness, caries, cariocity, cariousness; spoilage, putrefaction, putrescence, putrescency, putridity, putridness.

decorate, v. 1. adorn, ornament, embellish, trim, garnish, furbish, Archaic. ouch, Archaic. light; embroiler, elaborate, festoon, rubricate; array, bedizen, deck, deck out, bedeck, Scot. dight; dress, dress up, attire, accouter, caparison, trap out; beautify, prettify, fix up, spruce up, Inf. pretty up, Inf. trick up.

2. spangle, bespangle, stud, bestud, beset; emblazon, blazon, illuminate, paint, color, bedaub; gild, varnish, trick out.

3. cite, honor, do or pay honor, pin a medal on.

decoration, n. 1. adornment, ornamentation, embellishment, garnishment; embroidery, elaboration, bedizenment, enrichment, beautification, prettification; emblazonment, emblazonry, illumination.

2. ornament, frill, filigree, flourish, flounce, forbait, splay, spangle, strappado, slendour, guise, lie; adorn, attire, dress, deck, deck out, bedeck, deck up, deliver, infest, invest, strew, stuff, stuff up, ruinate, ornament, prance, spruce up, Inf. pretty up, Inf. trick up.

3. colors, order, badge, medal, ribbon, laurel, wreath, cordon, garret, star.

decorous, adj. proper, seemly, decent, becoming; tasteful, in good taste, dignified, refined, polished, elegant, genteel; polite, mannerly, well-behaved, gentlemanly, ladylike; respectful, deferential, conventional; formal, ceremonial, ceremonial, strict, staid, stilted.

2. suitable, appropriate, apt, apposite, apropos; fit, fitting, befitting, meet, Fr. comme il faut; just, right, in keeping, in character.

3. sedate, calm, serene, composed, unruffled; subdue, reserved, modest, demure, quiet, unobtrusive; solemn, grave, sober; settled, steady.

decorum, n. 1. etiquette, protocol, punctilio, good form, the thing to do; politeness, good manners, mannerliness, best behavior; gentility, breeding, gentlemanliness, ladylikeness, dignity, sedateness, respectability, decency.

2. propriety, properness, correctness, correctness, conformity, suitability, suitableness, appropriateness, seemliness, becomingness, fitness, congruity.

decoy, n. 1. bait, lure, stool pigeon, magnet, loadstone; enticement, allurement, seduction, attraction; trap, gin, snare, ensnarement, trap, gin, snare, ensnarement, pitfalls, smoke screen, camouflage, cover-up, pretense; phony, fake, sham.

—v. 2. lure, bait; attract, magnetize, entice, allure, allure, seduce; entrap, ensnare.

decrease, v. 1. diminish, lessen, reduce, lower, abate, bate; contract, shrink, constrict, narrow; cut, pare, prune, truncate, crop, lop, dock, clip; condense, cut down, compress, shorten, abridge, scale down, boil down; abbreviate, curtail, cut short.

2. mitigate, alleviate, allay, assuage, Rare. lenify, palliate; quell, slake, deaden, dull, blunt, take the edge off of; modify, temper, qualify; minimize, extenuate, palliate; quell, slake, deaden, dull, blunt, take the edge off of; modify, temper, qualify; minimize, extenuate, make light of, soft-pedal, play down, downplay.

3. subside, ebb, recede, retrocede; dwindle, Inf. peter out; slacken, let up, wind down, slow down, desecrate; fall off, taper off, wane, fade away, die out.

—n. 4. diminution, reduction, lessening, diminishing, decrement, abatement, retrenchment, cutback; contraction, shrinking, shrinkage, constriction, constricting, constrictive, narrowing; condensation, compression, shortening, abridgment, abbreviation, curtailment.

5. mitigation, alleviation, assuagement, palliation; quelling, relieving, easing, softening; loosening, relaxation, slackening.

6. subsidence, ebb; recession; decline, downturn, drop-off, fall-off, declension, decrecence, wane; sinking, falling off, fading away, dwindling, dying out; weakening, attenuation, loss, attrition, wearing away, erosion, wasting away; retardation, slowdown,
deesalation.

decree, *n.* ordinance, edict, Law. writ, rescript, assize; dictate, dictum, order, injunction, command; fiat, sanction, prescript, mandate, firman; proclamation, pronunciamento, manifesto, ukase; ruling, verdict, judgment, Law. award, finding, sentence; rule, regulation, law, canon, enactment, Law. statute; act; warrant, authorization.

—v. 2. ordain, rule, adjudge, order, command, dictate, pronounce, proclaim; charge, bid, enjoin, direct, prescribe, instruct; enact, appoint, authorize, establish; decide, determine, arbitrate, adjudicate, settle; set; exact, demand, require, tax with; sentence, Law. award, find.

decrèpit, *adj.* feeble, enfeebled, infirm, weak, decrepit,

1. feeble, enfeebled, infirm, weak, decrepit,

2. dilapidated, rickety, broken-down, tumbledown, rundown, worn, worn-out, weatherbeaten, faded; deteriorated, decayed, wasted, the worse for wear, on its last legs; withered, wilted; antiquated, antique, time-worn, superannuated.

decrepitude, *n.* feebleness, enfeeblement, infirmity, weakness; debility, invalidity, palsy, disablement, incapacity, helplessness; old age, caducity, senescence, senility, anility, dotage, hoary age.

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decrypt, *v.* detract, disparage, demean, deprecate,

inferable, derivable, traceable; con- deducible,

1. deduction, subtraction, removal, withdrawal, abstraction, Archaic. subduction; diminution, lessening, abridgment, curtailment, retrenchment, reduction.

2. discount, U.S. cut rate, markdown, cutback, rollback; rebate, refund; Math. subtrahend; allowance, exemption, (in reference to taxes) Sl. deduc.

3. inference, conclusion, corollary, illusion; induction, derivation, implication; consequence, result, demonstration, proof; presumption, assumption, understanding; reasoning, rationing.

deed, *n.* act, turn, action; proceeding, performance, execution, doing; undertaking, project, enterprise; work, task, job, commission.

2. exploit, feat, Archaic. gest; achievement, step, stride, advancement, progress; accomplishment, attainment, acquisition, success.

3. maneuver, move, stroke, blow, coup, stunt, trick; stroke of genius, tour de force.

deer, *v.* think, judge, believe, presume; consider, estimate, calculate, hold, set down as; regard, view, look upon, see; suppose, surmise, fancy, take it, opine, Archaic. ween, count, reckon.

deeper, *adj.* immeasurable, bottomless, fathomless, depthless; extensive, broad, wide; far-reaching, vast, massive; retreating, yawning, crevicular, abyssal; submerged, sunk, sunken, on the bottom; buried, in the bowels of the earth, subterranean; deep-seated, deep-rooted, inmost, out of sight, Inf. way down.

1. sagacious, wise, learned, knowing; penetrating, discerning, perspicacious, shrewd, astute; artful, subtle, designing, scheming, devious, cunning.

3. profound, extreme, intense, great; grave, pressing, urgent, critical, vital, important, significant, Inf. heavy.

4. difficult, unclear, obscure, abstruse, esoteric, recondite; impenetrable, inexplicable, incomprehensible; secret, hidden, mysterious, unfathomable, concealed; enigmatic, mystical, sphinxlike, occult.

5. absorbed, engrossed, preoccupied, rapt, intent, involved, entangled; immersed, plunged into, lost in, swallowed up, occupied, engaged.

6. rich, full, big, strong, powerful, heavy, solid; full-toned, resonant, sonorous, bass, basso; rumbling, booming, resounding; guttural, growling; dark, intensified, vibrant, vigorous, full-bodied.

7. earnest, sincere, serious, sober, somber; philosophical, thoughtful, reflective; heartfelt, poignant, fervent, ardent, impassioned; intense, deep-felt.

8. bottom, depths, deepest reaches, bottommost point; depth, profundity, extent, vastness, abyss.

9. culmination, central point, midpoint, middle, midst; silence, still, stillness, fastness, recesses, remotest point.

10. the deep Chiefly Literary. the ocean, the sea, the seas, the high seas, the seven seas, main, the ocean blue; the waves; briny deep, Davy Jones’s locker, Neptune’s kingdom.

—adv. 11. profoundly, intensely, deeply. See deeply.

depen, *v.* excavate, dredge, scoop out, dig out, dig; dig, burrow, sink, cut out, mine, sap.

2. intensify, strengthen, increase, enhance, add to, magnify, amplify, augment; reinforce, redouble, expand, broaden, darken; heighten, elevate, advance.

deeply, *adv.* deep, far down, far below the surface, at a great depth, out of reach, Inf. way down, Inf. deep deep down.

1. profoundly, strongly, formidable, powerfully, urgently, intensely, acutely, keenly, vividly; extensively, greatly, immeasurably, vastly, abysmally; to a great extent, very much, in high degree.

2. passionately, with feeling, with depth, movingly, impressively, without reservation; penetratingly, pierc-
deface

glovingly, sharply.

4. soundly, thoroughly, completely, entirely; grave-
ly, seriously, severely; in deep, beyond or out of one's
depth, over one's head, Inf. out of one's league or ball-
park.

5. intricately, mysteriously; cunningly, skillfully,
subtly, artfully.

6. sonorously, resonantly, richly, fully, booming.

deface, v. 1. disfigure, disfeture, deform, mar, spoil,
ruin, flaw, blemish, uglify, blotch; vandalize, trash,
damage. 2. efface, expunge, erase, obliterate, blot
or wipe out, rub or sponge out; delete, cancel, strike
out, cross out, rule out.

defacement, n. 1. disfigurement, deformation, dis-
tortion, impairment, uglification; vandalism, destruc-
tion, damage; erosion, wear and tear, discoloration,
oxidation.

2. effacement, erasure, eradication, expunction,
obliteration; deletion, cancellation. 3. do a hatchet job on,
pugn, criticize, pull to pieces, shock, denigrate,
scandalize, mud-sling, run down, berate, revile, malign,
impute, traduce, accuse falsely; falsify, misrepresent,
beautify, do up, beautify, dress up, out; show off, set off,
put the works on, put the kibosh on, nip in the
bud; annul, disannul, nullify, cancel.

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tion, damage; erosion, wear and tear, discoloration,
oxidation.

2. effacement, erasure, eradication, expunction,
obliteration; deletion, cancellation.


de facto, 1. in fact, in reality, in actuality, in effect,
in point of fact, as a matter of fact; really, actually; ac-
cepted, recognized; behind-the-scenes. 2. real, actual, existing, existent, extant.

defamation, n. 1. denigration, vilification, vitu-
eration, scandal. Inf. skeleton in the closet; censure,
reproach, denunciation, vilification, vilification,
vituperation, vilify, vitify, vilify, denigrate, vilify,
vili-

infamity, badge of infamy.

defamatory, adj. 1. denigrating, vituperative, vil-

descriptive, true, not false; perjured, discreditable,
charged, implicated; guilty, dishonest, injurious, in-
ingracious, offensive; offensive, disagreeable, displeas-
ing, heartless, mean-spirited, odious, unbecoming,
uncomely, disagreeable, unbecoming, odious, un-
becoming; unbecoming, unbecoming, unbecoming,
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1. conquer, vanquish, subdue, subju-
gate; do a hatchet job on, pugn, criticize, pull to pieces,
scandalize, mud-sling, run down, berate, revile, malign,
impute, traduce, accuse falsely; falsify, misrepresent,
beautify, do up, beautify, dress up, out; show off, set off,
put the works on, put the kibosh on, nip in the
bud; annul, disannul, nullify, cancel.

2. master, overpower, overcome, surmount, out-
smart, triumph over; control, dominate, gain the upper
hand over; humble, bring down, have at one's beck and
call; have eating out of one's hand, Inf. have wrapped
around one's little finger.

3. frustrate, thwart, foil, balk, check, stop, abort; ar-
rest, stay, stall, bring to a standstill, put a stop or an
end to, terminate, end, Inf. put the kibosh on, nip in
the bud; annul, disannul, nullify, cancel.

4. hinder, hamper, block, obstruct, oppilate, inhibit;
confound, baffle, disconcert; prevent, bar, debar, for-
bid, proscribe.

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defection, 1. (used in reference to allegiances) forsaking, forsweating; rejection, rejecting, renunciation, renouncement, abduction, repudiation.

2. treason, perfidy, betrayal; unfaithfulness, faithlessness, disloyalty, recreancy, recreation; apostasy, heresy.

3. secession, withdrawal, falling away, dropping out, Sl. copping out, turning one's back on; backsliding, recidivism, dereliction.

4. conversion, changeover, switchover; reversal, aboutface, turnabout, Sl. switcheroo, Sl. a 180°, Inf. flip-flop.

5. failure, lack, loss, deficiency. See defect (def. 2).

defective, adj. 1. faulty, imperfect, incomplete, lacking, wanting, deficient; inaccurate, incorrect, erroneous, unsound, infram, weak, poor, inefficient, sloppy; marred, flawed, impaired, bruised, blemished, broken, disfigured, injured, mutilated, warped, deformed; in disrepair, inoperative, improper, not working, out of order, out of commission, Inf. on the blink, Sl. on the frizz, Sl. on the bum.

2. Psychology. mentally deficient or incompetent or unsound, feeble-minded, retarded, simple; dim-witted, half-witted, imbecile, idiotic, moronic, Sl. not all there; Euph. exceptional, Euph. special.

defend, v. 1.Usu. defend from protect, shelter, screen, shield; fight for, take up the cudgels for; guard, safeguard, ward off; fend off, parry; garri-son, fortify, arm, secure, hold the fort, preserve, keep, save.

2. support, bolster, advocate, endorse, stand behind or beside, stand up for, make a stand for, stick up for, go to bat for; represent, make a case for, argue for, speak in behalf of, hold a brief for, Law. plead; uphold, maintain, sustain, vindicate, justify; (of oneself) rationalize, give reasons for, apologize, palliate, extenuate, make excuses.

defender, n. 1. protector, guard, bodyguard, escort, convoy; guardian, watchman, caretaker, warder, warden, keeper, preserver.

2. supporter, bolsterer, endorser, seconder, backer, advocate, champion; upholder, mainainer, sustainer, vindicator, justifier; (all of law) lawyer, attorney, counselor, counsel, pleader, Brit. barrister, Brit. solicitor.

defense, n. 1. protection, shelter, shield, buckler, aegis, screen, armor, mail, cover, Rare. muniment; guard, watch, ward, custody, care, safekeeping; fortification, fortress, stronghold, garrison, fort, tower of strength; bulwark, bastion, rampart, parapet, redoubt; barricade, buttress, palisade; security, safeguard, palladium.

2. vindication, justification, argument, plea, apologia; apology, extenuation, palliation, excuse.

defenseless, adj. 1. unprotected, unguarded, unschooled; unfortified, unarmed, weaponless, weak, helpless, powerless, impotent; insecure, unsafe, dangerous, perilous, precarious.

2. vulnerable, uncovered, exposed, naked, wide open; open to attack, pregnant, penetrable, in- vadable, attackable, assaultable, assailable.

defensible, adj. 1. invulnerable, impregnable, im penetrable, secure, safe, holdable; unattackable, unas saultable, unassailable; fortified, armed, ironclad, bulletproof, shellproof, bombproof.

2. justifiable, vindicable, defendable, supportable; tenable, maintainable, sustainable; pardonable, forgivable, venial, excusable, allowable, permissible.

defeat1, v. 1. delay, postpone, suspend, table, shelve, Sl. put on the shelf, pigeonhole, prorogue; hold off, hold up, lay over, refrain from further action, hold in abeyance, put in cold storage, put on ice, put on a back burner, hang fire, put in a holding pattern; procrastinate, wait, put off, cunctate, temporize, dally, gain time, Inf. drag one's feet, Inf. foot drag; Inf. stall, stave off, U. S. filibuster; repaste, stay, reprieve.

2. adjourn, recess, discontinue, interrupt, intermit, break off; pause, break, breathe, All Inf. take a break, take a breath, take a breather, catch one's breath, take five.

defeat2, v. 1. yield, submit, bow, bow to; give way to, give ground to; give in, surrender, acquiesce, comply, assent, capitulate; accede, cede.

2. refer, negate, consign, entrust, deliver, hand over.

defherence, n. 1. submission, acquiescence, compliance, resignation, acceptance, yielding; nonresistance, passivity, complaisance; obeisance, obsequiousness, obsequence, servility, slavishness, abjection, self-abasement, prostration; docility, subserviousness, unassertiveness, tractability, Uncle Tomism.

2. regard, respect, consideration, thoughtfulness; courtesy, civility, politeness.

deferential, adj. 1. respectful, regardful, considerate, thoughtful; obedient, dutiful; polite, courteous, civil.

2. submissive, acquiescent, compliant, complaisant, passive, nonresisting, docile, tractable, mealy-mouthed, Uncle Tomish; obeisant, prostrate, on one's knees, groveling; servile, slavish, obsequious, Obs. obsequious, subservient, menial, Obs., Rare. vernile.

deferment, n. 1. delay, postponement, suspension, moratorium, abeyance, prorogation; procrastination, tardiness, cunctation; Inf. stall, U. S. filibuster, Fabian policy; wait, waiting period; adjournment, break, breath, breather, pause, recess, time-out.

2. reprieve, respite, stay, moratorium.

defiance, n. 1. resistance, combativeness, confronta tion, antagonism, opposition; declaration of hostilities, throwing down or taking up the gauntlet or glove, throwing down the gage, facing down.

2. bearding, threatening, intimidation, provocation; challenge, threat, insult, despite.

3. disregard, contempt, scorn, indifference, noncompliance, waywardness; recalcitrance, stubbornness, intransigence; contumacy, rebelliousness, recusancy, disobedience, insubordination, insurgency; mutiny, sedition, revolt, rebellion, riot, strike, sabotage; war cry, war whoop, taking up arms.

4. bravado, gutsiness, daring, derring-do; audacity, boldness, bravery, intrepidity.

defiant, adj. 1. resistant, antagonistic, bellicose, belligerent, hostile, pugnacious, provocative, threatening, in opposition; audacious, bold, Scot. bardy, headstrong, hard-headed, devil-may-care, gutsy.

2. unruly, contumacious, disobedient, insubordi nate, rebellious, mutinous; stubborn, mulieble, ob stinate, unyielding, adamant, recalcitrant; insubmis sive, recusant, resistive, refractory; insolent, snippy, scornful, dissentient, contemptuous, disregardful.

deficiency, n. 1. lack, want, absence, default, dearth, paucity, destitution; scarcity, insufficiency, short supply; scantiness, meagerness, inadequacy, incompleteness.

2. failing, defect, frailty, flaw. See defect (def. 1).

3. shortage, shortfall. See deficient.

deficient, adj. 1. lacking, wanting, incomplete, unfinished; defective, flawed, impaired, imperfect; in-
firm, weak, faulty, unsound, inferior, poor, bad; not up to par, not up to snuff.

2. inadequate, insufficient, unsatisfactory; short, scarce, sketchy, skimpy; scanty, meager, exiguous.

deficit, n. monetary deficiency, shortage, shortfall; loss, arrears, indebtedness; red ink.

defile, v. 1. poltute, taint, dirty, soil, poison, foul, make filthy, begrime; spot, smear, blot, blur, smudge, smirch, draggle, splotter, besmear, daub; maculate, stain, tarnish.

2. ravish, rape, deprive of virginity, deflower; assault, attack, force, mistreat, abuse; debauch, deprave.

3. desecrate, profane, debase, treat sacrilegiously; contaminate, infect, make impure, vitiate.

4. sully, dishonor, disgrace, asperse, blacken; deprecate, defame, disingrate.

defilement, n. 1. pollution, contamination, filth, taint, foulness, maculation; smudging, spotting, smearing.

2. rape, sexual abuse, forced sexual intercourse, attack; defloration, violation, incest, depravity.

3. desecration, profaning, debasement, corruption; degradation, vitiation, wickedness.

4. sulllying, denigration, depredation, disgracing.

definable, adj. 1. determinable, fixable; ascertainable, perceptible, appreciable, visible, evident; describable, explicable.

2. definite, finite, fixed; clear-cut, precise, exact, specific.

define, v. 1. explain, expound, spell out, elucidate, throw light on; construe, interpret, translate, literalize.

2. demarcate, mark out, limit, delimit, bound, circumscribe, compass, encompass; determine, fix, establish, lay down, prescribe.

3. describe, delineate, outline, set out; characterize, specify, represent, depict, render; exemplify, illustrate; entitle, designate, denominate, label.

4. define, denote, designate, specify.

definite, adj. 1. specific, particular, definitive, defined, determinate, determined, fixed; limited, bound, circumscribed, encompassed, delineated.

2. clear, clear-cut, sharp-cut, unambiguous, unequivocal; explicit, graphic, obvious, manifest, plain, express; precise, exact, accurate, correct; indisputable, well-grounded, established, confirmed; well-founded, valid, substantial, solid, concrete.

3. positive, certain, sure, decided, settled; conclusive, decisive, final.

definitely, adv. clearly, plainly, obviously, explicitly; unequivocally, indisputably, absolutely; positively, certainly, surely, to be sure; finally, decidedly, conclusively, once and for all.

definition, n. 1. demarcation, delineation, delimitation, circumscription, encompassment; determination, fixing, settling, settling.

2. explanation, elucidation, expounding, exposition; illustration, exemplification, commentary.

3. distinctness, sharpness, clearness, clarity; discernibility, apparentness, perceptibility, visibility.

definitive, adj. exhaustive, thorough, complete, consummate, most reliable, perfect; absolute, unqualified, categorical, exact, accurate; decisive, conclusive, terminative, final, crowning, ultimate; determinate, determined, settled, positive, unquestionable; defining, settling, limiting.

1. let the air out, release the air from, collapse, blow out, flatten, wind, take the wind out of; exhaust, empty, void, depopulate, shrunk, contract, compress, squeeze, press.

2. reduce, lower, decrease, diminish; devalue, depreciate, depress.

3. depress, dispirit, let down, lower the spirits, discourage, dishearten; puncture, plunge into despair, puncture or prick one's balloon, take the wind out of one's sails, rain on one's parade; dash, knock down, sink, Sl. bring down; mortify, humiliate, bring down from one's high horse.

deflect, v. 1. turn aside, diverge, shy, incline; turn aside, divert, sidetrack, go away; deviate, diverge, swing, twist, flex, buckle; refract, divert, switch, glance off.

2. (usu. in a nautical sense) jibe, jibe, gybe, gib, alter course, change direction; yaw, deviate, shear, veer, tack, go about, wear; slew, slue, wheel round, swing, sweep; cant, heel, warp, tilt, bear down, edge, bear off, sidle.

deflection, n. 1. deviation, declination, diversion, Astron. drift; divergence, diversion, curve, crook, twist; refraction, refraction, deflexure, refraction.

2. (usu. in a nautical sense) jibe, gybe, yaw, shift, shear; slew, slue, round, swing, sweeping; veer, tack, wear, cant, tilt, heel, warp.

deflower, v. 1. violate, rape, ravish, molest, take, steal [s.o.'s] maidenhead, deprive of virginity, Obs. devirginate, Obs. constipurate, Obs. stropurate; force, attack, assault, abuse; Euph. take advantage of, Euph. have one's way with, ill-treat, ill-use, maltreat, mistreat; debauch, seduce, corrupt, pervert, dishonor.

2. depose, spoil, mar, harm; desecrate, defile, outrage.

deforge, v. 1. disfigure, mar, uglify, deface, distort, contort, malform, misshape; twist, bend, gnarl, warp, mutilate; cripple, mangle, maim, damage, hurt.

2. metamorphose, transform, transmogrify, change the form of.

deformal, adj. 1. misshapen, malformed, distorted, ill-proportioned, misproportioned; irregular, unnatural, grotesque; contorted, curved, awry, askew, crooked, gnarled; crippled, lame, humpbacked, hunchbacked, Pathol. kyphotic, bowlegged, banded, knuckled, knob-kneed, clubfooted, splayfooted, talipid, snub-nosed; stumpy, stunted, dwarfed.

2. hateful, vile, depraved, loathsome, gross; offensive, repulsive, revolting; hideous, monstrous, ugly, unsightly, warped, twisted, perverted.

deformity, n. 1. deformation, disfigurement, malformation, misshapenness, defacement, distortion, disfiguration; contortion, crookedness, twisting, Pathol. kyphosis, warp, ugliness, unsightliness, eyesore, blemish, imperfection; monstrosity, abortion.

2. hatefulfulness, depravity, vileness, grossness; loathsomeness, repulsiveness, offensiveness.

defraud, v. cheat, rook, victimize, chuse, skin, fleece, bilk, swindle; steal a march on, cog, Sl. take, Sl. snooker; fool, cozen, dupe, delude, take in, throw dust in the eyes of, pull the wool over the eyes of, cover one's tracks, Inf. slip or pass [s.t.] over on; hoodwink, trick, bamboozle, outwit, overreach; humble, mortify, humiliate, Inf. throw a curve, take for a ride, Inf. fast one on, Inf. slip or pass, Inf. palm off, Inf. slip, Inf. pass, Inf. palm off, Inf. take, Inf. throw dust on.

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defray, v. pay for, bear the expense or cost, stand the cost, Inf. foot the bill, Inf. pick up the check or tab; pay off, Inf. pay up, settle, square, discharge, liquidate, clear, Finance. amortize.

defrayal, n. payment, defrayment, discharge, settlement, clearance, liquidation, Finance. amortization.

deft, adj. dexterous, ambidextrous, adroit, handy, neat, Brit. Dial. neat; nimble, light, agile, active, quick, rapid, brisk, swift, lively; skillful, skilled,
degenerate, v. deteriorate, decline, sink, worsen, demote, downgrade, lower. adj. degenerate, degraded, debased, base, contemptible, despicable, corrupt, sordid, vicious, vile, mean, scurrilous, rascally, fallen, isolated, low-down; dishonorable, disreputable, shameful, abandoned; vulgar, coarse, gross, shabby, indecent, low-minded, crude.

defunct, adj. 1. deceased, dead, extinct. See dead (def. 1). 2. obsolete, obsolescent, outmoded, passé; expired, dead; not operating, not functioning. See dead (def. 6).
defy, v. 1. disregard, ignore, flout, fly in the face of, disobey; slight, set at naught, scoff at, thumb one's nose at, snap one's fingers at; disdain, spurn, deride, contempt, despise. 2. challenge, dare, double-dare, St. double-dog-dare; confront, front, face, meet face to face, meet head-on, meet eyeball to eyeball, square off. 3. withstand, stand, endure, hold up, hold out, bear up.
degeneracy, n. corruption, turpitude, decadence, immorality, depravity, degradation, dissoluteness, profligacy, abandon, baseness, wretchedness, wickedness, evilness, sinfulness, low-mindedness.
degenerate, v. 1. deteriorate, decline, sink, worsen, take a turn for the worse, slip; go downhill, go to pieces, go to ruin, Inf. go to pot, Inf. go to the dogs, Sl. hit the skids; fall, fail, lapse, retrogress, retrograde, let oneself go; go wrong, err, go astray, leave the straight and narrow. —adj. 2. deteriorated, degraded, debased; corrupt, decadent, depraved, debauched, dissolute, fallen, virulent; mean, base, vile, ignoble, base-minded, low-minded, Inf. low-down. —n. 3. wretch, beggar, derelict, drunkard, vagrant, Sl. bum, Sl. low-life, Sl. bag lady, Sl. stiff. 4. (all in reference to sexual activity) pervert, deviate, fiend, maniac, psychopath; sadist, masochist, fetishist, voyeur, scotophiliac, erotomaniac, nymphomaniac; sodomist, sodomite, bugger; peederast, pedophiliac, child-molester; catamite, Sl. gusnel, Sl. chicken, Sl. punk; coprophiliac; necrophiliac; zoophiliac.
degeneration, n. 1. deterioration, vitiation, degradation, decline, declination, declension, descent, drop, fall; retrogression, retrogradation, regression, lapse, atrophy; corruption, degradation, debasement, demoralization, dissolution, dissipation. 2. degeneracy, turpitude, immorality. See degeneracy.
degradation, n. 1. demotion, deposition, reduction in or stripping of rank, removal or dismissal from office; fall from repute, removal from standing, obloquy, loss of face, deprival of honor; disgrace, dishonor, disgrace, discredit, derogation, shame, ignominy, humiliation, mortification, Inf. comedown. 2. depravity, degeneration, decadence, abasement, corruption, perversion, deterioration, vitiation, meanness, baseness, turpitude.

3. Geology. erosion, abrasion, wearing away.
degrade, v. 1. demote, downgrade, lower or reduce in rank, dismiss or remove from office, declass, break or strip of rank, disrate, cashier, Mil. drum out, Mil. Sl. bust, Inf. kick upstairs, disbar, defrock or unfrock; depose, unseat, dethrone, Rare. disenthron. 2. debase, abase, defame, vitiate, deprave; discredit, disrepute, discredit, derogation, shame, ignominy, humiliation, mortification, Inf. comedown. 3. depravity, degeneration, decadence, abasement, corruption, perversion, deterioration, vitiation, meanness, baseness, turpitude.

3. dilute, weaken, mix, water or water down, (of alcohol or drugs) Inf. cut, thin, admix, alloy, Inf. doc-
dejected, adj. disheartened, low-spirited, downhearted, downcast, down, Inf. in the dumps; discouraged, daunted, dismayed, distressed, disappointed, crestfallen, brokenhearted, heartick, Inf. broken up; unhappy, cheerless, glum, gloomy, under a cloud, doleful, Archaic. wan; saddened, sad, blue, forlorn, melancholy, mopey, mopish, long-faced, chap-fallen, Inf. down in the mouth, Sl. off one's feed; miserable, morose, heartbroken, woebegone, heavy-hearted, disconsolate, sorrowful, mournful, lachrymose, funereal; depressed, weighed down, bended, on depression, blues, blue devils, broken, Inf. bummed out; despondent, hypochondriac, hypochondriasis, Brit. hopped, spiritless, lifeless, examinate, enervated, weakened, weary, tired, drained.

dejec tion, n. disheartenment, dispiritedness, low-spiritedness, downheartedness, low spirits, downcastness; discouragement, disappointment, crestfallenness, broken-heartedness, heartsickness; unhappiness, cheerlessness, glumness, gloominess, dolefulness, mopeyness, mopiness; sadness, melancholy, sorrowfulness, mournfulness, lachrimosity; miserableenss, moroseness, heartbrokenness, forlornness, woebe, gonesness, disconsolateness, disconsolation, despair, grief, sorrow, distress, Inf.

delay, v. defer, postpone, suspend, table, shelve, delay, put on the shelf, pigeonhole, prorogue; hold off, hopelessness; depression, blues, blue devils, doldrums, Inf.

deleterious, adj. noxious, injurious, baneful, mischievous, harmful, hurtful, noxious, nocious, noisome; baleful, menacing, malignant, bad; unwholesome, unhealthy, insalubrious; poisonous, virulent, toxic, mephitic, pestilential, pestiferous; detrimental, disadvantageous, damaging, destructive, ruinous; malicious, vicious, wicked, evil, malevolent; deadly, fell, fatal, mortal, lethal, killing; murderous, suicidal.

deliberate, adj. intentional, purposeful, meant, destined, willful, volitional, voluntary; premeditated, preconceived, preconceptional, aforethought, predetermined, predetermined, prepense; studied, considered, weighed; preconcerted, prearranged, predesigned, preplanned, propelled, prevised, contra, viewed, calculated, cold-blooded, designed, planned, plotted, schemed, devised, contrived, Obs. intrigued, Obs. consulted.

dele tate, v. cross out, strike out, scratch, x out, mark off, blue-pencil, Print. dele, Inf. bloop out; erase, remove, take out, cancel, blot out, rub out, crush out, wipe out, efface, destroy; expunge, eradicate, obliterate.

delay, n. 1. representative, delegate, spokesperson; middleman, go-between, diplomat, intermediary, negotiator, negotiant; substitute, alternate, proxy, vice-regent, regent, viceroy, surrogate; functionary, commissioner, bureaucrat; ambassador, emissary, envoy, legate, minister; agent, messenger, operative; consul, plenipotentiary.

—v. 2. commission, depute, depute; elect, vote in, place in office, install, invest, induct, ordain; appoint, name, designate, nominate; charge, authorize, commit, entrust, empower, enable; assign, appropriate, consign, delegate, pass on, devolve.

degulation, n. 1. deputation, designation, nomination; installation, investiture, induction, ordination; authorization, entrusting, empowering, charging; assignment, appropriation,legation, devolution.

2. delegates, deputies, embassy, legation; committee; subcommittee.

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deleterious, adj. pernicious, injurious, baneful, mischievous, harmful, hurtful, noxious, nocious, noisome; baleful, menacing, malignant, bad; unwholesome, unhealthy, insalubrious; poisonous, virulent, toxic, mephitic, pestilential, pestiferous; detrimental, disadvantageous, damaging, destructive, ruinous; malicious, vicious, wicked, evil, malevolent; deadly, fell, fatal, mortal, lethal, killing; murderous, suicidal.

deliberate, adj. intentional, purposeful, meant, destined, willful, volitional, voluntary; premeditated, preconceived, preconceptional, aforethought, predetermined, predetermined, prepense; meditated, studied, considered, weighed; preconcerted, prearranged, predesigned, preplanned, propelled, prevised, contra, viewed, calculated, cold-blooded, designed, planned, plotted, schemed, devised, contrived, Obs. intrigued, Obs. consulted.

2. considerate, thoughtful, determined, decided, resolved, unravelling; methodical, methodic, systematic, orderly; cool, calm, collected, composed, excited, impressionistic, methodical, scrupulous, accurate, exact, precise; punctilious, fastidious, finicky, finical, particular; circumspect, cautious, careful, prudent, discreet; chary, wary, guarded, watchful, vigilant.

3. steady, even, regular, balanced; stable, solid, firm, secure, sure, confident, unhesitating, unhesitant, unhesitating, unflattering; leisurely, unhurried, slow, slow-paced, tortoise-like, snail-like; measured, gradual, paced; lingering, plodding, trudging, laborious, labored.

—v. 4. excogitate, consider, speculate, take to heart, Archaic. ponder; ponder, muse, think about; weigh, evaluate, revolve, review, study, scrutinize, examine, inspect, con.

5. contemplate, mediate, cogitate, rack one's brains, cudgel one's head, reflect on, think over, ruminate, chew, chew one's cud, brood, mull over, dwell on, be in a brown study; concentrate, focus, have one's mind on, put one's mind to; cerebrate, put on one's thinking cap, be abstracted, be lost in thought.

6. consult with, take counsel, confer with, advise with; discuss, debate, argue, reason.
deliberately, adv. 1. intentionally, purposefully, on purpose, willfully, of one's own free will, volitionally, voluntarily, on one's own; premeditatedly, premeditatingly, with aforesaid thought, predeterminedly; meditatedly, meditatively, studiously, considerably, preconceivedly, designedly, calculatedly, wittingly, knowingly, with one's eyes wide open, in cold blood. 2. thoughtfully, determinedly, decided, resolutely, unwaveringly; methodically, systematically, in an orderly manner; coolly, calmly, collectedly, composedly, dispassionately; painstakingly, thoroughly, meticulously, scrupulously; circumspectly, carefully, cautiously, prudently, discreetly; charily, warily, guardedly, watchfully, vigilantly.

delicacy, n. 1. lightness, fineness, slightness, slender ness, fragility, daintiness; translucency, tenuity, diaphaneity, transparency, etherealness, filmsiness; tenderness, softness. 2. tidbit, appetizer, dainty, bonbon, sweetmeat, luxury. 3. refinement, finesse, nicety, grace, sensibility, fastidiousness, exactness, accuracy, precision, scrupulosity, carefulness; subtlety, sensitivity, sensibleness.

delicate, adj. 1. dainty, fine, sheer, transparent, translucent; smooth, silken, soft, thin, gauzy, gossamer; elegant, exquisite, choice, tender. 2. fragile, frail, perishable; slender, slight, attenuated, small; feeble, weak, ailing, unwell, infirm, sickly. 3. faint, muted, subdued, pastel, subtle. 4. difficult, ticklish, critical, precarious, Sl. hairy, dangerous. 5. frailty, frailness, infirmity, feebleness.

delicate, adj. 1. delectable, tasty, dainty, appetizing, luscious, ambrosial, ambrosian, flavorful, epicurean; succulent, juicy, rich; nectarous, nectaraean, sweet, tender; palatable, toothsome, Scot. gustable. 2. fragrant, odoriferous, aromatic, perfumy, perfumed, scented; sweet, sweet-smelling. 3. delightful, enjoyable, pleasing, pleasurable, pleasant, agreeable; gratifying, satisfying; charming, enchanting, ravishing; exquisite, delicate, nice; exciting, titillating.

delight, v. 1. gratify, gladden, please, cheer, suit; thrill, excite, tickle, Inf. tickle pink; titillate; please highly, afford pleasure to, fill with joy, ravish; captivate, charm, enchant, entrance; transport, enrapture, enthrall, fantastic, bewitch, ensorcell; entertain, amuse, divert, refresh. 2. Usu. delight in enjoy, appreciate, love, like; relish, savor, revel in, indulge in, feast on, delectate, Inf. smack one's lips over, Inf. get a kick from, Inf. eat up; bask in, luxuriate in, wallow in.

deliberation, n. 1. exocognition, excogitating, consideration, advisement; speculation, speculating, taking to heart, pondering, musing, thoughtfulness, thinking over, weighing, revolving, review, reviewing, study, studying, scrutinization, scrutinizing, examination, examining, inspection, inspecting, conning; contemplation, contemplating, meditation, meditating, reflection, reflecting, rumination, ruminating, brooding, mulling over, concentrating, concentrating, focusing, cerebration, cerebrating. 2. consultation, consulting, conference, conferring, studying, scrutinization, scrutinizing, examination, consideration, advisement; speculation, speculating, taking to heart; deliberation, meditatingly, with aforethought, predeterminately; contemplation, meditation, meditating, contemplation, meditating, reflection, reflecting, rumination, ruminating, brooding, mulling over, concentrating, concentrating, focusing, cerebration, cerebrating. 3. steadily, evenly, regularly; stably, solidly, firmly, discussion, discussing, debate, debating, argument, arguing, reasoning.

delinquency, n. 1. dereliction, negligence, Law. nonfeasance, omission, failure, default; remissness, faithlessness, carelessness; wrongdoing, malfaction, nonfeasance, Chiefly Law. malversation. 2. guilt, blame, fault; culpability, reprehensibility, criminality; crime, lawbreaking, wrong. 3. misdeed, misstep, offense, indiscretion, misdeed, malfeasance, omission, failure, default; remissness, wrongdoing, malfeasance, misfeasance, Chiefly Law. malversation. 4. inform, inform on, betray, inform against, show up, rat out, inform for murder, inform for embezzlement, inform for fraud, inform on a crook, inform on a thief, inform on a criminal, inform on a pervert.
delirious, adj. 1. deranged, unhinged, mad, Inf. out of or off one's head; irrational, incoherent, raving, ranting, babbling.
2. wild, wild-eyed, distracted, beside oneself, out of one's wits, frantic, frenzied, rabid, hysterical; hot, feverish, in a fever, febrile, flushed, burning; ecstatic, transported, carried away.

delirium, n. 1. (all usu. temporary) insanity, madness, derangement; incoherence, raving, ranting, ranting and babbling.
2. passion, fever, frenzy, fury, rage, furor; craze, hysteria; ecstasy, transport, rupture, abduction, intoxication.

deliver, v. 1. transfer, turn over, hand over, pass over, Inf. fork up, Inf. fork out or over, present; convey, send, transmit, remit, forward; make over, bequeath; yield, surrender, cede, concede, grant, relinquish, waive.
2. utter, voice, speak, enunciate, recite; express, declare; pronounce; communicate, impart, announce, proclaim, promulgate, publish.
3. direct, deal, put forth, project, launch; throw, pitch, cast, hurl; discharge, fire, shoot, eject, expel, emit.
4. liberate, emancipate, manumit, set free, release; disburden, unload, disencumber, disentangle, extricate, free; rescue, save, redeem, ransom; preserve, keep, protect, help, succor.
5. Informal. come through, do as expected; finish successfully, produce the promised results.

deliverance, n. 1. liberation, emancipation, manumission, setting free, release, extrication, escape; rescue, salvation, redemption, ransom; absolution, pardon, acquittance; reprieve, respite, armistice, truce.
2. distribution, allotment, allocation, apportionment, dispensation, issuance.
3. utterance, speech, elocution; intonation, articulation, enunciation, pronunciation; style, manner, expression, presentation, performance, presentation.
4. liberation, emancipation, deliverance. See deliverance (def. 1).
5. parturition, childbirth, giving birth; childbirth, accouchement, lying-in, confinement, labor, travail, throes; midwifery, obstetrics.

delude, v. deceive, mislead, misguide, misinform; fool, take in, throw dust in [s.o.'s] eyes, pull the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes, Inf. slip or pass [s.t.], over on, Inf. lead [s.o.] up the garden path; cozen, dupe, gull, defraud, cheat; rook, victimize, Archaic. chouse, bilk, swindle; pass off, palm off, impose upon, pull a fast one, Inf. throw a curve; humbug, gammon, bluff, juggle, have [s.t.] up one's sleeve, Inf. flimflam; hoodwink, trick, outwit, bamboozle, overreach; entrap, ensnare, enmesh; beguile, seduce, bait, decoy, lead on, take for a ride, Inf. fake [s.o.] out, Inf. rope [s.o.] in, Inf. string along; All Inf. fast-talk, flam, hype, jive, buffalo, build, All Sl. con, snow, suck in, sucker in, murphy; betray, play false, double-cross, two-time, Sl. shaft, Sl. cross [s.o.] up.

deluge, n. 1. flood, flash flood, inundation, Brit. spate, overflow, freshest; downpour, drenching rain, cloudburst.
2. avalanche, cataclysm, catastrophe, disaster, calamity, debacle.
—v. 3. flood, inundate, overrun, overflow; swamp, submerge, engulf, drown, bury, overwhelm.

delusion, n. 1. misconception, misapprehension, misunderstanding, misinterpretation, misconception, misbelief; fallacy, error, mistake; self-deception, fool's paradise; illusion, false impression, myth, ignis fatuus, will-o'-the-wisp, bubble; hallucination, vision, mirage, dream; apparition, chimera, fancy, phantasm, phantasmagoria, specter.
2. deception, trick, stratagem, ruse, artifice, pretense, Obs. cog: contrivance, wire, subterfuge, misrepresentation; fake, sham, hoax, swindle, shock, feint, blind; fraud, imposture, imposition, Law. covin, humbug, Inf. flimflam, Inf. flam; falsehood, lie, fib, untruth, prevarication.
3. magic, conjuring, legerdemain, prestidigitation, sleight of hand, trickery; juggling, trumpery, dupery, hocus-pocus, shenanigan.

delusive, adj. 1. deceptive, misleading, hallucination, illusion, illusory, spurious, factitious, evasive, dodgy, elusive, slippery, shifty; specious, sham, bogus, counterfeit, mock, pseudo, artificial; false, unreal, make-believe, feigned, pretended; imaginary, fancied, fantastic, chimerical, visionary.
2. deceitful, untrustworthy, underhanded, crooked, dishonest, fraudulent; insincere, disingenuous, mendacious, untruthful, hollow; double-dealing, artful, crafty, cunning, sly, snaky, foxy; two-faced, Janus-faced, hypocritical.

delve, v. search, research, investigate, search out; unearth, dig up, hunt up or out, ferret out; pursue, track, trail, follow the trail, trace; explore, probe, penetrate, sound, fathom, look into, go deeply into; peer, pry, look behind the scenes, make inquiry, fish for; rummage, ransack, turn upside down.

demagogue, n. rabble rouser, agitator, firebrand, haranguer, soapbox orator, wrangler, malcontent, troublemaker.

demagoguery, n. 1. demagogism, rabble rousing, agitation, fomentation, incitation, extortion, instigation, provocation, trouble making.
2. fanaticism, dogmatism, bigotry, jingoism, chauvinism; red scare, McCarthyism.

demand, v. 1. claim, lay claims to, claim as a right; solicit, order, requisition; dun, extort; inquire for or after, seek, make inquiry.
2. ask, call for, insist on, importune, clamor, cry; supplicate, entreat, obey, adjure, impetrate; invoke, press, urge; exact, impose, sue.
3. require, need, want, lack, stand or be in need of; call for, ache for.
—n. 4. request, requirement, order, direction, command, charge, bidding, behest, call; requisition, draft, application; inquiry, suit, petition, ultimatum, mandate, injunction, precept, decree; exactation, imposition.
5. want, need, requirement, necessity, essentiality, exigency.
6. in demand popular, sought after, fashionable, celebrated, admired, in vogue, Inf. the people's choice, Inf. the in thing.

demarcation, n. 1. border, boundary, bound, bourn; demarcation, partition.
2. separation, delimitation, definition, marking off; division, partition.

demean, v. 1. degrade, debase, vitiate, lower in dignity or standing, or rank, reduce, depreciate, devalue, demote, depose, discredit; shame, disgrace, dishonor, humble, humiliate, mortify, Inf. put down; belittle, depreciate, disparage, decry, deflate.
2. (of oneself) comport, deport, bear, conduct, carry, act, acquit, steer, manage, maintain; behave, play or do one's part.
demeanor, n. 1. conduct, behavior, deportment. See deportment (defs. 1, 2).
2. physiognomy, facial expression, countenance, visage.

demented, adj. 1. insane, crazy, crazed, mad, lunatic, lunatick, deanged; of unsound mind, Latin. non componens mentis, mentally ill; psychotic, schizophreneic, Sl. schizo; daft, Inf. daffy, unbalanced, touched, Inf. unglued, Inf. half-baked, Brit. Sl. bonkers, unhinged, distracted; dazed, moon-struck, possessed, infatuated; odd, peculiar, queer, bizarre, Chiefly Brit. Inf. potty, Inf. dotty, Inf. crackpot; brainsick, Sl. kooky, Sl. meshuga; All Sl. balmy, dippy, batty, bats, cackoo, buggoo, bughouse, bugs, screwy, wacky, wacko, goofy, loony, squirrely, bananas, nuts, nutty, nutty as a fruitcake.

2. out of one's head or mind or senses or wits, Scot. redwood, Sl. loco, mad as a hatter, mad as a March hare, far-gone, stark raving mad; not all there, not quite right, not right upstairs; Inf. out in left field, Sl. in outer space, Sl. in orbit, Inf. off the wall; Inf. cracked, Inf. mental, Sl. off one's rocker, Sl. out of one's tree, Sl. of one's trolley, Brit. Sl. off one's chump; All Sl. have bats in one's belfry, have a few loose screws missing, have a few loose screws.

3. maniacal, hysterical, madding, Archaic. wood, delirious; frantic, frenzied, frenetic; ranting, raving, storming, foaming at the mouth, convulsing; beside oneself, at one's wit's end; out of control, uncontrollable, unrestrainable, corybantic, Inf. haywire, berserk, rabid, wild; violent, stormy, fierce, turbulent.

4. absurd, silly, inane, crackbrained, foolish; irrational, wild-eyed, illogical, unreasonable; senseless, nonsensical, pointless; ridiculous, laughable, ludicrous; asinine, asnerian, idiotic, Inf. moronic, imbecile; childish, puerile, immature.

5. stupid, simple-minded, bird-brained, feeble-minded, dull-witted; harebrained, light-minded, light-headed, giddy; scatterbrained, absent-minded; confused, muddled, bemused.

demimondaine, n. 1. demirep, cocotte, loose woman, fallen woman, harlot, whore, hussy, slut, slattern, tramp, vamp, wanton, white slave, Sl. bitch, Sl. broad, Sl. cunty.
2. prostitute, lady of the evening, woman of the profession, Mrs. Warren, Fr. fille de joie; troolop, strumpet, Archaic. wench, trull, drab, quean, painted woman, woman of the streets, streetwalker, bar girl, Inf. pick-up, call girl, Cyprian; All Sl. cat, tart, hustler, bim, moll, hooker, floozie, working girl, Brit. Sl. bird, Mexican Sl. caliente; madam, bawd, pro- curess, pander.
3. paramour, courtesan, mistress, concubine, kept woman, Sl. doxy.
4. temptress, siren, seductress, Jezebel, Delilah; flirt, coquette, minx; adventuress, hetaera.

demise, n. 1. death, decease, expiration; end, termination. See death (def. 1).
2. Law. transfer, conveyance, conveyee, alienation, abalienation; making over, transmission, quitclaim, cession, transposition; bequeathal, legacy.

democracy, n. republic, government by the people, representative government, constitutional government, popular government, self-government, commonwealth.

democratic, adj. representative, Jeffersonian, republican, popular, Populist, proletarian, of the people; of, by, and for the people.

demolish, v. 1. raze, tear down, pull down, take down, bring down, break down, throw down, beat down, batter down; cast down, knock down, fling down, hurl down, precipitate, Inf. spill, tumble, topple; fell, lay level, prostrate, level, bulldoze, flatten; cut down, chop down, hew down.
2. devastate, desolate, lay waste; ravage, wreak havoc upon, destroy, ruin, Dial. ruinate, bring to ruin, lay in ruins; wreck, Sl. total, knock to pieces, dash to pieces, smash, waste, Sl. trash, reduce to nothing; undo, unmake, unbuild, dismantle, disassemble, take apart.
3. pulverize, crush, squelch, Sl. smush, mash; crush, shatter, batter, break; fracture, splinter, tear, crack, split, rend, tear apart, wrench apart; mutilate, mangle, maim, make mincemate of; mar, damage, spoil, mark, spot, stain; disfigure, scar, deface, blemish.
4. annihilate, disperse, exterminate, extirpate, extinguish; erase, efface, eradicate, expunge, cancel, obliterate; excise, cut, cut out, cut off; blast out, strike out, stamp out, crush out, wipe out, rub out; kill, kill off, slay, slaughter; murder, finish, finish off, Sl. do in, Sl. zap, sacrifice, mow down.
5. purge, get rid of, leave no vestige or trace of, liqui- date, remove, dispose of; terminate, dissolve, bring to an end, put an end to, do away with; explode, burst, blow up.
6. quash, quell, suppress, squelch, crush, vanquish, squash; nip, nip in the bud, Inf. put the kibosh on; overthrow, overturn, overwhelm, subvert, cause the downfall of, defeat, conquer.
7. devour, swallow up, gobble up, consume, gorge, eat away, bolt, stuff; guzzle, gulp, drown.

demolition, n. 1. razing, tearing down, pulling down, taking down, bringing down, breaking down, throwing down, beating down; casting down, knocking down, flinging down, hurling down, precipitation; felling, leveling, proscription; cutting down, chopping down, hewing down.
2. devastation, desolation, laying waste, gutting, wipe-out; ravagement, havoc, holocaust, destruction, dilapidation, ruination, bringing to ruin, laying in ruins; wrecking, wreckage, knocking to pieces, dashing to pieces, smashing; dismantling, disassembly, taking apart.
3. pulverization, crushing, squelching, Sl. smushing, mashing; crushing, shattering, battering, breaking, breaking up, fracturing, tearing apart, wrenching apart, cracking, splitting, mutilation, mangling, making mincemeate of; marring, damage, spoilage, mark, spot- ting, stain; disfigurement, scarring, defacement.
4. annihilation, destruction, extermination, extirpa- tion, extinguishment, extinction; erasure, erosion, ef- faction, eradication, expunction, cancellation, obliteration; excision, cutting out, cutting off; blotting out, striking out, stamping out, crushing out, wiping out, rubbing out; killing, slaying, slaughter; murder, finishing off, Sl. zapping, sacrifice, mowing down.
5. purgation, getting rid of, leaving no vestige or trace of, liquidation, removal; termination, dissolu- tion, bringing to an end, putting an end to, doing away with.
6. quashing, quelling, suppression, squelching, crushing, vanquishment, squashing; nipping, nipping in the bud, Inf. putting the kibosh on; overthrow, overturn, subversion, defeat, conquest.

demon, n. 1. devil, evil spirit, cacomon, Arab. Myth. a址retch, Islamic Myth. genie or jinn or djinn, Class. Myth. Alastor, Astarotte; fiend, ogre, ghoul, monster, vampire, harpy; werewolf, wolfman, lycanthrope, Fr. loup-garou; incubus, succubus, nightmare, siren, nymph, Slavic Myth. rusalka; troll, sprite, Ger. Folklore. nix, elf, Irish Folklore. leprechaun; pixy, brownie, imp, dwarf, goblin, host, Irish Folklore. banshee, barghest; hag, bogey, bogey, goody, spook.
2. brute, savage, beast, monster, hellhound, bar-
demoniac

adic, n. demoralization, demoniac, demonic. See adj.

1. possessed, daemonic, demoniac, demonic, subdual; paralysis, crippling, devitalization, takor or

Inf. busy bee, Stakhanovite, overdoer,

3. material, telling, convincing, overwhelming, doer.

Inf. blackguard, rogue, scoundrel, knave, villain, thug, Mohock; hooligan, hoodlum, roughneck, rowdy, bull, Sl. hood; lecher, goat, hog, swine, wolf, tiger.

3. human dynamo, hard-worker, pusher, hustler, go-getter, Inf. eager beaver; man of action, powerhouse, Inf. live wire, Inf. busy bee, Stakhanovite, overdoer, doer.

4. demon, eudemon, guardian angel, fairy godmother, tutelary saint or deity, numen, genius, familiar spirit.

demoniacal, adj. See demonic.

demonic, adj. 1. possessed, daemonic, demon-riden, lycanthropic; bewitched, bedeviled, hooched, vodkaooded, hexed, accursed, cursed; maddened, moonstruck, crazed, demented, raging, rabid; delirious, maniacal, lunatic, mad, stark raving mad, stark staring mad; deranged, Fr. aliéné, Fr. fou; frenzied, corybantic, frenetic, fanatical, dithyrambic.

2. diabolic, diabolical, devilish, fiendish, ghoulish; satanic, Mephistophelian, demonian, demoniacal, cacodemonic; infernal, hellish.

3. damnable, execrable, abominable, horrible, horrid, hideous, monstrous, atrocious; base, vile, odious, obnoxious, villainous, sinister; wicked, iniquitous, evil, sinful, impious, Obs. sclerous, black-hearted, corrupt, depraved, Arch. facinorous; repugnant, nefarious, flagitious, unspeakable, heinous; profligate, immoral, dissolute, vitiated, perverted, perverse; pesti- lential, malevolent, malicious, malign, maleficient; venomous, virulent; dire, black, dreadful, baleful.

4. diabolic, diabolical, devilish, fiendish, ghoulish; satanic, Mephistophelian, demonian, demoniacal, cacodemonic; infernal, hellish.

demonstrable, adj. provable, evincible, attestable, confirmable, substantiable, establishable, verifiable; inferable, deductable, self-evident, axiomatic; conclusive, decisive, positive, certain, undeniable, unquestionable, indubitable, indisputable, irrefutable, incontestable; real, actual, factual.

demonstrate, v. 1. prove, substantiate, sustain, Inf. go to show; fix, settle, set at rest; establish, determine, ascertain.

2. describe, illustrate, show how, give an idea of; explain, explicate, expound.

3. manifest, exhibit, evidence, evince, display, show, exemplify, Scot. and North Eng. kithe; cite, name, document, bring home to.

4. protest, sit-in, rally, march; strike, picket, boycott.

demonstration, n. 1. proof, substantiation, conclusive evidence, sure sign; verification, confirmation, certification, authentication, validation, affirmation.

2. description, explanation, elucidation, exposition, clarification.

3. display, exhibit, exhibition, manifestation, show, showing, presentation; retrospective.

4. example, demo, representation, illustration, exemplification; citation, reference; instance, item, case, particular.

5. protest, sit-in, teach-in; rally, march, parade.

demonstrative, adj. 1. open, expressive, unreserved, unrestrained, unreticent, communicative; emotional, feeling, loving, affectionate, tender, warm.

2. illustrative, evincive, indicative, designative, ex- habitive, significant, symptomatic; explanatory, explicative, expository, clarifying, illuminating, elucidative.

3. material, telling, convincing, overwhelming, damning; decisive, certain, sure, absolute, incontrovertible, indisputable, irrefutable, incontestable.

demonization, n. 1. destruction of morale, dish- heartenment, taking the fight or heart out of, Inf. taking the spunk out of; crushing, breaking down, unmanned, subdual; paralysis, crippling, devitalization, enervation, weakening, loss of courage.

2. bewilderness, confusion, fluster, ruffle, disturbance, perturbation, disincentiment, discomfiture; agitation, upset, Inf. dither, Inf. tizzy; fright, fear, trepidation, panic, rout.

3. corruption, debauchedness, perversion, depraved- ness, depravity, depravation, vitiation, lowering, degenerate; adulteration, contamination, pollution, spoiling, defilement.

demoralize, v. 1. destroy the morale of, take the fight out of, take the heart out of, take the spirit out of, Inf. take the spunk out of, Inf. take the starch out of, Dial. take the tuck out of; disparit, dishhearten, daunt, subdue, break down, unman; crush, render powerless, paralyze; cripple, devitalize, enervate, weaken, enfeeble; depress, deject.

2. bewildere, confuse, fluster, ruffle, disturb, perturb, shake or shake up, disconcert, unnerv, discomfit; agitate, upset, frighten, panic, throw into a panic, rout.

3. undermine the morals of, corrupt, debauch, pervert, deprave, vitiate, lower, degrade, adulterate, contaminate, pollute, spoil, defile.

demoralized, adj. 1. spiritless, dispirited, disheartened, Archieic. heartless; daunted, subdued, broken, unmanned, crushed; powerless, paralyzed, crippled, devitalized, enervated, weakened; depressed, dejected, downcast.

2. bewildered, confused, flustered, ruffled, disturbed, perturbed, shaken, disconcerted, unnerved, discomfited; agitated, upset, Inf. in a dither, Inf. in a tizzy; frightened, afraid, scared, panicked, routed.

3. corrupt, bad, sinful, wicked, immoral, dissolute, profligate; debauched, perverted, depraved, repugnant, vitiated, debased, base, low, degenerate, degraded; adulterated, contaminated, polluted, spoiled, defiled.

demote, v. downgrade, lower or reduce in rank, degrade, humble, Inf. take or knock down a peg or two; declase, break or strip of rank, disrate, cashier, Mil. drum out, Mil. Sl. bust, Inf. kick upstairs; depose, unseat, dethrone, Rare. disinthron, uncrown, de- fock or unfrock;oust, dispossess, displace, disbar, expel, exile; dismiss or remove from office, discharge, Inf. rif, Inf. fire, Sl. get rid of, Sl. can, Sl. sack, Sl. give the boot, give the pink slip, Inf. give [s.o.] his walking papers, Sl. turn out, Sl. bounce.

demulcent, adj. soothing, mollifying, appeasing, pacifying, calming, sedative, comforting; emollient, soothing, relaxing, easing; relieving, alleviative, alleviatory, assuasive, mitigative, mitigatory, lenitive; mild, gentle, soft.

demur, v. 1. object, take exception, be unwilling, dissent, disagree; protest, remonstrate, expostulate, wrangle, dispute, contest.

2. hesitate, scruple, boggle, boggle, cavil, hang back, doubt; waver, waffle, fudge, dodge, duck; hold fire, shrink from, shy at, pause.

—n. 3. objection, dissent, remonstrance, demurral; hesitation, doubt, unwillingness, qualm, scruple, misgiving.

demure, adj. 1. shy, meek, modest, reserved, retiring, diffident, bashful, coy; reticent, taciturn, quiet; timid, timorous, fearful, shrinking, like a shrinking violet, blushing.

2. undemonstrative, impassive, indifferent; unpresumptuous, introverted, withdrawn, self-effacing, constrained.

3. puritanical, prim, priggish, prudish, goody-goody, prissy, finicky, overmodest, self-righteous, affected; chaste, virtuous, virginal, strain-laced.

4. sober, sedate, staid, grave, serious, solemn; aus-
1. lair, cave, hollow, dugout, hole, grotto; niche, nook, nest, recess; covert, aerie, roost, hive, nidus.
2. of iniquity, Inf. dive, Sl. joint; roadhouse, speakeasy, U.S. Sl. barrelhouse; bawdy-house, house of ill-repute.
3. study, library, sanctum sanctorum, snuggery; hermitage, retreat, cubicle, cell, cloister.

**denial**, n. 1. contradiction, gainsay, disaffirmation, negation, denigration; disavowal, unsaying, repudiation, disclaimer, disclaimer, **Rhet.** apophasis; retraction, recantation, (usu. under oath) abjuration.
2. refusal, rejection, turndown, declaration; rebuff, repulse; forbiddance, veto, disallowance, prohibition, proscription, disapproval, Inf. no-go; thumbs down, deaf ear.
3. renunciation, renouncement, disowning; disinheritance, disinheritance, disinheriting.

**denier**, n. 1. inhabitant, inhabitant, resident, dweller, occupant, occupant, householder, addressee, *Archaic* inhabiter.

**denomination**, n. 1. name, title, style, appellation, designation; epitaph, appellative, by-word, label, tag, Sl. handle, Sl. moniker.
2. variety, genus, species, class; kind, sort, ilk, type; nature, character, stamp, breed, brand, color, stripe, grain; make, mark, cast, shape, form.
3. sect, school, persuasion, communion, ism, faith, church; body, group, association, order, society, fellowship, fraternity, brotherhood.
4. identification, definition, denomination, specification, signification; naming, calling, dubbing, christening.

**denote**, v. 1. defame, vilipend, vilify, vilify, vilipend, vilify; blacklist, blackball, ostracize.
2. mean, denominate, designate, name; connote, aliterate, signify, show, point out, indicate, signify, suggest, intimate.
3. make, mark, cast, shape, form.
4. opaque, nontransparent, not translucent.

**density**, n. 1. denseness, compactness, crowdedness, tightness, closeness, cohesiveness; thickness, richness, substance, body; bulk, massiveness, heavienss, weight, mass, solidity, solidness; impenetrability, impenetrableness, impermeability, impassability, impassableness.
2. thick-headedness, thick-wittedness, Inf. thickness, stupidity, slowness, slow-wittedness, dullness, dull-wittedness; obtuseness, solidness, stolidity, bovinites, carrassness.

**dent**, n. 1. dint, hollow, depression, dip, trough, crater, concavity; hole, cavity, excavation, pit.
2. dimple, indentation; indent; cut, scratch, scrape, mark, flaw, chip; notch, nick, deep recess, groove, furrow.
3. make a dent in, dint, indent, push in or down, press in or down, depress.
4. cut, chip, scratch, scrape, mark, flaw; notch, nick, groove, furrow.

**denude**, v. strip, denude, nakedize, bare, lay bare, expose; divest, uncover, disrobe, unclothe, undress, unseath.

**denunciation**, n. 1. fulmination, condemnation, criticism, censure; disapproval, disapprobation, repudiation, reprehension, objection; animadversion, Inf. brickbat, asperion, obloquy; tirade, philippic, diatribe.
2. reproof, reproach, rebuke; reproach, rebuke, reprimand; upbraiding, castigation, objuration, vituperation; scolding, dressing down, tongue-lashing, Sl. hell.
3. accusation, casting, charge, blame; imputation, incrimination, crimination, inculpation; informing against, squealing, linking, Sl. ratting, (both of an innocent person) Inf. framing, Inf. frame-up.

**denunciatory**, adj. censorious, reproachful, condemnatory, fulminating, damnable, maledictory, comminatory; accusatory, imputative, incriminatory, criminating.

**deny**, v. 1. dispute, gainsay, controvert, naysay, disbelief; contradict, traverse, nullify, negate, disaffirm; disprove, confute, refute, discredit; protest, oppose, contravene; object, demur, refuse assent, disagree.
2. refuse, reject, turn down, decline, disallow; forbid, prohibit, proscribe, veto, disapprove, negative, say no to, turn thumbs down, turn a deaf ear.
3. disavow, forswear, disclaim; retract, unsay, retract, take back, back-pedal.

**deodorant**, n. deodorizer, antiperspirant, Sl. odor-eater; air freshener, air conditioner; disinfectant, fumigator.

**deodorize**, v. ventilate, aerate, air, aerify; freshen, sweeten, refresh, air-condition; disinfect, fumigate, sanitize, sanitize, purify.
depart, v. 1. leave, go away, go off, be off, (usu. imperative) Inf. beat it, Inf. run along, Inf. scam, Inf. buzz along, (usu. imperative) Inf. buzz off, Inf. make oneself scarce, Inf. shove off, Sl. split, Sl. cut out, Brit. Sl. bugger off, Sl. vamoose.

2. go forth, issue forth, set off, set out, Inf. hit the road, start out, sail off, march out; get going, get under way, entrain, embus, enplane, embark, set sail, ship out, weigh anchor.

3. exit, make an exit, take oneself off, take one's departure or leave; bid farewell, bid adieu, say good-by, bid godspeed, decamp, break camp, pull out.

4. flee, escape, abscond, fly, bolt, run, take to one's heels, cut and run, Sl. light out, Inf. hightail it, Sl. hot-foot it; skip, run off, Brit. Sl. do a moonlight flit.

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out, kick out, Sl. bounce out; ostracize, blackball, send to Coventry; carry off, transport, transplant, displace, remove, relegate.

2. (of oneself) bear, conduct, behave, demean, comport, carry, manage; act, play one's part, steer one's course, mind one's p's and q's.

deporation, n. expulsion, exile, banishment, proscription, sequestration, expatriation, relegation; transplantation, ostracism, rogue's march; extradiation, transportation, displacement, outlawry; removal, dislodgement, eviction.

department, n. 1. demeanor, conduct, comportment, gust; actions, manners, behavior, etiquette; obedience, observance.

2. bearing, carriage, port, posture, stance; air, mien, manner, style, attitude; appearance, aspect, semblance, cast, guise, look, expression.

depose, v. 1. remove from office, unseat, dethrone, depose; Law. 2. bear, conduct, behave, demean, com-

(deposit, noun) 
1. remove from office, unseat, dethrone, Rare. disenthroned, uncrowned, defrock or unfrock; demote, downgrade, lower or reduce in rank, degrade, humble, Inf. take or knock down a peg or two; class, break or strip of rank, disrate, cashier, Mil. drum out, Mil. Sl. bust, Inf. kick upstairs.

out, disconnect, dispose, disbar, expel, dismiss, discharge, Inf. rif, Inf. fire, Sl. get rid of, Sl. can, Sl. sack, Sl. give the boot, give the pink slip, Inf. give [s.o.] his walking papers, Sl. turn out, Sl. bounce.

3. give sworn testimony, declare or testify to, certify; swear, affirm, aver, asseverate, assert, allege.


2. depository, repository, warehouse. See depositary (def. 1).

depository, n. 1. warehouse, storehouse, storeroom, depot, repository, magazine, repertory, reservoir, (in the Orient) godown; bank, treasury, safe, vault, safety-deposit box, coffer, locker, chest, money chest.

2. depository, trustee; treasurer. See depository (def. 1).

depot, n. 1. bus station, railroad station, train station, Fr. gare, Ger. Bahnhof, terminal, terminus; station house, stopping-place, stop.

2. storehouse, warehouse, depository, repository, magazine, cache.

deprave, v. corrupt, make bad, debauch, seduce, pervert, subvert, demoralize, lead astray, lead away; make worse, corrode, undermine, eat away at; vitiate, debase, abuse, lower, degrade, degenerate, deteriorate; adulterate, pollute, contaminate, infect, poison; taint, stain, soil, sully, dirty; spoil, defile, degrade, profane; abuse, violate, deflower, ravish, rape, ruin.

deprecated, adj. 1. corrupt, immoral, unprincipled, repugnate; perverted, warped, misguided, distorted; wicked, evil, iniquitous, sinful, vicious; villainous, miscreant, vile, foul, base, low; demoralized, deteriorated, degenerate, debased, abased, vitiated, degraded, lowered; adulterated, contaminated, polluted; defiled, desecrated, violated, unchaste, impure, unclean; tainted, stained, soiled, stained, spoiled.

2. dissolve, profligate, licentious, abandoned, wan-

tont, libertine, intemperate, debauched; lewd, obscene, dirty, indecent, immodest, shameless; lascivious, lecherous, Archaic. lickisher, lustful, libidinous; animalistic, carnal, sensual.

depravity, n. 1. corruption, corruptness, corruption, perversion, depravation; demoralization, deterioration, corroboration, degradation, debasement, abasement, vitiation, degeneration, degeneracy, degenerateness; adulteration, pollution, contamination, defilement, desecration, violation; unchastity, un-

chasteness, impurity, uncleanness; foulness, baseness, vulgarity, turpitude; criminality, wickedness, sinfulness, impiety; wrongdoing, sin, evil-doing, crime.

2. immorality, vice, dissoluteness, profli
gateness, licentiousness, license; lechery, debauchery, debauchment, intemperance, libertinism, prostitution; animalism, carnality, sensuality, lustfulness; libidin

ousness, lewdness, lightheartedness, prurience, pruriency; obscenity, indecency, vulgarity, low-mindedness.

deprecate, v. 1. censure, reproach, impeach, bring to book, call to account, cry down, slate, inveigh against, perstringe, animadvert upon, reprove, reprimand, reprehend, reprobate, pass strictures; de

value, castigate, rebuke, abuse, reproach, scold, chide, admonish, rebuke, take to task, Inf. dress down, lecture, Inf. bawl out; disapprove, disfavor, dislike, frown upon, look askance; criticize, Inf. knock, carp at, cavil at, peck at.

2. expostulate, remonstrate, dissuade, divert, Archaic. dehort, deter, discourage, demur, dishearten; warn, caution, advise or counsel against; protest, enter a protest, dispute, argue, Scot. argle-bargle, wrangle, haggle, hassle, altercate, challenge, oppose, object to, conflict with, take exception to, join issue upon.

3. belittle, detract, disparage. See disparage (def. 2).

deprecatory, adj. 1. censuring, reproachful, opprobrious, impeaching, slating, inveighing, reproving, recriminating, reprehensive, reprobative, repugnant, denunciatory, disapproving, railing, cursing, condemning, maledictory, anathematizing; berating, upbraiding, castigating, objurgatory, objurgative, objurgating, chastising, chastening, reprimanding, scolding, chiding, admonishing; disapproving, disap

probatory, disapprobative, disfavoring; criticizing, carp, caviling; protestant, protestative, protesting, disputatious, disputative, disputing, contentious, argumentative, altercating, challenging, opposing, objecting, conflictive, conflic
ting.

2. deprecative, belittling, disparaging, demeaning, deflating, derogatory, derogative, derogating, detractory, detractive, detracting; deprecatory, depreciating, devaluing, cheapening, lessening, decreasing, diminishing, bating, attenuating, mitigating; minimizing, underestimating, underrating, undervaluing, beg

garing, extenuating, underreckoning, deemphasizing, underplaying; lampooning, caricaturing, ridiculing, mocking, jeering, sneering, jibing; disdainful, derisive, derisory, deriding, snide, contemptuous, scornful.

3. apologetic, regretful, compunctious, sorry, peni
tent, penitential, contrite, humble, expiatory, propitiatory, supplicatory, remorseful, rueful, self-condemnatory, self-reproachful.

depreciate, v. 1. devaluate, devalue, deflate, depress, cheapen; reduce, decrease, lessen, lower, cut, slash, subtract from, mark down, put on sale.
depressed, adj. dispirited, disheartened, crestfallen; unhappy, sad, blue, melancholy. See dejection.

depression, n. 1. devaluation, deflation, depression, cheerness; reduction, decrease, lowering, lessee, diminution, shrinkage; decline, fall, falling off, drop, slump.

2. belittle, minimize, underrate, undervalue, underestimate, underreckon; slight, make light of, think nothing of, set no store by, underplay, Inf. play down; derogate, detract from, discredit, disparage, deprecate, Inf. talk down.

3. decline, fall, tumble, slide, slip, go down; sink, drop, slump, fall off, lose value.

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depredate, v. 1. plunder, rob, despoil, Archaic. spoil, spoliate, pillage, Chiefly Scot. reive; ravage, harry, harry, carry off, maraud, devastate; ransack, sack, loot, gut, fleece, strip, rifle; raid, foray, forage, prey on or upon; lay waste, desolate, wreak havoc upon, ruin, lay in ruins.

2. pirate, freeboot, buccaneer, privateer, filibuster; seize, capture, steal, thieve.

depredation, n. 1. plunder, plundering, plunderer, rape, pillage, spoliation, despoliation, despoilment, Obs. direption, raven or ravin; preying upon, ravaging, ravage, harrying, marauding, Archaic. maraud, sacking, Rape. sackage; laying waste, devastation, desolation; raid, inroad, razzia, foray; foraging, looting, ravishment, seizure, rap, rape; kidnapping, hijacking, skyjacking, air piracy, commandeering.

2. brigandage, piracy, buccaneering, freebooting, banditry, highway robbery, Obs. latrocinio, privateering, filibustering, U.S. Inf. usu. of cattle rustling; robbery, theft, thievery, Law. larceny, stealing.

depredator, n. 1. pillager, plunderer, marauder, despoiler, ransacker, sacker, riffer, looter, forager, raid, ravager, destroyer.

2. pirate, rover, viking, corsair, buccaneer, privateer; freebooter, rapproche, (in the Scottish Highlands) cateran; kidnapper, abductor, rustler, hijacker, skyjacker, air or sky pirate.

3. robber, burglar, thief, stealer, Inf. crook, housebreaker; highwayman, footpad, Sl. yegg or yeggman, bandit, Sp. bandolero, Southwest U.S. ladrone, Australian bushranger, brigand, picaroon, outlaw, desperado.

depress, v. 1. dispirit, dishearten, discourage, put [s.o.] down in the dumps or the doldrums. See deject.

2. weaken, enfeeble, debilitate, enervate; exhaust, sap, drain, weary, tire; dull, deaden, kill.

3. devalue, devalue, depreciate, cheapen; diminish, lessen, lower, reduce, cut, slash; degrade, downgrade, demote, break; humble, abase, take [s.o.] down a notch or peg or two, humiliate, mortify.

depressant, n. sedative, tranquilizer, soporific, hypnotic, sleeping-pill; alcohol, liquor, spirits, Inf. booze; analgesic, painkiller, aspirin; opiate, opium, codeine, morphine; barbiturate, Sl. bars, Inf. down or downer, quaalude, Sl. lude, Brit. mandrax, Brit. Sl. mandy, Pharm., Trademark Seconal, Sl. red; heroin, Sl. H, Sl. horse, Sl. smack, Sl. crank, Sl. junk, Sl. scag.

depressed, adj. 1. dispirited, disheartened, crestfallen; unhappy, sad, blue, melancholy. See depressed.

2. sunken, hollow, recessed, set back, pushed or poked in; concave, indented, dented, dimpled.

3. devaluated, devalued, cheapened, depreciated, degraded, downgraded; diminished, lessened, reduced, lowered, cut, slashed.

4. destitute, poverty-stricken, poor, stranded, bad off, Inf. hard up; lacking, needy, in need, in want.

depressing, adj. dejecting, discouraging, daunting, damping, disappointing, disheartening, dispiriting, depressive, depressant; saddening, cheerless, sad, melancholy, blue, heartbreaking; sorrowful, woeful, mournful, lachrymose, dolorous; distressing, painful, affective; dreary, bleak, gloomy, dismal, hopeless; black, somber, grave, heavy.

depression, n. 1. indention, dent, dimple, recess; hollow, concavity, cavity, pit, hole; dip, bowl, sink, sink hole, swallow, swallow hole.

2. downheartedness, low spirits, crestfallenness; sadness, melancholy, blues, doldrums. See depression.

3. of the economy recession, slump, bad times, hard times; inactivity, slowdown, dullness, stagnation, paralysis, standstill; stagnation.

deprievation, n. 1. withholding, deprival, denial; dispossession, expropriation, Law. disseizin, appropriation, confiscation, seizure, taking away, Law. attachment; divesture, stripping, despoliation, spoliation.

2. privation, want, need, lack; loss, bereavement, hardship, distress.

3. removal, deposition, dismissal, ousting, expulsion.

deprive, v. 1. withhold, deny, refuse, debar, shut out.

2. remove, divest, strip, denude, despoil; dispossession, Law. disseizin, expropriate, appropriate, confiscate, Law. attach, seize, commandeere; bereave, wret from, wring from, take away; mutil, rob.

depth, n. 1. deepness, profundity, depth; complexity, intricacy, obscurity, abstruseness, reconversion, esotericism.

2. gravity, weight, moment, importance, signification, seriousness, solemnity, sobriety.

3. sagacity, wisdom, understanding; awareness, perception, insight, intuition, sensitivity; discernment, perspicacity, astuteness, acumen, acuity, shrewdness, artfulness, subtlety.

4. pit, bottomless pit, bowels, bowels of the earth; gulf, abyss, chasm, cavity, hole, crevasse.

5. intensity, vividness, brilliancy, brightness; richness, strength, darkness.

6. depths a. midst, middle, innermost part, remotest part, womb; b. deep, deeps, ocean bottom, floor, bed, ground, Davy Jones’s locker.

7. in depth thoroughly, extensively, comprehensively.

deputation, n. 1. appointment, designation, nomination; installation, investiture, induction, ordination; authorization, entrusting, empowering, charging; assignment, appropriation, delegation, devolution.

2. delegates, delegation, embassy, legation; committeee, subcommittee.

deputilize, v. depute, commission, delegate; appoint, name, designate, nominate; charge, authorize, commit, entrust, empower, enable; consign, relegate, pass on, devolve.

deputy, n. 1. representative, delegate, commissary, surrogate; appointee, provost, spokesperson; ambassador, emissary, envoy, legate, agent, factor, messenger, minister; middleman, go-between, diplomat, intermediary, negotiator, negotiant; substitute, alternate, proxy, vice-regent, vicerey; lieutenant, assistant, operative, right hand person; functionary, commissioner, bureaucrat; consul, plenipotentiary.

—adj. 2. assistant, second-in-command, subordinate, associate; elected, appointed, designated, ordained.

derange, v. 1. disarrange, disorder, throw into disorder, disorganize, turn topsy-turvy, disjoin, disar-
deranged, adj. 1. disordered, disorganized, disjointed, disarrayed; misarranged, out of place, misplaced, displaced, dislocated; disheveled, rumpled, ruffled, tousled; upset, topsy-turvy, messy; cluttered, littered; jumbled, muddled, entangled.

2. incapacitated, throw out of gear, indispose; weaken, devitalize, disable; enfeeble, debilitate; invalid,icken.

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4. insane, crazy, crazed, mad, lunatic, lunatical, demented; of unsound mind, Latin. non compositus men-

5. out of one's head or mind or senses or odd, peculiar, queer, bizarre, potty, unglued, Inf.

6. abandonment, desertion, forsaking; rejection; noninterference, laissez-faire, passiveness, passivity.

7. absurd, silly, inane, fatuous, crackbrained, berserk, rabid; wild violent, fierce.

8. stupid, simple-minded, birdbrained, feeble-minded, dull-witted; haughty, light-minded, light-headed, giddy; scatterbrained, absent-minded; confused, muddled, bemused.

derangement, n. 1. disarrangement, disorder, disorganization, disarray; upset, muss; misarrange-
ment, misplacement, displacement, dislocation.

2. incapacitation, weakening, devitalization, disable-
ment, invalidation; enfeeblement, debilitation.

3. discomposition, perturbation, disconcertion, disconcertment; agitation, distress, disturbance, trouble, confusion.

4. insanity, insanneness, madness, lunacy, Psychiatr.

5. psychosis, neurosis, psychoneurosis; schizophrenia, Psychiatry, dementia praecox, monomania, automania, dipsomania, pyromania, delusion of grandeur; senility, anility, dotage, Psychiatry. amen-
tia; Psychol. kleptomania, Psychol. split personality; All Psychiatry. melancholia, hypochondria, paranoia, mania, lyssophobia, fugue, alienation, delusion.

6. frenzy, frantickness, furor, delirium, phrenitis, anoesis, hysteria; Pathol. delirium tremens, blue devils, SI. the horrors, SI. jimjams; ranting, raving, storming, foaming at the mouth; wildness, fierceness, violence.

derelict, adj. 1. abandoned, forsaken, deserted, neglected; relinquished, given up, left behind, Naut. (of a ship) a hull; discarded, rejected, cast off or away or aside; shunned, scorned, outcast, forlorn; bereft, adrift, alone, solitary, lonely, desolate; destitute, desperate, helpless, hopeless, wretched, mournful, unfortunite, friendless.

2. negligent, neglectful, remiss, delinquent, Inf.
asleep at the wheel or at the switch or on the job; in-
delicate, lazy, slothful, laggard, shiftless, do-nothing, fain't; slack, loose, lax, sloppy, slipshod; dilatory, delaying, procrastinative, cunctatious, cunctatory.

—n. 3. vagrant, beachcomber, tramp, hob; beg-
gar, scavenger, parasite, leech, scrounger, scavenger; outcast, pariah; degenerate, deviate, SI. lowlife; down-and-out, Inf. bum, SI. stumblebum, SI. streetwalker.

4. delinquent, do-nothing, shirker, loafer, malingerer; dweller, dawler, time-killer; idle, ne'er-do-well, SI. goof-off, SI. goldbrick, Both Chiefly Brit. good-for-nothing, wastrel.

dereliction, n. 1. negligence, negligency, neglect, delinquency, remissness, Obs. indolgence; laxity, slackness, looseness, Fr. laissez-aller; slovenliness, sloppiness, shoddiness; carelessness, inaccuracy, inexactitude, inexactness.

2. disregard, omission, oversight, inattention, default, Law. laches; disregardsfulness, inattentiveness, forgetfulness, neglectfulness, incaution, incautious-
ness, heedlessness, inadvertence, inadvertency.

3. languor, languidness, inextinction, indolence, otiosity, otioseness, laziness, idleness, sloth, dilatari-
ness, procrastination, delay, cunctation; nonchalance, insouciance, improvidence, imprudence, imprudency, indiscernion.

4. noninterference, laissez-faire, passiveness, passivi-
ty, faineance; nonobservance, nonperformance, non-
cooperation, transgression.

5. fault, wrongdoing, shortcoming; infraction, viola-
tion, transgression.

6. abandonment, desertion, forsaking; rejection, renunciation, abdication, disavowal, relinquishment; defection, heresy, apostasy, recreation, recreancy.

deride, v. 1. scoff at, mock, jeer, ridicule, knock, gird at; fleer, laugh at, guy, Australian. chuck, taunt, gibe, twitch, rag; tease, rally, Inf. roast, banter, chaff, rib, kid, SI. razz; flout, scorn, sneer at, disdain, pooh-pooh; scout, contemn, curl one's lip at; hiss, boo, hoot at, heckle, catcall, whistle at, rail at, cry down; Inf. thumb one's nose at, U.S. give [s.o.] the raspberry or Bronx cheer.

2. make fun of, lampoon, satirize, parody, pas-
quinade; make sport of, make a fool out of, make the butt of, SI. make an ass of; insult, detract, belittle, run down, disparage; slur, slander, abuse, vilify, harass.

derision, n. 1. ridicule, mockery, sarcasm, scoff-
derisive, adj. scornful, derisory, jeering, disdainful; sarcastic, sardonic, parodic, satirical.

derivable, adj. traceable, attributable, imputable, assignable; accountable, referable, explicable; deducible, inferable, educible, concludable; obtainable, evolvable, elicitable, extractable.

derivation, n. 1. drawing, accounting, deriving, inferring, concluding; acquisition, obtaining, borrowing, procurement.

2. origin, source, spring, wellspring; fountainhead, fountain, fount, springhead; foundation, origin, beginning, commencement; cause, causation, Latin, fons et origo; development, rise, evolution, growth; formation, root, etymology.

3. derivative, illation, induction; conclusion, inference, deduction, consequence, corollary.

derivative, adj. derived, acquired, borrowed, gotten, obtained, procured; derivational, illative, inferential, eductive, deductive, extractive.

4. secondary, unoriginal, imitative; warmed-over, rehashed, thinly disguised.

derive, v. 1. extract, obtain, procure, secure, get, gain; bring forth, evolve, evoke, elicit, educe; glean, winnow, cull, reap, harvest, collect, gather.

2. trace, track, follow back, etymologize, root out.

3. infer, deduce, presume, suppose; guess, deem, opine, esteem, reckon; conclude, surmise, reason, draw an inference or conclusion, arrive at.

4. originate, arise, spring from, flow from; proceed, come, steam, hail.

derogate, v. 1. discredit, disfavor, make disreputable, injure or impair the credit or reputation of; censure, reproach, inveigh against; reduce, lower, degrade, downgrade, debase, abuse, vitiate; shame, disgrace, dishonor; humiliate, humble, mortify, slay, put down.

2. belittle, disparage, demean, depreciate, deflate, detract, decry, Inf. talk down; devalue, depreciate, cheapen, lessen, decrease, diminish, bate, abate, attenuate, boil down, shrivel, wither, mitigate; minimize, slight, understate, underrate, undervalue, beggar, extenuate, underreckon, misprize, think nothing of, set no store by, fail to count on; deemphasize, underplay, make light of, Inf. play down; lampoon, pasquinade, caricature, satirize; ridicule, mock, poke fun at, laugh at, sneer at, jeer at, jibe at; disdain, deride, condemn, scoff, scorn, pooh-pooh.

3. defame, denigrate, vilify, vituperate, vilipend, scandalize, malign, gibbet, run down, impugn, berate, revile, Inf. knock, Inf. rap, speak ill of, speak evil of; SL. badmouth, SL. pooh-pooh, backbite; slander, libel, calumniate, traduce, falsify, accuse falsely, impute, asperse, insinuate; injure, abuse, insult, attack, assail, stab, SL. dump on, SL. trash; criticize, pull to pieces, cut up, shred, SL. do a number on, SL. do a hatchet job on.

4. (all of oneself) degenerate, deteriorate, decline, sink, worsen, retrogress, retrograde, run to seed; go to pot, go bad, lapse, fail, crumble, disintegrate; deprave, defile, corrupt, pervert.

5. grovel, crawl, creep, slither, worm, wallow; lie prone, stoop, bow, crouch, slouch; cringe, cower, quake, shake, tremble; be servile, behave abjectly, lick [s.o.'s] feet or boots; (all of oneself) degrade, abase, prostrate.

derogation, n. 1. discredit, disfavor, obloquy, loss of face, censure, reproach, negative, reflection, anathema, disapprobation, disapprobation, censure, disapproval, condemnation, execration, vilification, commutation, fulmination, malediction; degradation, debasement, abasement, vitiation, reduction, lowering; shame, disgrace, dishonor; humiliation, humble pie, mortification.

2. defamation, denigration, vilification, scandal, scandalization, scandalmongering, abuse, injury, attack, scurrility, running down, gibbet, backbiting, SL. badmouth, SL. poorness; slander, libel, calumnium, calumniation, traducement, falsification, misrepresentation, false accusation, slur, imputation, aspersion, insinuation, innuendo, Inf. brickbat.

3. belittlement, disparagement, depreciation, deflation, detraction, Inf. talking down; depreciation, diminution, decrease, attenuation, mitigation, bating, cheapening, lessen; minimization, dispraise, underestimation, extenuation, undervaluing, underestimating, beggar; lampoon, pasquinade, squib, caricature, satire, satirization; sarcasm, ridicule, mockery, jeer, jibe, scoff, sneer; disdain, derision, contempt, scorn, contumely.

4. degeneration, deterioration, decline, retrogression, retrogradation, lapse, failure, disintegration; deprecation, defilement, corruption, perversion.

5. servility, abjection, abjectedness, abjectness, prostration, self-abasement.

derogatory, adj. 1. discreditin', disfavorable, unfavorable, disapproving, disapprobatory, disapprobative; censuring, reproachful, opprobrious, impeaching, slating, inveighing, reproving, reviling, reprehensive, reprobative, reproving.

2. belittling, disparaging, demeaning, deflating, derogative, derogatory, derogatory, detractive, detracting, depreciating, depreciative, deprecating, devaluing, cheapening, lessening, decreasing, bating, diminishing, attenuating, mitigating; minimizing, underestimating, undervaluating, beggar, ex tenuating, underreckoning, deprecating, deprecating, devaluing, Inf. downplaying; humiliating, humbling, mortifying; lampooning, caricaturing, ridiculing, mocking, jeering, sneering, jibing; disdainful, derisive, derisory, deriding, sneer, contemptuous, scornful, satirical, sarcastic, biting, caustic, vitriolic, acrimonious, scathing.

3. defamatory, denigrating, vituperative, vilifying, vilipendatory; slanderous, libelous, calumnious, calumniatory, traducent, false, untrue, maliciously false or untrue, misrepresentation, aspersive, imputative, insinuating, abusive, hurtful, scurrilous, injurious, contemptuous, insulting, foulmouthed, backbiting.

descant, v. 1. sing, warble, croon, trill, peal.

2. comment on, discourse, relate; elaborate, expatiate, dilate, amplify, dissertate, expand, enlarge, spell out; harp on, dwell on, hammer away at, beat into the ground, insist, hammer, digress, deviate, wander, ramble, branch out, go off on a tangent; speechify, perorate, orate, harangue, rant, spiel.

descend, v. 1. come down, go down, move down, climb down; drop, fall, subside, slope, gravitate, set down, land on; decline, set; plummet, plunge, sink, dip, dive, submerge, founder, immerse; tumble, slump, topple, drop, trip, stumble, lurch, careen; hit the
descent, 1. drop, fall, plunge, sinking, downfall.

desecration, defilement, profaning, profaneness, v.

descendants, n. pl. 1. offspring, offshoots, progeny, issue, seed, posterity, scions; family, children, sons, daughters, brood; spawn, breed, race, lineage, strain.

desert, n. 1. drop, fall, plunging, downrush; subsidence, settling; drop, slip, trip, stumble, tumble, lurch, careen.

2. slope, grade, gradient; decline, declivity, declination, downgrade; incline, inclination; ramp, chute, slide, down-stairway, Mining. downcast.

3. ancestry, parentage, origin, roots; lineage, genealogy, paternity, heredity, family tree; succession, filiation, sonship; pedigree, stock, line, blood, strain, extraction, derivation, breed.

4. moral decline, deterioration, degradation, debasement, abatement, debauchery; lapse, backslide, fall from grace, recidivism; downfall, comedown, setback.

5. assault, attack, pounce, swoop, charge.

5. spring, derive, issue; be the product or offspring or descendant of; be passed down or on through generations, be handed down.

6. attack, assault, assail, pounce, raid, invade, swoop, charge.

descendants, n. pl. 1. offspring, offshoots, progeny, issue, seed, posterity, scions; family, children, sons, daughters, brood; spawn, breed, race, lineage, strain.

2. adherents, disciples, followers, protégés, pupils.

descent, n. 1. drop, fall, plunging, downrush; subsidence, settling; drop, slip, trip, stumble, tumble, lurch, careen.

2. slope, grade, gradient; decline, declivity, declination, downgrade; incline, inclination; ramp, chute, slide, down-stairway, Mining. downcast.

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desert, v. 1. abandon, forsake, leave behind, throw over, jilt, run out on, Inf. leave flat, Inf. leave in the lurch, turn one's back on; ignore, cut off, neglect, ostracize.

2. betray, turn traitor, Sl. sell down the river, Sl. rat out or rat out on; apostatize, defect; repudiate, abjure, reject, disown, renounce; renegade, bail out, Inf. back out of, back-pedal, Inf. back away from, back off on, Inf. cop out.

3. leave, depart, quit, go away from, evacuate; secede, withdraw from; flee, fly, bolt, take to one's heels, turn tail, cut and run.

4. relinquish, abdicate, give up, yield, let go, resign.

5. (usu. in reference to military duty) run away, Inf. run, go AWOL; make off, sneak off, abscond, decamp, take French leave.

desert, n. 1. Often deserts just reward, due, right, birthright, Literary. guerdon, Archaic. meed; requital, recompense, compensation; just punishment, Inf. comeuppance, Inf. what's coming to one, All SI. (usu. with get) his, hers, yours, theirs.

2. merit, worth, excellence, value, quality, virtue, integrity; guilt, culpability, blamability; responsibility, accountability, answerability.

3. relinquishment, abnegation, resignation, abdication, renunciation, disavowal, recantation, denial.

4. flight, escape, evasion, elusion; departure, decampment, evacuation.

5. (usu. in reference to military duty) running away or off; absence without leave; going AWOL.

deserve, v. merit, be worthy of, be qualified for; earn, be entitled to, have a right to, have a claim to; have [s.t.] coming to one.

deserved, adj. merited, earned; just, rightful, right, due, equitable, fair; fitting, (of punishment) condign, suitable, appropriate, meet, reasonable, justified, justifiable.

deserving, adj. worthy, qualified; laudable, praiseful.
worthy, commendable, admirable; estimable, meritorious, creditable; virtuous, righteous, upright, dutiful, good; exemplary, sterling, excellent.

designatum, n. hope, dream, wish, heart’s desire, desire, aspiration, ideal; need, want, lack; essential, Latin, sine qua non; aim, goal, ambition; objective, object, end, mark, determination.

design, v. 1. plan, plot, scheme, draw up plans, work out, block out, map out, shape out a course; organize, arrange, set up; contrive, devise, develop; fashion, fabricate, frame, make, effect, produce; shape, form, mold, forge; construct, build, rear, erect.

2. depict, delineate, sketch, draft, outline roughly, lay out; trace out, figure, draw the lines of; portray, paint, represent; define, detail, Archaic. limm.

3. originate, invent, innovate; coin, imagine, conceive, Inf. dream up, Inf. hatch; visualize, envisage.

4. intend, purpose, mean, have in mind to do, have in view, aim at, aspire to.

—n. 5. delineation, depiction, drawing; preliminary sketch, rough draft, draft; outline, blueprint, plan, layout; chart, diagram, map, study.

6. arrangement, organization, configuration; composition, make-up, constitution, construction; structure, formation, system.

7. motif, pattern, style, Fine Arts. cartoon; model, prototype, Archaic. copy, archetype; form, shape, figure.

8. scheme, proposal, program, project, scenario, script; contrivance, expedition, stratagem, device, artifice, shift, invention.

9. plot, intrigue, conspiracy, cabal; machination, wirepulling, manipulation; designs, evil intentions, hostile or aggressive conniving.

10. intention, purpose, intent, view, point, drift, reason, resolution; objective, object, purport, determination; end, destination, target, mark, bull’s-eye; thought, cogitation, expectation; hope, dream, wish, desire, desideratum, aspiration; goal, ambition.

designate, v. 1. indicate, signify, denote, signal; mark or point out, show, make known, express, formulate, mention, note; specify, state in detail, stipulate; particularize, individualize, pinpoint; earmark, set aside.

2. characterize, depict, represent, illustrate; describe, define, delineate, outline.

3. name, denominate, call, term, style, nickname, dub; entitle, address; christen, baptize; identify, label.

4. appoint, nominate, delegate; select, choose; elect, vote in, place in office, induct, ordain; assign, appropriate, consign, delegate, allot.

designation, n. 1. indication, signification, denotation, pointing out, showing; expression, formulation, notation; specification, stipulation, particularization, individualization.

2. appellation, name, title, honorific, style; epithet, apppellative, by-word, label, tag; nickname, Sl. moniker, sobriquet, cognomen, agnomen, by-name, pet name, diminutive; pseudonym, anonymity, alias, pen name, stage name.

3. appointment, nomination, delegation; selection, choice, election; induction, ordination; assignment, appropriation, consignment, relegation, allotment.

4. nature, character, condition; sort, kind, class, ilk, variety, type.

designate, adv. intentionally, purposefully, on purpose, willfully, of one’s own free will, volitionally, voluntarily on one’s own; premeditatedly, premeditatingly, with aforethought, predeterminedly; meditatively, meditatively, studiously, considerably; preconcertedly, deliberately, calculatedly, wittingly, knowingly, with one’s eyes wide open, in cold blood.

designer, n. 1. creator, inventor, deviser, artificer, fashioner, craftsman, artist; founder, originator, author, producer; architect, draftsman, drawer, delineator, sketcher, pattern maker; styler, decorator; molder, sculptor, carver; engraver, chaser, painter, limner, illustrator, cartoonist, caricaturist.

2. schemer, intriguer, machinist, conspirator, conducer, plotter, planner, contriver.

designing, adj. 1. scheming, calculating, intriguing, conspiring, plotting, conniving; guileful, doubledealing, tricky, wily, sharp, shrewd, politic, artful, crafty, Machiavellian, cunning, sly, snaky, foxy, subtle, insidious, collusive, circumventive, prevaricative, stealthy, treacherous, deceitful, dishonest, unscrupulous, untrustworthy, crooked; deceitful, insincere, disingenuous, false, mendacious, untruthful.

2. provident, cautious, prudent, careful, heedful, mindful.

desirable, adj. 1. agreeable, pleasing, attractive, inviting, charming, winning, taking, captivating; admirable, estimable, valuable, worthy, excellent, superior, superb, fine, goodly; first-rate, first-class, prime; popular, in demand, eligible.

2. advisable, recommendable; fitting, proper, meet, seemly; expedient, profitable, remunerative, gainful, advantageous, beneficial.

desire, v. 1. wish for, long for, desire, wish, yearn for, hope for, care for, pine for, sigh for; hanker after, have a yen for, covet, fancy, have a fancy for; have an eye to, be attracted to, have a mind to, have at heart, be bent upon; be inclined towards, be prone to, be predisposed towards, prefer; aspire to, emulate; set one’s heart on; crave, hunger, thirst, relish; lust after, burn for, Inf. be wild or mad about, Sl. have the hots for, Inf. letch after; eye, eyeball.

2. ask for, request, summon, solicit, importune; petition, entreat, urge, plead; beseech, beg, implore, supplicate, adjure; endeavor to obtain, appeal for, apply to; requisition, order, demand, require.

—n. 3. longing, wish, wishing, desideration, want, wanting; yearning, hope, hoping, pining, sighing, hankering, Inf. yen, Sl. itch, fondness, liking; attraction, aspiration, emulation, ambition; inclination, predilection, preference, propensity, proclivity; predisposition, predisposedness, bent, leaning, disposition; fancy, fancying, coveting, covetousness, eagerness, ardor, craving; appetite, appetite, hunger, thirst, ravenousness; relish, rapaciousness, voracity, voraciousness; avidity, greed, greediness, cupidity, avarice, graspingness; frenzy, mania, craze, rage.

4. request, solicitation, importunity; petition, entreaty, adjuration, urge, urging; pleading, beseeching, beseechings, begging, imploring, imploringness, imploration; supplication, prayer, appeal; application, requisition, demand, call, summons, order, requirement.

5. lust, lustfulness, concupiscence, libido, sexual appetite or urge, aphrodisia; lewdness, bawdiness, Archaic. bawdry, wantonness; lasciviousness, salaciousness, salaciousness, salacity, lubricity, licentiousness; carnal passion, prurience, pruriencey, Pathol. satyrization, Pathol. nymphomania; lechery, lecherousness, Sl. itch, Sl. the hots, burning; (all of animals) heat, rut, estrus; eroticism, erotism, sensuality, sexuality.

desired, adj. 1. yearned for, longed for, pined for, wished for, hoped for; aspired, emulated, coveted, hankered after, fancied, envied, craved, desired after.

2. correct, proper, precise, exact, accurate, right; specific, particular, express; required, necessary, appropriate, characteristic, individual; selected, chosen, picked, preferred, decided upon.
desirous, adj. 1. desiring, eager, fain, longing, yearning, desiderative; wishing, wishful, pining, hopping, hopeful; partial to, inclined, prone to, ready, willing, impatient, Sl. itchy, anxious, overanxious.
2. enthusiastic, enthused, Inf. wild, agog, Inf. psychod or psyched up; stimulated, excited, aroused, Inf. hot; lusting after, Sl. hot for, mad about, Inf. dy ing for, Inf. wild about, infatuated; inflamed, fired up, burning, impassioned, passionate; fervent, fervid, perfervid, ardent, zealous, spirited.
3. ambitious, emulous, aspiring; enterprising, up-and-coming, pushing, Inf. pushy, aggressive.
4. avid, greedy, craving; appetitive, hungry, thirsty; pushy, aggressive, and-coming, pushing, or psyched up; stimulated, excited, aroused, Inf. hot; lusting after, Inf. SI. hot for, mad about, Inf. "hot for, wild about, Inf. envious, enthused, wild, agog, Inf. psychod or psyched up; stimulated, excited, aroused, Inf. hot; lusting after, Sl. hot for, mad about, Inf. dying for, Inf. wild about, infatuated; inflamed, fired up, burning, impassioned, passionate; fervent, fervid, perfervid, ardent, zealous, spirited.
5. desolation, n. 1. destruction, ruin, holocaust, devastation, waste, wreckage, ravagement; extermination, extirpation, obliteration, annihilation; nothingness, void, non-being, nullity, nonexistence, absolute, absence.
2. devastation, waste, wreckage, ravagement; extermination, extirpation, obliteration, annihilation; nothingness, void, non-being, nullity, nonexistence, absolute, absence.
3. dreariness, barrenness, gloom, gloominess, desolation, desolation; bleakness, emptiness, darkness, blackness, barrenness.
4. loneliness, lonesomeness, forlornness; solitude, solitariness, isolation, sequestration, seclusion.
5. desolationateness, desponsency, despair, dejection, depression; sorrow, grief, dolor, affliction, tribulation; woe, anguish, misery, wretchedness, agony, suffering; sadness, melancholy, dolefulness.
6. vastness, Archaic. vastness, emptiness, wilderness, desert, wasteland.
despair. n. 1. hopelessness, disheartenment, disheartenment, despondency, despair, dejection, depression; sorrow, grief, dolor, anguish, despair, desolationateness, unconsolability.
2. gloom, melancholy, melancholia, misery, miseries, wretchedness, distress, broken-heartedness; grief, sorrow, dolor, anguish; desperation, desolationateness, unconsolability.
3. tribulation, trial, ordeal; heartache, pain, suffering, burden, cross; incubus, nightmare; extremity, anxiety, nemesis, bane, scourge, curse, plague, bother, nuisance.
4. lose hope of, despond, give up, surrender, quit, Sl. pack it in, give up the ship, cry quits, cry craven, throw in the towel, throw in the sponge; resign oneself to, grin and bear it, lie down and die; take one’s own life, commit suicide or hari-kari, Inf. over-dose, Sl. O.D., Sl. brodie, Sl. take the gas, Sl. take a powder.
despairing, adj. 1. despondent, disconsolate, comfortless, suicidal; deserted, depressed, melancholy, forlorn, downcast, Inf. down; wretched, miserable, broken-hearted, heartbroken; grieving, sorrowing, lamenting; grief-stricken, cheerless, sad; plain-tive, woeful, woebegone, rueful, sorrowful, dolorous, funereal; discouraged, disheartened, daunted, intimidated; concerned, worried, anxious.
2. desperate, yielding, giving up, grasping at straws; reckless, rash, impetuous, foolhardy, harebrained; in-cautious, imprudent, injudicious; dangerous, risky, hazardous, daring, bold; frantic, mad, violent, wild, passionate, frenzied.
2. highwayman, footpad, Sl. yegg or yeggman, bandit, Sp. bandolero, outlaw, Southwest U.S. ladrones, Australian. bushranger, bravo, brigand; picaroon, rogue, (in India and Burma) dacoit.
3. pirate, rover, viking, corsair, buccaneer, privateer; freebooter, rapparee, (in the Scottish Highlands) cateran; pillager, plunderer, marauder, desperado, depredator, ransacker, sacker, looter, rifler, forager, raider.
4. malefactor, miscreant, villain, hellhound, fiend, knave, blackguard; lawbreaker, felon, cutthroat, murderer, robber, thief.
desperate. adj. 1. reckless, rash, precipitate, hasty, overhasty, impetuous; ill-conceived, headlong, break-neck, madcap, foolhardy, harebrained; in-cautious, imprudent, indiscrimet, injudicious; dangerous, risky, hazardous, death-defying, daring, bold; frantic, mad, violent, wild, passionate, frenzied, frenetic; furious, infuriated, rabid, rampant, raging, turbulent, tumultuous.
2. urgent, compelling, pressing; acute, critical, crucial; perilous, hazardous, precarious.
3. beyond hope, hopeless, despair of, lost, irredeemable; beyond recovery, irrecoverable, irrevocable, past cure, incurable, irremediable, remediless; beyond repair, irreparable, irretrievable, ir reclaimable; serious, grave, fatal, deadly.
desperation, adj. 

v. Ar- 

plunder, pillage, rob, spoliate, despoil.  

1. n. despoliation,  1. desperation, n.  

prep. 1. notwithstanding, regardless of, in  

despise, v. 1. scorn, disdain, contemn, spurn, mis-

4. shocking, outrageous, intolerable, bad; deplorable, lamentable, distressing, woeful.  

5. great, intense, extreme, excessive, extravagant; supreme, monstrous, prodigious, all-out; final, ultimate, last-ditch, do-or-die; futile, useless.  

6. despairing, yielding, giving up, grasping at straws; despondent, inconsolable, wretched, suicidal; downcast; forlorn, broken-hearted.  

desperation, n. 1. recklessness, rashness, fool-hardiness, impetuosity, imprudence, boldness; frenzy, passion, riots, madhouse, fury.  

2. urgency, pressure, compulsion; acuteness, criticalness, crucialness; seriousness, gravity, graveness, importance.  

3. hopelessness, despair, despondency, slough of despond, doldrums, drums, blues; hopelessness, disheartenment, dismay, discouragement; defeatism, pessimism.  

2. gloom, melancholy, melancholia, misery, miseries, wretchedness, distress, broken-heartedness; grief, sadness, sorrow, dolor, anguish; disconsolate- ness, unconsolability, desperation.  

Despondent, inconsolable, wretched, suicidal; down-at-the-heel, out in the towel, thrown in the sponge; falter, give way, sink, droop, pine away; mope, mourn, lament, grieve, sorrow.  

Despondency, n. 1. depression, depression, moribundness, Psychia try, hypochondria; slough of despond, doldrums, drums, blues; hopelessness, disheartenment, dismay, discouragement; defeatism, pessimism.  

2. gloom, melancholy, melancholia, misery, miseries, wretchedness, distress, broken-heartedness; grief, sadness, sorrow, dolor, anguish; disconsolate- ness, unconsolability, desperation.  

Despondent, adj. deserted, decrepit, Sl. bummed out, weighed down, burdened, Inf. broken, hypochondriac, hypochondriacal; disheartened, dispirited, low-spirited, Brit. hipped, downhearted, downcast, down, Inf. down in the dumps; discouraged, daunted, dis- 

tressed, crestfallen, broken-hearted, heartbroken, 

heartick, Inf. broken-up; cheerless, glum, gloomy, doleful, Archaic wan; saddened, sad, blue, forlorn, melancholy, mopey, mopish; miserable, morose, woe- 

begone, heavy-hearted, disconsolate, sorrowful, mournful, lachrymose, funereal.  

despot, n. autocrat, dictator, tyrant, oppressor; monarch, autarch, absolute or supreme ruler, monarch, sovereign, emperor; lord, master, overlord.  

Despotic, adj. 1. tyrannical, tyrannous, oppressive, despotic; iron-handed, strict, harsh, severe, hard, stern, authoritarian; monarchatical, lordly, haughty, arrogant, overbearing, domineering; imperious, dictatorial, peremptory, high-handed, Inf. bossy.  

2. autocratic, absolute, unlimited, omnipotent, all-powerful, totalitarian, monocratic.  

Despotism, n. 1. absolutism, totalitarianism, autocracy, monarchy, one-man rule, one-party rule; czarism, Caesarism, kaiserism, Stalinism, imperialism; U.S. (us. of politics) bossism.  

2. supremacy, sovereignty, absolute power or control, uncontrolled or unlimited authority, complete control, domination; iron hand or fist, iron rod, iron rule; tyranny, oppression, repression, suppression.  

3. autocracy, autarchy, dictatorship, totalitarian state, absolute monarchy, sovereignty, sovereign state.  

Subscription, n. 1. place or point of debarkation, where [s.o.] is going or bound, where [s.o.] gets off, 

journey’s end; stop, stopping place, landing place, station, port of call; terminus, last stop, end of the line, end of the road, Railroads: terminal.  

2. purpose, intent, intention, design; reason, motive, motivation, raison d’être; goal, objective, object, end, aim.  

Destine, v. 1. design, intend, purpose, mean, resolve, determine, set; designate, dedicate, allot, Obs. appoint; mark, earmark, tag, set apart or aside; consecrate, devote; reserve, Brit. bespeak; plan, project.  

2. fate, ordain, doom, Rare. designate; predetermine, predestine, Obs. predestinate, preordain, foreordain, foreordinate, predecide, foredoom, Inf. have in store for.  

Destined, adj. 1. bound for, on the way to or towards, Inf. headed for; routed, booked, scheduled.  

2. designed, intended, meant, determined, set; designated, dedicated, allotted; engaged, reserved, Brit.  

banditry, highway robbery, Obs. latrocinny, privateer- 

ing, filibustering; robbery, theft, thievry, stealing.  

4. disposition, deprivation, deprival, divestiture, bereavement, Law. disseizin; confiscation, appropriation, expropriation.  

Despond, v. be depressed, be cast down, despair; lose hope of, lose heart, give up, surrender, quit, Sl. pack it in, give up the ship, cry quits, cry craven, throw in the towel, throw in the sponge; falter, give way, sink, droop, pine away; mope, mourn, lament, grieve, sorrow.  

Despondency, n. 1. depression, depression, moribundness, Psychia try, hypochondria; slough of despond, doldrums, drums, blues; hopelessness, disheartenment, dismay, discouragement; defeatism, pessimism.  

2. gloom, melancholy, melancholia, misery, miseries, wretchedness, distress, broken-heartedness; grief, sadness, sorrow, dolor, anguish; disconsolate- ness, unconsolability, desperation.  

Despondent, adj. deserted, decrepit, Sl. bummed out, weighed down, burdened, Inf. broken, hypochondriac, hypochondriacal; disheartened, dispirited, low-spirited, Brit. hipped, downhearted, downcast, down, Inf. down in the dumps; discouraged, daunted, dis- 

tressed, crestfallen, broken-hearted, heartbroken, 

heartick, Inf. broken-up; cheerless, glum, gloomy, doleful, Archaic wan; saddened, sad, blue, forlorn, melancholy, mopey, mopish; miserable, morose, woe- 

begone, heavy-hearted, disconsolate, sorrowful, mournful, lachrymose, funereal.  

despot, n. autocrat, dictator, tyrant, oppressor; monarch, autarch, absolute or supreme ruler, monarch, sovereign, emperor; lord, master, overlord.  

Despotic, adj. 1. tyrannical, tyrannous, oppressive, despotic; iron-handed, strict, harsh, severe, hard, stern, authoritarian; monarchatical, lordly, haughty, arrogant, overbearing, domineering; imperious, dictatorial, peremptory, high-handed, Inf. bossy.  

2. autocratic, absolute, unlimited, omnipotent, all-powerful, totalitarian, monocratic.  

Despotism, n. 1. absolutism, totalitarianism, autocracy, monarchy, one-man rule, one-party rule; czarism, Caesarism, kaiserism, Stalinism, imperialism; U.S. (us. of politics) bossism.  

2. supremacy, sovereignty, absolute power or control, uncontrolled or unlimited authority, complete control, domination; iron hand or fist, iron rod, iron rule; tyranny, oppression, repression, suppression.  

3. autocracy, autarchy, dictatorship, totalitarian state, absolute monarchy, sovereignty, sovereign state.  

Subscription, n. 1. place or point of debarkation, where [s.o.] is going or bound, where [s.o.] gets off, 

journey’s end; stop, stopping place, landing place, station, port of call; terminus, last stop, end of the line, end of the road, Railroads: terminal.  

2. purpose, intent, intention, design; reason, motive, motivation, raison d’être; goal, objective, object, end, aim.  

Destine, v. 1. design, intend, purpose, mean, resolve, determine, set; designate, dedicate, allot, Obs. appoint; mark, earmark, tag, set apart or aside; consecrate, devote; reserve, Brit. bespeak; plan, project.  

2. fate, ordain, doom, Rare. designate; predetermine, predestine, Obs. predestinate, preordain, foreordain, foreordinate, predecide, foredoom, Inf. have in store for.  

Destined, adj. 1. bound for, on the way to or towards, Inf. headed for; routed, booked, scheduled.  

2. designed, intended, meant, determined, set; designated, dedicated, allotted; engaged, reserved, Brit.  

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3. fated, fatal, ordained, doomed, Rare. destined, Obs. destined, Obs. destinable; written, in the cards, on the books; predetermined, predestined, predestinate, predestinated, preordained, foreordained, foredoomed, predecided.
4. certain, sure, sure as death, sure as death and taxes, fateful; inevitable, unavoidable, inescapable, ineluctable, ineludible.
5. liable to, bound to; planning to, intending to, meaning to, aiming to; planning on, counting on, figuring on; plotting to, scheming to, conspiring to, contriving to.

destiny, n. 1. fate, fortune, lot, cup, portion, die, doom, Archaic. foredoom, Chiefly Scot. weird, writing on the wall, Brit. Inf. cup of tea; karma, kismet, Obs. destin or destine.
2. destination, future, ultimate future; hereafter, otherworld, world to come, next world; the beyond, great beyond; the unknown, great unknown; the grave, eternal home.
3. predetermination, predestination, God's will, Fortune's wheel, wheel of fortune; stars, planets, chance, happenstance, fortuity, serendipity; accident, coincidence, contingency, contingency; uncertainty, potluck, luck, fortune; heads or tails, roll or cast or toss or throw of the dice; vicissitudes, ups and downs, fickle finger of fate, way things fall, Inf. the breaks, Inf. how the cookie crumbles, Inf. how the ball bounces.
4. Chance, Fortune, Lady or Dame Fortune, Fortune, Luck, Lady Luck.


destitute, adj. 1. poverty-stricken, impoverished, penurious, impeccunious, beggarly, pauperized; indigent, poor, needy, necessitous, bad off, badly off; pinched, straitened, distressed, Inf. strapped, Inf. up against it, Inf. on one's uppers, Inf. hard up; financially embarrassed, out of cash, Inf. short, Brit. Sl. skint, All Inf. broke, dead broke, flat broke, stone broke; bankrupt, ruined, wiped out, Inf. on the rocks, insolvent, overdrawn, in the red; down and out, out at the elbows, down at the heels, seedy.
2. Usu. destitute of deprived, deprived, deficient, bereft, bereaved; lacking, wanting, in need; without, sans.
3. Helpless, stranded, high and dry, Sl. up the creek, Inf. over a barrel; defenseless, unprotected, unprovided, unsupplied; exposed, naked, vulnerable.

destination, n. 1. poverty, penury, indigence, impecuniousness, impeccuniosity, beggary, pennilessness, neediness; insolvency, bankruptcy, liquidation; distress, straits, indebtedness; pauperism, pauperage, pauperdom, mendicancy, mendicity.
2. lack, want, need; absence, default, scarcity, insufficiency; paucity, dearth, shortage, deficiency; exhaustion, depletion, scantiness, meagerness; deprivation, starvation, famine, drought.

destroy, v. 1. demolish, wipe out, pulverize, wreck, Sl. total, knock to pieces; raze, gut, fell, prostrate, level; pull down, tear down, take down, bring down, break down, throw down, cast down, beat down, knock down; shatter, crash, smash, batter, break; fracture, splinter, tear, crack, split, rend, tear apart, wrench apart; explode, burst, fulfill, implode; blast, blow up, bomb; mutilate, mangle, maim, make mincemeat of; mar, damage, spoil, mark, spot, stain; disfigure, scar, deface, blemish.
2. devastate, desolate, lay waste; ravage, work havoc upon, ruin, Dial. ruinate, bring to ruin, bring to naught, lay in ruins; despoil, rob, plunder, gut, pillage,ransack; vandalize, waste, Sl. trash.
3. quash, crush, subdue, quell, stifle, suppress, squelch, vanquish, squash; cut short, shoot down, Inf. cook one's goose, Inf. put the kibosh on, nip, nip in the bud; terminate, check, put an end to, dissolve, stop; overthrow, overwhelm, overturn, overcome; subvert, topple, cause the downfall of, upset, defeat, conquer; damn, seal the doom of, curse; annihilate, disintegrate, exterminate, extirpate.
4. erase, efface, eradicate, expunge, obliterate; blot out, sponge out, wipe out, rub out, cancel, strike out; scratch out, blue-pencil, delete, Print. dele, x out, cross out, mark off.
5. undo, unmake, unbuild, dismantle, disassemble, take apart.
6. kill, kill off, slay, slaughter, end, put an end to, make an end of, bring an end to; murder, sacrifice, dispose of, finish, finish off, Sl. do in, Sl. zap; assassinate, get rid of, mow down, do away with, put out of the way, Inf. wipe out, remove, massacre, liquidate, decimate; extinguish, quench, snuff out, put out, stamp out, smother, stifle, choke; devour, swallow up, consume, eat away; drown, strangle, set fire to, shipwreck, submerge, shoot, garrote, hang, knife, decapitate.
7. annul, nullify, disannul, declare null and void, render null and void, void, avoid; quash, invalidate, vitiate, vacate, disenact, disestablish; cancel, discharge; supersede, set aside; repeal, revoke, rescind, reverse, abrogate, abolish; suspend, Law. nol-pros, stop, discontinue, break off, countermand, counterorder, override, overrule; veto, negate.
8. disprove, refute, confute, rebut; dispute, deny, oppose, controvert, counter; contradict, belie, negate; overturn, overthrow, subvert; expose, reveal, unmask; discredit, disbarge, demean, debase.
9. weaken, undermine, enfeeble, debilitate; enervate, exhaust, sap, devitalize; disable, cripple, paralyze.
10. neutralize, frustrate; counterpoise, counterbalance, counteract, overbalance, outweigh.
destroyer, n. 1. demolisher, desolator, despoiler; wrecker, mutilator; robber, plunderer, ransacker, vandal; effacer, eliminator, eradicator, expunger.
2. annihilator, exterminator, killer, slayer, man-slayer, slaughterer, dealer of destruction; murderer, Cain, assassin, assassin, cutthroat, stranger, butcher, poisoner; executioner, gunman, hangman, decapitator, guillotiner, lynch, Inf. hatchet man, Sl. hit man; incendiary, arsonist.
3. savage, cannibal, barbarian, Goth, Hun.
4. iconoclast, nihilist, anarchist.
5. plague, pestilence, epidemic, pandemic, scourge; explosive, submarine, warship, torpedo, bomb.
destruction, n. 1. demolition, wipe-out, pulverization, wrecking, wreckage, rack and ruin; razing, gutting, felling, prostration, leveling; pulling down, tearing down, taking down, bringing down, breaking down, throwing down, casting down, beating down, knocking down; shattering, crashing, crack-up, collision, smashing, battering, breaking; fracture, splintering, tear, crack, split, rending, tearing apart, wrenching apart; explosion, (of a rocket) destruct, burst, fulmination, implosion, blast; mutilation, laceration, damage, spoil, marking, spotting, stain; disfigurement, scarring, defacement, blemish.
2. devastation, desolation, ravagement, havoc, holocaust, ruination; despoilment, robbing, spoliation, plundering, depredation, pillage, gutting, ransacking; vandalism, vandalizing, wasting, Sl. trashting.
3. quashing, crushing, quelling, subduing, stifling, suppression, squelching, vanquishment, squashing; cutting short, shooting down, Inf. putting the kibosh
destructive, adj. 1. ruinous, disastrous, dire, dreadful, calamitous, catastrophic, cataclysmic; devastating, wasting, ravaging; disruptive, troublesome, distracting, obstreperous, unruly, subversive; annihilative, eradicative, extirpative, incendiary, confiscative. 2. pernicious, injurious, deleterious, baneful, injurious, evil, malevolent; detrimental, disadvantageous, damaging, baleful, menacing, malignant, bad; unwholesome, poisonous, toxic, pestilential, pestiferous, virulent. 3. deadly, fell, fatal, mortal, lethal, killing; murderous, suicidal. 4. adverse, negative, contrary, contradictory, opposed, opposing, opposite, antithetical, conflicting; disproving, refuting, confusing, discrediting, invalidating; derogatory, disparaging, disapproving; unfavorable, unpropitious, inauspicious; unfriendly, antagonistic, clashing, hostile. desultory, adj. inconsistent, inconstant, irregular, chaotic, haphazard; disorderly, disorderly, unmethodical, unsystematic; changeable, capricious, shifting; unconnected, disconnected, random; unsteady, erratic, spasmodic, fitful; discursive, digressive, rambling, aimless, wandering, errant, roving.
detach, v. 1. unfasten, uncouple, disengage, disconnect, unfix, unhitch, disjoin, disunite; disentangle, loosen, free; separate, dissociate, abstract, cut off, isolate, segregate. 2. Military. send on a special mission, detail.
detachment, n. 1. disconnection, separation, severing, disavowal, disengagement, disjoining; loosening, unfixing; division, disunion, dissociation, segregation, abstraction. 2. aloofness, unconcern, indifference; preoccupation, absent-mindedness, inattention; faintheartedness, do-nothingness. 3. impartiality, freedom from prejudice, objectivity, disinterestedness, dispassion; tolerance, broad-mindedness. 4. party, detail, force, body, division, men; squadron, garrison, regiment, brigade, battalion, squad, corps, platoon.
detail, n. 1. item, particular, fact, point, factor, element, circumstance; aspect, feature, respect, attribute; unit, component, part, member, accessory. 2. details particulars, minutiae, niceties, fine points, fine print; counts, items, petty or minor details, trivialities, trivia. 3. attention, devotion, fidelity, faithfulness; conscientiousness, meticulousness, method, punctiliousness, scrupulousness; exactness, exactitude, exactness, precision, accuracy, correctness, nicety. 4. appointment, assignment, mission, errand; duty, charge, commission, task, chore, stint, job, part. 5. party, squad, group, detachment, company, body, force.
—v. 6. specify, spell out, delineate; relate, recount, narrate, set forth; describe, depict, portray, mention; cite, cite chapter and verse, note, mark, point out, designate, indicate; list, enumerate, tabulate, codify, catalogue; itemize, particularize, differentiate; dot one’s i’s and cross one’s t’s. 7. appoint, assign, delegate, charge, commission; name, select, nominate, elect.
detailed, adj. 1. involved, complex, complicated, intricate; convoluted, embarrassed, entangled. 2. itemized, particularized, individualized; exhaustive, comprehensive, thorough, plenary, complete, all-inclusive; particular, precise, minute, circumstantial; specific, pointed, explicit, express, exact, to the point.
detain, v. 1. retard, slow, stay, buttonhole, check, delay, hinder; impede, inhibit, keep back, withhold. 2. stop, arrest, Inf. collar, retain, restrain, confine, secure, lock up, incarcerate, imprison, impound; pen, coop up, put behind bars, immure.
2. retardation, delay, stopping, staying, checking, delaying; hindrance, withholding, retarding, arresting.

deter, v. 1. daunt, intimidate, frighten or scare off or away; dishearten, dismay, dispirit, damp, cool, chill, throw cold water on, throw a wet blanket on, take the wind out of [s.o.'s] sails; discourage, dissuade, dissuine, indispose, advise against, warn, frighten or scare out of, Inf. talk out of.
2. check, arrest, prevent, bar, obstruct, block, hold up; stall, stymie; thwart, thwart, frustrate, foil, balk, cross, St. stonewall; hinder, impede, restrain, constrain, bridle, trammel, hold back.

detergent, adj. 1. cleansing, cleaning, detersive, cleansing, cleaning, detersive, 1. adj.
2. cleanser, cleaner, detersive, solvent, soap; purifier, depurative, purificatory; purging, purgative, cathartic.

—n. 2. cleanser, cleaner, detersive, solvent, abrister, soaping, mopping; purifying, depurative, purificatory; purging, purgative, cathartic.

deteriorate, v. 1. degenerate, decline, sink, worsen, take a turn for the worse, slip, slide; go downhill, go to pieces, go to ruin, Inf. go to pot, Inf. go to the dogs, Sl. go or run to seed, Sl. hit the skids; fall, fail, lapse, weaken, retrogress, retrograde, let oneself go.
2. corrupt, vitiate, debase, pollute, contaminate, infect, poison, taint, soil, sully, befoul; debauch, seduce, pervert, subvert, demoralize, lead astray or away.
3. disintegrate, crumble, break up, fall apart; erode, ablate, wear away, weather; decay, decompose, crumble into dust.

deterioration, n. 1. degeneration, vitiation, declination, declension, atrophy; retrogression, retrogradation, regression, lapse; corruption, depravation, degradation, debasement, moralization, dissolution, dissipation, perversion, subversion, seduction; disintegration, dilapidation, erosion, corrosion, wear and tear; decay, decomposition, moth and rust.
2. decline, drop, fall, descent, slump, downturn, downturn, turn for the worse.

determination, n. 1. decision, solution, adjudication, adjudgment, arbitration, arbitration.
2. ascertainment, verification, finding, learning; establishment, confirmation; discovery, uncovering, unearthing.
3. settlement, verdict, judgment, opinion, decree; diagnosis, prognosis; upshot, conclusion, result, final issue, end, outcome.
4. firmness, resoluteness, steadiness, tenacity; resolve, fortitude, will power, will; mettle, backbone, courage, grit, nerve, boldness; spunk, pluck, stamina, spirit, zeal, ardent; drive, push, persistence, perseverance, doggedness; stability, steadiness, constancy; indomitable, obduracy, invincibility; obstinacy, stubbornness, pigheadedness.
5. intention, purpose, reason, motive, basis, ground, rationale; design, project, plan, purport, intentionality, ulterior motive; wherefore, Fr. raison d'être, reason why, the why and wherefore.
6. direction, aim, end, goal, mark, objective; propensity, tendency, proclivity, leaning; bent, drift, bearing, course, tenor, tack.

determine, v. 1. settle, decide, resolve, fix; adjudge, judge, arbitrate, decree, ordain; adjust, reckon, come to an agreement; clinic, settle once and for all, Inf. sew up, Inf. nail down, Inf. wrap up, Inf. put the bow on, Inf. put the cap or lid on, Inf. put on ice.
2. conclude, find, opinion; ascertain, make certain of, verify, establish; make out, detect, tell, descry; find out, discover, pin down, get.
3. affect, influence, condition, work upon, act on, qualify, modify; control, govern, regulate, direct, rule, command; cause, give form to, shape, designate, effect; prescribe, set, order, impose, dictate.
4. impel, induce, influence, prompt, sway; give direction to, lead, decide, turn the scales; incline, bend, dispose, turn; give a push to, give a push in the right direction, show the way, put on the right track, set straight.
5. lead, bring to, conduct to, redound to, contribute to, predispose to; forward, advance, promote.
6. decide, choose, select, decide; will, purpose, resolve; make up one's mind, fix upon, settle on, make a decision, make a resolution.

determined, adj. 1. resolute, firm, steadfast, purposeful; staunch, constant, persevering, stanch; earnest, intent, fixed; game, plucky, spunky, Inf. scrappy; dogged, tenacious, gritty, relentless, bent on, Inf. hellbent, do-or-die; unflinching, unhesitating, unflinching, unwavering, unyielding; unflagging, indomitable, intransigent, obdurate; obstinate, stubborn, inflexible, mulish.
2. settled, decided, resolved, fixed, confirmed; agreed, set, sealed, Inf. sewed up, Inf. signed, sealed and delivered.

determining, adj. decisive, deciding, definitive; crucial, pivotal, critical, essential; important; chief, supreme; determine, determinative, concluding, conclusive, settling; final, authoritative, absolute, peremptory, positive.

deterrent, n. block, stumbling block, catch, snag, hitch, rub, fly in the ointment, drawback, liability; check, hindrance, balk, impediment, obstacle, obstruction, oppression, blockage, impediment, stopper; bar, barrier, barricade.
dest, v. abhor, loathe, execrate, despise, abominate, hate, feel aversion toward, feel hostility toward; not be able to bear or abide, shudder at, shrink from, recoil from, blemch from; feel repugnance toward, feel disgust toward, feel distaste for; dislike, mislike, disbelish, disfavor, disesteem.
destable, adj. 1. abhorrent, loathsome, execrable, odious, heinous, despicable, abominable, hateful; dislikable, unlikable, unpleasant, Brit. Inf. beastly, displeasing, disagreeable.
2. repugnant, aversive, disgusting, rank, repulsive, repellent, revolting, distasteful, obnoxious, noisome; vile, sordid, putrid, rotten, foul; sickening, nauseating, nauseous, noxious; ugly, sordid, ignoble, mean, base, abject, low.
destation, n. abhorrence, loathing, abomination, execration, odium, hatred, hate, detesting; antipathy, aversion, animosity, animus, enmity, hostility; Fr. bête noire, bugbear; offense, repugnance, revulsion, disgust, distaste, nauseas; dislike, disrelish, disfavor, disesteem, displeasure.
detested, adj. hated, loathed, despised, abhorred, execrated, abominated, held in abomination, held in contempt; disliked, unliked, disfavored, unfavorable, disrelished; ostracized, shunned, blackballed; scorned, contemned, ridiculed, sneered at, laughed at, scoffed at; boood, hissed, Sl. raspiballed, Sl. given the Bronx cheer.
detester, n. 1. hater, loather, abhorrer, despiser; executor, abominator, curser, villifier; detractor, disparager, derogator.
2. misanthrope, misanthropist, misogynist, misanthrope, woman-hater, sexist, male chauvinist pig; racist, bigot, anti-Semite, Inf. Archie Bunker; chauvinist, jingo, jingoist, xenophile; Timon, Alcest.
ble, unseatable, disposable; uncrownable, discardable, disabling, disdnable, overcome, outmatch, overmaster, subdue, conquer; destroy, crush, overcome, rout, undo, discomfit.

3. (often used figuratively) overwhelm, overpower, vanquish, overmaster, subdue, conquer; destroy, crush, overcome, rout, undo, discomfit.

3. (disbelieve) doubt, scruple, shrink, shrink from, eschew, abjure, renounce; neglect, overlook, pass by, go over, go by.

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deviant, aberrant, deviate, divergent. See 1.

1. v. deviate, growth, evolution, increase, increment, expansion, aggrandizement, enlargement, dilatation, swell; maturity, maturation, ripeness, unfolding, opening, blooming, blossoming, flowering.
2. improvement, build-up, strengthening; amplification, magnification, extension, augmentation, elaboration; progress, advancement, furtherance, promotion.
3. event, occurrence, happening, circumstance, item, issue.

deviant, adj. 1. aberrant, deviate, divergent. See deviate (defs. 5-7).

—n. 2. nonconformist, deviator, radical. See deviate (defs. 8-10).

deviate, v. 1. veer, straggle, turn aside; wander, ramble, meander, stray, drift, rove, divert, Scot. and North Eng. sklenet; err, miss, go astray, lose one’s way.
2. depart, diverge, deflect, vary, differ, change, step aside, steer clear of; curve, turn, bend, swerve, tack, slope, slew, yaw, bear off, wheel, wheel about, swing about; shy, back off, Chiefly Brit. jib; sidle, edge.
3. digress, wander, meander, deviate, be diffuse, rhapsodize, wax longwinded, go off on a tangent, beat around the bush.
4. divert, sidetrack, shift, tuck, shunt.

—adj. 5. aberrant, deviant, divergent, erratic, heretical, heterodox, wayward, devious, unacceptable, out of line, out of hand; erroneous, mistaken; deviating, diverting, diverting, departing, digressing, lapping, wandering, rambling, drifting, straying, roving.
6. anomalous, anomalous, abnormal, irregular, variable; odd, peculiar, curious, queer, strange, bizarre, weird, freakish, eccentric, idiosyncratic, Inf. quirky; unconventional, uncommon, unusual, odd, out of line, out of hand; erroneous, mistaken; deviating, diverging, diverting, departing, digressing, lapping, wandering, rambling, drifting, straying, roving.

7. perverse, perverted, corrupt, corrupted, twisted, Inf. kinky; wanton, depraved, degenerate, degenerated, deteriorated, vitiated, debased, abased; licentious, lascivious, lewd, suggestive; sadistic, masochistic; homosexual, homoerotic, homophile, Inf. gay, Inf. bent, Derog. queer, lesbian, sapphic, tribadistic, Derog. butch; bisexual, bi-sexed, SL. switch-hitting, SL. hitting or swinging from both sides, Sl. ac/dc, amphoteric, autoerotic.
8. anomaly, deviant. Rare. abnormality, abnormality, irregularity, variation.
9. nonconformist, deviator, radical, heretic, Chiefly Brit. punk; misfit, maverick, drop out, loner, lone wolf, solitary, solitary man, fish out of water, square peg in a round hole; character, card, original, pip, sport, exception, individual, nonesuch, nondescript, bohemian; crank, fanatic, crazy, flake, freak, three-dollar bill, crackpot, rare bird, queer fellow, queer duck, queer potato, Inf. fruitcake, Inf. dingbat, Inf. ding-a-ling; All Sl. weirdo, weirdy, weirdie, creep, oddball, screwball, nut, loony, lonesome, case, gezer, kook, odd duck, squirrel.
10. homosexual, homosexual, homophile, third sex, invert; transvestite, drag queen; All Sl. queen, gunsel, chicken, punk, pimp-wrist, three-dollar bill, Brit. ginger, ginger beer, Brit. poof, Brit. poofster, All Derog. homo, queer, faggot, fag, fruit, fliy, fairy, pan-sy, nance, auntie; bisexual, Sl. bi-guy, Sl. switch hitter; lesbian, sapphist, tribade, SL. butch, Sl. femme, Derog. dyke, Derog. bull dyke, Archaic. fraticrate.

deviation, n. 1. veer, veering, curve, curving, turn, turning, swerving, bend, bending; tackling, wheeling, wheeling about, swinging about; shift, shifting, shift, switching, shunting, straying, drifting, rowing, divagating, digression, digressing, maundering, slueing, slewing, yawing, bear off, wheeling, wheeling about, swinging about; shifting, shifting, shunting, straying, drifting, rowing, divagating, digression, digressing.
2. departure, divergence, declension, declination, deflection, stepping aside, steering clear; change, difference.
3. aberration, waywardness, deviousness, unacceptable-ness; anomaly, abnormality, irregularity, variable, variableness; strangeness, oddness, incongruousness, peculiarity, curiousness, querness, eccentricity, quirk, Inf. quirkiness; unconventional, uncommonness, uncommonness, unusualness, exception, singularity, singularness, individuality.
4. unnaturalness, freakishness, Inf. kinkiness; perversion, corruption, wantonness, depravity, depravation, degeneracy, degeneration, decadence, deterioration, vitiating, debasement, badness; licentiousness, lasciviousness, lewdness, eroticism; homosexuality, homosexualism, homoeroticism, sexual inversion, lesbianism, sapphism, tribadism or tribady, Inf. gynayss, Derog. faggotry, Derog. faggism; bisexuality, bisexuality, amphiphilic, homophilic, Sl. swinging or hitting both ways; autoeroticism.
5. (all with reference to sexual relations) perversion, fiendishness, deviance, abnormality, psychopathy, pathology, criminality; sadism, masochism, sodomasochism, Sl. s-m, algolagnia, allogamy; fetishism, voyeurism, scatophilia, narcissism, exhibitionism; sodomy, buggery; pederasty, pedophilia; coprophilia; necrophilia; zoophilic; incest, incestuousness.
6. division, departure, disunion, secession, desertion, underground movement; separation, falling out, break, split, rupture, break, rent.
7. monstrous, heteroclite, freak, mutant, hermaphroditic, epichene.

device n. 1. appliance, instrument, apparatus, mechanism, contrivance, Inf. contraption, invention, gadget, hickey, Sl. gimmick; implement, utensil, tool, machine, equipment, gear, outfit, tackle, rigging; means, wherewithal, resources, expedient, agent, medium.
2. design, plan, project, strategem, Inf. wrinkle, artistic, trick, Inf. filmflam, vile, ruse, trap; intrigue, plot, scheme, strategy, machination; conspiracy, conspiracy, plot, cabal; subterfuge, blind, Inf. dodge, fetch; maneuver, feint, deception, sleight, shift, move, evasion, shuffle; fraud, imposture, imposition, hoax.
3. pattern, figure, motto, slogan, legend; mark, trademark, hallmark, Numismatic. countermark;
devil, n. 1. (sometimes cap.) Evil One, Wicked One, Spirit of Evil, prince of darkness, prince of sinners, monarch of hell, prince of liars; Lord of the Flies, Lord of Vermin, the Serpent, the dragon, the goat, seirizzin, the dickens, the deuce; Adversary, Tempter, Foul Fiend, Archfiend, Archdemon; Old One, Old Bog, Old Boy, Old Scratch; Old Harry, Old Davy, Nick, Old Nick; All Scot. the Auld Ane, the Deil, Auld Clubfoot, Auld Nick.


3. evil spirit, caddocemon, genie, djinn. See demon (def. 1).

4. brute, savage, beast, monster, barbarian; witch, shrew, hag, hellcat, vixen, Xantheipped; virago, crone, ogress, Sl. battle-ax. See demon (def. 2).

5. fox, sly dog, slyboots, dodger, Artful Dodger,纳米, trickster, Sl. shyster; Inf. slick or smooth operator. Inf. Philadelphia lawyer, horse-trader; sweet talker, charmer, confidence man, Sl. con man, Sl. smoothie.

6. wretch, unfortunate, beggar; bum, tramp, hob, vagabond; ragamuffin, urchin, tatterdemalion, raggpicker.

devilish, adj. 1. diabolic, diabolical, fiendish, ghoulish; satanic, Mephistophelian, demonic, demonian, demoniac, demoniacal, caddocemon; infernal, hellish.

2. damnable, accursed, execrable, abominable, horrible, horrid, hideous, monstrous, atrocious; base, vile, odious, obnoxious, villainous, sinister; wicked, iniquitous, evil, sinful, impious, Obs. scelerous, blackhearted, corrupted, depraved, Archaic. facinorously; reprobate, nefarious, flagitious, heinous; profligate, immoral, dissolute, vitiated, perverted, perverse; pestential, malevolent, malicious, malign, maleficient, venomous, virulent; dire, black, dreadful, baleful.

3. merciless, heartless, hard-hearted, stony-hearted, unkind, unfeeling, cruel; relentless, unrelenting, unsupported, remorseless.

4. impish, mischievous, elfish, prankish; vexatious, troublesome, naughty, annoying.

5. Informal. excessive, great, enormous; terrible, awful. See excessive, enormous.

devil-may-care, adj. 1. reckless, careless, heedless, wanton, rash, foolhardy; temerarious, headlong, impetuous, impulsive, madcap, breakneck.

2. rollicking, swagging, roistering, swash-buckling; sporty, jaunty, gay, saucy, pert; raffish, rakehell, profligate, prodigal, dissolute, dissipated; shameless, barefaced, unabashed; impudent, impertinent, forward, fresh, audacious.

3. indifferent, cavalier, offhand, nonchalant; easycome-easy-go, easygoing, lackadaisical, casual; carefree, insouciant, poccusurante, unconcerned, unworried; flippant, frivolous, shallow.

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devout, adj. 1. faithful, true, true blue, loyal; unremittling, untiring, indefatigable, persistent, persevering, tenacious, determined; earnest, attentive, eager, ardent, zealous; addicted, hooked.

2. intimate, fond, loving, amorous, affectionate, amusing, infatuated; tender, warm, close, cordial.

3. dedicated, pledged, promised, vowed; consecrated, sanctified, hallowed, holy, sacred, blessed.

devotee, n. 1. votary, champion, follower, disciple, satellite, adherent; zealot, partisan, bigot, fanatic; visionary, cultist, sectary; believer, religious, pietist.

2. enthusiast, fan, aficionado, Inf. buff, Inf. hound, Sl. bug, Sl. nut; addict, Inf. fiend, Sl. junkie, Sl. freak, Sl. head; (all usu. of adolescent girls) (in the 40s) bobsoxer, (in the 60s) bybsoxer, (in the 60s) teenybopper, (in the 70s) groupie.

3. promoter, supporter, Inf. pusher, Inf. booster, Inf. arm-waver; chauvinist, jingoist.

devotion, n. 1. prayer, religious worship, worship, homage, reverence, veneration, adoration, laudation, glorification; thanksgiving, grace, blessing, benediction; dedication, consecration, sanctification; service, observance, prayer meeting, mass, vespers, matins.

2. piety, devoutness, godliness, saintliness, spirituality, holiness, sanctity, religiousness; religiosity, pietism.

3. loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, constancy, fealty, thusiasm, eagerness, earnestness, willingness, readiness, patience, persistence, assiduity, sedulousness, tenacity, firmness, stick-to-it-iveness.

4. ardor, fervor, passion, fanaticism, fire, zeal, enthusiasm, eagerness, earnestness, willingness, readiness, diligence, perseverance, assiduity, sedulousness, Inf. stick-to-it-iveness.

5. love, strong affection, devotedness, attachment, adherence; idolization, infatuation, enchantment; esteem, fondness, liking, regard, admiration, inclination, fancy, yearning.

devour, v. 1. swallow, gulp, eat up, swallow up, gulp down, gobble, bolt, wolf, raven, Inf. put away or down, Inf. pack away or in; banquet, feast, gobble up, gormandize, glutonize, gorge, stuff, cram, make a pig of oneself, eat greedily, Sl. eat like there's no tomorrow,
Sl. pig in, Sl. stuff one's face, Sl. tuck in.

2. consume, dispatch, finish, finish off, dispose of, get rid of, Sl. polish off, Sl. do in, Sl. kill; destroy, ruin, ravage, wreck havoc upon; devastate, lay to waste, waste; demolish, wipe out, wreck, Sl. total; wipe off the map, erase, obliterate, eradicate.

3. engulf, swallow up, envelop, swamp; overcome, overwhelm, conquer, subjugate; triumph over, whip, drub, rout; overturn, vanquish, overpower; thrash, trim, break.

4. take in, drink in, absorb; ogle, fix on, stare, gape, Inf. gawk, Inf. give [s.o.] the once over, Sl. eyeball, Sl. slobber over, Sl. drool over.

devout, adj. 1. pious, reverent, religious, worshipful; devoutly, devoutly, devoutly.

3. masterful, masterly, expert, artistic; excellent, polished, finished, well executed; workmanlike, workmanly, practiced, accomplished.

apt, smart, witty.

2. clever, shrewd, cute; ingenuity, ingenuity, ingenuity.

3. masterful, masterly, expert, artistic; excellent, polished, finished, well executed; workmanlike, workmanly, practiced, accomplished.

diatectic, adj. 1. dialectical, logical, rational, rationalistic, reasoned; analytic, deductive, inductive; argumentative, controversial, polemical, contentious.

2. dialectal, dialect, regional, provincial, vicinal, areal; idiomatic, vernacular, local, native; colloquial, conversational, spoken, informal, used, in use or usage, common, popular, of the people; jargonal, jargonistic, jargonsque, slangy, cantish, argotic.

—n. 3. discussion, debate, argument, polemic, war of words, search for truth, Rare. disputation.

4. Often dialectics a. logic, reasoning, rationization; argumentation, disputation, polemics, controversy, contention. b. philosophy, metaphysics, rationalism; doctrine, rational, system or body of thought.

dialectician, n. logician, rationalist, reasoner, casuist; philosopher, metaphysician; arguer, polemist, polemic, debater, discusser, controversialist.

dialogue, n. 1. conversation, converse, talk, interlocution, duologue, verbal exchange; chat, chitchat, small talk, table talk, causeur, confabulation, Inf. confab.

2. (of a play) lines, words, speaking, spoken part.

3. discussion, discourse, communication, exchange of ideas or opinions; debate, argument, polemic, dialectic, search for truth, Rare. disputation; conference, colloquy, palaver, parlé, parlance; meeting, huddle, tête-à-tête, Inf. powwow, Fr. pourparler, Sl. bull or rap session, Sl. rap.

diameter, n. breadth, width, thickness, length or distance through the center, outside diameter; inside diameter, caliper, Mach. bore.

diametrical, adj. direct, complete, absolute, exact, extreme; diametrically opposite or opposed, antipodal.

diaphanous, adj. diaphanous, diaphanous, diaphanous.

parent, see-through; delicate, fine, silken, chiffon, gauze.

diary, n. 1. journal, daily record, log, logbook; diary, n. 1. journal, daily record, log, logbook.

2. daybook, datebook, appointment book.

3. command, order, charge, direction, injunction; mandate, caveat, charge; or down the law, huckster, hawk.

dictator, v. 1. command, order, charge, direct, enjoins; constrain, oblige, necessitate.

—n. 3. command, order, charge, direction, imperative, bidding, behest; edict, caveat, mandate, decree.

4. guiding principle, principle, rule, law, code; dictum, precept, axiom, maxim.

dictation, n. 1. arbitrary direction, command, charge, order, injunction, enjoining; mandate, caveat, ukase, prescription; behest, admonition, exhortation; counsel, advice, suggestion, word to the wise, recommendation, guidance.

2. transcription, typescript, Latin. verbatim et literatim, shorthand, notehand; business letter.

3. utterance, pronouncement, fiat, dictum, assertion, Inf. the word.

dictator, n. despot, autocrat, tyrant, absolute monarch, autarch; czar, kaiser, Caesars, Ger. Fuhrer, It.
dictatorial, adj. 1. absolute, unlimited, unrestricted, arbitrary, omnipotent, all-powerful; autocratic, totalitarian, monarchical, authoritarian.
2. tyrannical, despotic, oppressive, iron-handed; imperious, overbearing, peremptory, positive, authoritative, high-handed. Infr. bossy; haughty, arrogant, supercilious, lordly, high-and-mighty.

dictatorship, n. 1. autarchy, totalitarian state, absolute monarchy.
2. autocracy, absolutism, despotism, totalitarianism, authoritarianism, monocracy, one-man rule, one-party rule; tyranny, uncontrolled or unlimited authority, complete control, absolute power or control, iron hand, iron fist, iron rule; reign of terror.
diction, n. 1. writing style, language, vocabulary, usage, word choice, wording, phraseology, phrase, phrasing, verbalism; idiom, terminology. Infr. lingo, jargon, argot, cant; dialect, patois.
2. accent, stress, inflection, intonation. Linguistics. prosody; enunciation, pronunciation, elocution, delivery. fluency, articulateness, eloquence, silver tongue, oratory, rhetoric.
3. command of language, word sense, feel for words. Ger. Sprachegebühr.
dictionary, n. wordbook, lexicon, Webster, glossary, gloss; encyclopedia, cyclopedia.
dictum, n. 1. axiom, maxim, precept, dictate; proverb, adage, aphorism, gnome, apothegm, moral, saying; Archaic. word, Archaic sentence; cliché, saw, platitude, truism. Infr. bromide.
2. command, order, charge. See also dictate (def. 3).
didactic, adj. 1. instructive, instructional, pedagogical, educational, informative, informative; moralistic, moralizing, homiletic, homiletical, Infr. preachy.
2. didacties art or science of teaching, pedagogics, pedagogy; teaching; instruction, schooling, tuition.
die, v. 1. expire, decease, meet death, cease to live, lose one's life, lay down one's life, strike, kick the bucket, kick in; give up the ghost, breathe one's last, draw one's last, take one's last breath, drop, croak; pass away, go west, cross the Styx. 
2. end, come to an end, come to nothing, die away; go out, go out, go out, go out; pass on, be no more, go the way of all flesh, pay the last, pay the piper, kick in; give up the ghost, breathe one's last, drop, croak; pass away, go the way of all flesh, pay the last.
3. stop, come to a full stop, halt, cease, stand still, fall out, part company, go separate ways; have a quarrel, have it out, have what's left.
4. weaken, lose strength, languish, sink, droop, fade, waste away, lapse, fail, faint; wane, ebb, evanesce; decline, deteriorate, degenerate, fall off, Chief. Biol. retrograde. wear away, disintegrate, crumble, molder; wither, go to seed, go bad, rot.
5. pine for, long for, hunger for, crave, hanker after, be bent on, want, desire, covet.
6. die down fade away, recede, lull, wane, let up, abate, subside, become calm or quiet, pass, cease.
die-hard, n. 1. Inf. bitter-end, intransigent, irreconcilable, resister; extremist, fanatic, zealot; reactionary, ultraconservative, radical.
2. intransigent, irreconcilable, uncompromising, adamant, steeld; resisting, unyielding, inflexible, rigid, cast-iron, indomitable, tenacious, determined, resolved.
diet, n. 1. food and drink, food, foodstuffs, victuals, comestibles, edibles, viands; fare, rations, commons, provisions, cheer, board; nutrition, nourishment, nutriment, aliment, subsistence, sustenance.
2. regimen, dietary, regime; abstinence, fasting, fast, limitation of food consumption.
—v. 3. eat sparingly, fast, abstain.
4. feed, nourish, eat, nurture, fare.
difer, v. 1. contrast, vary, diverge, be dissimilar, be unlike, be different; stand out or apart, deviate from, depart from; contradict, run counter to, counter, contravene.
2. disagree, discord, fail to agree, be at variance; conflict, oppose, clash, think differently, stand in opposition, stand in opposite corners.
3. fall out, part company, go separate ways; have a difference, have a difference of opinions; quarrel, quibble, squabble, wrangle, altercate; bicker, spat, argue, tiff.
difference, n. 1. dissimilarity, unlikeness, dissimilitude, contrast, confliction; contrariety, opposition, antithesis, contradiction, contradistinction; inconsistency, discrepancy, inconformity, nonconformity; disparity, inequality, impurity, imbalance, incongruity; variation, divergence, deviation, departure; opposition, contrariness, adverseness.
2. idiosyncrasy, peculiarity, particularity, differentiation, individuality; singularity, idiocrasy, mannerism, eccentricity, oddity; oddity, quirk, quip.
3. discrimination, distinction, judgment, discernment, distinction, differentiation, discreteness.
4. disagreement, discord, antagonism, contention; controversy, contest, conflict; dissension, dissidence, dissent, variance; discord, division, strife.
5. dispute, debate, disputation, logomachy, quarrel, wrangle, jangle, set-to; altercation, clash, brawl, Inf. scrap; falling out, parting of ways, misunderstanding, sixes and sevens; squabble, spat, tiff, miiff, bickering, row, broil; feud, breach, vendetta, faction; rupture, schism.
6. cause, issue, question, point, ground, Latin. casus belli, apple of discord, bone of contention, seed of discontent.
7. remainder, rest, residue, residuum, balance, excess, Inf. what's left.
different, adj. 1. dissimilar, unlike, disparate, contrary, contrastive, contradistinct; diverse, divergent, discrepant; incongruous, incompatible, inharmonious, discordant; deviant, variant, altered, changed, modified.
2. distinct, unidentical, nonidentical, of twins fraternal; separate, exclusive, not the same, a horse of a different color; another, other.
3. several, some, not a few; many, numerous, abundant; manifold, multifarious, assorted, motley, variegated, mixed, varied; various, sundry, divers, miscellaneous, certain.
4. unusual, peculiar, unique, singular, distinctive; out of the ordinary, extraordinary, remarkable, off the beaten track; novel, new, noteworthy, exceptional; unheard-of, something else, another story; unfamiliar, unaccustomed, unwanted.
differential, adj. 1. distinctive, distinguishing,
diagnostic, discriminative; characteristic, peculiar, special, unique, particular, singular.
—n. 2. discrepancy, disparity, difference, amount of difference.

differentiate, v. 1. distinguish, discriminate, see or tell the difference, make a distinction; tell apart, Inf. tell which is which or who’s who, separate, set off or apart. 2. change, alter, make different, modify, adapt, adjust. See change (def. 2).

difficult, adj. 1. hard, laborious, arduous, strenuous, rough, Sl. hell of a; toilsome, wearisome, troublesome, bothersome, irksome; tough, Heraclean, Augean, demanding, formidable; trying, uphill, exhausting, painful; burdensome, oppressive, onerous, hampering. 2. hard to understand, abstruse, recondite, abstract, profound, obscure; complex, intricate, puzzling, perplexing, complicated, involved, inexplicable, knotty, thorny, ticklish; pathless, trackless, labyrinthine. 3. hard to manage, intractable, unmanageable, perverse, unyielding, uncompromising, inflexible, rigid. 4. hard to satisfy, fastidious, perfectionist, fussy, disadvantageous, unfavorable, inconvenient, ill-timed. 5. disadvantageous, unfavorable, inconvenient, ill-timed.

difficulty, n. 1. laboriousness, arduousness, strenuousness, formidableness, formidability; labor, strain, struggle, hard sledding, rough going, tough job, hard row to hoe. 2. troublesomeness, bothersome, irksomeness, burdensomeness, oppressiveness, onerousness; trouble, bother, annoyance, Inf. hassle, Inf. hard time. 3. quandary, predicament, straits; plight, hot water, disadvantageousness, unfavorable, inconvenient, ill-timed. 4. trial, tribulation, ordeal, hardship; crisis, emergency, exigency, urgency. 5. dilemma, problem, perplexity, bafflement, puzzle, poser; tough nut to crack. 6. reluctance, unwillingness, indisposition, disinclination, refusal; demur, objection, protest, squawk, kick, gripe, complaint, Sl. beef, Sl. bitch; cavil, quibble, scruple. 7. impediment, hindrance, obstacle, barrier, obstruction, roadblock; opposition, Inf. flak, stumbling block, hurdle; snarl, hitch, tie-up, hold-up, delay.

diffidence, n. timidity, timorousness, apprehension, faint-heartedness, diffidence, bashfulness, shyness, abashment, coyness, demureness; embarrassment, sheepishness; lack of self-confidence, insecurity, reluctance, hesitancy, doubtfulness, backwardness; modesty, humility, bashfulness, self-effacement; self-consciousness, constraint, self-awareness; reserve, aloofness, distance, stand-offishness.

diffident, adj. shy, bashful, abashed, coy, demure, Inf. introverted, Archaic. verecund; timid, timorous, apprehensive, insecure, fearful, faint-hearted, unconfident; constrained, reluctant, hesitant; self-conscious, self-aware, quiet, uncommunicative, unsocial, unapproachable; sheepish, embarrassed, blushing; meek, modest, shrinking, self-effacing, unassuming, unobtrusive, unpretentious, restrained, reserved, retiring, withdrawn, in a shell, distant, aloof, stand-offish.
diffuse, v. 1. disperse, dissipate, dispel, circumfuse, spread; scatter, strewn, bestrew, sow; disseminate, broadcast, propagate, distribute, dispense, circulate, cast forth; effuse, radiate, shed, give forth. —adj. 2. wordy, verbose, prolix, profuse, long-winded, loquacious, lengthy, long, unending; pleonastic, tautological, repetitive, redundant; discursive, digressive, rambling, wandering, meandering, circumlocutory, peripheral, circuitous, roundabout, ambigous, indirect; pointless, aimless, ambiguous, vague, obscure. 3. spread out, sidespread, scattered, dispersed; sparse, thin, scanty, meager.
diffusion, n. 1. dispersion, dissipativity, circumfusion, spreading; scatteredness, scattering, strewing, bestrewing, sowing; dissemination, propagation, distribution, dispersion, circulation; effusion, effusiveness, radiation. 2. verbosity, verboseness, wordiness, prolixity, profuseness, long-windedness, loquacity; pleonasm, tautology, repetitiveness, redundancy; discursiveness, discussion, digressiveness, diffusion, diffusiveness, rambling, wandering; circumlocation, peripherality, circuitousness, ambigousness, indirectness, aimlessness, pointlessness, ambiguousness, ambiguity, vagueness.
dig, v. 1. (all in reference to earth) work, loosen up, break up, turn over, prepare, dress; hoe, till, cultivate, harrow, plow; shovel, spade, dibble; toil, grub, Inf. work pick and shovel; excavate, hollow out, scoop, gouge; tunnel, burrow, channel, mine, undermine, sap. 2. thrust, force in, prod, poke, insert, push into, plunge, plunge into, force into, thrust into. 3. delve, dig down, search, research; investigate, probe; persevere, leave no stone unturned. 4. Slang. a. appreciate, enjoy, esteem, prize, like, love, rate high. b. understand, comprehend, grasp, Inf. get, Inf. catch on; realize, discern, perceive, make out, recognize. 5. dig up a. unearth, exhumate, quarry, bring to the surface. b. Informal. come across, discover, find, bring to light, expose; research, study, search out, sift out, plod, grind, Inf. go the spade work. —n. 6. poke, thrust, push, punch, thump, jab. 7. Informal. taunt, gibe, cutting remark, insult, hoot, jeer, sneer, slur, quip, twit, sly remark, insinuation, Inf. slap in the face, Inf. needle, Inf. wisecrack, Inf. low blow.
digest, v. 1. (of food) break down, dissolve, transform; absorb, assimilate. 2. comprehend, understand, master, absorb, take in; ponder, reflect, think over, mul over; study, contemplate, weigh, consider, meditate upon. 3. endure, bear, tolerate, brook; submit to, suffer, abide, stand; swallow, stomach, pocket. 4. classify, order, codify, methodize, systematize. 5. condense, abridge, summarize, shorten, compress, edit, epitomize, abbreviate; sketch, review, outline. —n. 6. summary, epitome, synopsis, abstract; compendium, pandect, symposium, compilation, consecptus; condensation, abridgment, reduction, compression, abbreviation; analysis, recapitulation; résumé, brief, précis; outline, aperçu, sketch, review, syllabus, prospectus; docket, bulletin, minute; extracts, fragments, cuttings, aneals, clippings, citations.
digestion, n. 1. (of food) absorption, assimilation; conversion, transformation; euepsia, euepsys; dyspepsia, dyspepsy. 2. comprehension, understanding, mastery.
dignified, adj. stately, grave, solemn, formal; noble, honorable, distinguished, distingué, impressive, im-
posing; august, grand, majestic, splendid, regal, sublime, exalted, lofty.

dignify, v. 1. honor, ennoble, exalt, glorify; crown, enthronize, deify, make into a god, immortalize, apotheosize, Archaic, canonize; idolize, make bigger than life, idealize, put on a pedestal; elevate, raise, uplift, exalt, lift up, cast up; promote, advance, boost, upgrade, improve, ameliorate, better; enhance, intensify, magnify, heighten, increase, enlarge, aggrandize.

dignified, adj. 1. dignitary, head of state, high official, or chief dignitary, high standing, eminence, high station or position; greatness, augustness, grandeur, majesty, magnificence, majesty, splendor; sublimity, exaltedness, elevation, height, loftiness, eminence, high status or rank, high standing, honorable position.

2. nobility, nobleness, honorableness, worthiness, worth, respectability, respectable status, reputation, reputableness.

digress, v. 1. maundering, descanting, being diffuse, being episodic, rhapsodizing, waxing longwinded, go off on a tangent, beat around the bush.

2. (all of writing or speaking) deviate, diverge, deflect, deviate, depart, excursion, run off; veer, straggle, turn aside; wander, ramble, meander, stray, drift, rove, lose one's way.

digression, n. 1. maundering, descanting, being diffuse, being episodic, rhapsodizing, wax longwinded, go off on or at a tangent, beat around the bush.

2. (all of writing or speaking) deviate, diverge, deflect, deviating, diverging, departing, running off; (all of writing or speaking) veering, straggling, turning aside, wandering, rambling, meandering, straying, drifting, roving, losing one's way; (all of writing or speaking) deviation, diverging, deflecting, diverging, departing, running off; (all of writing or speaking) veering, straggling, turning aside, wandering, rambling, meandering, straying, drifting, roving, losing one's way; (all of writing or speaking) deviation, diverging, deflecting, diverging, departing, running off; (all of writing or speaking) deviation, divergent, diverging, departing, running off; (all of writing or speaking) veering, straggling, turning aside, wandering, rambling, meandering, straying, drifting, meandering, drifting, roving.

dike, n. 1. dam, breakwater, pier, mole; embankment, bank, Phys. Geog. levee.

2. ditch, trench, channel, moat, fosse.

3. wall, rampart, bulwark, Fort. breastwork; railing, balustrade, Fort. parapet, Mil. earthwork, fence, palisade, Fort. stockade.

4. causeway, Brit. Dial. causey, raised path, viaduct, bridge.

5. barrier, bar, check, obstacle, hindrance, obstruction, impediment, barricade.

dilapidate, v. 1. disintegrate, crumble, break up, fall apart; erode, ablate, wear away, weather, decay, decompose, crumble into dust; deteriorate, degenerate, decline, sink, worsen, fall into disrepair or ruin.

2. destroy, ruin, upset, disrupt, pull down; deface, mar, injure, spoil.

dilapidated, adj. 1. ruined, in ruins, broken-down, gone to wrack and ruin; in disrepair, unimproved, Slang, slayzy, run-down; tumble-down; falling to pieces, crumbling, crumbling; ramshackle, rickety, shaky.

2. deteriorated, decadenet, decayed; disintegrated, decomposed, broken up, fallen apart, Scot. disjekkit; eroded, worn away, weathered, wasted; worn-out, time-worn, decrepit; moth-eaten, mildewed, moldy, moldering.

3. destroyed, battered, Inf. beat up; defaced, marred, spoiled; injured, impaired, damaged.

dilapidation, n. disintegration, erosion, corrosion, wear and tear; deterioration, decay, decadence; decomposition, moth and rust; disrepair, decrepit; downfall, collapse, disorganization, disruption; destruction, impairment, injury.

dilate, v. 1. enlarge, make larger, increase; widen, thicken, broaden; lengthen, prolong, protract.

2. expand, extend, spread, outspread, spread out, branch out; distend, inflate, bloat, puff out, blow up, blow, swell, intumesce, tumefy; fill out, fatten.

3. develop, enlarge on, detail; expound on, or upon; magnify, amplify, spin a long yarn; dwell on, talk about at length.

dilation, n. 1. enlargement, increase, widening, thickening, broadening, dilatation; lengthening, prolongation, protraction.

2. expansion, extension, spread; distention, inflation, Both Pathol. aneurysm, varix; swelling, bloating, intumescent, tumefaction.

3. expatiation, descant, discourse; magnification, amplification; prolixity, verbosity; tautology, redundancy; periphrasis, circumlocution.

dilatory, adj. 1. procrastinating, postponing, deferring, tabling, shelving; slow, lagging, laggard, sluggish, backward; dallying, dillydallying, shillyshallying, idling; lingering, loitering, dawdling, trailing, Chiefly Brit. pottering; lackadaisical, indolent, lazy, slothful, otiose; tardy, not prompt, late, behindhand.

2. delaying, temporizing, Inf. stalling, U.S. Cong. filibustering; prolonging, protracting, retarding, slackening; forestalling, preventing, staving off, obstructing, blocking, avoiding; Fabian.

dilemma, n. 1. predicament, plight, Inf. pickle, Inf. fix, difficulty, trouble, Inf. hot water, scrape; corner, tight spot, Slang, bind, double bind, catch-22, vicious circle; strait, Slang, squeeze, pinch, push; cul-de-sac, dead end, blind alley; impasse, standstill, stalemate, deadlock.

2. difficult choice, Fr. embarras de choix, tough question, hard nut to crack, poser, puzzle; complicated problem, knot, entanglement, intricacy.

3. quandary, perplexity, uncertainty, confusion, bewilderment; muddle, mess, botch, jumble, hodgepodge.

dilettante, n. 1. dabbler, Inf. dabbster, smatterer, sciolist, half scholar, amateur, nonprofessional, layman; do-it-yourselfer, putterer, potterer, trifler, dallier, piddler.

2. art lover, person of taste, connoisseur, Latin, ar- bitrator elegantiae; member of the intelligentsia or cognescenti.

diligence, n. assiduity, assiduousness, application, exertion, labor, industry, industriousness; perseverance, persistence, pertinacity, tenacity, constancy, sedulousness, doggedness, intentness, earnestness, Inf. stick-to-it-iveness.

diligent, adj. 1. industrious, assiduous, sedulous,
hard-working; intense, intent, concentrated, steady, earnest, zealous; busy, busy as a bee or beaver, active, employed, engaged, occupied, hard at it, eager-beaver.

2. painstaking, thorough, thoroughgoing; persistent, pertinacious, dogged, plodding, slogging, plugging; persevering, unremitting, unrelaxing, unfatigable.

dillydaily, adj. vacillate, fluctuate, waver, hover, hem and haw, blow hot and cold; trifle, toy, flirt, potter, putter. Inf.iddle, Sl. fütz; dally, dawdle, loiter, linger, shillyshally, take one's time, take one's own sweet time. Inf. lallygag; delay, tarry, waste time, fritter away time, kill time, while away the time or hours.

dilute, v. weaken, attenuate, extenuate, thin, rarely; mix, adulterate, Inf. water or water down, (of alcohol or drugs) Inf. cut.

—adj. 2. weak, weakened, thin, thinned, attenuated, diluted; adulterated; Inf. doctored, Inf. watered or watered down, (of alcohol or drugs) Inf. cut.

dim, adj. 1. faint, weak, pale, imperceptible, hardly noticeable, indiscernible; vague, undefined, fuzzy, confused; nebulous, mysterious, unfathomable, incomprehensible.

2. ill-defined, unclear, indistinct, blurred, blurry, clouded, obscured; obfuscated, muffled, bleared.

3. shadowy, dark, gloomy, somber, tenebrous; gray, leaden, cloudy, hazy, misty, foggy, overcast, lowering; obscure, dusky, crepuscular, Archaic. caliginous.

4. lusterless, darkened, tarnished, dulled; dingy, sullied, smudgy, smirchy, dirty, dun; lurid, dismal, murky, muddy, opaque.

5. obtuse, dull-witted, slow-witted, dense, dullish, stupid.

6. to take a dim view of disapprove of, view with disfavor, be displeased by; look askance at, reject, withhold sanction, refuse to accept; take exception to, set one's face against, turn one's nose up at.

—v. 1. darken, shade, shadow, bedim, turn down, lower, Inf. douse; eclipse, cloud, cloud over, becloud, obscure, obfuscate, shroud.

8. fade, grow dim, dull; lose its luster, be discolored; water down, Inf. weaken, weaken, Inf. watered down, (of alcohol or drugs) Inf. cut.

dim, n. 1. prooar, clamar, babel, racket, hurly-burly, hue and cry, ballyhoo, hullabaloo; shouting, shout, yell, holler, outcry, vociferation; bray, bellow, roar, blare, blast, thunderclap, peal, fanfare, tintinnabulation; crash, clash, clangor, clang, jangle, clattering; rattle, hissing, catcalls, caterwauling.

2. commotion, Inf. to-do, flurry, agitation; turmoil, tumult, turmoil, roar, brawl; anarchy, chaos, pandemonium, bedlam, brouhaha, free-for-all; fracas, rumpus, commotion, ruckus.

—v. 3. clamar, cry out, shout, roar, yell, holler; bray, bellow, whoop, hoot, yelp; hiss, catcall, caterwaul; blare, blast, crash, clash, clang, clatter, rattle; drone, drum in the ears, ring in the ears, deafen, drone against, turn one's nose up at.

dine, v. sup, have dinner, breakfast, lunch, take sustenance, break bread, refresh the inner man, eat; fall to, play a good knife and fork, Sl. tuck in; banquette, feast, Sl. eat high off the hog, gourmandize, glutonize, gorge, stuff, Inf. stuff one's face, Sl. pig out, Inf. eat [s.o.] out of house and home; regale, fete, treat, feed.

dingy, adj. dark, dull, dim, dun, grayish brown, lackluster, dusky; drab, dismal, dreary, cheerless, Scot. ourie; shadowy, gloomy, tenebrous, obscure; murky, hazy, smoggy; sooty, smoky, fuliginous, smudgy, smeared; smutchy, dirty, grimy, soiled, muddy; shabby, seedy, worn, rundown, sloppy, crumby.

dining room, n. dining hall, cafeteria, mess, mess hall, chow hall; refectory, triclinium; dinette, breakfast nook.

dinner, n. main meal, repast, reception; feast, banquet; supper, collation; table d'hôte.

dint, n. 1. force, power, potency, puissance; strength, might, energy, drive; ability, capability, capacity; means, virtue, efficacy; effort, will, determination.

2. dent, indentation, depression, concavity; pit, hol- low, dimple, pock; crater, basin; impression, scar.

diocese, n. ecclesiastical district, bishopric, episcopal, cathedral seat; see, territory, province, jurisdiction; archdiocese, archbishopric; prelacy, prefecture, episcopacy, benefice, Brit. incumbency.

dip, v. 1. duck, dunk, lower, plunge, immerse, immer- sive, souse, sink, submerge, submerge, put or push under; douse, drench, soak, steep, bathe.

2. wet slightly, sprinkle, spray,asperge, dabble, moisten, dampen, damp, wet, wet down; wash, lave, splash, splatter, swash, slosh, slop.

3. raise, take up, scoop or scoop up, ladle, bail, cup up, shovel.

4. dive, duck, take a plunge, plunge into, fall for-
ward or headlong, pitch.

5. dip into reach into, put one's hand into, go into.

6. sink, set, go down, drop down, lower; descend; fade, disappear, drop out of sight; duck behind, hide.

7. decrease slightly, lower, fall or fall off, decline, wane, drop or drop off; descend, go down, sink; gravitate; incline, decline, slope downward, bend or slant down, droop.

8. dabble in, smoothe the surface, engage in slightly; skim, brush, look through, glance at, go or run through.

diploma, n. 1. graduation certificate, parchment, Infl. sheepskin, degree, academic title.

2. title, deed; public or official document, charter, constitution.

diplomacy, n. 1. statesmanship, statecraft, politics; Machiavellianism, intrigue, machination, maneuvering, subterfuge.

2. tact, tactfulness, discretion, prudence; sensitive, discerning, perspicacious.

3. administration, government, ministry, statecraft.

4. control, have control over, regulate, rule; rule the roost, govern; be on top of, be master of; be in control, be in command, be in the driver's seat or saddle; wear the pants or trousers, have the upper hand, have under control, have well in hand, hold the purse strings, hold all the cards.

5. sink, set, go down, drop down, lower; descend; slightly, lower, fall or fall off, decline, wane, drop or drop off; descend, go down, sink; gravitate; incline, decline, slope downward, bend or slant down, droop.

6. unmediated, immediate, noninterventional; first hand, from the horse's mouth, personal, face to face, vis-à-vis, head-on.

7. exact, accurate, correct, precise, verbatim; word for word.

8. explicit, clear, plain, simple, unequivocal; absolute, categorical, unqualified, unconditional, unambiguous, unmistakable; straightforward, forthright, uncumbersome, unperiphrastic, straight to the point, U.S. Infl. straight-out, Infl. flatfooted, nononsense, point blank; frank, candid, outspoken.

9. drive, pilot, navigate, hold the reins; at the helm; guide, lead, conduct, usher, escort, accompany; point, aim, steer [s.o. or s.t.]; toward, head [s.o. or s.t.]; toward, orient or position toward, put on the right track, show the way, point out the way, give directions to; Chiefly Scot. airt; intend or desire for, address, send, mail.

—adj. 5. straight, straightforward, undeviating, unwavering, unwavering, uncirrucuous; shortest, nearest, as the crow flies.

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3. captain, skipper, commandant, Inf. old man; pilot, steerman, helmsman, driver, guide, leader, quarter- back, cicerone; (all of an orchestra, chorus, etc.) conductor, maestro, choirmaster, precentor, cory- phaeus.

dirge, n. funeral song, burial hymn, elegy, requiem, Rom. Cath. Ch. trenal, Dies Irae; lament, keen, threnody, threnode, epicudium, monody, ululation, jeremiad, Scot., Irish. coronach; knell, toll, passing bell.

dirt, n. 1. filth, grime, squalor, squalidness; smudge, stain, tarnish, rust; dust, soot, ashes, cinders; smoke, smog, pollution, particulate matter, contaminant, adjuvant; mud, muck, mire, ooze, sludge, slime, Sl. crud, Inf. gook, Sl. yuk; foulness, slop, ex- crement; refuse, garbage, trash, rubbish, waste, junk; sweepings, leavings, chaff, dross.

disable, v. 1. incapacitate, indispose, cripple, lame, prostrate; mutilate, mangle, impair, mar, spoil, ruin; damage, break, put out of gear, put out of whack.

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yukky, SL. gross; repugnant, offensive, obnoxious, shocking, nasty; repulsive, repelling, repellent, revolting, objectionable; abominable, odious, heinous, detestable.

2. unfriendly, unamiable, alienating, offish; abrupt, blunt, brusque, curt, austere, stern; sharp, trenchant, acrimonious, caustic, sarcastic, biting, piercing, stringent; brutal, cruel.

3. discourteous, impolite, uncivil, bad-mannered; indelicate, uncourtly, ungallant, indecorous.

4. sulky, morose, sullen, ill-tempered, ill-humored; grouchily, peevish, petulant, splenetic, thorny, cross.

**disappearance, n.** 1. difference of opinion, discord, lack of agreement, discord, misunderstanding; prejudice, spite, break up, divergence, dissension.

2. conflict, opposition, contradiction, contrariety, strife; dissimilarity, dissimilitude, unlikeness, difference, disparity, inequality; discrepancy, variance, incongruity, dissonance; diversity, nonconformity; disharmony, division.

3. alteration, argument, quarrel, dispute, disputation, controversy, contention; sparring, bickering, sparring, jangling, jarring, clashing; dissension, dissent, dissidence, discord, falling-out; debate, logomachy, war of words; vendetta, feud, rivalry.

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**disappearance, v.** 1. vanish, leave no trace, dematerialize, vanish from sight, disappear off the face of the earth, vanish into thin air, be lost to sight; be swallowed up, go down the drain, go by the board; evaporate, dissipate, disperse, volatilize, vaporize; fade, evanesce, fade away, melt away, dissolve, SL. go poof; recede, recede from view, retrocede, ebb, wane; withdraw, retire, retreat, repair; depart, leave, go, go away, quit, vacate; flit away, fly away, Brit. SI. mizzle, up and go, take wing, SL. vanoose, Jocular, absquatulate, decamp.

2. pass away, cease to exist, die out, cease to be; pass on, die, expire, perish; be no more, come to an end, become extinct, pass into oblivion, become obsolete.

**disappearance, n.** 1. vanishment, evanescence, dematerialization; eclipse, occultation; evaporation, vaporization, dissipation, dispersal; fading away, melting away, dissolution; recession, retrocession, wane, ebb; withdrawal, retirement, retreat; exit, departure, vacation, leave.

2. disappear, SL. vanish; evaporate, disperse, volatilize, vaporize; fade, evanesce, fade away, melt away, dissolve, SL. go poof; recede, recede from view, retrocede, ebb, wane; withdraw, retire, retreat, repair; depart, leave, go, go away, quit, vacate; flit away, fly away, Brit. SI. mizzle, up and go, take wing, SL. vanoose, Jocular, absquatulate, decamp.

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3. disappoint, v. 1. fail [s.o.], dissatisfy disillusion, disenchant, let [s.o.] down; delude, mislead, deceive; abandon, leave in the lurch, stand [s.o.] up.

2. defeat, frustrate, thwart, foil, balk; hinder, hamper, impede, interfere, interrupt, intervene; baffles, disconcert, dumbfound.

**disappoiment, adj.** discouraged, depressed, disillusioned, disenchanted, discontented; frustrated, thwarted, foiled, balked; abandoned, failed.

**disappearance, n.** 1. nonfulfillment, nonsuccess, failure, defeat, inefficacy; thwarting, foiling, setback, flunk.

2. setback, disaster, fiasco, Inf. washout, fizzle, flash in the pan, Inf. no-go, shipwreck.

3. disillusionment, letdown, dissatisfaction, discontent; mortification, chagrin, frustration, bafflement; regret, rue, sorrow, pain; bitter pill, Inf. body blow, Inf. comedown.

**disappearance, n.** 1. disapproval, objection, exception, disparagement, discountenance; depreciation, declaration, detraction; dislike, disfavor, displeasure, dissatisfaction; censure, animadversion, criticism; condemnation, denunciation, objurgation, berating; reprehension, reproach, rebuke, reproof; remonstration, expostulation, admonition.

2. boo, hiss, hoot, jeer, whistle, catcall, U.S. Bronx cheer, raspberry; frown, scowl, glower, glare; black look, dirty look; navy, veto, thumbs down, rejection, denial, negation, refusal, disallowal; protest, demonstration, sit-in, boycott.

3. disapprove, v. 1. disfavor, depurate, protest against, object to; remonstrate, expostulate, be against, come out against; disparage, discountenance, look dimly upon, take exception to, think ill of, dislike; frown upon, take a dim view of, look askance at, Literary, set one's face against; censure, denounce, deplore, animadvert on, curse, objurgate, berate, Obs. exprobate; condemn, criticize, reprobate, cry down, declare, decry; inveigh against, rail against, run down, put down, Inf. knock down; reproach, rebuke, reprove, reprehend; admonish, chide, scold, castigate, hiss down.

2. veto, disallow, vote down, turn thumbs down; refuse to sanction, withhold assent, say no to, disaffirm; refuse, reject, deny, negate, negative, spurn.

**disarm, v.** 1. unarm, unman, disable; render defenseless or helpless or powerless, take the teeth out of.

2. lay down arms, sheathe the sword, turn swords into plowshares; demobilize, demilitarize, deactivate, disband.

3. set at ease, put [s.o.'s] mind at ease; calm, calm to plowshares; demobilize, demilitarize, deactivate, disband.

4. put out of order, disorganize, disarrange, turn topsy-turvy, make a shambles of; clutter, litter, scatter or stew objects about.

5. disarray, v. 1. disorder, put out of order, displace, dislocate, move out of place; disorganize, unsettle, disturb, shake or shake up, discompose, derange; throw into disorder, disarray, dishevel, tumble, touse, mess or mess up, Inf. mess or mess up, rumple or rumple up; turn upside down, Inf. turn topsy-turvy, take a dim view of, look askance at, Literary, set one's face against; censure, denounce, deplore, animadvert on, curse, objurgate, berate, Obs. exprobate; condemn, criticize, reprobate, cry down, declare, decry; inveigh against, rail against, run down, put down, Inf. knock down; reproach, rebuke, reprove, reprehend; admonish, chide, scold, castigate, hiss down.
disaster, n.
1. catastrophe, calamity, tragedy, terrible accident or occurrence, Sl. curtains; shock, blow, heavy or staggering or nasty blow, buffet, stroke, fell stroke, stroke of ill or bad luck or fortune; mishap, mischance, misfortune, miscarriage, misadventure; Scot. and North Engl. misanthrope or misanthropist; accident, casualty, glitch; reverse, reversal, reverse of fortune, setback, comedown, bringdown, bitter pill.
2. cataclysm, convulsion, spasm, upheaval, eruption, sudden violent change or disturbance; debacle, collapse, downfall, breakdown, break up.
3. flood, deluge, inundation, washout, engulfment, or mishap, misfortune, miscarriage, misadventure; Sl. bomb, Sl. turkey.
4. (of performances, entertainment, etc.) failure, fiasco, Inf. flop, Inf. fizzle, Inf. dud, Inf. washout, Sl. bomb, Sl. turkey.

disastrous, adj.
1. catastrophic, calamitous, cataclysmic, cataclysmal; ruinous, destructive, destroying, devastating, demolishing; ravaging, desolating, blighting, withering; harrowing, dire, black, fatal.
2. crushing, disheartening; grievous, sore, hard to bear or take; severe, hard, heavy, Sl. heavy-duty.
3. appalling, shocking, frightful, horrendous, dreadful, sinister, wretched, miserable, deplorable, pitiful, pitiable, piteous, pathetic, pathetical; unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky.

disavow, v.
1. disclaim, deny, gainsay, contradict, retract, recant, recall, unsay, take back; repudiate, renounce, (usu. under oath) abjure, forswear; defect, apostatize.
2. disown, reject, cast off; disinherit, diserit, Rare. exheredate, cut off; wash one's hands of, turn one's back on, have nothing further to do with.
3. emit, pour forth, send forth, send out, eject; gush, let fly, set off; deliver a charge, give vent to.
4. fire off, shoot, detonate, explode, burst; let off, scratch; abandon, relinquish, forsake; dispense with, get rid of, drop.
5. repudiate, rescind, recall, retract, revoke; abolish, nullify, declare null and void, cancel.

—n.
1. castaway, Inf. throw-out, (of cards) slough; distress merchandise, factory reject, reject, second, irregular, Inf. markdown; (pl.) reclamation; hand-me-down; outcast, derelict.
2. discern, see, behold, perceive, cognize; observe, notice, esppy, descry, detect, discover; make out, decipher, figure out, ascertain, determine; distinguish, pick out, recognize; differentiate, make a distinction, discriminate, judge.

discernible, adj.
visible, seeable, apparent, perceivable, perceptible; open, in full view, revealed, unenclosed, exposed, showing, hidden, uncovered, unveiled, naked, bare; conspicuous, observable, noticeable; distinguishable, recognizable, well-marked, detectable, discoverable; distinct, in focus, lucid, plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face; plain, clear, evident, obvious, manifest, patent, palpable.

discerning, adj.
astute, perceptive, clear-eyed, penetrating, piercing; keen, sharp, acute, quick; eagle-eyed, hawk-eyed, lynx-eyed, sharp-eyed; perspicacious, perceptive, appercipient, discriminating, critical; sagacious, judicious, wise, sapient, knowing, aware, sensible; discern, politic, prudent, cautious, watchful, Argus-eyed, mindful; clear-headed, thoughtful, sensible, intelligent, reasonable, sound; alert, quick-witted, bright, smart, clever, shrewd, subtle; long-sighted, far-sighted, far-seeing, long-headed.

discernment, n.
1. acumen, perceptiveness, insight, perspicacity, perspicaciousness, penetration, awareness; discrimination, distinguishing, acuteness, keenness, sharpness, cleverness, astuteness, shrewdness, ingenuity, ingeniousness; perception, Psychol. apprehension, percipience, notice, observance; ascertainment, determination, discrimination, Inf. good eye.
2. apprehension, understanding, Obs. skill, comprehension; intelligence, knowledge, profundity, depth; sagacity, sagaciousness, wisdom; intuition, divination, clairvoyance; foresightedness, farsightedness, long-headedness; mother wit; wit, esprit; sense, common sense, good sense, judgment, prudence, brains, smartness, brightness.
3. discerning, apprised, beholding, detection, discovery, seeing, discerning.

discharge, v.
1. unload, unburden, disemburden, free, relieve, remove.
2. fire off, shoot, disseminate, explode, burst; let off, let fly, set off; deliver a charge, give vent to.
3. emit, pour forth, send forth, send out, eject; gush, disemboque, cast forth; void, teem, empty; excrete, exude, ooze, leak.
disciple

4. exonerate, absolve, acquit, pardon, reprieve, exculpate, clear; exempt, relieve, release; liberate, set free, unmanumit, emancipate, allow to go.

5. fulfill, perform, execute, carry out, accomplish; observe, abide by, conform to, acquiesce in, consent to.

6. dismiss, oust, get rid of, discard, cashier, deprive of office; fire, Sl. sack, Sl. bounce, Sl. can, Euph. terminate; give [s.o.] walking papers, send packing, Sl. give the boot to, Sl. boot out, let the axe fall, U.S. Gov’t, Inf. rif.

7. pay, settle, liquidate, satisfy.

8. Law. cancel, abolish, rescind, void, annul, make void, nullify, invalidate; expel, clear from, banish, put away.

—n. 9. emptying, unloading, disburdening.

10. firing off, shooting, detonation; explosion, fusillade, salvo, volley, blast, pop, shot, report, burst, crash.

11. emission, ejection, projection, expulsion, vent, flowing forth; voidance, emptying, disemboguement.

12. Law. exoneration, exculpation, acquitted, pardon, acquittance, clearance, absolution; liberation, release, setting free, manumission, emancipation; respite, reprieve.

13. Law. annulment, nullification, invalidation, voidance; abolition, destruction, banishment.

14. payment, liquidation, satisfaction, settlement.

15. fulfilment, performance, execution, accomplishment, achievement; observance, abidance.

16. dismissal, ouster, displacement, congé, riddance; Sl. bounce, Sl. sack, Sl. the gate, Inf. the axe, Inf. walking papers.

disciple, n. 1. pupil, scholar, student, educatee; learner, apprentice.

2. votary, devotee, follower, satellite; adherent, partisan, sectary; supporter, promoter, booster; propponent, advocate, defender, apostle; successor, upholder, representative.

3. convert, proselyte; apostle, evangelist, missionary, emissary; Relig. follower of Christ, Christian.

disciplinarian, n. martinet, drill sergeant, hard master, formalist, stickler; taskmaster, trainer, coach, teacher, authoritarian, tyrant, despot, dictator.

discipline, n. 1. drilling, training, coaching, exercise; development, preparation, instruction, schooling; inculcation, indoctrination, systematization; drill, routine, method, practice, procedure.

2. direction, rule, government, subjection; control, regulation, check, restriction, limitation, restraint, curb, reins; compulsion, coercion.

3. correction, chastisement, reprimand, reprove, rebuke; punishment, castigation, penalty.

4. branch of knowledge, course of study, curriculum, subject, course, specialty, major.

—v. 5. drill, train, coach, exercise; instruct, teach, tutor, give lessons, school, edify; inform, enlighten, inculcate, indoctrinate; ground, prepare, prime, qualify; rear, bring up, form, guide; inure, accustom, familiarize, habituate, toughen, harden, break in, put through paces.

6. control, ride herd on, direct, govern, supervise, oversee, preside over, manage, conduct; lead, hold in hand, hold or keep in line, regulate, regiment; restrain, check, curb, hold or keep back, contain, arrest; harness, bridle, rein in, hold in, lead, muzzle; restrict, constrain, confine.

7. correct, chastise, reprimand, reprove, rebuke, criticize, make an example of; punish, castigate, penalize.

disclaim, v. 1. repudiate, renounce, (usu. under oath) abjure, forswear; deny, gainsay, contradict, disaffirm; disavow, retract, recant, recall, unsay, take back.

2. disown, cast off, disinherit, diseriter, Rare. exerherdate, cut off; wash one’s hands of, turn one’s back on, have nothing further to do with.

3. reject, refuse, decline, turn down; ignore, be deaf to, turn a deaf ear to, turn thumbs down, say no to.

disclaimer, n. 1. disavowal, denial, disaffirmation; retraction, recantation, recall; contradiction, gainsay, disclaimation.

2. repudiation, renunciation, renouncement, (usu. under oath) abjuration; disowning, discarding, rejecting, rejection, disinherit, disheriting.

disclamation, n. disavowal, renunciation. See disclaimer (defs. 1, 2).

disclose, v. 1. make known, reveal, tell, impart, inform, relate, utter, Archaic. discover, declare, break the news; divulge, let slip, leak, let the cat out of the bag, spill the beans, blow the lid off, blurt out, blab; release, break, report, publish, Archaic. divulgate, print, broadcast, air, communicate; tell tales, tattle, betray, blow the whistle on, All Sl. squeal, squeak, rat, fink, stink, peach.

2. expose, uncover, bare, show, strip; unmask, unveil, take off the chadri, come out of the closet; bring to light, unearth, exhume, exhibit.

disclosure, n. revelation, enlightenment, exposure, divulgance, uncovering, unveiling, exposition; exposé, publication, broadcast, report, communication; leak, admission, avowal, confession.

discolor, v. 1. stain, tinge, tint, tone, streak, discoloration, mark, blemish, flaw, taint; bruise, contusion, maculation; blanch, wash out, weather; tarnish, rust, oxidize; soil, mark, mar, blur, sully.

2. distort, misrepresent, color, varnish, doctor, disfigure; wash, fade, pale, bleach, wash out, weather; tarnish, rust, oxidize; soil, mark, mar, blur, sully.

3. reject, refuse, decline, turn down; ignore, be deaf to, peremptorily refuse, disown, cast off, disinherit, disherit; wash one’s hands of, turn one’s back on, win the day, prevail over, triumph over; outmaneuver, outman, outwit, vexation, annoyance; irri-
turb, disturb, demoralize.

4. make short work of; conquer, subjugate, vanquish, subdue, overpower, overthrow, master, overmaster; overcome, defeat, beat, worst, lick, wipe the floor with, Inf. make short work of; conquer, subjugate, vanquish, subdue, overpower, overthrow, master, overmaster; overcome, defeat, beat, worst, lick, win the day, prevail over, triumph over; outmaneuver, outgeneral, outwit, checkmate, trump.

2. frustrate, foil, thwart, hinder, obstruct; ruin, spoil, upset, trip up, shipwreck.

3. prevent, stop, block, patch, mark, discomfit, embarrass, chagrín, perturb, disturb, demoralize.

4. rout, trounce, whip, crush, overwhelm, put to flight, floor, Sl. mop or wipe the floor with, Inf. make short work of; conquer, subjugate, vanquish, subdue, overpower, overthrow, master, overmaster; overcome, defeat, beat, worst, lick, win the day, prevail over, triumph over; outmaneuver, outgeneral, outwit, checkmate, trump.

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4. rout, beating, drubbing, trouncing, discomfiture, discomfit, disaster, defeat, repulse, conquest, vanquishment, overthrow; subjugation, subdual.

2. frustration, rebuff, ruination, undoing, spoiling, miscarriage, abortion; disappointment, failure, non-
success.

3. confusion, discomposure, chagrín, embarrassment, disconcertion, bafflement, abashment, shame, humiliation, demoralization.

discomfort, n. 1. uneasiness, disquietude, anxiety, worry, concern, care, trouble; hardship, distress, Archaic. misfortune; mild hurt, uncomfortableness, malaise, aches and pains.

2. ache, pain, pang, throb, twinge, smart, sting, burn; nuisance, pest, bother, Inf. headache, Sl. hassle, Sl. pain in the neck or rear, vexation, annoyance; irri-
tant, burn, thorn in the side or flesh, pea in the shoe; inconvenience, disadvantage, handicap; problem, afflic-
tion, difficulty; trial, tribulation, ordeal, load,
discommoded, v. inconvenience, trouble, put [s.o.] to the trouble, incommoded, put [s.o.] out, impose upon, encroach upon, burden; bother, disturb, Sl. hassle, Sl. bug.

discompose, v. 1. disorder, disorderly, confuse, disorganize, derange; unhinge, throw into confusion or chaos, disarray, dishevel, tumble, rumple, Inf. muss up; mix up, muddle, jumble, mess up.

2. disturb, agitate, ruffle, discomfit, disconcert, disquiet; chagrin, perturb, vex, irritate, nettle; confound, fluster, rattle, flurry, unbalance, disorient; abash, embarrass, nonplus; daunt, dishearten.

3. detach, unfasten, undo, unhook, unlink, unhinge, junction, disjointedness, incoherence, unrelation, uncholy, woebegone, discouraged, downcast; blue, low-spirited; depressed, dejected, despondent, melancholy, woebegone, discouraged, downcast; blue, Sl. down, down in the mouth, in or down in the dumps.

2. gloomy, dark, dreary, Literary, deark, dismal; somber, depressing, saddening, sad, funereal.

discontent, adj. 1. dissatisfied, discontented, disaffected, displeased; fretful, complaining, querulous, pettish, testy, petulant, cranky; chafed, annoyed, piqued, vexed, exasperated, angry.

—n. 2. dissatisfaction, disquiet, inquietude, discontentment; envy, displeasure, distaste; uneasiness, restlessness, impatience, fretfulness; irritation, pique, annoyance, vexation, exasperation, umbrage, anger.

discontinuance, n. cessation, termination, stoppage, adjournment, stop, stay; disruption, delay, postponement; interruption, discontinuation, suspension, re- cess, pause; interruption, recess, lull, interval; respite, rest, break, letup.

discontinue, v. 1. terminate, put an end to, end, put a stop to, halt, stay, Inf. cut out, Sl. can. 2. abandon, quit, leave off, cease, desist from, stop, drop; (usu. of work) shut up shop, call it a day, Inf. call it quits, Sl. knock off; cancel, cease to take, let [s.t.] expire or run out.

3. interrupt, suspend, intermit, break off, pause; ab- stain from, refrain from, give up, quit.

discontinuity, n. lack of unity, lack of coherence, disunion, incoherence, disjunction, disjointedness, disconnectedness; discontinuation; disruption, disconnection, interruption, severance, rupture, breach, fissure, rift; division, separation, cleavage, divorce, split.

discontinuous, adj. 1. interrupted, broken, broken off, punctuated; disconnected, unconnected, disjointed, incoherent.

2. intermittent, fitful, spasmodic; on and off, alternate, periodic; random, irregular.

3. discrete, distinct, separated, separate; disjoined, disjunct, detached.

discord, n. 1. disharmony, dissonance, din, jangle, cacophony.

2. incompatibility, variance, diversity, disunity; rupture, breach, break, split, falling out; controversy, argument, dispute, contention, dissension; conflict, strife, friction, wrangling, clashing; hostility, animosity, war, warfare.

discordant, adj. 1. incongruous, disparate, inconsistent; contrary, disagreeing, divergent, opposed, adverse, opposite; paradoxical, contradictory, incompatible, inimical, conflicting; different, differing, dissimilar.

2. dissonant, absonant, inharmonious, tuneless, unmusical, unmelodious, untuneful, Music. atonal; cacophonous, harsh, strident, shrill, screechy, grating, jangling, jarring, clashing.

discount, v. 1. deduct, take off, Inf. lop off, Sl. knock off; reduce, mark down, cut back, roll back.

2. disregard, ignore, overlook, pass over, gloss over; leave out of account or consideration, pay no attention to, take no note of; brush off, blink at, wink at.

—n. 3. reduction, deduction, markdown, cut rate, cutback, rollback; rebate, refund; allowance, exemption, (in reference to taxes) Sl. deduction.

discountenance, v. 1. embarrass, shame, chagrin, abash, humiliate, put down, cause to lose face, humble; disconcert, nonplus, discompose, perturb, annoy, put out of countenance; dishearten, discomfit, daunt, discourage, dispirit.

2. disapprove, disfavor, discourage, frown upon; resist, oppose, have nothing to do with; wash one's hands of, refuse to condone.

discourage, v. 1. dishearten, dispirit, disappoint one's spirits, cast a pall, blunt; disenchant, damp, throw cold water on, throw a wet blanket over, put a
discouragement

damper on; daunt, dismay, intimidate, overawe, cow, abash, appall; unnerve, prostrate, unman.

2. divert, sidetrack, switch, shift, shunt; deter, hold back, restrain, curb, rein in.

3. hinder, prevent, dash one’s hopes, repress, suppress, squelch, Inf. bulldoze, Inf. put the kibosh on; obstruct, oppose, obviate, stop short.

4. caution, warn, advise against; expostulate, urge against, dehort, remonstrate, admonish, dissipate, talk out of; deprecate, deplore, Inf. talk down, Inf. put down.

discouragement, n. 1. dejection, disheartenment, lack of spirit; depression, low spirits, gloom, melancholy, despondency, despair; dismay, frustration, consternation, hopelessness, prostration; loss of confidence, cold feet, hesitation, fearfulness, mistrust.

2. opposition, resistance, antagonism, contravention; dissuasion, intimidation, expostulation, remonstrance, prohibition.

3. damper, wet blanket, cold water; deterrence, hindrance, impediment, obstacle, barricade, preclusion, interference, Inf. setback; curb, check, control, rein, restrain, constraint, repression, restriction, inhibition; rebuff, slap in the face, Inf. put-down.

discourse, n. 1. conversation, talk, dialogue, colloquy, converse, interlocution, verbal exchange; chat, chit-chat, palaver, confabulation, Inf. confab, table talk.

2. address, speech, oration, declamation, Rhet. apostrophe, salutation, valedictory; lecture, sermon, sermonette, homily, harangue, dissertation, essay.

—v. 3. converse, talk, discuss, speak, chat, chit-chat, confabulate, Inf. confab, coze, pass the time of day, Brit. Dial. tell, Sl. rap, Sl. chin, Sl. chew the fat or rag, Sl. shoot the breeze or bull, Sl. bull.

4. address, deliver an address, make a speech, give a talk, soapbox, platform, take the floor; declaim, hold forth, lecture, sermonize, preach, pontificate, harangue, rant, rave, rant and rave, Inf. spout, outflout, Herod Herod.

discourteous, adj. rude, impolite, uncivil, uncere- monious, unmannerly, bad-mannered, ill-bred, disrespectful, misbehaved; indecortous, uncourteously, unkindly, indecorous, ungracious; ungentlemanly, unladylike, brash, bold, hoydenish, brazen, bare-faced, horangie, diatribe, philippic; treatise, study, dissertation, descant, essay.

2. snub, insult, affront; rebuff, come back, snide remark; scowl, black looks. contention.

3. conceive, contrive, devise, design, invent, patent; concoct, make up, Inf. cook up; innovate, pioneer, originate; chance upon, stumble upon, happen upon, light upon; find out, hear of, learn of, catch wind of.

discovery, n. 1. apprehension, detection, discernment, espial, perception, recognition, realization; ascertaining, determining, locating, uncovering, unearthing; introduction, origination, coinage.

2. find, finding, treasure, lucky strike, serendipity; invention, innovation, contrivance, concoction, neologism; conception, idea; breakthrough, leap, new phase.

discredit, v. 1. detract, degrade, censure, reproach, make displeasurable, bring into disfavor, injure or impair the credit or reputation of, tear down; disparage, decry, demean, deprecate, deflate, devaluate, depreciate, belittle; defame, slur, asperse, malign, calumniate, libel, slander, traduce, denigrate, sully, smear, blacken, stain, tarnish, taint, smirch, besmirch, smudge; humiliate, humble, mortify.

2. disprove, invalidate, refute, undermine credibility, destroy belief in, shake one’s faith; lampoon, mock, ridicule.

3. disbelieve, deny, misbelieve, refuse to believe in; give no credit to, Inf. give no ear to; challenge, dispute, raise objections; doubt, question, distrust, mistrust, place no confidence in, put no faith in; hesitate, waver, have one’s doubts.

—n. 4. disbelief, unbelief, incredulity, loss of belief, loss of credence; disproval, invalidation, refutation; doubt, doubtingness, skepticism, question, dubiety, doubiousness, dubiosity, suspicion, distrust, mistrust; lack of confidence, uncertainty, hesitation, indecision; qualm, scruple, compunction.

5. disrepute, disfavor, obloquy, disesteem, loss of face; detraction, derogation, degradation, devaluation, depreciation; shame, disgrace, scandal, reproach, ignominy, infamy, odium, opprobrium, baseness, debasement, vituperation, ill-repute; humiliation, humble pie, mortification.

6. asperity, slur, imputation, slander, reflection, defamation, degradation, smear, smirch, blot, stain, taint, attainment, tarnish, spot, blemish, smudge, brand, stigma; lampoon, mockery, squib, pasquinade, gag, taunt, scoff, jeer, sneer, gib, gibe.

disc准备好able, adj. 1. blameless, blameable, culpable, censurable, chargeable, accountable, imputable; unblamable; culpable; censurable; chargeable; accountable; imputable; undutiful, delinquent, negligent; improper, unnecessarily, unworthy, objectionable, unconscionable, reprovable, peccable, ill-usable.

2. disgraceful, shameful, dishonorable, reprehensible, unprincipled, scandalous; degrading, ignoble, inglorious.

discreef, adj. careful, prudent, wise, sagacious; cautious, precautionary, judicious, sensible; guarded, circumspect, wary, chary; aware, awake, alert, heedful, watchful, vigilant, Inf. on one’s toes; diplomatic, tactful, politic, strategic; reserved, noncommittal.

discrepancy, n. 1. inconsistency, variance, dissimilarity, deviation, difference, disparity, incongruity, contrariety; difference, disagreement, discordance, misunderstanding, credibility gap, cross purposes.

2. most point, disputed point, question at issue, moot question, knotty point, point in dispute, bone of contention.

disrepeFuent, adj. differing, disagreeing, at variance; discordant, clashing, jarring, conflicting; inconsistent, contradictory, opposite, contrary, paradoxical, incongruous.

discrete, adj. separate, distinct, detached; disconnected, disjunctive, discrete, discontinuous.

discretion, n. 1. prudence, judiciousness, wisdom,
sagacity, caution, forethought; sound or mature judgment, good sense, thoughtfulness, deliberation, discrimination, Inf. good eye, discernment, tact; moderation, sophrosyne, Brit. Dial. mense.

1. freedom of choice, liberty, volition, option; will, preference, pleasure, election, inclination; mind, disposition, liking, wish, desire, purpose, intent.

2. discretionary, adj. optional, elective, open, unrestricted, unqualified, unconditional; voluntary, volitional, voluntary, unrestrained.

discriminate, v. distinguish, discern, differentiate; split hairs, mince matters; divide, separate, segregate, isolate, set apart, set off, separate the sheep from the goats, separate the wheat from the chaff; prejudice, presuppose, preconceive.

discrimination, n. 1. discernment, astuteness, penetration, acumen, perspicacity, keenness, sharpness, acuteness, shrewdness; sagacity, judgment, wisdom, insight; discretion, prudence, caution, carefulness, forethought, longheadedness.

2. racism, sexism, chauvinism; bias, prejudice, bigotry, intolerance, narrow-mindedness.

3. taste, good taste, finesse, grace, polish, refinement, culture; fastidiousness, finickiness, meticulosity, hypercriticism.

discriminative, adj. 1. distinctive, diacritical, characteristic, particular, peculiar, special, typical.

2. distinguishing, disjunctive, differentiating, differential, discriminating, analytical, critical, discerning, perceptive, perspicacious, percipient, clear-eyed, keen; aesthetic, artistic, tasteful, cultivated, cultured, refined, polished.

3. preferential, prejudicial; racist, sexist, chauvinistic.

discursive, adj. digressive, excursive, desultory, episodic, rhapsodic; circumlocutory, circumlocutional, circumlocutionary, circuitous, roundabout; rambling, roving, wandering, meandering, drifting, straggling, veering; diffuse, wordy, long-winded, prolix, verbose.

discuss, v. 1. talk over, debate, moot, bandy words, Inf. kick around, Sl. hash over; argue the pros and cons, argue for and against, argue, debate, contend, contest, question; disagree, dissent, differ, controvert, oppose; spar, cross swords, lock horns, altercate, wrangle, bicker, haggle, dicker, Sl. hassle out, fight out, thresh or thrash over, Inf. hash out, Inf. iron out, come to a decision.

2. confer, parley, Inf. compare notes, get together on; go over, review, look at; talk about, exchange views, Inf. talk turkey, talk seriously; talk, converse, Sl. rap, chat, Sl. chew the rag or fat, Sl. shoot the bull, Sl. bat or shoot the breeze, pass the time of day, Inf. gab, gossip. See chat. (def. I).

3. discourse, converse on, speak on, talk on or about, treat with, handle; present, bring up, air, ventilate, open up for discussion; study, examine a question, deliberate, consider, weigh.

discussion, n. 1. debate, dispute, disagreement, contention, dissension, variance, difference of opinion; disputation, argumentation, polemic, logomachy, war of words; verbal controversy, altercation, wrangle, heated argument, Sl. hassle.

2. conference, meeting, parley, Inf. powwow; tête-à-tête, private talk or conference, review; conversation, discourse, palaver, talk, chat; coze, causerie, confabulation, Inf. confab; Inf. chin session, buzz session, gossip session; exchange of ideas, Sl. rap, Sl. rap session, Sl. bull session, airing, ventilation.

3. study, examination, deliberation, consideration, careful thought; ratification, reasoning; inquiry, investigation, examination, close inspection, canvass; review, survey, check, search, probe, exploration; scrutiny, scrutinization, analysis, dissection.

disdain, v. 1. scorn, contemn, hold in contempt, revile; misprize, consider beneath oneself, spurn, spit upon, curl one's lip at; despise, hate, detest, loathe, abhor; reproach, deprecate, disparage; deride, ridicule, laugh at, poke fun at, make fun of.

2. belittle, pooh-pooh, look down upon, set at naught, Sl. put down; disregard, slight, snub, shun, cut, Inf. high-hat, upstage, give a cold shoulder to, turn up one's nose at, ostracize, rebuff; ignore, have nothing to do with, disown, cut off, disavow, have no use for, wipe one's feet on, brush aside.

3. scorn, contempt, contemptuousness, scornfulness, contemptibility, opprobrium, deprecation, disparagement, belittling, hate, detestation, loathing, abhorrence.

disease, n. malady, illness, sickness, ailment, Inf. bug, pathology, morbidity, distemper, Pathol. affection; unhealthiness, ill-health, abnormality, unsoundness, disorder, derangement; affliction, complaint, Inf. mulligrubs, indisposition; infirmity, disability, invalidism; infection, Inf. virus, fever, Inf. temperature, contagion, plague, pestilence; idiosyncrasy, dyscrasia, Plant Pathol. canker.

diseased, adj. 1. pathological, morbid, afflicted, affected, infected; poisoned, tainted, corrupted, contaminated, corroded; deranged, abnormal.

2. sick, sickly, ailing, ill; unhealthy, unsound, unwell, unwholesome, Sl. germy; laid up, out of sorts, off one's feed, down with a bug, indisposed.

disembark, v. land, debark, deplane, detrain, step out of, leave; unload, put or go ashore, Inf. pile out; climb down from, get down off, descend the gangplank, disembark, alight, light.

disembarrass, v. relieve, ease, put at ease, make comfortable, relax, ally, soothe; mollify, appease, assuage, mitigate.

2. rid, free, liberate, release, extricate, disentangle; unclog, unstop, open, clear, remove, unseal; unburden, comfort, relax, allay, soothe; mollify, appease, assuage, mitigate.

disembodied, adj. 1. bodiless, incorporeal, discarnate; spiritual, immaterial, unsubstantial, unfleshly; intangible, impalpable, imponderable, immeasurable.

2. airy, ethereal, vapory; spectral, ghostly, phantom, wraithlike; extramundane, transmundane, supernatural, superphysical, hyperphysical.

disembowel, v. eviscerate, exenterate, gut, draw, cut, disembowel, disembody,

2. disembowel, v. eviscerate, extricate, disentangle; unclog, unstop, open, clear, remove, unseal; unburden, unload, unhamper, discharge, disburden, disembner, lighten the load; get rid of, get off one's hands, get off one's back, wash one's hands of.

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disembowel, v. eviscerate, exenterate, gut, draw, cut out, open, embowel, gralloch, Rare. paunch.

disembowel, v. clear up, unclutter, unsnarl, unscramble; restore order, free up. See disentangle.

disable, v. disable, unfit, impair, enfeeble, weaken, enervate, devitalize; emasculate, unman, effeminate; handicap, debilitate, cripple, paralyze, lame, maim; disqualify, invalidate, undermine, prevent, impede, hinder, obstruct, hamstring, hobble; tie one's hands, clip one's wings, put a spoke in one's wheel; put out of gear, put out of commission, put out of action, lay [s.o.] up, Sports. sideline.

disenchant, v. disillusion, disillusionize, disabuse, undeceive, open [s.o.'s] eyes, set [s.o.] straight, make
disencumber, v. unload, unhamper, unburden, discharge. See disembroil (def. 2).

disengage, v. loosen, loose, detach, disjoin, unattach; unbuckle, unclinch, unhitch, unclasp, uncouple; disjoin, disunite, divide, divorce; unloose, free, liberate, set free, disinvolve, disentwine; unbolt, unbar, unlock, unlatch; unpin, unfit, unbind, unlace, unlay, unattach, unloose; extricate, get out, cut loose, break out, get free of, get quit of; get out of, get rid of, throw off, shake; part, separate, dissever, sever, Sunder, disconnect, break, cleave, ax; pull the plug, cut the wire, cut the knot, sever the ties, break the connection.

disengaged, adj. 1. unattached, released, free, loose, unconnected, out of gear; liberated, freed, unhitched, disjoined, disentangled; apart, asunder, separate.

2. unoccupied, free, at leisure, unemployed, doing nothing; at ease, not busy, idle, inactive, Inf. laying about or around.

disengagement, n. 1. disconnection, separation, loosening, detachment, unfastening, unhitching; disjunction, disunion, divorce, severance, disavowal; parting, breaking, splitting, disruption; dissociation, breaking up, division, fission; disentanglement, disinvolution, extrication, extraction, removal.

2. leisure, freedom, liberty, Inf. dolce far niente; free time, spare time, own time, ease, relaxation; breather, spell, Inf. let-up, lull, rest, relief, respite, pause, break, time-out, breathing spell.

disentangle, v. unravel, unwind, undo, untangle, unravel, untangle, unweave, unthread, unbraid; comb, card, dress, separate; uncurl, unkink, unsnarl, straighten, smooth, groom.

2. clear up, solve, answer, resolve, figure out, work out, find out, Sl. dope out; unscramble, disembroil, make out, decipher, decode, Inf. crack.

3. simplify, disinvolve, clarify, sort out, get to the core or heart.

disenthrall, v. free, liberate, emancipate, manumit, enfranchise, affranchise, franchise; deliver, rescue, ransom, redeem, Theol. save; release, set free, loose, loosen, let loose, turn loose, set loose, let go, unpen, unmew, disimprison; unbind, untie, unfit, unshackle, unchain, unhandcuff, unbridle, unyoke, unshackle, Archaic. untruss.

disfavor, n. 1. disrespect, disregard, low regard, disesteem, low esteem, low or poor opinion, low estimation, dim view; dislike, discontentment, unhappiness, displeasure, dissatisfaction; disapproval, disapprobation, disconcernation.

2. discredit, dishonor, disgrace, shame, disrepute, ill repute; obloquy, odium, opprobrium, ignominy, infamy; alienation, estrangement, disaffection, ostracism, Sl. the doghouse.

3. disservice, ill will, bad deed, Sl. raw deal; insult, affront, offense, slight, discourtesy, slap in the face; aspersion, jeer, taunt, gib, Inf. brickbat, Sl. put-down.

disfigure, v. deform, deform, disfigure, blemish, mar, spoil, ruin, flaw, scar, blotch, uglify; injure, impair, maul, damage, vandalize, trash.

disfigurement, n. 1. defacement, deformation, disfigurement, impairment, injury, uglification; vandalism, destruction, damage.

2. ugliness, unsightliness, unattractiveness; hideousness, horribleness, horridness, frightfulness, repulsiveness.

3. blemish, blotch, stain, spot, blot, smudge; defect, flaw, fault, imperfection; eyesore, fright, mess, monstrosity; deformity, malformation, mutilation; scar, pit, pockmark, Med. cicatrix, (both usu. resulting from drug abuse) Sl. track, Sl. crater; birthmark, mole, port-wine stain or mark, Med. naevus.

disgorge, v. 1. spit out, spew out, vomit forth, burst forth; spew, jet, spurt; vomit, regurgitate, heave, throw up, throw back, Sl. puke, Sl. barf, Sl. upchuck, Sl. blow lunch.

2. (all usu. in reference to something illicitly obtained) surrender, yield, cede, relinquish, give up, turn over, Inf. hand over, Sl. fork up or over, Sl. cough up, render up; release, let go, forgo, renounce, abandon, Sl. kiss good-bye; return, replace, give back.

3. discharge, eject, expel; jetison, cast off or away, throw out or off or away.

disgrace, n. 1. dishonor, shame, degradation, scandal, debasement, vitiation, ill-repute, reproach, ingloriousness; ignominy, infamy, odium, opprobrium, condemnation.

2. slur, imputation, aspersion, defamation, denigration, slander, libel, vilification, smear, smirch, blot, blot on the escutcheon, stain, taint, attaint, tarnish, spot, black spot or mark, blemish, smudge, brand, stigma, Inf. skeleton in the closet.

3. discredit, disrepute, disfavor, disrespect, obloquy, disapproval, disapprobation, disesteem, loss of face, downfall, fall, disgrace, humiliation, blemish, pie, mor- tification; belittlement, disparagement, depreciation, deflation, derogation, detraction, depreciation, devaluation.

—v. 4. shame, dishonor, degrade, disfigure, vilify, discredit, disrepute, dishonor, degrade, abase, vitiate, reproach; sully, impute, slur, averse, vilify, scandalize, blacken, smear, smirch, besmirch, taint, attain, tarnish, stain, smudge, spot, bespatter, brand, stigmatize, Sl. dump on, drag through the mud or mire, heap dirt upon; slander, calumniate, libel, denigrate, defame.

5. discredit, disfavor, derogate, disprove, depreciate, devaluate, lower, reduce, defraud, depress; demean, belittle, detract, disparage, decry, depreciate, deflate; humiliate, humble, mortify.

disgraced, adj. 1. shamed, dishonored, reproached, ill-famed; discredited, Sl. in the doghouse; humiliated, mortified, humbled.

2. discredited, invalidated, refuted; belittled, disparaged, decried, derogated, deprecatated, depreciated, deflated.

3. libeled, slandered, aspersed, spurred, denigrated, defamed, slandered, smirched, besmirched, smeared, smeared, stained, tarnished, tainted, blemished, smudged, branded, stigmatized.

disgraceful, adj. 1. shameful, dishonorable, degraded, inglorious; infamous, ignominious, odious, contemptible, despicable, opprobrious, detestable, sorid, degenerate, depraved, horrible, heinous, vicious, atrocious, flagitious; corrupt, reprehensible, unprinci- pled, debased, base, vile, evil, sinful, bad, wrong, low, arrant, nefarious, Obs. scelerous; mean, villainous, igno-

2. libelous, slanderous, defamatory; shocking, scandalous, notorious, flagrant, shameless, outrageous; improper, unseemly, unconscionable, Obs. indign, unworthy, undutiful, delinquent, objectionable, uncon- mendable, reprovable, peccable, illaudable; indecent, lewd, obscene, perverse.

3. disreputable, discreditable, disfavored; censurable, blameworthy, blamable, culpable, chargeable, ac- cusable, impeachable, imputable; humiliating, morti- fying; belittling, degrading, disparaging, deprecating.

disgruntled, adj. discontented, discontented, discontented, dissatisfied, displeased, unhappy; disappointed,
dejected, dishwarried, de light; sulky, sullen, pout ful, resentful; cranky, grumpy, grouch y, surly, churl ish, ill-humored, in a bad mood; vexed, annoyed, irri tated, exasperated, disfigured, Inf. fed up.

dishabille, n. 
dishearten, v. 1.
1. n. container, receptacle, bowl, vessel, uten sil; plate, platter, paten, saucer; tureen, crock, cup, porringer; pan, skillet, tray, salver; carafe, bottle.
2. serving, sampling, helping.

v. 1. camouflage, costume, put into a costume, change the appearance or looks of, dress [s.o.] up; cloak, mask, veil, shroud, ensconce, cover up; cov er, cover over, conceal, hide.
2. misrepresent, falsify, deceive, give a false picture of or appearance to; fake, fudge, feign, masquer ade as, simulate, act, put on; dissemble, dissipate, gloss over, varnish, muff le, garble.
3. camouflage, mask, cloak, incognito; covering, disguise, mask, screen, veil; costume, masquerade, outfit. Inf. getup.
4. guise, pretense, appearance, semblance, cover, cover-up; show, window dressing, veneer, facade, false front, Inf. front; deception, trickery, ruse, smoke screen, artifice, subterfuge, dissimulation.

disguised, adj. 1. camouflaged, costumed, masquerad ing, incognito; cloaked, shrouded, veiled, masked, screened, ensconced; hidden, concealed, undercover; covert, secret, clandestine.
2. varnished, glossed over, muffled, dissembled, gar bled; deceptive, illusory, unreal, tricky; false, counterfeit, feigned, pretend, make-believe.

3. odium, abhorrence, abomination, loathing, detesta tion, hatred, dislike, disaffection; aversion, disappro bation, antipathy, animosity, animus, antagonism, en mity, hostility; repugnance, revulsion, offense, repul sion; dissatisfaction, disapproval, displease, annoy ance.

disgusted, adj. nauseated, sicken, Inf. turn one's stom ach; satiate, glut, surfeit; offend, repel, repulse, Sl. turn [s.o.] off, Inf. put [s.o.] off, displease; outrage, scandalize, shock, Sl. gross out; cause aversion, dissat isfy, annoy.

2. distaste, disrelish; satiety, surfeit, glut, repletion; fulsomeness, noisomeness, nausea, sickness, queasiness.
3. odium, abhorrence, abomination, loathing, detesta tion, hatred, dislike, disaffection; aversion, disappro bation, antipathy, animosity, animus, antagonism, en mity, hostility; repugnance, revulsion, offense, repul sion; dissatisfaction, disapproval, displease, annoy ance.

Disgusting, adj. nauseating, nauseous, sickening, fulsome, noisome; distasteful, unpleasant, unsa vory, unappetizing, insipid; odious, abhorrent, abomi nable, execrable, anathema tic, loathsome, detest able, hateful, unlikable; antipathetical, antagonistic.
2. repugnant, aversive, repellent, revolting, repul sive, offensive, objectionable, off-putting; obnoxious, nasty, unpleasant, displeasing, disagreeable, insuffera ble; outrageous, scandalous, reprehensible, ignomin i ous, shocking; gross, vile, foul, vulgar, shameless, stinking.

Dish, n. 1. container, receptacle, bowl, vessel, uten sil; plate, platter, paten, saucer; tureen, crock, cup, porringer; pan, skillet, tray, salver; carafe, bottle.
2. serving, sampling, helping.

v. 3. ladle, scoop, spoon, shovel, dig.
4. dish it out Informal. lay it on, come down on, give [s.o.] the business, work [s.o.] over, lambast.

5. dish out Informal. deal out, dole out, mete out, distribute, measure out, parcel out.

dishabille, n. 1. undress, informal dress, casual at tire; disarray, disorderly dress.
2. housecoat, dressing gown, kimono, muumuu; robe, negligee, peignoir, nightgown.

dishhearten, v. 1. daunt, dismays, unnerves, unman, intimidate, cow; appall, frighten, affright; disconcert, Inf. shake up, abash.

2. discourage, dispirit, take the heart out of, Inf. take the starch out of, Dial. take the tuck out of; depress, depress, sadden, Inf. break one's heart, distress, cut up, lie heavy on, weigh [s.o.] down, crush, prostrate.
3. dampen, put a damper on, damp, cast a gloom or pall on or over, Inf. put a wet blanket on, Inf. throw cold water on; deaden, dull, enervate, weaken, weary, tire.

disheartened, adj. 1. discouraged, disappointed, de pressed, dejected, downcast, saddened, brokenhearted, Inf. broken-up; distressed, burdened, weighed down, crushed, Inf. broken, prostrate.
2. dismayed, unnerved, unmanned, daunted; terri fied, intimidated, cowed, frightened, horrified, appalled, aghast; disconcerted, abashed.
3. spiritless, dispirited, examine, weakened, drained, enervated, weary, tired.

dished, adj. concave, incurved, curv ed, cupped, cup-shaped, scythe-shaped, polulous, bot, Zool, cyanthiform; scooped, scooped out, hollow, hol lowed out, sunken, depressed, pushed in.

disevelled, adj. unkempt, untidy, disordered, dis ar ranged; tousled, mussed, rumpled, blowzy; windblown, uncombed, every which-way; disarrayed, confused, beat up; messy, frowzy, slovenly, sottily.

dishonest, adj. 1. untruthful, false, mendacious, lying, speaking with forked tongue; deceitful, two faced, hypocritical, insincere, disingenuous; crooked, cheating, underhanded, shabby; rascally, rog uish, knavish, thievish, Fagin-like.
2. fraudulent, phony, spurious, counterfeit, fake, U.S. bogus; charlatanic, quackish; deceptive, misleading, tricky, shifty, slippery.
3. unscrupulous, unprincipled, conscienceless; dis honorable, on the take, corrupt, contemptible, wrong ful, immoral; unlawful, illegal, criminal, felonious.
4. untrustworthy, faithless, falsehearted, treacher ous, perfidious; unjust, unfair.

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2. fraud, Archaic. covin, deception, humbug, chi nery, trickery, throwing a curve ball, swindle, con game, shell game; sharp practice, shiftiness, dealing from the bottom of the deck, stacking the deck, loading the dice.
3. thiev ery, larceny, stealing, robbery, highway robbery, holeup; tapping the till, hiking checks, robbing the blind; venality, jobbery, graft, corruption.
4. malpractice, malfeasance, misconduct, illegality, criminality; wrongdoing, wickedness, immorality, un righteousness, unscrupulousness, unfairness; faithless ness, infidelity, betrayal, perfidy, treachery.

Dishonor, n. 1. disgrace, shame, reproach, igno miny, ill-repute, public disgrace or contempt; scandal, degradation, shameful conduct, dishonorable ness, ingloriousness; abasement, debasement, vitiation, fall, downfall, descent; infamy, odium, opprobrium, con demnation; humiliation, mortification.
2. disrepute, disfavor, discredit, obloquy, disappro val, disreputation, disesteem, low estimation, loss of face; belittlement, disparagement, devaluation, depre ciation, derogation, deflation, depreciation.
3. indignity, disrespect, contumely, ill-treatment, affliction, abuse, outrage; slight, disgrace.

4. slur, imputation, aspersions, defamation, deniga tion, vilification, slander, libel; smear, smirch, blot, blot on the escutcheon, brand, stigma, spot, black spot or mark, Inf. black eye, blemish, smudge, taint, at-
disillusions, adj. shamed, disgraced, reproached, dishonorable, disinclination, reluctance, lack of desire, v. antisepticize, free from infection, sterilize, disinfectant, n. bacteria, antiseptic, sterilizer, sanitize, sanitize, rid of germs; fumigate, deodorize; decontaminate, cleanse, clean, purify, depurate, purge.

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disinclination, n. disinclination, reluctance, hesitance, lack of desire, disinfectant, n. bactéricide, antiseptic, sterilizer, cleanser, cleaner, purifier, depurative, purger.

disinterested, adj. unbiased, impartial, impartial, neutral; unprejudiced, open-minded, fair, equitable, just, dispassionate; candid, honest, generous, magnanimous, unselfish.

disjoin, v. separate, divorce, detach, dissociate, segregate, isolate, abstract; disunite, disconnect, uncouple, disentangle, disengage; dismember, divest; oust, evict, turn out, Inf. send out into the storm; disown, repudiate, renounce, turn [s.o.'s] picture to the wall.

disintegrate, v. crumble, fall apart, fall to pieces, go to wrack and ruin, decompose, decay, rot, molder, dissolve, erode; break up, disperse, disband.

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dismay, v. strip, disfurnish, deprive of, redismantle, 1.
dismal, gloomy, cheerless, melancholy, de-
disloyalty, n. unfaithfulness, faithlessness, infidelity,

misarrange, put out of place, mis-
v. dislocate, 1.

1. dismember, displace, delocalize, dismount, v.
2. oust, expel, eject, evict, put out, turn out of doors;

2. firing, expulsion, removal, displacement;
discharge, walking papers, Inf. bounce, Inf. sack, Sl. boot, Sl. pink slip; Sl. the bum's rush, Sl. heave-ho.
disment, v. 1. get off, alight, disembark, debark, deplane, detrain, debus; come down, get down, de-
send from; drop down, fall down.

2. unhorse, unmount, unseat, unsadddle; throw down or off, buck off, push off.
3. delocalize, displace, dislodge, Obs. displant.
4. dismantle, unrig, unmake, unbuid; take apart, take down.
disobedience, n. 1. noncompliance, nonobservance;
intratotables, indocility, insubmission; stubbornness, pus-
doneseness, contumacy, obstinacy; unwieldy, unruly, waywardness, un-
rulex, forwardness; defiance, insubordination, dis-
regard, indiscriminate; neglect, negligence, dereliction, delinquency; recusancy, opposition, recallitation; ne-
glect of duty, undutifulness.
2. violation, infraction, infringement, transgression;
mutiny, revolt, rebellion, insurgence, revolution, trea-
on; outbreak, uprising, insurrection, sedition, strike.
disobedient, adj. insubordinate, noncompliant, non-
observervant, defiant, disregarful; naughty, mischievous;
undutiful, remiss, derelict, delinquent, negligent; un-
ruly, wayward, fractious, restive, unmanageable, un-
governable, uncompiling, indiscrimined; intrinsign, un-
comprising, unaccommodating, unsmissible.
2. contumacious, contrary, pervers, rowdow, re-
fractory, cross-grained, wrong-headed; stubborn, ob-
instant, willful, intractable, indolent, headstrong, per-
icacious, obdurate; recalciit, rebellious, opposed, dis-
sentiment, resistant, factious; mutinous, re-
volut, rebellious, insurgent, riotous, revolutionary; anar-
achistic, lawless.
disobey, v. defy, disregard, ignore, flout, fly in the face of, kick over the traces; counter, go counter to,
oppose, resist, contraven, contradict; infringe, vio-
late, transgress, break rules; slight, set at naught, scoff at, thumb one's nose at, snap one's fingers at; mutiny, revolt, rebel, strike, take the law into one's own hands; riot, rise in arms.
disoblige, v. 1. refuse to oblige, not cooperate with,
fail to accommodate, neglect, slight; offend, affront, insult, Sl. put down. See affront (def. 3).
2. disappoint, let down, fail to live up to expecta-
tions; dissatisfy, displease, discontent, disgruntle.
3. inconvenience, incommode, put out, discommode; trouble, bother, annoy, disturb.
disobliging, adj. unoblissing, unaccommodating, un-

tonize, visivest, cut apart or up; dislimb, amputate, remove a limb, cut off a limb. See disjoin.
2. mutilate, diacrate, lacerate, mangle, chop up, cut into pieces, tear or rip or pull apart; disfigure, de-
face, mar, damage, injure, main, cripple, disable.
dismiss, v. 1. discharge, send away, disband, ad-
journ, dissolve, disperse, demobilize; release, free, liberate; give leave to go, Inf. let out; send away, turn out, send about one's business, turn away; banish, ou-
2. expel, cashier; break off with, Inf. give [s.o.] the air; Sl. brush off.
3. fire, put out of a job, let go, lay off, give one's walking papers, drop, deseattle; shelf, send packing, Inf. bounce, Inf. sack, Inf. give [s.o.] the sack, Inf.

send down the road, U.S. Gov't. Inf. rif, Sl. can; dislodge, set adrift, ship, pack off.
3. put away, reject, set aside, lay aside; think no more of, put out of one's mind, have done with, write off, Inf. turn thumbs down.
dissimrall, n. 1. adjournment, dissolution, end, close; permission to go, congé; release, freedom to de-
part, freedom, liberation, manumission.
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disorder, n. 1. disorderliness, disarray, displacement, dislocation, disarrangement, disorganization; dishevelment, untidiness, clutter, mess, heap, huddle; hash, hodge-podge, mish mash, jumble, scramble, tangle; mix-up, snafu, Inf. foul-up, Sl. ball-up, Brit. SI. balls-up.

2. confusion, confusedness, muddle, Inf. guddle, imbroglio; unsettledness, discomposure, disconcertment; agitation, perturbation, upset; discord, disunion, quiet, unrest, ferment, upheaval, storm; turmoil, tumult, tumultuousness, turbulence, tempest; breach of peace, public disturbance, disruption, minor uprising, riot; chaos, confusion, anarchy, pandemonium, bedlam, brouhaha, melee, free-for-all, fracas, rumpus; broil, brawl, fray, row, struggle, fight, scuffle, Inf. ruckus; clamar, uproar, hubbub, hullabaloo, din, fuss, excitement, commotion, flurry, Inf. to-do.

3. ailment, malady, complaint, illness, sickness, indisposition, affliction, disease; derangement, mental disorder, neurosis, psychosis, insanity.

—v. 4. misarrange, put out of place, misplace, displace, dislocate, move out of place; throw into disorder, disarray, dishevel, tumble, tangle, Chiefly Scot. Dial, Inf. Scot. Dial. touse; mess or mess up, muss or muss up, ruffle or ruffle up, rumple or rumple up; turn upside down, Inf. turn topsy-turvy, make a shambles of; clutter, litter, scatter or strew objects about.

5. unsettle, discompose, shake or shake up, disconcert, perturb; upset, agitate, distress, trouble; disturb, disrupt; confuse, mix or mix up, shuffle, jumble, scramble; muddle, snafu, fuddle, Brit. Sl. muzz, snarl, tangle, Sl. ball up; bungle, spoil, upset the apple cart; throw a monkey wrench into the works, sabotage, Sl. foul up, Sl. bollix up, Sl. screw up.

6. derange, incapacitate, throw out of gear, indispose; weaken, devilize, disable, invalidate; enfeeble, debilitate, invalid, sicken.

disorderly, adj. 1. confused, chaotic, all mixed-up, upside down, Inf. topsy-turvy; at sixes and sevens, muddled, jumbled, hogger-mugger, scambled, tangled; disordered, out of order, out of place, disarranged, in disarray, deranged; untidy, cluttered, messy, disheveled, Inf. mussed up, messed up, ruffled up, rumpled, tousled, Chiefly Scot. Dial. toused; unkempt, slovenly, sloppy, shoddy, careless, slip-shod, poor.

2. unorganized, disorganized, unmethohical, unsystematic; irregular, indiscriminate, haphazard, random, aimless, pell-mell, helter-skelter.

3. unruly, undisciplined, disobedient, misbehaving; unmanageable, uncontrollable, ungovernable, intrac- table; rebellious, mutinous, lawless; violent, wild, unrestrained, rough, rough-and-tumble, rowdy, rowdy- ish, boisterous, noisy; tumultuous, riotous, uproarious, turbulent; distraught, upset, disturbed, turbid, perturbed, agitated, worked up, wrought up, Inf. in a tizzy, Inf. in a snit, Inf. in a funk, Inf. in a lather, Inf. in a twist.

disorganization, n. 1. disunion, disruption; dishevelment, disarray, derangement, disarrangement, misarrangement; unconnectedness, disjointedness, incoherence.

2. disorder, chaos, confusion, tohu-bohu; anarchy, lawlessness, disorderliness, unruliness, turmoil; mess, scramble, tangle, muddle, morass, snafu, Inf. mix-up, Sl. screw-up.

disorganize, v. disorder, derange, disarrange, misrange; confuse, muddle, jumble, put out of order, throw into confusion Inf. disorder, mix up, Inf. raise hell with, disarray, dishewel, Inf. mess up, Inf. make a mess of, make a shambles of.

disown, v. 1. repudiate, reject, disclaim, disavow; renounce, forsake, cast off, abandon; deny, recant, retract, take back.

2. disinherit, dissherit, Rare. exheredate, cut off; wash one's hands of, turn one's back on, have nothing further to do with.

disparage, v. 1. discredit, disfavor, make disreputable, injure or impair the credit or reputation of; censure, reproach, inveigh against; reduce, lower, degrade, downgrade, debase, abase, vitiate; shame, disgrace, dishonor; humiliate, humble, mortify, Sl. put down.

2. belittle, deprecate, demean, deflate, detract, derogate, Inf. talk down; devaluate, depreciate, cheapen, lessen, decrease, diminish, bate, abate, attenuate, boil down, shrivel, wither, mitigate; minimize, slight, underestimate, underrate, undervalue, beggar, extenuate, underreckon, misprize, think nothing of, set no store by, fail to count on; de-emphasize, underplay, make light of, Inf. play down; lampoon, passginade, satirize, caricature; ridicule, mock, poke fun at, laugh at, jeer at, sneer at, jibe at; disdain, deride, contempt, scoff, spurn, scorn, pooh-pooh.

3. defame, denigrate, vilify, vituperate, vilipend, scandalize, malign, gibbet, run down, impugn, berate, revile, speak ill of, speak evil of, Sl. badmouth, Sl. poormouth, backbite; slander, libel, calumniate, falsify, accuse falsely, traduce, impute, asperse, insinuate; injure, abuse, assail, stab, insult, Sl. dump on, Sl. trash; criticize, pull to pieces, cut up, shred, Sl. do a hatchet job on, Sl. do a number on.

disparagement, n. 1. belittlement, depreciation, derogation, deflation, detraction, Inf. talking down; depreciation, devaluation, diminution, decrease, abatement, attenuation, mitigation, bating, cheapening, lessening; minimization, dispraise, underestimation, extenuation, undervaluing, underrating, underreckoning, beggarling; sarcasm, ridicule, mockery, jeer, gibe, scoff, sneer; disdain, derision, contempt, scorn, contumely.

2. discredit, disfavor, obloquy, loss of face; censure, reproach, inventive, reflection, animadversion, disapproval, disapparation, criticism, stricture; curse, denunciation, condemnation, execration, revilement, contumely, contempt, execration, degradation, derogation, abatement, abasement, reduction, low valuation; shame, disgrace, dishonor; humiliation, humble pie, mortification; defamation, denigration, vilification, vituperation, scandal, scandalization, scandalmongering, abuse, injury, attack, scurrility, running down, gibbetting, backbiting, Sl. badmouth, Sl. poor-mouth; slander, libel, calumny, calumniation, traduce, falsification, misrepresentation, false accusation, slur, imputation, aspersions, insinuation, innuendo, Inf. brickbat.

3. indignity, insult, affront, slight, ill treatment, mal-treatment, outrage, disrespect; discourses, rudeness, incivility, hissing, cat call, Bronx cheer, raspberry; snub, rebuff, home thrust, reprimand, reproof, re-buke, reprehension, castigation, scolding, chiding, Inf. dressing down, scowl, frown, black look.

disparity, n. inequality, imperity, unevenness, incongruity, disproportion; discrepancy, inconsistency; difference, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, unlikeness, contrast, contrariety.

dispersion, n. 1. inexcitability, imperturbability, unflappability; tranquillity, serenity, placidity; composure, collectedness, equanimity, poise, aplomb, sang-froid, presence of mind, self-possession, self-control, level-headedness, calmness, coolness, cool-headedness, Sl. cool; nonchalance, insouciance, casualness, off-handedness.
2. impartiality, neutrality, disinterestedness, dispassionateness.

dispassionate, adj. 1. calm, composed, collected, self-possessed, cool, Inf. cool as a cucumber, Inf. together; unemotional, unexcitable, unflappable, imperceptible, even-tempered, easygoing; poised, balanced, steady, self-controlled; nonchalant, matter-of-fact, at ease, unruffled, unexcited, undisturbed, unper- turbured, undismayed; placid, tranquil, serene, peaceful.

2. impartial, fair, just, equitable, objective, even-handed, disinterested, neutral; straight, square, fair and square, square-dealing, plain-dealing, square-shooting, straight-shooting; unbiased, unprejudiced, unjaundiced, unprepossessed, open-minded.

3. disappear, vanish, clear out, melt away, run off, evanesce.

4. dispense with a.]

— 1. grant a dispensation, exempt, except, release, free, reprieve, let off; relax, loosen, lessen, bend the rules; remit, absolve, acquit, pardon, excuse, exonerate, clear.

2. b. rid of, do away with, abolish, repeal, revoke, rescind; abrogate, nullify, annul, cancel; dispose of, shake off, clear.

dispenser, n. 1. distributor, giver, dealer, allotter, apportioner; vendor, peddler, seller, salesman, trader, wholesaler, merchant; donor, presenter, contributor, bestower, grantor; druggist, pharmacist, apothecary, Brit. chemist.

3. container, holder, box, package, canister, carton; vending machine, candy machine, cigarette machine, soda machine.

disperse, v. 1. scatter, broadcast, scatter to the winds, sow, bestrew, sprinkle, spatter; spread, circulate, disseminate, dissipate, diffuse.

2. disband, dissolve, dismiss; dispel, drive away or off, rout, separate, break up, eject, banish.

3. disappear, vanish, clear out, melt away, run off, evacuate.

dispersion, n. scattering, broadcasting, distribution; spread, circulation, dissemination; divergence, separate, disjunction; dissipation, diffusion; apportionment, allocation, allotment.

dispire, v. dishearten, throw cold water on, damp, dispirit, v. dishearten, throw cold water on, damp, dispirited, v. disheartened, dejected, discouraged, deter, disincline; deject, cast down, sadden, depress; knock down, prostrate, unman; tire, weary.

dispirited, adj. discouraged, disheartened, dejected, downcast, down-hearted, crestfallen; in the doldrums, mope, weary, out of sorts, Inf. down in the dumps; glum, forlorn, cheerless, sad, Inf. down in the mouth, heartsick, unhappy; depressed, despondent, unconsolable, disconsolate, Scot. sackless.

displace, v. 1. disturb, disarrange, disorder, displace, unsettle, confuse; move, relocate, shift, transfer, transpose; misplace, mislay, put in the wrong place.

2. replace, supplant, supersede, succeed, take the place of, crowd out, Inf. bump.

3. remove, depose, dislodge, unseat, disestablish;oust, eject, expel, dismiss, evict, export, exile, banish; discharge, dismiss, cashier, fire, Inf. bounce, Inf. sack.

display, v. 1. exhibit, present, set forth, expose, air, uncover, disclose, demonstrate; show, evince, manifest, betray; advertise, publicize, post, placard, blazon; array, arrange, place, dispose.

2. unfold, unfurl, extend, open out, spread out, stretch out.

3. flaunt, Sl. put on the ritz, flourish, parade, vaunt, show off, boast.

— n. 4. exhibition, exhibit, show, presentation, airing, exposition; advertisement, publication, posting; array, arrange, staging, window dressing.

5. evinced, manifestation, revelation, disclosure, uncovering, exposure, divulgence.

6. ostentation, pretension, ritz, splash; blazon, spectacle, parade, pageant, pageantry, ceremony; pomp, magnificence, grandeur, splendor, glitter, flourish.

displease, v. 1. anger, incense, raise [s.o.'s] ire, Sl.
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tick [s.o.'s] off, Sl. tee [s.o.'s] off; exacerbate, gall, rankle, envenom, embitter.

2. irritate, annoy, irk, pique, vex, peeve, nettled, chafe, Chiefly U.S. rile, Inf. aggravate, Inf. miff, Sl. bug, Sl. hassle; exasperate, ruffle, roll, disturb, perturb, disquiet, discompose, put out, Sl. get [s.o.‘s] goat.

3. hurt, pain, offend, affront, insult; slight, humiliate, mortify, slap [s.o.‘s] in the face.

displeasure, n. 1. dissatisfaction, discontentment, disfavor, dislike, distaste, unhappiness; disapproval, disapprobation, disconcentration.

2. irritation, annoyance, vexation, pique, chagrin, exasperation, Inf. aggravation; anger, ire, dejection, high dudgeon; offense, pain, hurt, ache; umbrage, indignation, huff, tick, Inf. slow burn.

3. embitterment, bitterness, exacerbation, resentment, ill feeling; spleen, choler, rancor, gall, bile, ill or bad feeling.

disport, v. 1. divert, entertain, amuse, delight, regale, titillate, enliven; cheer, gladden, rejoice; recreate, refresh.

2. sport, game, play, frolic, make merry, revel; frisk, gambol, romp, caper, junket; sow wild oats, paint the town red, carouse.

— n. 3. entertainment, pastime, amusement, diversion, divertissement, distraction; recreation, sport, play, fun, pleasure; relaxation, dalliance, merrymaking, pleasantry, merriment, joviality, jollity, drollery.

4. antic, lark, romp, gambol, spree, junket; esce- pade, revelry, tomfoolery, skylarking.

disposable, adj. 1. throwaway, non-returnable, plastic, paper.

2. available, free for use, accessible, obtainable.

disposal, n. 1. array, arrangement, placing, disposition; order, ordering, grouping, distribution, assortment, collocation; organization, classification.

2. dispensation, bestowal, transference, transfer; as- signment, settlement, determination; transaction, sale, auctioning off.

3. power, command, control, decision, discretion; conduct, direction, management, administration, government, regulation.

dispose, v. 1. arrange, order, array, assort, collocate; line, range, align, place; group, classify, class, categorize, rank; organize, systematize, coordinate, regulate, marshal, Inf. line up, set up.

2. incline, bend, move, lead, direct, induce, tempt; prompt, actuate, motivate; influence, bias, predispose.

3. ready, prepare, prime, make fit, equip, arm.

4. dispose of a. decide, determine, settle, end, finish with, find a place for. b. discard, throw away, get rid of, cast forth, dump, unload; dismiss, fire, Inf. kick out, remove; work off. c. distribute, deal out, dispense, assign, allocate, apportion, allot; transfer, make over, bestow, give away, part with, sell, vend, peddle off, auction. d. destroy, do away with, finish off, Sl. knock off, kill; finish, Sl. polish off, eat up.

disposed, adj. inclined, tending toward, leaning to- ward, of a mind to, predisposed; apt, likely, given, ready, prone, subject, likely, incident, Archaic, possible; constituted, conditioned, molded, formed.

disposition, n. 1. nature, humor, spirit, temperament, temper, grain, mood, vein; outlook, mind-set, frame of mind; character, make-up, inner man, qualities, constitution, idiosyncrasy.

2. inclination, bent, bias, leaning, tendency, turn, di- rection; predisposition, Path. diathesis, subjectability, liability, proclivity, propensity; readiness, willingness, weakness, predilection, liking, affection, penchant, appetite.

3. arrangement, grouping, organization, disposal. See disposal (def. 1).

4. settlement, conclusion, resolution; determination, decision, outcome, result, upshot.

5. bestowal, transference, transaction, disposal. See dis- posal (def. 2).

6. control, direction, management, disposal. See dis- posal (def. 3).

dispossess, v. 1. strip, deprive, divest, bereave, Law. seize; disinherit, disown, unhouse; depose, unseat, turn out, dethrone, dismiss, displace, dislodge; supplant, supersede, take the place of; demote, un- fork, disbar.

2. expropriate, commandeer, confiscate, impound, Law. restrain; wrest from, take from, seize; rob, plunder, despoil, pillage.

3.oust, eject, drive out, expel, evict, Inf. throw out, Inf. kick out, Sl. bounce; exclude, blackball, blacklist, ostracize, excommunicate; banish, exile, deport, expatriate.

dispossessed, adj. 1. evicted, ousted, expelled, ejected, cast out, Sl. bounced; uprooted, unhoused, banished, exiled, deported, expatriated; excluded, shut out, blackballed, blacklisted, ostracized, banned, outlawed.

2. displaced, rootless, homeless, outcast, disenfran- chised; wandering, vagrant, nomadic, vagabond, itin- erant, unsettled.

3. disinherit, disaffiliated, alienated, lost, abandoned; demoralized, debilitated, disoriented, confused, purposeless, goalless, guideless; shaken, unstable, unsteady, uncertain, floundering, Inf. at sea.

dispossession, n. 1. deprivation, deprivial, divestiture, bereavement, Law. seize; deposition, dislodgement, dismissal, displacement, demotion; removal, loss.

2. expropriation, confiscation, appropriation, abduc- tion; spoliation, stripping, plunder, pillage, ravag- ing.

3. ouster, eviction, ejection, expulsion; banishment, exile, expatriation, deportation; exclusion, excommunication, blacklisting, blackballing.

dispise, v. 1. censure, reproach, animadvert on or upon; criticize, arraign, reprobate, condemn, denounce, remonstrate; disparage, discredit, disfavor; belittle, deprecate, demean, detract, decry, derogate, Inf. talk down.

— n. 2. censure, disapproval, disapprobation, re- probation, reprehension; criticism, admiration, Inf. brickbat, aspersion, obloquy, los of face; curse, denunciation, condemnation, execration, commination, malediction; belittlement, disparagement, depreciation, derogation, detraction.

disproof, n. 1. invalidation, refutation, confutat- tion, negation, denial, disproval, Inf. squeal, Archaic: redargution.

2. rebuttal, answer, proof to the contrary, Inf. squealer.

disproportion, n. asymmetry, unbalance, noncon- formity, nonuniformity, incoherence; incoherence; irregularity, unevenness, unequalness, lopsidedness; disparity, imparity, difference, dissimilarity, dissimili- tude, unlikeliness; discrepancy, inconsistency, incongruity.

disproportionate, adj. 1. asymmetrical, unbalanced, ill-balanced, lopsided, top-heavy, out of proportion, disproportional; uneven, unequal, irregular, disparate; discrepant, inconsistent, insonnant, inharmonious, incongruous.

2. extreme, excessive, extravagant, inordinate, too
disprove, v. invalidate, negate, deny, refute, confute, controvert, contradict, prove to the contrary; rebut, parry, answer; discredit, belittle, give the lie to, expose, show up; explode, Inf. blow sky-high, puncture, Inf. shoot full of holes, Inf. knock the bottom out of; defeat, overturn, overthrew, throw out, squash, Inf. squelch.

disputable, adj. debatable, open to discussion, moot, controvertible, contestable, arguable, problematic; questionable, doubtful, dubious, uncertain; unsettled, undecided, undetermined.

disputant, n. debater, disputer, controverter; adversary, opponent, antagonist, contender, litigant, plain-tiff, agonist; polemicist, hair-splitter, dissenter, pilpullist, logomachist; arguer, wrangler, brawler.

disputation, n. debate, dispute, polemics, argumentation, Rare. disputation; altercation, wrangle, verbal controversy, dissonance, dissonation.

disputatious, adj. argumentative, dissident, contentious, disputative; fractious, capacious, discordant; logomachical, polemical, controversial; testy, hot-headed, irascible; quarrelsome, querulous, cantankerous, bickering; litigious.

dispute, v. 1. debate, discuss, argue, ventilate, air, Rare. dispirit; oppose, controvert, refute, confute, argue against; quarrel, wrangle, disagree, altercate, clash at, brawl, row, bicker, squabble, have words, fall out, riff, spat, Brit. Archaic. brangle.
2. question, gainsay, impugn, challenge, call into question; disagree, differ, dispute, take exception to; deny, object to, contradict, resist, struggle against; contend, contest, litigate.

—n. 3. controversy, contest, strife, conflict; debate, discussion, disputation, argument, altercation, war of words, imbroglio, agon; quarrel, wrangle, donnybrook, brawl, broil, rumpus, row, fracas, squabble, bickering. Obs. brabbler, hassle, tiff, spat.

4. disagreement, difference, contestation, dissension; friction, feud, open rupture, disturbance, discord, scrimmage, litigation.

disqualification, n. 1. incapacitation, disqualification, inability, unfitness, lameness, ineptitude, apathy; ineligibility, unqualifiedness, incompetence, ineptness, ineptitude.

2. rejection, exclusion, debarment, elimination, removal, expulsion, ejection, outstrip, disenfranchise, disentitlement, disenablement, deprivation of rights; inequality, unqualifiedness, incompetence, ineptness, ineptitude.

3. interruption, disruption, disturbance; annoyance, bother, irritation, vexation; trouble, inconvenience, discomfort, disadvantage, disadvantage, commodiousness, commodiousness.

—v. 4. interrupt, disrupt, disturb [s.o.’s] peace, bother, pester, Sl. bug; inconvenience, incommode, discomfort, discommode, put out; fret, annoy, vex, irritate, roll; agitate, perturb, upset, shake or shake up, unnerve, disconcert, concern, trouble, worry, alarm; unquiet, make uneasy, inquiet, disturb, disconcert, ruffle, discompose.

disquisition, n. 1. dissertation, treatise, thesis, essay, exposition, exposé, commentary; discussion, excursion, study; tract, tractate, monograph, pamphlet; theme, composition, paper; article, editorial, column piece; review, opinion, interpretation, criticism, critique.

2. address, speech, oration, declamation, salutation; debate, discussion, disputation, argument, altercation, skirmish, litigation.

disrelish, v. 1. dislike, disfavor, turn up one’s nose at, never mind, be, let alone; not trouble oneself about, dismiss from one’s thoughts, let in one ear and out the other, leave out of consideration, turn a deaf ear to; gloss over, pass by or over, let pass, skip or skim over, pretermit, give a miss; pass up, waive, push aside, set aside.

2. slight, turn up one’s nose at, turn one’s back onupon, Sl. brush off, snub, Sl. ritz, high-hat; cut, give the cold shoulder to, Inf. cold-shoulder, Inf. put the freeze on, look coldly upon, give [s.o.] the go-by; keep at arm’s length, avoid, shun, stand or hold aloof; reject, rebuff, slam the door in [s.o.’s] face; insult, affront, disdain, scorn.

3. minimize, slight, underrate, undervalue, beggar, misprize, misunderstand, underestimate, underreckon, think nothing of, set no store by, fail to count on; make light of, take no account of, pay no attention or regard or heed to, sneeze at; de-emphasize, underplay, Inf. play down.

—n. 4. inattention, nonobservance, oversight, preterm, omission, omission, preterition; neglect, negligence, carelessness, heedlessness; slight, indifference, cold shoulder, coldness, coldness, by.

5. contempt, disdain, disparagement, repudiation, disesteem, disfavor, low regard; belittlement, depredation, underestimation, undervaluation.

6. affront, insult, injury, indignity, dishonor; incivility, discourtesy, rudeness, slurrage, Sl. dig, Sl. cut, snub, spurn, Sl. put down, slap in the face.

disregard, v. 1. overlook, ignore, take no notice of, close the eyes to, blink or wink at, neglect, forget, skip, never mind, be, let alone; not trouble oneself about, dismiss from one’s thoughts, let in one ear and out the other, leave out of consideration, turn a deaf ear to; gloss over, pass by or over, let pass, skip or skim over, pretermit, give a miss; pass up, waive, push aside, set aside.

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6. affront, insult, injury, indignity, dishonor; incivility, discourtesy, rudeness, slurrage, Sl. dig, Sl. cut, snub, spurn, Sl. put down, slap in the face.

disrepair, n. dilapidation, unrepair, deterioration, decay, ruination, collapse; damage, injury, wreckage, havoc, ravage, dry-rot; shabbiness, raggedness, rags and tatters, decrepitude.

disreputable, adj. base, low, unsavory, unworthy, abject, ignominious, low-down; vile, iniquitous, wicked, bad; heinous, shocking, outrageous, scandalous; discreditable, disgraceful, shameful, opprobrious, unbecoming; despicable, sneaking, slippery, unscrupulous, corrupt, crooked; dishonorable, unprincipled, nefarious, arrant, rascally, knavish, villainous; disgraced, dishonored, notorious, infamous, shady, questionable, under a cloud or shadow, disreputable.

disrepute, n. disgrace, dishonor, ill-repute, ignominy, bad name, bad character, ill-favor, unpopularity; disfavor, discredit, disesteem, degradation, debasement, abasement; shame, odium, infamy, stigma, brand, stain, blot, slurr, taint, shadow.

disrespect, n. discourtesy, rudeness, impoliteness, incivility, unmanlierliness; inconsideration, disregard,
tactlessness, disrespectful, irreverence, misbehavior; indecorum, ungraciousness, uncourtness, ungentlemanliness; impudence, insolence, impertinence, pertness, tartness, sauciness, brashness, brazenness, boldness, Brit. Sl. side; arrogance, flippancy, effrontery, back talk, Inf. cheek, Sl. lip, Sl. mouth; surlieness, churlishness, bearishness; uncouthness, coarseness, crudeness, vulgarity, bad taste; boorishness, lothiousness, clodishness.

disrespectful, adj. rude, impolite, uncivil, ill-bred, bad-mannered, misbehaved, irreverent, out of line, out of order, unruly; brash, bold, brazen, hoydenish, Scot. randy; insolent, impudent, impertinent, pert, saucy, fresh, Inf. cheeky; inconsiderate, tactless, indiscreet, Scot. and North Eng. misleamed; rough, crude, vulgar, tasteless; boorish, lowtish, churlish, cloddish, lumpish; contemptuous, disdainful, scornful, sneering, flouting, insulting.

disrobe, v. undress, take off one's clothes, shed, doff, remove, cast off, strip, strip down, Euph. do a strip tease, Sl. drop one's drawers, Sl. drop trow; unclothe, undrape, univest, divest.

disrupt, v. 1. disorder, disorganize, derange, disarrange, disarray, dislocate, dispose, move out of place; shuffle, mix up, jumble, scramble, tangle, snarl, Sl. ball up; agitate, confuse, disturb, upset, disconcert, unseettle, discompose, shake up. 2. interrupt, interfere with, break up or into; suspend, discontinue, intermit; stop, arrest, halt, block, Inf. throw a monkey wrench or a wrench into. 3. sever, disperse, cleave, Sunder, rend, rive, split, break apart; separate, detach, dissociate, disconnect, divide, disjoin; disunite, disassociate, divorce, uncouple, disengage.

disruption, n. 1. breakup, severance, cleavage, scission, schism, fissure, cleft, rupture, rift, breach, sundering, rending, splitting, parting; separation, disconnection, detachment, division, dissociating, disjunction, disunion, disunity, disassociation, divorce, disengagement, disentanglement. 2. disorder, disorderliness, disorganization, disarray, disarrangement, dishevelment, scramble, tangle, jumble, clutter, mess, untidiness.

dissatisfaction, n. 1. discontent, unhappiness, displeasure, sorrow, nonfulfillment; uneasiness, disquiet, inquietude, Ger. weltschmerz, restlessness, malaise, Pathol. dysphoria. 2. disappointment, chagrin, dismay, distress; anger, vexation, annoyance, exasperation, irritation, edginess, chafing. 3. disapproval, dissatisfaction, dislike, distaste; resentment, bitterness, spleen, wormwood.

dissatisfied, adj. 1. displeased, unhappy, unsatisfied; discontent, discontented, ungratified, unfulfilled, frustrated, disturbed; offended, rubbed the wrong way; irked, annoyed, ticked off, teed off, Sl. pissed; mad, angry, angered, Inf. hopping; in a snit, feeling bitchy, disgruntled. 2. disappointed, dejected, let down, left with a sour taste in one's mouth; regretful, sorry, repining, morose, glum, in a funk; restless, ill-at-ease, uneasy, weary, uncomfortable.

dissect, v. 1. analyze, take apart, examine, scrutinize, inspect, look at closely, go over with a fine-tooth comb; study, research, inquire into, look into, Inf. check out, investigate; sift, probe, search, explore.

dissection, n. 1. anatomy, anatomization, zootomy, vivisection, dismemberment, cutting up or apart, autopsy, post-mortem examination, Inf. post-mortem.

2. analysis, examination, scrutiny, scrutinization, inspection, check; inquiry, investigation, probe, study, research, sifting, search, exploration.

dissemble, v. 1. dissimulate, cover up, screen, mask, veil, shroud, conceal, disguise, camouflage. 2. feign, pretend, simulate, affect, sham, fake, playact, put on an act, make a show of, Inf. make like.

dissembler, n. hypocrite, dissimulator, tartuffe. Pecksniff, Inf. used-car salesman; cheat, cheater, fraud, deceiver; knave, scoundrel, mountebank, snake in the grass; impostor, pretender, quack, charlatan, confidence man, Sl. con man, wolf in sheep's clothing; trickster, humbug, prestidigitator; liar, perjurer, prevaricator, circuventor. See also deceiver.

disseminate, v. spread, circulate, broadcast, publish; promulgate, propagate, teach, distribute, diffuse, disperse; disseminate, scatter, sow; give out, give to the world, publicize, make public, drag into the open; bandy about, blaze about, hawk, rumor, bruise.

dissemination, n. circulation, broadcasting, publication; promulgation, propaganda, distribution; propagandism, indoctrination, proselytism; dispersal, emission, scattering.

dissension, n. 1. discord, strife, contention, wrangle. See dispute (dfs. 3, 4). 2. dissent, disagreement, variance, conflict of opinion, discordance; nonconformity, noncompliance, protest, protestation; demur, demurral, objection.

dissent, v. 1. disagree, differ, dispute. See dispute (dfs. 1, 2). 2. reject, repudiate, dissavow, renounce, abjure, apostatize, forswear, discard; forsake, abandon, secede, withdraw, defect.

—n. 3. dispute, dissension. See dissension (def. 2). 4. disentitlement, discordance, noncompliance, disaffection, disaffiliation; sectarianism, schism, recusancy, heterodoxy, apostasy, heresy.

dissent, n. dissident, nonconformist, objector; protestant, separatist, sectarian, schismatic, apostate, recusant, heretic.

dissentient, adj. unorthodox, dissident, dissenting, iconoclastic; antipathetic, contradictory, adverse, noncompliant, contrary; heterodox, recusant, apostate; schismatic, sectarian, denominational; antagonistic, hostile, irreconcilable.


disservice, n. disfavor, unkindness, bad turn, ill turn, dirty trick; abuse, harm, injury, damage, pain, kick in the face; wrong, injustice, grief.

disser, v. sever, cleave, Sunder, rend, rive, split, break apart; separate, detach, dissociate, disconnect, divide, disjoin; disunite, disassociate, divorce, uncouple, disengage.

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abroad, throw to the winds, distribute; sprinkle, spatter.

2. squander, misspend, lavish, indulge oneself, spend money as though there's no tomorrow, not know the value of a dollar; waste, deplete, drain, pour money down the drain; burn up, fritter away, use up, throw away.

3. vanish, disappear, evanescce, fade away; ebb, subside, shrink away, die away; evaporate, melt, melt into thin air, vaporize, disintegrate, fall apart, break up, Inf. peter out, decay; atomize, crumble, fragmentize.

4. revel, roister, wallow; party, make merry, whoop it up, make whoopee, live it up, have a ball; sow wild oats, go to hell in a handbasket, overdo, play the night up, burn the candle at both ends; debauch, wanton, Sl. lech, womanize, wench, swing, Inf. sleep around; carouse, get blitzed, get tight as a hoot-owl, go on a spree or bender or toot or whooper-dooper; get high, fly, blast.

dissipated, adj. dissolute, debauched, rakish, rakehell; licentious, promiscuous, wanton, profligate, abandoned; intemperate, incontinent, self-indulgent, free-living, Saturnian; drunken, sottish, crapulous, Bacchanalian. See also dissolute.

dissipation, n. 1. dispersion, diffusion, dissemination, scattering, emission; disintegration, dissolution, decay, fragmentation; disappearance, evaporation, evanescence, fading away.

2. squandering, wastefulness, misuse; prodigality, extravagance, lavishness, indulgence.

3. dissoluteness, profligateness, profligacy, immorality; abandonment, wantonness, corruption, depravity, wickedness; voluptuousness, sybaritism, dolce vita, hedonism, self-indulgence, self-gratification; high or fast living, materialism, sensualism, libertinage, carnality, debauchery; libidinoussness, lasciviousness, licentiousness, licentiousness, license, lewdness, animalism, rakishness; Path. satyriasis, Path. nymphomania, womanizing, Sl. leching, wenching, whoring; prostitution, pimping; intemperance, winebibbing, Sl. boozing, drunkenness, inebriation, carouse; alcoholism, dipsomania, crapulousness; overindulgence, eating the whole thing, Sl. pigging out, gourmandism, gluttony; drug abuse, pill popping, getting high, flying, freak out.

4. amusement, diversion, distraction, change of pace; entertainment, enjoyment, pleasure, delight.

dissociate, v. 1. disunite, separate, sever, disavow, disjoin; detach, divorce, abstract, disconnect, disengage; sunder, cut off; segregate, set apart, isolate, insulate.

2. withdraw oneself, part company, take leave, quit, go away, tune out; disband, disperse, scatter.

dissociation, n. disunion, separation, division; severance, disjunction, disavowal; disconnection, detachment; sundering, parting, splitting, dividing; divorce, break, cleavage, rupture, rift, split.

dissoluble, adj. 1. soluble, dissolvable, leachable, percolable; liquefiable, meltable, liqueascent, defiquescent.

2. separable, seavable, divisible, detachable, disjoinable, dissociable.

3. terminable, endable, concludable, discontinuable, closeable.

dissolute, adj. 1. licentious, libertine, lascivious, debauched, dissipated, wasted, rakish, rakehell; lecherous, lubricious, satyric, satirical, satyrlike, goatish, Sl. horny, Archaic. lickerish; concepuntical, prurient, lustful, libidinous, salacious; rutish, beastly, bestial, swinish; obscene, lewd, Fescennine, Cyprian, indecent, dirty, foul, indelicate; loose, wanton, wild, profligate; abandoned; promiscuous, whorish, of easy virtue, unchaste, impure; coarse, gross, crude.

2. lawless, unrestrained, unbridled, unchecked, ungoverned; intemperate, incontinent, self-indulgent, free-living, Saturnian; drunken, sottish, crapulous, Bacchanalian.

3. degenerate, depraved, corrupt, perverted; vicious, foul, vile, base; wicked, iniquitous, nefarious, heinous, flagitious, atrocius; immoral, sinful, peccant, evil-minded, vice-ridden; unregenerate, unredeemable, unprincipled, shameless, unscrupulous, reprobate; shameful, disgraceful, rascally, worthless; notorious, infamous, scandalous, disreputable.

dissolution, n. 1. separation, resolution, severance, disseverance, disseverment, disconnection, detachment, division, parting, disjunction, disjunction; divorce, disengagement, disassociation, disunion, break-up, Inf. bust-up; untying, unbinding, unloosening, ungirdling.

2. dismissal, bandishment, adjournment, recess, prostration, suspension; discontinuation, discontinuance, stoppage, halt; termination, end, ending, finish, conclusion, closing, wind up, wrap-up.

3. disintegration, collapse, crumbling, decomposition, decay; destruction, ruin, devastation, annihilation; dispersal, diffusion, dissipation, scattering or spreading out.

4. disappearance, evaporation, vanishment, departure.

dissolve, v. 1. solvate, (in prescriptions) solvere, macerate, put into a solution; liquefy, melt, thaw, thaw out, deliquesce, fuse.

2. bind, unite, unbind, resolve into; separate, sever, disavow, break up, divide, disconnect, detach, disjoin, dissociate; disunite, divorce, disassociate.

3. terminate, end, put an end to, discontinue, bring to an end or conclusion, wind up, finish up, close, call to a close, break off; adjourn, recess, prorogue, suspend, break up, disband.

4. disintegrate, crumble, collapse, fall to pieces, fall apart, decompose, decay, rot; disperse, diffuse, dissipate, scatter or spread out.

5. abolish, nullify, cancel, void, invalidate; veto, countermand; annul, abrogate, rescind, revoke, repeal, call off.

6. wane, fade, dim, weaken, evanescce, dwindle, shrink, diminish, decline, decrease, lessen, slack off; fade away, waste away, erode, Sl. conk out, Inf. peter out; disappear, evaporate, vanish, go up in smoke, die out, perish.

dissonance, n. 1. discordance, inharmoniousness, unmelodiousness; cacophony, stridency, jangle, jarring, clashing, grating, croaking, rasping, hoarseness.

2. discord, disagreement, different of opinion; discord, dissension, dissent; discrepancy, inconsistency, variance, incongruity; dissimilarity, dissimilitude, unlikeeness, difference, disparity.

dissonant, adj. 1. discordant, absonant, inharmonious, unmelodious, tuneless, out of tune; cacophonous, strident, harsh, grating, raucous, jarring, jangling, clashing, screechy, creaky; disagreeable, unpleasant, displeasing.

2. disagreeing, differing, opposed; dissimilar, different, divergent, irreconcilable; discrepant, inconsistent, at variance, incongruous, contradictory, opposite.

dissuade, v. discourage, disincline, stop, hold, break up, do, put a stop to, talk out of, persuade not to. See discourage.

dissuasion, n. discouragement, Archaic. dehortation, rein, squelch, Inf. kibosh. See discouragement (defs. 3, 4).

dissuasive, adj. discouraging, cautionary, warning, monitory, admonitory, expostulatory, remonstrative, Archaic. dehortatory; deprecatory, repressive, sup-
distance, n. 1. remoteness,arness, farawayness, far-off-ness; remove, interval, interspace, interstice, gap, space; span, reach, stride, range, span, length, width; circuit, circumference, perimeter; commute.
2. area, field, expanse, stretch, spread, sweep.
3. reserve, reservation, coolness, aloofness, offish-ness, haughtiness; constraint, restraint, stiffness, unresponsive-ness.
4. foreign parts, distant quarter, outer reaches, anti-podes, ultima Thule.
—v. 5. pass, leave behind, outdistance, outrun; surpass, excel, outdo, outstrip, outrange, outgore.

distant, adj. 1. (often fol. by n.) distance, expansion, extension, enlargement, distention, n. distend, v. expand, extend, enlarge, spread.
2. separate, apart, distinct, disparate, not joined.
3. faint, obscure, indistinct, uncertain, not obvious, not plain, slight.
4. reserved, reticent, withdrawn; formal, stiff, aloof, cool, frigid, icy; uncordial, unfriendly, unneighborly, unsociable, unapproachable, uncommunicative, unresponsive; haughty, high-hat, condescending.

distaste, n. dislike, disinclination, disrelish, disfa-vor; aversion, disgust, abhorrence, loathing, revulsion, repugnance, detestation, horror; dissatisfaction, dis-response; haughty, high-hat, condescending.

distasteful, adj. 1. unpleasant, displeasing, disgreecable, unfavorable, undesirable, nasty, obnoxious, offensive, objectionable, off-putting, uninviting; repugnant, aversive, disgusting, fulsome, noisome, atro-cious; unfavorable, hurtful, detestable, loathsome, abominable, abhorrent, hostile, antipathetic.
2. unpalatable, unpalatable, unpleasant, displeasing, disgreecable, unfavorable, undesirable, nasty, obnoxious, offensive, objectionable, off-putting, uninviting; repugnant, aversive, disgusting, fulsome, noisome, atro-cious; unfavorable, hurtful, detestable, loathsome, abominable, abhorrent, hostile, antipathetic.
3. discrete, individual, various, unjoined, unconnected, unassociated; different, dissimilar, unlike, disparate.
4. clear, clear-cut, crystal-clear, well-defined, vivid, graphic; plain, plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face, evident, apparent, manifest, obvious, patent, palpable, tangible, evident, self-evident; definite, unmistakable, explicit, pointed, certain, lucid, unambiguous, unequivocal, loud and clear.
5. unusual, uncommon, rare, unique, notable; singular, exceptional, one of a kind.

differentiation, n. 1. discrimination, differentiation, distinguishing; perception, discernment, penetration; construction, separation, division.
2. difference, otherness, discreteness, dissimilarity, dissimilitude; nicety, subtlety, subtle difference, fine point, nuance.
3. note, mark, importance, consequence, significance, account, rank; eminence, prominence, repute, reputation, prestige, dignity; fame, glory, renown.

distinguishing, adj. characteristic, distinguishing, par-ticular, individual, singular; unusual, uncommon, pecu-liar, idiosyncratic; noteworthy, remarkable, Inf. spanning.

distinction, n. 1. separateness, discreetness, individuality, unconnectedness; difference, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, unlikeess, disparteness.
2. clearness, vividness, graphicness, manifestness, obviousness, plainness; certainness, lucidity, pointedness, unmistakableness, unambiguousness.
3. unusualness, uncommonness, rarity, uniqueness, notableness; singularity, singularity, peculiarity, exceptionality, exceptionality.

distinguish, v. 1. single out, set apart, mark off, point out, signalize; demarcate, delimit, fix, circumference.
2. differentiate, discriminate, judge, ascertain, decide, determine; tell, tell the difference, tell apart, tell between, tell which is which or who's who.
3. perceive, discern, see, note, make out; descry, detect, notice, esp'y; recognize, identify, apprehend, observe.
4. make famous, dignify, celebrate, honor, ennoble; memorialize, immortalize, solemnize, commemorate, glorify; salute, bestow honor upon, applaud, commend; extol, lionize, praise, acclaim.
5. classify, categorize, group, grade, size, rate; specify, characterize, particularize, individualize, stigmatize; define, denote, detail, indicate, designate, point to, tag, name, label; segregate, separate, docket.
distinguishable, adj. evident, plain, clear, manifest, well-marked, noticeable, perceivable, recognizable, conspicuous, discernible.
distinguish, v. 1. conspicuous, marked, distinct, salient, pointed; striking, staring, stark, outstanding, signal; flagrant, in bold print, in bold relief, right in front of one's eyes, standing out like a sore thumb, at the tip of one's nose; eye-catching, eye-filling, welle-defined, explicit, articulate.
2. noted, eminent, famous, well-known, celebrated, esteemed; renowned, illustrious, prominent, preeminent, notable, Archaic, eximious; legendary, immortal, fabled, memorable; honorable, venerable, revered, respected.
3. dignified, distingue, grand, statly, august; imposing, majestic, magnificent, exalted, imperious; lordly, noble, kingly, imperial, princely, magisterial; aristocratic, well-bred, genteel, gentle, to the manner born, blue-blooded.
distortion, n. 1. deformation, contortion, misshapen, anamorphosis, anamorphism; wryness, crookedness, twistedness; asymmetry, disproportion, lopsidedness; deformity, curve, bend, malformation, Path. kyphosis; disfigurement, deformity, disfigurement, division.
2. twist, wrench, twist, wring, wrench, writhe; contort, gnarl, screw, knot, warp; buckle, wrinkle, curl, crumple, bend, crook; grimace, snarl, pout, screw up one's face, mow, make a face; disfigure, mutilate, deface, mar, blemish.
3. pervert, misrepresent, falsify, fabricate, invert, Scot. throw; torture, doctor, tamper with; color, varnish, slant, bias; exaggerate, stretch, overdraw, strain; embroider, embellish, dress up; misinterpret, belie, misquote, misconstrue, misstate, misrender, misrepresent; garbage, slur, muddle, mumble.
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distract, v. 1. divert, draw away, turn aside, deflect, sidetrack, shunt; avert, switch, change course, Naut. jibe.
2. amuse, entertain, beguile, delight, gratify, interest, regale; occupy, engross, absorb, engage, abstract; relax, refresh, enliven; exhilarate, charm, inspirit, raise a smile, excite laughter, cheer, gladden, rejoice.
3. perplex, bewilder, confound, puzzle, confuse, complicate, befuddle; disconcert, discompose; dazzle, daze, mystify; annoy, harass, torment, taintalize; worry, agitate, embarrass, flurry, fluster, rattle; disturb, put out of one's head, make frantic, trouble, craze, madden, derange, disorder.
4. alienate, estrange, disconnect, make inimical, make unfriendly; disunite, divide, rend by dissension or strife; separate, part, put asunder.

distracted, adj. 1. confused, perplexed, bewildered, confounded; lost, absent-minded, in a brown study, mystified; pensive, thoughtful, engrossed, preoccupied, ruminating, deliberating; abstracted, inattentive, unheeding, heedless, unheedful, oblivious, unaware, unconscious, insensible, blind.
2. overwrought, distraught, wild, irrational, troublesome, mindless, dazed, ungodly, out of one's mind or head, insane, mad, demented, lunatic; unbalanced, unstrung, off one's rocker, Inf.

distraction, n. 1. confusion, befuddlement, bewildering, puzzle, perplexity, mystification, quandary; disconcertion, discomposure, consternation; preoccupation, abstraction, absent-mindedness; mental distress, derangement, aberration, desperation, alienation; raving, hallucination, delirium, incoherence, rage, fury; madness, lunacy, craziness, insanity, mania.
2. diversion, amusement, pastime, entertainment, divertissement, beguilement; recreation, relaxation, refreshment, enlivenment; solace, comfort, consolation, restorative, easement, restorative, dispensation, comfort; hobby, interest, play, sport, game; fun, delight, merriment, enjoyment, excitement, festivity, exhilaration, joy, jollity, merriment, delight, pleasure.
3. disturbance, tumult, agitation, perturbation, commotion, motion, disorder; stir, hurly-burly, pother, strew,uffle, fuss, ado, to-do, flurry, helter-skelter; discord, dissonance, contention, opposition, friction, disunity, conflict, squabble, row, feud; hullabaloo, din, rumour, bedlam, pandemonium.

distract, v. 1. deal out, allot, dole out, mete out, parcel out, Inf. dish out, Inf. spoon out; dispense, distribute, deal out, allot, dole out, mete out, deal, give, give out, Inf. divvy, partition, prorate, quarter, share, measure, proportion out.
2. disperse, dispel, spread, scatter, strew, bestrew, disseminate, overspread, sprinkle, spatter, circumfuse; sow, diffuse, propagate, broadcast.
3. pass out, deliver, circulate, convey, transmit; pass around, hand out, hawk.
4. classify, class, arrange, order, assort, compact; methodize, systematize; catalogue, tabulate, codify; divide, break into, break down, separate, set apart.

distribution, n. 1. allotment, allocation, disbursement, assignment, dole; apportionment, portion, proportion, partition, repartition, quarter; lot, parcel, share, slice, cut, bit, Inf. divvy; administration, issuance, ministration, application.
2. dissemination, propagation, diffusion, dispersion, distribution, circulation, spread, dispensation, broadcast; delivery, giving out, posting, shipment, transference.
3. arrangement, classification, organization, ordering, gradation, system, method, way; formulation, assortment, array, collation, collocation; tabulation, codification, cataloguing; division, breakup, separation.
4. frequency, rate of occurrence or recurrence, prevalence, incidence, oftenness.
5. placement, location, deployment, disposition, situation, emplacement, fixation, localization, installation, establishment.
6. marketing, selling, merchandising, trafficking, retailing, trading; handling, transporting, dealing, exchange.

district, n. 1. division, section, precinct, constituency, prefecture, department, arrondissement, ward; borough, province, state, county, city; town, community, commune, parish, quarter, neighborhood.
2. region, area, domain, sphere, zone, pale, demesne, territory, tract of land, Literary. clime; country, parts, place, locale, locality, Inf. neck of the woods.

distrust, v. 1. mistrust, suspect, be suspicious of, be wary or leery of; shy away from, shrink from, watch out for; doubt, be skeptical of, disbelieve, have one's doubts, have misgivings, wonder about, question.
2. mistrust, credibility gap, lack of confidence or trust; suspicion, doubt, doubleness, dubiety, dubiousness, disbelief, unbelief, incredulity, incredulity; watchfulness, wariness, leersiness, shyness; hesitation, uncertainty, misgiving, Slang. bad
distrustful, adj. mistrustful, doubtful, dubious, suspicious; skeptical, disbelieving, unbelieving, incredulous; watchful, wary, leery, chary, shy, hesitating, uncertain, not sure, wondering, questioning; qualmish, uneasy, nervous.

distrust, v. 1. disquiet, discompose, ruffle, Inf. shake up; discommode, indecommode, inconvenience, put out, put off.
2. interrupt, interfere with, bother, pester, plague, hector, harass, Sl. bug, Sl. hassle, Sl. drive [s.o.].
3. crazy or bananas, Sl. drive [s.o.] up the wall; irritate, annoy, irk, vex, pique, provoke, peeve; get on [s.o.’s] nerves. Chiefly U.S. Inf. aggravate, Inf. miff, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain, Inf. get in [s.o.’s] hair, Inf. get under [s.o.’s] skin.
4. agitate, churn up, (of water, wine, etc.) roll; disorder, disarrange, misarrange, unsettle, disorganize; go against the grain, buck the system, rock the boat, make waves, make or cause trouble.
5. trouble, bewilder, confuse, perplex, baffle, confound, upset, disconcert, discomfit.

disturbance, n. 1. disorder, disarrangement, dearrangement, misarrangement, disorganization, disarray, dishelvement, disruption.
2. inquietude, agitation, perturbation, flurry, flutter, restlessness, uneasiness, Sl. flap; confusion, perplexity, bewilderness, bafflement, mystification, Brit. Dial. swither; uncertainty, stupefaction, demoralization, sixes and sevens, disorientation.
3. commotion, uproar, racket, noise, hubbub, row, scuffle, muss, brouhaha, brawl, broil, imbroglio, to-do, row, confusion, perplexity, restlessness, uneasiness, SI.
4. Inquietude, agitation, perturbation, flurry, flutter, restlessness, uneasiness, SI.

1. spreading, spreading apart, coming apart, deviating, digressing, veering, straggling, turning aside; wandering, rambling, meandering, straying, drifting, sidetracking, shifting, switching, shunting; departure, deflection, variation, difference, change; curve, turn, bend, swerve, rake, slue, yaw, bear off, swing about, divert, sidetrack, shift, switch, shunt.
2. depart, deflect, vary, differ, change, step aside, steer clear of; curve, turn, bend, swerve, rake, slope, swerve, go off, sail about, swing about; divert, sidetrack, shift, switch, shunt.
3. deviate, digress, veer, straggle, turn aside; wander, ramble, meander, stray, drift, rove, divergate, Scot. and North Eng. skelent.

divergence, n. 1. spreading, spreading apart, coming apart, open up, radiate, fly off, go asunder, divercate, branch off; divide, separate, subdivide, fork, part, ramify, disseminate, divorce; sever, dissever, cleave, rive, split, Sunder, bisect, dissect, disconnect.
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ramiform, disuniting; severing, dissevering, cleaving, riving, splitting, bisecting, dissecting, disconnecting.

divers, adj. several, sundry, various, numerous, many; different, varied, assorted, mixed, miscellaneous, multifarious, manifold.

diverse, adj. unlike, different, dissimilar, varying; separate, apart, distinct; multiform, diversiform, diversified, varied, varied, manifold; divergent, differing; various, miscellaneous, motley, heterogeneous, mixed, assorted, variegated, checkered.

diversify, v. vary, change, transform, alter, modify; variegate, streak, stripe, striate, dapple, dot, spot, motte, checker.

diversion, n. 1. deflection, turning aside, diversion; diversion, deviation, variation, detour.

divest, 1. strip, deport, disport, destitute, despoil, deprive, dispossess, bereave.

divide, 1. cut, sever, disperse, split, rend, Sunder, dispar, cleave, rive; bisect, halve, quarter, intersect; subdivide, compart, partition, repartition, demarcate.

dividend, n. 1. share, portion, quantum, Inf. cut, Inf. split, Archaic. meed, surplus, gain.

division, n. 1. augury, prophecy, soothsaying, Obs. hariolation, forecasting, foretelling, prediction, prognostication, oracle, vaticination, Obs. Rare. fatidicity, Obs. Rare. manatology.

divine, adj. 1. godly, godlike, deiform, deified; sacred, religious, holy, saintly, sainted, venerable, angelic, seraphic, blessed, best, sanctified, hallowed, consecrated.

divinity, n. 1. uncreated being, godhood, God, the Deity, the Divine, the Divine Name, the First Cause, the Unmoved Mover.

diviner, n. 1. prophet, soothsayer, seer, clairvoyant, oracle, augur, fortuneteller, prognosticator, Chaldean, astrologer, geomancer, (in ancient Rome) haruspex; prophetess, sibyl, witch, sorcerer, conjurer, wizard, magician, necromancer.

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2. deity, god, goddess, genius, spirit, guardian, Class. Myth daemon, Hindu Myth. diva, angel, saph.

3. theology, Scripture, Torah, Talmud; canon law, religion, theosophy, hierology, hagiography, hagiology.

4. godliness, excellence, perfection, supreme virtue.
divisible, adj. dividable, separable, cleavable, severable, splittable, fragmentary.

division, n. 1. separation, partitionment, segmentation; disconnection, detachment, disjunction, splitting, scission; severance, parting, disunion, dismemberment; partition, split, break, breach, rupture.

2. section, part, slice, piece, component, segment; fraction, bit, fragment, scrap, chunk; portion, share, parcel, sector, apportionment, allotment; room, compartment; member; cutting.

3. dividing line, boundary line, border line, partition line, line of demarcation; line, fence, border, margin.

4. disagreement, difference of opinion. See disagreement (defs. 1, 2).

5. section, sector, branch, arm, department.

6. classification, group, category, class, family, subdivision.

divorce, n. 1. disunion, disjunction, disconnection, dissolution, separation; severance, breach; split, SL. split-up, division, detachment, partition; interruption, disruption.

—v. 2. separate, disunite, disjoin, sever, split, split up, disperse, disparate; dissociate, detach, part, divide, rend; interrupt, disrupt; disengage, unfasten, loosen.

3. (all of the marriage contract) dissolve, break, break up; annul, cancel, declare null and void, wipe out.

divulge, v. disclose, reveal, make known, tell, impart, inform, relate, declare, break the news; release, break, report, publish, communicate, broadcast, Archaic. divulgate; come out with, let slip, leak, let the cat out of the bag, spill the beans, blow the lid off, Inf. let it all hang out, SL. sing, SL. spill one’s guts; expose, uncover, unmask, unveil, bring out, bring out into the open, lay open, bring to light.

dizzy, adj. 1. light-headed, vertiginous, Inf. woozy; befuddled, muddled, in a stew, bewildered, puzzled, confused, distraught.

2. Informal. Fickle, capricious, inconstant, vacillating; featherheaded, scatterbrained. See flighty.

do, v. 1. perform, execute, Scot. and North Eng. Obs. gar, discharge, carry out, fulfill, realize; succeed in, manage, bring off, SL. pull off, Inf. put over, U.S. SL. swing, U.S. SL. cut, U.S. SL. hack; engineer, negotiate, work out; bring about, make happen, effect, effe-tuate; produce, turn out, achieve, attain.

2. accomplish, finish, complete, carry through; dispose of, SL. knock off, SL. polish off, expedite, dispatch; conclude, close, wind up, clinch, clinch, seal, perfect, crown, top, cap, put the last or finishing touch to, consummate; end, put an end to, terminate.

3. render, afford, give, bear, pay, put forth; observe, keep, practice.

4. serve, suffice for, be enough, be adequate, measure up, pass muster; answer, satisfy, suit, content, appease.

5. make, prepare, fix, make ready, get ready, arrange.

6. create, originate, form, design, fashion, fabricate; develop, shape, mold.

7. Informal. Wear out, exhaust, do in, tire, fatigue; overcome, ruin, conquer, defeat.

8. Informal. Cheat, trick, deceive, cozen, dupe, take advantage of; swindle, defraud, do out of, fleece, bilk.

9. act, conduct, comport, behave; carry oneself, manage oneself, bear oneself.

10. proceed, continue, go ahead; get along, fare, manage, make out; do well, succeed in, make good.

11. happen, transpire, take place, occur, go on; arise, appear, chance, turn up, crop up, come up.

12. do away with a. abolish, put an end to, repeal, revoke, rescind; cancel, invalidate, nullify, annul, make void. b. kill, slay, murder, shoot, put to death; do in, get rid of, put away, remove, finish off; liquidate, erase, blot or wipe out, SL. rub out, SL. bump off, SL. knock off, SL. snuff out.

13. do without forgo, dispense with; give up, abstain from, eschew, refrain from, forbear, desist.

—n. 14. action, activity, commotion, excitement; bustle, hustle, flurry, fuss, Inf. to do, to bother; hubbub, racket, tumult, disturbance, ferment, uproar.

15. Chiefly Brit. party, affair, occasion, soirée, fête.

16. do's and don't's customs, rules, regulations; standard, code, policy, guide, precept, formula.

docile, adj. 1. manipulate, manipulable, tractable, malleable, ductile, pliable, plant, manageable, Scot. tawie; passive, timid, gentle, meek, mild, subdued; compliant, complying, amendable, cooperative, accommodating, agreeable, willing, disposed, inclined, assenting; nonresistant, obedient, dutiful, biddable, responsive; acquiescent, capitulating, submissive, yielding, deferential, obsequious.

2. teachable, educable, instructible, schoolable; trainable, coachable, drillable, disciplinable.

docility, n. 1. manageability, manageableness, tractability, tractableness, malleability, malleableness, ductility, ductileness, pliability, pliableness; passive-ness, timidity, timidity, meekness, gentleness, mildness; acquiescence, compliance, cooperativeness, agreeableness, willingness; obedience, dutifulness, bid-dability, biddableness, responsiveness, submissiveness, obsequiousness.

2. teachability, teachableness, educability, educable-ness, instructability, schoolability; trainability, train-ableness, coachability, disciplinability, disciplinable-ness.

dock', n. 1. pier, quay, wharf, dockage, marina, basin, (in the Far East) bund; jetty, jetty, mole.

—v. 2. bring in, lay up, land, put in, tie up; anchor, moor, berth, cast or lay or drop anchor.

dock'', v. 1. cut short, cut off the end, shorten; crop, bobtail, snip, lop, nip; pare down, prune, shear, pollard, poll; truncate, abridge, curtail, retrench, Rare. obtruncate.

2. deduct, subtract, take out; lessen, reduce, diminish, decrease.

doctor, n. 1. physician, medical practitioner, M.D., medical doctor, medical man, healer, SL. pill doc, SL. doc; allopath, osteopath, homopath; surgeon, SL. sawbones, specialist, consultant; resident, intern; dentist, orthodontist; veterinarian, Inf. vet.

—v. 2. minister, treat, attend, administer; medicate, prescribe for, remedy; heal, make better, cure, care for.

3. repair, mend, correct, fix, patch up; improve, ameliorate, meliorate, get better; restore, rebuild, make over, rehabilitate, reconstruct; set to right, put in order.

4. falsify, misrepresent, pervert, misstate, misreport, misrender, belie; twist, distort, color, Scot. thrash; tamper with, invert, misconstrue, misconstrue.

5. adulterate, water down, dilute, thin out, weaken, SL. cut; doctor up, add to, strengthen, mix with, blend, Inf. spike.

doctrinaire, adj. 1. dogmatic, dogmatism, doctrinal; authoritarian, domineering, imperious, overbearing, pushing, Inf. pushy; assertive, insistent, emphatic, imperative, authoritative; opinionated, bigoted, prejudiced, biased, one-sided, narrow-minded, intolerant, fanatical.

2. impractical, unpractical, unpragmatic, unrealistic;
theoretical, hypothetical, ideologic, ideological, speculative, visionary.

—n. 3. impractical theorist, non-realist, ideologist, ideologue; pundit, authoritarian, Inf. know-it-all, dogmatist, dogmatizer, bigot, zealot, fanatic.

dogma, n. 1. theory, opinion, belief, conviction; principle, precept, maxim, dictum, axiom; tenet, dogma, teaching, doxy; postulate, proposition, thesis.

2. creed, credo, canons, articles of faith, body of teachings, gospel; The Word.

document, n. official paper, certificate, instrument, charter, record, chronicle; legal paper, Law. testament, Law. deed, Law. writ; credential, voucher, diploma.

dodge, v. shake, shiver, tremble, teeter, totter; twitch, quiver, quaver, quake; bob, reel, falter, flounder; vacillate, shiver, hesitate, waver.

dodger, adj. 1. sneaky, decrepit, (of women) anile, superannuated; feeble, Inf. dotty, infirm, shaky, unsteady, shivering, trembling, tottering, tottering; shambling, staggering, shuffling, swaying; twitching, quivering, quavering, quaking; bobbing, reeling, faltering, floundering; vacillating, oscillating, fluctuating, hesitating, wavering.

2. weak-minded, foolish-minded, foolish, silly, inexpert; in one's dodge, in one's second childhood.

dodge, v. 1. shift, move or dart aside, jump away, prance, paddle, bob, bob and weave, veer, swerve, jib; whiffle, sidestep; shy, recoil, draw back.

2. avoid, elude, evade, give [s.o.] the slip; hide from, stay away, escape, skulk; bolt, run away, decamp, abscond, elope, take off, scamp; shun, stay clear, make oneself scarce, sneak off, sneak out the back way; stay out, play truant, shuffle off to Buffalo, mangle, call in sick.

3. prevaricate, quibble, equivocate, Inf. waffle, fudge; hedge, qualify; doubletalk, palter, backtrack; back-pedal, sidetrack; tergiversate, vacillate, shilly-shally.

4. sidestep, dart, swerve, swerving; elusion, evasion, avoidance, escape.

5. Informal. trick, wile, play, feint; stratagem, scheme, contrivance, maneuver, artifice, subterfuge, machination, expedient, shift; ingenuity, adroitness, slyness, cunning, sharp practice; chicanery, deception, prevarication, equivocation, double talk, sophistry.

dodger, n. 1. shifting, slippery, tricky, evader, evader, deserter, runaway, Archaic. runagate, AWOL; malingerer, truant, shirker, slacker, renegade, goldbrick, Sl. goof-off; chiseler, sharpie, sly boots, Sl. cutie, one who plays fast and loose.

doer, n. executor, accomplisher, effector, performer, worker; enterpriser, entrepreneur, U.S. Inf. go-getter; Sl. operator, Sl. wheeler-dealer.

doff, v. 1. (all of a hat) take off, remove, shed, throw off, toss off, cast off or away, get rid of; disarray, disrobe, undress, strip, bare, denude, nakedize.

2. (all of a hat) tip, raise, lift, take off, remove.

dog, n. 1. canine, hound, Sl. pooch, Fr. chien; female dog, bitch; cur, tyke, mongrel, Sl. mutt; doggy, pup, puppy, whelp.

2. dingo, wild dog, wolf, fox, jackal, coyote, hyena.

3. Slang. scoundrel, knave, rogue, wretch, scamp, scapegrace, rascal, raspscallion, miscreant, villain.

4. Informal. fellow, man, boy, Inf. guy, Sl. dude, Fr. type.

5. Slang. Inf. lemon, Inf. dud, piece or hunk of junk.

6. go to the dogs Informal. deteriorate, degenerate, go to ruin, go to pot, go to hell in a handbasket, fall apart.

7. put on the dog U.S. Slang. affect or put on airs, put on a show, show off; (all of oneself) display, exhibit, parade, flaunt.

dogged, adj. 1. determined, earnest, fixed, intent; steadfast, firm, purposeful, deliberate; constant, persevering, staunch, stanch; game, spunky, plucky, gritty; tenacious, relentless, bent on, Inf. hellbent, do-or-die; unhesitating, unflinching, unflinching, unswerving, unflagging; indomitable, indefatigable, untiring.

2. stubborn, mulish, obstinate, set, pigheaded, bullheaded, stubborn as a mule or ox; inflexible, unmoving, unyielding, unbending, obdurate, impervious; intransigent, refractory, perverse, willful, recalcitrant, headstrong; resistant, difficult, forward, opinionated, opinioned.

dogma, n. 1. creed, credo, doctrine, teachings; tenet, tenent, maxim, precept, axiom; code, canon, rule, principle, article or principle of faith, credendum.

2. conviction, belief, firm belief, fixed opinion; theory.

dogmatic, adj. dogmatical, doctrinaire, doctrinal; assertive, consistent, emphatic, imperative, authoritative; authoritarian, domineering, imperious, overpowering, pushing, Inf. pushy; opinionated, bigoted, prejudiced, biased, one-sided, narrow-minded, intolerant, fanatical.

dogmatism, n. presumption, positiveness, peremptoriness, opinionatedness; arrogance, imperiousness, high-handedness; bigotry, intolerance, closed-mindedness.

doing, n. 1. action, performance, execution, effectuation, implementation, enactment; accomplishment, achievement, realization; act, deed, work, handiwork, exploit, enterprise, feat, stunt.

2. affair, concern, matter, business, Inf. job.

3. doings deeds, actions, exploits, handiwork; affairs, matters, concerns, dealings; accomplishments, achievements; events, happenings, proceedings, transactions, Inf. goings-on.

dole, n. 1. share, portion, allotment, lot, parcel, quota, moiety; modicum, pittance, pinch, mite, driblet, drop in the bucket, Inf. smidgeon.

2. apportionment, allocation, distribution, division, disposal; dispensation, issuance, administration.

3. alms, charity, Sl. handout; subsidy, stipend, allowance; unemployment, unemployment compensation, workmen's compensation, Sl. unem, Brit. Sl. the brew; welfare, food stamps; social security, medicare, medicaid.

—v. 4. donate, present, give, give away.

5. dole out ration, allot, deal out, mete out, parcel out, portion out; distribute, dispense, issue, administer.

doleful, adj. sorrowful, mournful, disconsolate, depressed, dejected, cheerless, joyless, dolorous; gloomy, melancholy, sad, blue, Inf. down in the dumps, Inf. down in the mouth; pathetic, piteous, pitiful, piteous, wretched.

doll, n. 1. figure, figurine, Baby Talk. dolly; toy soldier, puppet, muppet, marionette; toy, playing.

2. U.S. Offensive. woman, girl; All Sl. gal, dame, chick, broad, dumb broad, babe, tomato, skirt, jill, cutie, filly, Brit. bird, Brit. lemon.

dollar, n. All Sl. buck, smacker, smackaroo, greenback, fish, frogskin, skin.

dolor, n. sorrow, grief, Archaic. dole, sadness, ruth, heartache, heartbreak; anguish, misery, Archaic. bale; bereavement, lamentation, mourning; ache, pain, hurt, suffering, Archaic. tein; torture, torment, agony; wretchedness, desolation, heaviness of heart,
dolorous, adj. grievous, painful, rending, harrow- ing; mournful, woeful, melancholy, sad; sorrowful, rueful, doleful; tearful, lachrymose, lugubrious.

dolorous, n. blockhead, thick head, Inf. chump, dunce, Inf. dummy, Sl. dope, Sl. dumbbell, Sl. meatball or meathead; dullard, fullhead, fathead, scrub, head, bonehead, dunderhead, dunderpate, chucklehead, Sl. dumbhead, Sl. lumphead, Inf. knucklehead, Sl. stupidhead, Sl. goon; simpleton, idiot, Inf. moron, imbecile, lamebrain, dim-wit, nit-wit, half-wit; pinhead, Sl. birdbrain, Sl. flake, Sl. dingbat, Sl. ding-a-ling; fool, nincompoop, nimrod, dunce. All Slang. jerk, boob, booby, noodle, nudnik, bluffhead.

dolish, adj. blockheaded, boneheaded, blockish, thick, thick-headed, thick-skulled, dense; obtuse, stolid, lumpish, blunt, dull; Inf. dopey, Inf. dumb, dullwitted, dim-witted, slow, slow-witted, half-witted; stupid, unintelligent, simple, simple-minded, weak-minded, bird-brained, feeble-minded, deficient; idiotic, Inf. moronic, imbecilic, foolish; mindless, brainless, empty-headed, blank, vacant, vacuous.

domain, n. 1. realm, empire, kingdom; sultanate, 1. realm, empire, kingdom; sultanate, 2. region, area, zone, territory; province, precinct, 2. region, area, zone, territory; province, precinct, or branch field of study, department of knowledge.


domestic, adj. 1. household, home, family; residential, domiciliary. 2. tamed, tamed, pacified, broken, housebroken. 3. native, indigenous, aboriginal, autochthonous; home-grown, home-raised, homebred, homemade, native-grown.

—n. 4. servant, help, hired help; Butler, footman, Brit. boots, Chiefly Brit. buttons; majordomo, steward, housekeeper; driver, chauffeur, coachman; valet, groom, gentleman's gentleman, man, (in the British army) batman; factotum, do-all, slave, man or maid of all work; maid, handmaid, chambermaid, maidservant, upstairs maid, au pair or au pair girl, betweenmaid, Brit. Inf. teeny; cook; charwoman, laundress, scullion, menial, drudge.

domesticate, v. 1. tame, gentle; train, housebreak; break, Sl. bust. 2. familiarize, naturalize, habituate, orient, break in; habituate, accustom, assimilate, accultivate; domiciliate.

domicile, n. 1. home, abode, residence, residency, dwelling, dwelling place, dwelling home, habitation, habitation, Scot. and North Eng. bigging, Scot. howf, lodging, lodgings, lodging place, lodgement or lodgment, nest, roost, perch; quarters, living quarters.

rooms, accommodations, housing, roof over one's head, Inf. pad, Inf. crash pad, Chiefly Brit. Inf. diggings, Brit. Inf. digs; apartment, flat, tenement, walk-up, cold-water flat, Brit. chambers, Chiefly Brit. maisonette or maisonnette; penthouse, townhouse, condominium, Sl. condo; mobile home, motor home, camper, trailer; address, location, situation, whereabouts, place.

2. mansion, palace, palatial or stately dwelling or home or residence, Fr. hotel, lt. palazzo, villa, chateau, castle, Chiefly Brit. hall, Brit. court, Archit. folly, Sl. spread; manor, manor house, manor seat, estate, country estate, country home, country seat, country house, house and grounds, house and lot, Brit. Dial. toft, demesne, Law. messuage; farm, farmstead, farmplace, Archaic. farmlong, grange, Brit. farmery, Brit. croft, Brit. homecroft, Scot. and North Eng. steading; ranch, rancho, rancheria, hacienda; plantation.

3. cottage, cot, bungalow, bower, cabin, log cabin, blockhouse, Brit. Dial. cot, Scot. but-and-ben; hut, shed, shack, shanty, Scot. bothy; hovel, hole, dump, sty, pigsty, pigpen, tumbledown shack, wretched ed. hut, mean dwelling, miserable quarters.

4. hearthstone, hearth and home, hearthside, fireside, fireplace, chimney corner, Brit. Dial. inglenook, Chiefly Brit. inglenook or ingle nook; homestead, household, family, family circle, domestic circle, bosom of one's family, seat of one's affections, home sweet home, Inf. place where one hangs one's hat.

—v. 5. domicil, domiciliate, establish oneself, take up residence, take up one's abode, make one's home, inhabit, occupy, settle, locate, enconce, Inf. hang up one's hat; take or strike root, plant oneself, anchor, come to anchor, drop anchor, Moor, nest, nestle, perch, roost, squat, burrow, hive; lodge, rent, room, berth, bunk, bed, quarter or billet at, put up at, Inf. hang out, Sl. crash. Brit. Sl. dos down; camp, camp out, bivouac; pitch one's tent.

dominant, adj. 1. ruling, controlling, governing, reign, reigning, supreme, superior, surpassing, preeminent, paramount. 2. commanding, prominent, most important or influential; predominant, main, chief, principal, head, leading, strongest; prevailing, prevalent, most widespread.

dominate, v. 1. control, rule over, reign over, exercise control over, govern; command, order, dictate, have it all one's way, call the shots, call the plays, run the show; boss, lay down the law, hold the purse strings; be in control, be in the driver's seat, be in the saddle, wear the pants or trousers, be in a position of authority, hold all the cards, have well in hand, have under control; rule the roost, wear the crown, occupy the throne, have the whip hand; wield the scepter, wield the power or authority, sway, bend to one's will.

2. subdue, overpower, domineer, master, gain the upper hand, get the better of; be master of the situation, be on top of, have [s.o.] under one's thumb; browbeat, intimidate, bully, ride roughshod over; ride high; have it all one's own way, have it one's own way; have all the cards, have all one's tricks, be master of the situation; boss, lay down the law, hold the purse strings; be in control, be in the driver's seat, be in the saddle, wear the pants or trousers, be in a position of authority, hold all the cards, have well in hand, have under control; rule the roost, wear the crown, occupy the throne, have the whip hand; wield the scepter, wield the power or authority, sway, bend to one's will.

3. tower above, loom over, stand over, bestride; overlook, survey; project, jut over, hang over, beetle over.

4. overshadow, eclipse, overtop, rise above, be superior to; outshine, be in the ascendant, be supreme, crowned, top, cap, beat; surpass, surmount, exceed, outweigh, preponderate; overrule, override, prevail over, take precedence over; dwarf, detach from, take away from.

5. coexist, coexist, prevail, be widespread, permeate, pervade, overrun, overspread; characterize, distinguish, designate, define, describe, denominate.

domination, n. 1. control, rule, command, authority; power, influence, sway, ascendancy, supremacy, reign; supremacy, dominating power, mastery, the whip or upper hand; domineeringness, browbeating, intimidating, intimidation; bullying, riding rough
domineer, v. tyrannize, rule with a rod of iron, rule with an iron or hard hand; boss or boss around; browbeat, intimidate, bully, ride roughshod over, trample, ride herd on; oppress, suppress, repress, keep down or under, lord it over; break, humble, crush, overpower, get the better of; subdue, subjugate, subject, subordinate, enthral, enslave, reduce to slavery, hold captive, hold in bondage.

2. dominate, master, control, rule, govern; command, order, lay down the law, call the shots or plays, Inf. wear the pants; run the show, rule the roost, wear the crown, occupy the throne, have the whip hand; have the upper hand, be master of the situation, be on top of, have [s.o.] under one's thumb; wield the scepter, wield the power, sway, bend to one's will.

3. dominate, tower above, loom over, stand over, be on the top of, have [s.o.] under one's thumb; wield the power, power, sway, bend to one's will.

Inf. worn out, exhausted, played out. See done (def. 2). b. beaten, Inf. beat, Inf. done in, washed up, lost, finished; ruined, undone, broken, destroyed, dashed; defeated, foiled, frustrated, thwarted.

donkey, n. 1. ass, burro, dickey, Chiefly Scot. cuddy, Brit. Sl. moke; jackass, jack, jenny, jennet; mule, hinny; beast of burden, pack or draft animal, Archaic. sumpter.

2. fool, dope, nincompoop; dunce, dolt, blockhead, knucklehead; oaf, boor, lout; idiot, simpleton, halfwit. See also ass (def. 2).

donor, n. giver, donor, grantor, contributor, benefactor, benefactress, supporter, backer, angel; fairy godmother.

do-nothing, n. 1. idler, fainéant, loafer, drone, Inf. bum, sluggard, slugabed, lazybones; laggard, loiterer, lunker, lingerer, trifler, dawdler, dallyer; daydreamer, lotus-eater; shirker, goldbrick, Sl. goof-off; good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well, Fr. vaurien, worthless person.

—adj. 2. idle, fainéant, lazy, slothful, sluggard, otiose, indolent; sluggish, laggard, slow-moving, torpid, lethargic; inactive, inert, passive, supine.

doom, n. 1. (all usu. of an adverse nature) fate, fortune, destiny, lot, cup, portion, die, Archaic. foredoom, Chiefly Scot. weird, Brit. Inf. cup of tea; karma, kismet, Obs. destin.

2. ruin, ruination, rack and ruin, destruction, dissolution, extinction, annihilation, bane; death, death knell, end, finish, terminus, quietus.

3. condemnation, damnation, guilty verdict; sentence, judgment, pronouncement, Sl. rap.

—v. 4. fate, ordain, destine, Rare. destiné; predetermine, predestine, preordain, foreordain, predecide, foredoom, Inf. have in store for.

5. condemn, damn, consign to damnation, sign [s.o.'s] death warrant; sentence, pass sentence.

doomed, adj. 1. destined, fated, ordained; predesignated, foreordained, preordained, predetermined, pre-designed.

2. damned, accursed, cursed, curse-laden; condemned, Brit. Dial. fay, anathematized, Archaic. maledict; bedeviled, bewitched, star-crossed, ill-fated, foredoomed.

3. ruined, wrecked, overwhelmed, crushed, undone, Inf. done for, destroyed; lost, washed up, wiped out; down the drain, gone to pot, shot, Sl. kaput, Fr. fini, all over, finished, Sl. have had it.

door, n. 1. opening, aperture, hatch, doorway, Ft. porte; trapdoor, hidden or secret door; gate, gateway, postern, portal; threshold, stile, turnstile, wicket; hall, hallway, passage, passageway, arcade, gangway, walkway, corridor, gallery; lobby, foyer, vestibule, ante-room, waiting room; anteporch, porch, portico.

2. entrance, entry, entryway, entrada, approach, ramp, drive, driveway, lane, adit; path, pathway, route, road, roadway, course, way, means.

doorkeeper, n. 1. porter, Inf. doorkeeper, doorman, gatekeeper, ostiary; guard, turnkey, sentinel, sentry, watchman, warder, watchdog.

2. guardian, keeper, warden, conservator, caretaker, custodian, concierge, janitor.

dope, n. 1. paste, Inf. gok, Sl. goop; glue, rubber cement, epoxy; lubricant, oil, grease.

2. narcotic, drug; Inf. opiate, sedative, soporific, barbiturate, Inf. down or downer; amphetamine, stimulant, Inf. up or upper, Sl. speed; hallucinogen, psychedelic; marijuana, U.S. Sl. Mary-Jane, Sl. pot, Sl. grass, Sl. reefer, Sl. weed.

3. Slang. news, word, story, data, facts, Inf. score, scoop, Sl. deal; inside information; Inf. info, info.
dormant, adj. 1. sleeping, asleep, resting, at rest; hibernating, (of land) fallow, dormant; inactive, lifeless, inert, still, stock-still, silent; motionless, immovable, immobile; unmoving, stationary, becalmed.

2. dull, sluggish, passive, lethargic, stagnant; sleepy, somnolent, slumberous, torpid, torpescient, comatose.

3. latent, implicit, undiscovered, unexpressed, quiescent; potential, undeveloped, unrealized; veiled, hidden, unapparent.

4. suspended, deferred, postponed, in abeyance; 4. latent, implicit, undisclosed, unexpressed, quiescent; potential, undeveloped, unrealized; veiled, hidden, unapparent.

5. twice, by twos, two-by-two, doubly, en-

6. duplicate, twin, identical; paired, in pairs, coupled, mated, geminate; dual, duplex; twofold, binal, binate, replicate.

7. folded, bent over, doubled; bifold, biform, bi-

8. on the double quickly, losing no time, with haste, posthaste; briskly, at full speed, in double-quick time, at full gallop, tannity; without delay, straightway.

—v. 9. multiply or increase by two; enlarge, magnify; duplicate, copy, geminate; match, mate, pair, couple, associate.

10. fold, turn, turn back, turn again, redouble, make two thicknesses, plait.

11. double back, go back, go round, sail round, backtrack, return; elude, evade.

double-dealing, n. duplicity, equivocation, dissimulation, cant, lip-service, mouth-honor; treachery, foul play, betrayal, Judas kiss, disloyalty, bad-faith, infidelity, faithlessness, perfidy, breach of trust, Inf. two-timing; dishonesty, hypocrisy, mendacity, deception; guile, artifice, trickery; Machiavellism, deceit, improbity; knavery, rogery, rascality, fraud.

double entendre, n. ambiguity, double meaning, suggested or hidden meaning; pun, word play, play on words, anagram; paradox, equivocation, dubiousness, indefiniteness, vagueness.

doublet, n. 1. vest, jerkin, waistcoat, jacket.

2. pair, set, couple, two.

doubly, adv. two-fold, in double measure, double; twice again, once more, over again, bis.

doubt, v. 1. suspect, distrust, be uncertain, entertain doubts, be in a state of uncertainty, not know what to think, Inf. not know which way to turn, waver; mistrust, fear, be in suspense, harbor suspicions, Inf. take with a grain of salt, Inf. smell a rat.

2. lack confidence in, have doubts about, scruple, stickle, shy at, be apprehensive of; lack conviction, lack faith, waver, hesitate to believe, discredit; question, query, challenge, object, dispute, contradict, deny, disbelieve, demur; float in a sea of doubt.

—n. 3. uncertainty, hesitation, indecision, undecidedness, irresolution, vacillation, unsettled opinion; suspense, distrust, mistrust, suspicion; question, fALTERING, lack of conviction, indefiniteness; incertitude, dubiety, dubiousness, lack of certainty; disbelief, incredulity, skepticism, dissent.

4. perplexity, quandary, dilemma, confusion; ambiguity, problem, question, open question, difficulty.

doubter, n. skeptic, disbelief, questioner, doubting Thomas; scoffer, iconoclast, nonconformist; disserter, freethinker, apostate.

doubtful, adj. 1. uncertain, wavering, undecided, hesitating, irresolute, vacillating, indecisive; perplexed, confused, in suspense, Inf. up in the air; wondering, skeptical, distrustful, suspicious, incredulous, disbelieving, from Missouri.

2. questionable, debatable, disputable, dubious, uncertain, to a certainty, and no mistake, no doubt, in truth, to be sure, for sure, without fail.

—v. 3. spot, sprinkle, bespeckle, speckle, fleck, Inf. dotty; childish, foolish, feeble-minded.

double, adj. 1. equal, equaled, matched, correspondent, comparable; equivalent, commensurate, again as much.

2. duplicate, twin, identical; paired, in pairs, coupled, mated, geminate; dual, duplex; twofold, binal, binate, replicate.

3. folded, bent over, doubled; bifold, biform, b-

4. deceitful, insincere, two-faced, Janus-faced, hypocritical; double-dealing, false, dishonest, equivocal, guileful, knavish.

5. twice, by twos, two-by-two, doubly, en-

6. duplicate, twin, copy, replica, clone, fac-

7. substitute, Inf. sub, proxy, alternate, fill-in, secondary, locum tenens; stand-in, understudy, pinch hitter, stunt person.
slosh; flood, deluge, inundate; wet, rinse, sprinkle, sparge; plunge, dive, immerge.
2. splash, flush, flush out, irrigate, hose down, show-er, sprinkle.
3. Informal. extinguish, quench, blow out, put out, out, smother, sniff, snuff out, stamp out.
4. Informal. remove, take off, doff, tip.

dovetail, v. 1. mortise, tenon, join, fit, fit together; intersect, unite, splice, link.
2. tally, conform, correspond, fit together, go together, match; agree; accord, jibe, fall in with, concur, go hand in glove to see eye to eye; equal, balance, square, parallel; harmonize, coincide.

dowdy, adj. slovenly, untidy, tacky, frowzy, dumpy, frumpy, looking like Tugboat Annie; carelessly dressed, sloppy, messy, unkempt; bedraggled, draggled, tailored, slatternly, slutish; ill-dressed, unfashionable, out-of-date, old-fashioned; shabby, worn-out, rag-tag, drab, dull.

dower, n. 1. estate, widow's inheritance, property, subsistence; inheritance, legacy, heritage, bequest; provision, trust, settlement, maintenance, pension, annuity.
2. See dowry.
3. endowment, natural gift, gift, talent, faculty, genius, bent, knack, forte.

down', adv. 1. at the lowest point, at a low rate or degree, to a low point, below par, minimally, at a low ebb; at ground level, to the ground, underground, below the horizon; underfoot, on the ground or floor, underneath, under, beneath, below, Archaic. adown.
2. downstairs, downtown, down home, downstream, down stream, down the river, down the way or road.
3. in check, under control, penned in, hemmed in, in adversity, Inf. in a tight spot, Inf. between a rock and a hard place; in disgrace, in disfavor, Inf. on the list.
4. confined to bed, in bed, abed, laid up; sick, ailing, prostrate.
5. from a former time, onward in time, through the years, down the corridors of time.
6. (all of payment) as downpayment, as retainer, up front, in advance, as earnest; in cash; on the counter, into the hand, on the barrelhead; at once, without delay, now, immediately, forthwith.
7. down with away with, get rid of, Fr. à bas; oust, push out, Inf. kick out; stamp out, squelch, put an end to; abolish, repeal, do away with, revoke, invalidate, terminate; overthrow, overcome, pull down, bring down, upset, supplant, defeat, destroy, wipe out.
—prep. 8. from top to bottom, along the way, on the way down, from a higher to a lower point.
9. descending, going down, coming down, downward; tumbling, sliding, dropping, falling, plunging.
10. dejected, downcast, sad, blue, disconsolate. See downcast.

11. down and out destitute, impoverished, Sl. broke or flat broke; derelict, forsaken, forgotten, lost, adrift, Inf. on the skids, Sl. on the bum.
12. down on hostile to, antagonistic, unsympathetic, antipathetic, set against.
—n. 13. descent, reverse, decline, falling, falling off, coming down, sinking; lapse, drop, plunge; fall, sink, droop, sag, slip.
—v. 14. overthrow, conquer, subdue, win over, beat, put down; fell, floor, knock down, knock out, KO; bring down, shoot down, bag, tally, rack up.
15. drink, swallow, gulp, toss off; drain, drain to the dregs, drain to the bottom, Inf. swill.

down', n. fluffy, baby feathers, fuzz, undergrowth; bloom, peach fuzz; nap, pile, shag; wool, thatch, fur; beard, whiskers, 5 o'clock shadow, chin fur; filament, cobweb, gossamer, thistledown.
downcast, adj. dejected, disheartened, dispirited, low-spirited, downhearted, down, Inf. down in the dumps; discouraged, daunted, dismayed, distressed, disappointed, crestfallen, broken-hearted, heartsick, Inf. broken up; unhappy, cheerless, glum, gloomy, under a cloud, in the doldrums, doleful, Archaic. wan; saddened, sad, blue, forlorn, melancholy, mopey, mopeish, long-faced, chapfallen, unsmingling, Inf. down in the mouth; miserable, morose, heartbroken, woebegone, heavy-hearted, disconsolate, sorrowful, mournful, lachrymose, funereal; depressed, weighed down, burdened, crushed, prostrate, Inf. broken, Sl. bummed out; despondent, Psychiatry. hypochondriac or hypochondriacal, Brit. hipped, spiritless, lifeless, exanimate, enervated, weakened, weary, tired, drained.
downfall, n. 1. collapse, debacle, breakdown, break up; drop, fall, descent, crash, smash, tailspin or tail spin, nose dive; defeat, overthrow, overturn, labe- faction, coup d'état; undoing, ruin, ruination; debasement, abasement, degradation; shame, disgrace, humiliation, mortification.
2. mistake, blunder, botch, bungle, error, Inf. slip-up; transgression, dereliction, dereliction of duty, misconduct, misdeed; false step, wrong step, misstep, false move, wrong move, bad move, trip, stumble; offense, peccadillo, oversight, omission; leak, slip, lapse, lapsus; All Sl. boner, goof, dumb trick, fool mistake, screw-up, foul-up, louse-up.
3. downpour, downrush, space, cascade, flood, deluge; cloudburst, thunderstorm, thundershower, scud, Brit. Dial. brash.
downgrade, n. 1. slope, grade, slant, pitch, inclination; descent, decline, declivity, declivity; dip, drop, fall, slip, slope, grade, slant, pitch, incli-
n. 2. mistake, blunder, botch, bungle, error, Inf. slip-up; transgression, dereliction, dereliction of duty, misconduct, misdeed; false step, wrong step, misstep, false move, wrong move, bad move, trip, stumble; offense, peccadillo, oversight, omission; leak, slip, lapse, lapsus; All Sl. boner, goof, dumb trick, fool mistake, screw-up, foul-up, louse-up.
3. downcast, adj. sad, depressed, downcast, broken-up, atrabilious. See downcast.
downpour, n. deluge, inundation, torrent, torrential or driving rain, pouring or drenching rain, cloudburst, Inf. cats and dogs; flood, flash flood, washout.
downright, adj. 1. complete, total, outright, out-and-out, categorical, dead, flat, unequivocal, unmitigated, unqualified, unconditional, incontestable; thoroughgoing, wholesale, all-out, Inf. flat-out; absolute, utter, profound, sheer, stark, antithetical, perfect, positive, consummate, Inf. regular, Inf. plumb, Brit. Inf. proper.
2. clear, manifest, distinct, palpable, evident, self-evident, conspicuous, definite, unmistakable, undeniable.
3. candid, frank, forthright, foursquare, straightforward, straight-from-the-shoulder; plain, plain-spoken, plain-speaking, explicit, unambiguous, undisguised, Inf. straight-out, Inf. flat-floated, Inf. matter-of-fact; outspoken, free-spoken, free-speaking, free-tongued, free, unreticent, bold, unreserved, unrestrained, unconstrained, unchecked, unabashed, uninhibited, unsparing, unshrinking; blunt, bluff, brusque, brash, tactless.
—adv. 4. completely, totally, categorically, dead, unequivocally, unconditionally, incontestably, Inf.
dowry, n. 1. payment, gift; esp. to a bride; usu. by a man to a woman. 2. dowry, marriage settlement.
downward, adj. 1. in descending order, from the top, toward the extremities, down. —adv. 2. in descending order, from the source or beginning, from the top, toward the extremities, down.
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Physiol. 1. draw, adduct; dramatize, stage, mount, put on, produce; dramatic, theatrical, theatric; dramaturgic; adj. 1. violent, forceful, powerful, forcible; covering, hanging, curtain, mantle; tap, cover, blanket, overspread, overlay, v. 1. playwright, dramaturge, dramaturgist; n. dramatist, playwright, stage play, dramatic play; n. 1. Naut. 3. attract, allure, invite, lure, entice; tempt, persuade, dependence, reception room, reception hall, n. drawing room, sketch, tracing, picture, copy; diagram, design, outline, composition; representation, depiction, portrait, portrayal, delineation, figure; cartoon, caricature, black and white, pen and ink. 2. dramaturgy, stagecraft, dramatic art, histrionic treatise, depiction, delineation; stage business. 3. frightful, terrible, dreadful, dire. See adj. 3. fright, fearfulness, fright, funk; terror, n. Inf. cold feet; quail, flinch, recoil, shy, shrink; cower, or regional accent, accent, broad accent n. 2. (all of speech) monotonous, monotone, singsong, humdrum, or dreamy; lazy, otiose. 3. extensive, draconian, far-reaching, considerable, broad, enormous, inordinate, egregious. drape, v. 1. cover, blanket, overspread, overlay, mantle; overlie, cloak, curtain, fold, veil, shroud; enwrap, swath, wrap, swaddle, drape, v. 1. drawling, twang; prolong syllables, linger over speech) monotonous, monotone, singsong, humdrum, or regional accent, accent, broad accent n. 2. (all of speech) monotonous, monotone, singsong, humdrum, or dreamy; lazy, otiose. 3. extensive, draconian, far-reaching, considerable, broad, enormous, inordinate, egregious. draw, v. 1. pull, tug, magnetize, Physiol. adduct; tow, haul, lug, drag, yank, hale; take in tow, lead, Naut. warp, Naut. kedge. 2. pull out, take out, extract, bring out; unsheathe, bare, produce, pull a gun. 3. attract, allure, invite, lure, entice; tempt, persuade, influence; interest, fascinate, catch [s.o.'s] eye, capture [s.o.'s] fancy, captivate, win, seduce; engage, elicit, call forth, invoke. 4. sketch, trace, mark out, lay out, outline, contour, scratch, map out, chart; depict, delineate, Archaic. limn, portray, represent, picture, diagram. 5. compose, create, frame, formulate, design, devise; form, fashion, shape, fabricate; envision, contrive, plan, plot. 6. inhale, suck in, breathe in, inspire, respire, Obs. sufflate, Literary, suspend. 7. deduce, infer, conclude, reason, derive; gather, glean, get; guess, presume, opine, reckon, suppose, think. 8. receive, get, obtain, accept; procure, secure, pick up; bring in, produce, gather, reap, pull; take in, acquire, earn, gain. 9. drain, empty, sluice, siphon, filtrate; milk, sap, bleed; tap, pump off. 10. choose, pick, select, elect, single out; take, decide on, make a choice of, fix upon; favor, prefer, fancy. 11. shrink, contract, wrinkle, shrivel, knit, compress, constringe; dwindle, decrease, diminish, reduce, decline. 12. approach, come near, advance, near, draw nigh, move towards, gain on, edge close. 13. draw out a. pull out, root out, uproot, deracinate, remove, extract, withdraw; pluck out, tear out, wrench, wrest. b. prolong, lengthen, make longer, prolongate, protract; extend, stretch out, elongate, continue, filibuster. 14. draw up a. write up, compose, draft, prepare; indite, pen, write, redact, put in writing; dash off, scribble down, put down, throw on paper, knock off. b. arrange, put into position, set, arrange, sort; marshal, order, rank. c. halt, bring to a stop, stop, rein in; pull up to, side up to. —n. 15. attraction, drawing power, magnetism, charisma; pull, influence, gravity. 16. tie, stalemate, parity, dead heat, Inf. photo finish. drawback, n. hindrance, impediment, obstacle, stumbling block, hurdle, encumbrance; obstruction, Archaic. remora, oppilation, interference, Law. estoppel; discouragement, deterrent, damper; bar, barrier, stop, stopper, block, barricade; curb, check, balk, catch, hitch, snap; disadvantage, detriment, difficulty, problem, trouble; inconvenience, pain in the neck, nuisance; liability, handicap, weakness, weak spot, flaw, defect, fault, minus. drawing, n. 1. sketch, tracing, picture, copy; diagram, design, outline, composition; representation, depiction, portrait, portrayal, delineation, figure; cartoon, caricature, black and white, pen and ink. 2. raffle, lottery, draw, lot, sweepsakes, Sd. sweep; the numbers. 3. selection, pick, picking, choice, choosing, extraction, withdrawal. drawing room. n. reception room, reception hall, salon, parlor, living room, sitting room. drawl, v. 1. twang; prolong syllables, linger over one's words; (all of speech) lengthen, extend, protract, stretch, prolong, prolongate, elongate, drag or draw or stretch or spin out. —n. 2. regional accent, accent, broad accent or speech, twang. drawing, adj. twangling, twangy, drawly; (all of speech) monotonous, monotone, singsong, humdrum, drooling, droll, twangy; slow, slow-paced, tardigrade, snail-paced, snail-like; lagging; leisurely, languid, dreamy; lazy, otiose. dread, v. 1. fear, be afraid, worry, Inf. funk, mistrust, distrust, suspect, anticipate, expect, apprehend, forebode; hesitate, falter, have second thoughts, have cold feet; quail, flinch, recoil, shy, shrink; cow, skulk, crouch; shiver, shake, shudder, quiver, shake in one's boots, tremble. —n. 2. fear, fearfulness, fright, Inf. funk; terror, horror, panic; alarm, perturbation, dismay, consternation, trepidation; worry, disquiet, disquietude, concern; apprehension, misgiving, uncertainty, suspicion, mistrust, distrust, qualm; angst, fear and trembling, anguish, anxiety; uneasiness, apprehensiveness, Inf. butterflies, nervousness, queasiness; cowardice, timidity, diffidence; hesitation, cold feet, second thoughts; Sl. heebie-jeebies, the jitters, Sl. the willies, Sl. the creeps; bugaboo, bugbear, hogy, Fr. bête noire, nightmare. —adj. 3. frightful, terrible, dreadful, dire. See
dreary, adj. gloomy, cloudy, dismal, dim, 1. thoughtful, speculative, pensive; abstracted, in a dream world, land of dreams, cloud-dreamland, n. 1. dream, vision, nightmare; apparition, will-o'-the-wisp, ignis fatuus, chimera, fairy; phantom, shade, specter, ghost, wraith, incubus, succubus, bugbear; fantasy, phantasm, phantasma, Lit. fantasia, Inf. pipe dream, romance; fiction, invention, fabrication; visualization, en-visagement, hallucination, mirage, illusion, delusion; shadow, vapor, nothingness.

2. daydream, castle in the air, castle in Spain, musings; fancy, flight of fancy, whim, whimsy, vagary, crotchet, notion, imagination; conceit, thought, idea, conception, concept; design, plan, scheme; aspiration, goal, aim, mark. —v. 3. have dreams, have nightmares, hallucinate; see in a vision, visualize, envisage, rhapsodize, idealize; daydream, stargaze; gaze out the window; fall into reverie, be preoccupied, be abstracted; imagine, fantasiize, phantasmize, Rare. phantasty; fancy, muse, build

dresser, n. 1. frock, gown, robe; outfit, suit, ensemble, costume, Inf. getup.

2. clothing, clothes, apparel, wearing apparel, garment, attire; raiment, vestments, habit, habiliments, Inf. gear, Inf. toggery, Inf. togs, Inf. duds, Sl. threads, Sl. rags; wardrobe, array, accouterment; livery, uniform.

3. formal attire, formal wear, formals, elegant attire, dress clothes; evening wear, evening dress, evening clothes; evening gown, dinner gown or dress; full dress; tuxedo, Inf. tux, black tie, white tie and tails, Inf. tails, Sl. monkey suit, Sl. soup and fish; finery, best clothes, best bib and tucker, Inf. Sunday clothes, Inf. Sunday best, Inf. Sunday-go-to-meetings, Sl. glad rags, Sl. heavy threads.

4. cover, covering, outer covering; skin, outer skin or layer; plumage, feathers; coat, petticoat.

5. appearance, guise, aspect, look; outfit, trappings, Inf. getup, Inf. rig, Inf. turnout; costume, habit, masquerade, disguise.

—v. 6. clothe, vest, garb, attire, apparel, habit, Sl. dude up; robe, gown, drape; outfit, fit out, fit up, fit, accouter, turn out, gear; don, put on, slip on, slip into.

7. array, bedizen, cloth, deck, clothe, clothe out, deck out, bedeck, trap, trap out, caparison; beautify, prettify, fix up, prink, Inf. titivate, Inf. spruce up, even up; dress up, Sl. gussy up, Sl. trick up, Sl. dude up, Sl. swank up, Sl. fig out.

8. adorn, ornament, decorate, trim, garnish, furbish, Archaic. dight, Archaic. ouch; spangle, bespangle, stud, bestud, beset; emblazon, blazon, illuminate, bedaub; gild, varnish, trick out.

9. prepare, Inf. prep, ready, get or make ready, Inf. fix.

10. cultivate, till, till the soil, work, work the land; plow, spade; fertilize, manure.

11. comb, comb out, comb out and do up, do up, card; groom, preen.

12. bandage, poultice, plaster, dress [s.o.'s] wounds; splint, strap; treat, doctor, minister to, care for.

13. align, line up, bring into line; straighten, straighten out, adjust, put into order.

14. dress down Infomal. reprimand, scold, berate. See reprimand.

dresser, n. bureau, chest of drawers, chest, chiffonier, commode, locker; dressing table, vanity or vanity table; wardrobe, chifforobe; sideboard, cabinet.
dressmaker, seamstress, tailoress; tailor, Hum.

v. 1. trickle, drip, drop, fall in drops; dribble, dressing, n.

1. morsel, bite, mouthful, scrap, small drift, 1. impulse, impetus, drive, driving force; n.

1. drill, v. Archaic, 1. fascia; pledget, 3. fertilizer, compost, manure, muck, dung, ordure, mo- guano, night soil.

dressmaker, n. seamstress, tailoress; tailor, Hum.
sartor; clothier, haberdasher, hosier, outfitter; mo- dieste, couturier, couturière.

dribble, v. 1. trickle, drip, drop, fall in drops; sprinkle, drizzle; leak, ooze, exude, seep, filter, fil- trate, distill, percolate.

2. purl, gurgle, flow; squirt, spurt, spout, gush, is- sue, well out or forth.

3. drivel, drool, drip saliva, slaver, slobber, slabber; sputter, splutter; snivel, run at the nose.

driblet, n. 1. morsel, bite, mouthful, scrap, small portion or part; particle, mite, modicum, minimum, moiety; bit, little, piece, Inf. smidgen, minim, Chiefly Brit., Inf. spot; speck, splotch, daub, dash, pinch, dab, trace, sprinkling.

2. pittance, small or petty sum.

drift, n. 1. impulse, impetus, drive, driving force; pressure, push, urge, sweep, controlling influ- ence; current, flow, run, movement, motion.

2. tendency, direction, bias, trend; course, gravita- tion, bearing; inclination, bent, leaning, proclivity, propensity, penchant.

3. meaning, intent, purport, tenor, tone, vein; implication, connotation, significance, signification; sense, import, spirit, gist, essence, core, pith.

4. heap, pile, mass, accumulation; mound, bank, dune.

—v. 5. wander, ramble, rove, roam, meander; de- viate, digress, stray, go off the track; peregrinate, tramp, nomadize, SI. bum around.

6. be carried along, be borne, be swayed, go with the wind or tide, go with the current.

drill, n. 1. cutting instrument, boring tool, rotary tool.

2. calisthenics, exercise, physical training; gymnastics, slimmastics, aerobics; workout, warm-up.

3. teaching, instruction, grounding, training, coaching, drilling; inculcation, indoctrination, initiation, discipline.

—v. 4. pierce, bore a hole, bore, puncture, gore, perforate; penetrate, pass through, transpierce.

5. teach, instruct, tutor, school; question, catechize, beat into, cram; indoctrinate, inculcate, instil, infuse; coach, train, initiate, ground.

drink, v. 1. imbibe, quaff, sip, sup, Archaic bib, Inf. swig, Inf. belt, Inf. pull; drain, wash down, toss off; gulp, swallow, Sl. guzzle or guzzled down, Sl. swill or swill down.

2. (all of alcoholic beverages) tipple, tope, bouse or bowse, Inf. booze, bibble, nip, Archaic dram; drink like a fish, drink hard, drink seriously; get drunk, Sl. get plastered or pickled, Brit. Sl. get beved; All Inf. gargle, wet or moisten one's whistle, take a drop, chug, chug-a-lug, lap, lap up, commune with the spirits, down one's sorrows; All Sl. hit the sauce or bottle or booze, scoop a few, knock a few back, liquor up, souse, dip the beak, exercise or crook or bend or raise the elbow; overindulge, carouse, revel, wassail, go on a spree, make the rounds, Sl. tie one on, Sl. go on a binge or bender or drunk, Sl. paint the town red, Brit. Inf. pub-crawl.

3. toast, toast to, drink a toast to, drink to, pledge, drink or pledge the health of.

4. absorb, suck up, draw up or in, take up or in, drink up or in; sponge, sponge up, soak up, blot up, sop up; ingest.

—n. 5. beverage, potable or potables, drinkable or drinkables, liquid, liquid refreshment; soft drink, nonalcoholic beverage; cold drink, thirst quencher.

6. intoxicant, alcoholic beverage, potion; liquor, alcohol, spirits, John Barleycorn, the demon rum, Inf. booze, Inf. hard stuff, Sl. likker, Sl. hooch, Sl. sauce, Sl. red-eye, Sl. medicine; Sl. rot gut, Sl. poison, Sl. blue ruin; moonshine, firewater, Sl. mountain dew, Sl. white lightning; mixed drink, cocktail, highball, Inf. chaser; stimulant, bracer, Inf. eye-opener; nightcap, Brit. Inf. sundowner; the bottle, the cup, the cup that cheers; parting cup, stirrup cup, Scot. doch-an-dorrach or -dorris or wee doch-an-dorrach.

7. intoxication, insobriety, inebriety, inebriation, drunkenness, intemperance, Inf. tipsiness; alcoholism, dipsomania, problem or heavy drinking, serious drinking, habitual drunkenness, bibulousness, crapulence or crapulosity, crapulousness; drinking, imbibing, heavy drinking, tippling, toping, bibernation,bibbing, bibbling, Rare. bibbery, Inf. boozing, Sw. hitting the bottle or sauce or booze, Brit. Sl. bevying.

8. draft, quaff, bumper, potion, libation, Brit. Sl. bevy; nip, spot, tot, jigger, Inf. finger or two; sip, sup, Inf. swig, Inf. swill, Inf. pull, Inf. snort, Inf. jolt; swallow, Inf. slug, Inf. guzzle, Inf. gargle; lap, slurp.

9. ocean, sea, the deep, the brine, the briny deep, Inf. the briny, Sl. the big drink.

drinkable, adj. 1. potable, potatory, fit to drink; drinking.

—n. 2. beverage, potables, drinkables, liquid, liq- uid refreshment, liquids.

drinker, n. 1. imbibber, bibber, bibbler, Obs., Rare. biberon, tippler, quaffer, social drinker.

2. drunkard, drunk, inebriate, sot, soak, tosstop, toper, barfly; alcoholic, chronic alcoholic or drunk, dipsomaniac; hard drinker, serious drinker, problem drinker; All Inf. guzzler, swiller, soaker, sponge, lovepot; All Sl. booster, boozehound, louch, souse, rum- my, wino, alchy, juicehead, hooch hound, gin hound, swillbell, swillpot, stew, stebum, elbow-bender or elbow-crooker; carouser, reveller, wassailer.

drinking bout, n. spree, fling, carouse, carousal, revel, revelry, wassail, celebration, Scot. randy; orgy, debauch, saturnalia; drunk, potion, com- petition, guzzle, drunken carousal or revelry, bacchanal, bac- chanalia; All Sl. binge, bender, bust, toot, tear, bat, jag, Brit. pub-crawl.

drip, v. 1. drop, fall in drops, dribble, trickle; sprinkle, drizzle; leak, ooze, exude, seep, filter, fil- trate, distill, percolate.

—n. 2. Slang. bore, Sl. drag, Sl. deadbeat, Sl. pill, damper, Sl. downer, wet blanket, kill-joy, Sl. party-pooer.

drive, v. 1. hurl, propel, expel, repel, rout, drive away, drive off.

2. task, tax, work; overwork, overtask, overtax, drive into the ground.

3. impel, urge, press, push, thrust, shove; move, actu- ate, set going, set in motion; spur, prod, prick, goad, poke, lash, whip; induce, compel, coerce, make, force, Inf. pressure or high-pressure, Inf. lean on, Inf. squeeze, Inf. push the screws on or to; constrain, oblige, necessitate, require, demand, leave no option or choice.

4. herd, shepherd, ride or tend herd, drove, punch cattle, wrangle, round up.

5. chauffeur, taxi, bus, Inf. give [s.o.] a lift or ride, Inf. run [s.o.] [somewhere]; take or go for a drive, Inf.
drivel


2. *v.* babble, gibber, *moron, imbecile, ignoramus; dunce, dolt, meshugaas, SI. Scot, and North Eng.* or *sniffle; runny of.*

3. *n.* nonsense, falderal, gibberish, Jabberwocky; bab- *jaunt, outing, junket.*

4. *v.* drop, go for a spin or whirl, *Sl.* take or go for a tool; ride, motor, tour, journey.

5. *v.* drive at allude to, refer to, suggest, imply, infer, intimate, hint as if her mean in mind.

6. *drive a hard bargain* drive a hard bargain, negotiate, haggle, chaffer, dicker, Inf. *hack or hammer or work out a deal*, Scot. argle-bargle.

—n. 8. *ride, Sunday drive, Inf. spin, Inf. whirl, Inf. joyride, Sl. tool; (all in a motor vehicle) trip, quick trip, run, journey, peregrination, excursion, tour; jaunt, outing, junket.


10. *road, roadway, route, scenic route, alternate route; private road, byway, driveway.*

**driver**

1. *n.* chauffeur, coachman, reinsman, whip, *Irish Eng.*; jarvey; busdriver, motorman; taxi-driver, cabdriver, cabman, Inf. *cabby, Inf. hack or hackie, U.S. hackman; truck driver, trucker, teamster; wagoner, muleteer, Sl. mule Skinner.

2. *motorist, automobilist, Sunday driver, Inf. joy- rider, Sl. road hog.*


**drizzle**

v. *sprinkle, spray, mist, Chiefly Dial. mizzle; spray, wet, dribble.*

**droll**

adj. 1. *funny, humorous, clownish, comic; comical; laughable, ridiculous, facetious, jocular, jok- ing, witty, waggish; amusing, diverting, entertaining, sportive, jocose, merry; farcical, ludicrous, zany.*

2. *bizarre, quaint, whimsical, queer, strange, odd, eccentric; outlandish, grotesque, Sl. rum.*

**drollery**

n. *jest, joke, Witticism, Waggery; mum- mery, bufferoonery, zanyism, farce, absurdity, bur- lesque; humor, wit, dry wit, esprit; prank, tomfoolery, shenanigan, monkeysine.*

**drone**

n. *parasite, leech, sponger, Inf. sponge, Inf. deadbeat; do-nothing, idler, fainéant, loafer, Inf. bum, sluggish, slugabled, lazybones; laggard, loiterer, lounges, lingerer, trifler, dawdler, daller; daydreamer, lotus-eater; shirker, goldbrick, Sl. goofy-off; good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well, Fr. vaurien, worthless person.*

**droop**

v. 1. *buzz, hum, murmure, bombilate, bombinate, whisper; whizz, whir, wheeze, sibilate, hiss, fizzle, sizzle; sigh, rustle, southe.*

—n. 2. *buzz, hum, murmure, bombination; purr, whiring; sibilation, hiss; whizz, sigh, rustle, southe.*

**drool**

v. 1. *water at the mouth, drive, dribble, drip saliva, slaver, slobber, sputter, snivel, sniffle.*

2. *babble, gibber, Sl. gibber-jabber, blather, blether, Inf. blither.* See *drive* (def. 2).

—n. 3. *drive, slaver, slobber, slobberer. See drive* (def. 4).
drought

6. trapdoor, gallows, gibbet, swing, scaffold, platform.

7. fall in drops, drip, trickle, dribble; distill, sprinkle; leak, ooze, seep, filter, percolate.

8. sink, fall, descend, precipitate; dive, plunge, plummet, swoop; plop, fall plump.

9. fall down, faint, swoon, be stricken, collapse; die, fall dead, drop dead.

10. abandon, forsake, desert, leave behind, throw over, jilt, run out on, Inf. leave flat; discard, cast off, jettison, throw away, get rid of, toss out, Inf. ditch, Inf. chuck.

11. go down, go under, sink, descend to bottom, as in Davy Jones’ locker, perish at sea, descend to a watery grave.

12. repudiate, reject, disown, renounce; reject, repel, refuse, cast off, over, jilt, run out on, fall out of, go out, release, ungrip; shed, slough off, cast off, doff, back out of, or take off, despair of; forbear, desist from; forego, do or go out of, Inf. back out of.

13. squat, crouch, lie low; cringe, cower.

14. sink, fall lower, drop off, decline; diminish, lessen, subside, slacken, dwindle, taper off; depress, depress, depress.

15. reduce, curb, cut, slash; bring down, lower, depress; demote, degrade.

16. discharge; unload, set down, leave off, let off; let go of, release, ungrasp; shed, slough off, cast off, doff, discard.

17. omit, leave out, eliminate, deselected.

18. fell, floor, bring down; shoot, kill, murder.

19. overpower, overwhelm, overcome; deaden, stifle, or ruin; or as in: plung into a trance, or a daze; walk around half asleep; drag oneself around, be sluggish or listless; languish, droop, flag.

20. of all animals give birth to, bear forth, litter, spawn; foal, lamb, calf, whelp, kitten.

21. drop a fall asleep, doze, doze off, drowse, Inf. snore, nap, nod. decline, decrease. See def. 14 above.

22. plodder, toiler, hard work, toil, moil, travail, Brit. fag, drudgery, common laborer, slave, factotum, scrubwoman, scrubby, or as in: heads, crew, band, company, group, body, assemblage, assembly; multitude, gathering, crowd, swarm, horde, host, throng, rabble, mob, crush.

23. work hard, toil, moil, labor, Brit. fag, slave labor; sweatshop work, sweat of one’s brow; treadmill, hard work, assembly line, Sl. the pits; meniality, slavery, bondage, serfdom.

24. medicine, medication, medicament, remedy, physic, cure; cure-all, panacea, wonder drug.

25. narcotic, Inf. opiate, depressant, sedative, tranquilizer, soporific, hypnotic; barbiturate, Sl. barbs. Inf. down or downer, quaalude, Sl. lude, Sl. red; heroin, Sl. H, Sl. horse, Sl. smack, Sl. junk, Sl. seag, Sl. crank; stimulant, antidepressant, energizer, amphetamine, Inf. up or upper, Sl. white cross, Sl. black beauty, Sl. bennie or benzie, Sl. dicey, Sl. speed, Sl. meth, Sl. pep pill; cocaine, Sl. coke, Sl. C, Sl. snow, Chiefly Brit. Sl. Charlie; Sl. dope, marijuana, U.S. Sl. Mary-Jane or MJ, Sl. pot, Sl. grass, Sl. weed, Sl. reefer; hashish, Sl. hash, THC, Sl. killer weed, Sl. angel dust, Sl. thai stick or finger, opium; hallucinogen, psychedelic, LSD, Sl. acid, Sl. orange sunshine, Sl. windowpane, Sl. blotter, Sl. purple haze, Sl. STP; mescaline, peyote, mescal buttons, Sl. buttons, Sl. mushrooms; belladonna, deadly nightshade, Jimson weed, Sl. loco weed. See stimulant (def. 1) and depressant.

26. stupefy, poison, narcotize, put under the influence, benumb, numb, blunt, dull, anesthetize, render insensible, deaden.

27. adminster, a drug, dose, medicate, treat.

28. adj. 1. dozed, Inf. doped, sluggish, befuddled, dazed, stupefied, narcotized, numbed, benumbed, anesthetized, under, under the influence.

29. turned on, Sl. stoned, Inf. high, Sl. up, Sl. off, Sl.
drunkard, n. apothecary, pharmacist, pharmaceutist, pharmacologist, pharmaceutical chemist.

drum, n. 1. tambour, tympanum, tabor, taboret; apothecary, pharmacist, pharmaceutist, bevied; primed, gassed, bombed, stoned, zonked, Brit, Anat., Zool. eardrum.

—v. 2. beat, tap, sound, thrum, resound; reiterate, drum up.

3. drum out expell, dismiss, disin, outlaw;oust, dismiss, discharge, cashier, fire, SL. bounce, SL sack; demote, rip the buttons off of.

4. drum up obtain, create, canvass, solicit, petition; round up, scare up, bid for, beat the bushes for.

drunk, adj. 1. intoxicated, inebriated, inebriate, inebriery, bibacious, crapulent, crapulous; drunken, sodden, besotted, sot, sot, awash, Literary. in one's cups; under the weather; saturated, soused, full, Scot. soused; groggy, goggled, Archaic. groggy, muddled, obtunded, wooly,learneyed, pie-eyed, glassy-eyed; far-gone, stupified, staggering, staggering drunk, drunk as a lord, drunk as a piper, drunk as a fiddler, drunk as a skunk or owl; merry, happy, gay, jolly; maudlin.

2. All Inf. boozy, tight, lit, lit up, lit to the gills, illuminated, liqueored-up; half seas over, three or four sheets to the wind, under the sauce, off-color; pickled, lathered, high, high as a kite, fried to one's tonsils, full to the back teeth, primed to the sticking point; mellow, have a jag on, feeling good, feeling no pain; blind, blind drunk, dead drunk, paralyzed, out of it, out cold, out, under the table, helpless, passed-out, in bed with one's boots on.

3. All SL. loaded, lubricated, oiled well-oiled, stewed, stewed to the gills, tanked, fried, boiled, SL. pissed, Brit. beved; primed, gassed, bombed, stoned, zonked, ripped, blitzen, scrooched, whiffed, whoozled; poluted, crocked, cocked, cocked to the gills, cockeyed, canned, slashed, squiffy, potted, plastered, sozzled, crocked, stiff, ossified, stinko, stinking, plotched, shelacked, swacked, screwed, blotto, smashed, skunk-drunk.

4. excited, breathless, exuberant; exhilarated, invigorated, stimulated, animated, inspired; ecstatic, enraptured, transported, abandoned; fervid, fervent, rapt, rapt, rapturous, transported, abandoned; fervid, fervent, incited, inspired, j related, heated, hot, red-hot; flushed, feverish, delirious.

—n. 5. drunkard, inebriate, sox, sox, tosspot, toper, bibber, bibbler, Obs., Rare. biberon, barfly; alcholic, chronic alcoholic or drunk, dipsomaniac; drinker, hard drinker, problem drinker, serious drinker; All Inf. guzzler, swiller, soaker, sponge, lovepot; All SL. boozer, boozehound, lish, souce, rum, my, wino, alchoy, dipso, juicehead, juicer, hooch hound, gin hound, swillbelly, swillpot, stew, stewbum, elbow-bender, elbow-crooker.

dry, adj. 1. dried, dehydrated, desiccated, exsiccated, evaporated, Com. anhydrous; juiceless, sapless, unadulterated, unmoistened, dried up, dried out, arid, bear, parched, rainless, droughty; thirsty, unwatered, waterless, bare, barren, fruitless, sterile, unproductive; All food stale, hard, hardened.

2. dull, uninteresting, boring, tedious, tiresome, wearisome; dry-as-dust, dull-as-dishwater; flat, stale and unprofitable; commonplace, prosci, prosy; meager, plain, unadorned, bald.

3. droll, witty, waggish, humorous; satirical, sarcastic, cynical.

4. severe, unemotional, indifferent, cold, impersonal, aloof, remote.

—v. 5. dehydrate, exsiccate, desiccate, parch, make dry; preserve, cure.

6. wither, wilt, shrivel, dry up, harden.

7. sponge, wipe off, wipe away; swab, towel, drain, blot.

—n. 8. Informal. prohibitionist, teetotaler. See teetotaler.

dual, adj. double, twofold, duplicate, duplex, dualistic, binary, biform, bioform, bifold; twin, matched, paired, coupled, geminate.

duality, n. twoness, doubleness, duality, biformality, dichotomy, dualism.

dub, v. 1. knight, confer knighthood upon; name, call, confer, entitle; designate, style, term, label, tag; baptize, christen, denominate, nominate, nickname; invest, instate, induct, inaugurate.

2. dress, smooth, plane, face, shave, pare; planish, mill, even, level; rub, burnish, furbish, scrub, scour.

dubiety, n. doubtfulness, doubt, dubiosity, skepti cism, dubitation; incertitude, uncertainty, hesitation, reluctance; suspicion, mistrust, distrust, disbelief, incredulity; misgiving, qualm, scruple; unbelief, agnosticism, Pyrrhonism.

dulous, adj. 1. doubtful, equivocal, ambiguous, unsure, indeterminate, dubitable; unclear, obscure, vague, hazy, foogy, nebulous, indefinite, imprecise; enigmatic, cryptic, mysterious, apocryphal.

2. questionable, shady, Inf. fishy, rotten in Denmark; untrustworthy, unreliable, debatable, moot, disputable, controvertible.

3. undetermined, unsettled, undecided, unresolved; problematic, indecisive, speculative, open, tentative, pending.

4. wavering, hesitant, uncertain, fluctuating; irresolute, vacillating, variable, oscillatory, inconstant; bewildered, puzzled, perplexed, confused.

duck, v. 1. immerse, plunge, throw in, dive, dip, wet; souse, submerge, douse, drench; plunk, drown, Inf. dunk.

2. bow, bob, bob; stop, bent, squash, hunker down, hunch down, get or fall down, hit the deck, hit the dirt, SL. hit it.

3. avoid, evade, elude, shun; dodge, parry, turn aside; swerve, pull away, recoil, shy away or off, steer clear.

diet, n. pipe, tube, conduit, Anat., Zool., Bot. vessel; flue, chimney, smokestack, funnel; drain, culvert, sewer; channel, canal, passage.

ductile, adj. 1. malleable, moldable, shapeable, formable, flexible, bendable, pliant, pliable, plastic, soft; elastic, stretchable, tensile, tensile, extensible, Chiefly Zool., Anat. extensible; (of people and animals) lissome, limber, supple, lithe, willowy, double-jointed.

2. tractable, manageable, manipulable, manipula-
ble, docile, facile, easy, Scot. tawri; susceptible, disposed, inclined, amenable, compliant, complying, cooperative, agreeable, accommodating, willing, assenting, nonresistant, passive; teachable, educable, instructible, schoolable; trainable, coachable, disciplinable.

ductility, n. 1. malleability, moldability, flexibility, pliability, pliability, pliancy, plianness, plasticity, softness; elasticity, tensibility, tenseness, tensility, tenseness, stretchability, extensibility, extensibility, ductility (all of things, materials), limoneness, limbersness, suppleness, litheness, willowiness.

2. tractability, tractability, manageability, manageability, docility, facility, easiness; susceptibility, amenable, compliance, cooperativeness, agreeability, willingness, non-resistance, passivity, passiveness; teachability, teachability, educability, educability, manageability, instructibility, schoolability; trainability, trainability, teachability, coachability; disciplinability, disciplinability.

dude, n. dandy, jack-a-dandy, pop, Beau Brummell, fancy Dan, poppinjay, coxcomb, SI. peacock; exquisite, fashion plate, the glass of fashion and the mold of form, macaroni, sharp dresser, zoot suiter, silkstocking; blade, gay blade, buck, man about town, boulevardier, Chiefly Brit. blood, beau, gallant, ladies' man, lady-killer, spark, SI. swell, Brit. Inf. toff.

due, adj. 1. payable, immediately payable, mature, outstanding, receivable; owed, unpaid, in arrears.

2. rightful, right, proper, right and proper, correct, due, right, rightful, right, proper, right and proper, correct, due, entitled, entitled to, coming to, warranted, merited, deserved, richly deserved, well-earned, justified, (usu. in reference to punishment) condign.

3. scheduled, slated, booked, billed; expected, awaited, anticipated, look-for.

4. due to attributable, assignable, ascribable, imputable, chargeable, accountable; owing to, assigned or referred to, derivable from.

—n. 6. right, rightful or lawful claim, birthright, natural or divine right, prerogative; desert, just deserts, Inf. comeuppance.

7. dues fee, membership fee, charge, charges.

duell, n. shoot-out, affair of honor, Fr. affaire d'honneur, monomachy.

dugout, n. 1. shelter, hovel, lean-to; cave, excavation; intrenchment, trench, ditch, foxhole; fortification, barricade.

2. dory, canoe, kayak.

dulcet, adj. 1. melodious, canorous, lyrical, musical, tuneful; harmonious, euphonious, symphonious, mellifluous, mellifluent; silvery, silver-toned, clear as a bell.

2. pleasant, agreeable, soothing, solacing; peaceful, tranquil, halcyon, calm, mellow; lovely, attractive, charming, enchanting, ravishing; delightful, winsome, sweet.

dull, adj. 1. unintelligent, witless, slow-witted, dull-witted; stolid, obtusate, crass, Boeotian, bovine, blockish, lumpish; dense, thick-headed, Inf. thick, slow, stupid, Brit., Australian Inf. dill, Scot. and North Eng. dord; backward, dullish, SI. birdbrained, simple; empty-headed, vacuous; unimaginative, indiscerning.

2. insensitive, unfelling, numb; callous, hardened, inured; unresponsive, insensitive, unsympathetic, unreceptive; passionless, indifferent, uncaring.

3. sluggish, phlegmatic, lethargic, torpid, heavy, lifeless; languid, listless, spiritless, apathetic; inactive, inert, stagnant; lazy, oscillant, drowsy.

4. tedious, tiresome, boring, boresome, wearsome, uninteresting, SI. dead, dry, dry-as-dust; tasteless, bland, insipid, jejune, flat, vapid, SI. for the birds, SI. nothing, SI. blah; uneventful, humdrum, monotonous, ordinary, run-of-the-mill, commonplace, prosaic, matter-of-fact.

5. dreary, dismal, Scot. and North Eng. dowie, bleak, drab, somber; murky, lowering, gloomy, dark, sunless; cheerless, sad, melancholy.

6. cloudy, dim, indistinct, blurred, blurry, gray, opaque; lackluster, colorless, Optics: achromatic; tarnished, faded, washed out; deadened, dulled, muted, muffled, stifled, softened.

7. blunt, unsharpened, dulled, pointless, edgeless.

—v. 8. blunt, take the edge off of, obtund; lessen, allay, assuage, alleviate, palliate; appease, soothe, relieve, ease, soften, cushion; slake, quench, deaden; decrease, diminish, reduce; modify, moderate, temper.

8. stupefy, benumb, hebetate, besot; sedate, narcotize, opiate, drug, tranquilize, lighthearted.

9. obscure, cloud, becloud, blur; darken, dim, bedim, bedazzle; tarnish, sully, stain.

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11. obscure, cloud, becloud, blur; darken, dim, bedim, bedazzle; tarnish, sully, stain.

12. depress, deject, dishearten, discourage; damp, dampen, throw cold water on, throw a wet blanket on, cast a pall over.

dullard, n. dolt, dunce, Inf. deadhead, blockhead, SI. dummkopf, oaf, clod; loggerhead, thickhead, Inf. chump, Inf. coot, Inf. dummy, Sl. dodo, Sl. dope, Sl. dumbbell, Sl. meatball or meathead; fathead, num-skull, beetlehead, bonehead, denderhead, denderpate, chucklehead, Sl. dumbhead, Sl. lumphead, Sl. lardhead, Inf. knucklehead, Sl. stupidhead; donkey, ass, Sl. gron, lubber, loud; simpleton, Simple Simon, saphead, noodle, idiot, cuckoo, Inf. jay; idiot, Inf. moron, Sl. retread, imbecile, mooncalf, labebrain, dim-wit, nit-wit, half-wit, Sl. zombie, goose; pinhead, Sl. birdbrain, scatterbrain, Sl. flake, rattlehead, ratbrain, harebrain, Sl. dingbat, Sl. ding-a-ling, featherbrain, addlebrain, addle-head; fool, ninny, nincompoop, ninnyhammer, SI. yo-yo, tomfool; All Sl. jerk, schmuck, boob, booby, noodle, nudnik, bluffhead; ignoramus, know-nothing, schlep, Inf. lightweight, lowbrow.

duly, adv. 1. in a due manner, properly, as is proper, seemly, suitably, fitly, fittingly, befittingly, as is fitting, rightly; becomingly, decorously.

2. in due season, in due time; regularly, punctually.

dumb, adj. 1. mute, speechless, silent, noiseless, soundless, mum, aphonie; voiceless, non-vocal, wordless, pantomimic; reticent, taciturn, quiet, uncommunicative, reserved, tongue-tied.

2. Informal. stupid, slow-witted, featherbrained, dull. See dull (def. 1).

dumfounded, v. astonish, astonish, amaze, Inf. flabbergast, strike dumb, render speechless, dumfound; stunned, shocked, startled, surprised, disconcerted; dumb, numb, paralyzed, frozen, petrified, incapacitated; starry, surprise, disconcert, confuse, baffle, confound nonplus, perplex, embarrass, pose; bewildered, dazzle, electrify, Inf. take one's breath away; unbalance, disorient, Inf. catch off guard.

dumfounded, adj. astounded, amazed, astonished, Inf. flabbergasted, taken aback, floored, Inf. bowled over, stunned, shocked, startled, surprised, disconcerted; dumb, numb, paralyzed, frozen, petrified, incapacitated; confused, disoriented, baffled, confounded, nonplused, perplexed, bewildered; Inf. shaken, Sl. shook, Inf. caught up short, Inf. caught off guard, Inf. thrown for a loss, SI. knocked for a loop.
**dum-**

1. copy, sample, representation, reproduction, reprint; substitute, imitation, counterfeit, sham.
2. mannequin, model, lay figure, dressmaker’s dummy.
3. Informal. bolt, blockhead, numskull, dullard. See dullard.
4. scrapegoat, Infl. goat, straw man; agent, representative, alternative, double.
5. Slang. mute, deaf-mute, dumb person.

**dumpl**

1. drop, fling down, let fall, deposit; throw away, dispose, discharge, cast off.
2. empty out, pour out, unload, rid, unburden, disburden, Naut. break bulk.
3. fire, dismiss, expel, oust, give [s.o.] the boot, bag, bump, bounce.
—n. 4. junkyard, wasteland, trash pile or dump, rubbish heap, refuse heap, Brit. Dial. midden.

dun

1. (usu. for payment of debts) importune, press, urge, tax, solicit, beset, buttonhole; ply, push, besiege, Infl. work on; plague, pester, nag, Sl. bug.
2. adj. 1. greyish-brown, swarthy, dusky, um-dun, n. sand hill, sand ridge, mound, moor, barrow, dune, dunce, dolt, numskull, simpleton, dullard. See dun.

**dunce**

n. dolt, numskull, simpleton, dullard. See dun.

**dune**

n. sand hill, sand ridge, mound, moor, barrow, dune, dunce, dolt, numskull, simpleton, dullard. See dun.

**dungeon**

1. the hole, n. solitary; cell, cage, enclosure, lockup, place of confinement, Sl. coop.
2. (all in a castle) donjon, keep, hold, stronghold, gatehouse, or donjon, keep, stronghold, (all in a castle) 2. empty out, pour out, unload, rid, unburden, disburden, Naut. break bulk.

**dunce**

n. dolt, numskull, simpleton, dullard. See dun.

**durable**

adj. 1. enduring, abiding, persisting, continuing; resistant, stout, long-lasting, strong, substantial, sound, holding up well; imperishable, perdurable, unfading, undecaying, incorruptible, amaranthine, perennial.
2. endless, everlasting, longstanding; established, firm, fast, fixed, stable, constant, permanent; immutable, changeless, unchangeable, unalterable, incommutable, invariable, invariability, immutability, permanence, stability, steadfastness, reliability, dependability, firmness, fastness, constancy.

**duree**

n. 1. compulsion, coaction, coercion, force; constraint, oppression, control, arm-twisting, pressure, exactation, extortion; power, dint, discipline, enforcement, strength.
2. restraint, imprisonment, incarceration, immurement, jailing; detention, confinement, captivity; quarantine, isolation; arrest, custody, care, keeping, guardianship; bondage, thralldom; shackles, manacles, fetters, bonds, irons, stocks.

during

prep. throughout, through, for the time of, while, over; in, within, until; continuing, pending.

**dusk**

n. 1. twilight, crepuscule, Literary. gloaming; late afternoon, evening, eventide, evenfall, eve, Archaic. even, Archaic. evensong, sundown, sunset, moonrise, day’s end, edge of night, nightfall.
2. shade, shadiness, shadow, shadowiness, dimness, cloudiness, fogginess, mistiness, haziness, murk, murkiness; semi-darkness, darkness, gloom, gloominess, tenebrousness, somberness, obscurity.

**dusky**

adj. 1. shadowy, shady, dim, dark, wistfully, unilluminated, Literar. darkling; gray, cloudy, foggy, misty, hazy, murky; overcast, gloomy, somber, lowering, tenebrous, obscure.
2. darkish, dark-colored, grayish, dingy, sooty, smoky, fuliginous, charcoal; ebony, sable, black, inky, pitchy, pitch-dark, pitch-black, jetblack, jetty; of the skin, complexion, etc.) swarthy, swarth, swart, olive, olive-skinned, dark-skinned, dark-complexioned, dark-completed.

**dust**

n. 1. powdery dirt, sawdust, filings; soot, smut.
2. earth, ground, land, soil, dirt; turf, sward, sod, clay.
3. rubbish, riffraff, rubble, trash; junk, worthless stuff, St. deck; remains, leavings, leftovers, scraps; filth, dirt, outworn; dregs, remnants, odds and ends.
4. commotion, turmoil, tumult, turbulence; disorder, chaos, confusion, upheaval; disruption, distraction, disturbance, uproar, racket, fracas, rumpus.
5. bite the dust a. die, drop dead, Sl. croak, perish, pass away, expire. b. lose, fail, suffer defeat,
dutiful, adj. respectful, regardful, deferential, reverent, filial; moral, virtuous, ethical, righteous; conscientious, responsible, punctilious, reliable; considerate, thoughtful, polite, courteous, civil; compliant, obedient, faithful, manageable, willing, capitulating, obliging; accommodating, agreeable, nonresisting, unassertive, acquiescent, yielding, submissive, malleable, flexible, plant, adapting, adaptable, docile, tractable.

duty, n. 1. obligation, function, business; responsibility, trust, office, charge, care; requirement, burden, onus, devoir; assignment, commission, chore, work, task, routine, job; engagement, occupation, service; mission, calling; part, role, bit.

2. deference, obedience, respect, homage, reverence; allegiance, fealty, faithfulness, fidelity, loyalty.

3. tax, levy, tariff, charge, excise, custom, impost; dues, fee, toll, rate.

4. do duty substitute for, stand in for, take the place of.

5. off duty at liberty, free, off work, off, on vacation.

6. on duty engaged, occupied, busy, at work, Sl. on the job, tied up.

dwarf, n. 1. midget, homunculus, little man, pygmy, manikin, chit, fingerling, dapperling, cock-sparrow, hop-o'-my-thumb, Tom Thumb, Lilliputian, Chiefly Scot. wee fellow or lad or one, Obs. pigwidgeon, Archaic. dandiprat; shrimp, run, pee-wee, suet, pip-squeak, half-pint, small-fry, Inf. shorty; imp, elf, fairy, sprite, goblin, (in German Folklore) kobold, Irish Folklore. leprechaun, Chiefly Brit. little person.

—v. 2. stunt, arrest, atrophy, check, bedwarf.

3. overshadow, overtop, rise above; dominate, bestride, tower over or above.

dwarffish, adj. runty, pygmy, undersized, squat, stunted, atrophied, stubby, dumpy, truncated, scrubby, wizened, (of trees or shrubbery) pollard; short, little, small, miniature, miniscule, minkin, diminutive, tiny, half-pint, elfin, bantam, slight, Lilliputian, Chiefly Scot. wee, Scot. cutty, Inf. Tom Thumb, Sl. pint-sized, Sl. pocket-sized, Sl. sawed-off, Sl. knee high to a grasshopper.

dwell, v. 1. reside, domicile, live; (with or upon) inhabit, people, populate; abide, Archaic. bide, sojourn, stay, tarry, remain, Sl. crash; room, bunk, lodge, tenant; quarter, take up quarters, settle, be settled, keep house, establish oneself, plant oneself, put down stakes, anchor; pitch tent, encamp, bivouac; nestle, roost, burrow, perch, tabernacle, put up at.

2. (often fol. by on or upon) continue, linger, pause, tarry; ponder, be absorbed in, be engrossed in, be in a brown study; emphasize, expatiate, expound, elaborate; descant, harp on, insist upon.

dweller, n. resider, habitant, inhabitant, Archaic. inhabiter, Law. commorant; abider, sojourner; denizen, occupier, occupant, addressee, incumbent; lodger, renter, boarder, roomer, tenant, paying guest; household, cottager, homesteader, settler, lessee; villager, citizen, townsmen, oppidans, burgher, burgess; indigene, native, compatriot, autochthon.

dwelling, n. 1. residence, abode, home, house, homestead, household; domicile, dwelling house, lodgings, quarters, diggings, Chiefly Brit., Inf. digs; mansion, castle, palace, manor house; villa, chateau, chalet, country seat, hall; hacienda, plantation, farmstead, grange; condominium, townhouse, suite, apart- ment house, apartment, Inf. pad, tenement, flat, Chiefly Brit. maisonette; inn, hotel, motel, hostelry, hospice; cabin, cottage, bower, log house, bungalow, hut, shanty, shack, hovel, lean-to; barracks, bivouac, camp; tent, wigwam, tepee, igloo; (in Turkey and Iran) kiiosk.

2. den, cave, hole, cell, lair; coop, Hutch, byrnie, barn, stable; hive, eyrie, nest, nidus, rookery, perch, roost.

3. hiding place, hermitage, retreat, refuge, asylum, haunt, Inf. hangout.

dwindle, v. 1. wane, fade, diminish, lessen, fritter; shrink, contract, become smaller; condense, compact, reduce, shorten, abridge, abbreviate, curtail, cut short.

2. decline, fall, sink, flag, droop, drop; degenerate, go downhill, decay, rot, deteriorate, wither, shrivel, dry up, Brit. Dial. wizen; waste away, ebb, wear away, erode; disappear, vanish, evanesce, evaporate, die off or out, Inf. peter out.

dye, n. 1. pigment, color, coloring, colorant, tint, Chem. aniline dye, Obs. tincture, Obs. taint; stain, paint, wash, solution.

2. hue, shade, tone, cast, tinge, Literary. tint.

—v. 3. color, pigment, tint, tinge, tincture, shade; stain, paint, wash, overspread; (all of the hair) lighten, frost, streak, bleach; (all with color) imbue, ingrain, infuse, sulfuse, instill, impregnate.

dying, adj. moribund, expiring, going, slipping, sinking, fading or fading fast; near death; at death's door, knocking on heaven's door, on one's deathbed, at the last breath, in the death throes, in the jaws of death, with one foot in the grave, Inf. on one's last leg, Latin. in extremis.

dynamic, adj. 1. energetic, vigorous, active, alive, electric, aggressive, Inf. peppy; lively, spry, spirited, electric, aggressive, Inf. fire-ball, powerful, strong; brisk, strenuous, potent, puissant, high-powered; effective, effectual, efficacious, efficient, trenchant.

2. propulsive, propelling, driving, impelling, impulsive, galvanic, electrifying.

dynamo, n. hustler, pusher, demon, hard-worker, go-getter, Inf. eager beaver; man of action, power-house, Inf. live wire, Inf. busy bee, Inf. fire-ball, Inf. ball of fire, Inf. crackajack; Stakhanovite, overdoer, doer; workaholic, work horse.

dynasty, n. rule, house, ascendency, suzerainty, regime, regnancy, sovereignty; dominion, authority, sway, reign, control, command, mastership; administration, regency, governance, government, jurisdiction, direction; kingship, crown, autocracy, monarchy, imperialism; leadership, master, hegemony, preeminence, prerogative; tyranny, dictatorship, despotism, absolutism.

dysentery, n. diarrhea, loose bowels, Physiol. flux, Physiol. defection, Pathol. licencyt; All Sl. the bug, the runs, the trots, the green-apple two-step, tourist's lament, turistas, the G.I.'s, Montezuma's revenge, Delhi belly, Gyppie tummy.
each, adj. 1. every, any, respective, separate, individual, personal, particular.
—pron. 2. each one, every one, one and all, each and all, all and sundry.
—adv. 3. apiece, per, a person, Inf. a head, Sl. a shot; per capita, per diem, per annum; respectively, separately, singly, severally, individually.

eager, adj. 1. desirous, hoping, hopeful, wishing, wishful; yearning, longing, craving, emulous, desiring, anxious, itching, Sl. itchy, solicitous, keen; zestful, alive, full of life, energetic, lively, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed; wide-awake, awake, active, alert, quick, bright; sparkling, Inf. sparkled, kindled, enkindled; inflamed, fired up, stirred up; spirited, enthusiastic, enthused, Inf. psyched, psyched up, exhilarated, ecstatic; inspired, enlivened, inspired, invigorated, energized; vivified, vitalized, animated, sanguine; reanimated, revived, revitalized, rejuvenated; stimulated, excited, aroused, Inf. hot; intensely desirous, fain, impasioned, passionate; zealous, Inf. gung-ho, ardent, vehement, fervent, fervid, per fervid; frenzied, frantic, crazed, mad, Inf. wild, infatuated.
2. earnest, intense, sincere, heartfelt; wholehearted, profound, serious; diligent, hard-working, industrious, studious; persevering, sedulous, resolute; ambitious, aspiring, up and coming, enterprising, pushing, Inf. pushy, aggressive; impulsive, impetuous, impatient, hasty; overeager, overanxious, greedy, avid, ravenous, voracious.
3. alert, watchful, vigilant, on the watch for; on the alert, on the qui vive, on guard, on the lookout; wary, prudent, discreet.

ear, n. 1. hearing organ, auditory apparatus, Fr. oreille; internal ear, middle ear, external ear.
2. hearing, sense of hearing, audition.
—adv. 1. initially, at the start, early in the game, Chiefly Brit. early on, Scot. timely.
2. at daybreak, matutinally, at the break of dawn, with cock's crow, with the birds.
3. prematurely, precociously, too soon; untimely, ahead of time, beforehand, before the appointed time, Brit. Dial. rathe.
4. long ago, in the old days, in bygone days, in the past; remotely, previously, heretofore, erenow, Scot. air; originally, primarily.
—adj. 5. primary, prime, primal, initial, initiative, premier, first, opening, antecedent, Scot. air.
6. premature, precocious, Inf. previous, untimely, early-bird; advanced, anticipatory, eager, precipitate.
7. primeval, pristine, earliest; original, aboriginal, autochthonal, autochthonous; primitive, primordial, primigenial; ancient, antique, antiquated, archaic, archaisch; prehistoric, preglacial, preadamic, antediluvian.
8. timely, Scot. timeous, prompt; immediate, undelayed; expeditious, quick, fast, speedy, rapid, alacritous.

earmark, n. 1. identifying mark, tag, label, band, crop, brand, trademark, stamp; fold, dog-ear.
2. characteristic, trait, sign, symptom, feature, attribute, property; quality, nature, personality, temperament, character, disposition. See characteristic (def. 2).
—v. 3. tag, label, brand, stamp, crop, band, identify; mark, fold, dog-ear.
4. set aside, put away, hold, reserve, keep in reserve.
earn, v. 1. gain, acquire, obtain, secure; get, profit, benefit, avail; procure, gather, garner, glean, reap.
2. (all usu. of wages) make, clear, Sl. pull down, pocket, bag; gross, net, Inf. take home; make a pretty
penny, bring home the bacon, keep the wolf from the door, keep the pot boiling, be the breadwinner.

3. bring about, cause, effect; produce, yield; merit, deserve, win, be worthy of, be qualified for, be entitled to, have a right to, have a claim to, have [s.t.] coming to one.

earnest, adj. 1. fervent, fervid, perfervid, ardent, zealous, passionate, impassioned, intense; assiduous, diligent, intent, concentrated; firm, resolute, determined. Inf. bound and determined, decided, purposeful; serious, sincere, in earnest. Inf. for real; devoted, dedicated, committed, wholehearted; thoughtful, solemn, grave.

2. heartfelt, deep-felt, strongly or keenly felt, Archaic. homefelt, profound, deep; warm, hearty, cordial, friendly.

3. crucial, critical, decisive, pivotal, eventful, momentous, climactic; important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, heartfelt. Inf. gut; urgent, imperative, pressing, compelling, exigent, high-priority.

earnest, n. downpayment, deposit, binder, handseal, installment, stake; pledge, pawn, gage, security, surety, endorse, St. hock; Law. earnest money, Old Eng. Law. God’s penny; retainer, advance, payment up front.

earnestness, n. fervor, fervency, ardor, zeal, passion, vehemence, intensity; resolution, firmness, determination, steadfastness, iron-will, purposefulness; seriousness, gravity, sobriety, solemnity, thoughtfulness; diligence, assiduity, intentness, concentration, Inf. stick-to-it-iveness; devotion, dedication, commitment, wholeheartedness.

earnings, n. 1. wages, salary, emolument, Brit. Sl. get; compensation, pay, payment, hire, consideration; stipend, fee, honorarium; income, revenue, profit, returns, interest, yield; net, bottom line. Inf. take home; perquisites, Inf. perks, fringe benefits, benefits, Inf. fringes, Inf. extras.

2. profits, Sl. take, winnings, Sl. velvet, proceeds, Sl. clean-up, pickups, Sl. gray.

3. remuneration, recompense, reward, Archaic. meed, Literary. guerdon, deserts.

earring, n. ornament, bauble, jewel; hoop, dangle, pendant, eardrop, Dial. earbob, stud.

earth, n. 1. globe, sphere, planet, world, biosphere, terrane.

2. dry land, terra firma, soil, solid ground.

3. ground, soil, topsoil, subsoil; dirt, clay, gravel, loam, humus, mud; turf, clod, sod.

4. mankind, people, all the peoples of the world, the whole world, the entire world, the world at large; humanity, the human race, race of man, one world.

earthborn, adj. 1. earthly, worldly, physical, natural, corporeal, corporeal; from the earth, of earthly origin, sprung from the earth, terrigenous, autochthonous, indigenous.

2. mortal, human, born of woman; perishable, ephemeral, transient, transitory, fleeting, passing.

earthen, adj. 1. made of earth, mud, dirt, clay, terraqueous.

2. baked, formed, fictile, terra-cotta.

earthenware, n. pottery, crockery, crocks, clay ware, ceramics, stoneware, basaltware, ironstone, terra cotta, gobmroma, faience, Ceramics. biscuit.

earthly, adj. 1. terrestrial, terrane, telluric, sublunary, subastral. 2. worldly, mundane, temporal, physical, natural, corporeal, material.

3. mercenary, venal, money-grubbing, materialistic, pragmatic; vile, low, fleshly, sensual, earthly.

earthquake, n. seism, seismism, microseism, earth tremor, shock, upheaval, cataclysm.

earthy, adj. 1. sensual, funky, carnal, sexy, voluptuous, virile, luscious, sensuous; robust, lusty, hearty.

2. ribald, bawdy, indecorous, shameless, wanton, unblushing, abandoned, coarse, crude, vulgar, common, dirty, filthy, St. raunchy, smutty, indecent, obscene; unpolished, unrefined, untutored, uncultured, provincial, peasant, lower-class; rude, churlish, clad, boorish, brash, crass.

3. direct, open, natural, artless; unpretentious, unaffected, unsophisticated, unassuming, down-home; rustic, homey, work-a-day, salt-of-the-earth, comfortable.

4. earth-like, terrene, clayey, cloddy, muddy, sandy, dusty.

5. realistic, basic, practical, pragmatic, unidealistic, down-to-earth, matter-of-fact, hard-boiled.

ease, n. 1. comfort, relaxation; well-being, complacency; repose, rest, restfulness; peace, peacefulness; serenity, calm, calmness, tranquillity, stillness; peace of mind, security, contentment, content.

2. facility, dexterity, adroitness, skill, skillfulness, address, dexterity, artfulness, aptness, grace; readiness, quickness, adeptness, aptness; capability, ability, knack, flair, turn, bent.

3. plenty, prosperity, abundance; affluence, wealth; luxury, lavishness, opulence, opulence; bed of roses, life of Riley, Sl. easy street.

4. unaffectedness, naturalness, artlessness, ingenuousness; unconstraint, unreservedness, unrestraint; informality, casualness, unceremoniousness; affability, complaisance, familiarity, easygoingness, relaxedness; lightness, unconcern, carelessness, indifference, nonchalance, insouciance.

5. easiness, simplicity, facilenes, simplicity, plainness, clearness, clarity, lucidity; effortlessness, facility. —v.

6. comfort, tranquilize, soothe, relax; quiet, quieten, still, calm, pacify; solace, console, cheer; relieve, disburden.

7. mitigate, abate, lessen, diminish, reduce; alleviate, assuage, allay; appease, palliate, mollify, soften; sweeten, sugar-coat, smooth, ameliorate.

8. maneuver, guide, steer; edge, sidle, inch, squeeze.

9. facilitate, simplify, uncomplicate, clear, smooth, expedite, speed up; aid, assist, forward, advance.

easel, adj. comfortable, agreeable, pleasant, pleasing; quiet, undisturbed, unruffled, untroubled, calm; peaceful, placid, serene, tranquil, still; restful, reposeful, relaxed, relaxing.

easily, adv. 1. effortlessly, with ease, with no trouble at all, handily, hands down, without even trying, (both usu. jocular) with one's eyes closed, no hands; smoothly, skillfully, facilely, dexterously,adroitly.

2. by far, far and away, beyond question, unquestionably, without a doubt, doubtless, undisputably, obviously, patently.

3. be apt to, likely, well.

easiness, n. 1. simplicity, facilenes, simplicity, plainness, clearness, clarity, lucidity; effortlessness, facility. See ease (def. 5).

2. unaffectedness, unconstraint, casualness. See ease (def. 4).

eastern, adj. 1. easterly, eastward, east.

2. (usu. cap.) Oriental, Asian, Levantine.
easy, adj. 1. simple, plain, obvious, Scot. eath; readily comprehensible or learnable; effortless, Inf. hands-down, clear or plain or smooth sailing, Sl. gut, Sl. sushi, Sl. cinchy, easy as pie, easy or simple as 1, 2, 3; a pushover, a piece of cake, Inf. a snap, All Sl.
cinch, picnic, breeze, duck soup, child’s play, no sweat.

2. comfortable, contented, satisfied, well-pleased, at ease; secure, tranquil, quiet, untroubled, relieved.

3. easygoing, carefree, casual. See easygoing.

4. lenient, indulgent, light, undemanding, unexacting; gentle, mild, soft; unoppressive, unburdensome.

5. compliant, tractable, docile, manageable; accommodating, amenable, agreeable; complaisant, acquiescent, submissive; susceptible.

6. smooth, unconstrained, free; clear, limpid, lucid, fluent, flowing, graceful, natural, unforced; loose, unconfining, unrestricted, roomy, amiable.

7. informal, casual, unceremonious, down-to-earth; unaffected, natural, homey, Sl. just-folks; unreserved, unrestrained, open; suave, urbane, sophisticated.

8. leisurely, unhurried, moderate, temperate, regular, steady, even, jog trot.

easygoing, adj. 1. unworried, calm, carefree, careless, without a care in the world, nonchalant, happy-go-lucky, cheerful; unconcerned, insouciant, uninvolved, indifferent, pococurante, apathetic.

2. relaxed, laid-back, casual, placid, serene, cool, composed, untroubled, Inf. together; even-tempered, mild-tempered, unexcitable, imperturbable; patient, tolerant, understanding, uncritical, accepting.

eat, v. 1. take a meal, fare, break bread, dine, sup, lunch, breakfast, Sl. put or tie on the feedbag, snack, nosh; feed, take sustenance, take in nourishment, refresh the inner man, ingest, consume; masticate, chew, munch, champ, crunch, bite, nibble; devour, tuck in, fall to, gobble up, gulp down, bolt, wolf, Inf. put away or down, Inf. pack away or in, Chiefly Brit. Sl. scoff or scoff up, Chiefly Brit. Sl. scarf down, Sl. garbage or garbage down; feast, banquet, gormandize, fress, gorge, engulf, glut, Sl. pig out, Sl. stuff one’s face.

2. corrode, wear away, waste away, rust, decay, rot, crumble, molder; gnaw through, bore into; ravage, devastate, destroy, demolish, ruin.

3. eat one’s heart out long for, hunger for, pine for, hanker after, want, desire, crave; lament, sorrow, grieve, despond.

eatable, adj. edible, comestible, esculant; dietetic. See edible.

eater, n. diner, luncher, breakfaster, nosher, nibbler, snacker; consumer, devourer, gourger, glutton, gourmand, Inf. pig, Inf. hog; gourmet, epicure.

eavesdrop, v. overhear, bend an ear, listen in, prick up one’s ears, eavesdrop; hear, wiretap, Inf. tap, Sl. bug; prawn, pry, Inf. snoop.

eavesdropper, n. big ears, Dumbo, listener, hearer, auditor; wiretapper, gossp, Chiefly Scot. delator, Paul Pry, Peeping Tom, spy, Inf. snooper.

ebb, n. 1. reflux, refluence, flowing back, receding, recession, retrogression; outflow, outflux; ebb tide, low tide, low water, neap tide, neap.

2. decline, wane, fall-off, subsidence; decay, erosion, wasting away, dying out, weakening, falling; deterioration, degeneration, regression, retrogression.

3. lowest point, nadir, rock bottom; worst possible state, Sl. the pits.

—v. 4. recede, retire, flow back, withdraw, draw back, retrocede; subside, abate, fall away, fall back.

5. decline, sink, flag, drop, wane; decay, deterioration, degenerate, crumble, wither, shrivel; languish, fade away, waste away; decrease, dwindle, die out, Inf. peter out.

ebony, n. 1. black, jet, ink, coal, pitch, soot, charcoal.

—adj. 2. ebon, jet, black, jet-black, coal-black, ink, pitchy, sooty, fuliginous, dusky, sable; dark, swarthly, swart.

ebullient, n. 1. boiling up, ferment, fermentation, bubbling over, effervescence, effervescing, overflow, ebullition.

2. high spirits, exhilaration, buoyancy, breeziness, vivacity; exuberance, enthusiasm, zest, spirit; excitement, agitation.

ebullient, adj. high-spirited, exhilarated, buoyant, breezy, vivacious, sparkling, aglow; exuberant, enthusiastic, zestful, irrepressible, excited, agitated; boiling up, bubbling up, effervescent, foamy, foaming, frothy, yeasty; gushing, overflowing, effusive.

ebullition, n. 1. (usu. of feelings) outburst, outbreak, overflowing, seething; fit, storm, explosion, rage, passion; paroxysm, spasm, throe.

2. high-spirits, exhilaration, enthusiasm, ebullience. See ebullience (def. 2).

3. boiling up, fermentation, bubbling over, ebullion. See ebullience (def. 1).

eccentric, adj. 1. unconventional, uncommon, unique, unusual, unorthodox, uncustornary, unwanted, rare, out of the ordinary; atypical, original, singular, exceptional, individual, lone, sole, solitary; unexamined, unparalleled, unprecedented, unfamiliar, uncomfortable; extraordinary, egregious, astonishing.

2. deviate, deviant, aberrant, stray, wayward, erratic, anomalous, anomalistic, abnormal, irregular, variable; peculiar, curious, queer, odd, oddish, offbeat, quizzical, cranky, Inf. funny, Inf. kinky, off-center, incongruous, quaint, droll, comical, laughable, Inf. quirky, idiosyncratic, flaky, Sl. balmy, Chiefly Brit. Sl. barmy; strange, weird, bizarre, freakish, grotesque, Sl. rum, Sl. far out; fanciful, whimsical, notional, crotchety, maggoty, capricious, fickle, waggish.

3. mad, demented, unbalanced, daft, touched, cracked-brained, mad as a hatter or March hare; All Inf. cracked, dotty, daffy, Brit. potty, over the top, not all there, have bats in one’s belfry, have a screw loose, have a few buttons missing, not playing with a full deck, have rooms to let; All Sl. screwy, screwball, mental, kooky, bugs, bughouse, squirely, wacko, wacky, nuts, loony, loco, nutty, bananas, bats, batty, bonkers, cuckoo or coo-coo, dippo off one’s rocker, off the wall, out in left field, Brit. off one’s chump.

4. All Geom. parabolic, hyperbolic, decentered; Astron. elliptic.

—n. 5. character, card, original, pip, sport, exception, individual, onesuch, nondescript, bohemian; crank, fanatic; crazy, flake, freak, three-dollar bill, crackpot, rare bird, queer fellow, queer duck, queer fish, queer potato, Inf. fruitcake, Inf. dingbat, Inf. ding-a-ling; All Sl. weirdo, weirdy, weird, weirdie, creep, oddball, screwball, nut, loony, looner, case, geezer, kook, odd duck, squirrel.

6. curiosity, curio, oddity, peculiarity, rarity; aberration, aberrance, aberrancy, deviation, anomaly, Rare. anomalous.

eccentricity, n. 1. oddity, curiosity, rarity; irregularity, incongruity, variation, abnormality, discrepancy, difference, variance, dissimilitude, disparity, inconsistency; exception, singularity, particularity; idiosyncrasy, idiocrasy, mannerism, quirk, twist, kink, hobby-horse; quip, crotchet, whim, caprice, flight of fancy; aberration, aberrance, aberrancy, deviation, anomaly, Rare. anomalous.

2. oddness, strangeness, querness, bizarreness, curiousness, quirkiness, incongruousness; uncommonness, uncommonality, unconventionality, unusualness, uniqueness, exception, exceptionalness, singularity, singulariness, individuality, individualness, distinctiveness; whimsicality, fancifulness, waggishness, capriciousness; outlandishness, preposterousness, extra-
1. ecclesia, n. (usu. of Christians) congregation, church, assembly, meeting, gathering, community; fellowship, communion, body, fold, flock, parish; worshipers, followers, believers, brethren, laity.
2. (in ancient Greece) assembly, council.

ecclesiastic, ecclesia, n. (usu. of Christians) glory, renown, fame, famousness, éclat, echo, reverberation, repercussion; iteration, churchly, hierarchical, hierarchic, adj.
1. observed, present, divine, reverend, priest, father, rabbi; padre, abbé, curate, cure, chaplain.
2. patriarch, primate, pope, pontiff, archbishop, bishop, prelate, cardinal, archpriest, high priest, hierarchy, capital, provincial; (both usu. used as titles) eminence, reverence.
3. monastic, conventual, religious, cenobite; monk, friar, brother, abbot, prior; nun, sister.
4. preacher, evangelist, revivalist, speaker, of the Word, missionary, editor, sermonist, (both usu. used disparagingly) puppeteer, gospel-monger.
5. theologian, canonist, exegete, divine, Talmudist, Doctor of the Church, hierophant, hierologist. See also priest, clergyman.

eclesiastical, adj. churchy, hierarchical, hierarchic; ecclesial; religious, spiritual, nonseculiar; clerical, clerical, ministerial, pastoral; priestly, sacerdotal, hieratic, prelatic, episcopal, apostolic, papal, pontifical.

echo, n. 1. reverberation, repercussion; iteration, repetition.
2. imitation, reproduction, copy, replica, replication; mimicking, aping; representation, semblance, likeness; reflection, twin, counterpart, counterfeit, fake, sham.
3. sympathy, empathy, affinity, harmony; unanimity, accord.

éclair, n. 1. glory, renown, fame, famousness, eminence, celebrity, celebratedness; prestige, high repute, reputation.
2. acclamation, acclaim, ovation, standing ovation, suit, parallel, model after, copycat; mimic, ape, imitate, reproduction, copy, replica, replication, imitation, reproduction, copy, replica, replication, mimicking, aping; representation, semblance, likeness; reflection, twin, counterpart, counterfeit, fake, sham.
3. flourish, splendor, lavishness, pomp, pageantry, production; hurrah, fuss, fuss and feathers, Inf.
4. overshadow, outshine, outstrip, outdo, outrival, outvie; transcend, surpass, excel.

economy, n. 1. husbandry, thrifty management, conservation, saving, economizing; thrift, thriftiness, frugality, frugality, sparingness; scrimping, skimping, pinch pennies, cut corners, tighten one's belt, make ends meet; be parsimonious, be parsimonious, be stingy or cheap, stint, Inf. pinch a penny till it squeaks.
2. overshadow, outshine, outstrip, outdo, outrival, outvie; transcend, surpass, excel.
3. sympathy, empathy, affinity, harmony; unanimity, accord.

éclat, n. 1. exalted, exhilarated, thrilled, ravished, adj.
2. exultation, elation, exhilaration, light brown, tan, beige, brownish; unbleached, off-white, fawn, tawny, sandy; fuscous, dusky.
3. conservation, preservation, preserving, saving, reservation, protection; supervision, control, keeping, safe-keeping, care, charge, custody; maintenance, upkeep, support.
4. national income, national earnings, net national product, gross national product, GNP.
5. overset, rapt, entranced, enchanted, enraptured; afflatus, inspiration; jubilation, exultation, rejoicing; sensation, emotion, enthusiasm, exultation, sensation, emotion, enthusiasm, elan.
6. rapture, transport, bliss, elysium; euphoria, happiness, joy, gladness, felicity; delight, delectation, satisfaction, gratification; spell, trance, reverie, ecstacy.
7. efflux, backwater, backflow, back stream.
8. light brown, tan, beige, brownish; unbleached, off-white, fawn, tawny, sandy; fuscous, dusky.
9. national income, national earnings, net national product, gross national product, GNP.
10. exultation, elation, exhilaration, light brown, tan, beige, brownish; unbleached, off-white, fawn, tawny, sandy; fuscous, dusky.
11. conservation, preservation, preserving, saving, reservation, protection; supervision, control, keeping, safe-keeping, care, charge, custody; maintenance, upkeep, support.
12. national income, national earnings, net national product, gross national product, GNP.

ecstasy, n. 1. exaltation, elation, exhilaration, thrill, ravishment; paroxysm, orgasm, excitement, exultation, sensation, emotion, enthusiasm, elan.
2. overset, rapt, entranced, enchanted, enraptured; afflatus, inspiration; jubilation, exultation, rejoicing; sensation, emotion, enthusiasm, exultation, sensation, emotion, enthusiasm, elan.
3. efflux, backwater, backflow, back stream.
4. light brown, tan, beige, brownish; unbleached, off-white, fawn, tawny, sandy; fuscous, dusky.
5. conservation, preservation, preserving, saving, reservation, protection; supervision, control, keeping, safe-keeping, care, charge, custody; maintenance, upkeep, support.
6. national income, national earnings, net national product, gross national product, GNP.

eddy, n. 1. countercurrent, counterflow, counterflux, backwater, backflow, back stream.
2. whirlpool, gurge, swirl, whirl.
adj. 
edible, edgy, adj. irritable, testy, touchy, sensitive, reviser, rewriter, blue-pencil, copy editor, n.

1. issue, number, printing, press run. v.

1. instruct, educate, teach, school, give lesson, bring forth, or out, elicit, evoke, call forth, summon; develop, derive, evolve. 2. infer, deduce, conclude, surmise, reason; suppose, guess, esteem, reckon, opine; arrive at, draw an inference or conclusion.
educational, adj. 1. academic, academic, scholastic, school, educatory, collegiate, college, university; learning, teaching, pedagogic, pedagogical. 2. educative, informative, instructive, instructional, propaedeutic; didactic, moralistic, homiletic, homiletical, Infl. preacey, disciplinary; cultural, humanistic, scientific; broadening, edifying, uplifting.
educator, n. pedagogue, educationist, Educ. methodologist, teacher, schoolteacher, schoolmaster, Chiefly Scot. dominie, schoolmistress, schoolmarm; professor, doctor, master, tutor, fellow, Brit. don, instructor, preceptor, lector, lecturer, Brit. reader, document, mentor, counselor, guide; schoolman, scholar, academician, academe, gownsman.
educe, v. 1. draw forth or out, bring forth or out, elicit, evoke, call forth, summon; develop, derive, evolve. 2. infer, deduce, conclude, surmise, reason; suppose, guess, esteem, reckon, opine; arrive at, draw an inference or conclusion.
exer, adj. uncanny, weird, unnatural, macabre, unearthly, preternatural, mysterious; Infl. spooky, Infl. scary, creepy, eldrich; chilling, witching, scaring, alarming; ghostly, spectral, wraithlike, phantasmal; awful, dreadful, strange, odd, Scot. and North Eng. unco.
efface, v. 1. expunge, obliterate, wipe out, blot out, stamp out, crush out, snuff out, strike out; eradicate, extirpate, destroy, annihilate, discontinue, exterminate, abolish; remove, eliminate, get rid of, do away with, leave no vestige or trace of, put an end to, extinguish, bring to an end; terminate, dissolve, check, stop, cut short; expel, cast off, throw over. 2. erase, cancel, rub out; delete, cross out, scratch, x out, black out, mark off, blue-pencil, Print. dele. 3. withdraw, shy, draw back, recoil; be inconspicuous, blend into the scenery, be a wallflower.
effect, n. 1. consequence, result, outcome, conclusion, issue, end, upshot, event, sequel; aftermath, outgrowth, afterclap, turnout, aftereffect, fallout, backwash, wake; side effect, by-product, offshoot; repercussion, reaction, feedback.
2. efficacy, capacity, potentiality, capability, ability; power, potency, Inf. punch, force, vigor, strength, value, weight; validity, soundness, reliability.

3. impact, influence, impingement; impression, sensation, feeling.

4. execution, accomplishment, fulfillment, realization, success; achievement, performance, production, operation.

5. purport, meaning, import, sense, tenor, bearing; gist, drift, implication, significance; intent, intention, purpose, object.

6. in effect a. for practical purposes, virtually, so to speak. b. basically, essentially; really, actually, truly, verily; no buts about it, any way you look at it.

7. take effect go into operation, begin to function, start to work.

—v. 8 cause, bring about, make happen, effectuate. See effectuate.

effective, adj. 1. effectual, efficacious; capable, competent, efficient; adequate, sufficient, fit.

2. functioning, useful, serviceable, operative, in order; practical, current, actual, real, valid.

3. striking, impressive, telling, pointed, moving, arousing; noticeable, attractive, conspicuous, stand out, remarkable; forcible, powerful, potent, influential, cogent.

effectual, adj. 1. adequate, competent, able, capable, qualified, up to scratch, Inf. up to snuff; satisfactory, sufficient, passable, tolerable, acceptable.

2. effective, efficient, efficacious, operative, functional; powerful, influential.

3. valid, sound, solid, substantial; binding, legal, lawful; cogent, convincing, forceful, authoritative.

effectuate, v. 1. cause, bring about, make happen; effect; accomplish, realize, achieve, fulfill, reach; make certain, ensure, secure.

2. execute, carry out, bring to pass; do, perform, act out, implement.

effeminacy, n. unmanliness, invirility, milksopism, sissiness; (of men) femininity, womanishness, effeminenatness; androgyne.

effeminate, adj. unmanly, emasculate, emasculated, milksop, effeminate. Inf. pantywaist; (all of men) feminine, womanish, ladylike, female, sissish, campy, Sl. faggot, Sl. limp-wristed; androgynous, hermaphrodite, hermaphroditic.

effervesce, v. 1. bubble, burble; foam, froth, fizz, fizzle, hiss, sputter; pop, snap; spume, spew forth; ferment, boil.

2. rejoice, delight, laugh, show excitement, sparkle; exhibit happiness, exult, be in good or high spirits, be happy, be gay.

effervescent, n. bubbling, burbling; foaming, frothing, fizzing, fizzling, hissing, spurring, popping, snapping.

2. effulgence, seething, overflowing, outburst; ebullience, high spirits, exhilaration, enthusiasm, exuberance; animation, vivacity, liveliness, excitement; delight, gaiety, happiness.

effervescing, adj. 1. effervescent, bubbling, burbling; foaming, frothing, fizzing, fizzling, hissing, spurring, popping, snapping; boiling, fermenting.

2. effulgent, exhilarated, enthusiastic, exuberant; overflowing, demonstrative, animated, vivacious, lively, breathless, excited; delighted, gay, happy.

effete, adj. 1. weakened, enfeebled, enervated, debilitated, drained, worn-out, used-up, played-out, burned-out, spent; weak, feeble, powerless.

2. decadent, degenerate, corrupt, dissolute, dissipated, depraved, debauched, deteriorated, degraded, debased.

3. barren, sterile, infertile, unproductive, infecund, Med. agenetic, unprocreative, impotent; unproductive, unyielding, unfruitful, fruitless.

efficiacious, adj. 1. effective, effectual, operative, prevailing, productive, efficient, Archaic. prevalent; competent, proficient, adept, masterful, expert, masterly, Fr. au fait; skillful, adroit, deft.

2. powerful, potent, sovereign, forceful, forcible, strong, weighty; dynamic, vigorous, energetic, active, Archaic. virtuous; sound, valid, reliable, believable; capable, able, qualified, adequate, sufficient.

efficiency, n. 1. effectiveness, effectualness, productivity, efficiency, Scot. and North Eng. feck, Archaic. prevalent; competence, competency, proficiently, adeptness; mastery, expertise, expertness, know-how, savoir-faire.

2. capacity, potentiality, capability, capableness, ability, ableness; power, potency, virtue, force, vigor, strength, value, weight; validity, soundness, reliability, believability.

efficient, adj. 1. effectual, effectual, effective, effecting, liquid, active, operative, efficient; causative, productive, producing, generative, generating, assembly line; potent, powerful, high-powered, puissant, energetic, vigorous, dynamic.

2. competent, fit, fitted, Sl. on the ball, qualified, eligible, prepared, well-grounded, trained, ready; capable, commensurate, equal to, Inf. up to; expert, masterful, masterly, Inf. crack, Sl. crackerjack, Inf. whizbang, Brit. Sl. whizho; proficient, adept, accomplished, polished, practiced, experienced, Fr. au fait; clever, adroit, slick, deft, skillful, talented, dexterous.

3. economical, thrifty, saving.

effigy, n. image, likeness, representation, resemblance; icon, idol; figure, figurine, doll, straw man, scarecrow.

effluence, n. 1. discharge, emission, efflux, effusion, exhalation, Obs. vent.

2. outflow, outflowing, outpour, expelling, emanation, effluent.

effluvium, n. fume, exhalation, exhaust; miasma, mephitis, Archaic. malaria; gas, vapor; reek, stench, odor.

efflux, n. See effluence (defs. 1, 2).

effort, n. 1. exertion, striving, impulse, conatus, nisus; struggle, strain, stress, application, exertication; trouble, pains, grind, push, work, labor, toil, travail, industry; sweat of one's brow, Inf. elbow grease, muscle, back; practice, discipline, training, exercise, drill.

2. attempt, venture, endeavor, essay, Fr. coup d'essai; try, aim, trial, test; Inf. go, Inf. pull, Inf. the old college try, Sl. crack, Sl. whack.

3. achievement, feat, exploit, attainment, deed, act; bold stroke, tour de force, opus.

effortless, adj. 1. easy, facile, simple, Scot. easy, downhill, like taking candy from a baby, easy as 1,2,3 or A,B,C, easy as pie; a piece of cake, a pushover, Inf. a snap, a cinch, smooth or clear sailing; All Sl. gut,
cushy, cinchy; no sweat, child's play, a breeze, duck soup; nothing to it.
2. smooth, flowing, fluid, unforced, unconstrained; limpid, cogent, lucid, natural, free-flowing.
3. passive, inactive, inert, lifeless, atiose; languid, sluggish, supine, recumbent; indifferent, apathetic, slack.

effrontery, n. audacity, impertinence, impudence, gall, nerve; Inf. cheek, Inf. brass, Sl. moxie; insolence; brassiness, brazenness, ruder, Sl. mouth, Sl. lip; temerity, boldness, rashness, rashness, boldness; imprudence, injudiciousness, indiscretion; arrogance, haughtiness, front, self-importance, self-assertion; assertiveness,umptiousness, Inf. pushiness, forwardness, Sl. chutzpah; shamelessness, sauciness, pertness.

effulgence, n. brilliance, radiance, iridescence, resplendence, shine, refugence, Archaic. fulgor; fire, blaze, flame; twinkle, twinkling, sparkle, sparkling, shimmer, scintillation, coruscation, glistening; flash, beam, ray, fulguration, glint, glance; gleam, glitter, glimmer, flicker, Archaic. glister; nimbus, aureola; halo; luminescence, luminosity, nitidity, phosphorescence, incandescence, fluorescence, illumination; sheen, luster, splendor, glow.

effuse, v. 1. spill, dispense, pour out, send forth, emit, secrete; shed, disseminate, open the sluices, turn on the tap, disembogue.
2. exude, diffuse, emanate, well out, issue forth, flow out, gush, spout, spurt; seep, filter, ooze, Pathol. extravasate.
3. prattle, gabble, chatter, rattle, prate, jabber, blather, babble.

effusion, n. 1. outpouring, gush, stream, emission, efflux, effluence, emanation; outflow, diffusion, dispersion; discharge, shedding, spilling, extravasation.
2. outburst, eruption, explosion, paroxysm; profusiveness, exuberance, bubbling over, ebullition, boiling over.

effusive, adj. 1. poured out, diffused, spread widely, overflowing, streaming.
2. demonstrative, unreserved, unrestrained, emotive; expansive, lavish, generous, profuse, copious; exuberant, rhapsodic, enthusiastic, ebullient, hearty, ardent, fervent, warm, sentimental, gushing, Sl. gooy; pleonastic, wordy, verbose, long-winded.

egest, v. void, evacuate, excrete, discharge, eject, expel.

egg', n. ovum; embryo, nucleus, cell; germ, seed.

egg, n. Usu. egg on urge, encourage, prod, push, goad, spur; instigate, induce, trigger; set on, rouse to, prick, stimulate; start up, get going, hurry on, actuate, animate; wheedle, coax, inveigle, prevail upon, exhort; incite, inspire, persuade, sway, tempt, entice, lure.

egghead, adj. Informal. pedant, bookworm, highbrow, Inf. longhair, Inf. know-it-all, Inf. walking encyclopedia. See intellectual (def. 5).

egg-shaped, adj. oval, ovate, ovoid, oviform, elliptical, ellipsoid; obovate, pear-shaped, bell-shaped.

ego, n. 1. the I, the self, oneself.
2. egotism, self-importance, conceit. See egoism (def. 2).

egoism, n. 1. selfishness, self-indulgence, self-gratification, self-satisfaction, self-serving; self-consideration, self-interest, self-aggrandizement, Inf. looking out for number one; personalism, privatism, individualism.

egoist, n. 1. egocentric, narcissist; self-server, self-seeker, self-pleaser; individualist.
2. egotist, Inf. swellhead; braggart, bragadocio, booster, Inf. bullshooter, Sl. blowhard, Sl. windbag, Sl. gasbag, Sl. loud mouth, Sl. big mouth.

egoistic, adj. egocentric, self-centered, self-absorbed, narcissistic, introverted, egotistical, wrapped-up in oneself; selfish, self-serving, self-seeking, self-indulgent, self-interested.

egotism, n. See egoism (def. 2).

egotist, n. See egoist (def. 2).

egotistic, adj. 1. conceited, self-important, self-centered, self-admiring, self-worshiping, self-esteeming, Sl. stuck or hung up on oneself; vain, vainglorious, proud, overproud, overweening, puffed-up, inflated, swollen, swellheaded, Inf. big-headed; boastful, bragging, bragart, crowing, vaunting, blustering; cocky, bumptious, overbearing, Scot. vaunt.
2. egotistic, self-absorbed, narcissistic. See egoistic.

egregious, adj. glaring, flagrant, notorious, infamous; striking, blatant, obtrusive, conspicuous, prominent; out in the open, overt, bold, bold, baldfaced, undisguised; loud, crying, screaming, sensational, lurid; scandalous, startling, shocking, outrageous, gross, appalling, disgraceful.

egress, n. 1. egression, going out, exit, going away, leaving, departure, parting; escape, slipping out or away; issue, issuance, flowing or passing out; emergence, emanation, coming forth, Phys. Geog. debouchment.
2. exit, outlet, issue, vent, means of escape, Archaic. escapement; way out, door out, passage out; door, doorway, gate, gateway, postern, back door, window, hole, opening, aperture, mouth.

either, adj. 1. one or the other, one of two, either one.
—pron. 3. one or the other, either one.
—adv. 4. also, too, as well.

ejaculate, v. 1. exclaim, blurt out, cry out, yell out, call out, vociferate, Inf. spout off, Inf. holler out, Sl. pop off; utter, speak, say, voice.
2. discharge, emit, spur, spurt, squirt, release, vent; expel, eject, shoot off or out, fire off, send off, let fly; spew, expelorator, spout out or up, throw up, egest, vomit, puke, regurgitate, Sl. upchuck; (all of semen) climax, have an orgasm, Sl. come, Sl. finish.

ejaculation, n. 1. exclamation, blurt, utterance; cry, yell, call, vociferation.
2. discharge, emission, spouting, squirting, release, Obs. vent, (both of semen) climax, orgasm; expulsion, ejection, shooting off or out; expectoration, spitting out or up, throwing up, egestion, vomit, Med. vomitus, regurgitation; emptying, voidance, disemboguement, unloading.
**eject**, v. 1. expel, oust, exclude, remove, get rid of, drive away or out, force out, thrust out, Inf. throw out, Inf. kick out; deport, transport, banish, exile, expatriate, ostracize; evict, displace, turn out, put [s.o.] out in the street, deprive or strip [s.o.] of property, dispose, divest, take away [s.o.'s] home; discard, cast out or off, throw away, toss out, eliminate, jettison.

2. dismiss, cashier, drum out, fire, give [s.o.] his a pink slip, lay off; send [s.o.] walking papers or jettison.

3. throw, thrust, propel, project, impel; emit, exude, SI. give [s.o.] the boot, give [s.o.] the axe, sack, bounce, Inf. SI.

possess, divest, take away [s.o.'s] home; discard, cast or out in the street, deprive patriate, ostracize; evict, displace, turn out, put [s.o.] out, force out, thrust out, Inf. or off, throw away, toss out, eliminate, jettison.

2. dismissal, firing, conge, layoff; the boot, the bounce; the sack, the gate, SI.

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3. bend, lift or crook an elbow SI. 3. bend, lift or crook an elbow SI. 3. bend, lift or crook an elbow SI. bend, fluxure, fold, sharp turn, right turn Inf. 6. up to one's elbows very busy, engrossed, occupied, reach, handy; at one's finger tips, under one's nose.

4. improve, better, amend, ameliorate, meliorate; refine, cultivate; beautify, enhance, heighten, strengthen, enrich; touch up, smarten up, spruce up, brighten up, polish, finish; decorate, bedeck, adorn, embellish, garnish.

elaboration, n. 1. development, amplification, enlargement, increase; working up, devising, concoction, preparation, production, formation; perfection, consummation, completion, accomplishment.

2. improvement, betterment, amendment, amelioration, melioration; refinement, cultivation, polish; beautification, touching up, enhancement, elevation, heightening, strengthening, enrichment, addition.

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elasticity, n. 1. flexibility, springiness, supleness, rubberiness; plasticity, ductility, tensility, tenseness, extensibility, dilatability, contractibility, contractility, resilience, recuperation.

2. adaptability, adjustability, accommodation, response; tolerance, agreeableness, compliance, acquiescence.

elate, v. gladden, cheer, delight, thrill, please, hearten, make happy; exhilarate, elevate, lift up, Inf. turn on, make proud.

elated, adj. exhilarated, jubilant, exultant, euphoric, exalted, ecstatic; triumphant, happy, overjoyed, rejoicing, gleeful, joyful, delighted, excited; pleased, pleased as Punch, tickled, Inf. tickled pink; SI. turned on, in high spirits, on top of the world, crowing, thrilled; transported, blissful, in paradise, carried away, treading or walking on air, on cloud nine, Dial. in hog heaven, Dial. in high cotton.

elation, n. euphoria, joy, cloud nine, exhilaration, jubilation, exaltation, ecstasy; thrill, rapture, transport, pleasure, delection, delight, enjoyment, gratification, beatitude, happiness; jubilation, seventh heaven, rejoicing; enthusiasm, excitement, ebullition, high spirits.

elbow, n. 1. bend of the arm, ancon, funny bone, crazy bone; bend, flare, fold, sharp turn, right angle, corner, crook.

2. at one's elbow nearby, close by, at hand, within reach, handy; at one's finger tips, under one's nose.

3. bend, lift or crook an elbow drink, imbibe, SI. house, Inf. swig, Inf. booz.

4. out at the elbows a. poorly dressed, shabby, disheveled, shoddy, Inf. seedy, in rags, down at the heels. b. impoverished, poverty-stricken, needy, in want, pauperized, beggarly.

rub elbows with mingle with, associate with, hobnob, fraternize, socialize, mix, Inf. hang out or around with.

6. up to one's elbows very busy, engrossed, occupied, absorbed, engaged; up to one's ears in, head over heels in, immersed in, wrapped up in, all wound up in.

—v. 7. jostle, shoulder, hustle, scuffle, scramble; push, bump, shove, plow, bulldoze.

elbowroom, n. ample room, spare room, enough space; growing room, breathing room, Ger. Lebensraum; latitude, margin, free play; sweep, range, swing; open space, free space, clearing, expanse; opportunity, freedom.

elder, adj. 1. older, senior, of greater years, more advanced in age.

2. higher ranking, ranking, superior, chief, preeminent, paramount, foremost, primary, prime, principal.

3. elder, senior, prior, previous, bygone.

4. senior, superior, master, first-born; parent, forefather, ancestor, forebear; predecessor.

5. elderly person, aged person, oldster, veteran, —

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elderly, adj. 1. old, rather old, oldish, on in years, along in years, advanced in years, past one's prime, Inf. over the hill, Derog. long in the teeth; late middle-aged, Fr. d'un certain age; gray-haired, gray-headed; aged, hoary, venerable, patriarchal; ancient, senile, (of women) anile, decrepit, senescent, aging; retired, superannuated.
elect

—n. 2. the elderly (used collectively) elderly persons, aged persons, the aged, retired persons, retirees, oldsters, Inf. oldtimers, senior citizens, Euph. golden-agers. See also elder (def. 5).

elect, v. 1. select by vote, vote, give one’s vote, ballot, cast one’s ballot, poll; co-opt, appoint, designate.
  2. pick or pick out, Inf. hand-pick, select, single out, choose; decide upon, make up one’s mind on, settle on, fix on or upon. See choose.

—adj. 3. picked out, Inf. hand-picked, chosen, selected; appointed, designated, elective.

4. select, choice, prime, quality, fit-rate, first-class, grade-A, A-1, A number 1, the best.

election, n. 1. selection by vote, co-optation, co-option, appointment, designation, nomination; preliminary election, U.S. Politics.
  2. public or popular vote, referendum, plebiscite, direct vote.
  3. electing, voting, balloting, poll; vote, voice, Latin. vox populi, say, opinion, choice. See choice (def. 1).

electioneer, v. campaign for, canvass for, solicit votes for, Inf. stump for, barnstorm for; plump for, support, back, promote, advance; talk up, ballyhoo, beat the drum for, push, Inf. plug, Inf. hype.

elective, adj. 1. electoral, electing, selecting, selective, choosing.
  2. elect, appointed, designated; picked or picked out, Inf. hand-picked, selected, chosen.
  3. optional, not required, unwanted, voluntary, discretionary.

elector, n. voter, balloter, constituent; selector, chooser.

electric, adj. 1. galvanic, Elect. voltaic, Elect. faradacic, Physics. charged; electrified, electric-powered, battery-powered, cordless.
  2. stimulating, galvanizing, electrifying, jolting, jarring; thrilling, exciting, breathtaking; stirring, moving, rousing, soul-stirring.

electrify, v. 1. galvanize, energize, dynamize, charge.
  2. startle, stun, stagger, shock, jolt, jar, take one’s breath away, pull one up short, Inf. bowl over, Inf. give one a turn; thrill, excite, flush, Inf. give one a kick or charge.
  3. invigorate, animate, vitalize, enliven, exhilarate, stimulate, fire, rouse, arouse.

electrocute, v. execute, put to death, Fig. pull the switch on, Euph. send to the hot seat, Sl. burn, Sl. fry.

eleemosynary, adj. 1. charitable, philanthropic, altruistic, benevolent, beneficient, almsgiving.
  2. funded, supported, sponsored, subsidized, financed, non-profit, not for profit.

elegance, n. 1. fineness, luxuriousness, sumptuousness, opulence; grandeur, richness, choiceness; the good life, high style, fineness, greatness; pulchritude, beauty, comeliness, finery, Fr. haute couture, swankiness.
  2. refinement, grace, gentility; dignity, distinction, class, courtliness, old-world charm, polish, culture; correctness, politeness, propriety.
  3. intelligence, discernment, appreciation, Atticism, taste; harmoniousness, proportion, felicity, purity, fastidiousness.

elegant, adj. 1. luxurious, posh, sumptuous, grand, fine; rich, swank, gorgeous, ornamental, ornate; excellent, choice, superior, select; exquisite, tasteful, in good taste, nice; well-done, well-made, finished.
  2. urbane, Chesterfieldian, polished, suave, top-hat; sophisticated, chi-chi, stylish, fashionable; cultured, cultivated, well-bred, to the manner born, courtly; debonair, dapper, charming; polite, courteous, genteel, gracious, correct; minion, delicate, fastidious, recherché; lovely, comely, well-coiffed, dressed to the nines, dainty; beautiful, shapely, handsome.

3. discriminating, refined, sensitive, refined, intellectual, Attic, classical; well-proportioned, appropriate, balanced, harmonious, concinnous; aesthetic, artistic.

elegiac, adj. elegiacal, sorrowful, plaintive, mournful; sad, Fr. triste, melancholy; lugubrious, maudlin, emotional; epicidal, dirge-like, threnodic, funereal, somber.

elegy, n. dirge, threnody, in (Scotland and Ireland) corona, requiem, monody; song of lamentation, lament, plaint, keen, Kaddish.

element, n. 1. component, constituent, ingredient, part, unit, module; member, integrant, part and parcel; portion, section, fragment, component, piece, parcel, segment; item, detail, feature, particular.
  2. habitat, medium, native state, domain; lair, ground, locus, resort, haunt; sphere, field, circle, realm, quarter, zone.

3. elements a. weather, climate, clime, atmospheric forces or conditions, environment. b. principles, rudiments, fundamentals, foundations; outline, synopsis.

elementary, adj. 1. primary, rudimentary, rudimental, abecedarian; inchoate, imperfect; embryonic, embryonal, germinal, genetic, nascent, undeveloped; incipient, beginning, original; introductory, preparatory, proemial, preliminary, preparatory; fundamental, basic, basal, radical, root, underlying; primitive, primordial, primigenial.

2. simple, simplex, uncompounded, uncomplicated, easy, facile, Inf. soft, understandable, clear, plain.

3. elemental, component, constituent, factorial, essential; natural, natural-like.

elephantine, adj. 1. huge, big, mammoth, jumbo, gargantuan, massive, enormous; monumental, immense, large, massy, Brobdingnagian, Cyclopean; towering, monstrous, titanic; mighty, stupendous, Inf. whopping, Inf. thumping.

2. ponderous, pachydermal, hippopotomac, bulky, weighty, gross, heavy.

3. clumsy, ungraceful, awkward, ungainly, oafish; hulking, lumberly, lumbering.

elevate, v. 1. lift up, raise, move up, thrust up, heave, hoist; rear, raise aloft, erect, upright, elevate; boost, uplift, upthrust, upheave, upthrow, upcast; jerk up, hike up, pull up.

2. exalt, magnify, heighten, aggrandize; dignify, enshrine, immortalize, lionize, deify.

3. promote, advance, prefer, Sl. kick upstairs; upgrade, improve, ameliorate, melliorate, enhance, enrich, better.

4. cheer, cheer up, elate, gladden, brighten, put in a good mood; hearten, buoy, revive, vitalize; inspire, inspire, animate, raise the spirits, Inf. give a lift; regale, refresh, exhilarate, enliven.

elevated, adj. 1. raised, upturned, lifted, upraised, upcast, upright; high, up, high up, aloft, above; conspicuous, salient, distinct, articulate, marked, in bold relief.

2. noble, lofty, sublime, magnificent, majestic, splendid, imposing, impressive; exalted, grand, glorious, august, stately; dignified, distinguished, magnified; prominent, eminent, illustrious, notable, preeminent; high-minded, honorable, admirable, estimable; principled, righteous, sterling, meritorious.

3. grandiloquent, high-flown, stilted, pretentious; pompous, affected, magniloquent, orotund; high-
1. elevation, n. 1. height, altitude, ceiling; tallness, stature.

2. eminence, height, prominence, salience; hill, hilltop, mount, mountain, plateau, mesa; acclivity, ascent, rise, levitation, lift, rising ground, upslope.

3. loftiness, exaltation, grandeur, majesty, imperialism; dignity, distinction, solemnity, gravity; nobleness, nobility, sublimity, stateliness, splendor, impressiveness; refinement, cultivation, grace.

4. promotion, advancement, preferment, furtherance; improvement, enhancement, enrichment, amelioration; heightening, aggravazement, magnification; escalation, upping, raising, lifting.

5. elfin, adj. 1. elflike, small, little, dainty; ban tam, diminutive, wee, Lilliputian, pint-sized, dwarfish.

6. elf, n. imp, brownie, leprechaun, dwarf, gnome, troll; nixie, puck, kobold; sprite, pixie, fairy, elf, fairy, gnome, leprechaun, brownie; Faerie, dryad, elfin, pixie, sprite, wood elf.

7. elevator, n. Chiefly Brit. lift, Fr. ascenseur; dumbwaiter, spout, chute; elevator, moving stairs.

8. elf, n. 1. privileged class, dominant class, ruling class, establishment; upper class, Infl. upper crust, gentility, aristocracy, nobility, silk-stockings, blue-bloods; meritorious, the best and the brightest, the high and the mighty; notables, personages, bigwigs, men of mark, grandees.

9. high society, cream of the crop, Fr. crème de la crème, Fr. haut monde, beau monde, fashionable society, jet set, the beautiful people, celebrities, stars, U.S. Four Hundred; F.F.V.'s, First Families of Virginia.

10. good life, high life, Sl. the big time, Infl. the major leagues.

11. choice, best, first water, first-class, nonpareil, onesuch, paragon; pink, pearl, sterling.

12. elevating, adj. 1. oval, ovate, ovoid, egg-shaped, elongate, oblong, slender; elongated, long, stretched out, elongate, extended, protracted, stretched out, extended.

13. eloquent, adj. 1. articulate, well-spoken, silver-tongued, expressive, cogent, forceful, persuasive, impressive, concise, succinct, pointed, emphatic, spirited, vigorous, impassioned, trenchant, vehement, burning, striking, vivid, graphic; effective, persuasive, impressive; concise, succinct, pointed, pithy, meaty.

14. elsewhere, adv. in or to some other place, somewhere else, anywhere else, another place, not here; not present, away, absent, abroad, hence.
der intelligible; make explicit or unequivocal, define, make precise, spell out, specify; show, point out, demonstrate, manifest, exhibit, present, set forth; annote, gloss, comment upon, margin, footnote; explain, describe, explicate, interpret; delineate, depict, portray, picture, illustrate; solve, resolve, clear up, decipher, figure out.

1. evade, avoid, dodge, bilk, duck, give

2. expose, disclose, reveal, bring out, Archaic. enunciate; lay open, unfold, uncover, bare, unveil, unmask, make visible.

elucidation, n. 1. elucidating, throwing light on, making lucid or clear, illumination; clarification, making plain, simplification; defining, definition, specifying, spelling out; demonstration, manifestation, exhibition, presentation, exemplification; exposure, disclosure, revelation; delineation, depiction, portrayal, illustration; explanation, description, explication; interpretation, version, rendition, deduction, inference; diagnosis, solution.

2. commentary, comment, critique, exegesis, exposition; annotation, gloss, footnote, note, scholium, marginalia.

elude, v. 1. evade, avoid, dodge, bilk, duck, give [s.o.] the slip, lose [s.o.], Sl. duck and run, Sl. dog it, Sl. ditch [s.o.], Sl. throw [s.o.] off the scent, Sl. shake [s.o.] off; vanish, disappear, do the disappearing act, Inf. make oneself scarce.

2. escape, get away, get free, get clear of, make or effect one's escape, make good one's escape, Archaic. escape.

elusive, adj. 1. evasive, elusive, slippery, shifty, hard to pin down, Inf. cagey.

2. intangible, impalpable, imponderable, undefinable, inexplicable.

Elysium, n. heaven, paradise, eternity, glory, kingdom of heaven, Inf. kingdom come, happy hunting ground, Nirvana, Valhalla, Elysian Fields, Bower of Bliss.

emaciate, v. atrophy, wither, shrivel, dry up, Brit. Dial. wizen; shrink, reduce, contract, dwindle, attenuate; waste, consume, erode, wear away, eat away; weaken, -enfeeble, enervate; starve, undernourish, underfed.

emaciated, adj. gaunt, drawn, haggard, pinched, hollow-eyed, withered, shriveled, shrunken, dried up, wizened, Brit. Dial. wizen; scrawny, scraggy, spare, skinny, thin, lean, lanky, lank, slim, slender, attenuate, attenuated, tenuous; atrophied, atrophic, tabescent, wasted, phthisic, phthisical, worn, eroded, decayed, Pathol. marasmic, Pathol. marasmus; frail, weak, feeble, enfeebled, enervated, infirm; undernourished, underfed, starved.

emaciation, n. 1. gauntness, haggardness, witheredness, shrunkenness, boniness; scrawny, scragginess, spareness, skinniness, thinness, leanness, lankness, lankiness, slimmness, slenderness, attenuation, tenuity, Psychiatry; anorexia.

2. atrophy, atrophia, withering, shriveling; consumption, consumptiveness, phthisis, phthisical, wasting away, erosion, decay, degeneration, Pathol. marasmus, Pathol. tabes, weakening, enfeebling, enfeeblement, impairment, enervation, invalidation; undernourishment, malnutrition, inanition, starvation.

emanate, v. 1. arise, appear, spring, effuse, exude, effervesce, Phys. Geog. debouch, discharge, ooze, filter, percolate; surge from, stem from, trickle from, flow from, proceed from, take rise from, result from, originate.

2. emit, issue, send forth, radiate, give off, project, exhale, disemboque; give out, send out, put out, waft out, fling out, throw out.

emanation, n. 1. discharge, emission, effusion, effluent, efflux, efflorescence, exhalation, effluvium, mephees; proceeds, issue, discharge, drainage, leakage, percolation, disemboguement; karma, aura, vibrations, Inf. vibes.

2. flowing, arising, emerging, springing, welling; issuance, emergence, escape, outflow, gushing, outpouring, effluence, Phys. Geog. debouchment.

emancipate, v. free, liberate, enfranchise, affranchise, franchise, manumit; release, release, loosen, let loose, turn loose, set loose, set free, let go, disimprison, unmew, disenthral, unfetter, unbind, untie, unbribe, unyoke, unshackle, unchain, unhandscrew, unmuzzle, Archaic. untruss; deliver, rescue, ransom, redeem, Theol. save.

emancipation, n. freedom, freeing, liberation, liberty, liberating, enfranchising, enfranchisement, affiliating, affiliishment, affiliishment, franchising, franchising, manumitting; release, releasing, loosing, loosening, disimprisoning; disenfranchisement, disenthralling, unfettering, unbinding, untying, unbridling, unyoking, unshackling, unchainning; deliveryance, delivery, delivering, rescue, rescuing, ransom, ransoming, redemption, redeeming, Both Theol. salvation, saving.

emancipator, n. liberator, deliverer. rescuer, preserver; freer, manumitter, enfranchiser, releaser; breaker of bonds, Both Theol. Savior, Redeemer.

emasculate, v. 1. castrate, asexualize, alter, demasculinize, effeminize; unman, eunuchize, (both of fowl) caponize, (of horses) geld, Inf. fix, Inf. cut; maim, cripple, mutilate.

2. weaken, soften, debilitate; render harmless, render ineffectual, pull the teeth from, take the teeth out of, remove the sting or bite of; (all of literature) expurgate, bowdlerize, censor, Inf. clean up, purge.

emasculating, n. 1. castration, asexualization, alteration, demasculinization, effeminization; unmanning, eunuchizing, (of fowl) caponization, (of horses) gelding, Inf. fixing, Inf. cutting; maiming, crippling, mutilation.

2. weakening, softening, debilitation; expurgation, bowdlerization, censoring, Inf. cleaning up, purging.

embalm, v. 1. (all of a corpse) preserve, mummify, anoint, treat with aromatics, prepare for burial, lay out.

2. (all of memories) keep in mind, remember, cherish, enshrine, immortalize; reminisce, look back on, go over, relive, reexperience.

3. stunt, dwarf, stop or slow the development of.

4. perfume, scent, give fragrance to, aromatize.

embank, v. bank, bank up, mound, dike; fortify, secure, protect, defend, guard, shield.

embankment, n. 1. bank, mound, elevation of earth, Phys. Geog. levee; dike, dam, breakwater, mole; pier, jetty, quay, wharf.

2. causeway, Brit. Dial. causey, raised road or path, viaduct, bridge.

3. wall, rampart, bulwark, breastwork; railing, causey, raised road, Brit. Dial., or levee; dike, dam, breakwater, Phys. Geog. debouchment.

embargo, n. restriction, restraint of commerce or trade, restraint, impediment, hindrance, check, barrier, inhibition; standstill, stoppage, shut down, quarantine, prohibition, proscription, interdiction, ban.

embark, v. 1. board ship, go aboard, take ship; sail, set sail, put to sea, weigh anchor, get under way, hoist the blue peter.

2. begin, commence, undertake, go into, enter upon, venture into, set about; launch into, plunge into, broach, institute, start, take the first step; take upon, tackle, turn one's hand to, assume.

embarrass, v. 1. disconcert, chagrín, make uncom-
embarrassed, discomfort, discomfit, make self-conscious; abash, shame, humiliate, mortify, cause to lose face, put down, humble; discompose, disturb, upset, fluster, agitate, bother, distract, drive, confound, perplex, nonplus, confuse, pose. 2. complicate, make intricate, entangle, tangle, snarl, muddle, involve. 3. impede, hamper, hinder, obstruct, frustrate, thwart; encumber, burden, handicap, clog; plague, vex, annoy, harass, trouble, distress. 4. straiten, Rare. indebt; 4. beset, beindebt; 4. straiten, Rare, thwart; encumber, burden, handicap, clog; plague, disturb, perturb, plague, harass.

embarrassed, adj. 1. abashed, chagrined, nonplused, humiliated, mortified, put down, humbled; disconcerted, discomfited, uncomfortable, ill-at-ease, discomfited, discomposed, upset, flustered; ashamed, shamefaced, blushing, flush, flushed, red-faced, red in the face, Inf. red, [have] egg on one's face; self-conscious, awkward, clumsy, sheepish, shrinking, timid.

embarrassment, n. 1. chagrin, shame, abashment, chagrined, non-plused, humiliated, mortified, put down, humbled; disconcerted, discomfited, uncomfortable, ill-at-ease, discomfited, discomposed, upset, flustered; ashamed, shamefaced, blushing, flush, flushed, red-faced, red in the face, Inf. red, [have] egg on one's face; self-conscious, awkward, clumsy, sheepish, shrinking, timid. 2. confused, at a loss, on the horns of a dilemma, between the devil and the deep blue sea, in a bind; Inf. between a rock and a hard place, Inf. in a fix, in a scrape, Inf. in a pickle, Inf. in hot water, squirming, wriggling, pinned to the wall, Sl. in for it. 3. (all financially) straitened, in debt, in the red, insolvent, imppectious, Inf. hard-up, Inf. broke, Inf. pinched, Inf. short.

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trusion; protuberance, tumescence, excrescence, nodulation; excoriation, swell, swelling, convexity, convexness.

eminent, adj. 1. distinguished, famed, esteemed, exalted; celebrated, illustrious, renowned, preeminent, outstanding, Archaic, eximious, Archaic, egregious; honorable, venerable, revered, respected, honored; grand, glorious, important, great; august, stately, noble, imperial, sublime, kingly, princely.
2. conspicuous, marked, noticeable, considerable, great; noteworthy, notable, noted, signal, foremost; memorable, unforgettable, remarkable, momentous.
3. lofty, high, tall, high-reaching, towering, aerial; raised, elevated, perched.
4. protruding, projecting, protuberant, sticking out, jutting out, standing out; salient, protrusive, extrusive, projective; in relief, raised, embossed, bossed.
5. distinguished, famed, esteemed, eminent; distinguished, famed, esteemed, eminent; distinguished, famed, esteemed, eminent; distinguished, famed, esteemed, eminent; distinguished, famed, esteemed, eminent; distinguished, famed, esteemed, eminent; distinguished, famed, esteemed, eminent; distinguished, famed, esteemed, eminent.

emission, n. 1. discharging, emanation, ejaculate, pour forth, gush, sentimentalize, make a fuss over, emotionalize, emotional, emotive, noncognitive, Psychol. affective.
2. sensitive, sentient, sensible, feeling, sympathetic, compassionate, warm, tender, affectionate, loving; sentimental, melodramatic, mawkish, maudlin, misty-eyed, dewey-eyed, gush, Australian. soony.
3. impassioned, impassionate, feelingful, passionate, ardent; moving, poignant, pathetic, heartfelt, heartrending, soul-stirring; expressive, demonstrative, dramatic, electric, thrilling, sensational.
4. excitable, easily excited, high-strung, susceptible, quick to tears, tense, nervous; temperamentally, hot-tempered, inflammable, volatile, volcanic, fiery, hot-headed, hot-blooded.
5. hysterical, ranting, raving, frantic, overwrought; rapturous, rapt, ecstatic, carried away.

emotionalism, n. 1. sentimentality, gushiness, mawkishness, maudlinness, maudlinness, play on or appeal to one's emotions, emotiveness, emotivity; melodrama, melodramatics, dramatics, theatrics, playacting, tears and laughter; sensationalism, showiness, demonstrativeness.
2. excitability, excitableness, nervousness, tenseness; temperamentality, inflammableness, inflammability, volatileness, hot-headedness, hot-bloodedness; hysteric, hysteric, ranting, raving, franticness.

emotionalize, v. impression, move, affect, touch, reach, strike a chord, kindle a feeling, play on [s.o.'s] feelings or heartstrings; excite, agitate, upset, work up, disturb; rouse, inflame, light up, enkindle, fan the flame.

emphasize, v. identify with, sympathize, respond, react, understand, be tune, Sl. be hip to, Sl. be into [s.t.], Sl. dig, Sl. be turned on to; imagine, project, experience vicariously, put oneself into another's place or shoes, Inf. tune in.


emphasis, n. 1. stress, accent, italics, underlining, underscoring; significance, consequence, consideration, moment, import, note, mark; importance, priority, preeminence; weight, gravity, ponderosity, seriousness, solemnity; urgency, exigency, tension; pressure, insistence; affirmation, assurance, averment.
2. vital concern, matter of concern, matter of importance, matter of life and death; object of note, something special, Inf. big deal, Inf. one for the books, Inf. something to write home about.
3. (all of expression) intensity, power, strength, force, force of utterance; energy; accentuation, strong accent, vigorous enunciation, attack; clamor, uproar, outburst, outcry; exclamation, ejaculation, vociferation, vociferance; powerfulness, forcibleness; vociferousness; positiveness, decidedness; peremptoriness, imperativeness, dogmatism.
4. (all of form or outline) prominance, distinctness, prominence, clearness, clarity, definiteness, definition, visibility, visibleness, perceptibility, discernibleness or discernability; conspicuousness, conspicuousness, salience, saliency.

emphasize, v. 1. stress, lay stress or emphasis on, give emphasis to, punctuate, accent; underline, underscore, point up, italicize, call attention to, mark, bring
emphatic

adj. 1. stressed, emphasized, accentuated, accented, punctuated, underlined, underscored; (of speech) passionate, impassioned, vehement, ardent, fervent, fiery, fired-up, burning; enthusiastic; animated, spirited, lively.

2. forceful, forcible, insistent, high-pressure; determined, earnest, intense, intensive; urgent, pressing, compelling, critical, crucial, exigent; peremptory, imperative, absolute, dogmatic; crying, clamorous, vociferous; affirmative, assertive, positive, definitive; pronounced, decided, explicit, express; unequivocal, flat, broad, round, categorical, Inf. in no uncertain terms; cogent, telling, incisive, effective; trenchant, pointed, marked, barbed, cutting, biting, piercing, penetrating.

3. striking, impressive, strongly marked, forcibly significant; vivid, graphic, distinct, plain, clear, manifest; definite, unmistakable, not to be mistaken.

4. prominent, eminent, outstanding, in relief, in bold or high relief; conspicuous, salient, bold, boldly or clearly outlined, well-defined; noticeable, sticking or hanging out.

empire

n. 1. domain, realm, kingdom; All Fig. region, area, zone, territory; province, precinct, quarter, district; bailiwick, dominion, jurisdiction.

2. empery, supremacy, primacy. See dominion (def. 1).

empirical

adj. experiential, experimental, empiric; seen, observed, heard, felt, sensed.

employ

v. 1. hire, enlist, enroll, take on, bring aboard; sign up, sign, engage, retain; commission, contract for, indenture; put to work, put on the payroll, put on salary; try out, apprentice.

2. use, utilize, apply; wield, ply, operate, work; handle, manipulate, put to use; occupy, devote, spend, exercise.

employee

n. worker, staff; hand, hired hand, hirer/en; workingman, workman, laborer; job-holder, wage-earner; helper, assistant.

employer

n. boss, proprietor, manager, director, Brit. Inf. governor; leader, owner, president; contractor, entrepreneur; skipper, Inf. old man, Inf. top dog, top man, patron.

employment

n. 1. work, job, employ, service; station, situation, post, position; appointment, berth, billet, assignment, commission; charge, mission, duty, task; stint, errand, chore, drudgery; occupation, business, profession; vocation, undertaking, calling, pursuit; craft, trade, metier, skill, line.

2. hiring, engaging, taking on, putting to work.

3. use, utilization, application, operation, exercise.

emporium

n. 1. trading center, commercial resort, center of trade; fair, bazaar, market, open market, market place, chief mart, forum, shopping quarter.

2. department store, store, shop, establishment; entrepot, warehouse, storehouse, magazine.

empower

v. 1. authorize, warrant, license, certify, certificate, validate, document, accredit, qualify, Eccles. ordain; invest, entrust, entitle, commission, depute, delegate authority to, constitute, Archaic. appoint; franchise, charter, legalize, formalize, establish, set up.

2. permit, allow, give the go ahead or green light, consent to, vouchsafe; sanction, confirm, ratify, pass, vote for; approve, give one’s nod of approval, countenance, Chiefly U.S. approve, Inf. O.K.; enable, capacitate, endow, endue, equip, outfit, arm; potentiate, strengthen, invigorate, energize.

empress

n. 1. female sovereign, queen, regina.

2. consort of an emperor, sultana, maharanee, czarina.

emptiness

n. 1. voidness, vacancy, vacancy, want, wantonness, loneliness, barrenness, barrenness; depletion, exhaustion, inanition.

2. vacuum, void; interruption, hiatus, intermission, interval, interlude.

3. destitution, lack, want, need, necessity, requirement; deficiency, scarcity, deprivation.

4. futility, ineffectiveness, uselessness; vanity, insignificance, meaninglessness, unimportance, worthlessness, meaninglessness, delusion, fakery, insubstantiality; folly, sham, mockery.

5. inanity, fatuousness, foolishness, silliness; thoughtlessness, senselessness, brainlessness, dullness, stupidity, unintelligence.

6. verbosity, proximity, wordiness; loquaciousness, loquacity, garrulity, volubility.

empty

adj. 1. void, vacant, without contents, unfilled, hollow, Scot. and North Eng. toom; unfurnished, bare, barren, blank, uninhabited; deserted, deserted, unoccupied, unoccupied.

2. unoccupied, untenanted, tenantless, uninhabited; abandoned, deserted, unclaimed, available, Inf. up for grabs.

3. unburdened, unencumbered, unloaded, unsupplied; unfilled, unfed, hungry.

4. devoid of, destitute of, lacking, wanting, bereft of; without, sans, out of, short of, deficient, deprived.

5. futile, ineffectual, ineffective, idle, useless, unavailing, profitless, bootless; vain, insignificant, meaningless, valueless, unimportant, worthless; unreal, delusive, without substance, insubstantial, unsatisfactory, unsatisfying.

6. blank, clear, expressionless, inexpressive, deadpan, poker-faced; vacuous, inane, fatuous, foolish, silly; empty-headed, thoughtless, senseless, brainless, dull, dense, stupid, unintelligent.

7. verbose, prolix, long-winded, wordy; loquacious, garrulous, talkative, voluble; babbling, chattering.

—v. 8. unload, unburden, disburden, free, relieve, remove; emit, pour forth, pour out, teem, send forth, send out, eject; gush, disembogue, cast forth; discharge, exude, ooze, seep, trickle; void, evacuate, make vacant, vacate.

9. deplete, exhaust, use up, consume, spend, run out of; drain, bleed, tax, sap, enervate, devitalize.

empyreal

adj. empyreal, celestial, heavenly, uranica, cosmical, extraterrestrial, otherworldly, supramundane, extramundane, ultramundane, unworldly, unearthly; cosmic, solar, heliacal, heliac, nebular, astral, sidereal, stellar, spheric, starry; planetary, asteroidal, lunar, selenological.

empyrean

n. 1. highest heaven, seventh heaven.

2. visible heavens, firmament, vault of heaven, sky, ether, the blue, the wild blue yonder, the azure, Chiefly Literary. welkin.

emulate

v. 1. imitate, pattern or model after, reflect, mirror, echo; look up to, follow, take after, follow as an example, do like, walk in the footsteps of.

2. equal, match, parallel, keep pace with, come up with.
to, measure up to, compare to, run abreast of; strive to excel, challenge comparison, vie with, compete with.

**emulation**, n. 1. effort to equal, attempt to match, imitation; effort to excel, competition, rivalry, vying.
2. high regard, high opinion, honor, veneration, reverence, esteem, respect.

**emulous**, adj. competitive, competing, contending; admiring, reverential.

**enable**, v. 1. capacitate, qualify, endow, endue, equip, outfit, arm; potentiate, strengthen, invigorate, energize.
2. authorize, warrant, accredit, license, certify, certificate, validate, document; invest, entrust, entitle, commission, delegate, depute, constitute; franchise, charter, legalize, formalize, establish, set up.
3. sanction, approve, give the go ahead or green light, give one's nod of approval, countenance, Chiefly U.S. Approbate, Inf. O.K.; agree to, give one's assent, confirm, ratify, pass, vote for; facilitate, ease, assist, aid, help.

**enact**, v. 1. make into law, establish as law, legislate, pass into law, ratify, sanction, approve; decree, ordain, rule, adjudge, pronounce, proclaim.
2. act, play the part of, portray, represent on the stage, personate, impersonate, personify.

**enactment**, n. 1. legislation, making or passing into law, ratification, sanctioning, approval.
2. motion, proposal, measure, bill, legislation; law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation; act, decree, edict, proclamation, declaration, proclamation.
3. provision, condition, stipulation, proviso, clause.

**enamel**, n. 1. lacquer, varnish, japan, glaze, glossy finish or surface, coating, coat of paint; veneer, inlay, overlay, decoration, ornamentation.
2. gloss, polish, luster, sheen, shine, glow.
3. nail polish, nail enamel, nail lacquer, nail paint, nail gloss.

—v. 4. lacquer, japan, varnish, glaze, coat, finish, paint; veneer, overlay, inlay, decorate, ornament.
5. gloss, polish, shine, buff, burnish.

**embrace**, v. 1. confine, immerse, pen, coop, corral, imprison; coop up, pen in, shut in, fence in, wall in; imprison, incarcerate, embarr.
2. envelop, enfold, embrace; contain, comprise, include, round, ring, ring around, environ, compass; belt, girdle, mantle, jacket, wrapper, envelope, boundary, insertion.

**enclosure**, n. 1. pen, sty, fold, corral, paddock, pound, ring, arena; precincts, South African. kraal; yard, prison yard, compound, stockade, concentration camp; court, close, cloister; circumvallation, enceinte, pale.
2. fence, fencing, railing; paling, boarding, palisade; barbed wire, hedge, hedgerow, barrier, barricade, ropes; girdle, mantle, jacket, wrapper, envelope, boundary; insertion.

**encore**, v. 1. again, once more, once again, bis, encore, interj. 1. again, once more, once again, bis, a second time, another time.

—v. 2. call back, recall, ask a repeat or return.
—n. 3. repeat, repeat performance, replay, return; ovation, standing ovation, bows, curtain calls.

**encounter**, v. 1. come upon, meet, accost, confront, face, come into contact, cross one's path; run into, Inf. bump into, fall across, run across; happen upon, chance upon, stumble upon, light upon, hit upon; come face to face with, front, stand in front of, stand facing.
2. meet with, experience, suffer, endure, undergo; bear; brave, brook, meet head on, come to grips with, tackle; befall, be one's lot, happen to.
3. contend, confront, clash, conflict with, skirmish, struggle; engage, meet, join, face; battle, do battle, war, make war, wage war; grapple, wrestle, spar, box, fight; tussle, scuffle, brawl, dual, shoot it out with, feud.

—n. 4. meeting, joining, junction, coming together, confrontation, facing; presentation, introduction, greeting, salutation.
5. combat, battle, skirmish, conflict; fight, contest,
duel, bout, feud, Sl. scrap, joust, tilt; clash, contention, struggle, war; scuffle, tussle, brawl, fray, affray; broil, melee, fracas, Inf. run-in, Inf. set-to, Inf. mix-up; collision, engagement, rencontre, rencontre, Fr. rencontre.

encourage, v. 1. enhearten, hearten, reassure, assure, cheer, root, bear up, buoy up, Inf. chirk, Inf. pat on the back; stimulate, animate, whet, moti- vate, embolden, inspire, inspire, nerve, build up, buck up, rally, boost, invigorate, Sl. give a shot in the arm to, Inf. peptalk; prompt, urge, urge on, exhort, spur, goad, prick, egg on; impel, induce, incline, dispose, pre- vail upon, persuade, influence, sway; incite, instigate, actuate, provoke, foment; excite, arouse, rouse, inflame, enflame, fire, fire up, stir, stir up, wind up, Inf. psyche up.

2. abet, assist, help, aid, second, succor, relieve, lend oneself to, subsidize, underwrite; uphold, maintain, sustain; support, advocate, patronize, lobby, back, recommend, endorse, sanction, approve, countenance; promote, further, forward, advance, favor, foster.

encouragement, n. 1. enheartening, heartening, re-assuring, assuring, cheering, rooting, buoying, buoying up, Inf. chinking; stimulating, animating, motivating, emboldening, inspiring, nervous, nervous up, building up, bucking up, rallying, boosting, invigorating; prompting, urging, urging on, exhorting, spur- ring, goading, prodding, pricking, egging on; impelling, inducing, inclining, disposing, prevailing upon, influencing, persuading, swaying; inciting, instigating, actuating, provoking, fomenting; exciting, arousing, causing, enflaming, firing, firing up, stirring, stirring up, winding up, Inf. psyching up.

2. abetting, assisting, helping, aiding, subsidizing, underwriting, seconding; upholding, maintaining, sustaining, succoring; supporting, advocating, patronizing, lobbying, backing, endorsing, sanctioning, approving, countenancing; promoting, furthering, forwarding, advancing, favoring, fostering.

3. hope, enheartenment, cheer, lift, boost, build up, buoyancy, reassurance, assurance, pat on the back; promise, good omen, good auspices, clear sky, bright prospect; inspiration, stimulation, stimulus, motivation, incentive, inducement, instance, pep talk; instigation, urge, urging, prompting, goad, prick, spur; excite- ment, arousal, inflammation; influence, persuasion, exhortation, advice.

4. help, aid, assistance, security, aegis, protection, assurance, pat on the back; promise, good omen, good auspices, clear sky, bright prospect; inspiration, stimulation, stimulus, motivation, incentive, inducement, instance, pep talk; instigation, urge, urging, prompting, goad, prick, spur; excitement, arousal, inflammation; influence, persuasion, exhortation, advice.

5. destruction, ruin, ruination, dissolution, extermination, annihilation, death, Sl. curtains; deathblow, Fr. coup de grâce, Sl. finisher, Sl. sockdolager; doom, doomsday, day of wrath, Judgment Day.

6. remnant, fragment, scrap, stab, fag end, butt, heel.

7. share, part, portion, segment, province, sector, province, field, area, responsibility, Inf. load.

8. at loose ends unsettled, drifting, dallying; confused, uncertain, wavering, Inf. betwixt and between, Sl. not together.

9. make both ends meet economize, husband, live within one's means, endure, survive, subsist, Inf. get by, Inf. scrape by.

10. no end Informal. very much, considerably, Inf. a lot.

11. on end continuously, successively, consecutively, serially.

—v. 12. conclude, terminate, settle, close; complete, accomplish, consummate, achieve; finish, finish off, put an end to, make an end of, bring to an end; adjourn; (all usu. with in) reach, arrive, culminate, climax.

13. cease, stop, discontinue, drop, cut, cut short, bring down the curtain; die, die out, expire, vanish, pass, pass away, peter out, wind up or down, run down or out, blow over, run its course; quit, desist, abandon, leave off, break, break off, call it quits, call it a day.

14. kill, destroy, do in; annihilate, exterminate, eradicate, get rid of, wipe out, extinguish, abolish, dissolve; quell, arrest, check, squelch, put down, Inf. put the kibosh on.

endanger, v. imperil, expose to danger, jeopardize, evoke love or affection, charm, captivate, win, win over, attach, attract; warm the cockles of one's heart.

—v. 1. evoke love or affection, charm, captivate, win, win over, attach, attract; warm the cockles of one's heart.

2. lose one's heart to, be enamored of, smile upon, dispose or incline toward, fold to the heart; hold in affection or love, hold dear, esteem, prize, value, treasure, enjoy, admire.

endearment, n. 1. affection, fondness, attachment, tie, bond.

2. fondling, petting, necking, spooning, Sl. canoo-
dlining, lovemaking, Inf. making out; caress, hug, cuddle, squeeze, embrace; oscillation, kiss, buss, Inf. smack, Inf. smacker, Inf. big fat kiss; making eyes, Inf. making goo-goo eyes; winning ways; loving or honeyed words, pet name, sweet talk, baby talk,billing and cooing.

**endeavor**, v. 1. strive, struggle, labor, try hard, do one's best, set at [s.t.] with a will; try, make an effort, take pains, bestir oneself; attempt, tackle, take on, try one's hand, Inf. have a go, Inf. take a crack or whack or shot at; essay, undertake, work at, go about; aspire, aim, Inf. shoot for; seek to, venture, make a bold push, Inf. dream the impossible dream, Inf. take one's chances; tempt fortune, adventure; feel or pick one's way, grope, Inf. make a stab at, Inf. give it the old college try.

—n. 2. striving, struggle, try, attempt, effort, conatus, Inf. crack, Inf. whack, Inf. shot; essay, undertaking, venture, enterprise, quest, aim, nisus.

**endless**, adj. 1. infinite, limitless, unlimited, boundless, illimitable, termless; countless, numberless, untold, innumerable; unmeasured, measureless, unmeasurable, indeterminable, incalculable.

2. eternal, enduring, undying, immortal, deathless; everlasting, Literary. semi- eternal, perdurable; un- fading, perpetual, imperishable, amaranthine, perennial.

3. unceasing, incessant, ceaseless, unending, interminable; constant, nonstop, unremitting, recurring.

4. continuous, unbroken, continual, uninterrupted, without end, never-ending, entire.

**endorse**, v. 1. approve, give one's stamp or seal of approval, set one's seal to, Inf. O.K.; sanction, warrant, authorize, confirm, ratify, pass, vote for.

2. support, vouch for, give one's word, give testimonial to, testify to, attest to, back up, stand behind or by; sustain, uphold, corroborate, substantiate, document, prove; aid, assist, patronize, encourage, favor, recommend.

3. sign for, sign on the dotted line, subscribe, under- sign; assign, docket, sign or make over, note, receipt; autograph, Inf. put one's John Henry or John Hancock on [s.t.]; countersign, cosign for, write under, witness; validate, legalize, notarize, visa.

**endorsement**, n. 1. approval, approbation, sanction, acceptance, warrant, authorization; seal or stamp of approval, stamp, seal, signet, sigil, cachet, Inf. O.K.; certification, ratification, passage.

2. assurance, guarantee, testimonial, testimony, attestation, promise, word, Obs. vouch; recommendation, advocacy, support, patronage, assistance, commendation, encouragement.


**endow**, v. 1. bestow, present, give, gift, confer, proffer, Archaic. propine; will, leave, pass down, Law. bequeath, Law. devise, dower; grant, allot, subside, award; benefact, largess, donate, contribute, offer.

2. enrich, invest, endue, furnish, provide, supply, accommodate; equip, appoint, fit out, arm, rig; array, adorn, grace, clothe, dress out, deck out; enable, empower, outfit.

**endowment**, n. 1. bestowal, presentation, gift, conferment, conferral; benefaction, donation, contribution; endowing, granting, subsidizing.

2. foundation, grant, aid, allowance, allotment, stipend, subsidy, subvention; benefaction, bounty, largess, donation, conative, contribution, offering, altare- age; Law. bequest, Law. acquest, Law. legacy, Law. devise, heritage, inheritance, dowry, Civil Law. dot; gift, present, Scot. propine; benefit, blessing, boon.

3. **endowments** attributes, properties, qualities, characteristics, features; gifts, talents, faculties, dowers, parts; aptitudes, understandings, powers, strengths.

**endurable**, adj. tolerable, bearable, brookable, livable, supportable, maintainable, sustainable, sufferable, Obs. Rare. abideable.

**endurance**, n. 1. perseverance, tolerance, toleration, maintenance, sufferance, sustainment, abiding- ness; forbearance, acceptance, long-suffering, patience, stoicism, resignation; disposition, composure, equanimity, even temper, sang-froid; stamina, hardihood, backbone, pluck, mettle, spunk, Sl. guts.

2. duration, continuance, lastingsness, permanence, durability, durableness; persistence, perseverance, continuing power, Inf. stick-to-it-iveness; soundness, solidity, stability, fixedness, changelessness, immutability, immovableness.

3. trial, hardship, trouble, tribulation, distress; calamity, misfortune, torment, ordeal.

**endure**, v. 1. undergo, experience, bear, go through, pass through; encounter, live out, meet with, meet, taste, fare.

2. hold out against, withstand, sustain without yielding, support, bear, weather, Archaic. forbear, suffer, Chiefly Scot. thole, Scot. and North Eng. dree; take it, brave it out, Inf. tough [it] out, Inf. stick [it] out, Sl. sweat [it] out, go through the mill, Inf. take it on the chin; Inf. hang in, Inf. keep the faith, keep one's chin up, Sl. stand the gaff.

3. tolerate, take patiently, brook, submit to, bear without resistance; abide, stand, withstand, put up with, permit, allow; swallow, stomach, digest, pocket.

4. last, continue to exist, persist, endure, be permanent, be durable, wear well; abide, Archaic. bide, stay, remain, tarry, rest, hold, hold on, hold one's ground.

**enemy**, n. 1. antagonist, adversary, attacker, assailant, hostile party, foe, Literary. foeman; opponent, opposer, rival, victor, competitor, contestant, contender.

2. the opposition, hostile nation or state, the other side, them.

3. the Enemy the devil, Satan, the archenemy, the Adversary.

**energetic**, adj. 1. energetical, vigorous, dynamic, electric; active, alive, full of energy, Inf. full of pep, Inf. peppy, Inf. snappy, Inf. on one's toes, full of vim and vigor; eager, ready to go, bright-eyed and bushy- tailed; lively, spirited, 5/. go-go, full of life, animated, vibrant, vital; sprightly, sprightful, spry, Chiefly U.S. Inf. chipper; robust, hardy, hale, brisk, strenuous, exertive, laborious, physical.

2. jumping, hopping, cracking, busy, on the go or move; zealous, industrious, diligent, devoted, hard- working, determined; ambitious, enterprising, push- ing, driving, aggressive; forcible, forceful, emphatic, powerful, mighty, strong, potent, puissant, high- powered; effective, efectual, efficacious, efficient, trenchant.

**energetically**, adv. vigorously, dynamically, with might and main, briskly, strenuously, actively, Inf. hammer and tongs, zealously, eagerly, ardently; full tilt, Inf. to beat the band, Sl. up a storm, with all one's might, with everything one's got, heart and soul; dete- minedly, pointedly, diligently, industriously, with a vengeance; ambitiously, enterprisingly, aggressively; strongly, emphatically, forcibly, forcibly, powerfully, mightily, potently, puissant; effectually, efficaciously, efficiently.

**energize**, v. 1. enliven, invigorate, liven up, pep up; stimulate, animate, reanimate, whet, motivate, inspire, it, inspire, Inf. sparkplug, galvanize, electrify; vivify,
quicken, vitalize.

2. actuate, activate, move, rouse, wake; incite, arouse, rouse up, animate, provoke; fire, kindle, enkindle, Inf. spark, stir, goad, spur on, prod, prick; push, egg on, urge, impel, exhort; boost, promote, prompt, foment; excite, work up.

3. be in operation, be active; put forth energy, do one's utmost, make every effort; struggle, labor, strain; buckle to, grind, plod, slave; toil, drudge, sweat.

energy, n. 1. vigor, vitality, brrr, Inf. starch, stamina, get up and go; intensity, force, power, puissance, might, Sl. guts, nerve; potency, potentiality, efficacy, effectiveness, efficiency, cogency; virility, forcefulness, elbow grease, muscle; drive, push, Psychol. conation; initiative, ambition, enterprise.

2. animation, liveliness, vivacity, spirit; dash, elan, zest, verve, flair, zing; fire, warmth, glow, fervency, ardor; sprightliness, airiness, buoyancy, bounce, cheer; ebullience, sparkle, effervescence; vigor, vim, Inf. zip, It. brio, Sl. oomph, Inf. pep; exuberance, enthusiasm, zeal, fervor, passion; alertness, Chieftly Cf. smudged.

enervate, v. 1. weaken, enfeeble, debilitate, devitalize, deprive of strength; exhaust, deplete, sap, impotentiate; tire, strain, fatigue, Inf. take it out of [s.o.]; demoralize, defeat, Inf. take the starch out of, break, shatter; unbrace, unnerve, unman,emasculate, effeminize.

2. impair, invalidate, disable, incapacitate, cripple, paralyze, handicap, undermine; dilute, adulterate, debase, water, water down, Inf. cut; thin, attenuate; lessen, diminish, lower, reduce, minimize.

enervation, n. 1. weakness, enfeeblemment, feebleness, infirmity, debilitation, debility, infirmity, Both Pathol. asthenia, adynamia; exhaustion, depletion, impoverishment; impotence, impuissance, powerlessness, hopelessness, inability; tiredness, weariness, fatigue, strain, lassitude, languor; demoralization, defeat, collapse; emasculation, castration, effeminization.

2. impairment, invalidation, disablement, incapacitation, crippling, paralysis, undermining; dilution, adulteration, debasement; reduction, minimization, lessening, diminishing, lowering.

enfeeble, v. weaken, enervate, debilitate, devitalize, deprive of strength; exhaust, deplete, sap. See enervate (defs 1, 2).

enfold, v. 1. envelop, wrap up, enwrap, lap, entwine, swathe, muffle up, swaddle, shroud; surround, encircle, encompass, enclose; clasp, enclasped, embosom, embrace, hug.

2. fold, drape, double, pleat, plait, gather, ruffle, pucker.

enforce, v. 1. implement, put into effect or force, bring to bear, Inf. clamp down, Inf. crack down, get tough, toughen or tighten up; prosecute, follow up, back up, carry through; carry out, execute, perform, discharge; complete, accomplish, put through, fulfill, realize.

2. administer, manage, control, conduct, direct, boss, officiate, preside over, watch over, supervise, superintend; the verse reads look afresh: see that [s.t.] is done.

3. force, compel, coerce, press, pressure, make, dragoon; necessitate, cause, drive, railroad, Inf. shove or ram down one's throat; impel, urge, impress, lay stress upon, insist upon, demand, impose upon, require, exact, extort; apply pressure, Sl. lean against or on, arm-twist, twist [s.o.'s] arm, put the screws on or to, squeeze, Inf. strong-arm, put the heat on; threaten, intimidate, bulldoze, browbeat, bully, give [s.o.] a hard time, hector, harass.

enforcement, n. 1. implementation, putting into effect, bringing to bear, Inf. clamping down, U.S. Inf. crackdown; prosecution, carrying out or through, execution, discharge, completion, fulfillment, realization.

2. control, domination, supervision, manipulation; force, compulsion, coercion, pressure, duress, constraint, obligation; necessitation, requirement, press, urging, compelling, trick, provocation, goad, spur, boot, shove, push; insistence, demand, action, extortion, threat; intimidation, arm-twisting, bulldozing, browbeating, bullying; a hard time.

enfranchise, v. 1. naturalize, admit to citizenship; grant [s.o.] voting rights.

2. authorize, license, privilege, warrant; charter, empower, sanction, qualify.

3. emancipate, affranchise, liberate, manumit, disenfranchise, free, set free; release, disimprison, unfetter, unshackle.

enfranchisement, n. 1. naturalization, admission to citizenship; the vote, the right to vote.

2. authorization, accordance; license, privilege, warranty, charter; sanction, grant, concession, carte blanche; permission, leave.

3. emancipation, affranchisement, liberation, manumission, disenfranchisement, deliverance; release, disimprisonment.

engage, v. 1. occupy, employ, busy, engross, absorb; entertain, divert, amuse; hold, secure, tie up.

2. employ, hire, enlist, enroll, take on, Inf. take on board, bring aboard, put to work, put on the payroll; sign up, sign, retain, book, reserve; commission, appoint, delegate; contract for, indenture; choose, select, secure.

3. attract, draw, pull, magnetize; allure, entice, invite, tempt, lure, inveigle; interest, fascinate, charm, enamor, enchant; captivate, win, catch.

4. bind, require, prescribe, assign; astrict, oblige, commit; pledge, promise, covenant, agree; stipulate, contract, bargain; betroth, affiance, speak for, plight one's troth, espouse, give one's hand.

5. join battle with, set to, encounter, enter into conflict with, give battle to, take the field; contend, struggle, wrestle, grapple, tussle, scuffle; battle, fight, combat, war, wage war, skirmish; clash, joust, duel, cross weapons.

6. occupy oneself, become involved, be occupied, take part; take up, undertake, embark on, set or go about; throw oneself into, launch into, tackle, plunge or dive into.

engaged, adj. 1. occupied, preoccupied, employed, busy, Inf. tied up, Inf. hung up; engrossed, absorbed, caught up in, wrapped up in, lost in, immersed in; entertained, diverted, amused.

2. pledged, promised, committed, bound; contracted, covenanted, stipulated; betrothed, affianced, spoken for, plighted, espoused.

3. battling, fighting, combatting, warring; contending, struggling, wrestling.

engagement, n. 1. promise, word, word of honor, parole, pledge, vow, oath; guarantee, warranty, compact, contract, covenant, treaty; obligation, commitment; deal, pact, bargain; agreement, arrangement; acknowledgment, stipulation.

2. betrothal, betrothment, Archaic. troth, plighting, espousal, sponsalia, subbarrattion, Archaic. affiance.

3. employment, business; post, station, rounds; period, stint.

4. appointment, meeting, interview, arrangement; tryst, rendezvous, assignation, date.

5. fight, battle, duel, bout; collision, meeting, encounter, recounter, recounter; contention, clash, conflict, struggle, strife; war, warfare, fighting, hostilities; assault,
attack, offensive, assailment; siege, besiegement, besetment; brawl, feud, affray, broil.

**engaging**, **adj.** 1. pleasing, delightful, enjoyable; charming, attractive, appealing, Inf. fetching, Inf. eye-catching; winning, taking, winsome; sweet, agreeable, likeable; lovely, pretty, fair, handsome, propossessing, beautiful, exquisite; graceful, elegant, refined.

2. enticing, alluring, tempting, tantalizing, titillating; intriguing, diverting, beguiling, inducing, provocative, seductive, arousing; irresistible, magnetizing, electrifying, captivating, inflaming; fascinating, catching, hypnotizing, mesmerizing; enchanting, bewitching, entrancing, enthraling, enrapturing.

**engender**, v. 1. cause, produce, effect, effectuate, bring about, give rise to, occasion; excite, provoke, arouse, work up.

2. beget, create, procreate, father, sire, sow the seeds of, conceive, give birth to; breed, propagate, reproduce, spawn.

3. arise, dawn, come into existence, come to be, take birth, see the light of day, begin.

**engine**, n. 1. motor, turbine, dynamo, generator, transformer, transducer.

2. machine, mechanism, apparatus, device, contrivance, Inf. contraption; tool, utensil, implement, appliance, convenience, facility, utility, mechanical aid.

**engineer**, n. 1. operator, handler, conductor, driver, pilot; (on a streetcar or subway) motorman, (on a cable car) gripman, Brit. engine driver, Inf. Casey Jones, Railroad Sl. hogger or hog head.

2. combat engineer, pioneer, Seabee, U.S. Navy.

—v. 3. plan, devise, lay out, orchestrate, mastermind; manage, superintend, direct, conduct, handle, run, Inf. quarter, Inf. call the shots; produce, perform, do, achieve, accomplish, effectuate, bring about.

4. arrange, negotiate, put through, Inf. swing, Sl. put over; scheme, intrigue, conspire, connive, plot; maneuver, machine, manipulate, pull strings or wires, jockey, finesse, Inf. wangle, Inf. finagle.

**engird**, v. 1. absorb, immerse, preoccupy, obsess, consume, devour, take all one's time; keep one busy, engage, involve, occupy, employ, hold, hold one's attention; amuse, divert, distract; rivet, fix, fixate, arrest, attract.

2. inscribe, letter, superscribe, transcribe, Rare. scribe; engrave, imprint.

3. buy up, forestall, corner, corner the market; monopolize, have all to oneself, control the market.

**engross**, adj. 1. absorbing, immersing, enwrapping, deep; preoccupying, obsessing, obsessive, monopolizing; fascinating, captivating, spellbinding, interesting; riveting, attention-getting, arresting, engaging, occupying, amusing, charming.

2. monopolizing, controlling, having all to oneself, having a corner on the market.

**engrossment**, n. 1. absorption, absorbing, immersing, preoccupation, preoccupying, obsessions, obsessive consumption, consuming, devourment, devouring, Inf. bag, Sl. hang-up; involvement, involving, occupation, occupying, engagement, engaging, employment, employing, business, busy, abstraction, raptness, intensity, concentration, pensive- ness, musing, thoughtfulness.

2. inscription, superscription, transcription, transcript, copy.

**engulf**, v. 1. swallow up, gulf, gulp, consume, engulf; submerge, whirl, submerse, sound; sink, send to the bottom, go down; inundate, flood, deluge, overwhelm; drown, swamp, entomb, bury.

2. plunge, dive, pitch, leap, fall headlong, jump; immerse, absorb, engross, bury in, engage.

**enhance**, v. 1. intensify, magnify, amplify, heighten; increase, make greater, Chiefly Literary. greater; enrich, strengthen, deepen, darken; reinforce, double, redouble.

2. augment, elevate, aggravate, raise, boost, escalate, Inf. jack up, hike.

**enhancement**, n. 1. intensification, magnification, amplification, heightening; strengthening, enrichment, deepening, darkening; reinforcement, doubling, redoubling.

2. increase, increment, accretion, raise; elevation, escalation, aggravdizement, augmentation, boost, hike.

**enigma**, n. 1. mystery, puzzle, riddle, conundrum, question, question mark; problem, dilemma, quandary, plight, predicament, skeleton in the closet, Inf. pickle, Inf. jam, Inf. fix; maze, labyrinth, tangle, knot; secret, Arcanum, closed or sealed book; unknown, unexplored ground or territory, Latin, terra incognita; unknowable, deep or profound secret, mystery of mysteries.

2. oracle, dark saying, hidden meaning, obscure statement, riddle of the sphinx; puzzler, poser, Inf. hard nut to crack, Inf. brain-teaser, Inf. mind-boggler, Inf. stump, Inf. floorer.

**enigmatic**, adj. 1. puzzling, baffling, bewildering, perplexing, confounding, mystifying, enigmatic, inexplicable, unexplainable, insoluble, intractable, Obs. inextricable; strange, weird, bizarre.

2. misterious, arcane, cryptic, esoteric, occult, pernicious, hermetic, hermetical; secret, hidden, veiled, masked, screened; obscure, indistinct, indefinite, unclear, shadowy, nebulous, vague; inscrutable, oracular, sphinx, sphinxian, sphinxlike; mystic, mystical, transcendent, cabalistic.

3. abstruse, recondite, abstract, heavy; impenetrable, unfathomable, incomprehensible, uncomprensible, past or beyond comprehension or understanding.

4. ambiguous, equivocal, noncommittal; secretive, covert, clandestine, under-the-table, under-the-counter; evasive, shifty, circuitous.

**enjoin**, v. 1. direct, order, command, charge, bid; enact, decree, ordain, summon; adjure, dictate, instruct,
call upon; require, exact, call for, ask for; bind, force, set, saddle with, impose.

2. prescribe, recommend, advise, counsel, advocate, suggest, move; caution, admonish, exhort; urge, persuade, prompt, press, encourage.

3. prohibit, proscribe, ban, interdict, preclude, disallow, forbid; restrict, inhibit, bar, hinder, obstruct; restrain, contain; preclude, ban.

enjoy, v. 1. take pleasure in, be pleased with, take enjoyment, adj. enjoyable, v. 1. take pleasure in, be pleased with, take

2. have a good time, have a time of it, have a ball, Inf. eat [s.t.] up; Sl. get a bang or kick or boot out of, Sl. get a charge or lift out of, Sl. get high off of, Sl. get off on.

3. benefit from, profit from, reap the benefits of; make good use of, avail oneself of, make the most of; make use of, use, put to use, utilize, use to one's advantage.

enjoyable, adj. delightful, pleasant, pleasing, agreeable, pleasurable, gratifying, satisfying; lovely, nice, good, great, swell, Sl. fine; fun, amusing, entertaining;detectable, delicious, palatable, tasty, toothsome, savoury.

enjoyment, n. delight, pleasure, joy; delectation, gratification, satisfaction; zest, relish, gusto, exhilaration, transport, ecstasy; gladness, cheer, mirth, glee, merriment, jollity, gaiety; happiness, elation, elevation, felicity, bliss; contentment, ease, comfort, cakes and ale, wine and roses, bed of roses, creature comforts; treat, feast, banquet, regalement, revelling, revel, revelry; good time, fun, Sl. kick, Sl. bang, thrill; amusement, diversion, entertainment, recreation, divertissement.

enkindle, v. 1. fire, ignite, torch, deflagrate, burn, kindle, burn up or down, set afame or alight or on fire, set fire to, set to the torch, put or apply a match to, Obs. accord, Obs. flagrate.

2. incite, provoke, actuate, poke, prod, prick, goad, stimulate, animate, reanimate, whet, quicken, make active, incite; fire or fuel off, ignite the spark, stir the embers, stoke or Obs. fire.

Inf. start something; forager, look for, hunt for, search, show how, demonstrate; describe, point out, tell; acquaint with, familiarize with; introduce to; apprise of.

enlighten, v. 1. instruct, teach, tutor, school, educate, inform, apprise; edify, uplift, open [s.o.'s] eyes; make [s.o.] see the light; indoctrinate, inculcate, instil, infuse; train, coach, initiate, ground, prepare, ready; counsel, advise, guide, preach, lecture, moralize, sermonize; civilize, cultivate, refine, polish.

2. explain, illustrate, illumine, illuminate, clarify, clear up, elucidate, make clear; indicate, show how, demonstrate; describe, point out, tell; acquaint with, familiarize with, introduce to, apprise of.

enlightened, adj. aware, insightful, sensitive, broad-minded, open-minded, reasonable, rational; wise, understanding, comprehending; intellectual, cerebral, brainy, highbrow or highbrowed; articulate, well-spoken, fluent; civilized, cultivated, refined, cultured, artistic, Inf. arty, Sl. artsy, Inf. longhaired.

2. educated, learned, scholarly, erudite; literate, lettered, literary, well-read; knowledgeable, informed, conversant, versed, well-versed, well-grounded; sensible of, apprised of, acquainted with, familiar with.

3. trained, schooled, instructed, tutored, coached; prepared, readied, primed.

enlightenment, n. 1. understanding, wisdom, sapience, (usu. cap.) Buddhism; prajna; comprehension, awareness, insight, perception, sensitivity; open-mindedness, broad-mindedness, freedom of thought, appreciation; learning, knowledge, lore, information, skill; preparation, schooling, training, initiation, apprenticeship; erudition, scholarship, study, Usu. Derog. bookishness; education, culture, cultivation, refinement.

2. education, teaching, instruction, tuition, tutelage; direction, guidance, nurture, development; inculcation, indoctrination, initiation, discipline; explanation, illustration, elucidation, illumination, clarification.

enlist, v. 1. (usu. in reference to military service) enroll, sign up, Inf. join up; volunteer, volunteer for the draft.

2. (in reference to military service) draft, impress, press, recruit, induct, levy, conscript, conscribe, Archaic. list, muster in, Naut. shanghai, crimp; activate, call up, mobilize.

3. recruit, procure, must, gather up or together; secure, obtain, enroll, register, engage, take on, hire, employ.

enlistment, n. 1. term, period, incumbency, Chiefly Mil. tour, tour of duty, Inf. time, stint, Mil. Sl. hitch.

2. enrollment, registration, sign-up; engagement, procurement, mustering, securing.

3. conscription, recruitment, levy, drafting.

enliven, v. 1. invigorate, stimulate, inspire, exhilarate; energize, animate, raise, vivify, vitalize; reanimate, revive, revivify, revitalize, rejuvenate; kindle, enkindle, Inf. spark, waken, awaken, stir; rouse, arouse, whet, quicken, make active, incite; fire or fire up, Inf. light a fire under, inflame, inspire; excite, thrill, tingle.
2. brighten, warm, make cheerful, make sprightly or gay; perk up, *Inf.* pep up, bolster or bolster up; refresh, give freshness to, cheer or cheer up, give a lift to, uplift; enhance, beautify, prettify, grace; spruce up, make smart, smarten up, *Sl.* jazz up, *Sl.* soup up; add to, improve, ameliorate, meliorate, show off to advantage.

**enlivenment**, n. jauntiness, sprightliness, pertness, friskiness, playfulness, sportiveness; energy, spirit, elan, dash, ardor; passion, zeal, gusto, vigor; eagerness, animation, *Inf.* ginger, enthusiasm; sparkle, ebullience, excitement; ecstasy, thrill, *Inf.* rush, tingling; exhilaration, liveliness, alacrity, briskness; vivacity, effervescence, bubbling; gladnessomeness, joyousness, cheerfulness, levity; high spirits, good spirits, gaiety, merriment, lightheartedness; blithesomeness, airiness, sunniness, breeziness, buoyancy; hilarity, mirth, mirthfulness, elation; glee, gleefulness, exultation, jubilation; merrymaking, rejoicing, laughter; jocundity, jocularity, joviality, conviviality, jollity.

en masse, in a mass, in a body, all together, as a group, as a whole, as one, ensemble.

enmesh, v. net, catch, capture, trap, entrap, snare, ensnare, *Obs.* illaqueate; mesh; entangle, tangle, trammel, snarl, intertwine.

enmity, n. animosity, animus, hostility; odium, hatred, hate, dislike, unfriendliness; malignity, malevolence, malice, spite, venom, grudge, ill will; rancor, acrimony, bitterness, hard feelings; antagonism, invidiousness, antipathy, bad blood, aversion; alienation, estrangement; contention, opposition, repugnance.

**enrapture**, adj. transported, enchanted, spellbound, fascinated, captivated, charmed; enraptured, rapt, overjoyed, ecstatic, *Sl.* turned on.


enrich, v. 1. endow, make rich, provide for; set up for life, feather one's nest; satiate, sate; 2. enhance, appreciate, upgrade, aggrandize; improve, ameliorate, better, restore, furnish, revalue.

enrichment, n. 1. endowment, situation, appreciation, aggrandizement, enhancement; improvement, betterment, advancement, furtherance; 2. adornment, embellishment, beautification, ornamentation, decoration; refinement, cultivation, development.

enroll, v. 1. register, matriculate, sign up; enlist, join, *Inf.* join up, volunteer, recruit; 2. note, mark or put down, record, list, catalogue, chronicle; enter, insert; 3. roll, coil, ball, roll into a ball, wrap up or around.

enrollment, n. 1. registration, matriculation, signing up; enlistment, joining, recruitment; 2. list or listing of members, roster, register, record.

en route, adv. on the way, on the road, in transit.

enconsent, v. 1. cover, shelter, seclude, hide, conceal, keep out of sight; screen, camouflage, veil, shroud; 2. settle, nestle, snuggle up, cuddle up, curl up; seat, locate, set, put, place, install, lodge, entrench.

ensemble, n. 1. whole, entirety, totality, whole thing, total, sum, *Sl.* whole bit, *Sl.* whole schmear; aggregate, composite, combination, agglomeration, conglomeration; collection, assemblage, accumulation, cumulation, mass, pile, heap; 2. outfit, matched set, costume, coordinates, getup; apparel, attire, garb, garments, clothing, clothes.


4. trio, quartet, chamber orchestra, chorus, choir; troupe, troop, company, band, circle; group, association, affiliation, union.

—adv. 5. together, all together, en masse, as a group or whole, in concert; simultaneously, at the same time, at once, all at once.

enshrine, v. 1. sanctify, dedicate, consecrate; beatify, hallow; deify, apotheosize, exalt, idolize; 2. cherish, hold sacred, immortalize, revere, venerate, adore; esteem, prize, value, preserve.

enshrub, v. shrub, cover, conceal, cloak, bury, obscure, cloud, becloud; veil, mask, envelop, wrap, hide.

ensign, n. 1. flag, standard, pennant, pennon, baneret, banner, insign, insignie, streamer; banderole, oriflamme, labarum, gionialon, tricolor, jack, blue

—adv. 3. sufficiently, satisfactorily, tolerably, passably, adequately; abundantly, plentifully, plenteously, *Inf.* plenity; without stint, with no effort spared, with no expense spared, to one's heart's content, ad libitum.
enslave, v. 1. overcome, conquer, subjugate, subjugation, enslavement, 1. slavery, bondage, enthrallment, 
ensnare, v. trap, trap, ensnare, snag, catch, lay by the heels, lead captive; take prisoner, kidnap, abduct, carry off. 
2. captivate, fascinate, enrapture, enthrall; infatuate, 2. result, eventuate, transpire; proceed, arise, emerge, 
ensue, v. 1. follow, come afterward, succeed, come next; attend, happen, occur, chance, come to pass, turn out; present itself, turn up, crop up. 
2. result, eventuate, transpire; proceed, arise, emanate, flow, spring, come out of. 
ensure, v. 1. secure, attain, win, confirm, lock in, ensure, 
entangle, n. 1. difficulty, involvement, imbroglio; suggest, volunteer; maintain, assert, claim, declare, allow, insist. 
entangle, v. 1. tangle, snarl, ensnarl, ravel, knot, 
entanglement, n. 1. tangle, snare, complication, problem, perplexity, puzzle, knot, Gordian knot; complexity, intricacy, network, complex, complicity, web, workweb; coil, twist; wilderness, jungle, labyrinth, maze. 
2. difficulty, involvement, imbroglio; predicament, fix, plight, quandary, dilemma; kink, gnarl, knotty point, frustration. 
3. confusion, bewilderment, distraction, disorder, derangement; trouble, muddle, mix up, Sl. snafu, Sl. foul-up; implication, involvement, embarrassment, embroilment. Inf. mess, Inf. a heap of trouble; obstruction, obstacle, quagmire, quicksand, slough. 
entente, n. 1. rapprochement, conciliation, peace-making; pact, compact, treaty, covenant, concordat, contract, formal agreement; settlement, arrangement, understanding, cordial understanding, agreement, deal; fraternization, camaraderie, concord, accord, concert, harmony. 
2. alliance, coalition, union, league, bloc, bund, federation, federation, confederation, confederacy; partnership, co-partnership, affiliation.

enter, v. 1. come in or into, go in or into, pass into, flow into, move through; approach, set foot on, board, embark. 
2. break in, force one's way in, intrude, irritate, trespass; interrupt, break in on, burst in upon, Sl. butt in, U.S. Sl. horn in; infiltrate, invade, penetrate. 
3. admit, enroll, sign up, register, matriculate; be admitted, obtain entrance or entreée, get in, be accepted. 
4. begin, start, undertake, commence; break ground, launch, get underway, Inf. get off the ground, start off, forward; set out on, start out, take the first step; get going, set sail, hit the road or trail, be off; depart, leave, sally forth, venture out or forth, Inf. take off, Inf. push off. 
5. penetrate, pierce, perforate, stick, prick; puncture, punch, stab, wound, lancinate. 
6. insert, put in, introduce, inject, inset, place in; stick in, shove in, push in, drive in, hammer in, infix; thrust in, force in, ram in, cram in, stuff in, wedge in, put between. 
7. join or join up, enlist in, become a member, sign up with, enroll in; unite with, associate oneself with, become connected with, belong to. 
8. engage in, become involved in, occupy oneself with, be concerned with, take an interest in; share in, participate in, partake of; undertake, take upon oneself, assume responsibility; commit oneself, pledge oneself, bind oneself, promise, give one's word. 
9. record, register, document; put or set down, keep minutes, note, jot down, take down; list, tally, tabulate, keep score, inventory; index, file, chronicle, schedule, catalogue, calendar. 
10. put forward, submit, register, offer, proffer, tender, hold out; bring up, broach, introduce, propose, suggest, volunteer; maintain, assert, claim, declare, allow, insist. 
11. enter into a. participate in, engage in. See enter (def. 7). b. investigate, consider, check up or up on, look into, analyze, study, examine, scrutinize, probe. c. sympathize with, empathize with, share in, feel for, have compassion for.

enterprise, n. 1. plan, scheme; venture, undertaking, Archaic. emprise, project, task; campaign, crusade, cause. 
2. work, effort, attempt, essay, endeavor, struggle. 
3. boldness, readiness, go-ahead, push, initiative, ambition; intensity, force, power, puissance, might, courage, Sl. guts, nerve; energy, go, vigor, Inf. starch, vitality, get up and go; dash, élan, zest, vim, Inf. zip, snap, It. brio, Sl. oomph, Inf. pep; animation, liveliness, vivacity. 
4. industry, business, Sl. racket; company, corporation, firm, house, establishment; shop, store; partnership, team.

enterprising, adj. 1. venturous, venturesome, adventurous; courageous, bold, caring, audacious, fearless, dauntless; spirited, mettle, plucky; energetic, vigorous, strenuous, powerful, full of vim and vigor, indefatigable; zealous, ardent, fervent, fervid, avid, enthusiastic, eager; alert, wide-awake, sharp, keen, smart, resourceful, self-reliant.
2. ambitious, aspiring, climbing, up-and-coming, goal-oriented; earnest, resolved, resolute, determined,
entertain, v. 1. divert, interest, occupy, beguile, engage, engross, absorb; amuse, please, charm, cheer; hand one a few laughs; gladden, gratify, tickle, exhilarate, enliven, rejoice.

2. disport, recreate, dally; clown, joke, jest, cut up, burlesque, mimic, impersonate, sing and dance.

3. host, receive guests, welcome; give a party. Inf. throw or toss a party, have people over, have company; regale, wine and dine, fete, banquet, treat.

4. consider, take into consideration, weigh, contemplate; ponder; mind, heed, attend.

5. (of thoughts and feelings) harbor, shelter, foster, nurture, cherish; hide, conceal; hold, possess.

entertainer, n. 1. host, hostess; master of ceremonies, M.C., emcee.

2. actor, actress, thespian, tragedian, tragedienne; night club performer, comedian, comedicienne, impressionist, mime; speaker, lecturer, reader, monologist, reciter; musician, singer, chanteuse, Il., Fr. cantatrice, diva; dancer, ballerina; circus performer, Sl. kinker, clown, acrobat, animal trainer.

entertaining, adj. 1. amusing, pleasing, pleasurable; diverting, interesting, distracting, absorbing, engrossing, beguiling; recreational, lively, sportive.

2. laughable, funny, comical, witty, humorous, jolly; hilarious, sidesplitting, ludicrous, farcical, jocular, jocose, jovial, risible.

entertainment, n. 1. amusement, diversion, diversissement, distraction, pastime; recreation, play, sport, fun, cheer; pleasure, enjoyment, gratification, delight, gaiety; relaxation, dalliance, merrymaking, pleasantry, merriment, joviality, jocoseness, jollity, jollification, drollery.

2. antic, lark, romp, gambol, spree, junket; prank, practical joke, escapade, revelry, tomfoolery, skylarking.

3. celebration, gala, fête, soiree, party; dance, ball, prom; pageant, parade, spectacle, extravaganza; festival, carnival, circus; exhibition, presentation, performance, concert, show, play, movie, film; night life.

4. hospitality, welcome, reception, accommodation; refreshment, refectory, collation, tea, cocktails; repast, dinner, banquet, feast.

enthrall, v. 1. charm, attract, captivate, take one's fancy; fascinate, allure, enrapture, infatuate, hold spellbound, spellbind; enamor, inflame, excite, thrill, ravish; bewitch, becharm, enchant, mesmerize, hypnotize, carry away, transport.

2. subjugate, enslave, master, subdue; overpower, overcome, vanquish, trample under foot; enchain, keep in bondage, hold in thrall, weigh down, keep under.

enthrallment, n. 1. possession, subjection, bondage, captivity; slavery, thralldom; fetters, chains.

2. enchantment, charm, spell, witchery, bewitchment; fascination, enthrallment, infatuation, passion, obsession, fixation, mania, absorption, preoccupation, preoccupession.

enthrone, v. 1. imperialize, ennoble, episcopize, king, give sovereignty to; enthronize, seat or place upon a throne, crown; empower, authorize, entitle.

2. exalt, glorify, dignify; deify, apotheosize, canonize; elevate, raise, upraise, make lofty, aggrandize; honor, revere, respect, admire, look up to, pay homage to; worship, adore, idolize, idealize, romanticize, glamorize, put [s.o.] on a pedestal.

enthuse, v. 1. effervesce, bubble over, emote, gush, be effusive or ebullient, overflow with enthusiasm; get or become excited, get or be all worked up, wax enthusiastic, grow eager or zealous or ardent; Inf. get psyched or psych up, Inf. get all fired up; become interested in, get involved or absorbed in, get into, get caught up in, be possessed with, be taken with.

2. excite, make exuberant, work up, Inf. psych or psych up; impulsion, inflame, Inf. fire up; interest, get the attention of, involve, absorb, possess.

enthusiasm, n. 1. eagerness, earnestness, keenness, intentionness, intensity, excitement; fervor, ardor, fervency, warmth, glow, fire; devotion, devotedness, zeal, veriseness, passion, fanaticism.

2. spirit, abandon, liveliness, vivacity; emotion, animation, exuberance, ebullience; vitality, life, buoyancy, bounce, Il. brio, zest, verve, zing, Sl. oomph; vigor, force, energy, determination, vehement; relish, gusto, delight, elation, rapture, ecstasy, transport.

3. optimism, assurance, confidence; sanguineness, hope, hopefulness.

enthusiast, n. 1. devotee, fan, aficionado, Inf. buff, Inf. hound, Sl. bug, Sl. nut, addict, Inf. fiend, Si. jock, Sl. jock, Sl. freak; (all usu. of adolescent girls) (in the 40s) (in the 40s) hobbyboxer, (in the 60s) teenybopper, (in the 70s) group.

2. votary, champion, disciple, follower, satellite, adherent; zealot, partisan, bigot, fanatic; visionary, cultist, sectary.

3. promoter, supporter, Inf. pusher, Inf. booster, Inf. arm-waver; chauvinist, jingoist.

enthusiastically, adv. 1. ardently, fervently, eager, keen, anxious, Inf. wild; excited, Inf. all fired up, Inf. psyched or psych up, Sl. hopped up, Sl. ape; heated, vehement, fervid, perfervid; fiery, flaming, inflamed, glowing, white-hot.

2. earnest, wholehearted, devoted; zealous, passionate, Inf. gung-ho, Inf. rah-rah; possessed, fanatic, fanaticical, Sl. hung up, rabid, mad.

3. spirited, animated, vivacious, lively; vigorous, forceful, energetic, exuberant; ebullient, irrepressible, bubbling over, effervescent; demonstrative, emotive, expressive, effusive, gushing, Inf. gaga.

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2. fervor, ardor, fervency, warmth, glow, fire; devotion, devotedness, zeal, veriseness, passion, fanaticism.

3. optimism, assurance, confidence; sanguineness, hope, hopefulness.

enthusiastically, adv. 1. ardently, fervently, eagerly, keenly, Inf. in a big way, anxiously; vehemently, fervidly, desperately, excessively, extremely, Inf. all-fired; devotedly, earnestly, in earnest, wholeheartedly, Inf. with bells on; zealously, passionately, Inf. like mad, Inf. like crazy, fanatically, rabidly, madly.

2. vigorously, forcefully, energetically, with might and main, with a vengeance, Inf. hammer and tongs, Inf. for all one's worth, Inf. to beat the band, Sl. up a storm; fiercely, tooth and nail.

3. spiritedly, animatedly, exuberantly; ebulliently, irrepressibly, effervescently; demonstratively, emotively, expressively, effusively, gushingly.

entice, v. allure, lure, tempt, inveigle, beguile, seduce, tantalize, pique, Archiac. trepan; bait, bait the hook, lead on, draw on, Sl. give [s.o.] the come-on, Sl. bat one's eyes at; wheedle, cajole, Inf. sweet-talk, coax, blandish, Sl. soft-soap; ensnare, draw in, Sl. rope in, Sl. suck in.

enticement, n. allurement, allure, temptation, invitation, beguilement, inveiglement, tantalization, seduction, baiting; cajolery, blandishment, coaxing, wheedling.

2. lure, decoy, bait, snare, trap, forbidden fruit, Sl. come-on; honeyed words, Inf. soft soap.

entire, adj. 1. whole, complete, total, aggregate, integral, plenary, full; extensive, extended, wholesale; comprehensive, universal, inclusive, all-inclusive; un-
broken, undivided, indivisible, undividable, uncut, unshortened, unabridged, all in one, unitary; intact, sound, indissoluble, hale, solid; self-contained, independent, autonomous, self-supporting.

2. thorough, thoroughgoing, exhaustive, in-depth, A to Z, Brit. A to Zed, Brit. Dial; grately; absolute, dyed-in-the-wool, full-fledged, Inf. teetotal, complete, utter, gross, rank, sheer, radical, sweeping; unqualified, unmodified, uncompromised, unconditional, unconditioned, unresolved, unmitigated; unrestricted, unlimited, unhampered, unimpeded, unbounded; unequivocal, clear, unambiguous, explicit, express.

3. unimpaired, undamaged, unharmed, uninjured, unsathed, unmuttilated, undecayed; pure, unmixed, unmingled, unblended, unalloyed; diminished, unlesened, unreduced, unabated.

—n. 4. See entirety (defs. 1, 2) and whole (defs. 7, 8).

entirely, adv. 1. wholly, purely, fully, Latin in toto, Latin in extenso, completely; totally, plenarily, aggregate, every whit, every inch, nothing short of; 100%; comprehensively, extensively, from the ground up, universally, inclusively; soundly, substantially, solidly; as a whole, all in all, in the main; throughout, at length, altogether, in mass, in a body, in its entirety.

2. thoroughly, in all respects, in every respect, exhaustively, arrantly, absolutely; from first to last, from head to foot, cap-a-pie, from top to toe, from A to Z, Brit. from A to Zed; utterly, sheerly, quite, root and branch; downright, out-and-out, outright, all-out, straight-out; through and through, backward and forward; radically, fundamentally, essentially.

3. unqualifiedly, uncompromisingly, unconditionally, unreservedly, unmitigatedly; Sl. all the way, to the nth degree, Sl. like mad, Sl. like crazy, lock, stock and barrel, Inf. hook, line, and sinker; enthusiastically, fervently, heart and soul, bag and baggage, whole hog; unequivocally, positively, clearly, unambiguously, explicitly, expressly.

entirety, n. 1. wholeness, completeness, totality, aleness, aggregate, assemblage, collective, ensemble, Fr. tout ensemble; integrity, integrityality, fullness, plenitude, entireness; comprehensiveness, universality, Rare. omnitude, inclusiveness; undividedness, indivisibility; intactness, soundness, solidarity, solidarity.

2. all, the whole, alpha and omega, beginning and end, length and breadth; entire amount, sum total, gross amount; everything, everybody.

entitle, v. 1. title, give [s.o.] a title, Archai. entitulate; give [s.o.] a right or claim to, authorize, legalize, warrant, sanction, license; empower, qualify, enable, capacitate, fit for.

2. christen, baptize, name, call, address; designate, term, dub, nickname, label, style; characterize, qualify.

entity, n. 1. thing, real thing, Metaphys. ens, object, article; creature, person, being.

2. being, existence, Philos. subsistence, life; essence, inner being, essential nature, quiddity.

entomb, v. ensepulcher, sepulcher; bury, inter, inhumere, inurn; lay away, Inf. lay to rest, Sl. put six feet under, consign to the grave, Dial. funeritalize.

entrance, n. sepulture, burial, burying, interment, inhumation, inurnment.

entourage, n. 1. attendance, train, retinue, cortège, suite, court, following, followers; escort, bodyguard, convoy, staff, attendants.

2. environment, environs, surroundings, circumstances, ambience, milieu, purleus, ambit, precincets, entriments.

entrails, n. pl. 1. viscera, body organs, internal organs, internals, insides, inwards, Inf. innards, Inf. gizzard, Sl. guts, liver and lights; vital parts, vital organs, vitals.

2. alimentary canal, bowel, bowels, colon, colons, (of swine) chitterlings, intestine, intestines.

entrance', n. 1. admission, admittance, permission to enter, access, right of entry; entry, entryway, entree, inlet, ingress; approach, ramp, drive, driveway, lane, adit; path, pathway, route, road, roadway, course, way, means; street, avenue, boulevard, highway; opening, aperture, hatch, door, doorway, gate, gateway, postern, portal; threshold, stile, turnstile, wicket; hall, hallway, passage, passageway, arcade, gangway, walkway, corridor, gallery; lobby, foyer, vestibule, anteroom, waiting room; anteporch, porch, portico.

2. access, succession, inheritance, assumption, taking on or over; entering upon, arrival at, advent to; elevation, promotion, rise, coming to, reaching, attainment; induction, installation, initiation, inauguration, investiture.

3. beginning, start, outset, dawn, birth; debut, commencement, premiere, overture.

4. coming in, inflow, influx; invasion, incursion, inroad, irruption; break-in, intrusion, trespassing, infiltration, penetration.

entrance', v. 1. enrapture, fascinate, bewitch; enchant, spellbind, magnetize; captivate, enamor; design, please, transport, ravish; charm, allure, attract; interest, intrigue.

2. hypnotize, mesmerize, cast a spell on, hex; bewilder, bedazzle, dazzle.

entrant, n. 1. new member, arrival, novice, neophyte, tyro, beginner; freshman, plebe; kindergartner, first grader, catechumen; pledge, initiate, probationer, proselyte, convert; newbie, cub, greenhorn, babe in the woods.

2. contestant, player, lottery player; candidate, applicant, petitioner, seeker; competitor, rival, opponent.

entrap, v. 1. ensnare, snare, net, mesh, bag, sack, gin, trap, Archai. entoil, Archai. trepan.

2. entice, inveigle, allure, lure, beguile, tempt; bait, the hook, lead on, draw on; involve, implicate, entangle, enmesh, draw in, drag or hook into, make a party to, Sl. rope in, Sl. suck in.

3. embarrass, show up, expose, reveal; trip, trip up, catch, catch off guard, catch napping, catch out; Inf. corner, Inf. tree, Inf. have [s.o.] on the ropes, Sl. put [s.o.] on the spot, Sl. have the goods on [s.o.].

entrapment, n. enticement, allurement, allure, temptation, invitation, beguilement, inveiglement, entitation, seduction.

entreat, v. 1. beseech, implore, invoke, enjoin, impetrate, appeal, obtest; pray, plead, crave, supplicate; entreat, beseechment, impetration, entreaty, adjuration.

2. request, apply to, importune, urge, press, ply.

entreaty, n. appeal, bid, suit, prayer, call, cry, clamor; solicitation, supplication, beseechment, impetration, obtestation, invocation, petition, adjuration.

entrée, n. 1. entrance, entryway, inlet, ingress; approach, drive, driveway, lane, adit; path, pathway, route, road, roadway, course, way, means; street, avenue, boulevard, highway; opening, aperture, hatch, door, doorway, gate, gateway, postern, portal; threshold, stile, turnstile, wicket; hall, hallway, passage, passageway, arcade, gangway, walkway, corridor, gallery; lobby, foyer, vestibule, anteroom, waiting room; anteporch, porch, portico.

2. access, admission, admittance, permission to enter, right of entry.

3. means, way, channel, avenue, approach; in, influence, Sl. pull.

4. main course, principal dish, Fr. pièce de...
resistance; meal, dinner, supper.

5. side dish, side order, entremets.

entrench, v. 1. dig in, fortify, solidify, establish; embed, fix, ground, plant, root; wall, fence, bulwark, barricade, embattle; brace, buttress, shore up, reinforce, stiffen.

2. trench, encroach, trespass, infringe, impinge; invade, ingress, make inroads, infiltrate; overstep, over-run, advance; intrude, obturate, interlobe.

entrenchment, n. 1. fortification, bulwark, rampart, bastion, Fort. vallation; trench, ditch, foxhole, dugout, sap, moat, fosse; nest, bunker, pill box, abri; beachhead, bridgehead, line, Mil. hedgerow; bank, parados, wall, embankment, mound; fence, defense, outwork, Rare. muniment; All Fort. work, redan, breastwork, earthwork, redoubt, lunette, tenaille.

2. encroachment, infringement, impingement, invasion; trespass, transgression, violation; intrusion, obstruction, interruption; overstepping, overrunning, advance; inroad, ingress, incursion, infiltration.

entre nous, between ourselves, between you and me, Latin. inter nos, between us, between you and me and Latin, inter nos, between us, between you and me.

entrepreneur, n. 1. businessman, enterpriser, businesswoman, entrepreneur; executive, Sl. exec, financier, industrialist; magnate, tycoon, U.S. baron, captain of industry.

2. contractor, employer, hirer; manager, director, producer, conductor, impresario.

entrust, v. delegate, depute, deputize, put or place in [s.o.'s] hands; confide, commit, hand over, turn over, deliver; make over, assign, consign.

entry, n. 1. entrance, entree, inlet, ingress, approach, access, admittance. See entrance (def. 1).

2. statement, item, brief, record, minutes, account, bulletin, description; note, memorandum, Inf. memo, jotting, thought.

3. contestant, competitor, rival; opponent, adversary.

entwine, v. intertwine, weave, interweave; wattle, thatch, lace, interlace, knit; splice, link, interlink, intertwist; braid, plait, crisscross, entangle.

enumerate, v. 1. list, specify, name, cite; estimate, check, check off, go over, run over, take account of; catalogue, detail, mark, take stock of; recount, narrate, relate.

2. count, compute, calculate, reckon, number, tally, add; call roll, poll.

enumeration, n. 1. listing, naming, citing, cataloguing, detailing, marking; recounting, narrating, relating.

2. computation, calculation, reckoning; tally, poll, census, nosecount; statistic, Inf. stats.

3. list, catalogue, roster, checklist, Inf. laundry list; recapitulation, narration, litany.

enunciate, v. 1. articulate, pronounce, modulate, intone, intonate, vocalize, accentuate; say, express, utter, voice, breathe, give or let out, come out with; deliver, present.

2. affirm, assert, asseverate, avow, avouch, aver; insist, maintain, contend, hold, stand for or on; pronounce, propose, put forward; allege, claim, set forth; depose, testify, attest, swear.

3. proclaim, promulgate, state, give notice; declare, pronounce, profess, enounce; announce, publish, publicize, broadcast, herald, make known; signal, annunciate, knell; cry, blare, blazon, trumpet.

enunciation, n. 1. delivery, presentation, attack, force of utterance; speech pattern, manner of speaking, mode of expression; emphasis, accent, accentuation, stress, syllable stress; articulating, pronouncing, modulating, intonating, vocalizing, enunciating; saying, expressing, uttering, voicing; delivering, presenting.

2. articulation, pronunciation, vocalization, voice, voicing, phonation; intonation, inflection, modulation; vociferation, exclamation, Rhet. echogenesis.

3. announcement, proclamation, promulgation, announcement, broadcast, statement, formal statement or announcement; notice, formal notice, notification; declaration, pronunciation, profession, enunciation; affirmation, asseveration, avowment, avowal, avouchment, acknowledgment; allegation, accusation; protest, formal protest.

enunciative, adj. 1. vocal, oral, verbal, spoken, phonetic, phonetical; voiced, vocalized, articulated, pronounced; intoned, intonated, inflected, modulated; stressed, accented, accentuated, emphatic, emphasized; articulate, intelligible, distinct, clear, plain.

2. expressive, declarative, declaratory, enunciatory, enunciable; affirmative, affirmative, assertive.

envelop, v. 1. enfold, enwrap, wrap, sheathe, case, cover; hide, conceal, embosk, shroud, enshroud, clothe, overlay; hood, cloak, shield, screen; protect, shelter.

2. encompass, enclose, encase, encircle, enwreath, surround; clasp, embrace.

envelope, n. wrapper, wrapping, wrap; cover, covering, capsule, case, casing, container, holder, receptacle; skin, sheath, condom; cod, Dial. pod, pocket; Biol. integument, Biol. theca.

envenom, v. 1. poison, enmisch; infect, taint, pollute, contaminate, foul, befoul; vitiate, corrupt, debase.

2. embitter, exacerbate, acerbate, gall, rankle, bitter, sour; anger, incense, enrage, madden, infuriate, make [s.o.'s] blood boil.

enviable, adj. covetable, desirable, to be desired, much to be desired, worth having; appetizing, relishable, mouth-watering, tempting; excellent, fine, good, pleasing, after one's own heart, worthy of emulation.

envious, adj. begrudging, jealous, resentful, green-eyed, green with envy, Obs. emulous; covetous, desirous, itching, yearning, hankering; discontent, malcontent, dissatisfied, displeased, unhappy.

environ, v. surround, encircle, ensphere, rim; gird, begird, girdle, engird, loop around; circumscribe, compass; encompass, enclose, envelop, hem in, embrace.

environment, n. 1. surroundings, milieu, conditions, influences, circumstances, Fr. mise en scène; habitat, medium, element; entourage, ambience, atmosphere, mood, aura; setting, scene, background.

2. encirclement, surrounding, encompassment.

environmentalist, n. 1. ecologist, naturalist; city planner, urbanist.

2. conservationist, preservationist, eco-activist, All Inf. clean-air freak, econut, anti-pollutionist, no-nuker; Thoreauvian, nature lover.

environs, n. outskirts, suburbs, faubourgs, purlieus, Fr. banlieue, precincts; surroundings, circumjacencies; vicinage, vicinity, neighborhood, Fr. alentours, street, district; exurbs, Sl. boonies, city limits, outer limits.

envisage, v. contemplate, visualize, envision, picture; daydream about, dream of, aspire to, look forward to, imagine, fancy; conceive, think up, have ideas about, Inf. dream up.

envoy, n. 1. diplomat, envoy extraordinary, minister, plenipotentiary, legate; ambassador, consul, attached, chargé d'affaires.
enjoy, n. 1. jealousy, resentment, grudge, begrudging, heartburn, green-eyed monster, enviousness; discontentment, malcontentedness, dissatisfaction, unhappiness, heartburning; rivalry, cupidity, Obs. emulation.

2. covetousness, desire, wanting, longing or wishing for, yearning or hankering after, sighing or pining for, Inf. yen, Sl. letch; craving, relish, taste, appetite, appe- tence, hunger, thirst; fancy, eye, U.S. Dial. big eye; itch, passion, lust.

—v. 3. begrudge, be jealous of, resent, desire, want, for, long for, yearn for, hanker after, sigh for, pine for, Inf. have a yen for; crave, relish, have an appetite or taste for, hunger or thirst for; fancy, have an eye on,ogle, eye greedily; have an itch for, have a passion for, lust after, Sl. letch after.

eon, n. age, ages, years on end, a long time, an eternity; Inf. forever.

ephemeral, adj. short-lived, momentary, temporary, brief, of short duration; impermanent, mortal, unenduring, fleeting, passing, fading; evanescent, transient, transitory, fugacious, caducous,deciduous, monohemeral.

epic, adj. 1. epical, Homeric, Vergilian; narrative, epicurean, 1. connoisseur, aesthete, epicurean; epicure, 2. intemperance, self-gratification, self-indulgence, voluptuousness, luxuriousness, voluptuosity, sensuality, sensuousness; gourmet, gourmand, gastronome, gastronomist; deipnosophist, conversationalist.

2. voluptuary, sensualist, Fr. bon vivant, hedonist, sybarite, cormorant; glutton, hog, belly-god, wine bibber; libertine, roué, debaucher, lecher, Paphian.

epicurean, adj. 1. sybaritic, sensual, carnal, voluptuous; orgiastic, wild, unrestrained; self-indulgent, intemperate, free-living, Saturnalian.

2. dissolute, licentious, libertine, lascivious, debauched, dissipated, wasted; concupiscent, prurient, libidinous, salacious; beastly, bestial, swinish, porcine, piggish; drunken, bibulous, sottish, crulpitous, glutinous, Bacchanalian.

3. refined, cultivated, polished, cultured, civilized, well-bred, genteel, courtly; pampered, indulged; finished, fine, urbane; aesthetic, tasteful, in good taste, graceful, delicate, exquisite; noble, gentle, pure.

4. meticulous, punctilious, discriminating, fastidious; over-scrupulous, overcritical, formal, proper, dainty, strict, overnice; squeamish, fussy, finicking, finicky.

—n. 5. voluptuary, sensualist, Fr. bon vivant, Inf. high liver, sybarite, epicure. See epicure (defs. 1, 2).

epicureanism, n. 1. epicurism, sybaritism, hedonism, luxuriousness, voluptuosity, sensuousness; gourmanderie, gastronomy.

2. intemperance, self-gratification, self-indulgence, overindulgence, unrestrained, incontinence, immoderation; revelry, carousal, dolce vita, wild or riotous or free living, Inf. high living; crapplecence, gluttony, greediness, gulosity, edacity.

3. carnality, voluptuousness, fleshliness; lustfulness, lasciviousness, libidinousness, lecherousness, lewdness, prurience, salaciousness, Sf. hornsiness; lust, lechery, concupiscence; debauchery, profli gy, dissoluteness, rakishness, libertinism, dissipation.

epidermis, n. skin, skarfskin, integument, cuticle; Anat. derma, Anat. dermis, Anat. corium, cutis.

epigram, n. 1. witticism, quip, mot, bon mot, turn of thought, Fr. jeu d’esprit, Atticism; pleasantrity, jest, pun, Fr. jeu de mots, Fr. calembour; equivoque, play on words, double entendre.

2. adage, aphorism, gnome, proverb, moral, apothegm; saw, saying, words of wisdom, Archaic. word, Archaic. sentence; axiom, maxim, precept; motto, byword, catchword.

epigrammatic, adj. 1. terse, tight, compact, succinct; concise; brief, short, to the point, pointed, pithy; exact, precise, sharp, neat, keen; ingenious, witty, crisp, well-turned, It. ben trovato; laconic, lean, elliptical, breviloquent, Rare. pauciloquent.

2. aphorismatic, aphoristic, gnomic, sententious, moralistic, proverbial; axiomatic, apothegmatic, preceptive.

epilogue, n. afterword, postscript, PS, coda, excursus, tail, tailpiece, Music. postlude, (in poetry) envoy; supplement, addendum, appendix, back matter; conclusion, peroration, codicil, swan song, last or final words.

epiphany, n. 1. incarnation, theophany, Hindu Myth. avatar; (all esp. of a deity) appearance, manifestation, revelation, apparition, embodiment, materialization.

2. Literature. perception, insight, inspiration, Fr. apercu; recognition, cognizance, realization, identification; understanding, awareness, comprehension, apprehension, conception.


episcopacy, n. 1. Eccles. government by bishops; Episcopalianism.

2. (all of a bishop) incumbency, office, episcopate, bishopric, archbishopric, prelacy; canonry, prebendary.

3. bishops collectively, body of bishops.

episcopal, adj. 1. hierarchical, ecclesiastical, clerical; prelatical, canonical, capillatar; apostolic, sacerdotal, priestly, hieratic; pontifical, papal.

—n. 2. (cap.) Informal. See Episcopal.

Episcopalian, n. member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Inf. Episcopal; member of the Church of England, Anglican, Anglo-Catholic, High Churchman, Inf. C of E, Low Churchman.

episcopate, n. 1. (all of a bishop) incumbency, office, term, appointment, calling, benefice. See bishopric and episcopacy (def. 2).

2. diocese, see, bishopric, ecclesiastical district or jurisdiction. See diocese and see.

3. bishops collectively.

episode, n. 1. incident, occurrence, event, happening; circumstance, occasion; experience, adventure; af-
fair, action, thing; a link in the chain, a slice in the loaf of life; interlude, digression, excursion.
2. chapter, installment, sequel; scene, story, narrative; vignette, sketch.
episodic, adj. rambling, jumpy, digressive, discursive; intermittent, spasmodic, sporadic; sequential, consequent, Fr. en suite.
epistle, n. letter, missive, communication, correspondence; Rom. Ch. encyclical, favor; n. note, Obs. billet, dispatch, Brit. post; message, bulletin, postcard; Inf. postal, wire, telegram; billet-doux, love letter, Sl. mush note.
2. didacticism, lesson, moral.
epitaph, n. inscription, tombstone marking, Latin hie jacet; ditto, saying.
epithet, n. appellative, by-word, label, tag; epithet, n. name, pet name, Sl. handle, Sl. moniker; appellation, designation, name, title, honorific, style.
epitomize, v. summarize, outline, compress, epitomize, sum up, restate.
epitome, n. summary, abstract, synopsis, compendium, symposium, compilation; digest, conspectus; condensation, abridgment, reduction, compression, abbreviation; analysis, recapitulation; résumé, brief, précis; outline, aperçu, sketch, review, syllabus, prospectus; docket, bulletin, minute; extracts, fragments, cuttings, analects, clippings, citations.
2. representation, typification, archetype, prototype, model, example.
epitomize, v. summarize, outline, compress, abridge, shorten, condense, contract, curtail, abbreviate; diminish, lessen, reduce; digest, recapitulate, review, sum up, restate.
2. represent, typify, exemplify.
epoch, n. era, age, date, period; interval, space, span, stretch; cycle, season.
equable, adj. uniform, identical, always the same, regular, consistent; unvarying, unchanging, invariable, constant; steady, stable, level, even.
2. just, equitable, fair, impartial, unbiased, unprejudiced, neutral, uninvolved, dispassionate.
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3. even-tempered, imperturbable, calm, cool, collected, composed, unruffled, smooth; serene, tranquil, peaceful.
equableness, n. 1. uniformity, sameness, regularity, regularness, consistency; unchangingness, constancy, invariability, invariableness; steadiness, stability, stableness, levelness, evenness.
2. justness, equitableness, fairness, impartiality, impartialness, neutrality, dispensativeness.
3. impartiality, imperturbability, calmness, coolness, collectedness, unarousedness, smoothness, serenity, tranquillity, peace, peacefulness.
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equip, v. furnish, supply, provide, purvey, gird, equip, 1. match, correspond, parallel, commeasure; emulate, vie, rival, keep pace with, keep step with, run abreast; come up to, measure up with, Inf. stack up against.
equality, n. 1. parity, coequality, equivalence, equipollence, parallelism; identity, par, oneness, same-ness, unity; symmetry, proportion, balance, equilibrium.
2. correspondence, agreement, accord, concurrence, conformity, coincidence; similarity, similitude, analogy, likeness, resemblance, semblance; comparison, comparability, analoguousness.
3. justice, impartiality, fairness, fair play, fair treatment, fair field and no favor.
equalize, v. 1. equate, even up, square, Archaic equal; handicap, compensate, counterbalance, counterpoise; adapt, fit, tailor, measure; adjust, set, regulate, accommodate, synchronize, Inf. sync.
2. level, level off, even, smooth, plane; regularize, symmetrize, harmonize; poise, balance.
equanimity, n. calmness, composure, peacefulness, tranquillity, serenity, placidity, peacelessness; imperturbability, inexcitability, unflappability, even-temperedness; presence of mind, level-headedness, cool-headedness, coolness, equability, equilibrium, Inf. cool; aplomb, sang-froid, poise, repose, self-possession, self-control, self-command.
equate, v. 1. equate, balance, strike a balance, poise, parallel, draw a parallel, compare, set side by side; contrast, offset, juxtapose, pit one against the other.
2. reduce, boil down, simplify, streamline.
3. relate, ally, associate, connect, link, tie, bracket, throw or toss together, identify.
equatorial, adj. tropic, tropical, torrid, hot, sizzling, steaming, humid, sultry, sweltering, sudorific; baking, stifling, suffocating, oppressive; torrid, torporific; lush, jungled.
equestrian, n. 1. mounted soldier, horse guard, dragoon, trooper, cavalryman, hussar, cossack, knight; horse soldier, horse marine.
—adj. 3. mounted, up, on horseback, in the saddle.
equidistant, n. tightrope walker, ropewalker, rope-dancer, high-wire artist or performer, slap-robe artist or performer, Circus Sl.; ballet broad; funambulist, balleine, acrobat, acrobatic, acrobatic; circus performer, Sl. kinkin.
equilibrium, n. 1. balance, equipoise, equipollence, equipollency, equipoiponderance, equipoiponderancy; equivalence, equality, parity, par; equalization, uniformity, symmetry.
2. equanimity, calmness, cool, coolness, sang-froid, imperturbability; sedateness, staidness, dispersion; level-headedness, common sense, discretion; sobriety, sense, reason, presence of mind, rationality; poise, composure, aplomb, steadiness, evenness, stability; assurance, confidence, self-possession, self-command, self-restraint, self-control, collectedness.
equip, v. 1. furnish, supply, provide, purvey, gird, Archaic, dight, Obs. appoint; ready, prepare, store, stock; outfit, fit out, fit up, fit, accouter, rig, rig up, rig out, turn out, gear; All Mil. arm, forearm, muni- tion, Sl. heel, Archaic, harness.
2. array, deck, bedeck, deck out, caparison, trap,
adorn, ornament; dress, dress out, clothe, garb, attire, apparel, habit, invest, endue; robe, gown, drape.

equipage, n. 1. carriage, rig; coach and four, coach and six; fourwheeler, barouche, brougham, landau, phaeton, victoria; twowheeler, chaise, *Chiefly Dial.* shay, one hoss shay, sulky.

2. outfit, outfitting, turnout, gear; challets, belongings, effects; bags, baggage, bag and baggage, luggage.

3. equipment, furnishings, furniture, accouterments, appurtenances, appointments; apparatus, fixtures, fittings, paraphernalia, habiliments, Inf. things; caparison, harness, trappings, tack, tackle, rigging; *All Mil.* arms, munitions, materiel.

4. shay, one hoss shay, sulky. *Dial.*

5. equipment, furnishings, furniture, accouterments, appurtenances, appointments; tools, contrivances, machinery; implements, appliances, utensils, conveniences; fixtures, fittings, paraphernalia, habiliments, Inf. things; outfit, outfitting, turnout, rig; supplies, material, wherewithal; caparison, harness, trappings, tack, tackle, rigging; *All Mil.* arms, armaments, munitions, materiel.

6. belongings, effects, challets; kit, duffel; bags, baggage, bag and baggage, luggage.

7. provision, providing, supply, supplying, accouterments, furnishing, furnishment; outfitting, fitting out; arrangement; preparation, preparing, readying.

8. knowledge, expertise, technique, Inf. know-how, St. savvy; experience, background, qualifications; ability, capability, capacity, makings, St. the stuff, St. the goods, St. what it takes; talent, flair, gift, knack, instinct, faculty, genius.


10. rightful, right, lawful, legitimate, Inf. kosher, legal, licit, constitutional; justifiable, defensible, warrantable, supportable, reasonable; judicious, well-advised, sensible, wise.

11. upright, righteous, honorable, upstanding, noble; ethical, proper, moral, conscionable; principled, high-minded, right-minded, uncorrupt; good, sincere, true, scrupulous; honest, truthful, veracious, straight, Inf. square, Inf. fair and square, meet.

12. justice, fairness, fair play, impartiality, impartiality, fair-mindedness, evenness, even-handedness, equitableness, equitableness; unprejudicedness, dispassionateness, open-mindedness, broad-mindedness, tolerance, neutrality.

13. rightfulness, lawfulness, justness, legitimacy, legitimateness, legality, constitutionality; justifiability, defensibility, warrantableness, supportableness, supportableness; reasonableness, reasonableness, judiciousness, sensibleness.

14. uprightness, righteousness, honorableness, upstandingness, nobility, nobleness; honor, integrity, probity, virtuousness, virtue, rectitude; ethicalness, ethicality, propriety, morality, rightness, conscienceableness; high-mindedness, right-mindedness, uncorruptableness; goodness, sincerity, conscientiousness, scrupulousness; honesty, truthfulness, veracity, openness, Inf. straightforwardness.

15. parity, coequality, parallelism, equipollence, equipollency; equality, identity, par, oneness, sameness; reciprocity, reciprocation, correlation, mutuality.

16. correspondence, correspondence, agreement, accordance, concurrence, conformity, conformance; coincidence, connection; similarity, similitude, analogy, likeness, resemblance, semblance; comparison, comparability, comparableness, comparativeness, compare, analogously.

17. same, equivalent, opposite number, match, double, twin; alternate, companion, mate, fellow, pendant.

18. equal, tantamount, synonymous, commensurate, equiparent, Inf. so much; identical, alike, homogeneous, of a piece, of a kind, cast in the same mold; interchangeable, all one, all the same, much the same, neither more nor less, Inf. six of one, half a dozen of another.

19. coequal, equipotent, equipollent, on equal terms or footing, on even terms, on the same footing.

20. correspondent, corresponding, coordinate, complementary, complementary, complementing; correlative, correlational, correlated, reciprocal, reciprocative.

—n. 4. same, equivalence, opposite number, match, double, twin; alternate, companion, mate, fellow, pendant.

21. ambiguous, amphibolic, Log. amphibolous, paradoxical, duplicitious; ambivalent, two-sided, multi-leveled, changing, uncertain, wishy-washy; misleading, roundabout, circuitous, ambiguous, hedging, wasel-worded, double-tongued; doubtful, dubious, left-handed, questionable, suspicious, shady.

22. vague, hazy, indefinite, indistinct, undeterminate, unclassifiable, anomalous, undetermined; puzzling, mystifying, enigmatic, enigmatical, perplexing, problematical; obscure, abstruse, unintelligible, incomprehensible; mysterious, cryptic, oracular, delphic.

23. prevarication, evasion, quibble, St. waffle, fudge, lie; evade, dodge, elude, wasel out, shuffle; shift, hedge, fence, beat around the bush; qualify, compromise, cop out; doubletalk, Inf. talk out of both sides of one’s mouth, palter; backtrack, back-pedal, sidetrack; tergiversate, vacillate, shilly-shally; mislead, deceive, mystify, dissemble.

24. prevarication, evasion, quibble, double, elusion, avoidance; stuffing, shifting, hedging, beating around the bush; qualification, compromise, cop-out; ambiguity, amphibology, vagueness, indefiniteness, indistinctness, determinateness; ambivalence, uncertainty, vacillation, tergiversation; double-speak, double talk, palter, wasel words, sophistry, deception, deceit, speciousness, chicanery, chicanery, fraud; lie, falsehood, untruth, Inf. fib.

25. age, epoch, eon, period, time or times, day or days, date; division of history, *Hinduism, Buddhism.* kalpa; stage, cycle, season, generation; interval, span, space, spell, stretch.

26. dynasty, reign, rule; administration, presidency, government.

27. extirpate, destroy totally, annihilate, discreate, exterminate, abolish; expunge* obliterate, efface; strike out, blot out, stamp out, crush out, snuff out, wipe out; remove, eliminate, get rid of, liquidate, purge; do away with, leave no vestige or trace of, put an end to, extinguish, bring to an end; terminate, dissolve, check, stop, cut short; expel, cast off, throw over; quash, quell, squelch, crush, vanquish, squash; overthrow, overwhelm, overturn, subvert, topple, cause the downfall of, defeat, conquer.

28. demolish, raze, ravage, devastate, lay waste, desolate; ruin, *Dial.* ruinate, bring to ruin, lay in ruins.
eradication, n. 1. extirpation, total destruction, annihilation, destruction, expulsion, extermination, abolition, abolishment; obliteration, effacement; removal, evanishment; extinguishment, extinction, putting an end to, bringing to an end, leaving no vestige or trace; termination, dissolution, check; quashing, suppression, squelching, crushing, vanquishment, squashing; overthrow, overturn, overwhelming, subversion, defeat, conquering.

2. demolition, ravagement, devastation, desolation; ruin, ruination.

3. erasure, erasion, cancellation, rubbing out, scraping out; deletion, Print. dele, blacking out, marking off.

4. uprooting, unrooting, pulling up, plucking up, pulling out by the roots, rooting out, outrooting, deracination; pulling out, drawing out, wrenching out, tearing out, avulsion, taking out, extraction, evulsion; extrication, disengagement, dislodgment, disentanglement; unearthing, excavation, digging up or out, grubbing up or out; weeding out, raking out.

erasure, n. 1. eradication, expunction, rubbing or wiping off.

2. void, blank or empty space, Inf. bleepl; rub, abrasion, attrition; blot, spot, mark, blue mark, Print. dele, strikeover.

erect, adj. 1. upright, stand-up, standing up, unrecumbent; at attention, stiff-backed; raised, elevated, rampant, reared up; vertical, perpendicular, plumb, straight.

—v. 2. build, construct, raise, put up, pitch; assemble, put together, hammer together; fabricate, make.

3. upright, lift up, upright, raise aloft, pry; heave, uplift; elimination, liquidation, purgation; extinguishment, extinction, putting an end to, bringing to an end, leaving no vestige or trace; termination, dissolution, check; quashing, suppression, squelching, crushing, vanquishment, squashing; overthrow, overturn, overwhelming, subversion, defeat, conquering.

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erosion, n. 1. wearing, wearing down or away, wear and tear, wasting away, washing away, wash out, eroding, detrition, attrition; corrosion, corroding, fretting, gnawing, consumption, consuming, devouring, eating out or away; abrasion, abrading, rubbing down, chafing, fraying, grating, rasping, grinding, scraping, scrape, excoriating.

2. canker, deterioration, deteriorating, ravaging, ravaging, despoiling, despoiling.

—v. 2. commission, mission, duty, charge; entrustment, commitment, task, assignment, consignment, trust; undertaking, job, chore, work.

errant, adj. 1. roaming, wandering, traveling,
erroneous, mistaken, incorrect, amiss, adj. 1. erring, 2. typo, erratum, misprint, typographical error, erratically, capriciously, whimsically, fan-
miscue; mistake, inaccuracy, error, n. erratic 364
eccentric, queer, unusual, abnormal;
adj. 1. erratic, 2. irregularly, inconsistently, aberrantly; desultory, sporadically, intermittently; randomly, episodically, fitfully, spasmodically; by fits and starts, off and on, now and then, here and there.
errant, n. misprint, typographical error, Inf. typo, printer's error, typist's error, (of printed or written words) omission, corrigendum; slip of the pen, Lat. lapsus calami.
erring, adj. 1. in error, wrong, incorrect, inaccurate, erroneous, faulty; straying, devious, on the wrong track or path, wide of the mark; wayward, deviant, erratic, aberrant.
erroneously, adj. 1. mistaken, incorrect, amiss, wrong, all wrong, Sl. all wet, Sl. full of beans or prunes, Sl. full of hot air; false, fallacious, untrue, not true, devoid of truth, not right; spurious, counterfeit, fictitious, bogus; apochryphal, groundless, unfounded.
error, n. 1. mistake, inaccuracy, Sports. miscue; misprint, corrigendum; fault, flaw, human error; oversight, omission; blunder, botch, bungle, flub, muff; leak, slip, slip of the tongue or pen, Inf. slip-up; All Sl. pratfall, fool mistake, dumb trick, foul-up, louse-up, screw-up, boner, boo-boo, goof, blooper, clunker.
2. misunderstanding, misconception, misapprehension; misidentification; miscalculation, misestimation; misjudgment, error in judgment, misreckoning; misconception, misreading, misinterpretation, wrong impression.
3. fallacy, false or mistaken belief, heresy, false doctrine; illusion, delusion, self-delusion, deception, self-deception, mirage, hallucination.
4. erroneousness, falsity, fallaciousness, untruthfulness, incorrectness, uncorrectness; faultiness.
5. sin, moral offense, lapse from virtue; misdeed, misstep, transgression, trespass; crime, criminal offense or act, felony; offense, breach; misdemeanor, impropriety, indiscretion, misconduct, peccadillo, venial sin; wrongdoing, evil, wrong, bad, iniquity.
6. Baseball. misplay, fumble, Inf. booble, Sl. boot, Sl. E, Sl. the big E.
7. Philately. freak, variety; misprint, erratum, printer's error.
erratum, adj. synthetic, man-made, plastic; artificial, simulated, imitated, imitation; spurious, counterfeit, sham, U.S. bogus, Inf. phony.
erstwhile, adj. former, late, quondam, once, Inf. ex. old, past, gone, bygone, forgotten.
eruction, n. belch, belching, Inf. burp, Inf. burring, bringing up gas, bringing [s.t.] up; emission, ejection, vomiting, disgorgement; expulsion, extrusion, ejection, voidance.
erudite, adj. 1. learned, scholarly, punitidic, wise, sage, profound, deep; well-versed, knowledgeable, literacy, literary, well-read, lettered; educated, well-educated, well-instructed, well-tutored, well-schooled, well-posted, well-grounded.
2. academic, scholastic, intellectual, highbrow, highbrowed. Inf. long-haired, pedantic, bookish.
cultured, refined, polished, sophisticated, worldly, worldly-wise, Sl. savvy, knowing, Sl. in the know, enlightened, aware, cognizant, conscious, alive to; acquainted, familiar, intimate, at ease or home, conversant; expert, proficient, very good, adept, skillful, skilled; experienced, practised, accomplished.
erudition, n. knowledge, learning, scholarship, wisdom; information, facts, data, lore; teachings, doctrines, precepts, concepts, theories; letters, Archaic. literature, book learning, formal education, schooling, instruction, tuition.
2. refinement, culture, cultivation, polish, sophistication; enlightenment, awareness, cognizance, consciousness; understanding, ken, knowledge, knowing; familiarity, intimacy, ease, proficiency, adeptness, skill, expertise, expertise.
erupt, v. 1. burst forth or open, break open, split open, rupture, gape, dehisce, Sl. bust; detonate, fulminate, explode, blow, blow up, go off; (of a volcano, geyser, etc.) eject, emit, expel, hurl or throw forth, discharge, send out or up; spout, squirt, spew, or spit out, belch forth; gush, jet, boil over, pour forth or out, spill over, overflow.
2. explode, blow up, unleash one's temper or anger, fly off the handle, blow one's top, hit the ceiling or the roof.
eruption, n. 1. outburst, outbreak, splitting open, dissolnence, dissilence, rupture, gape, dehisence; earthquake, quake, tremor, Chiefly U.S. temblor, upheaval, Phys., Geog. cataclysm; explosion, detonation, fulmination, blast, blowing up.
2. (of a volcano, geyser, etc.) ejection, emission, expulsion, discharge, ebullition; spouting, squirt, spurt, spew or spit out, belch forth; gush, jet, boil over, pour forth or out, spill over, overflow.
erulator, n. moving staircase, moving stairway; elevator, lift, conveyor.
escapade, n. 1. prank, trick, caper, stunt; mischiev, Fr. boutade, practical joke; reckless or wild or madcap adventure; antics, tomfoolery, Inf. shenanigans, Sl. misdeeds, horseplay; gambado, lark, frolic; romp, gambol, Skylarking.
2. escape, flight, giving the slip, pulling a Houdini.
escape, v. 1. get away; get free, get out, get clear of, break away, make or effect one's escape, make good one's escape, get away safely, Archaic. escape or 'scape, Inf. jump, Inf. skip, Inf. make a getaway or clean getaway, Inf. fly the coop; All Sl. break jail or prison, break out, break loose, cut loose, bust out, bust loose, go or leap over the wall, lame or take it on
eschew, v. shun, avoid, steer clear of; have nothing to do with.

escapist, n. non-realist, dreamer, daydreamer, wool-gatherer; optimist, cockeyed optimist, Pollyanna; avoider, ostrich, evader; fugitive, vagabond, rover.

eschew, v. shun, avoid, steer clear of; have nothing to do with, refuse to touch with a 10-foot pole; let well alone, shirk; abstain from, refrain from, forbear; evade, elude, shy away from, shrink from, keep one's distance; escape, keep out of the way of, flee from; snub, ignore, disdain, turn up one's nose at; renounce, set one's face against, shudder at, disrelish.

espadrille, n. a barefoot sandal, traditional to Latin America, featuring a flat sole, laced vamp, and ankle strap.

esquisse, v. sketch, draw a quick outline of, make a rough draft of.

escutcheon, n. shield, heraldic shield, escutcheon, escutcheon, escutcheon, escutcheon, escutcheon.

escort, n. chaperon, accompanier, companion; attendant, squire, assistant, aide-de-camp; usher, guide, pilot, conductor, leader; guardian, shepherd, protector, protectress, matron, tutelary, tutelar, tutor, tutoress, governess, nursery maid, (in Spain and Portugal) duenna.

escutcheon, n. shield, heraldic shield, escutcheon, Chiefly Brit. hatchment, Heraldry. lozenge.

escort carrier, escort carrier, escort carrier, escort carrier, escort carrier.

esquire, n. a young man, a member of the gentry, a gentleman. esquire, esquire, esquire, esquire, esquire.

esquimal, adj. Eskimo, Inuit, Arctic, aboriginal.

escort carrier, escort carrier, escort carrier, escort carrier, escort carrier.
eternity, n. 1. eternity, everlastingness, infinite duration, timelessness; unendingness, interminableness, unceasingness; perpetuity, perdurability; immateriality, boundlessness, immutability.
2. mortality, hereafter, afterlife, everlasting life, futurity; next world, world to come, heaven, Amer. Ind. happy hunting grounds, Buddhism. nirvana.
3. duration, age, eon, seeming endlessness, ages and ages.

ethe real, adj. 1. airy, vaporous, gaseous, pneumatic; tenuous, rarefied, subtle, chimerical, shadowy.
2. delicate, fine, thin, frail; gossamer, gossamery, insubstantial, diaphanous, wispy, misty.
3. heavenly, celestial, unearthly, otherworldly; Elysian.
ethe real ity, n. 1. airiness, gaseousness, vaporousness, ethereality; immateriality, unsoundness, incorporeity; tenuousness, rarity, subtleness.
2. delicateness, fineness, thinness, fragility, frailty; sheerness, diaphanousness.
3. heavenliness, celestialness, unearthliness, otherworldliness.
ethe real ize, v. 1. spiritualize, disembodied, dematerialize.
2. refine, attenuate, rarely, sublimate, thin, thin out.
ethe ical, adj. moral, righteous, just; upright, faithfulness; honest, open, straightforward; virtuous, pure, good, decent, fair; noble, high-minded, lofty, honorable, incisive, magnificent, conscientious; right, correct, proper, seemly, decorous; deontological.
ethe ics, n. conscience, principles, high standards; morality, righteousness, justness; integrity, honesty, uprightness, rectitude; probity, virtue, conscientiousness, propriety, sembliness, decency; deontology, Judaism. Pirke Aboth, Ten Commandments, decalogue, golden rule.
etiol ate, v. Blanch, blench, whiten, make white or pale; achromatize, bleach, wash out; grow white or pale, pale, fade, lose color.
etiol ated, adj. blanched, blench, white, colorless, light-colored, chalky; bleached, whitened, faded, pale; achromatic, hueless; milky-white, snow-white; pale, blond, albino, albin.
etiquette, n. manners, good manners, politeness, ethics, conscience, principles, high standards; morality, righteousness, justness; integrity, honesty, ethics, conscience, principles, high standards; morality, righteousness, justness; integrity, honesty, ethics, conscience, principles, high standards; morality, righteousness, justness; integrity, honesty, ethics, conscience, principles, high standards; morality, righteousness, justness; integrity, honesty, ethics, conscience, principles, high standards; morality, righteousness, justness; integrity, honesty, ethics, conscience, principles, high standards; morality, righteousness, justness; integrity, honesty, ethics, conscience, principles, high standards; morality, righteousness, justness; integrity, honesty, ethics, conscience, principles, high standards; morality, righteousness, justness; integrity, honesty, ethics, conscience, principles, high standards; morality, righteousness, justness; integrity, honesty, ethics, conscience, principles, high standards; 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eunuch, n. castrato, gelding; Fig. sissy, Inf. panty-waist, mama's boy, Sl. fairy, Sl. fag.
euphemism, n. (all of language) nice-nellyism, newspaper; substitution, milder equivalent, metaphor, trope, figurative extenuation; mollification, mitigation, lessening, softening, cushioning, padding.
euphemistic, adj. (all of language) extenuatory, softened, mild, inoffensive, vague, indirect; euphemistic, euphemiou, metaphorical, figurative, tropical.
euphonious, adj. melodious, dulcet, tuneful, harmonious, symphonious, canorous, lyrical, lyric, musical; mellifluous, mellifluent, sweet-sounding, pleasant-sounding, pleasing, agreeable; smooth, soothing, soft, mellow, golden-toned, rich; flowing, fluid, rhetorical, fluent, eloquent, silver-tongued; silvery, silver-toned, clear as a bell.
euphony, n. melody, melodiousness, harmony, harmoniousness, dulcetness, tunefulness, canorousness, lyricalness, musicality, musicalness, music; mellifluousness, sweetness, pleasantness, pleasingness, agreeableness; smoothness, soothingness, softness, mellowness, goldenness, richness; rhythmicity, fluency, fluidity, fluidness, eloquence; silveriness, clearness, clarity.
euphoria, n. elation, joy, jubilation, jubilation, exaltation; transport, rapture, bliss, ecstasy; elevation, cloud nine, seventh heaven, nirvana; high, Sl. trip.
euphunism, n. (of writing style) 1. affectation, mannerism, Gongorism; fastidiousness, finicalness, delicacy. 2. high-flown language, inflation, bombast, orotundity, fustian, rant, turgidity; grandiloquence, magniloquence; floridness, floweriness, ornateness, sesquipedalism; periphrasis, circumlocution.
euthanasia, n. mercy killing, putting [s.o.] out of misery; painless death, easy death.
evacuant, adj. 1. cleansing, emptying, evacuating; eliminant, ejective, evacuative. 2. cathartic, purgative, ab ester gent; diuretic; emetic.
—n. 3. purgative, cathartic, laxative, Trademark. Ex-lax, eliminant; emetic, nauseant; diuretic.
evacuate, v. 1. empty, make empty, remove; drain, exhaust, deplete, deprive. 2. vacate, abandon, desert, relinquish, forsake, leave empty, withdraw from, retire from, go away. 3. Physiol. eliminate, defecate, void; expel, discharge, eject, emit; throw out, clean out.
evacuation, n. 1. discharge, ejection, expulsion; elimination; purgation, catharsis; emptying, depleting, exhausting, draining off. 2. departure, retreat, flight, exodus, pulling out, withdrawal, abandonment; clearance, removal; retirement, pulling back. 3. defecation, excretion, voidance, urination; bowel movement, stool, feces, excrement, egesta; Med., Physiol. defecution.
evade, v. 1. avoid, dodge, whiffle, sidestep, elude, weasel out, give [s.o.] the slip; avert, parry, escape, Inf. shake off, get rid of, Sl. beat the rap; sneak off, sneak out the back way, make oneself scarce, take off, sneak out, slip away, stay clear, keep clear of, go wide of, keep one's distance, Inf. give the go-by, stay out, play truant, shuffle out to buffalo, malinger, call in sick; shirk, funk, Sl. goldbrick; ignore, close one's eyes to, look the other way; neglect, skip, omit. 2. prevaricate, quibble, equivocate, Sl. waffle, fudge; hedge, shuffle, shift, fence, skirt, beat around the bush, hem and haw; qualify, cop out; give [s.o.] the runaround, talk one's way out of, do an end run, maneuver, baffle; doubletalk, Inf. talk out of both sides of one's mouth, palter, backtrack, back-pedal, sidetrack; tergiversate, vacillate, shilly-shally, straddle the fence.
evaluate, v. 1. appraise, Obs. apprise, assess, as say, valuate; price, set a price on, fix the price of. 2. gauge, rate, rank, weigh, balance, approximate; test, test-drive, measure, Archaic: mete, judge, size, Inf. size up, survey; ascertain, determine, figure out; estimate, compute, count, account, calculate, figure, reckon.
evanese, v. vanish, disappear, vanish or disappear into thin air, leave no trace, be lost to view; evaporate, melt, dissolve; fade away, peter out, dissipate, disintegrate.
evanesence, n. fading away, vanishing, Poetic. evanishment, disappearance, occultation; evaporation, dissipation, disintegration, dissolving, melting; ephemeralism, ephemeralness, fugacity, transience, transientness, volatility, impermanence.
evanescent, adj. fading, passing away, vanishing, disappearing; momentary, brief, fleeting, ephemeral, short-lived, fugacious, fugitive, transient, transitory, volatile, temporary, impermanent, mortal, perishable; on the way out, obsolescent.
evangelical, adj. 1. scriptural, biblical, evangelical; textual, textuary, evangelical, according to or based on the Gospels or New Testament; orthodox, canonical; divine, inspired. —n. 2. (often cap.) textualist, fundamentalist, Bishop; Pentecostal, charismatic, born-again Christian, witness for Christ or the Lord; Derog. Jesus freak.
evangelist, n. 1. preacher, missionary, missioner, minister of the Gospel, proselytizer, propagandist, cat-chist, evangel; revivalist, reformer, savior of souls or sinners, preacher of repentance, faith healer. 2. crusader, campaigner, advocate, champion, promoter, defender, apologist.
evangelistic, adj. 1. proselytistic, propagandistic, preaching, witnessing, testifying, missionary, hor-tatory, hortative. 2. zealous, ardent, devoted, impassioned, enthusiastic, fervid, fanatical, fiery, rabid.
evangelize, v. (usu. in reference to Christianity) proselytize, convert, christen, baptize; preach, indoctrinate, catechize, instruct, inculcate; spread the faith or the Word or the Gospel; witness, bear witness, testify, speak in tongues.
evaporate, v. 1. vaporize, volatilize; exhale, mist, steam, fume, reek. 2. dehydrate, dry, dry up or out, desiccate, exciscate, sun-dry, parch, sear; remove the moisture from, drain, draw off water from, wring out. 3. disappear, vanish, leave no trace, dematerialize, vanish from sight, vanish into thin air, be lost to sight; dissipate, disperse, dispel; fade, evanesce, fade away, melt away, dissolve.
evaporation, n. 1. vaporization, vaporescence, volatilization; exhalation, misting, steaming, boiling away, fuming, reeking. 2. dehydration, drying up or out, desiccation, exiscation, parching, searing; draining, wringing. 3. disappearance, vanishment, dematerialization; dissipation, dispersion, dispelling; fading, evanescence, fading away, melting away, dissolution.
evasion, n. 1. avoidance, dodge, dodging, elusion, slip; shake, go-by, bypass, escape; flight, retreat; shunning, shirking, Sl. goldbricking, malinger ing; ignoring, neglect, omission. 2. prevarication, quibble, quibbling, equivocation; roundabout, shuffling, hedging, shift, skirting, beat-
ing around the bush, hemming and hawing; qualification, cop-out; tergiversation, vacillation, shilly-shally, ambivalence; ambiguity, amphiboly, doublespeak, double talk, palter, weasel words; sophistry, deception, deceit, chicanery.

evasive, adj. prevocative, quibbling, equivocating, shuffling; tergiversating, vacillating, waffering; ambiguous, amphibolic, elusive, slippery, evanescent, fleeting; misleading, roundabout, circuitous, ambiguous, hedging, weasel-worded, double-tongued; shifty, deceptive, deceitful, duplicitous, tricky.

eve, n. 1. vigil, night before, day before, time before.

eve, n. 1. evening, evens, close of day, fall of day, decline of day, sunset, sundown, nightfall, shank of the evening, Brit. Dial. cockshut; twilight, crepuscular, dusk, grayness, Literary. duskentide, Archaic. gloam, Archaic. gloaming, Dial. cocklight, Dial. owllight; curfew, bedtime, taps, lights out.

2. declining period, latter portion, last part, last act, close, end, epilogue; old age, elderliness, oldness, years, vale of years, autumn of life; decay, decrepitude, caducity, infirmity, senility, atony.

—adj. 3. twilight, crepuscular, dusky, vesper, vesperlight, nightly, eventide.

even star, n. Venus, Vesper, Hesper, Hesperus, star light, star bright.

evensong, n. vespers, evening prayer, evening service, Eccles. compline; Rom. Cath. Ch. Angelus.

event, n. 1. occurrence, incident, occasion; affair, happening, Archaic. hap, episode, action; deed, act, experience; case, matter, circumstance; eventuality, phenomenon, fact; exploit, feat; accident, chance, happenstance.

2. outcome, result, consequence, issue, upshot; sequel, subsequence, aftermath.

3. at all events in any event, in any case, at any rate; regardless, Nonstandard. irregardless, irrespective, willy-nilly; no matter what, come what may, happen what may, whatever is the case; anyhow, anyway, at least.

even-tempered, adj. calm, cool-headed, cool, composed; calm, cool and collected; unruffled, self-possessed, untroubled, unagitated, unexcited; placid, tranquill, serene, peaceful, halcyon; sober, sober-minded, staid, impassive; unexcitable, imperturbable, undisturbed.

eventful, adj. 1. fraught with happenings, busy, filled.

2. momentous, consequential, significant, epochal; important, memorable, notable, outstanding, signal; striking, remarkable, impressive, interesting.

eventual, adj. 1. future, coming, prospective, impending; ensuing, succeeding, consequent; inevitable, preordained, destined; ultimate, final, last; concluding, closing, ending, terminating.

2. contingent, conditional, dependent, possible.

eventually, adv. finally, ultimately, in the end; at last, at the final whistle, at the showdown, when all is said and done; at some time, in the course of time, in time; sooner or later, in the long run.

eventuate, v. result, issue, ensue, follow; end, conclude; come about, come to pass, befall, Archaic. bechance, betide, happen, occur.

ever, adv. 1. always, forever, at all times, eternally, everlasting; in all ages, to the end of time, till the crack of doom, till doomsday, to the last syllable of recorded time.

2. continuously, incessantly, constantly, perpetually, endlessly; relentlessly, unremittingly, persistently, recurrently, repeatedly, frequently, habitually.

3. at any time, at any period, at any occasion; by any chance, in any possible case, at all.

everlasting, adj. 1. eternal, timeless, Archaic. eternere; infinite, boundless, illimitable; almighty, absolute; immortal, deathless, undying, ever-living; imperishable, indestructible, perdurable; immutable, changeless, unchanging, unchangeable.

2. enduring, lasting, abiding, Literary. sempiternal, aenonian, amaranthine, perennial, (of trees) evergreen; immutable, constant, unwavering, unaltering, undiminished; invariable, fixed, durable, stable, permanent.

3. recurrent, repeated, repetitious, frequent, habitual; incessant, ceaseless, unceasing, nonstop, constant, uninterrupted, continual, continuous, unbroken; unremitting, unintermitting, relentless; perpetual, endless,
evident, 1. manifest, apparent, obvious, patent.

evidence, n. 1.的表现, 显著, 明显, 可见的。

eviction, n. oust, expel, dislodge, turn out, house and home.

everyday, adj. 1. 日常的, 普通的, 家常的。

everyone, pron. everybody, all, one and all, each and every one.

everywhere, adv. in all places, in every place, in every nook and cranny.

evict, v. oust, expel, dislodge, turn out.

evidence, n. proof, confirmation, verification, validation, authentication, certification; corroboration, substantiation, ground, support, warrant.

evident, adj. 1. 表明的, 显著的, 明确的, 可信的。

evildoer, n. malefactor, villain, criminal.
exacerbate, v. 1. aggravate, worsen, add insult to injury, rub salt into the wound, Inf. rub it in, pour oil on the fire; sharpen, intensify, heighten, deepen, add fuel to the fire or flames, fan or stoke or fuel the fire or flames. 2. embitter, envenom, gall, rankle, acerbate, sour, poison. 3. exasperate, disappoint, distress, ruffle, rile, pique, chafe, grate, put out, try [s.o.'s] patience, SI. get [s.o.}'s] goat, SI. drive [s.o.] nuts or up the wall; anger, incense, enrage, infuriate, madden, raise [s.o.}'s] ire, make [s.o.}'s] blood boil. 4. irritate, annoy, bother, pester, fret, nettlesome, vex, plague, disturb, perturb, harass, terror, torment, provoke, badger, Chiefly U.S. rile, rub [s.o.}'s] the wrong way.

exacerbation, n. 1. aggravation, intensification, heightening, deepening, sharpening, worsening. 2. embittering, envenoming, acerbating, galling, rankling, souring, poisoning. 3. exasperation, exasperating, ruffling, chafing, putting out; angering, infuriating, maddening. 4. irritation, irritating, annoying, bothering, pestering, fretting, plaguing, vexing, disturbing, perturbing, harassing, hectoring, tormenting, provoking, badgering.

exact, adj. 1. accurate, precise, close, faithful, in conformity, in accordance or agreement; correct, unerring, Inf. on the mark, on target, on the money, Inf. right on, Sl. spot on, on the button, on the dot, Inf. on the nose, Sl. on the beam; right, just, true, truthful, veracious; factual, actual, strict, literal, true to life; authentic, real, sound, valid; flawless, faultless, perfect, defectless, errorless. 2. careful, meticulous, punctilious, scrupulous, conscientious; particular, finical, finicky, fussy; minute, detailed, thorough, nice; scientific, methodical, mathematical; critical, demanding, fastidious; strict, rigorous, severe, rigid, unwavering, unyielding, unyielding, ungiving. —v. 3. demand, require, compel, insist on or upon, command, enjoin; call for, necessitate, tax, Obs. task; requisition, request, ask. 4. wring, wrest, Law. extort, Inf. bleed, extract, squeeze, get out of, take forcibly; elicit, draw out, pry out; shake down, Inf. put the bite or squeeze or shake on, put the arm on [s.o.], Sl. lean against or on.

exacting, adj. 1. severe, strict, rigorous, hard, tough, difficult, firm, stern; demanding, exigent, fastidious, critical, Rare. exacting; rigid, unyielding, unyielding, ungiving; harsh, unsparing, oppressive, burdensome; peremptory, imperious, imperative, commanding, dictatorial, tyrannical. 2. difficult, painstaking, close, strict, searching; arduous, laborious, toilsome, operose; trying, troublesome, tough, uphill. 3. extortionate, blood-sucking, greedy, covetous, avaricious; grasping, rapacious, voracious, ravenous, insatiable.

exaction, n. 1. extortion, blackmail, Sl. shake-down, Inf. the squeeze, milking, Inf. bleeding, blood-sucking; skin game, beggar game, Sl. murphy. 2. wresting, wrenching, wringing, extraction; demand, requirement, claim, requisition, elicitation. 3. duty, tax, impost, levy, tariff, toll, excise, custom, dues, fee; ransom, tribute, exacted or enforced payment; bribe, ducour, hush money, Inf. protection, Inf. payola, graft.

exactitude, n. 1. exactness, precision, preciseness, accuracy, attentiveness; closeness, fidelity, faithfulness, conformity, accordance, agreement; minuteness, detailedness, rigorosity, strictness, severity, severity; thoroughness, methodicalness, carefulness, pains-takingness, exhaustiveness. 2. correctness, unerriness, righteousness, rectitude, justness; truth, truthfulness, veracity, verity, verifiableness; fact, actuality, factuality, literalness; definiteness, positiveness, absoluteness. 3. authenticity, soundness, validity, validness, integrity; flawlessness, faultlessness, perfection.

exactly, adv. 1. precisely, accurately, closely, faithfully, strictly, to a hair, to the letter; literally, word for word, verbatim, line for line; perfectly, just so, just right, to a T, to a tee, to a turn; explicitly, in detail, minutely, completely, absolutely, fully, quite. 2. just, right, on the dot, Inf. right on, Sl. spot on, on the button, on the money, Inf. on the nose, Inf. on the mark, on target; directly, squarely, Inf. plain, Inf.
exactness, n. exactitude, precision, preciseness, accuracy, accurateness. See exactitude (defs. 1, 3).

exaggerate, v. 1. overstate, overdo, make much of, over-stress, overcharge, overcolor, make a mountain out of a molehill, make much ado about nothing; hyperbolize, overdraw; romance, embroider, stretch, stretch the point, strain; color, paint, paint in glowing terms, oversell, Inf. play up, Inf. build up or on; Inf. pile it on, Inf. lay it on, Inf. lay or spread it on thick, Sl. bull; Sl. shoot the bull, Sl. shoot off one's mouth; embellish, overdod, enlarge on, elaborate; magnify, enhance, enrich, deepen, heighten. 2. brag, boast, puff, bluff, Sl. blow hard, Sl. talk big; show off, Sl. ham it up, out-Herod Herod, swagger, flaunt, flourish; set off, set off to advantage; whiteness, gloss over, Inf. fudge; overrate, overestimate, overvalue, overshoot the mark. 3. inflate, swell, blow up, bloat, dilate, distend; intensify, intensified, aggravated, maximized; stretched, far-fetched, improbable, Inf. fishy; preposterous, outrageous, egregious.

exaggerated, adj. 1. overstated, overdone, over-stressed, overcharged; hyperbolized, overdrawn; extra-vagant, inflated, blown-up, bumbling; colored, embroi-dered, embellished, magnified, enhanced, enriched; intensified, aggravated, maximized; stretched, far-fetched, improbable, Inf. fishy; preposterous, outrageous, egregious. 2. bombastic, pompous, fustian, pretentious, flaunt-ing; grandiose, magniloquent, grandiloquent; high-sounding, high-flown, vaulting, lofty, Inf. highfalutin, Inf. high-hat; flamboyant, flashy, showy, flowery, or-namental.

exaggeration, n. 1. overstatement, Rhet. hyperbole; tall tale, Inf. fish story, old wife's tale, yarn, Sl. hot air, Inf. bull, Inf. bunk, Sl. gas; tempest in a teapot, much ado about nothing; caricature, take-off, distortion. 2. embellishment, magnification, enhancement, deepening, heightening; embroidery, fringe; puffery, flattery, Sl. snow job. 3. bombast, grandiosity, rodomontade, pomposity, magniloquity, grandiloquity; bravado, bragadocio, gasconade; bragadassism, boasting, rant.

4. intensification, concentration, maximization, overkill; overestimation, overvaluation; inflation, swelling, enlargement, Inf. whopper.

exalt, v. 1. glorify, dignify, enoble, enthrone, canonize; honor, adore, worship, crown, bless, idolize, pay tribute to, pay homage to; reverence, venerate, revere, consecrate, sanctify; deify, apotheosize, idealize, romanticize; appreciate, value, esteem, respect, admire, look up to. 2. elevate, raise, upraise, raise up, make lofty; lift, uplift, lift up, cast up; promote, advance, boost, upgrade; improve, ameliorate, meliorate, better. 3. praise, sound the praises of, sing the praises of, extol, cry up, Inf. crack up, Archaic. magnify, embla-zon; encore, root for; approve enthusiastically, hail, commend, sanction, endorse; recommend, say a good word for, put in a good word for; compliment, flatter, puff, boost, swell, lionize, belaud, make much of; applaud, acclaim, cheer, celebrate, congratulate, Archaic. gratulate; eulogize, panegyricize. 4. inspire, fire [s.o.]'s imagination, exhilarate; inspire, enliven, animate; stimulate, incite, arouse, stir up, work up, provoke. 5. enhance, intensify, magnify, heighten, strengthen; increase, enlarge, aggrandize, extend, widen.

exaltation, n. 1. glorification, ennoblement, enthronement, canonization; adoration, worship, crowning, blessing; reverence, veneration, consecration, sanctification; defamation, apotheosis, idealization, romanticization. 2. glory, dignity, grandeur; elevation, loftiness; eminence, prestige, fame, celebrity, notability.

3. praise, exaltation, acclamation, Archaic. magnification; approval, approbation, endorsement, sanction, commendation, recommendation, advocacy, espousal; celebration, congratulation, Archaic. gratulation; appreciation, respect, regard. 4. elation, exultation, jubilation, rhapsody; excitement, happiness, joy, delight; rapture, ecstasy, bliss, transport, inspiration.

exalted, adj. 1. glorified, glorious, dignified, grand, magnificent, honorable; eminent, prestigious, celebrated, notable; illustrious, distinguished, renowned, famous, famed; imposing, august, commanding, striking, towering, stately; aristocratic, noble, kingly, regal, royal, lordly, princely, imperial, majestic; sublime, elevated, lofty; transcendent, Inf. out of this world, celestial, ethereal. 2. raised up or aloft, high, uplifted; promoted, advanced, upgraded, improved, ameliorated,bettered. 3. enhanced, intensified, magnified, heightened, strengthened; increased, enlarged, aggrandized, extended, widened. 4. inspired, exhilarated; inspired, enlivened, animated; stimulated, incited, aroused, stirred-up, worked-up, provoked. 5. elated, exultant, triumphant, jubilant; excited, happy, joyous, delighted; rapturous, ecstatic, blissful, transported; rhapsodic, inspired.

examination, n. 1. scrutiny, scrutinization, inspection, canvass, close observation or watch; investigation, inquisition, inquiry, study, analysis; research, exploration, probe, search; sifting, going through or over, survey, review, checkout, audit; assessment, appraisal, Inf. once-over, Sl. casing. 2. interrogation, the third degree, cross-examination, cross-questioning, Inf. grilling; Eccles. examen, examination of conscience. 3. test, checkup, quiz, catechism, set of questions, questionaire.

examine, v. 1. scrutinize, analyze, take apart, audit; investigate, look into, inquire into, canvass, check into, research, explore, probe, search, go over with a fine-tooth comb; sift, go through, go over, review, take stock of, study, pore over, think on, consider, weigh. 2. check out, take a look at, inspect, survey, appraise, assess, Sl. case; watch, observe, keep an eye on. 3. test, sound out, quiz, question closely, catechize, interrogate, give [s.o.] the third degree, cross-examine, cross-question, Inf. grill, pump.

examiner, n. 1. questioner, tester, quizzer, cate-chizer; inquirer, inquisitor, investigator, researcher, researchist. 2. inspector, auditor, reviewer, censor, critic, analyst, scrutinizer.

example, n. 1. sample, sampling, specimen, piece, Archaic. ensample; test, experiment, Inf. pilot. 2. exemplar, model, pattern, paradigm, mirror; ideal, pink, paragon, phoenix; standard, norm, bench mark, rule, criterion; precedent, parallel case. 3. instance, Inf. for instance, case in point, specific; typical situation, representative illustration. 4. problem, question, exercise, lesson.
examine, adj. 1. dead, deceased, extinct, defunct, no more, Sl. eighty-sixed; lifeless, inanimate, inorganic.
2. disheartened, dispirited, spiritless, dejected, downcast, Inf. down in the dumps, Sl. bummed or bumbled out.
exasperate, v. 1. anger, incense, elite, Chiefly U.S. rile, raise [s.o.'s] ire, Sl. tick [s.o.] off, Sl. tee [s.o.] off; enrage, madden, infuriate, make [s.o.'s] blood boil, lash into a fury, whip into a frenzy; (all to a madening degree) provoke, goad, prod, taunt, tease.
2. discompose, disquiet, disturb, perturb, ruffle, roil, vex, pique, chafe, put out, try [s.o.'s] patience, Inf. get, Sl. get [s.o.'s] goat.
3. irritate, annoy, irk, peev, bother, pester, harass, hector, plague, torment, badger, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain; rub [s.o.] the wrong way, get under [s.o.'s] skin, get in [s.o.'s] hair, Sl. bug.
4. exacerbate, aggravate, worsen, add insult to injury, rub salt into the wound, Inf. rub it in, pour oil on jury, rub salt into the wound, Inf. get in [s.o.'s] hair, Sl. bug.
5. embitter, envenom, gall, rankle, acerbate, sour, poison.

exasperation, n. 1. provocation, fomentation, in exasperation, n.

exanimate, v. 1. dig out, scoop out, hollow out, gouge, pit, cut out, channel; quarry, mine, sink a mine, stope, sap, tunnel, Inf. work pick and shovel; backhoe.
2. unearth, dig up, bring to the surface, exhume, disinter; shovel out, lay bare, uncover.
exosphere, n. hole, hollow, cavity, pit, crater; quarry, mine, cellar, foundation; earthwork, Inf. dig; burrow, cavern, dugout; ditch, trench, trough, cut, groove, sap, furrow; opening, cutting, shaft, slope; depression, indentation, dent, dint.
exceed, v. 1. transcend, surmount, surpass, go beyond, outdo, cap, top, go over the top; overshadow, minimize, reduce, eclipse, tower above, dominate; outrank, come first; run over, overflow, slop over; overshoot, go by the mark, overstep, overplay, overdo, overact; overtax, overburden, overextend, overload; oversupply, glut.
2. go by, pass, overtake, run down; excel, shoot ahead of, outrun, outpace, outdistance, outstrip, Inf. leave in the dust, Inf. get the jump on; beat, prevail over, overwhelm; take precedence over, overrule, override.
exceedingly, adv. extremely, especially, amazingly, astonishingly; beyond measure, immeasurably, excessively, surpassingly, superlatively, incomparably; vastly, enormously, highly, eminently, greatly, supremely; notably, over and above, by far, to a great or unusual degree; Inf. no end, Inf. in the worst way, Inf. to pieces.
excel, v. 1. dominate, tower above, be head and shoulders above, stand out in the crowd, hold sway; lead, take the lead, lead the pack.
2. surpass, exceed, outshine, eclipse, shadow, throw into the shade; beat, outdo, outstrip, distance, outdistance; outclass, Inf. beat hollow, come out on top, top, trump, outplay; break the record, take the cake or prize, win the crown or laurel wreath.
3. outrank, outweigh, take precedence, come first, have the advantage, have the ball in one's court, call the shots, be in the driver's seat, hold the upper hand.
excellence, n. 1. superiority, eminence, preeminence, distinction, greatness, nobility, transcendence, majesty, exaltation; worth, value, fineness, quality; supremacy, perfection.
2. merit, virtue, asset, advantage, plus, strong point, talking or selling point; feature, quality.
excellent, adj. 1. first-rate, of the first order, capital, Inf. tip-top, Inf. A-1, Inf. A number 1, Northwest U.S. and Canada. skookum; extraordinary, very remarkable, Sl. bang-up, Inf. smashing, marvelous, wonderful, splendid, Brit. Sl. ripping; Inf. great, Inf. super, Sl. tuff, Sl. bad, Sl. cool, Inf. dandy, Inf. jim-dandy.
2. exceptional, superior, standout, outstanding, striking; superlative, supreme, transcendent, sovereign, the best; matchless, peerless, nonpareil, perfect, sterling, classic, first-class; choice, prime, select, very good, best; matchless, peerless, nonpareil, perfect, sterling; classic, first-class; choice, prime, select, very good, Australian Sl. bosker, Scot. and North Eng. braw; fine, admirable, worthy, estimable, notable, noteworthy; distinguished, eminent, Archaic. eximious.

except, prep. 1. excluding, with the exclusion of, barring, leaving out, omitting, not counting, less, minus; but, save, saving, excepting, with the exception of; other than, apart from, besides, Inf. outside of.
—conj. 2. Usu. except that with the exception, but, save, saving, Archaic. excepting.
except, v. exclude, bar, debar, lock out, shut out, keep out; reject, spurn, ostracize, blackball, block acceptance of; eliminate, remove, weed out; omit, leave out, pass over.

exception, n. 1. exclusion, barring, debarment, blockage, lockout, shutout; rejection, spurning, ostracism, blackball; omission, leaving out, noninclusion.
2. anomaly, rarity, irregularity, special or uncommon or unusual case; oddity, quirk, freak, rare bird; Inf. pip, one for the books.
3. take exception to object, demur, raise or make an objection, cavil, challenge, question, call into question; disagree with, oppose, be in opposition to, dissent.
exceptonal, adj. 1. special, especial, unusual, uncommon, out of the ordinary; rare, unique, singular, individual, anomalous, anomalistic, exceptional, abnormal, irregular, deviant, divergent, out of the way, aberrant; strange, odd, peculiar, curious, queer, unheard of, Inf. quirky, Inf. freaky; eccentric, offbeat, unconventional.
2. extraordinary, extraordinaire, phenomenal, prodigious, Inf. out of this world; superior, outstanding, excellent, above average; inimitable, incomparable, un-
paralleled, unmatched, unprecedented.

excerpt, n. 1. extract, pericope; citation, quotation, quote; selection, portion, scrap, cull; passage, section, chapter, paragraph, phrase; scene, frame; measure, bar.

—v. 1. extract, abridge, quote; cite; cull, select, pull out; pluck, pick out, cut out.

excess, n. 1. overabundance, superabundance, overplus, nymity, surplus, surplusage, superfux; profusion, surfeit, glut, plethora, overflow, overload, more than enough, enough and to spare, enough and then some; superfluity, redundancy, supererogation, oversufficiency, overkill, overdose, too much of a good thing.

2. extravagance, inordinateness, unrestraint, prodigality, overdoing.

3. intemperance, overindulgence; inebriety, insobriety, drunkenness, alcoholism, dipsonmania; dissipation, dissoluteness, fast or free living, Inf. life in the fast lane.

—adj. 4. extra, surplus, spare, leftover, over and above.

excessive, adj. immoderate, extravagant, lavish, beyond all bounds, Inf. devilish, Chiefly U.S. Inf. all-fired; unreasonable, disproportionate, undue, inordinate, uncalled-for, unwarranted, unneeded, unnecessary; exorbitant, extreme, too much, unconfiscable, outrageous, preposterous, monstrous, rank, egregious, Inf. criminal; superabundant, overabundant, copious, profuse, plentiful, overfull; redundant, superfluous, oversufficient, Inf. too much, Inf. a bit much.

excessively, adv. immoderately, extravagantly, unreasonably, disproportionately, unduly, inordinately; amazingly, extraordinarily, damn, damned, All Euph. confoundedly, dad-blasted, dad-blamed, dad-burned, blasted, U.S. Sl. and Dial. blamed.

2. extremely, exceedingly, exorbitantly, outrageously, preposterously, Inf. criminally, Sl. hell of a, Inf. devilishly, Inf. all-fired; superabundantly, overabundantly, profusely, copiously; redundantly, superfluously, needlessly, unnecessarily.

exchange, v. 1. trade, barter, swap, substitute; interchange, bandy, toss around, pass, return, reward, reciprocate, return the compliment, requite, echo; see-saw, trade off, alternate, shuffle, swing.

—n. 2. barter, trade, interchange, commutation, swap, switch, trade-off, shuffle, substitution, change, barterage, jobbing, Inf. middlemanning, speculating.

3. reciprocation, reciprocity, transposal, Latin, quid pro quo, tit for tat; revenge, retribution, retaliation, reprisal, requital, counterattack, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth; retort, rejoinder, comeback.

4. (all of securities exchange) stock market, stock exchange, Wall Street, the Exchange, the Board, the Big Board, the Market, Bourse.

5. central office, central exchange, switching point or station.

exchangeable, adj. returnable, replaceable, tradable, swappable, switchable; commutable, convertible, substitutive.

excise, v. 1. expunge, delete, erase; strike out, cross out, x out; scratch, cut, kill; expurgate, bowdlerize, clean.

2. cut out, curette, curet, Surgical. resect; extirpate, remove, eradicate.

excision, n. removal, deletion, extirpation, elimination; abscession, Surgical. resection, extirpation; excommunication, expulsion.

excitable, adj. 1. nervous, high-strung, emotional, flappable, fidgety, skittish, restless, restive; inflammatory, inflammable, volcanic, explosive, ebullient, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent; wrathful, violent, fiery, fiery, passionate, vehement, hot-blooded, high-spirited, fervid, fervent; demonstrative, enflamed, S'l. psyched; frantic, frenzied, furious, wild, feverish, rabid, hysterical, delirious.

2. impulsive, impetuous, precipitate, precipitative, impatient, hasty, rash, brash, heedless, reckless; uncontrolled, uncontrolled, ungovernable, irrepressible; mobile, quick, active, lively, spry, sprightly, mercurial.

3. testy, edgy, short, short-tempered, quick-tempered, short-fused, hot-headed; irascible, irritable, choleric, acerbic, cantankerous; moody, temperamental, sensitive, petulant, waspish, peevish.

excite, v. 1. incite, provoke, prod, poke, prick, goad, spur, prompt; instigate, look for trouble, Inf. start something; encourage, urge, abet, egg on, put up to; foment, agitate, commove, suscitate, impassion, Brit. Dial. kittle, arouse, stir up, work up, whip up, lash into a fury, Inf. psych up, fire up, heat up. Obs. cauley, enflame, enkindle, kindle, touch off, ignite the spark.

2. stimulate, animate, reanimate, whet, Inf. turn on, invigorate, motivate, inspire, inspire, Inf. spark, galvanize, electrify, energize, rally, revive, enliven, live up, hype up, awaken, wake up, waken, rouse, shake up, jolt, jog; activate, generate, affect, initiate, occasion, give rise to, start, Inf. get going; impel, induce, compel, constrain, move, press, drive, stir, fillip; elicit, evoke, raise, call forth, summon up, raise or sound the alarm; touch, impress, strike, penetrate, touch to the quick, rivet the attention, Inf. groove on, Sl. get off on.

3. ruffle, flutter, flurry, flutter, perturb, disturb, disorder, discompost, disconcert, upset, make nervous; torment, persecute, needle, harass, bully, bullyrag.

4. exasperate, exacerbate, boil, pique, chafe, vex; annoy, irritate, aggravate, hect, nettle, plague, badger, pester.

excited, adj. 1. agitated, aroused, inflamed, enflamed, keyed-up, high-strung, temperamental, feverish, overwrought, wrought-up, wound-up, worked-up, stirred-up, whipped-up, beside oneself, Inf. hot and bothered, Inf. hot under the collar, Sl. hopped-up; disturbed, perturbed, upset, discomposed, disconcerted, distracted, ruffled, flustered, fluttered; nervous, edgy, on edge, apprehensive, tense, uneasy, restless, restive, fidgety, skittish; frantic, frenzied, wild, seething, maddened, crazed, delirious, hysterical, Sl. zonkers, Sl. out of one's skull or gourd.

2. impassioned, fervid, fervent, ardent, zealalous, vehement, fiery, red-hot, hot, eager, enthusiastic, enthused, elated, intoxicated, ebullient, Sl. psyched; stimulated, animated, Inf. turned-on, invigorated, motivated, inspired, Inf. sparked, galvanized, electrified, energized, rallied, revived, enlivened, hyped-up, roused, jolted, jogged.

3. angry, incensed, vexed, exasperated; furious, out, turned-on, invigorated, motivated, in- animated, Inf. hot and bothered, Inf. hot under the collar, Sl. hopped-up; disturbed, perturbed, upset, discomposed, disconcerted, distracted, ruffled, flustered, fluttered; nervous, edgy, on edge, apprehensive, tense, uneasy, restless, restive, fidgety, skittish; frantic, frenzied, wild, seething, maddened, crazed, delirious, hysterical, Sl. zonkers, Sl. out of one's skull or gourd.

4. brisk, active, lively, animated, energetic, spry, sprightly, dynamic, busy, spirited, bustling, smart, Inf. snappy, Inf. peppy, Inf. frisky; stormy, tumultuous, turbulent, volcanic, explosive.

excitement, n. 1. agitation, perturbation, excitation, violence, tension, unrest, trepidation, trepidity, disquietude, ferment, fermentation, restlessness, fever, malaise, Archaic. convulsion; commotion, brouhaha, hurly-burly, hubbub, row, fuss, flurry, flutter, fluctter, bustle, ado, to-do, stir, activity, scene, flare-up,
Inf. fireworks, Brit. Dial. swither; turbulence, tumult, tumultuation, turmoil, tempest, storm, churn, swirl, furor, whirl, frenzy, fit, paroxysm, maelstrom.

2. stimulus, stimulant, urge, motive, impulse, desire, itch, fillip, provocative, incentive, Physiol. excitant; don't push, press, good, spur, prick, prod, jolt, jog, poke, thrust, dictate, call; lure, allure, charm; thrill, kick, action. Sl. rush, feeling, sensation; passion, ardor, fervor, zeal, warmth, flush, fire, heat; eagerness, enthusiasm, ebullition, elation; explosion, outburst, outbreak, riot.

3. stimulation, animation, invigoration, motivation, infection, vivification, exhilaration, galvanization, electrification; incitation, incitement, instigation, encouragement; provocation, fomentation, actuation, excitation, inflammation, infuriation, disturbance; temptation, allurement, seduction, beguilement, inveiglement; fascination, intoxication, enervation, entremise.

exciting, adj. thrilling, electrifying, galvanizing, galvanic, spine-tingling, hair-raising, Inf. far out, Inf. rip-roaring, Inf. rip-singing; stimulating, stirring, bracing, rousing, inspiring, invigorating, exciting, exciting, excitatory; moving, compelling, affecting, soul-stirring, heart-stirring, heart-moving; overpowering, overwhelming, overcoming, startling, astonishing, Sl. mind-boggling, Sl. mind-blowing, Sl. trippy.

2. alluring, inviting, enticing, tempting, tantalizing, irresistible; charming, captivating, provocative, intriguing, fascinating, enthralling, beguiling, intoxicating, bewitching, enrapturing; attractive, interesting, appealing, piquant; seductive, sensuous, desirable, toothsome, mouth-watering, Inf. sexy; ravishing, voluptuous, glamorous, luxurious.

exclaim, v. cry out, ejaculate, vociferate, rap out, burst out, spit out, let loose; clamor, shout, squall, screech, squall, shriek, scream; roar, clamor, squawk; protest, interjection.

exclude, v. 1. debar, shut out, shut the door on, lock out; bar, stand in the way, prevent; ban, disallow, prohibit, forbid, embargo.

2. eliminate, count out, rule out, preclude; forget, pass over, skip, except, omit, leave or keep out; spurn, reject, refuse, deny, repudiate; ostracize, blackball; isolate, separate, segregate, set apart, cut off or away.

3. expel, eject, ostrse, remove, get rid of, drive away or out, force out; evict, turn out, put out, thrust out, toss out, Inf. throw out, Inf. kick out, excommunicate; exile, banish, relegate, deport, expatriate.

exclusion, n. 1. debarment, shutout, barring, bar; ban, disallowance, forbiddance, injunction, embargo, prevention.

2. elimination, counting out, ruling out, preclusion; passing over, exception, omission, cut; spurning, rejection, refusal, spurn; ostracism, blackballing; isolation, separation, segregation, cut-off.

3. expulsion, ejection, ejjection, ouster, ousting, deposition, removal, riddance; eviction, Inf. throwing out, Inf. kicking out, excommunication; exile, banishment, deportation, expatriation.

exclusive, adj. 1. mutually exclusive, incompatible; antithetical, inimical.

2. complete, entire, total, all.

3. single, individual, one, sole, only.

4. select, particular, picky, choosy, selective; limited, restrictive, closed, tight, clannish; cliquish, snobbish, snobby. Inf. snotty, Inf. snooty, Inf. uppity, haughty, arrogant, aloof, cold, unfriendly.

5. posh, elegant, luxurious, fancy, swanky, Sl. ritzy; expensive, high-priced, Inf. steep.

excommunicate, v. unchurch, expel, Inf. kick out, cut off, exclude. See exclude (defs. 2, 3).

excommunication, n. unchurching, expulsion, excommunication, ouster, exclusion. See exclusion (defs. 2, 3).

exorate, v. 1. strip, peel, skin, scalp, bark, husk, shuck, shell, decorticize; scrape, grate, rasp, file, grind, whet, sand, abrade, scour.

2. denounce, blame, accuse, condemn, censure; upbraid, reprove, reproach, rebuke, criticize; chastise, punish, discipline, reprimand, scold, chide; berate, objure, vituperate, castigate, inveigh against, raid against.

3. vilify, calumniate, malign, asperse, traduce, slight, slander, defame, libel, blacken; disparage, depreciate, belittle, put down, stigmatize, brand; abuse, attack, flay, flag, scourge.

excrement, n. feces, fecal matter, excreta, excreta, waste matter, stools, Sl. do, waste, feculence; dung, manure, muck, fertilizer, ordure, guano; droppings, night soil, dressing, cow or buffalo chips, U.S. West cow pies, coprolites, coproliths, Sl.lops.

excruciation, n. agony, torture, rack, put [s.o.] on the rack, wrench, crucify, martyr; pain, wound, hurt, scathe, pierce, stab, lacerate, put [s.o.] through the wringer; torment, persecute, abuse; anguish, distress, afflict, plague, harrow, rend.

2. outgrowth, offshoot, branch, extension, appendage.

excrete, v. egest, defecate, void, pass, urinate; discharge, expel, eject, evacuate, eliminate, throw off; exclude, emit, perspire, sweat.

excretion, n. 1. defecation, voidance, urination; discharge, ejection, evacuation, elimination, extrusion, exudation, secretion.

See extrusion.

2. perspiration, sweat; urine, excretion; smegma.

excruciate, v. agonize, torture, rack, put [s.o.] on the rack, wrench, crucify, martyr; pain, wound, hurt, scathe, pierce, stab, lacerate, put [s.o.] through the wringer; torment, persecute, abuse; anguish, distress, afflict, plague, harrow, rend.

2. extruding, adj. agonizing, tortuous, torturing, rack, wringing, painful; (all of pain) raw, sharp, cutting, acute, severe, intense, insufferable, unbearable, unendurable; anguishing, distressing, poignant, afflicting, plaguing, harrowing, rendering; tormenting, persecuting, abusive.

excruciation, n. agony, torture, breaking, wringing; torment, persecution, abuse; pain, anguish, distress, woe, harrowing, tribulation, hell; wretchedness, misery, suffering, martyrdom.

exculpate, v. acquit, clear, clear one's name, prove or declare innocent, uphold innocence, pronounce or declare not guilty, remove guilt, free from blame; exonerate, vindicate, right, set or put right, justify, warrant, defend; release, free, set free, let go, liberate, emancipate, deliver; dismiss, let off, Inf. set out of, Inf. let off the hook, Law. discharge; absolve, forgive, pardon, amnesty, excuse, remit, reprieve, respite.

exculpation, n. acquittal, acquittance, acquitting, compurgation, clearance, clearing, clearing of one's name, proof or declaration of innocence, upholding of
innocence, removal of guilt, freeing from blame; exonerating, exonerating, vindicating, vindicating, righting, justifying, justifying; freeing, release, releasing, liberation, emancipation, deliverance, dismissal, Law. discharge; absolution, absolving, forgiving, pardon, pardoning, amnesty, excuse, excusing; remission, remitting, remitting.

exculpatory, adj. 1. acquitting, compurgatory, exonerative, exonerating, vindicatory, vindicative, vindicating, exculpating; absolute, absolvent, absolving, forgiving, pardoning, exculsory, excusing, remissive, remitting.

2. clement, lenient, indulgent, forbearing, sparing; merciful, humane, compassionate.

excursion, n. 1. outing, airing, drive, ride; jaunt, junket, stroll, ramble; walk, hike, trek, tramp, peregrination, pilgrimage; expedition, trip, tour, voyage, sail, cruise; globe-trotting, sightseeing.

2. deviation, digression, diversion, wandering off, excursion.

excursive, adj. (all of speech) discursive, digressive, wandering, roaming, roving, peripatetic, errant; rambling, aimless, desultory, unconnected, disconnected, random.

excusable, adj. forgivable, pardonable, condonable, understandable; allowable, permissible; venial, minor, slight.

excusatory, adj. exculatory, exonerative, vindicatory, vindicative; apologetic, justificatory; extenuating, mitigating.

excuse, v. 1. forgive, absolve, shrive, remit; forbear, spare, judge with leniency; pardon, amnesty, reprieve, exculpate, exonerate, vindicate; acquit, clear, prove innocent, uphold innocence, remove guilt; condone, make allowances for, overlook, pass over, ignore, make the other way, pay no attention to.

2. apologize, repent, explain, extenuate, palliate, make excuses; defend oneself, rationalize, tell one's story, Inf. alibi, Inf. do a song and dance; justify, warrant, sanction, approve, allow, permit.

3. release, relieve, dismiss, discharge, free, liberate, let off, Inf. let off the hook; exempt, dispense with, except, excuse, leave [s.o.] out, keep [s.o.] out, Rom. Cath. Ch. dispense.

4. execute, veighed against, railed against, fulminated against; vituperate, condemning, censuring, denunciating.

5. executioner, executionist, execution, n. execute, veighed against, railed against, fulminated against; vituperate, condemning, censuring, denunciating.

6. forgiveness, forgiving, absolution, absolving, shriving, remission, remitting; pardoning, reprieve, repriming, reprieved, reprieve, reprieving, reprieve, reprieve, reprieve, reprieve.

7. pretext, ostensible reason, pretense, feint; substantive, escape, way out, out, loophole; evasion, elusion, means of avoiding, Inf. cop-out, Inf. stall.

8. makeshift, poor specimen, pitiful example, substitute.

execrable, adj. 1. abominable, abhorrent, heinous, loathsome, odious, invidious, hateful, detestable, despicable, deplorable; offensive, atrocious, disgusting, rank, distasteful, repulsive, obnoxious.

2. cursed, accused, Archaic. maledict, damned, plagued, anathematized, imprecated, excoriated, inveighed against, nailed against, fulfilled against; condemned, censured, denounced.

3. inferior, poor, bad, horrible, appalling, imperfect, defective, faulty, Inf. not up to snuff.

execute, v. 1. abhor, abominate, loathe, despise, detest, hate; have an aversion to, feel hostility toward, be hostile to, not be able to bear or abide.

2. curse, Archaic. accuse, damn, swear at, anathematize, revile, imprecate, invoke evil upon, excoriate, plague, inveigh, rail against, fulminate; vituperate, condemn, proscribe, censure, denounce.

execution, n. 1. curse, imprecation, malediction, anathema, damnation, excoriation, fulmination, plague; vituperation, condemnation, censure, denunciation.

2. abhorrence, abomination, detestation, animosity, animus, hatred, hostility, abhorring, abominating, loathing, despising, detesting, hating; cursing, imprecating, anathematizing, damning, excoriating, fulminating; vituperating, condemning, proscribing, censuring, denounced, denunciating.

3. the condemned, the damned, the cursed, the accursed, anathema, Fr. bete noire, bugbear, bogeyman.

execute, v. 1. carry out, accomplish, perform, do, discharge, fulfill, consummate; succeed in, manage, bring off, Sl. pull off, Inf. put over, U.S. Sl. swing, U.S. Sl. cut, U.S. Sl. hack; mastermind, engineer, negotiate, work out; bring about, make happen, cause, effect, effectuate; put through, produce, turn out, achieve, attain, realize; carry through, complete, finish; dispose of, Sl. knock off, Sl. polish off, expedite, dispatch.

2. put to death, behead, decapitate, guillotine, decolletage; hang, gibbet, lynch, Sl. string up, Sl. stretch, crucify; stone, lapidate; burn at the stake, electrocute, send to the electric chair; gas, poison, drown; kill, murder, slay, shoot, strangle; put an end to, get rid of, put away, remove, silence, finish off, dispatch; All Sl. rub out, bump off, knock off, snuff out. See kill (defs. 1, 2).

execution, n. accomplishment, fulfillment, realization, success, attainment, acquirement; achievement, performance, production; completion, consummation, finishing, conclusion.

2. capital punishment, judicial murder; hanging, lynching, Euph. necktie party; decapitation, decollation, guillotining; electrocution, gassing, poisoning; crucifying, impalement, lapidation, stoning, burning, burning at the stake; killing, murder, slaying, shooting, strangling, strangulation. See killing (defs. 1, 2).

3. (all of performance) mode, style, manner, touch, technique, technical skill; rendition, rendering, interpretation, representation, version.

executioner, n. executionist, Sl. Jack Ketch, hangman, lyncher, garrote; decapitator, headsmen, beheader; gasser, exterminator, annihilator; firing squad; crucifier, killer, murderer, slayer; bloodsquidler, bloodshedder, bloodletter. See killer (def. 1).

executive, n. 1. administrator, director, manager, leader, head, chief, principal; supervisor, superintendent, Inf. super, overseer, boss; master, commander, taskmaster, overlord; Inf. kingpin, Inf. number one, Inf. Mr. Big, Sl. top dog, Sl. top banana, Sl. big cheese.

2. president, premier, ruler, governor, intendant, Sarat. Mr. Big, Sl. Mr. Big, Inf. Big, Sl. Big Shot, celebrity, luminary, somebody; Inf. big name.

—adj. 1. administrative, managerial, directorial, supervisory, conductorial, regulatory; executive, au-
exemption, n. immunity, impunity, indemnity, freedom, catholic, profane; dispense, dispensation, dispensable, dispensatory, dispensing; take up, embrace, include; be exempt or an exception to, be an exception of, be an exception of

exercise, n. 1. workout, limber-up, limbering-up; exercitation, exertion, exert, effort, force, strain, push, drive, Inf. muscle, Inf. elbow grease; endeavor, attempt; industry, diligence, assiduity, sedulity.

1. evaporation, vaporization, emanation, evaporation; vapor, steam, gas, air; puff, huff, whiff, gasp, wheeze, sigh, sough, whisper, whistle, huff, whistle.

2. evacuation, evacuation, elimination, evacuation; scape, escape, rise in vapor, go up in smoke, steamify, gasify, escape; rise in vapor, go up in smoke, steamify, gasify, escape.

3. evaporate, vaporize, volatilize, volatilization, gasification, dissipation.

v. 1. exercise, use, employ, put to use, utilize, wield, bring into play, set in motion, put to work; put forth, expend, spend, put out.

2. exert oneself, endeavor, attempt; struggle, strain, push, drive, go all out, knock oneself out, SI. bust a gut, SI. bust one's butt; apply oneself, concentrate; beat one's brains out, cudgel one's brains; give [s.t.] one's all, do one's best or utmost or damnedest, spare no effort, take pains, toil, labor, plod, drudge, grind, sweat, slave.

3. exemplar, n. model, pattern, paradigm, Inf. pilot, form, mold, die; standard, norm, measure, measurement, benchmark, point of reference.

4. exercise, v. 1. free from, release from, absolve, excuse from, dismiss from, relieve of, dispense with; let out of, let off, Inf. let off the hook, dispense; except, make an exception, spare from, exclude from, leave [s.o.] out, keep [s.o.] out, pass over or by.

2. epitomize, typify, represent, embody, personify; be a specimen or specimen of, be a case or an instance of, serve as an example of, give an idea of.

3. exhaust, v. 1. use up, consume, eat up, finish; expend, spend, dissipate, SI. blow; waste, squander, fritter away, fool away, run through; scrounge, snoop, scavenger, poach, pilfer, pilfer, snoop, scrap.

2. drain, wear out, fatigue, weary, tire, tire out, enervate, lethargize; wind, flag, Inf. fag, Inf. bush, Inf. take it out of, SI. poop, SI. poop out, SI. knock out, burn out, do in, sap, overdraw, overwork, burn the candle at both ends; overtask, tax, strain, prostrate, debilitate, disable, destabilize.

3. draw out, extract, root up, take out, extricate; dig up, comb through, treat thoroughly, go over, go over with a fine-toothed comb, cover all the ground.

4. empty, drain off, pour out, discharge, spill, run out; deplete, deflate, collapse; clean out, clear out, sweep off.
exhausted, adj. 1. tired, tired out, Inf. dog-tired, dead tired. Sl. dead, dead on one’s feet; overtired, done in, all in, ready to drop; fatigued, weary, worn out, Inf. tuckered out, Inf. bushed, flaggled out, played out, burned out, wiped out, spent, Archaic. forspent; drowsy, sleepy, half-asleep, groggy, Sl. dopey. Sl. drugged. All Sl. shot, beat, pooped, pooped out, (with have) had it.

2. toilworn, wayworn, footsore; winded, panting, out of breath, breathless, gasping for breath or air; haggard, feeble, weak, faint, prostrate. Pathol. atonic.

3. consumed, drained, depleted, used up; empiated, bare, dry.

exhausting, adj. laborious, arduous, strenuous, back-breaking. Sl. ball-busting, hard, difficult; tedious, wearisome, tiresome; tiring, fatiguing, weakening, enervating, debilitating.

exhaustion, n. 1. weakness, faintheartedness, swoon, faint. Pathol. syncope; feebleness, lassitude, lethargy, inanition; fatigue, weariness, tiredness, prostration, collapse, burnout; debilitation, exhaustion, enfeeblement, debility. Pathol. asthenia.

2. depletion, consumption, draining, emptying; dispersion, wasting, prodigality, dissipation, wastefulness.

exhaustive, adj. comprehensive, encyclopedic, all-inclusive; in-depth, profound, thorough; thoroughgoing, extensive, far-reaching.

exhibit, v. 1. display, show, demonstrate, set forth, present, offer; expose, air, unveil, unfer, extend, spread out; place, arrange, array, dispose, set up; flaunt, parade, brandish, show off.

2. indicate, express, manifest, make plain or clear, betray, give away; evince, evidence, exemplify, Scot. and North Eng. kithe; reveal, disclose, produce, bring forward, bring in, roll out, Inf. trot out.

3. explain, explicate, expound; describe, illustrate, show how, give an idea of.

—n. 4. display, show, showing. See exhibition (def. 2).

5. evidence, proof, grounds, facts, data; example, demonstration, Inf. demo, illustration, representation, exemplification; item, instance, case, particular.

exhibition, n. 1. demonstration, manifestation, representation, evince, indication, expiation, exemplification; revelation, disclosure, divulgence; explanation, explanation, description, illustration.

2. exhibit, show, showing, display, presentation, unveiling, airing; mounting, staging, stage show, production, performance; review, retrospective; exposition, Inf. expo, fair.

exhibitionist, n. 1. show-off, extrovert, Sl. grandstander, Sl. hot dog, Sl. hotshot, Sl. showboat; dandy, top, clotheshorse.

2. deviant, pervert, sex deviant or pervert, Sl. flasher.

exhilarate, v. 1. cheer, gladden, uplift, make merry, make happy or joyous; delight, elate, exalt, brighten; warm, move, inspire, enthuse; hearten, enhearten, encourage, nerve, embolden; fortify, build up, nourish, restore; reassure, confirm, comfort, solace; improve, ameliorate, melliorate; aid, assist, support, sustain; strengthen, buttress, brace, reinforce.

2. enliven, invigorate, stimulate, instir, energize; animate, raise, vivify, vitalize; reanimate, revive, revivify, revitalize, rejuvenate; fire, Inf. light a fire under, inflame; enkindle. Inf. spark, stir, quicken, awaken, make active; arouse, tingle, thrill; Inf. pep up, perk up, bolster or bolster up, cheer, refresh, give a lift to.

exhiliration, n. high spirits, good spirits, gaiety, merriment, light-heartedness; blithesomeness, airiness, sunniness, breeziness, buoyancy; liveliness, alacrity, briskness, vivacity, effervescence, bubbling; gladnessome, joyousness, cheerfulness, levity; hilarity, mirth, mirthfulness, elation; glee, gleefulness, exultation, jubilation; merrymaking, rejoicing, laughter; jocundity, jocularity, joviality, conviviality, jollity; jauntiness, sprightliness, pertness, friskiness, playfulness, sportiveness; energy, spirit, elan, dash, ardor; passion, zeal, gusto, vigor; eagerness, animation, Inf. ginger, enthusiasm; sparkle, ebullience, excitement; ecstasy, thrill, Inf. rush, tingling.

exhume, v. 1. resurrect, restore, regenerate, revive, reanimate; unbury, disinhume, disentomb, exhumate, unsepulch.

2. enliven, invigorate, stimulate, inspirit, energize; animate, raise, vivify, vitalize; reanimate, revive, re-
small, wee, tiny, puny, petty, diminutive, paltry.

exile, n. 1. separation, displacement, dislocation, expatriation, uprooting, exilement.
2. displaced person, D.P., expatriate, alien, émigré; outcast, expellee, outsider, deportee, Ishmael, Hagar; pariah, leper, nonperson, unperson.
3. expulsion, ostracism, banishment, deportation, relegation, excommunication, proscription, outlawry, prohibition, banning, barring; exclusion, segregation, isolation, sequestration, quarantine; ejection, eviction, ouster.

—v. 4. expatriate, dislocate, displace, separate, export; scatter, unsettle, uproot; expel, banish, ostracize, excommunicate, deport; run out, drive out, cast out, thrust out, send away, relegate; proscribe, outlaw, ban, bar, prohibit; eject, exclude, oust, evict; isolate, cut off, quarantine, sequester, seclude, maroon.

exist, v. 1. be, have being; live, breathe, draw breath, expire; have life, have animation, have vitality, be viable; subsist, vegetate.
2. continue, remain, endure, abide, last, stay; survive, Sl. get along.
3. occur, happen, prevail; take place, ensue, result, eventuate, betide, come off, crop up, be chance.

existence, n. 1. being, existing, subsistence, Latin. esse; actuality, reality, presence, fact, living.
2. continuance, duration, abidingness, endurance, lastings, permanence, persistence.
3. mode of being, lifestyle, manner, fashion.
4. life, vital principle, animation, vitality, nature.
5. entity, being, thing, creature, Metaphys. ens; essence, quiddity.

exit, n. 1. way out, passage out, doorway, door, gate, mouth; outlet, opening, aperture, porthole, loop-hole, window; hatch, Naut. booby hatch, trapdoor, postern.
2. departure, going out, taking off, leaving; withdrawal, retreat, retirement; egress, debouchment; emigration, issuance, issue, discharge, vent; escape, evacuation, flight, exodus, hegira; abandonment, vacation, desertion.

—v. 3. leave, go out or away, depart, quit, take off; withdraw, retire, repair, retreat; issue, emanate, discharge, vent; escape, flee, fly, evacuate; vacate, decamp, break camp, abandon, forsake, desert.

exodus, n. flight, escape, move, migration, emigration; hegira, fleeing; exit, departure, leaving, going out, sallying forth; retreat, withdrawal, recession.

exonerate, v. 1. acquit, clear, vindicate. See exculpate.
2. release, discharge, free. See excuse (def. 3).
exoneration, n. 1. acquittal, acquittance, vindication. See exculpation.
2. excusal, release, relief, dismissal, discharge, freedom, liberty, liberation, emancipation, deliverance, delivery; exemption, exception, exclusion, indemnity, immunity, impunity, Rom. Cath. Ch. dispensation.
exorbitance, n. 1. excessiveness, nimiosity, extravagance, immaterianness, unreasonableness, undue ness, inordinateness; outrageousness, preposterousness, monstrousness, rankness, egregiousness; redundancy, superfluity, supererogation, oversufficiency, overkill, overdose, too much of a good thing.
2. expensiveness, costliness, dearness, highness, Inf. steepness, Inf. stiffness.
exorbitant, adj. 1. excessive, unreasonable, improper, disproportionate, undue, inordinate, uncalled-for, unwarranted, unnecessary; extreme, too much, unconscionable, outrageous, preposterous, monstrous, rank, egregious, Inf. criminal.
expansion, n. 1. enlargement, extension, aggrandizement, increase; magnification, amplification, enhancement, deepening, heightening; widening, thickening, broadening; lengthening, waxing, prolongation, protraction; unfolding, unfurling, opening; spreading out, stretching out, branching out, Mil. deployment; diffusion, dissemination, dispersion, dispersal.

2. inflation, distension, dilatation, Physiol. diastole; bloating, puffing out, blowing up; swelling, tumescence, tumefaction, puffiness.

3. addition, accretion, increment, accession, access; augmentation, supplement, annex, annexation, appendage, appendix, addendum, adjunct; accrual, accrument, accumulation, cumulation.

4. elevation, raise, boost, rise, advancement; upsurge, upsweep, upturn, step-up; mounting, ascending, skyrocketing; multiplication, doubling, redoubling, trebling, tripling, quadrupling; burgeoning, shooting up, springing up, sprouting.

5. development, explanation, expounding on or upon, detailing; intensification, concentration, escalation, acceleration; maximization, oversaturation; exacerbation, aggravation.

6. strengthening, reinforcement, build-up; improvement, upgrading, Inf. pickup; growth, maturation.

7. expand, space, spaciousness, amplitude, vastness, immensity, largeness; open space, free space, clearing, opening, open country; wilderness, waste, desert, wild region, desolate country; infinity, infinitude, unlimtedness, boundlessness; abyss, chasm, gulf; emptiness, void.

expansive, adj. 1. expanding, enlarging, enhancing, deepening, heightening; extending, spreading, unfolding, unfurling, stretching out, opening; dilatable, inflatable.

2. strengthening, reinforcing; growing, maturing, flourishing; burgeoning, sprouting.

3. comprehensive, inclusive, all-inclusive, all-including, all-embracing; thorough, thorough-going, exhaustive, complete; entire, out-and-out, radical; extensive, Inf. wall-to-wall; universal, catholic, worldwide, nationwide, global, cosmopolitan; wide-reaching, far-reaching; infinite, unlimited, unbounded, unrestricted, boundless.

4. large, large-scale, big, bulky, great; substantial, considerable, sizeable, generous, liberal; immense, vast, massive; gigantic, huge, enormous, colossal, stupendous.

5. spacious, extended, expanded; ample, capacious, voluminous, roomy, commodious; broad, wide, widespread, spread out, outspread, stretched out, outstretched.

(o) of a person's character or speech effusive, ebullient, overflowing; demonstrative, communicative, talkative, loquacious; outgoing, uninhibited, extroverted, outspoken; free, open, frank; unrestrained, unreserved, unremitting.

expatriate, v. (all of speech) descant, perorate, discourse, dissertate; expand, enlarge, amplify, protract, prolong; harp on, dwell on; digress, wander, rove, meander, ramble.

expatriate, n. 1. exile, banish, proscribe, outlaw, deport; expel, cast out, ostracize, blackball, exclude, isolate, maroon, seclude.

2. emigrate, migrate, leave the country.

—n. 3. exile, displaced person, D.P., expellee, emigrant, exiliatic, castaway, outcast, pariah, outlaw.

expect, v. 1. anticipate, await, abide, Archaic. attend; look ahead to, watch for, have in prospect, look forward to, keep in view; contemplate, foresee.

2. rely upon, hope for, calculate upon, count upon, reckon upon, bargain for, trust, look for, require, expect, demand.

3. suppose, surmise, conjecture, believe, presume, Archaic. ween.

expectant, adj. 1. expecting, awaiting, abiding; ready, eager, anxious; in suspense, on tiptoe; apprehensive, on tenterhooks or pins and needles; opened-eyed, vigilant, open-mouthed, agape; with bated breath.

2. prospective, expected, future, potential, likely, destined, imminent, eventual; threatening, looming, brewing.

3. pregnant, expecting, enceinte, gravid, with child, in the family way.

expectation, n. 1. anticipation, expectancy, prospect, contingency; contemplation, looking forward to, expecting, awaiting, abiding.

2. presumption, reckoning, calculation, anticipatory desire; hope, assurance, trust, reliance, dependence, confidence; suspense, apprehension, anxiety.

3. probability, likelihood, chance, possibility; susceptibility, liability, liability.

4. Usu. expectations prospects, outlook, speculation, high hopes; good fortune, profit.

expectorate, v. spit, discharge, expel, eject; cough up, hawk.

expediency, n. 1. suitability, suitability, seemliness, appropriateness, fittingness; properness, correctness, rightness, goodness; judiciousness, wisdom, sagacity, sensibleness, reasonableness, rationality, intelligence.

2. advisability, desirability, desirableness, practicality, usefulness, utility; advantage, advantageousness, beneficiality, helpfulness, serviceability, favorability, timeliness; convenience, opportunism, propitiousness, auspiciousness, fortunateness, salutariness; valubility, profitableness, profit, gain, gainfulness, lucrativeness, remunerativeness.

expedient, adj. 1. suitable, seemly, appropriate, suitable, seemly, appropriate, seemableness, seemableness, seemableness; advantageous, beneficial, helpful, of service, serviceable, favorable; convenient, opportune, propitious, auspicious, fortunate, salutary; valuable, profitable, gainful, lucrative, remunerative; to one's best interest, to one's good, all to the good, all for the best.

2. advisable, recommendable, desirable, practical, useful; advantageous, beneficial, helpful, of service, serviceable, favorable; convenient, opportune, propitious, auspicious, fortunate, salutary; valuable, profitable, gainful, lucrative, remunerative; to one's best interest, to one's good, all to the good, all for the best.

—n. 3. device, tool, contrivance, means, agency, instrument, to one's good, all to the good, all for the best.

expedite, v. hasten, hurry, precipitate, antedate, quicken, speed or step up, accelerate; urge on, press forward, push, shove, drive, railroad.

2. advance, promote, forward, further; encourage, boost, build up, support, patronize; facilitate, enable, make easy for; assist, aid, help, abet, succor, lend a hand, give a leg up.

3. dispatch, accomplish promptly, make short work of, Inf. whip off, Inf. dash off, finish or complete quickly.

4. issue, put forth, give out; dispatch, send off, mail; distribute, circulate, promulgate.

expedition, n. 1. excursion, trip, tour, journey, voyage, sail, cruise; exploration, search; circuit, round trip, turn, whirl; jaunt, junket, stroll, ramble; outing, airing, drive, ride, walk, hike, trek, tramp, peregrina-
tion, pilgrimage; campaign, crusade, mission; march, invasion, raid.

2. group, crowd, company, party, body; gathering; crew, band, troop, team, squad.

3. alacrity, promptness, promptitude, readiness; swiftness, quickness, fastness, dispatch; haste, speed, celerity, rapidity, velocity.

expeditious, adj. prompt, immediate, instant, instantaneous; direct, summary, fast; rapid, fleet, meteoric, quick, swift, brisk; timely, seasonal, punctual, early, in good time.

expel, v. 1. drive out, force out, thrust out, expel; 2. experienced, 1.

steep, stiff; exorbitant, extortionate, excessive, unreasonable; running into money, in the upper echelons.

at the expense of at the sacrifice of, at the cost of; to the detriment of, to [s.o.’s] loss.

expensive, adj. 1. high-priced, costly, dear, high, Inf. steep, Inf. stiff; exorbitant, extortionate, excessive, unreasonable; running into money, in the upper price brackets, beyond one’s means.

2. valuable, precious, priceless, inestimable; sumptuous, rich, opulent, lavish; prodigal, wasteful, extravagant.

experience, n. 1. affair, episode, ordeal, event, incident, occurrence, happening; encounter, transaction, adventure, Sl. trip; circumstance, case.

2. involvement, encountering, meeting, facing; exposure, observing, observation, perceiving, perception, impression; trials, vicissitudes, ups and downs.


4. wisdom, common sense; sophistication, enlightenment, knowledge, learning, cognizance, ken; know-how, savoir-faire.

—v. 5. encounter, meet, face; observe, perceive, apprehend; taste, sample, test, try; sense, feel; undergo, go through, get [s.t.] under one’s belt; live through, endure, suffer through.

6. understand, learn about, become knowledgeable about, become familiar with, find out about; realize, discover, become enlightened, appreciate; know, cognize, Chiefly Scot. ken; assimilate, absorb, take in.

experienced, adj. 1. accomplished, practiced, skillful, polished, proficient, adept, good [at], Fr. au fait; knowledgeable, versed, prepared, qualified, well-grounded, trained, primed, ready; competent, fit, fitted, capable, able, efficient, Sl. on the ball; veteran, professional, Inf. knowing the ropes; Sl. savvy; expert, master, masterful, masterly.

2. mature, ripened, seasoned, salted; weathered, hardened, toughened, battle-scarred, Inf. through the mill, Inf.: through the wringer; sophisticated, knowing, Sl. in the know, worldly, worldly-wise, Sl. wise, Inf. been around, initiated.

3. undergone, lived through, gone through, endured, suffered through; contacted, met, faced, observed, perceived; tasted, sampled, tested, tried; sensed, felt.

experiment, n. 1. trial, test, demonstration, examination, investigation, inquiry, questioning, research, experimentation; venture, endeavor, effort, attempt, essay, go; tryout, feeler, trial balloon, speculation; trial and error, process of elimination, tentative procedure, shot in the dark, random shot.

2. test procedure, Inf. pilot, operation; observation, analysis, touchstone, assay.

3. evidence, verification, confirmation, corroboration, substantiation, authentication, proof.

—v. 4. try, test, demonstrate, examine, probe, investigate, inquire, question, speculate; try out, sample, try and try again, make trial of, conduct an experiment; put to the test, analyze, assay; verify, prove, demonstrate.

5. venture, endeavor, attempt, essay, have a go at; approach, look at, take a fresh look at, begin work on, take preliminary steps, set about, break with tradition, explore new avenues, enter virgin territory, Inf. give something a whirl, Inf. fool around with; feel one’s way, put out feelers, send up a trial balloon, feel the pulse; grope for, fish for, grasp at straws.

experimental, adj. 1. tentative, hypothetical, speculative, probationary, on approval, pending; conjectural, theoretical, questionable, indefinite; assumption, empirical, experimental.

2. exploratory, pilot, under examination or consideration, on trial, theoretic, provisional, untried; in the trial stages, full of kinks, not perfected, provable, probable; under observation, in the spotlight, under the microscope.

expert, n. 1. specialist, authority, pundit, scholar; one of the cognoscenti, connoisseur, critic; (both of martial arts) black belt, dan.

2. master, proficient, adept, mavin, master hand, Chiefly Brit. Inf. dab hand, Brit. Dial. dabster; maestro, virtuoso, talent, genus, prodigy, standout, Inf. wizard, Inf. whiz, U.S. Sl. crackjack, Sl. sharp, Sl. shark; professional, Inf. pro, journeyman, veteran, past mistress, past master, old hand, old stager.

—adj. 3. masterful, masterly, standout, topflight, top-drawer, first-rate, ace, Inf. topnotch, Inf. crack, U.S. Sl. crackjack, Inf. whiz-bang, Brit. Sl. whizzo.

4. proficient, adept, finished, polished, accomplished, practiced, experienced, Fr. au fait, Inf. knowing the ropes; skillful, skilled, dexterous, adroit, deft, facile; knowledgeable, learned, well-versed, well-informed.

—v. 5. counsel, advise, consult with, confer, recommend, suggest; enlighten, educate, acquaint, apprise, inform, notify.

expire, v. atone, make amends, make up for, offset, set, redeem; do penance, shrive, pay, pay the penalty, pay the piper; recompense, make reparation; redress, take revenge, right, remedy; go to confession, wash away one’s sins; put on sackcloth and ashes, beat one’s breast, cry mea culpa.

expiration, n. amends, compensation, indemnity, reparation, restitution, redemption, repayment, requital, quittance; redemption, satisfaction, remedy, righting;
penance, taking one's punishment, Archaic. shift, purgation.

expiration, n. 1. conclusion, termination, end, coming to an end; finish, finis, culmination; close, stoppage, cessation, dissolution, breakdown; omega, death, demise, bitter end, Sl. laps; finale, final act or scene or chapter, coda; wind-up, last hurrah.
2. breathing out, exhalation, respiration; gasping, puffing, panting.

expire, v. 1. end, come to an end, terminate; stop, discontinue, cease, stop working, fail, wither on the vine; close, come to a close, complete, finish, conclude; run out, run its course, go up in smoke; die out, burn out, be extinguished, burn up.
2. die, perish, decease; fade away, waste away, pass, pass away; go to sleep, give up the ghost; depart, go away, ride into the sunset, go west; write the last chapter, take the full count, go to the last round-up; meet one's Maker, go to heaven, go to the great beyond; join the Heavenly Host, join the invisible or angelic choirs; cross the Great Divide, cross the River Styx, say hello to Charon, pay one's fee; say the last goodbye, breathe one's last; Sl. drop dead, Sl. conk out, Sl. kick the bucket; exsanguinate, overdose.
3. breathe out, exhale, respire; gasp, puff, pant; sigh, blow, wheeze.

explicable, adj. accountable, definable, solvable, soluble, resolvable, determinable, ascertainable, explainable; understandable, interpretable, intelligible.

explicit, adj. express, specific, definite, precise, exact, positive, pointed; unequivocal, unambiguous, unqualified, downright, outright, out-and-out, Sl. no-nonsense; categorical, unconditional, absolute, fixed, final, peremptory; clear, crystal-clear, manifest, plain, obvious, unmistakable, distinct, well-defined.

explode, v. 1. burst, blow up, detonate, fulminate, fly apart, fly into pieces; discharge, blast, go off, report, sound, boom, thunder, roar, bang, pop; let off, set off, fire off, shoot, let fly.
2. rant, rave, rant and rave, rage, bellow, storm; bluster, splutter; fly into a passion, Inf. fly off the handle, go into hysterics, have or throw a tantrum or fit, Inf. have a conniption or conniption fit, Inf. hit the ceiling or roof, Sl. have a hemorrhage; All Sl. blow one's cork, blow a top, blow one's top or stack, flip, flip one's wig or lid, freak or freak out.
3. disprove, invalidate, refute, repudiate; discredit, belie, give the lie to, shoot or poke full of holes, knock the bottom out of, blow to pieces, blow sky high; mock, lampoon, ridicule.

exploit, n. 1. (alt. usu. extraordinary) deed, deed, Archaic. gest, act, action; achievement, step, stride, achievement, step, stride, achievement, step, stride; achievement, step, stride, achievement, step, stride.
2. outspoken, free-spoken, free-speaking, free, bold, unretentive, unrestrained, unreserved, uninhibited, unshackled, open, candid, frank, forthright, direct, straightforward, straight-from-the-shoulder, foursquare; plain, plain-spoken, Inf. straight-out, Inf. flat-footed, Inf. matter-of-fact; blunt, bluff, brusque, point-blank.

explosion, n. 1. blast, discharge, detonation; bang, boom, burst, eruption, crash; rumble, roll, thunder, fulmination; shot, crack, report; salvo, volley, fusillade.
2. outburst, outbreak, burst, flare-up, eruption, upheaval; fit, tantrum, convulsion, spasm, seizure, paroxysm; Chiefly Brit. wax, Brit. Inf. paddy-whack, Sl. wing-ding.
3. sudden increase, acceleration, speedup; mushrooming, burgeoning; population explosion.

explosive, adj. fulminant, fulgurous; eruptive, volcanic, inflammable; loaded, primed; dangerous,
expostulate, v. remonstrate, plead in protest, argue.

expository, adj. explanatory, explicative, explanatory, declarative.

exposition, n. 1. discourse, exposition, exposé, covering, unmasking, unveiling, baring, laying open; airing, publication, broadcast, report, communication; divulgation, leak, admission, confession, avowal.

expose, v. 1. endanger, imperil, jeopardize, put in jeopardy, lay open or subject to danger; hazard, risk, venture, chance, take a chance, tempt fate, sail too near the wind, fly too close to the sun.

exposure, n. 1. disclosure, revelation, exposé, uncovering, unveiling, baring, laying open; airing, publication, broadcast, report, communication; divulgation, leak, admission, confession, avowal.

express, v. 1. verbalize, put into words, word, say, utter, voice, give voice to, breathe, give vent to, enunciate, come out with, blur out; announce, proclaim, declare, herald, pronounce, set forth, put forth; communicate, inform, tell, speak, give word, mention, point out, bring to [s.o.'s] attention, let [s.o.] know, have one know, give one to understand; explain, define, explicate, comment on; describe, account for, give the facts.

express, n. 1. verbalization, utterance, enunciation, wording, expression.

expositor, n. expounder, explainer, interpreter, exponent; commentator, scholiast; demonstrator, exhibitor.

expository, adj. explicative, explanatory, declarative, elucidative, essayistic, expounding, discursive; interpretative, exegetic, hermeneutic; descriptive, illustrative.

expostulate, v. remonstrate, plead in protest, argue, reason against, object, protest; admonish, warn, forewarn, exhort, put on one's guard; advise, counsel against, Archaic. dissuade, Archaic. dehort; reproach, rebuke, disapprove of, complain of.

expostulation, n. remonstrance, admonition, warning, caution, exhortation; advice, counsel, Archaic. dissuasion, Archaic. dehortation; reproach, re-
expressionless, adj. 1. blank, empty, vacuous; dull, dry, unimaginative, boring; wooden, deadpan, poker-faced, straight-faced; unresponsive, undemonstrative, apathetic, unimpassioned.

2. inscrutable, inexplicable, incomprehensible, hidden, mysterious.

expressive, adj. 1. indicative, suggestive, allusive; informative, telling, demonstrative; designative, denotative, denominative, descriptive, representative, delineative.

2. meaningful, fraught with meaning, pregnant, significant, significative, thoughtful; pointed, forceful, direct, emphatic, pithy.

3. sympathetic, full of feeling, emotional, passionate; poignant, moving, evocative, artistic; eloquent, vivid, graphic; deep, intense, powerful.

extension, n. 1. spread, spreading out, branch out, Mil. deploy; unfold, unfurl, stretch out, draw out, straighten out, open; stretch, spread, sprawl; reach, run, range.

2. offer, proffer, submit; grant, give, bestow, confer, impart, present; hold forth, hold out, reach out, put forth, carry forward, yield.

3. expand, increase, enlarge, make larger, make bigger, make greater, Chiefly Literary, greatly, aggrandize; widen, thicken, broaden; dilate, distend, inflate, blow up, swell, intumesce, tumefy; fill out, fatten.

4. lengthen, elongate, place at full length; prolong, prolongate, protract, spin out; continue, perpetuate, keep up, string on, carry on, drag on, drag out; maintain, preserve, sustain.

5. develop, enlarge on, expand on or upon, detail; magnify, amplify, enhance, deepen, heighten; intensify; concentrate; exaggerate, maximize, make much of, make the most of, overstate.

6. augment, supplement, add to, superadd to; accumulate, amass; multiply, double, redouble, treble, triple, quadruple.

7. escalate, step up, give a boost to, St. soup up, St. hop up, St. jazz up; accelerate, snowball, mushroom; exacerbate, aggravate.

extension, n. 1. spread, spreading out, branching out, Mil. deployment; unfolding, unfurling, stretching out, drawing out, straightening out, opening; stretch, spread, sprawl; diffusion, dissemination, dispersal, dispersal.

2. lengthening, elongation, prolongation, protraction; continuation, perpetuation, stringing on, carrying on, dragging on, dragging out; postponement, de-
extensive, adj. magnitude, extent, degree, amount, fullness; capacity, volume, proportions, dimensions, size, gauge; breadth, width, depth, broadness, widthness, height, length; stretch, spread, reach, span; scope, range, play, compass, swing, sweep.

extensive, adj. 1. spacious, extended, expanded, extended, extended, extensive, extraneous, commodious; broad, wide, widespread, spread out, outspoken, stretched out, outstretched.

extent, n. 1. measure, degree, quantity, amount, fullness; capacity, volume, proportions, dimensions, size, gauge; breadth, width, depth, broadness, widthness, height, length; arena, sphere, region, territory; field, tract, distance; stretch, spread, reach, span; district, circuit, area; scope, range, play, compass, swing, sweep; limit, limitation, bounds, borders; latitude, longitude.

extent, n. 2. expanse, space, extension, expansion; spaciousness, amplitude, vastness, immensity, capaciousness, largeness; open space, free space, clearing, opening.

extenuate, v. 1. make less serious, play down, downplay, glaze, smooth over; gloss over, whitewash, cover up, varnish; paint a better picture of, palliate, mitigate, soften; temper, moderate, tone down; attenuate, weaken, lessen, diminish; reduce, decrease, dilute, minimize; make allowances for, apologize for, excuse; rationalize, justify, qualify; refine, rarefy.

extenuate, v. 2. underemphasize, make light of, Inf. kid about; disregard, condone, overlook, downgrade.

extenuation, n. mitigation, palliation, tempering, softening, gloss, playing down; varnish, whitewash, coverup; underestimation, downgrading; explanation, interpretation, rationalization.

exterior, adj. 1. outer, external, outside; extrinsic, outward, outdoor, outlying; peripheral, superficial, surface; extraneous, foreign, alien.

—n. 2. appearance, aspect, demeanor, mien, face; surface, integument, skin, covering, shell, façade; outside, externals, superficiality.

exterminate, v. 1. annihilate, obliterate, eradicate, erase, blot or wipe out, Sl. mop up, efface, eliminate, extirpate, destroy totally, decimate, liquidate, massacre, kill off, slaughter, butcher, mow down; undo, cut off, put an end to, abolish, exterminate, quench, quash, overthrow; raze, level, tear to the ground, ravage, gut, blast, devastate, ruin, despoil, desolate, demolish, lay in ruins; kill, murder, slay, cut down, put to death, execute, do to death, put to the sword, destroy, assassinate.

2. uproot, root out, deracinate, Obs. overruncate.

external, adj. exterior, outside, outer. See exterior (def. 1).

extinct, adj. 1. non-existing, died out, dead, defunct, gone without a survivor, disappeared from the face of the earth; ended, terminated, finished; gone, lost, evaporated, vanished, departed, abolished; annihiliated, wiped out, exterminated, eradicated, extirpated, liquidated.

2. obsolete, out-modeled, passé, antiquated, out-of-date.

3. quenched, extinguished, burned out; put out, snuffed out, reduced to ashes.

extinction, n. 1. coming to an end, terminating, dying out; death, non-existence, nonsurvival.

2. annihilation, extermination, eradication, extirpation, obliteration, destruction.

extinguish, v. 1. snuff out, put out, quench, Inf. douse, Inf. dinch, blow out, (of a light) turn off, (of a cigar, cigarette) Sl. snub out; smoker, suffocate, stifle, damp, choke.

2. extirpate, obliterate, expunge, eradicate, exterminate, annihilate, disappear, abolish; blot out, strike out, stamp out, crush out, devastate, destroy, demolish, ravage, desolate, ruin, Dial. ruinate, raze; efface, wipe out, do away with, remove, liquidate, purge, leave no vestige or trace of; eliminate, put an end to, get rid of, bring to an end, dispose of; terminate, dissolve, check; quash, quell, suppress, squelch, crush, vanquish, subdue, put down, nip, nip in the bud, Inf. put the kibosh on; overthrow, overturn, overwhelm, subvert, topple, defeat, conquer.

3. kill, kill off, slay, slaughter; murder, finish off, Sl. do in, Sl. zap, sacrifice, mow down.

4. erase, rub out, scrape out, scratch out; wash out, sponge out; delete, Print. dele, blue-pencil, edit, edit out; cross out, x out, cancel, black out, mark off.

5. obscure, eclipse, darken, throw into the shade, overshadow, Inf. show up, outdo.

Law. annul, nullify, dissannul, declare null and void, render null and void, void, avoid, elide; quash, invalidate, vitiate, vacate, disenchant, disestablish; cancel, discharge; suspend, cease, nol-pros, stop, end, discontinue, break off.

extirpate, v. 1. obliterate, exterminate, expunge, eradicate, annihilate, dispose of; blot out, strike out, stamp out, snuff out, crush out; devastate, destroy, demolish, ravage, desolate, ruin, Dial. ruinate, raze; efface, wipe out, do away with, remove, liquidate, purge, leave no vestige or trace of; eliminate, put an end to, get rid of, bring to an end, dispose of; terminate, dissolve, check; quash, quell, suppress, squelch, crush, vanquish, subdue, put down, nip, in the bud, Inf. put the kibosh on; overthrow, overturn, overwhelm, subvert, topple, defeat, conquer.

2. uproot, root out, deracinate; pull up, draw out, tear out, take out, extract; excise, cut, cut out; un-earth, excavate, dig up or out, grub up or out; weed out, rake out.

extirpation, n. 1. obliteration, extermination, expiration, eradication, annihilation, discretion, abolish-
tion, abolition; devastation, total destruction, de-
motion, ravage, desolation, ruin, ruination; ef-
facement, wipe out, removal, liquidation, purgation,
leaving no vestige or trace of; elimination, putting an end to, extinguishment, extinction, bringing to an end, disposing of; termination, dissolution, check; quashing, suppression, squelching, crushing, vanquishment, squashing; overthrow, overturn, overwhelming, sub-
version, defeat, conquering.
1. uprooting, unrooting, pulling up, plucking up, pulling out by the roots, rooting out, outrooting, de-
racination; pulling out, drawing out, wrenching out, tearing out, avulsion, taking out, extraction, evulsion, excision, cutting, cutting out; uneartching, excavation, digging up or out, grubbing up or out; weeding out, raking out.

extravagant, adj. excessive, extreme, inordinate, adj.
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extravagance, n. prodigality, lavishness, profli-
ty, supererogation, oversufficiency, too much of a good
excess, exorbitance.
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goody, excessively, extreme, inordinate, adj.
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ty, supererogation, oversufficiency, too much of a good
goody, excessively, extreme, inordinate, adj.
sideshow; farce, burlesque, comic opera, opera buffa, opéra bouffe, opéra comique, operetta.

**extreme, adj.** 1. exceptional, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, notable, outstanding, remarkable, Sl. hell of a; unusual, abnormally, unconventional, different, offbeat, exotic, foreign, strange, odd, bizarre, weird, eccentric, Inf. way-out, Sl. far-out; egregious, flagrant, glaring.

2. maximum, maximal, max., greatest, most, utmost, uttermost; supreme, paramount, superlative, Inf. almighest; highest, uppermost, upper, topmost, top, tip-top, summital, apical.

3. lowest, least, slightest, smallest, minimal, minim.

4. farthest, remotest, outermost, outlying, outer, apogeal, apogeal, marginal, peripheral; distant, remote, far-off, faraway; last, hindmost, rearmost, endmost, ultimate, Fr. dernier; final, terminal, terminating, ending, finishing, closing, concluding, culminating.

5. radical, drastic, complete, total, thorough, thoroughlygoing; sheer, utter, downright, out-and-out, unqualified, unmitigated, arrant; excessive, extravagant, exorbitant, outrageous, inordinate, undue, unnecessary, uncalled for, disproportionate; unlimited, beyond, beyond all, beyond the bounds, beyond the limits, out on a limb, heroic, bold, brave, valorous, heroic, daring, risky, risk, chance, going out on a limb, heroic act, valor.

6. maximum, max., most, uttermost, utmost, Math. extremum; apex, vertex, apogee, acme, zenith, Latin. ne plus ultra; summit, pinnacle, peak, height, top, tip, tip-top, best, finest, prime, U.S. Sl. the most, U.S. Sl. the greatest, Sl. the tops.

7. opposite, pole, contrary, counter, contradiction, antonym, the other end of the scale.

8. excessiveness, excess, extravagance, exorbitance, outrageousness, inordinate, disproportionate; immoderation, intemperance, overindulgence; unreasonableableness, irrationality, fanaticalness, radicalness, zealousness, rabidity, rabidity.

9. extremity, crisis, emergency, exigency, pressing situation; adversity, pinch, plight, quandary, dire strait or circumstance, time of stress.

10. last resort, Fr. dernier resort, risk, chance, going out on a limb; ultimatum.

**extremely, adv.** 1. exceptionally, extraordinarily, unusually, uncommonly, abnormally; remarkably, notably, damned, danged, U.S. Inf. darned, Sl. hell of a.

2. very, exceedingly, excessively, inordinately, disproportionately, to a degree, Sl. almighest; immoderately, intemperately, overindulgently, uncontrollably, unstrainedly; exorbitantly, to the nth degree, outrageously, to a degree, beyond the bounds, beyond the limits, out on a limb, heroic, bold, brave, valorous, heroic, daring, risky, risk, chance, going out on a limb, heroic act, valor, last resort, ultimatum.

**extrovert, n.** socializer, outgoing person, mingler, Inf. mixer, everybody's buddy or friend; hail-fellow, hail-fellow well met, Inf. glad-hander, Inf. backslapper.

**extroverted, adj.** outgoing, outwardly directed, self-centered, unselshelf, giving of one's self; extrovert, extravertish; sociable, socializing, social, people-oriented; friendly, amicable, congenial, hail-fellow; hearty, exuberant, effervescence, bubbly.

**exude, v.** 1. expel, force out, press or push out, eject; thrust out, Inf. throw out, Inf. kick out. See **expel (def. 1).**

2. protrude, stick out, poke out, hang out; project, extend, jut out, beetle.

**exuberance, n.** exuberancy, lavishness, extravagance, prodigality, unlimitedness, unreservedness, whole-heartedness; generosity, generousness, liberality, liberalism, liberalness, bountifulness, bounteousness, munificence.

**exuberant, adj.** lavished, extravagant, prodigal, unlimited, unreserved, wholehearted; generous, liberal, bountiful, bounteous, munificent.

2. ebullience, youthfulness, high-spiritedness, exhilaration, buoyancy, bounce; liveliness, vivacity, animation, sparkle, effervescence; enthusiasm, zest, energy, Inf. zip, vitality, animal spirits.

3. profusion, luxury, lushness, richness, rankness, teemingness, prodigality; abundance, plenty, plenteude, bounty, cornucopia, horn of plenty; plentifulness, plenteousness, copiousness, superabundance.

**exude, v.** 1. sweat, perspire, ooze out, secrete, excrete, discharge; send out, give off, emit, send forth; emanate, issue, well out or forth; flow out, pour out, outpour, gush, spurt, squirt, shoot, jet.
exult, v. rejoice, jubilate, triumph, glory; glory in, sing about, crow; jump for joy, skip, dance, make merry, revel; be elated, be exhilarated, be in high spirits, be in transport, be in ecstasy; be glad, be delighted.

exultant, adj. rejoicing, triumphant, jubilant, joyous, overjoyed; exhilarated, excited, elated, delighted, gleeful; transported, ecstatic, euphoric, exalted, walking or treading on air, in seventh heaven, on cloud nine, Dial. in hog heaven, Dial. in high cotton.

exultation, n. triumph, glory; rejoicing, jubilation, joyousness, delight, gladness; excitement, exhilaration, elation, joy, cloud nine, seventh heaven, exaltation; rapture, transport, ecstasy; reveling, revelry, paean.

eye, n. 1. oculus, orb, Sl. peeper, Sl. glim, Sl. lamp; eyeball, iris, white of the eye.
   2. sight, vision, perception, discernment, ken; look, glance, gaze, glimpse.
   3. regard, view, aim, intention, respect; viewpoint, judgment, estimation, opinion; appreciation, awareness, sensitivity.

eyewitness, n. testifier, witness; observer, onlooker, bystander; spectator, watcher, viewer, beholder, gazer, gaper, gawker; passer-by, looker-on.
fable, n. 1. apologue, allegory, parable, moral.
2. fiction, tale, tall tale or story, Inf. yarn, story, adventure.
3. legend, myth, tradition, old wives' tale; lay, epic, saga, chronicle, Fr. roman-fleuve, annal, history.
4. untruth, lie, falsehood, fib, prevication, white lie, Inf. taradiddle; fabrication, invention, fiction, concoction, Inf. whopper, fish story; canard, cock and bull story, mare's nest.
—v. 5. lie, fib, prevaricate, misstate, misrepresent, misreport; make up, concoct, invent, fabricate; make believe, pretend, affect, sham; spin a yarn, tell a tall tale.
6. repute, suppose, imagine, think, believe; take for, assume, presume, presuppose, consider, regard.
fabled, adj. 1. legendary, storied, fabulous, mythical; chimerical, imaginary, figurative, fanciful; romantic, idealistic.
2. fictitious, made-up, invented, imagined; unreal, notional, unfounded; assumed, supposed, reputed; feigned, contrived, concocted, conjured.
fabric, n. 1. cloth, textile, weave, loom, dry goods, broadcloth; stuff, material, piece, bolt; jute, burlap, gunny, sackcloth; tapestry, towelling, cambric, linen, lawn; mohair, alpaca, vicuña, Angora, wool, worsted; jersey, homespun, duffel, canvas, khaki, khadi, khaddar, kersey; tweed, serge, baize, shalloon; felt, frieze, velvet, velour, corduroy; flannel, cotton, muslin, drill, mull, nainsook, jacenet; calico, fustian, moleskin, sharkskin; dimity, voile, gingham, madras, poplin, seersucker; chintz, silk, cretonne, foulard, damask, grosgrain, brocade; satin, taffeta, ninon, chiffon, sarcenet, lace, chenille.
2. texture, nap, tissue, pile, weaving, weave; intertexture, contexture, crossing, conformation; grain, surface, granulation, feel, touch, denier, make.
3. framework, structure, outline, scheme, cadre, frame, contour, profile; make-up, build, organization, constitution, configuration, formulation.
4. building, edifice, structure, erection; tower, dome, house, skyscraper.
fabricate, v. 1. construct, build, frame, fashion, figure; manufacture, produce, put out, make.
2. assemble, set up, compose, compile; erect, elevate, raise, put up, rear.
3. devise, formulate, design, mint, coin, hatch; invent, make up, think up; create, concoct, imagine, think, originate.
4. forge, fake, counterfeit, contrive, falsify; rig, set up, trump up, hatch, spin, concoct, Inf. pull out of a hat, Inf. cook up, Sl. hoke up; prevaricate, lie, fib.
fabrication, n. 1. construction, manufacture, production, assemblage, composition, formation, building; structure, organization, complex, architecture, fabric, erection, frame, mold, build, physique, skeleton.
2. origination, invention, creation, concoction, devisal, contrivance; formulation, design, original work.
3. forgery, fake, counterfeit, sham, falsification, minting, coinage; falsehood, lie, fib, untruth, prevication, mendacity, untruthfulness; fiction, figure, fable, yarn, tall tale or story, fish story, cock and bull story, Inf. song and dance.
fabulous, adj. 1. incredible, unbelievable, inconceivable; amazing, astounding, astonishing, prodigious, Scot. unco; stupendous, tremendous, extraordinary, phenomenal, wondrous, miraculous; remarkable, exceptional, Australian, bonzer, Inf. out of this world.
2. marvelous, superb, great, wonderful, Inf. super, Inf. neat, Sl. cool, Sl. keen, Sl. boss; Sl. the bee's knees, Sl. the cat's meow, Sl. the cat's pajamas, Sl. far out, Sl. fab; whopping, thumping, thundering, rattling, howling, Brit. father and mother of.
3. fabled, storied, celebrated, traditional, legendary, mythical, mythic; chimerical, figmental, fanciful, imaginary, fantastic, fantastical; visionary, dreamy, quixotic, extravagant, eideic; romantic, idealistic, story-book, fairytale, Cinderellaesque.
5. untruth, lie, falsehood, fib, prevication, mendacity, untruthfulness; fiction, fig-
6. repute, suppose, imagine, think, believe; take for, assume, presume, presuppose, consider, regard.
inf. —v. 5. lie, fib, prevaricate, misstate, misrepresent; make up, concoct, invent, fabricate; make believe, pretend, affect, sham; spin a yarn, tell a tall tale.
6. repute, suppose, imagine, think, believe; take for, assume, presume, presuppose, consider, regard.
7. fabrication, n. construction, manufacture, production, assemblage, composition, formation, building; structure, organization, complex, architecture, fabric, erection, frame, mold, build, physique, skeleton.
8. origination, invention, creation, concoction, devisal, contrivance; formulation, design, original work.
9. forgery, fake, counterfeit, sham, falsification, minting, coinage; falsehood, lie, fib, untruth, prevication, mendacity, untruthfulness; fiction, figure, fable, yarn, tall tale or story, fish story, cock and bull story, Inf. song and dance.
fabulous, adj. 1. incredible, unbelievable, inconceivable; amazing, astounding, astonishing, prodigious, Scot. unco; stupendous, tremendous, extraordinary, phenomenal, wondrous, miraculous; remarkable, exceptional, Australian, bonzer, Inf. out of this world.
2. marvelous, superb, great, wonderful, Inf. super, Inf. neat, Sl. cool, Sl. keen, Sl. boss; Sl. the bee's knees, Sl. the cat's meow, Sl. the cat's pajamas, Sl. far out, Sl. fab; whopping, thumping, thundering, rattling, howling, Brit. father and mother of.
3. fabled, storied, celebrated, traditional, legendary, mythical, mythic; chimerical, figmental, fanciful, imaginary, fantastic, fantastical; visionary, dreamy, quixotic, extravagant, eideic; romantic, idealistic, story-book, fairytale, Cinderellaesque.
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6. repute, suppose, imagine, think, believe; take for, assume, presume, presuppose, consider, regard.
facet, n. 1. aspect, phase, characteristic, side, angle, slant, twist; factor, particular, item, detail, point, element.

faceticous, adj. 1. tongue-in-cheek, unserious, not serious, joking, jesting, Inf. joshing, Inf. kidding, Inf. fooling around.

facile, adj. 1. adept, proficient, expert, artful, masterful, masterly; deft, adroit, dexterous, ambidextrous, handy, skillful, skilled, Brit. Dial. teat.

facilitate, v. 1. ease, simplify, clear; relieve, assure, disburden, disencumber; allay, assuage, lessen, abate, reduce, lighten.

facade, n. 1. decoration, veneer, coating, protection; front, false front, façade.

facsimile, n. copy, replica, reproduction, representation, likeness, portrait, photograph; image, semblance, reflection; duplicate, carbon, photo-copy, Trademark. Xerox copy, Trademark. Mimeograph, Inf. mimeo, Inf. ditto, Inf. dup., Inf. fax; reprint, transcript, apograph; simulation, imitation, (of jewels) paste; forgery, counterfeit, fake, sham.

faculty, n. 1. ability, facility, aptitude, genius, wits; gift, talent, flair, bent, turn, knack; skill, technique, skillfulness, dexterity; adroitness, deftness, proficiency; inclination, proclivity, propensity.

2. capacity, capability, potentiality; power, potency, force; function, operation, process; endowment, gift, attribute, property, characteristic, feature, virtue, sense.
faithlessness, infidelity, unfaithfulness, disloyalty, inconstancy, recreancy, dereliction; breach of trust, dishonesty, fraudulence, double-dealing, perfidy; betrayal, treachery, traitorousness, treason.

2. doubt, skepticism, incredulity, uncertainty, dubiety, dubiosity; mistrust, distrust, suspicion, unbelief, freethinking, Pyrrhonism; irreligion, impiety, blasphemy; agnosticism, atheism.

fake, v. 1. counterfeit, invent, forge, fabricate, manufacture, Brit. coin; concoct, hatch, create, make up; lie, fib, tell a lie or fib or story.

2. falsify, alter, modify; whitewash, disguise, color, paint a rosy picture, doctor up, gloss or varnish or whiten.

3. pretend, feign, sham, malinger, dissemble, act, make believe, play the role of; affect, put on, assume; take on; (all fraudulently) simulate, imitate, copy, duplicate, mimic, ape.

—n. 4. counterfeit, two-dollar bill, wooden nickle, brumagem; fraud, imposition, imposition, hoax, artificial, ruse, delusion.

fakir, n. mendicant monk, derish, religious ascetic, holy beggar.

falderal, n. 1. nonsense, gibberish, Jabberwocky, bubble, babbling, babblement, Fr. bavarderie; twaddle, twaddling, Both Brit. twattle, twattling; blather, blathering, drivel, drivelng, drool, drooling; jargon, Sl. jive, Greek, Chiefly Southern U.S. Chocowat; hocus-pocus, mumbo-jumbo, abracadabra, open sesame, fiddle-de-dee; moonshine, gobbledegook, hocus-pocus, mumbo-jumbo, abracadabra, open sesame, fiddle-de-dee; moonshine, gobbledegook, humbug, foam, froth, bummuck or buncombe, Sl. bunk, U.S. Sl. blah, flummery, Inf. hokum, Sl. applesauce, Sl. applesauce, rubbish, Sl. tripe, refuse, Dial. cuck, trash, Inf. trick, trumpey; tommyrot, Inf. rot, Sl. garbage, Sl. crap, Sl. crock, Sl. bull; balderdash, hogwash, swill, Sl. horsefeathers; stuff, stuff and nonsense, Inf. bosh, Brit. Inf. gammon, Brit. Sl. tosh; fudge, foolishness, folly, rigamarole or rigamarole, amphibogy, footle, Inf. malarky, Sl. bushwa, Sl. baloney, Sl. bilge or bilge water, Sl. meshugas, Scotch and North Eng. haver; poppycock, Inf. fiddle-faddle, Inf. piffle, Inf. hooey, Inf. kibosh, Inf. flap-doodle; idle talk, Inf. gab, Sl. gas, Sl. hot air; jabber, pablum, jabber, gabble; clack, clatter, rattling, Inf. running off or on at the mouth; chatter, prattle, chittering, cackle; chit-chat, chitter-chatter, small talk, Anglo-Indian. bukh.

2. trifle, trinket, gewgaw, bagatelle, kickshaw; gimcrack, whim-wham, knickknack; bauble, small ornament, charm, bit of jewelry, bijou; frippery, gimp crackery, trumpery.

fall, v. 1. descend, come or go down, drop down, gravitate, sink; slip, slide, backslide, trip, trip over one's own feet, stumble, fall down, take a spill, tumble; go head over heels, pitch, plunge, plummet, dive, take a nose dive; drop, plop, plump, Inf. plunk; topple, fall over, keel over, collapse, slump, crumble, fall into a heap.

2. decline, depreciate, fall off, drop off, dip, lower, go down, decrease, slump; diminish, flag, wane, ebb,
fallacious, adj. 1. false, untrue, not true, devoid of truth, not right; erroneous, mistaken, incorrect, Sl. all wet, all wrong; spurious, counterfeit, fictitious, U.S. bogus. 2. delusive, deceptive, deceiving, underhanded, illusionary, illusory; deceitful, insidious, guileful, fraudulent. 3. illogical, Sl. cockeyed, unsound, faulty, flawed; inaccurate, inexact, imprecise, unprecise, inconsistent; unsubstantial, unfounded, ungrounded, groundless, untenable, invalid.

fallow, n. 1. false or mistaken notion, misconception, disbelief, misapprehension, misjudgment, miscalculation; error, mistake, solecism, heresy; illusion, delusion, bubble, chimera, fantasy. 2. sophistry, sophism, casuistry, Logic. paralogism, Latin. non sequitur. 3. erroneousness, mistakenness, wrongness, fallaciousness.

falliblity, n. imperfection, errability, errancy, liability to error.

fallible, adj. imperfect, errable, errant, error-prone, liable or open to error.

fallout, n. 1. settling, radioactive fallout, Inf. radioactive snow or rain. 2. aftermath, aftereffect, afterclap, outgrowth; consequence, effect, result, outcome, event, issue; wake, backwash, trail, reaction, turnout, repercussion, reversion.

fallow', adj. uncultivated, unplowed, untilled, unseeded, unplanted, unsown, unsowed; empty, neglected, unused, idle, dormant, resting, inactive, inert; barren, unproductive, unyielding, unfructuous, unfruitful, fruitless; uncultivable, uncultivatable, exhausted, depleted, worn out, impoverished; poor, bare, bald, arid, dry, waste.

false, adj. 1. untrue, untruthful, unavercacious, mendacious, devoid of truth, not right; lying, fibbing, perjured, forsworn; fabricative, fabricated, trumped up. 2. erroneous, mistaken, incorrect, amiss, wrong, all wrong, Sl. all wet, Sl. full of beans or prunes, Sl. full of hot air; inaccurate, inexact, imprecise, unsound; faulty, flawed, unsound, illogical, Sl. cockeyed; in error, erring, in the wrong; astray, wide of the mark, Inf. off base, Sl. off the beam, Sl. at sea, Sl. out in left field; off key, off pitch, not in tune.

falsehood, n. 1. lie, fib, untruth, false statement, mendacity, inveracity; fabrication, fiction, make-believe; canard, false story, hoax; false swearing, perjury; exaggeration, distortion, false coloring, perversion, misstatement, misrepresentation, falsification. 2. deception, deceit, deceptiveness, craftiness, artifice; guile, duplicity, trickery; evasion, ambiguous, concealment; untruthfulness, mendaciousness.
3. prevarication, equivocation; dissimulation, feigning, dissembling; malingered, faking, pretending.
4. hypocrisy, pharisism, casuistry, double-talk; double-dealing, two-facedness, dishonesty; perfidy, disloyalty, treachery, bad faith, Judas kiss; life service, cant, insincerity; cajolery, flatly, false praise.
5. pretense, show, hollowness, fraud, sham; deception, trick, humbug, Inf. flimflam, Inf. flam; counterfei, imitation, reproduction, fake, Inf. phony.

falsefino, n. artificially high voice, squeak, squeal; soprano, counter-tenor.

falseify, v. 1. misrepresent, misstate, misquote; pervert, distort, adulterate; overstate, overdo, overstress, overcharge, overcolor; hyperbolize, overdraw, exaggerate, stretch, stretch the point, strain, (of writing or speech) pad; color, paint, paint in glowing terms, doctor, dress up; oversell, Inf. play up, Inf. build up or on; equivocate, prevaricate, hedge; trump up, hatch, spin, concoct, cook up.
2. dissemble, dissimulate, conceal; feign, pretend, fake, act, put on, sham, malinger; counterfeit, forge, Brit. Inf. coin.
3. disprove, show to be false, prove unsound, confute; refute, rebut, contradict, oppose.

fail, v. 1. hesitate, waver, hover, hang in the balance, vacillate, oscillate; fluctuate, blow hot and cold, alternate, go back and forth between; be undecided, Inf. straddle the fence, dilly-dally, shilly-shally; hem and haw, delay, waste time, trifle, dawdle, take one’s time; tarry, loiter, linger, lag behind, hang back, drag one’s feet, shuffle, stumble.
2. break, give way, halt, pause, stop briefly; stagger, totter, totter-tottle; dodder, tremble, shake, quiver; limp, hobble, one’s feet, shuffle, shamble.
3. stumble, trip, fall down, slip, slide; move unsteadily, stagger, reel, sway, totter, teeter, teeter-tottle; move unsteadily; prey, go back and forth between; be undecided, vacillate, oscillate; fluctuate, blow hot and cold, fumble; refute, rebut, contradict, oppose.
4. break, give way, halt, pause, stop briefly; stagger, totter, totter-tottle; dodder, tremble, shake, quiver; limp, hobble, hitch.
5. overfamiliarity, liberties, disrespect; presumption, presumptuousness, impudence, impertinence, boldness; impropriety, indecorum, unseemliness.

familiarize, v. 1. acquaint, make familiar with, make conversant with; initiate in, indoctrinate in, enlighten, inform; educate, teach, instruct, tutor, school; prime, prepare, coach, advise.
2. habituate, accustom, make used to; inure, harden, toughen, season, temper, anneal; adapt, acclimate, aclimatize, naturalize, domesticate; break in, train, drill, ingrain, make routine, discipline.
3. introduce, present, bring forward, bring into notice, bring before the public, make well-known, bring into common knowledge or use.

family, n. 1. parents and children, household, members; children, Inf. kids, brood, generation; relatives, relations, Inf. folks, people, kin, kinsmen, kinfolk, next of kin, kith and kin; descendants, offspring, offshoots, progeny, issue, seed, posterity, scions.
2. ancestry, ancestral line, lineage, descent, parentage, birth, derivation, extraction, filiation; dynasty, house, tribe, clan, race, strain, stock, breed, bloodline, pedigree, stem, branch, stirs; heredity, genealogy, family tree; heritage, background, past, history, roots; nobility, noble or high birth, aristocracy, blue blood.
3. class, genus, species, kind, type, order.

famine, n. 1. scarcity of food, large-scale food shortage, bare subsistence.
2. hunger, starvation, inanition, Rare. famishment; fast, diet, xerophagy, Lent; privation, deprivation, half rationing, Chieflly Brit. short-commons, Psychiatry. anorexia.
3. dearth, scarcity, scariness, lack, want; deficiency, shortness, shortage, drought, insufficiency, scant; scantiness, paucity, exigency, meagerness, rareness; sparseness, solemnity, farness, poorness, barrenness; depletion, exhaustion.

famished, adj. hungry, ravenous, famishing, starving, starved; voracious, edacious, craving; empty, malnourished, undernourished, hollow.

famous, adj. famed, renowned, celebrated, well-known, prominent, Inf. name, Inf. big-name; noted, notable, eminent, preeminent, esteemed, respected, venerable, distinguished, Archaic. eximious; illustrious, great, grand, glorious, radiant, brilliant, lustrous; honored, exalted, acclaimed, much-touted, big-time, on the map, popular, well-liked; immortal, fabled, legendary, historical, memorable.

fan, n. 1. blower, air conditioner, air cooler, ven-
fanatic, n. 1. devotee, enthusiast, aficionado, Inf. buff, Inf. hound, Sl. bug, Sl. nut; addict, Inf. fiend, Sl. junkie, Sl. freak; satellitist, claqueur, (all uss. of adolescent girls) (in the 40s) bobbysoxer, (in the 60s) teenybopper, (in the 70s) groupie. 2. votary, champion, follower, disciple, adherent; zealot, partisan, bigot, fanatic; visionary, cultist, sectary. 3. promoter, supporter, Inf. pusher, Inf. booster, Inf. arm-waver; chauvinist, jingoist. fanatic, n. 1. zealot, partisan, bigot, sectarian; extremist, radical; devotee, votary, champion, disciple. See fan (defs. 1, 3). —adj. 2. fanatical, zealous, extremist; frenzied, frenetic, phrenetic, Sl. off the wall. See fanatical. fanatical, adj. 1. partisan, biased, partial, prejudiced; narrow-minded, intolerant, dogmatic, stubborn, obstinate; uncompromising, extreme, radical, unreasonable. 2. enthusiastic, ardent, fervent, eager, keen, anxious, Inf. wild; heated, vehement, fervid, fervid; Inf. all fired up, Inf. psyched or psyched up, Sl. hopped up, Sl. ape; zealous, agog, passionate, Inf. gung-ho, Inf. rah-rah; possessed, fanatic, Sl. hung up, rabid; frenzied, frenetic, phrenetic, hysterical, Sl. off the wall. fanaticism, n. 1. devotion, devotedness, fetishism; monomania, single-mindedness, infatuation; enthusiasm, zeal, zealotry, feverishness, passion; insanity, frenzy, hysteria. 2. dogmatism, bigotry, intolerance, close-mindedness, narrow-mindedness; prejudice, bias, partiality. fanciful, adj. 1. capricious, whimsical, frivolous, extravagant, flighty, irresponsible, unstable; unpredictable, erratic, irregular, eccentric, odd; strange, bizarre, queer, outlandish, freakish, freaky; ridiculous, fantastic, crazy. 2. imaginative, original, inventive, creative; visionary, impractical, impracticable, quixotic, romantic, poetic. fancied, imaginary, unreal, illusory, visionary; imagined, made-up, make-believe, mythical, fairy tale. fancy, n. 1. imagination, creativity, originality; conception, origination, generation, creation, invention, fabrication, formation. 2. mental image, visualization, picture; conception, concept, thought, notion, idea; abstraction, conceptualization, perception, view, opinion, understanding, belief, impression, sentiment, feeling. 3. daydream, reverie, fantasy, fiction, make-believe, fable, myth, unreality; illusion, figment, vision, mirage, hallucination; phantom, phantasm, apparition, ghost, specter, eidolon, chimera. 4. caprice, whim, whimsy, Archaic. megrim, vagary, humor; odd notion, crotchety, kink, Archaic. maggot; quirk, peculiarity, eccentricity. 5. inclination, set, bent, leaning, tendency; predilection, propensity, proclivity, predisposal, predisposedness, disposition; preference, partiality, attraction, liking, fondness, taste, penchant; desire, wish, longing, yearning, hankering, Inf. yen, Sl. itch, Sl. itch. 6. critical judgment, taste, sense, eye, perception, discernment, discrimination. 7. trend, rage,fad, craze, mania, latest thing; style, fashion, Brit. twig, mode, vogue, look. —adj. 8. choice, prime, select, quality, grade A; A number 1, the best; custom, special, deluxe, luxury, luxurious, sumptuous, elegant, posh, Sl. classy, Sl. snazzy, Sl. ritzy. 9. ornamental, decorative; decorated, adorned, embellished, embroidered; elaborate, rich, lavish, ornate, baroque, rococo, gingerbread; florid, showy, ostentatious, overdone. 10. whimsical, capricious, flighty, irregular, fanciful. See fanciful (def. 1). —v. 11. picture, visualize, envisage, envision, imagine, image, ideate, think, dream, daydream, fantasize; conceive, think up, Inf. dream up, make up, conjure up, Inf. feature. 12. think, suppose, imagine, suspect, surmise, guess, conjecture, infer; presume, assume, take for granted. 13. take a liking to, like, go for, be attracted to; be inclined towards, be prone to, be disposed or predisposed toward, prefer; have a fancy for, have an eye for, have a desire for, have a yen for; hang, yearn for, long for, wish for, desire, want, covet; lust after, burn for, Inf. be wild or mad about, Sl. have the hots for, Inf. lech after. fanfare, n. 1. flourish, fanfaron, trumpet blast, trumpet-call, sound of horn, horn blowing; din, blare, blast. 2. show, display, do, stir, commotion, hullabaloo, Inf. whoop-de-do, Sl. hoopla, Sl. ballyhoo, Sl. hype; hubbub, brouhaha, ruckus, rumpus, tumult, bustle, fuss, Inf. to-do. fanfaron, n. braggart, swaggerer, gascon, bragadocio, trumpeter, blowhard, Inf. windbag, Sl. gasbag, hot air merchant, Fr. soi-disant, blatherskite. 2. See fanfare (def. 1). fanfaronade, n. bragging, bragadocio, swaggering, boasting; bravado, bluff, bluster, bombast, rant; nonsense, tommyrot, Inf. flapdoodle, balderdash, Inf. bosh, Inf. bunkum, Sl. bunk. fantasize, v. dream, daydream, build castles in the air, ride a magic carpet, see things, have visions, hallucinate, Sl. trip; imagine, envision, speculate, consider, let the mind roam, give free rein to the imagination; star gaze, muse, mull, reflect, ponder, wonder about. fantastic, adj. 1. imaginary, visionary, romantic; unreal, unsubstantial, illusive, illusory, farfetched, Inf. far out. 2. whimsical, capricious, absurd, ridiculous, ludicrous; odd, strange, queer, eccentric, peculiar, quaint, freakish; extravagant, rococo, baroque, showy, ostentatious; grotesque, bizarre, outlandish, fabulous; phantasmagoric, nightmarish, Kafkaesque; irrational, mad, wild, crazy. fantasy, n. 1. imagination, originality, creativity, resourcefulness, inventiveness, fancy. 2. image, conception, conceptualization, perception, reflection; vision, dream, fancy, daydream; hallucination, illusion, phantasmagoria, mirage, vapor, delusion; phantasm, shadow, specter, chimera, hobgoblin, phantom; aberration, haunt, Archaic. maggot, fear, horror, haunting fear, nightmare. 3. whimsy, whim, caprice, flight, flight of fancy, notion, vagary, conceit; drollery, craziness, crazy notion or idea, Inf. screwball or wacky idea; implausibility, unlikelihood, peculiar notion. 4. myth, legend, romance, mystery, adventure, fairy tale; horror story, ghost story, spooky tale, Inf. chiller,
beautiful people, U.S. Four Hundred.

3. manner, mode, Archaic. guise, method, taste; system, approach, way; type, kind, sort; make, cut, line, design, pattern; form, shape, texture, quality; mold, stamp, cast, conformation, structure, configuration.

—v. 4. shape, form, mold, pattern, design, structure; make, create, forge, carve, hew; construct, build, fabricate, mint; invent, originate, contrive, devise, make up, compose.

5. accommodate, adapt, adjust, acclimate; suit, fit, conform to, comply with; be attuned to, be in harmony or accord with, be compatible with.

fashionable, adj. 1. stylish, smart, natty, spruce, dapper, trim; chic, modish, a-go-go, in the very latest style; in vogue, à la mode, in fashion, in style; popular, in, in the grove, all the rage; up-to-date, current, modern, mod, new; up-to-the-minute, Inf. trendy, SI. cool, Inf. nifty, SI. neat, SI. hip, SI. hap.

1. elegant, high-class, SI. classy, high-toned, SI. ton; silk-stocking, SI. ritzy, fancy, Inf. swank, SI. swanky, SI. swell; dressy, flashy, SI. snazzy, SI. sharp, SI. sharp as a tack; suave, urbane, sophisticated, chi-chi, cosmopolitan.

3. polished, refined, finished, cultured, cultivated; genteel, well-bred, thoroughbred, aristocratic, blue-blooded, gentle; gracious, graceful, Scot. genteel, lady-like, ladyish, fine; polite, civil, courteous, mannerly, well-mannered; politely, gentlemanly, gentlemanlike, chivalrous, chivalric, gallant, cavalier, debonair, dandified.

4. customary, usual, general, prevailing; conventional, accepted, approved, traditional.

fast', adj. 1. quick, rapid, swift, speedy, express, expeditious, accelerated, Music. mosso; fleet, nimble, light-footed, spry, brisk.

2. wild, dissipated, rakish, unconventional, unrestrained, loose; immoral, wanton, promiscuous, licentious, lecherous, lustful, lewd; licentious, pleasure-seeking, sybaritic, carnal; intemperate, drunken, sotish; self-indulgent, dissolute, profligate.

3. fastened, tied, tight, taut, knotted; closed, secure, secured, adhering, stationary, immovable, firm, firmly fixed, indissoluble; inextricable, trapped, caught; fortified, resistant, impregnable, impervious, strong, rigid, invulnerable, invincible.

4. loyal, steadfast, devoted, faithful; permanent, enduring, lasting, abiding, durable; unchangeable, ineradicable, sure.

5. pull a fast one delude, deceive, mislead; elude, evade, escape, outwit, cheat, hoodwink, dupe, dupe, swindle, impose, trick, put one over on [s.o.].

—adv. 6. tightly, firmly, securely, fixedly, immovably, tenaciously, closely.

7. quickly, swiftly, speedily, rapidly, hastily, posthaste, expeditiously, with dispatch, Inf. lickety-split.

8. wildly, uncontrollably, recklessly, prodigiously, profligately, unrestrainedly, loosely, extravagantly, wantonly.

fast', v. 1. abstain, go hungry, starve, famish; reduce, diet, lose weight, Med. bant; live on air, eat nothing, give up.

—n. 2. abstinence, starvation, famishment, Psychi- arty. anorexia; xerophagy, bread and water, short commons, iron rations; dieting, Med. banting, Med. Bantingism; hunger-strike.

3. fast day, Lent, day of abstinence, day of fasting, Quadragesima; fish-day, meatless day, Friday, Friday.

fasten, v. 1. attach, affix, fix; hook, clasp, clip, snap, button, buckle, catch; join, connect, coligate, unite, wed, secure, couple, link; tie, bind, tether, make fast, hitch, pin, tack; latch, lock, bar, bolt, rivet, hasp; clinch, clamp, vice, brace, bracket; dotter, dowel, mit- ter; stick, stick on, bond, cement, glue, solder, weld, fuse.

2. enclose, envelop, encircle; box in, hem in, shut in, case in, cage, confine; coop up, pen up, bolt or bar in.

3. aim, point, direct, draw or get a bead on; sight, focus, zero in on, beam; position, mark, train.

4. seize, take hold, catch hold, snatch, grab; cling, cleave, hold onto for dear life; clutch, clench, grip, grasp.

fastening, n. clasp, hook, catch, clip, snap, hook and eye, button, fastener; latch, lock, padlock, bar, bolt, hasp; pin, buckles, agraffe; clamp, vise, brace; tie, link, bond, vinculum, nexus; hinder, holder, connector, copula, yoke; rope, chain, tether; nail, dowel, tack, screw, clincher, rivet, staple, holdfast, peg, spigot.

fastidious, adj. 1. hard to please, critical, difficult; overcritical, hypercritical, overdemanding, overexacting; fussy, finicky, overparticular, finical, meticulous; picky, Inf. choosy, dainty, Inf. fuddy-duddy, Inf. pernickety.

2. overfastidious, overnicc, overdelicate; affected, coxcomical, foppish, dapper, dandy.

fat, adj. 1. obese, overweight, flabby, stout, portly, purdy, corpulent, Scot. gentry, lady-like, ladyish, fine; polite, civil, courteous, mannerly, well-mannered; politely, gentlemanly, gentlemanlike, chivalrous, chivalric, gallant, cavalier, debonair, dandified.

2. large, bulky, hulky, hulking; massive, gross, ponderous, gargantuan, elephantine; lumpy, lumpish; heavy, beefy, brawny, burly, sturdy.

3. fatty, greasy, suety, tallowy; blubber, buttery, adipose, pinguid, lardaceous, sebaceous, oily, oleaginous, unctuous; buttery, butyrateous, soaply, saponeous.

4. fertile, rich, lush, productive, teeming, fruitful; plentiful, abundant, plenteous, copious, flush; bountiful, well-stocked, well-supplied, well-furnished, replete.

5. well-paying, profitable, lucrative, remunerative.

6. wealthy, prosperous, affluent, moneyed, comfortable, well-to-do, well-off, Inf. well-heeled.

7. thick, broad, extended, extensive, expanded, voluminous; big, ample, immense.

8. dull, stupid, sluggish, obtuse, doltish, weak-minded, thickheaded, slow-witted, dolt-witted, fat-witted.

—n. 9. fat cell, fatty tissue, adipose tissue; fatness, obesity, obeseness, corpulence, corpulency, Fr. embonpoint, Pathol. adiposis; blubbery, tubby, pudgy, plump; round, rounded out, rotund; fleshy, welly-fed; paunchy, potbellied, roundbellied, big-bellied, large-bellied, great-bellied, abdominal, Inf. baywindowed, Inf. corporal, SI. beer-bellied, Obs. gorgbellied.

10. riches, wealth, fortune, affluence, plenty, plente- tude, bounty, abundance; opulence, splendor, luxury, lavishness; superfluity, overabundance, excess, overplus, surplus, surplusage, redundancy.

11. lard, tallow, suet, Zool. blubber; butter.

—v. 12. fatten, batten, increase; plump, fill out.

See fatten (defs. 1, 3).

fatal, adj. 1. deadly, lethal, mortal, mortiferous, deathful, Archaic. letherious; venomous, virulent, toxic, morbid; fell, baneful, mephitic, viperous, poiso- nous, Archaic. venenos.

2. destructive, ruinous, annihilative, calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic, cataclysmic, extirpative; killing, slaughterous, slaughterous, suicidal, murderous, death-dealing, internecine, internecine; pernicious, dangerous, hazardous, deleterious, detrimental; harm-
fatalism, n. 1. *Philos.* predeterminism, necessitarianism, necessarianism; Calvinism.

2. stoicism, resignation, resignedness, acceptance, acquiescence.

fatality, n. 1. disaster, calamity, catastrophe, terrible accident or occurrence; fatal accident, violent death; *sl.* curtains; *all resulting in death* wreck, crash, car crash, plane crash, collision, head-on collision, smash-up, crack-up, pileup.

2. death, casualty; dead, casualties, fatalities.

3. deadliness, mortality, lethality, fatal influence; malignance, malignancy, virulence.

4. accident, mishap, misfortune, misadventure, miscarriage; shock, blow, heavy or nasty or staggering blow, burst, stroke, fell stroke, stroke of ill or bad luck or fortune; failure, collapse, debacle, breakdown, break up.

5. destiny, destination, ultimate future; fortune, lot, cup; predestination, predetermination. See fate (defs. 1, 3).

fate, n. 1. fortune, lot, cup, portion, die, doom, *Archaic.* foreshadow, *Chiefly Scot.* weird, *Brit.* Inf. cup of tea, writing on the wall; destiny, karma, kismet, predetermination, predestination, God's will, Fortune's wheel, wheel of fortune, whatever comes; stars, planets, astral influence; *All Inf.* the way it goes, the breaks, the way the ball bounces, the way the cookie crumbles.

2. destination, ultimate future; hereafter, afterworld, otherworld, world to come, next world; the beyond, great beyond; the unknown, great unknown; the grave, eternal home.

3. inevitability, inevitableness, certainty, sureness; inescapableness, unavoidableness; uncontrollability, unpreventableness.

4. death, death knell, deathblow, quietus, bane; end, finish, conclusion, terminus, termination, windup, *Inf.* payoff; *end or final result, final event, last act, bitter end, finis, finale, curtain, final or last curtain, *sl.* curtain, ruin, ruination, destruction; downfall, debacle, undoing, collapse; disaster, catastrophe.

5. *Fates* Providence, *Lady or Dame Fortune,* Fortune; *Weirds,* *Weird Sisters,* *(Greek)* Moerae, *(Roman)* Parcea, *(Scandinavian)* Norns; Destinies.

—v. 8. beget, sire, procreate, generate, engender, get; breed, propagate, reproduce; bring into being, bring to life, give life to, call into existence, cause to exist.

9. originate, be the author of; make, produce, fashion, fabricate, frame; imagine, conceive, *Inf.* dream up, *Inf.* hatch.

10. provide for, support, care for, take care of; take charge of, look after, take the responsibility of; act as a father to, adopt.

fatherhood, n. 1. paternity, fathership, progenitorship; parenthood, parentage.

2. fatherliness, paternalness, protectiveness.

fatherland, n. native land or soil, motherland, mother country, natal place; home, homeland, country; the old country.

fatherly, adj. paternal, parental, like a father, befitting a father; kind, kindly, caring, beneficent, benevolent, benign; affectionate, tender, demonstrative; sympathetic, understanding, indulgent, obliing, forgiving, well-meaning; protective, shielding, sheltering.

fathom, v. 1. sound, plumb; measure, mark, ascertain.

2. understand, comprehend, grasp, *sl.* dig, catch, be hip to; know, see, perceive; sense, divine, intuit; penetrate, probe, search out; get to the bottom of, ferret out, root out, delve.

fathomless, adj. 1. bottomless, soundless, unsounded, unfathomed, plumbless, measureless; abyssal, cavernous, plunging; deep-sea, deep as the sea or ocean, deep as a well.

2. impenetrable, incomprehensible, uncomprehensible, past or beyond comprehension, unknowable, inscrutable, unfathomable, incognizable, indecipherable, undecipherable, beyond understanding; obscure, dark, dim, vague, nebulous; mysterious, arcane, inexplicable, unexplainable, insolvable, insoluble, unaccountable, *Obs.* inextricable; puzzling, enigmatic, enigmatical.

fatigue, n. 1. weariness, tiredness, exhaustion, *Obs.* fatiguation; lassitude, lethargy, *Inf.* the blues, languor, listlessness, sluggishness; debility, enervation, prostration; ennui, boredom, tedious, drowsiness, heaviness.

2. fateful, deadly, lethal, mortal, feral, killing, death-dealing; disastrous, ruinous, destructive, destroying, devastating, demolishing; harrowing, dire, black.

3. destined, determined, ordained, fated; certain, in- evitable. See fated (defs. 1, 2).

4. prophetic, prophetical, fatidic, fatidical, apocalyptical, apocalyptic; ominous, portentous, foreboding, boding, threatening, ill-boding, ill-omened; inauspicious, unpropitious, unfavorable, unpromising, unlucky, ill-starred, evil-starred.


3. *(usu. cap.)* God, the Deity, the maker of Heaven and Earth, the first person of the Trinity. See Deity.


5. procreator, begetter, maker; creator, author, originator, generator, initiator, prime mover, founder, architect; inventor, framer, designer.

6. patriarch, elder, leader; provider, protector, patron.

7. precursor, forerunner; prototype, model, exemplar.

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fatuous, adj. \(\text{fat\-tuous}\) 1. silly, inane, absurd, pointless, fool-

fault, n. 1. defect, flaw, imperfection, \(\text{Sl.}\) bug;

blemish, taint, spot, stain; frailty, weakness, infirmity, foible, shortcoming, failing.

2. error, mistake, inaccuracy; omission, oversight, slip-up, slip, lapse; blunder, botch, fumble, foozle, \(\text{Sl.}\) boo-boo, \(\text{Sl.}\) goof, \(\text{Sl.}\) boner; gaffe, gaucherie, faux pas.

3. misdeed, misdemeanor, transgression, offense, wrong; misconduct, misbehavior; sin, vice, indiscretion, peccadillo.

4. responsibility, blamability, blameworthiness, accountability.

5. at fault blameworthy, censurable, culpable, blamable; responsible, answerable, accountable; guilty, wrong, in the wrong.

6. find fault complain, criticize, carp; cavil, quibble, \(\text{Inf.}\) nitpick, pettifog; frown upon, take exception to, pick holes in.

7. to go Excessively, immoderately, unreasonably, unduly, overwhelmingly, too much; extremely, exceedingly, needlessly, out of all proportion, preposterously.

8. blunder, fumble, boggle, botch or both up, mess up, hash up, muff, foozle, \(\text{Inf.}\) flub, \(\text{Sl.}\) goof or goof up, \(\text{Sl.}\) screw up; flounder, stumble, bungle, slip; err, slip up, make a mistake, miscalculate, misjudge, misreckon, mistake.

9. find fault with, censure, upbraid, reproach, blame, blameless, guiltless, inculpable, unimpeachable, above suspicion, spot on; innocent, blameless, guiltless, unimpeachable; hold [s.o.] accountable against, declaim against.

10. blame, accuse, \(\text{Sl.}\) stick or pin [s.t.] on [s.o.], hold [s.o.] accountable or responsible, lay at [s.o.‘s] door, point the finger at [s.o.]; (in all reference to culpability) allege, ascribe, attribute, assign, impute, lay.

faulfinder, n. carper, caviler, quibbler, pettifogger, fussbudget, momus, smellfugness, \(\text{Inf.}\) nitpicker; critical, censor, Mrs. Grundy, \(\text{Inf.}\) fuddy-duddy, Rare, aristarch; censurer, detractor, derogator, backbiter, \(\text{Inf.}\) knocker; crab, bear, curmudgeon, \(\text{Inf.}\) crank, \(\text{Inf.}\) crosspatch, \(\text{Inf.}\) grouch, \(\text{Inf.}\) grouser, \(\text{Inf.}\) sorehead, \(\text{Inf.}\) squawker, \(\text{Sl.}\) bellyacher.

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2. stupidity, \(\text{Inf.}\) dopeness, empty-headedness, dullness, hebetude, inexpressiveness; weak-mindedness, simple-mindedness; unintelligence, unintellectualness, thoughtlessness; dull-wittedness, \(\text{Sl.}\) dim-wittedness, slow-wittedness, half-wittedness, witlessness, unwilliness; mindlessness, brainlessness, slowness; density, denseness, thickness, thickheadedness, obtuseness, stoiliness, lumpishness, blankness; emptiness, voidness, vacancy, vacuousness, blankness; vapidity, insipidness, banality, bluntness.

fatty, adj. adipose, tallowy, suety; blubbery, lardy, all \(\text{SI.}\) kookiness, madness, daftness, nuttiness; asinine, idiotic, moronic, imbecilic.

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fatigue, n. 1. corpulence, portliness, stoutness, \(\text{Fr.}\) adj. fat city, pursiness, Falstaffian girth; fleshiness, chubbiness, plumpness, rotundity; bigness, bulkiness, capacitiveness, massiveness, grossness; adiposity, fattiness, greasiness.

2. richness, fertility, fecundity, fruitfulness, prolificacy, productivity, lushness, profuseness.

fatten, v. 1. make fat, enlarge, stuff, pad, distend; feed, feed up, bloat, cram; beef up, fatten.

2. enrich, enhance, refine, \(\text{Ar-}\) chaic lard; fertilize, nourish, nurture, mellow.

3. grow fat, pinguety, thin, widen, broaden; put on weight, get fat, gain weight, put on pounds, spread.

fatty, adj. adipose, tallowy, suety; blubbery, lardy, lardaceous; marbled, rich, greasy.

fauks pas, n. gaffe, social blunder or indiscretion, slip in conduct, mistake in conduct or etiquette or propriety, breach of etiquette or manners; transgression, dereliction, misconduct, misdeed; false step, wrong
favor, n. 1. kind act, good deed, kind deed, good turn, labor of love, courtesy, Fr. beau geste; blessing, boon, grace, grant, Theol. dispensation; benefaction, Archaic benefic, Archaic beneficium, benevolence. 2. kindness, generosity, consideration, graciousness, hospitality, friendliness; good will, Archaic gree, compassion, sympathy; aid, assistance, help, abetment, alms. 3. approval, approbation, sanction, countenance, endorsement; patronage, fostering, tutelage, sponsorship, guidance, auspices, aegis, care; advocacy, champaign, espousal, encouragement, backing; obligingness, accommodation, indulgence; support, protection, cover. 4. good terms, good understanding, good footing, good graces; good opinion, favorable regard; harmony, rapport, friendly relations; privilege, advantage, special interest, immunity; license, Inf. pull, in, in connections, weight; preference, partiality, prejudice, bias, favoritism. 5. present, gift, memento, remembrance, souvenir, memorial; token, trophy, keepsake, relic. 6. letter, epistle, message, communication, dispatch, missive, Obs. billet; reply, answer, acknowledgment, rescript. 7. favors (all usu. in regard to sexual intimacy) permission, consent, allowance, leave; liberty, license; compliance, acquiescence, agreement. 8. in favor of a. on or in behalf of, in the name of, on account of, for the sake of. b. on the side of, for, all for, pro. 9. in one's favor to one's credit, in one's interest; approving, well-disposed; beneficial, helpful. —v. 10. approve, approbate, sanction, countenance, endorse, commend, recommend; foster, sponsor, advocate, espouse, smile upon, encourage, back; defend, support, champion; oblige, patronize, indulge, accommodate. 11. prefer, single out, select, elect; go in for, go for, be all for; opt for, fancy, pick; have a preference for, treat with partiality, side with; esteem, respect, have regard for, fawn upon. 12. facilitate, expedite, precipitate; accelerate, forswearing, encouraging; opportune, lucky, timely, fortunate, providential; pleasing, fair, looking up. favored, adj. 1. preferred, pet, favorite, choice, chosen, selected; recommended, liked, Inf. highly touted. See favor (def. 3). 2. privileged, advantaged, prosperous, well-off, affluent; elite, noble, elect, cream of the crop; preeminent, dominant, prevailing, on top, influential; licensed, exempt, immune, reliable, accountable. favorite, n. 1. preference, choice, predilection; idol, god, hero, star; apple of [s.o.'s] eye, man or woman after one's heart, fair-haired boy or girl, jewel; darling, dearest, beloved, dear, Inf. duck, honey, sweetheart; minion, yes-man, apple polisher, Inf. sweet-talker, Inf. bootlicker, pet, cosset; spoiled person, brat. 2. (all usu. sports) front-runner, choice, probable winner, overdog. —adj. 3. chosen, choice, preferred, favored, especially liked, selected, welcomed, pet; popular, lionized, in; ideal, utopian, fair-haired; to one's liking, to one's taste, to one's heart. favoritism, n. 1. partiality, bias, prejudice, prepossession; one-sidedness, unilateralism, unilaterality; partisanship, partisanry, partizanism, nepotism; inequity, unfairness, unjustness, injustice. 2. preference, predilection; inclination, bent, leaning, penchant, proclivity, weakness for; undispersionateness, undetachment. fawn, v. kowtow, bow, bow before, bow and scrape, stoop, crouch; kneel, fall on one's knees, fall at the feet of, prostrate oneself; grovel, crawl, creep, creep before, slither, Sl. Tom; cringe, cower, squat; toady, toady to, truckle, truckle to, toad feast upon, Sl. fall all over, wheedle, puff, puff up, inflate, blow up, Sl. suek up to, Sl. play up to, Sl. shine up to, Inf. apple-polish, Sl. butter up, Sl. brown-nose, Sl. earn brownie points; lickspittle, lick [s.o.'s] shoes, lick [s.o.'s] feet, Inf. be a yes man to, agree to anything, Sl. bootlick, court, pay court to, curry favor, dance attendance upon. fawner, n. toady, toad eater, sycophant, flatterer, flattening flatterer, truckler, tuff hunter, courtier, wheedler, puffer, backslapper, backscratcher, time-server, Inf. apple-polisher, Sl. brown-nose, Sl. brownie, Obs., Rare. blander, Archaic pick-thank; parasite, leech, sponge, spouter, hanger-on; flunky, lackey, yes-man, jackal, spaniel, bootlicker, bootlicker, footlicker, lickspit, lickspittle, kowtower, Uncle Tom, Tom, Sl. oree, cringer, groveler, sniveler. fawning, adj. 1. servile, slavish, obsequious, Obs. obsequious, subservient, servile, Obs., Rare. vernile; submissive, docile, unassertive, compliant, acquiescent, deferential, Tomish, Uncle Tomish, tractable, mealy-mouthed; groveling, crawling, creeping, slithering; kowtowing, crouching, stooping, bowing, bowing and scraping; whining, whimpering, sniveling. 2. sycophantic, sycophantical, sycophantish, toadyish, toadying, toad flattering, flattering, trundling, wheeling, ingratiating, timeserving, Sl. bootlicking, Sl. footlicking, Inf. apple-polishing, Sl. brown-nosing, Obs. blandung, Obs., Rare. blandiloquious; buttery, candied, unctuous, oily, honey-mouthed, smooth-talking, sweet-talking, smooth-tonaged, Rare. blandilo-
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—n. 3. servility, servileness, slavishness, obsequiousness, obsequience, subjunctiveness, compliance, acquiescence, deference, tractability, tractableness, Tomishness, Uncle Tomishness; prostration, obeisance, abjuration, self-abasement; groveling, crawling, creeping, slithering; kowtowing, crouching, bowing, bowing and scraping; squirming, cringing, cowering; whining, whimpering, sniveling.

4. sycophancy, sycophantism, toadying, toadeating, tufthunting, lip-homage, mouth-honor, unctuousness, fawningness, flattery, inf. butter, inf. oil, inf. honey; S. banana oil; Rare. blandiloquence, Obs. blandishing, Obs. Rare. blanditude, Obs.��糊, Obs. blandity, Obs.模糊, all over, toadying, slavering.

Inf. buttering, Inf. spinning, Inf. honeying, Inf. apple-polishing; All Ss. shining up to, sucking up to, playing up to, buttering-up, brown-nosing; courting, paying court to, currying favor, dancing attendance upon, licking [s.o.’s] shoes, kissing [s.o.’s] feet, S. bootlicking.

5. cajolery, wheedling, beguilement, beguiling, blandation, blandishment, banality, blandiloquence, Rare, Obs. tufthunting, lip-homage, mouth-honor, unctuousness, fawningness, flattery, inf. butter, inf. oil, inf. honey, inf. sweet-talking, inf. soft soap, inf. honey, inf. oil, inf. buttering, inf. spinning, inf. honeying, inf. apple-polishing; All Ss. shining up to, sucking up to, playing up to, buttering-up, brown-nosing; courting, paying court to, currying favor, dancing attendance upon, licking [s.o.’s] shoes, kissing [s.o.’s] feet, S. bootlicking.

6. revere, reverence, venerate, stand in awe of, consternation, trepidation; apprehension, misgiving, to, catering to, stroking.

7. gratify, delight, please, make happy, charm, gladden; cheer, thrill, entertain, amuse, refresh.

8. admire, relish, savor, revel in, luxuriate in, take delight in.
feature, n. 1. (all usu. extraordinary) deed, exploit, Archaic, gest, act, action; achievement, step, stride, advancement, progress; accomplishment, attainment, acquisition, success.
2. maneuver, move, stroke, blow, coup, stunt, trick; stroke of genius, tour de force.

feather, n. 1. plume, quill, pinion, All Ornithol. plumule, penna, covert, tectrix; (collectively) panache, hackle, tuft, crest, tussock; plumage, down, Ornithol. scapular, Ornithol. mantle, (of a hawk) mail.
2. condition, state, temperament, mood, humor, spirit; temper, disposition, way.
3. kind, type, species, order, variety, sort, nature; character, mark, brand, grade, quality; metal, kidney, color, stamp, mold, shape.
4. fluffy, Infl. fluffy, flake, flurry, featherweight; fuzz, floss, lint, mote, dust; gossamer, cobweb, spider web.

a. feather in one's cap a. honor, honors, kudos, laurels, wreath, bays, garland, ribbon, medal, battle honors, blushing honors; distinction, glory, dignity, izzat, prestige. b. accomplishment, deed, feat, exploit.

feathery, adj. feathered, fledged, plumose, feathered, featherlight, light as air, light as a feather, gossamer, gossamery; unsubstantial, imponderable, weightless; ethereal, airy, floaty, buoyant.

feature, n. 1. features face, countenance, visage, physiognomy, Sl. mug, Sl. kiss, Sl. puss; looks, lineaments.
2. (all of the face) cast, form, turn, shape, figure, configuration, Infl. cut of one's jib; appearance, expression, look, lineament, aspect; profile, silhouette.
3. mark, hallmark, earmark, trademark, specialty, keynote; trait, characteristic, attribute; property, quality; peculiarity, quirk, mannerism, idiosyncrasy, idioscrasy.
4. special attraction, main or special feature, drawing attention, center of interest.
5. highlight or high light, outstanding or distinctive feature; high spot, high point, memorable part, best cut of one's jib; appearance, ex-}

fee, n. 1. charge, bill, toll, fare; expense, price, Brit. tariff, cost, Infl. damages, admission.
2. payment, pay, emolument, salary, stipend; wage, wages, hire, paycheck, Infl. weekly insult; remuneration, recompense, compensation; commission, allowance, honorarium, perquisite.
3. gratuity, tip, baksheesh, Fr. pourboire, Ger. Trink geld, douceur, handout, Sl. beer money; gift, present, bonus, premium; reward, bounty, Archaic. meed, Literary. guerdon.

—v. 4. pay, remunerate, recompense, compensate; requisite, reimburse; tip, leave a little something.

feebly, adv. 1. weak, frail, fragile, delicate, slight, puny, Pathol. asthenic, anemic; weakly, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Scot. shilpit, ailing; infirm, unsteady, Infl. dotty, shaky, trembling, tottering, doddering; impotent, powerless, impuissant, helpless; decrepit, old, senile, invalid, unsound, weakened, enfeebled, debilitated; enervated, enervate, lank, weak, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Asthénie, anemic; weakly, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Inf. weak, frail, fragile, delicate, slight, puny, Pathol. asthenic, anemic; weakly, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Scot. shilpit, ailing; infirm, unsteady, Infl. dotty, shaky, trembling, tottering, doddering; impotent, powerless, impuissant, helpless; decrepit, old, senile, invalid, unsound, weakened, enfeebled, debilitated; enervated, enervate, lank, weak, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Asthénie, anemic; weakly, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Inf. weak, frail, fragile, delicate, slight, puny, Pathol. asthenic, anemic; weakly, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Scot. shilpit, ailing; infirm, unsteady, Infl. dotty, shaky, trembling, tottering, doddering; impotent, powerless, impuissant, helpless; decrepit, old, senile, invalid, unsound, weakened, enfeebled, debilitated; enervated, enervate, lank, weak, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Asthénie, anemic; weakly, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Inf. weak, frail, fragile, delicate, slight, puny, Pathol. asthenic, anemic; weakly, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Scot. shilpit, ailing; infirm, unsteady, Infl. dotty, shaky, trembling, tottering, doddering; impotent, powerless, impuissant, helpless; decrepit, old, senile, invalid, unsound, weakened, enfeebled, debilitated; enervated, enervate, lank, weak, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Asthénie, anemic; weakly, sickly, not strong, unhealthy, Inf.
1. touch, sense of touch, tactile sense, feeler, n.
2. feel, v.
3. asthenia, inweakness, debility, feebleness, Pathol.
4. feed, v.
5. compassion, commiseration, pity; tenderness, ten-
   derness, tenderheartedness, heart, soul; sympathy, empathy, fel-
   low feeling, identification; echo, chord, vibration, Inf.
6. sentiment, notion, idea, conception, thought, estimation, theory; opinion, outlook, viewpoint, point of view; attitude, stance, position, posture, way of think-
   ing.
7. feelings sensibilities, susceptibilities, sympathies, sentiments, emotions, passions.
   —adj. 8. sensitive, sentient, sensible, intuitive; emotional, demonstrable; warm, tender, tenderhearted, softhearted, soft; sympathetic, compassionate, responsive, recep-
   tive.
9. passionate, impassioned, intense, ardent, fervent, fervid, vehement; hot, red-hot, heated, fiery.

feign, v. 1. affect, simulate, fake, sham, give the appearance of; adopt, assume, take on, put on, pretend to be [s.t.] one is not; impersonate, personate, pose as, pretend to be [s.o.], pass oneself off as, sail
   under false colors, (all deceptively) allege or claim or profess to be, Sl. make like; (all deceptively) imitate, copy, ape, mimic; dissemble, dissipulate, misrepresent, disguise, falsify.
2. pretend, make believe, malinger, playact, act; put
   on airs, assume airs, posture, do for effect.
3. fabricate, make up, forge, counterfeit; think or dream up, invent, concoct, devise, create; lie, tell a lie or a white lie, tell a story, make excuses.
4. disguised, camouflaged, dissembled, dissimulated, misrepresented, misleading, deceptive; fabricated, forged, made up, factitious, fictitious, untrue; (all fic-
   tiously) invented, created, concocted, devised, contrived.

felicitate, v. congratulate, wish [s.o.] joy, rejoice with, wish [s.o.] many happy returns, offer one's felicitations or compliments; salute, hail, toast, drink to, wish well to; pay one's respects to.

felicitations, n. usu. felicitations congratulations, joy, compliments, blessings, good wishes; best wishes, wish for happiness; greetings, salutations; toasts, cheers.

felicitous, adj. well-suited, apt, appropriate, suitable, accordant, apropos, apposite, germane, pertinent, to the point, Latin. ad rem; becoming, graceful, gain-
   ly, seemly, fitting, Inf. just right; neat, pat, Inf. on the button or mark, Inf. on target; well-put, well-said, well-expressed, well-chosen, inspired; seasonable, timely, well-timed, opportune, propitious, auspicious, of good omen; harmonious, happy, meet, congenial, fortunate, lucky, successful, prosperous.

felicity, n. 1. happiness, joy, joyfulness, bliss, blissfulness, ecstasy, rapture; delight, pleasure, glad-
   ness, enjoyment, satisfaction, gratification, content-
   ment, harmony.
2. appropriateness, suitability, suitableness, fitness,
feline, adj. 1. catlike, lynxlike, leonine; graceful, slinky, seductive, sensual.
2. cunning, crafty, canny, sly; artful, designing, wily, tricky; subtle, insidious, treacherous, stealthy, sneaking, sneaky, pussy-footing.

fell, v. cut down, hew, mow, level, raze, demolish;
feline, adj. catlike, lynxlike, leonine; graceful,}
companionship, colleagueship, n.

fellow, n. 1. man, male, Inf. chap, Inf. guy, Inf.
dad, Sl. joe, Sl. dude, Sl. cat, Sl. gazabo, Sl. bozo, Sp. hombre; gentleman, squire, esquire, don, hidalgo, caballerio; gaffer, Inf. coder; boy, Inf. kid, Scot. chield; individual, person, Inf. customer.

fence, n. 1. railing, rail, paling, boarding, balustrade, palis., Inf. Fort. stockade; enclosure, confine, boundary, periphery, border, margin; barrier, barricade, wall, circumvallation; hedge, hedgerow.

fencing, n. 1. swordplay, swordsmanship.

feminine, adj. 1. soft, delicate, gentle, tender, docile, submissive, amenable, deferential; lady-like, refined, genteel.

felon, n. 1. larcener, larcenist, misfeasor, perjurer; lawbreaker, criminal, convict, Sl. jailbird, parolee; ex-convict, Inf. ex-con, recidivist, repeat offender, Inf. chronic crook; transgressor, trespasser, offender, culprit, miscreant; malefactor, evildoer, wrongdoer, sinner.
2. gangster, mobster, racketeer, mafioso, desperado, terrorist; thug, tough, Inf. toughie, mugger, ruffian, rowdy, hoodlum, Sl. hood, Inf. goon, hooligan, Inf. roadman, road agent, Sl. gunsel, Sl. mug, Australian Sl. larrick, (in Paris) apache.

3. assassin, murderer, killer, slayer, sniper; strangler, cutthroat, garroteur; liquidator, Euph. silencer, Euph. dispatcher; gunman, All U.S. Sl. gun, hired gun, hit man, trigger-man, hatchet man, torpedo.
4. bandit, hold-up man, Sl. stick-up man, armed robber; robber, burglar, thief, stealer, purliner, Inf. crook; embezzler, peculator, Law. defaulter.

5. extortionist, extortioner, blackmailer, usurer, loan shark, Sl. bleeder; smuggler, runner, bootlegger, contrabandist, white-slaver; forger, counterfeiter, Fr. faux monnayeur, Brit. Inf. coiner.

6. kidnapper, abductor, rapiist; sodomist, pervert. child mplester, Sl. short eyes.

fellowship, n. 1. companionship, collegianship, mateship; comradery, camaraderie, comradeship, esprit de corps, togetherness, fraternalization, brotherhood, friendship, amity.
2. community, circle, society, party, camarilla; congregation, assemblage, group, band, team, troop.
3. communion, intercommunication, communica-
tion, exchange, intercourse, interchange; mutuality, reciprocity, sharing, interdependence.
4. friendliness, amicability, sociability, clubbiness, Inf. chumminess, sodality, intimacy; affability, geniality, cordiality, hospitality, kindliness, kind-heartedness, congeniality.
5. association, consociation, partnership, affiliation, joint concern; consortium, syndication, conspiracy, cabal; fraternity, club, Ger. Gemeinschaft, lodge, clan, set, clique; company, alliance, coalition, league, union, guild; organization, corporation, amalgamation, combination, merger, monopoly, trust, alignment, bloc, cartel.

feral, adj. 1. bestial, beastlike, beastly, brutish, ferine. Obs. bellune; untamed, wild, undomesticated, unbroken; rapacious, ravenous, raving, predatory.
fertile, ferry, or drive
to ferret out

fierceness, ferociousness, brutality, ferocity, ferocious, adj.
Bot. prolificity, fruitfulness, fertility,
1. prolific, teeming, profuse, bounteous; pullulating, prolific, cramping, bleeding; abundant, plenteous, full, copious, profuse; productivity, inventive, resourceful, ingenious, imaginative, imaginativeness, ingenuity.
fertilize, v. 1. fecundate, impregnate, Sl. knock up, inseminate, pollinate.
2. suffuse, enrich, feed, dress, treat the soil, manure.
fertilizer, n. manure, plant food, compost, dressing, side-dressing; Marl, bone meal, yesterday's gardenias; guano, droppings, dung.
fervent, adj. 1. earnest, eager, animated, enthusiastic; excited; ardent, zealous, Inf. gung-ho, impassioned; fervid, fervent; emotional, emotive, temperamental, high-strung; nervous, tense, excitable, touchy, testy, peppy; spirited, high-spirited, volatile, fiery, hot-headed; heated, feverish, white-hot, inflamed, volcanic; frenzied, frantic, crazed, mad, Inf. wild; overwrought, upset, hysterical, not rational; headstrong, stubborn, impetuous, impatient, hasty; sensitive, feeling, sentient, demonstrative, responsive; sensuous, warm, sentimental, deep-feeling; poignant, touching, moving; transported, rapt, enraptured, rapturous, ecstatic.
2. burning, blazing, ablaze, raging, on fire, aflame; flaming, aflame, smoking, ignited; very hot, boiling, scalding, scorching, sizzling; smoldering, simmering, parching; glowing, aglow, gleaming, glaring; very bright, lighted, alight, luminous, illuminated; radiant, brilliant, incandescent.
fervid, adj. 1. fervent, enthusiastic, ardent. See fervent (def. 1).
2. burning, very hot, glowing. See fervent (def. 2).
fervor, n. 1. fervency, ardor, fervidness, zeal, fervor, fervent, enthusiastic, ardent. See fervent (def. 1).
2. heat, fire, glow, fervor.
festival, n. 1. saint's day, holy day, feast day, Rom. Cath. Ch. holy day of obligation, (in ancient Rome) feria; rite, ritual, ceremony, celebration, observance, keeping; remembrance, memorialization, commemoration.
2. gala day, red-letter day, banner day, field day; holiday, day of rejoicing, occasion, event, birthday, anniversary, jubilee.
3. activities, doings, festivities, fun and games; entertainment, diversion, refreshment, amusement, regalement.
4. feast, repast, banquet, revel, fete, wassail, festivi-

ubercence, richness, Rare. ury, copiousness, fullness, rankness, profusion, profuseness.
2. productivity, inventiveness, creativity, creativeness, originality; resourcefulness, imagination, imaginativeness, ingenuity.
fetter, chains, shackles, gyves, fetish, talisman, charm, amulet, periapt, malodorous, smelly, noisome, stinking; fete, feast, feast day, holy day. See festival n. 1.


festivity, n. festoon, 1.

festive, adj. convivial, joyous, merry, mirthful, festive, adj. 2.

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in a dither, Inf.
delirious, eagerness, zeal, zealousness, enthusiasm.

fervor, adj. 1. fever, heat, Inf. temperature, Sl. temp; feverishness, febrility, Pathol. pyrexia; fire, inflammation, redness, blush, glow; All Pathol. scarlet fever, scarlatina, yellow fever, yellow jack, typhus fever, typhoid fever, malaria, ague, delirium, calenture.

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fetish, n. 1. talisman, charm, amulet, periapt, phylactery, wishbone, scarab, swastika, magic symbol; idol, graven image, golden calf, joss, totem.

fetish

fetch, v. 1. get, go for or after, go get, Hunting. retrieve; capture, seize, grasp, bag, snatch; grip, grab, lay hold of; collar; catch, entrap, ensnare.

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fetching, adj. Informal, captivating, fascinate, enchant, bewitch, allure; delight, titilate, tantalize, carry away.

fetching

fetch and carry do the dirty work, perform menial tasks, do service, wait on or upon.

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fiber, n. 1. filament, fibril, tendril, strand, thread; web, cobweb, gossamer.
2. character, nature, quality, stripe, streak, grain; constitution, composition, makeup, mold, cast, frame; spirit, disposition, temperament.

fibrous, adj. threadlike, stringy, wiry, fibroid, filamentous, filamentary, filiform, fibrillar, fibrilliform, fibrillose.

fickle, adj. 1. capricious, whimsical, fanciful, flighty, giddy, dizzy, frivolous, facetious; changeable, variable, mutable, moody, unpredictable, unaccountable; volatile, mercurial, quicksilver; impulsive, impetuous, erratic, spasmodic, fitful, irregular.
2. indecisive, undecided, uncertain, unsure, irresolute, unresolved, wishy-washy, blowing hot and cold, wavering, fluctuating, vacillating, shilly-shallying.
3. inconstant, unfaithful, faithless, faithless, disloyal, unreliable, undependable, untrustworthy, fly-by-night, fickle-minded; unrestrained, undisciplined, uncontrolled, fast and loose.

fickleness, n. 1. capriciousness, fancifulness, giddiness, facelessness; changeableness, mutability, moodiness; impulsiveness, impetuousness, erraticness.
2. indecision, uncertainty, irresolution, wishy-washiness, facetiousness; changeableness, mutability, moodiness.
3. inconstancy, unfaithfulness, disloyalty; treacherousness, perfidiousness, shiftiness; unreliability, undependability, untrustworthiness, fickleness, mindedness.

fiction, n. 1. story, tale, romance, novel, anti-matter, capriciousness, fancifulness, giddiness, fibrous, filamental, filamentary, filiform, fibrillar, fibrilliform, fibrillose.

fictional, adj. 1. capricious, whimsical, fanciful, flighty, giddy, dizzy, frivolous, facetious; changeable, variable, mutable, moody, unpredictable, unaccountable; volatile, mercurial, quicksilver; impulsive, impetuous, erratic, spasmodic, fitful, irregular.
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field, n. 1. pasture, clearing, fiend; meadow, Archaic. mead, lea; sward, green, lawn, lot, common, campus.
2. playing field, the turf, track, hippodrome; ball-field, diamond, gridiron, arena, lists; parade ground, Sl. slander, drill field; battleground, theater of operations.
3. sphere, scope, domain, realm; territory, province, bailiwick, bounds, department; expanse, stretch, extent, area, space, range, reach; limits, confines.
4. discipline, specialization, forte, expertise.

fiend, n. 1. Satan, demon, devil. See devil (defs. 1-3).
2. savage, monster, ogre, beast, brute; sadist, Genghis Khan, Attila the Hun, Bluebeard, Jack the Ripper; malefactor, bad man, Brit. baddie, Brit. bad hat, Sl. bad news, Sl. bad actor, Sl. rotter; hit man, gunlinger, Sl. plugger. U.S. tough; barbarian, ruffian, rowdy, Sl. meanie, Sl. creep, ghoul; scoundrel, villain, Iago, Sl. rat, blackguard; cad, Sl. no-goodnik, Sl. bastard.
3. mischief-maker, imp, brat; pain in the neck, an-noyance, nuisance, pest; jackanapes, wheeler-deeler.
4. addict, Sl. freak; Sl. hound, Sl. hophead, Sl. druggie; chain smoker, Sl. nicotine nut; alcoholic, Sl. boober.
5. fan, enthusiast, aficionado, devotee, follower, Sl. buff; Sl. nut, Sl. bug, monomaniac.

fiendish, adj. 1. inhuman, barbarous, barbaric, savage, Tartarian, Hunnish, Vandalic; brutal, brutish, murderous, slaughterous, bloodthirsty, sanguinary, sadistic, ogreish; terrible, harsh, fell, cruel, ferocious, ruthless, vicious, feral, ferine; pitiless, merciless, heartless, unkind, unfeeling, cruel, hardened, stony-hearted, cold-blooded; unrelenting, relentless, remorseless, inexorable.
2. demonic, diabolic, diabolical, devilish, ghoulish; satanic, Mephistophelian, demoniac, demoniacal, cacodemonic; infernal, hellish, hellborn.
fierce, adj. 1. wild, savage, ferocious, vicious, fell, furious, relentless; violent, frenzied, furibund, vehement; turbulent, tempestuous, tumultuous, uproarious, clamorous, clamorous, rampant, boisterous, blustering, blustering,sty, gusty, cyclonic, typhoonic.

2. violent, furious, raging, frenzied, furibund, vehement; turbulent, tempestuous, tumultuous, uproarious, stormy; clamorous, rampant, boisterous, blustering, blustering,sty, gusty, cyclonic, typhoonic.

3. keen, intense, fervent, fervid; eager, earnest, avid, zealous; ardent, passionate, impassioned, fiery; enthusiastic, spirited, high-spirited, animated, hearty; unrestrained, unbridled, uncurbed, unchecked, uncontrolled.

4. Informal. bad, severe, grave; formidable, awful, dire, dreadful; bitter, biting, racking, tearing, gnawing.

fiery, adj. 1. on fire, afire, in flames, flaming, conflagrant; burning, blazing, ablaze; igneous, volcanic; intensely hot, red-hot, white-hot, candent; tropical, sweltering, Archaic. calid, torrid, parching; heated, thermal, calorific.

2. glowing, aglow, lurid, incandescent, incausal; gleaming, glaring, brightly lit, alight; luminous, illuminated, radiant, brilliant; shimmering, twinkling, flaming, flickering, glittering, sparkling, fluttering.

3. zealous, ardent, vehement, eager, intensely desirous; Inf. hot, stimulated, aroused; passionate, impassioned, fervent, fervid, per fervid, frenzied, frantic; excited, exhilarated, Inf. psyched or psychoed up, enthusiasm; enlivened, inspired, animated.

4. excitable, nervous, high-strung, spirited, temperamental; touchy, testy, peppy, emotional, volatile, volcanic; impetuous, impulsive, hasty, agitated, irritated, irritable, vexed, galled, riled, piqued, chafed, nettled; offended, disturbed, perturbed; very angry, wrathful, incensed, irate; enraged, infuriated, furious.

5. flammable, inflammable, inflammatory, conflagratory, conflagrative; combustible, explosive, incendiary; ignitable, Rare. accendible, tindable; burnable, consumable.

6. inflamed, feverish, fevered, feverous, febrile, Pathol. pyretic, Pathol. pyrexic or pyerval, fever ridden; hot, red-hot, burning, parched; flushed, sudorific, sweating; Pathol. delirious, hectic.

7. spicy, tangy, zesty, piquant; savory, rich, aromatic, fragrant; pungent, sharp, keen, strong, hot; racy, peppery, nippy, Inf. zippy, Inf. snappy.

fiesta, n. 1. saint's day, holy day, feast day, Rom. Cath. Ch. holy day of obligation, anniversary; celebration, observance, keeping, honoring; remembrance, memorialization, commemoration, ritualization, solemnization.

2. festival, fete, gala, feast, revel, wassail; carnival, fair, fair-fair, Mardi Gras.

fight, n. 1. battle, combat, duel, bout; contention, clash, conflict, struggle, Scot. sprattle, strife; war, warfare, fighting, hostilities; assault, attack, offensive, harassment, assailment; siege, besiegement,besetment, investment; collision, meeting, engagement, encounter, rencounter; brawl, feud, fray, wrangle, Inf. set-to; row, Scot. colloquishage, free-for-all, donnybrook, rumble, broil; contest, show-down; melee, fisticuffs, boxing, Sl. miling, match; outbreak, riot, Fr. eumeute; scuffle, tussle, fray.

2. disagreement, squabble, difference of opinion, discord, accord, misunderstanding; parting of the ways, break up, divergence; altercation, argument, quarrel, Sl. mix-up, dispute, disputation, contention; sparring, bickering, sparring, jangling; dissension, dissent, dissidence, discord, Inf. blow-up, falling-out. —v. 3. battle, give or do battle, contend; clash, conflict with; encounter, engage, meet; duel, joust, tussle, skirmish, scuffle, jostle; war, make war, war against, go to war, go to battle, wage war, take the field, take up arms; brawl, feud, go at it and nail; come to blows; pommel, beat, beat into the ground, batter; box, spar, exchange fisticuffs, slug it out, wrestle, grapple with; slaughter, massacre, butcher.

3. quarrel, Sl. mix-up, dispute, disputation, contention; sparring, bickering, sparring, jangling; dissension, dissent, dissidence, discord, Inf. blow-up, falling-out. —v. 3. battle, give or do battle, contend; clash, conflict with; encounter, engage, meet; duel, joust, tussle, skirmish, scuffle, jostle; war, make war, war against, go to war, go to battle, wage war, take the field, take up arms; brawl, feud, go at it and nail; come to blows; pommel, beat, beat into the ground, batter; box, spar, exchange fisticuffs, slug it out, wrestle, grapple with; slaughter, massacre, butcher.

4. argument, quarrel, Sl. mix-up, dispute, disputation, contention; sparring, bickering, sparring, jangling; dissension, dissent, dissidence, discord, Inf. blow-up, falling-out. —v. 3. battle, give or do battle, contend; clash, conflict with; encounter, engage, meet; duel, joust, tussle, skirmish, scuffle, jostle; war, make war, war against, go to war, go to battle, wage war, take the field, take up arms; brawl, feud, go at it and nail; come to blows; pommel, beat, beat into the ground, batter; box, spar, exchange fisticuffs, slug it out, wrestle, grapple with; slaughter, massacre, butcher.

5. contest, confront, rise up against, Obs. militate against, rail against, ride against, struggle against, Archaic. reluct; oppose, defy, contradict, make something of, contravene, refute, confound; object to, protest, call in question, march against, make a stand against, dispute, oppugn; resist, repel, repulse, withstand, stand one's ground; frustrate, balk, foil, cross, play at cross purposes.

6. disagree, differ, fail to agree, discord, be at variance, be at odds; think differently, stand in opposition, diverge, deviate, part company, go separate ways; have a difference of opinion.

7. altercate, argue, quarrel, dispute, spar, have words, fall out; bicker, spat, tiff; quibble, squabble, wrangle; debate, dissent, contend, take issue with, contest, object, Scot. thrash.

8. conduct, carry on, wage, maneuver.

fighter, n. 1. warrior, brave, combatant, soldier, militarist, redcoat, janissary, Tommy Atkins, private, cavalryman, dragoon, man-at-arms, belligerent; attacker, assailant, assayer, assailant, invader, aggressor, militant; rival, contestant, competitor, contender.

2. duelist, swordsman, fencer, gladiator; sharpshooter, rifleman, fusilier, musketeer, grenadier; archer, Bowman; wrangler, brawler, affrayor; merce- nary, soldier of fortune, free lance, adventurer; infantryman, foot soldier; artilleryman, gunner, cannonner.

3. All Boxing. boxer, champion, prizefighter, Inf. slugger, pugilist; wrestler, grapper.

4. trouper, Inf. scrapper, die-hard, fanatic.

figure, n. 1. number, numeral, cipher, digit.

2. sum, total, aggregate, amount, price, cost.

3. figures arithmetic, mathematics; statistics, Inf. stats., numerical data.

4. form, shape, outline, cast, cut; configuration, conformation, structure, frame, build, body.
5. representation, image, picture, icon; effigy, sculpture, statue, bust, mold, cast; illustration, drawing, diagram; design, pattern, device; emblem, symbol, type, representative, sign.

6. character, personality, personage, somebody notable, worthy.

7. Usu. figures of speech metaphor, simile, conceit, trope, personification, image, imagery; *All Rhet.* antithesis, metonymy, synecdoche, antonomasia, enallage.

—v. 8. compute, calculate, reckon, cipher, work out; count, numerate, enumerate; total, add up, sum up; appraise, assess.

9. adorn, ornament, bedeck, embellish; variegate, diversify, mark.

10. portray, impersonate, take the part of, appear as; perform, act.

11. metaphorize, personify, allegorize, fable; symbolize, signify, emblemize; represent, stand for.

12. outline, trace, sketch, armature; draw, delineate, limn, depict, portray, picture; shape, form, image.

13. Informal. reason, think about, ponder over; conclude, judge, opine; surmise, conjecture, suppose, believe.

figurehead, n. 1. titular head, nominal head, assumed head, acting head.

2. (on prow of a ship) sculpture, carving, bust, statue, image.

figureine, n. statuette, carving, china figure; knick-knack, trinket, gimmick, ornament.

filament, n. fiber, fibril, fibriilla, strand; string, thread, floss, twist, yarn; twine, packthread, cord, rope, cable, wire; hair, tendril, cilia, lash, cobweb, gossamer, *Biol.* membrane, *Zool.* webbing.


4. mooch, scrounge, scavenge, freeload, sponge, Sl. bum.

file, n. 1. dossier, organized collection or assortment, arrangement; folder, organizer, envelope, container, holder; filing cabinet, cabinet, drawer, box, pigeonhole, receptacle, repository, compartment.

2. line, queue, row, rank; string, chain, range, series.

—v. 3. organize, categorize, systematize, classify, set up; arrange, put or place in order, alphabetize; pigeonhole, interfile, insert, put in place, replace.

4. march or walk in a line or row, parade, pass in formation, follow the leader.

5. file for, apply, make application, fill out or turn in an application, put in for, put in or make a bid for, make a claim for; register, sign up, get one’s name on the list.

file, n. 1. rasp, emery board, nail file, abrasive.

—v. 2. rasp, scrape, grate, shred; grind, whet, sand, sandpaper, pumice; abrade, rub, rub down, scour; polish, burnish, buff, smooth, wax, shine: trim, cut down, reduce, shave, plane, shape.

filial, adj. 1. sonly, daughterly, sonlike, daughterlike.

2. devoted, dutiful, respectful; affectionate, loving, fond.

filibuster, n. 1. U.S. (*all in reference to legislation*) obstruction, hindrance, impediment, prevention, postponement, delay; (*all in reference to formal discourse, to accomplish the preceding*) exhortation, declamation, harangue, spiel, tirade, bombast; dissertation, oration, peroration, endless discourse; monologue; tangent, digression, rambling, wandering, irrelevancy, excursus.

2. freebooter, buccaneer, pirate, viking, corsair, privateer. See *pirate* (defs. 1-4).

—v. 3. U.S. (*all in reference to legislation*) impede, obstruct, hinder, prevent, delay, postpone, put off; (*all to accomplish the preceding*) hold forth, expound, expatiate, rant, ravel, discourse interminably, go on at length; maundler, blather, ramble, digress, go off on a tangent, wander, meander, stray.

3. pirate, buccaneer, privateer, freebooter. See *pirate* (defs. 7, 8).

filigree, n. 1. wirework, fretwork, fret, scrollwork, grillwork, latticework, lattice; lacework, lace, network, netting, net, mesh, crochet, tatting; ornamentation, decoration, arabesque.

2. gossamer, sheer, chiffon, voile, organza, organdy, tissue, tissue paper; ephemera, whim, vagary, caprice, fancy, daydream, dream, illusion.

—adj. 3. delicate, fine, finely-wrought, fragile, dainty.

fill, v. 1. fill up, fill to the brim, fill to overflowing, overfill, stuff, overstuff, crowd, overcrowd, congest; load or load down, lade, burden, overburden; cram, force down or in, ram down, pack in, push in, shove in, press in, jam, squeeze, pack like sardines.

2. supply, furnish, provide, outfit; store, lay in or by, stock, restock, refill, replenish, renew.

3. feed fully, satiate, content, eat one’s fill, satisfy, sate, cloy, pall; surfeit, glut, gorge, stuff, cram; overfeed, overeat, overdink, overindulge, overdo, gormandize, *Archaic* glutonize, eat greedily, Sl. pig out, Sl. munch out, put down or over, pack in.

4. pervade, penetrate, infuse, inject, charge; permeate, spread throughout, overspread, suffuse, impregnate, imbue, soak, saturate.

5. occupy, serve, act, function, perform, execute, do, discharge, carry out or through, complete, fulfill.

6. meet or fulfill the requirements, *Inf.* fill the bill.

7. stop up, clog, stuff, block; close, close off, caulk, seal, plug, bung, cork.

8. fill in a. complete, fill out, fill in the blanks, b. substitute for, sub for, stand in for, replace, take the place of.

—c. Slang. inform, advise, notify, tell, let in on, share with.

9. fill out a. fill in, complete, fill in the blanks. b. round out, fatten, pad, enlarge, make bigger, inflate, blow up, puff up; swell, grow, expand, extend, stretch, spread or spread out, diffuse, widen, dilate, dilatate.

fillip, n. 1. snap, flip, flick, click, tick, tap, crack.

2. stimulus, urge, incentive, inducement, encouragement, provocation, incitement, motivation; spur, goad, prod, stick, whip, lash; push, shove, jab, sting, prick, shot.

—v. 3. stimulate, urge, induce, encourage, provoke, incite, motivate, spur, goad, poke, prod, prompt, prick, push, egg on; jar, jolt, inspire, fire, whet, sharpen, keen, awaken, arouse, animate, quicken, get going.

film, n. 1. skin, membrane, pellicle, integument, peel, caul; covering, cover, layer, coat, coating, blanket, dusting, sheet; mask, screen, veil, gauze, web, gossamer; scum, foam, froth; slick, oil slick, spill.
2. hazy, cloud, mist, blur, milkiness, pearliness, murkiness; vapor, steam, fog, smoke, smog, smoke screen, dust storm.

3. motion picture, movie, Inf. flick, cinema, cinematography, movies, films, pictures, Inf. pix; feature, short, short subject, episode, serial, Inf. chapter; filmstrip, slide show, videotape, tape; microfilm, microfilm, microfiche, fiche, filmcard; Inf. instant replay, Inf. playback; rerun, revival, Inf. oldie.

—v. 4. cover, coat, varnish, glaze, veneer, slick or spill over; shade, mist, shadow, cloud, haze, dull, blur, clear, screen; hide, conceal, mask, veil, shroud, robe; obscure, obfuscate, adumbrate.

5. photograph, put on film, preserve on film, make a movie, do a take, shoot, shoot a scene; videotape, tape, microfilm.

filmy, adj. 1. gauzy, gossamer, gossamer, sheer, diaphanous, fine, thin, delicate, filmy, unsubstantial, see-through, translucent, transparent; light, airy, floaty.

2. hazy, misty, dull, blurred,bleary, cloudy; milky, pearly, opalescent, frosted; coated, murky, vaporous, opaque, obfuscated.

filter, n. 1. strainer, strain, screen, sieve, sifter, colander, riddle; leaching field, drainage field; net, netting, gauze, cheesecloth.

—v. 2. strain, filtrate, clear, clarify; purify, refine.

3. percolate, leach, run through, pass through, filter through; find, vent, escape, flow out, effuse; exude, seep, transude, ooze, drain, leak.

filter, n. 1. refuse, trash, garbage, slop; sewage, discharge, dregs, lees, slime; sediment, silt, sludge, muc, mire, mud, dirt, slush; decay, rot, putrescence, putridity, carrion, offal, foul matter; leakings, excrement, feces; excreta, manure, dung, ordure, night soil, guano; grime, smudge, smoke, soot, dust, ashes; nastiness, filthiness, uncleanness, squalor.

2. defilement, pollution, contamination, taint, foulness, acridity, odor; corruption, adulteration, debasement, degradation, deterioration, rottenness.

3. obscenity, pornography, smut, Sl. raunch; grossness, vulgarity,ileness, nastiness, indecency; foul language, Inf. dirty talk.

filthy, adj. 1. foul, dirty, unclean, slimy,ucky, feculent, fecal, defiled, polluted, tainted; musty, smelly, rotten, fetid, gone bad, flyblown, maggoty, putrid, purulent, Sl. cruddy, muddy, soiled, stained, grimy, begrimed, smeared, dirtied, sooty, smoky, dusty.

2. unwashed, bedraggled, slovenly, unkempt, piggy, sloppy, sleazy; squalid, wretched, shabby, deteriorated, ramshackle; miserable, uncared-for, dingy, Sl. slummy.

3. low, contemptible, despicable, base, mean; vile, scurvy, ignominious, trashy, sordid.

4. depraved, corrupt, obscene, impure, indelicate, indecent, gross, offensive, objectionable, nasty, coarse, shameless, vulgar, nasty-minded, foul-mouthed, loose; lewd, smutty, pornographic, bawdy, ribald, suggestive, risqué, Sl. raunchy.

final, adj. 1. concluding, completing, terminating, ending, finishing, closing; terminal, endmost, last, Inf. tail-end; last-ditch, extreme; last-minute.

2. ultimate, eventual, coming, unavoidable, inevitable.

3. conclusive, decisive, determinate, definitive, complete, thorough, exhaustive; fixed, finished, decided, irrevocable, unappealable; incontrovertible, indisputable, irrefutable, sure, certain, absolute.

finale, n. end, finish, conclusion, terminus, termination, windup, Sl. pay off; climax, culmination, consumption; end or final result, final event or scene, last act, bitter end, finis, curtain, final curtain, Sl. curtain, catastrophe.

finality, n. 1. conclusive, decisiveness, definitiveness, irrevocability; terminality; completeness, wholeness, totality, entirety; ultimate, finality, unavoidableness, inevitableness.

2. end, finish, finale. See finale.

finally, adv. 1. in the end, after all, at last, at long last, lastly, at length; ultimately, eventually, in the long run, when all is said and done.

2. conclusively, convincingly, absolutely, definitely, once and for all.

finance, n. 1. money management, investment, investment theory, fiscal matters, pecuniary matters; economics, banking, accounting.

2. finances revenue, resources, capital, holdings, assets, stock, wealth, cash, money; treasury, bank accounts; personal finances, wherewithal.

—v. 3. furnish credit, back, Inf. angel, set [s.o.] up in business, capitalize, be a silent partner of [s.o.], underwrite.

financial, adj. pecuniary, fiscal, money, monetary, economic, bread-and-butter.

financier, n. banker, treasurer, cambist, broker, moneyman, money-lender; capitalist, rich man, large-scale investor, plutocrat, millionaire, Sl. fat cat, Sl. one of the big boys.

find, v. 1. come upon or across, chance upon, happen upon, light upon, hit upon, stumble on or upon; run into, bump into, fall on or upon, meet with, encounter, experience.

2. earn, win, gain, get, procure, acquire, obtain, reach, attain, succeed.

3. discover, locate, place, lay one's hand on, put one's finger or hand on; ascertain, find out, hear of, get wind of, learn of; determine, figure out, solve, get at, unravel, decode, decipher; make out, discern, detect, descry, esp, notice, perceive, remark, note, distinguish, recognize, catch a glimpse of, catch sight of, Inf. spot; see, behold, observe, view, Brit. twig, watch, Archaic ken.

4. recover, recoup, recuperate, regain, get or make back, repossess, take back.

5. provide, furnish, supply, outfit.

6. find fault complain, grumble, mutter, gripe, Sl. bitch, Sl. squawk, object to, take exception; carp, cavil at or about, Inf. nitpick, pick or pull apart, pick to pieces, Inf. pick holes in, Sl. cut up or to pieces; criticize, Inf. knock, Inf. pan, shoot down, put down, Sl. dump on, Inf. slam; disparage, deprecate, belittle, laugh or scoff at, make fun of, ridicule; attack verbally, Inf. light into, lace into, Inf. lay into, assail, Inf. tear into, Inf. rip into; Sl. blast, Sl. let [s.o.] have it, Inf. jump on, Inf. jump all over, get on [s.o.'s] back, Sl. get on [s.o.'s] case, Sl. get down on, come down on, land on hard; berate, tongue-lash, dress down, lay into, tear apart, rake over the coals; call down, rebuke, scold, admonish, chide, shake the head or finger at, reprehend, reprove, reproach; blame, censure, disapprove, frown upon, denounce, condemn.

7. find out a. discover, ascertain. See find (def. 3).

b. detect, expose, show up, bring out into the open; bring to light, turn up, uncover, unearth, disinger, dig up, root out, ferret out, smoke out, search out; track down, pursue, follow, trail, stalk, hunt down.

8. find, finding, discovery, hit, strike; catch, deal, bargain, buy; lucky hit, bonanza, jackpot, windfall, godsend, boon.

finding, n. 1. discovery, find. See find (def. 8).

2. decision, award, verdict, conclusion, judgment, sentence, pronouncement, decree, order.

fine, adj. 1. good, satisfactory, acceptable, all

2. pure, solid, sterling, twenty-four carat, one hundred percent; unadulterated, unpolluted, clear.

3. ground, powdered, crushed, pulverized, commin- ute, triturated, particled; grated, minced, chopped.

4. fragile, delicate, frail, dainty, slight, small, tiny, *Inf.* teeny; thin, tapped, attenuated, slender; filament- tary, filamentous, filamented, fibriform, fibrillar, fi- brilliform, threadlike, hairlike, fibratus, tendril, tendrilous.

5. gossamer, gossamered, gossamered, chiffon, sheer, tissue, tissuelike, finely woven; gauzy, gauzelike, light, lightweight, filmy, cobwebby, filmy, diaph- anous, transparent, translucent, pellucid, airy, ethe- real.

6. refined, cultured, polished, finished; tasteful, discern- ing, discriminating, fastidious, nice, precious; elegant, exquisite, high-fashion, fashionable, stylish, modish, chic, smart, *Inf.* nifty, *Brit.* Sl. nobby; elabo- rate, lavish, ornate, gaudy, garish, ostentatious, showy, flashy.

7. subtle, elusive, fine-drawn, finespun, finely honed; witty, clever, urbane, suave, sophisticated; keen, acute, sharp, perspicacious, quick, intelligent, apt.


—interj. 9. all right, okay, *Inf.* O.K., *Inf.* okey- dokey; agreed, very well, good enough, good, you bet, suits me, sure.


—v. 2. mult, amerce, impose a fine upon; confis- cate, *Law.* sequestrate; penalize, punish, exact punishment.


2. frilliness, frills, frills and furbelows, falderal, trumpery, gaudery, fuss, *Inf.* footafraw, Sl. jazz.

finespun, adj. 1. sheer, delicate, fine, tissue, flim- sy, gauzy, gauzelike, cobwebby; light, filmy, diapha- nous, transparent, translucent; gossamer, lacy, lacelike, filigree; filamentary, filamentous, filamented, fibriform, fibrillar, fibrilloform, threadlike; hairlike, fibratus, tendril, tendrilous; thin, tapped, slender.

2. refined, subtle, nice, precise, exact, hairsplitting.

finesse, n. 1. delicacy, subtlety, subtleness, artfulness, craftiness, shrewdness, *Inf.* cuteness; skillfulness, skill, ability, knack, talent; adroitness, proficiency, adeptness, mastery, expertise; facility, facileness, quickness, aptness, brightness.

2. savoir-faire, tact, discretion, diplomacy, worldly wisdom, know-how; taste, refinement, polish, ele- gance, grace.

3. artifice, stratagem, trick, wile, ruse; scheme, strat- egy, machination, plot, plan, intrigue; device, contriv- ance, expedient, *Inf.* dodge, fetch, blind; maneuver, feint, deception, sleight, coup, blow, stroke; shift, move, evasion, shuffle, juggle; trickery, deceit, guile, craft.

—v. 4. maneuver, *Inf.* finale, manipulate, gerry- mander, intrigue; live by one's wits, contrive.

5. cheat, delude, deceive, beguile, mislead, hood- wink; trick, outwit, overreach, circumvent, get around, put one over on; pull the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes, bluff, take in, *Inf.* buffalo, Sl. con, *Sl.* flimflam, Sl. flam.

finger, n. 1. digit, pointer, arrow, index.

2. have a finger in meddle in or with, stick or poke one's nose in, have a hand in, get involved in; snoop, pry, nose; tamper with, monkey with, mess around with.

3. keep one's fingers crossed wish for good luck, hope for the best, be hopeful, *Inf.* think positive; knock on wood.

4. lay or put one's finger on a. remember, recall, bring to mind, bring back. b. discover, find, find out; locate, put one's hands on, identify, place, Sl. peg; signify, point out.

5. lift a finger make an attempt, do something, help out, do one's part, contribute.

6. put the finger on *Slang.* inform on or against, tell on, *Inf.* snitch on, tattle, Sl. squeal on; betray, Sl. double cross, Sl. sell out, Sl. blow one's cover, testify or bear witness against.

7. slip through one's fingers pass by, slip by, escape, go unchecked, become elusive.

8. twist around one's little finger manipulate, use, misuse, lead by the nose; have influence over, control, keep under one's thumb.

—v. 9. touch, feel, handle, palpate, thumb, palm, paw; stroke, caress, pet, fondle; tickle, toy with, play with, meddle; brush, graze; massage, knead, rub; manipu- late, twiddle.


11. *Informal.* point out, identify, put the finger on. See finger (def. 6).


2. overfastidious, overnice; affected, coxcombal, foppish, dapper, dandy.

finis, n. conclusion, close, end, termination, finish, completion; finale, final act or scene, final curtain, last part or stage; summary, summation, wrap-up, wind-up; result, issue, outcome, upshot; *Fr. fait accompli*, completed act; *All Inf.* that's it, that's that, that's all folks; expiration, death, bitter end; deathblow, K.O., *Fr. coup de grâce*.

finish, v. 1. complete, do, carry through, play out, go or follow through with; carry out, fulfill, realize, achieve, attain, accomplish, compass; bring to an end, settle, resolve, terminate, end; conclude, close, wind up, *Inf.* wrap up, clinch, clench, seal; perfect, consum- mate, culminate, round off; crown, top, cap, put the last or finishing touch to.

2. dispose of, deal with, get out of the way, *Inf.* get out from under; make short work of, finish off or up, Sl. polish off, Sl. knock off, expedite, dispatch; have done with, give up, stop, cease, discontinue, suspend.

3. finish off overcome, overwhelm, overpower, de- feat, conquer; destroy, kill, consume, put an end to, *Inf.* wipe out, Sl. rub out; dispose of, *Sl.* do in, get rid of, do away with, put out of the way.

4. varnish, lacquer, glaze, gild, veneer, put a finish on; polish, glow, burnish, rub down, give a shine; dress, face, smooth.
5. refine, culture, cultivate, polish; educate, inform, teach, make knowledgeable or learned.

—n. 6. conclusion, termination, end, completion, closing, last stage, final act or scene; fulfillment, realization, attainment, acquisition, accomplishment; perfection, consummation, culmination, crowning, topping; wrap-up, summary.

7. culture, refinement, cultivation, polish, shine; gentility, elegance, grace; politeness, politesse, urbanity, urbaneness, suavity, suaveness; sophistication, worldliness, cosmopolitanism; fashionableness, fashionableness, fashionable, stylishness, Lt. class; knowledge, learning, learnedness, wisdom, sagacity; education, scholarliness, erudition.

8. surface, texture, grain, veneer; coating, varnish, lacquer, glaze; polish, gloss, shine, luster, burnish, smoothness.

finished, adj. 1. ended, completed, played out, Inf. over with; done; fulfilled, realized, achieved, accomplished; settled, resolved, terminated; concluded, closed, clinched, clench, sealed; perfected, consummated, culminated, rounded off; crowned, topped, capped; whole, complete, entire, full.

2. polished, ideal, perfect, faultless, impeccable, flawless; elegant, refined, graceful, beautiful; classic, choice, prime.

3. highly accomplished, expert, proficient, skillful, skilled; masterful, masterly, veteran, professional, Fr. au fait; talented, gifted, endowed, apt, dexterous, adroit, deft, facile, clever; topflight, top drawer, first-rate, exceptional, Inf. toptopnotch, ace, Inf. crack, Lt. crackerjack, Lt. on the ball, Inf. whiz-bang, Brit. Lt. whizzo.

4. condemned, doomed, damned; Inf. washed up, done for, lost, ruined, gone.

finite, adj. bounded, limited, restricted, terminable; measurable, definable; demarcated, delimited, delimited.

fiord, n. bay, inlet, Scot. firth, frith, estuary, arm of the sea, finger of the sea; gulf, bight, cove.

fire, n. 1. combustion, ignition, spark, flame, blaze, conflagration, holocaust; cooking fire, bonfire, wildfire, forest fire.

2. light, flashing light, glow, luminosity, luminous appearance, illumination; incandescence, fiery display, sparkle, scintillation; brilliance, luster, splendor, radiance.

3. energy, enthusiasm, liveliness, vivacity, alacrity, Fr. empressement, eagerness; power, driving power, potency, strength, vehemence, force, might; vigor, dash, gusto, vim, verve, élan, pep, punch, spirit, life; earnestness, intensity, fervor, fervency, ardor, burning passion.

4. imaginativeness, inspiration, creativity, creative, inventiveness, genius, talent, flair, knack.

5. trial, trouble, affliction, stress, ordeal; persecution, torture, abuse.

6. fusillade, volley, barrage, broadside, salvo; flak, anti-aircraft fire.

7. hanging fire delayed, put off, postponed, undecided, unsettled, pending; up in the air, on a back burner, on the back of the stove, awaiting action; abyant, in abyance.

—v. 8. ignite, light, kindle, enkindle, put a match to, set on fire, burn, set burning.

9. heat, bake, smelt, dry, toast; singe, catterize, brand, sear, cremate.

10. inflame, arouse, fill with ardor; quicken, animate, enliven, trigger, instigate; stir, stimulate, whet, urge, goad, spur; foster, incite, rouse, stir up, breathe life into, put life into; electrify, galvanize, inspire, motivate. Inf. sparkplug.

11. shoot, fire off, let off, discharge; detonate, explode; bombard, shell, snipe at, pepper, torpedo, pull the trigger.

12. dismiss, discharge, cashier, out, depose, get rid of, let [s.o.] go, Euph. terminate; give [s.o.] his walking papers, Lt. give [s.o.] the ax, Lt. sack, Lt. bounce, Lt. can.

firearm, n. gun, weapon; rifle, musket, shotting iron, fusil, carbine, shotgun, blunderbuss, sawed-off shotgun; matchlock, flintlock, firelock; harquebus, hatchet, arquebus; breechloader, muzzleloader, smoothbore; pistol, revolver, Trademark. Colt or Colt .44, handgun, repeater, derringer, six-shooter, automatic, Lt. Saturday-night special, zipgun, U.S.S. Lt. rod, Lt. gat, Lt. equalizer; 45, 38, 22, 357 magnum; machine gun, submachine gun.

firebrand, n. 1. brand, live coal, torch, light, flambeau, match, crescent, linstock; ember, coal, faggot, kindling, tinder, touchwood, punk, punk, amadou.

2. agitator, instigator, Fr. agent provocateur, factionary; rabble-rouser, seditionary, incendiary, Brit. tub-thumper, anarchist, terrorist; troublemaker, mischief-maker, ill-wisher, wreck.

fireman, n. 1. fire fighter, fire extinguisher, Lt. smoky, Lt. hotshot.

2. fire tender, stoker; Lt. bilge rat.


2. firebox, grate, grill, griller, hob, hub.

fireproof, adj. unburnable, incombustible, unflammable; fire resistant, flame resistant, flame retardant.


2. home, abode, domicile, domicil, residence, residency, dwelling, dwelling place, dwelling house, habitation, Scot. and North Eng. biggning, Scot. howf.

3. homestead, home sweet home, hearth and home, hearthstead, household, family, family circle, domestical life.

—adj. 4. informal, casual, low-key, low-pitch, natural, easy, easy-going, free and easy, Inf. laid-back; friendly, neighborly, amiable, amicable, genial, congenial, social, sociable, cordial.

fireworks, n. pyrotechnics, illuminations, thunderflash, Greek fire, Fr. feu d'artifice, Fr. feu de joie; sparkler, fizgig, cherry bomb, firecracker, Roman candle, Catherine wheel, rocket, star shell.

2. antitorch, temper, outburst, paroxysm, fit, explosion, rage, furor, dander, hysteries, fire and fury, storm, frenzy.

firm', adj. 1. hard, stiff, rigid, solid, hardened, solidified; compressed, compact, indurated, condensed, congealed, frozen, impermeable, impenetrable; stony, adamantine, steel, iron; osseous, ossified, bony, horny.

2. fixed, fast, set, close, taut, secure, stationary; immovable, unmovable, irremovable; anchored, moored, tied, rooted, grounded; established, riveted, nailed, bolted.

3. steady, stable, balanced, even, constant; unchanged, unalterable, changeless, immutable, invariable; irrevocable, irreversible, indissoluble, irrepealable; abiding, enduring, durable, deep-rooted, deep-seated, long-standing.

4. steadfast, unwavering, unswerving, unflinching; unaltering, undeviating, unhesitating, true; unflag-
firmité, n. company, business, concern, house, Fr. maison, Inf. outfit; trust, establishment, institution; corporation, syndicate, association, holding company, conglomerate; partnership, co-partnership, co-operation.

firmament, n. sky, heaven, heavens, vault of heaven, vault, Dial. lift, Chiefly Literary, welkin; empyrean, air, ether, celestial sphere, starry host; infinity, space, the void, universe, stratosphere; azure, the blue, cerulean, blue sky, the wild blue yonder, outer space.

firmness, n. 1. hardness, rigidity, solidity, resistance; toughness, callosity, callousness, durity; petrification, ossification, density, compactness; adamant, steel, iron; irresilience, inelasticity. 2. stability, steadiness, constancy, balance; fixedness, immovableness, soundness, fastness; establishment, rootedness.

3. immutability, unalterability, unchangeableness, invariability, fixity; irrevocability, irreversibility, indissolubility, irrepealability; durability, durableness, endurance, changeliness; abidingness, lastingness, continance, perdurability, survival, duration.

4. determination, resolution, steadfastness, tenacity, Inf. stick-to-it-ive-ness; resolve, fortitude, will, will power; mettle, backbone, courage, intrepidity, grit, nerve; drive, push, persistence, pertinacity, perseverance, doggedness; iron will, indomitability, relentlessness, inexpressiveness, vacant, empty, blank, deadpan, wooden, Inf. poker-faced; dull, lackluster, lusterless, glassy, glassy-eyed.

fission, n. splitting, disjuncture, parting, division, scission, cleaving; rupture, break, cleavage, separation.

fissure, n. crevice, crevasse, chink, cleft, chasm, stria, crater, interstice, groove, sulcus, Archaic. scissure; crack, fracture, flow, break, chap, check, rupture, split, rift, breach, scission, slit, slot, gash, hole, cavity; space, interspace, interval, interstice, narrow.

fist, n. 1. clenched hand, Sl. (usu. pl.) duke, Brit. Dial. néeve; Inf. hand, Sl. mitt, Sl. paw.

—v. 2. clenched, grip, grasp, clasp, clutch; grab, seize, put an iron grip on.

fistic, adj. pugilistic, gladiatorial, fighting; combative, pugnacious, contentious, bellicose.

fisticuff, n. blow, clout, punch, knock, rap, smack, slam, whack, bang, swipe, Sl. whang, Sl. shot; punch, hook, jab, thrust, lunge; pummel, whang, rap, smack, slam, whack, bang, swipe, Sl. whang, Sl. shot; punch, hook, jab, thrust, lunge; pummel, thump, buffet, thwack.

fisticuffs, n. boxing, prize fighting, pugilism; bout, event, fist fight, prize fight, boxing match; fist fighting, free-for-all, battle royal, set-to, brawl, broil, donnybrook, scrap, fracas, melee; spar, go-around, mill, round, scuffle, tussle, scrimmage; shindy, rumpous, row, fray, affray.

fit, adj. 1. suitable, well-suited, well-adapted, fitted; correspondent, corresponding, corresponding, analogous, coherent; conforming, consonant, congruous, harmonious.

2. proper, due, meet, seemly, decorous, right, correct, fitting, befitting; apt, appropriate, apropos, apposite, pat, applicable; relevant, germane, pertinent, to the point, Latin. ad rem; becoming, felicitous, occasional.

3. competent, efficient, Sl. on the ball; commensurate, equal to, Inf. up to; capable, able, capacitated; qualified, eligible, satisfactory, Inf. up to snuff or par, acceptable, adequate, Archaic. sufficient; worthy of or to, deserving of or to.

4. prepared, readied, primed, trained, well-grounded, up to grade; equipped, furnished, outfitted, fitted out, fitted up, suited up.

5. hardly, stalwart, sturdy, muscular, strong; robust,
strapping, hearty, vigorous, in good shape or condition; hale, healthy, well; sane, mentally sound, Latin, _compos mentis_.

—v. 6. suit, befit, correspond to, analyze, tally, match, equal, go, _Inf._ click, Brit. Dial. fadge.

7. become, harmonize, jibe, conform, coincide, mesh, synchronize, _Inf._ sync, dovetail.

8. concur, meet, connect, come together, cohere, fuse, contact; join, adjoin, reach.

9. adjust, join together, accommodate, fashion; adapt, modify, regulate, calibrate, graduate.

10. qualify, endow, endue; capacitate, enable, empower, entitle; _Inf._ bring up to snuff or par.

11. prepare, ready, get ready, prime, condition; ground, train, instruct, coach, teach, educate.

12. provide, supply, furnish, accouter, outfit, fit out, fit up; equip, rig, arm, forearm, pledge, _Archaic._ harness; apparel, attire, array, carparrison, deck out; garb, cloth, robe, drape, dress, invest, vest.

13. affix, arrange, dispose, situate, station, position, place, put; deposit, seat, locate, set, lay, _Inf._

2. by or in fits and starts fitfully, intermittently. See fitfully.

fitful, _adj._ intermittent, sporadic, coming in spells; unsteady, unstable, uncertain, uneven; inconstant, mutable, variable, changeable, viciissitudinous, erratic, fluctuating, flickering.

2. convulsive, spasmodic, paroxysmal; agitated, disturbed, discomposed, unsettled, upset; feverish, fretful, churned up, restless, tolling and turning; anxious, nervous, worried, _Sl._ in a sweat.

fitfully, _adv._ intermittently, off and on, sporadically, irregularly, interruptedly, occasionally, by fits and starts, spasmodically.

fitness, _n._ 1. health, physical fitness, well-being, salubrity; soundness, good shape, fine fettle, fine feather, tone, bloom, _Inf._ tiptop condition; robustness, rosininess, vigor, haleness, heartiness, lustiness.

2. appropriateness, applicability, suitableness, aptness, meerness; aptitude, suitability, propriety; eligibility, competency, qualification, preparation.

3. relevancy, relevance, pertinence, good example, case in point, good point; experience, the very thing, congruity, correspondence; admissibility, compatibility.

4. preparedness, readiness, ripeness, mellowness.

fitting, _adj._ 1.befitting, fit, meet, _Brit._ Dial. grately, _Fr._ comme il faut; suitable, proper, becoming, seemly, decorous, decent; appropriate, apt, apposite, apropos; relevant, germane, _Latin._ ad rem, to the point, pertinent, pat.

2. suited, adapted, compatible, consistent; congruent, congruous, harmonious, consonant, accordant, agreeing, conformable; agreeable, congenial, likely, acceptable, reasonable; favorable, commodious, convenient; opportune, seasonable, timely, felicitous; to the purpose, useful, applicable, practicable, feasible.

—n. 3. fittings furnishings, furniture, trappings, accouterments, equipment, paraphernalia, appurtenances; appointments, fixtures, trimmings, fixing, extras.

fix, _v._ 1. fasten, secure, clinch, make fast; attach, connect, couple, link, pin, clasp; rivet, nail, screw, bolt, drive in; cement, solder, weld, fuse; clamp, vise, brace, stay, prop; lock, bar, hasp; gird, buckle, tie, bind, truss, hitch; tether, yoke, fetter, pinion.

2. set, solidify, congeal, harden, stiffen, rigidify.

3. establish, institute, organize, found; stabilize, ground, plant, implant, install; settle, determine, decide, conclude, seal; define, limit, delimit; purpose, resolve, will.

4. (usu. of eyes or attention) direct, level at; attract, hold, magnetize.

5. repair, mend, restore, doctor, fix up; patch, patch up, touch up, renovate, renew; correct, amend, rectify, remedy, better, ameliorate; adjust, arrange, straighten, place.

6. _Informal._ get even with, retaliate, wreak vengeance, take retribution.

7. _Informal._ castrate, asexualize, eunuchize. See castrate (def. 1).

8. fix up _Informal._ a. arrange for, plan for, provide with, furnish. b. smooth out or over, clear up, solve, resolve, reconcile.

—n. 9. _Informal._ predicament, dilemma, plight, _Inf._ pickle, difficulty, trouble, _Inf._ hot water, scrape; corner, tight spot, _Sl._ box, bind, double bind, catch-22, vicious circle; strat, _Inf._ squeeze, pinch, push, hole, quagmire; cul-de-sac, dead end, blind alley; impasse, standstill, stalemate, deadlock; quandary, perplexity, uncertainty, confusion, muddle, mess, botch.

fixation, _n._ obsession, monomania,mania, complex, _Sl._ hang-up; compulsion, fixed idea, _Fr._ idée fixe, preoccupation, fetish; delusion, fancy, notion, crotch et; quirk, oddity, eccentricity.

fixed, _adj._ 1. fastened, secured, clinched, made fast; attached, connected, coupled, linked, pinned, clasped; tied, bound, nailed down, cemented, welded.

2. firm, settled, stable, rooted; unwavering, unbending, unpliant, rigid; stationary, motionless, immovable; set, permanent, inveterate; definite, constant, steady.

3. set upon, intent upon, resolved, resolute, determined, persistent, stubborn.

4. repaired, mended, restored, renewed; rectified, corrected, adjusted, put in order.

fixity, _n._ stability, constancy, unchangingness, permanence, endurance, durability; preservation, conservation, maintenance; persistence, determination, perseverance, doggedness.

fixture, _n._ attachment, appurtenance, accessory, appliance, equipment; appendage, addition, appendix; apparatus, contrivance, instrument, device, tool, gadget.

fizzle, _v._ 1. hiss, sibilate, spitter, fizzle, swish, sizzle, rustle, buzz, whiz; effervescence, ferment, bubble, sparkle, froth, fume.

—n. 2. hissing sound, sibilation, sputter, fizzle, swish, sizzle, rustle, buzz, whiz; effervescence, fermentation, sparkling, bubbling, froth, fume, spray, foam.

3. _All U.S._ soda water, club soda, soda, tonic water, carbonated water, quinine water, quinine, seltzer water, seltzer.

4. _Brit._ Inf. champagne, _Sl._ bubbly.

fizzle, _v._ 1. hiss, sibilate, spitter, fizzle, swish, sizzle, rustle, buzz, whiz; effervescence, ferment, bubble, sparkle, foam, froth, spume.

—n. 3. hissing sound. See fizzle (def. 2).

4. _Informal._ failure, miscarriage, nonsuccess, nonfulfillment, vain attempt, _Sl._ no-go, flash in the pan;
flamboyant, adj. 1. brilliant, bright, dazzling, splendid, resplendent; showy, gaudy, flashy, \( SL \) flash; ostentatious, meretricious.

2. dashing, swashbuckling, gay, colorful; jaunty, rakish, brave, Scotch braw.

3. ornate, elaborate, fancy, high-wrought; florid, flowery, frilly, rich, luxurious; baroque, rococo, a la basque.

flame, n. 1. Often flames burning gas or vapor, blaze, fire, bonfire, \( BRIT. DIAL \) ingle; conflagration, \( OBS \) flagration, holocaust, wildfire, ring or sea of fire.

2. glow, glare, gleam, flash, coruscation; glimmer, shimmer; spark, scintilla, glint, flicker; flash, streak, fulguration.

3. brilliant light, luster, brightness, luminosity, phosphorescence; scintillation, sparkling; effulgence, radiance, refugence.

4. bright coloring, stripe of color, bright reddish-orange color.

5. ardor, fervor, fervency, warmth, fire; devotion, devotedness, zeal, feverishness, passion, fanaticism; enthusiasm, eagerness, intensity, excitement.

6. Informal. sweetheart, lover, girlfriend, inamorata, boyfriend, inamorato, beau, heart's desire.

7. burn, blaze, fire, be on fire, flare, deflagrate; burst into flames, catch on fire, take fire, go up in smoke.

8. glow, radiate, phosphoresce, shine; flash, glare, beam; flicker, shimmer, twinkle, sparkle, spark, glitter, dazzle.

9. flame up or out burn up, flare up, blaze up, Inf. see red, \( SL \) get hot under the collar; seethe, sizzle, fume; burn with passion, be fervid.

flaming, adj. 1. blazing, burning, ablaze, raging, on fire, afire, fiery, aflame; ignited, sizzling, smoldering.

2. gleaming, agleam, glowing, aglow, glaring; very bright, lighted, alight, luminous; radiant, brilliant, incandescent; shimmering, twinkling, flashing, flickering, glittering, aglitter, sparkling, fluttering.

3. ardent, fervent, fervid, perfervid, impassioned, passionate, frenzied; stimulated, aroused, Inf. hot, intensely desirous, intense; animated, enthusiastic, eager, excited, exhilarated.

4. egregious, blatant; flaunting, conspicuous, flagrant.

flap, n. 1. tab, tall, lap, lug; leaf, skirt, apron, overhang, loop.

2. flapping, swinging, flutter; wave, undulation.

3. slap, whack, swat, smack, thwack, thump, bump;
hit, swipe, flail, rap, pat, clap, tap.
—v.
4. slap, swat, bat, whip, lash, lambaste, lick, lice; bump, beat, whack, tamp; smack, bang, clip, click, thump, thwack, wallow.
5. flutter, oscillate, wave, wave about, toss; wag, wagle, move to and fro, swing; fly, flow, flop, hang, dangle, slacken.

flapdoodle, n. Informal, nonsense, bosh, rubbish, twaddle, balderdash, stuff and nonsense, rot, fiddle-faddle, fiddlesticks. See nonsense (def. 2).

flapjack, n. griddlecake, pancake, hotcake, battercake, flapcake, flannel cake, buckwheat cake; crepe, blini, blintz, tortilla, (in India) chapati; fritter, fried cake.

flare, v.
1. burn unsteadily, blaze, flame; flash, spark, scintillate, coruscate, gleam, fulfill, glitter, twinkle, flicker, glister, Archaic. glitter, glimmer, flutter, shimmer; glow, phosphoresce, incandesce; radiate, illuminate.
2. burst forth, erupt, break out, blow up; go off, pop; explode, displace, fulminate; detonate, detonize, set off.
3. spread outward, splay, dilate, extend, mantle, stretch; broaden, widen, enlarge; increase, augment, aggravize; amplify, project, magnify.
4. flaunt, show off, Inf. put on the dog; display, air, exhibit, disport; vaunt, boast, brag; parade, swagger, strut, swashbuckle.
5. signal, direct, indicate, guide, light; flag, warn, signal, direct, indicate, guide, light; flag, warn, command.

6. flare out or up Informal. vent one's anger, become enraged, Inf. blow one's top, Inf. lose one's cool, lose one's temper; Inf. fly off the handle, throw a tantrum, Sl. throw a hissy fit, a fit, lose one's grip or grasp; go berserk, boil over, blow up, Inf. go off the rails, Inf. blow off the handle, throw a tantrum, "run wild," tear down, go haywire; Inf. blow one's top, Inf. lose one's cool; Inf. flash in a rage, go into a passion, explode, Inf. go off the rails, Inf. blow off the handle, throw a tantrum, Inf. blow one's top, Inf. lose one's cool.
—n.
7. unsteady light, flame, spark, scintilla; shimmer, flicker, twinkle, glitter, sparkle, flutter; flash, fulfillment, gleam, coruscation, glare; glow, incandescence, brilliance, radiance; luminosity, phosphorescence, shine, refugence.
8. signal, beacon, light; torch, flambeau, link, taper, candle, flashlight; guide, direction, orientation; indication, command; alarm, warning.
9. outward spread, extension, expansion; broadening, widening, enlargement, agrandizement.
10. backward curve, convexity, arcuation; dilatation, bulge, protrusion; curve, arc, crescent.

flash, n.
1. streak, patch, glint, lightning; shaft, ray, beam; gleam, glare, fulfillment, coruscation; brightness, dazzle, dazzling, bedazzlement, bedazzling, blinding; blaze, flame, flare, spark, scintilla, scintillation; shimmer, flicker, twinkle, glitter, sparkle; glimmer, blind, glistering, glistering, flutter, fluctuation, oscillation, coruscation; brilliance, resplendence, splendor, splendour, resplendence, radiance; effulgence, refugence, refugency, vividness, intensity; luminosity, illumination, luminance, luster, gloss, sheen; glow, incandescence, phosphorescence, iridescence.
2. show, showing, manifestation, demonstration, brief outburst or outbreak; emission, voicing, declaration, statement, observation; affirmation, assertion, expression, communication, indication, sign; display, exhibit, exhibition, exposition, representation; presentation, unfolding, disclosure, revelation, divulgence.
3. instant, moment, minute, second, split second; twinkling, twinkle, breath, trice, Inf. jiffy; eyewink, wink of the eye, Fr. coup d'œil; twinkling of an eye, Inf. bat of an eye, two shakes of a lamb's tail.
4. showiness, flauntingness, floridness, showy appearance; pomp, pomposity, pomposeness, fanfare, Inf. razzle-dazzle; gaudiness, garishness, ostentation, parade, pageantry, spectacle; flashiness, Sl. pizzazz, vividness, brightness, gaiety, colorfulness; loudness,cheapness, tawdrieness, meretriciousness; display, exhibition, exhibition, disporting; swaggering, strutting, peacockery, swashbuckling; boasting, bragging, vaunting.
5. flashing, flaming, glaring, blazing, burning; blast, violent outburst or outbreak, ebullition, paroxysm, disillusions, disillusions; explosion, Obs. dispersion, fulmination, detonation; eruption, cataclysm, upheaval; outpouring, volley, discharge.
6. lock, sluice, penstock, sluice gate; floodgate, head gate, tide gate; dam, weir.
—v.
7. flame, blaze, burn; conflagrate; flare, spark, scintillate; gleam, glare, effulge, fulfill, coruscate, show; slam, throw; streak, stream, beam; glitter, glimmer, glisten, razzle-dazzle; gaudiness, garishness, ostentation, richness, dazzle, bedazzle, blind; illuminate, illuminate, Inf. Archaic. illumine, Obs. enlumine, light or light up.
8. dart, dartle, dash, Inf. scoot, scuttle, Inf. skedaddle; run, sprint, scud, tear; rush, hasten, hurry; fly, run like the wind, race; bolt, bound, spring, leap, start quickly, Sl. tear off, Inf. take off; streak, Inf. go hellbent, bolt like lightning or greedily lighted, go like a shot, Inf. gallop; Inf. light up, Inf. take off, Inf. tear off, Inf. fly off the handle, throw a tantrum, Inf. blow off the handle, throw a tantrum, Inf. blow one's top, Inf. lose one's cool, Inf. flash in a rage, go into a passion, explode.
9. Informal. show off. See flare (def. 4).
—adj.
10. showy, ostentatious, Inf. sporty. See flashy (def. 2).

11. counterfeit, forged, fraudulent, imitation; fake, not genuine, bogus, spurious; pretended, feigned, simulated, make-believe, sham; unreal, mock, ersatz, synthetic; artificial, factitious, contrived, fictitious; assumed, put-on, pseudo.
12. brief, momentary, temporary, of short duration, short; instantaneous, instantaneous, momentary, of short duration.

13. horizontal, lying down, stretched out, spread out, flat; horizontality, horizontal, level, plane, horizontal; even, smooth, unbroken.
14. horizontal, lying down, stretched out, spread out, spread-eagle; prostrate, lying flat, prone, supine, reclining, recumbent.

15. deflated, collapsed, blown out, ruptured, punctured.
16. outright, direct, downright, out-and-out, straight-out; unqualified, categorical, unconditional, total, complete; absolute, conclusive, unquestionable, positive, definite, firm, set, final.
17. lifeless, spiritless, prosy, prosaic, vivid, dull, tedious, tiresome; boring, monotonous, bland, insipid, jene, uninteresting, pointless.
18. stale, unpalatable, unsavory, unappetizing; vapor, insipid, dead, tasteless, flavorless, Fr. fade; weak, thin, watery, watered-down.
—n. 7. flats low shoes, loafers, pumps; espadrilles, sandals, Brit. plimsolls, sneakers.

8. level ground, lowland, plain, steppe, tundra, champagne, flat or open country; prairie, grassland, savannah, Brit. heath, Chiefly Brit. Moor, (both in South America) pampas, campo; plateau, tableland, mesa.

9. marsh, morass, bog, swamp; shoal, shallow, sandbank, sand bar.

10. Informal. flat tire, blow-out.

11. tenement, apartment, room or rooms, efficiency, studio, place, Sl. pad.

—v. 12. flatten, make flat, level. See flatten (def. 1).

—adv. 13. horizontally, levelly.

14. flatly, positively, absolutely; completely, utterly.

15. exactly, precisely.

flat-footed, adj. 1. splay-footed.

2. Informal. firm, explicit, definite, uncompromising, determined, resolute, unwavering.

flatter, v. 1. make flat, level, level off or out, plane, even out or off, smooth, smooth out.

2. go flat, lose fizz, become stale.

3. raze, tear down, demolish, destroy, ruin, smash; puncture, deflate.

Informal, firm, explicit, definite, uncompromising, determined, resolute, unwavering.

4. delude, deceive, seduce, trick, hoax, fool, hoodwink, delude, mislead, string along.

Inf. butter, Inf. ooze, Inf. muck, Inf. sap, Inf. gum, Inf. balm, Inf. opium.

Inf. sycophant, toady, toadeater, fawner, truckler, tuft-hunter, courtier, wheeler, puffer, backslider, backscratcher, timeserver, Inf. apple-polisher, Sl. brown-nose, Sl. brown-noser, Obs., Rare. bland, Archaic. pickthanking; parasite, leech, sponge, sponsor, hanger-on; flunky, lackey, Inf. yes man, jackal, spaniel, bootlicker, bootlicker, footlicker, lick-split, lickspittle, lickspittle, kowtow, Uncle Tom, Sl. oree, cringer, groveler, sniveler.

5. cajoler, beguiler, blandisher, coaxer, palaverer, Inf. blandation, Obs., Rare. blandation, Obs., Rare. blandoquy; truckling, to slaying, to slaving, Inf. buttering, Inf. soaping, Inf. oiling, Inf. honeying, Inf. apple-polishing, Sl. shining up to, playing up to, Sl. sucking up to, Inf. buttering-up, Sl. brown-nosing; courting, paying court to, carrying favor, dancing attendance upon, licking [s.o.'s] shoe, kissing or licking [s.o.'s] feet, Sl. bootlicking.

6. cajolery, wheedling, beguilement, beguiling, blandishing, blarney, coaxing, palaver, palaverling.

Inf. soft soap, Inf. sweet talk, Inf. honeyed words, Sl. line, Sl. snow job, Archaic. groove; humming, jollying, pumpering, coddling, petting, pandering to, catering to, Inf. stroking.

flatulence, n. 1. intestinal gas, wind, Sl. burps, belches, eructation, abdominal rumblings, Med. borborygms.

2. empty talk, idle words, mere words, twaddle, babble, idle chatter, fustian, fanfaronade, boasting; hum, bug, clatch, Sl. hot air, Sl. bull, Sl. crap.

flatulent, adj. 1. gassy, gas-producing, windy.

2. pompous, pretentious, vain; long-winded, Archaic. ventose, wordy, verbose, prolix, tedious; bombastic, boastful, Brit. wafting, turgid, diffuse, discursive.

flaunt, v. 1. parade, display, Inf. sport, exhibit, air, hold up, flash; put forth or forward, emphasize, spotlight, draw attention to, show off, splash; make a splash, splurge, make a splurge; make a show, cut a show, make a picture, Sl. cut a dash, Sl. cut a shine, Sl. cut a feather; swagger, swank, swashbuckle, strut, Sl. strut one's stuff, peacock; boast, brag, vaunt, talk up; put on airs, put up a front, U.S. SI. put on the dog, Sl. put on, Sl. put on the ritz.

2. wave, dangle, brandish, flourish, wield, raise.

flauntiness, adj. showy, ostentatious, vain, pretentious; flamboyant, flash, gaudy, garish. See flashy (def. 2).

flavor, n. 1. taste, tastiness, savour, savorness; tang, piquancy; sapidity, palatability, palatableness.

2. essence, spirit, soul, nature; aspect, property, characteristic; touch, vein, style.

flavorful, adj. 1. tasty, delicious, flavorsome, flavorful, palatable, sapid, appetizing, toothsome; delectable, delicious, gourmet, epicurean; Fr. délicieux; gustable, appetizing, palatable, sapid, appetizing, toothsome; delectable.

2. pompous, pretentious, vain; long-winded, Archaic. ventose, wordy, verbose, prolix, tedious; bombastic, boastful, Brit. wafting, turgid, diffuse, discursive.

flavoring, n. 1. essence, spirit, soul, nature; aspect, property, characteristic; touch, vein, style.

2. essence, spirit, soul, nature; aspect, property, characteristic; touch, vein, style.

flavorless, adj. tasteless, savourless, unpalatable, stale, mild, bland; dull, insipid, vapid, jejune, mawkish, flat; wishy-washy, milk and water.

flaw, n. 1. fault, defect, imperfection, deficiency, disfigurement; blemish, blot, mark, scratch, scar, macula, macule; blot, spot, speck, blur, stain, smudge, smirch, smudge, taint, discoloration.

2. loophole, way out, catch, hooker; lapse, slip, slip-up, oversight, omission; weakness, weak spot, frailty, infirmity, foible, shortcoming, failing, Sl. bug; mistake, error, Sl. boo-boo, Sl. goof, Sl. boner.

3. chink, crack, cracky, check, chip, chap, creviece, crevasse; break, fracture, fissure, split, rupture, cleft, break, rift, scission, Archaic. scission; rent, tear, gash, scotch, slit, cut, puncture; opening, cavity, gap, hole, aperture, orifice.

flawless, adj. 1. defectless, unmarred, unimpaired,
uninjured, undamaged, unflawed; unblemished, stainless, taintless, unsullied, unsoiled; virgin, chaste, clean, snowy, spick-and-span. See faultless.

2. sound, legally valid; loophole-proof, catch-proof; foolproof; strong, unbreakable, unescapable.

3. uncracked, unbroken, unchipped, uncranned, unchecked; whole, solid, complete.

flaxen, adj. golden, aureate, buff; yellow, yellowish, pale-yellowish, xanthous, cream-colored; sandy, fulvous, tawny, yellowish-brown; saffron, saffron-colored, saffron yellow, yellow-orange; blond, Inf. blondish, reddish-blonde, strawberry blond.

flay, v. 1. strip, strip off, excoriate, peel; Pathol. strip, strip off, excoriate, peel; Pathol. 2. criticize, attack, light into, Inf. lane into, Inf. pan, Inf. slam, shoot down, Sl. blast, Sl. let [s.o.] have it right between the eyes; cavil, carp, find fault, Inf. nitpick, pick apart, pick to pieces, Sl. cut up or to pieces; get on [s.o.‘s] back, Inf. jump on, Sl. get on [s.o.‘s] case; castigate, fustigate, berate, tongue-lash.

3. fleece, winddle, defraud, mulet, shark, cheat, Inf. fimbflam, rook, bilk, Inf. Welsh, Inf. do out of, Inf. gyp, Inf. bunko, Inf. diddle, Inf. take, Inf. take [s.o.] for a ride; for a ride, Sl. clip, cut and cut out, Inf. fugitate, Inf. Inf. take off, Rare, make a quick exit, SI. split, SI. blow, SI. split, SI. split, SI. split, SI. split, SI. split, SI. split, SI. split.

flee, v. 1. run, run away or off, take to one’s heels, make a quick exit, Rare. fugitate, Inf. take off, Inf. clear out, Inf. make tracks, Inf. cut out, Inf. cut and run, Inf. fly the coop, Sl. split, Sl. scam, Sl. blow, Sl. hightail it, Sl. tam or take it on the lam; abscond, bolt, elope, escape, take flight, take to flight, take wing, Sl. wing it, Inf. beat it, Inf. skip out, Inf. skip town, Inf. skedaddle, Sl. skidoodle, Sl. skidoo, Sl. vanmose; retreat, withdraw, decamp, abandon, desert, take oneself off, take French leave, quit the scene, make a getaway, Inf. bail out, Inf. retreat, beat a hasty retreat, run for it, make a run for it, turn tail, show the heels, show a clean or extra-light pair of heels; leave, depart, exit, Euph. leave without saying good-bye, Brit. Sl. bugger off.

2. make off, pull out, Jocular. absquatulate, give out or take leg-bail, Sl. bail out, take the money and run; vanish, disappear, do the disappearing act, Inf. make oneself scarce, Brit. Sl. do a moonlight flit.

3. fly, speed, speed off, hasten off, move swiftly or quickly or briskly, waste or lose no time.

fleece, n. 1. coat, coating, covering, hide; pelage, fur, hair, plumage, feathers; wool, down, fluff, fuzz; shag, pile, nap; Bot. Zool. pubescence, Bot. tomentum, Bot. villus; Biol. (usu. of newborns) lanugo.

2. shear, clip, poll, flay; shorten, trim, pare, cut off; strip, bare, denude.

3. swindle, defraud, mulet, shark, cheat, Inf. fimbflam, rook, bilk, Inf. Welsh, Brit. Sl. leviant, Inf. do out of, Inf. gyp, Inf. bunko, Inf. diddle, Inf. take, Inf. take [s.o.] for a ride, Inf. take [s.o.] to the cleaners, Sl. pluck, Sl. chisel, Sl. clip, overcharge, Sl. soak, Sl. sting, Inf. rip off.

4. rob, steal, pilfer, purloin, filch; pilfer, Inf. embezze, shoplift, Sl. boost; extort, blackmail, Sl. bleed.

5. plunder, despoil, pillage, ravage, rape; maraud, ransack, sack, loot, gut, strip, rifle, raid, foray, forage.

6. overspread, shroud, cloud, becloud, mantle; coat, cover, film; fleec, dapple, dot.

fleecy, adj. 1. downy, fleece-like, soft, smooth, lanuginose, lanuginous, velvety, velutinous; fluffy, feathery, furry, nappy, shaggy.

2. woolly, lanate, lanose, flocculent, flocky, Bot. floccose.

3. hairy, pubescent, Bot., Entomol. tomentose, Both Bot. villous, villose.

fleer, v. 1. horselaugh, heehaw; mock, deride, taunt, make fun of; ridicule, twit, pull [s.o.‘s] leg; jeer, sneer, scoff, gib, give [s.o.] the business.

fleeting, adj. 1. swift, fast, rapid, quick, double-quick, expeditious, speedy; arrowy, winged, cometary, meteoric; agile, nimble, nimble-footed, light-footed, swift-footed, light of heel.

fleeting, adj. passing, fleeting, flying, unending, here today—gone tomorrow; transient, transitory, temporary, impermanent; brief, short-lived, momentary; ephemeral, evanescent, vanishing.

fleeciness, n. swiftness, rapidity, quickness, speediness; speed, lightning or blazing speed, velocity; expedition, dispatch, promptitude, promptness; agility, nimbleness, nimble-footedness, quick-footedness, light-footedness.

flesh, n. 1. muscle, tissue, fat; meat, beef, mutton, veal, pork; substance, matter, pith, marrow, gist, core.

2. fatness, weight, corpulence, obesity. See fleshiness.

3. body, materiality, corporeality, corporeality, physicality; corporeity, Bot. soma, flesh and blood, man.

4. physical nature, animal nature, animality, libido; carnality, sensuality, sensualism, earthiness; voluptuousness, luxuriousness, sybaritism, fleshpots, hedonism.

5. mankind, man, humanity, humankind, womankind, creaturehood; mortality, the living, ourselves, human race, human species, human beings, homo sapiens, earthings.

6. kin, family, kinship, relatives, relations; kindred, kith and kin, brethren, blood.

7. surface, skin, epidermis, scarfskin, coat, Sl. hide, integument.

8. in the flesh present, before one’s eyes, in person, here in front of one.

9. flesh out fill out, fill, color, give dimension, substantiate, draw out, incorporate, embody.

fleshiness, n. fatness, obesity, obeseness, corpulence, corpulency, pursiveness, Inf. avoidipozos, Fr. embonpoint, adiposity, Pathol. adiposis; paunch, potbelly, Sl. beer belly, Obs. gorbelly, tubbiness, chubbiness, pudginess, plumpness, chunkiness, paunchiness, stumpiness, lumpiness, dumpaness; roundedness, rotundity, portliness, stoutness, bulkiness.

fleshy, adj. 1. bodily, physical, corporal, corporeal, somatic, incarnate; material, substantial, palpable, tangible.

2. sensual, carnal, erotic, sensuous, hot, earthy; lusty; animal, bestial, beastly, brutish; lustful, lascivious, lecherous, lewd, licentious.

3. worldly, unspiritual, mundane, earthly, terrestrial, secular, lay.

fleshy, adj. fat, obese, corpulent, overweight; chub-
flexibility, n. 1. pliability, pliancy, flexibility, bendability; suppleness, liveness, softness, limberness, lissomness; malleability, plasticity, tractility, ductility, flaccidity; plasticity, stretch, stretchability; give, spring, springiness, resilience.
2. adaptability, conformability, adjustability; tractability, compliancy, compliance; docility, obedience, submissiveness, manageability; willingness, readiness, agreeability.
flexible, adj. 1. bendable, pliable, plant, flexible, snappy, whippy; tractile, ductile, malleable, plastic, mollescent, flaccid; elastic, springy, resilient, stretchable, extensible, tensile; supple, limber, lithe, lissome, double-joindted, loose-limbed.
2. adaptable, conformable, adjustable, malleable; tractable, compliant, cooperative, docile, biddable, obedient, submissive; manageable, easy, facile, mild, compliant, affable.
3. willing, yielding, ready; amenable, agreeable, acquiescent, receptive, predisposed.
flexure, n. 1. bending, flexing, curving, incurvation, sinuosity, Anat. flexion.
2. bend, crook, hook, elbow, horseshoe; curvation, bow, arc; crescent, meniscus, lunula; turn, curvature, sweep, curve; fold, loop, festoon, curl, twist.
flick, n. 1. snap, flip, flip, tap, click.
v. 2. flutter, bat, flicker, flap, wag, waggle, whip, switch.
flicker, v. 1. twinkle, sparkle, glimmer, blink, shim-
v. 2. waver, sway, wave to and fro; quiver, shiver, rip-
3. flutter, hover, flit, flirt, dance; glint, flash, whisk, shin-
4. flame, spark, scintilla, scintillation, un-
5. glimmering, inkling, glint; trace, vestige, impression; brief occurrence or appearance, apparition; emergence, rise, coming, advent; happening, incident, incidence, circumstance, situation, event.
flier, flyer, n. 1. aviator, airman, air pilot, aero-
naut, airplaner, pilot, Sl. flyboy, Inf. barnstormer; ace, fighter pilot; aviatrix, aviantess, air-
woman.
2. speeder, thunderbolt, flash, rocket, cannonball, streak, Inf. blue-streak; All Inf. scarcher, hummer, sizzler, hustler, goer, hell-driver, speed demon, speed maniac, speed merchant; express, express train, light-
ing express, Inf. cannonball express.
3. Informal. standing or running or flying leap or jump; leap, jump, vault; lunge, spring, pounce.
4. Informal. (all of business ventures) experiment, speculation, venture, feeler; random shot, leap or shot in the dark, Sl. plunge; risk, hazard, gamble, chance.
5. U.S. handbill, leaflet, leaf, bill, circular, notice, folder; handout, throwaway, dodger; advertisement; placard, poster, roadside, broadsheet, proclamation, bulletin.
flight, n. 1. soaring, sailing, cruising; gliding, planing, volplaning, sailplaning; aviation, vol-
itation, Rare. volation.
2. distance, extent, length, span, range, reach; course, route, direction, trajectory.
3. flock, bevy, covey, gaggle; swarm, swarming, cloud.
4. trip, run, crossing, crossover; shuttle, Inf. hop, Inf. jump.
5. unit, tactical unit, squadron, wing, escadrille, formation.
6. dart, dash, sprint, speed, swoop, scud, clip, race, career; scoot, scamper, scurry, scuttle.
Archit. stairway, staircase, stairs, steps.
flight, v. 1. fleeing, bolting, abandoning, running, running away, running off, eloping, taking to one's heels, Inf. taking to the woods, Inf. heading for the hills, Inf. skedaddling, Sl. scrummaging, Sl. splitting; evacuation, desertion, abandonment, decampment; bolt, hasty retreat, Inf. exit, Sl. skedaddle.
2. departure, Archaic. scape or 'scape; exodus, hegira, migration; getaway, jailbreak, prison break, Inf. breakout, Inf. break, Sl. lam.
3. put to flight rout, stampede, discomfit, panic; disperse, scatter, scatter to the winds.
4. take to flight retreat, withdraw, decamp; flee, bolt, abscond. See also flee (def. 1).
flightiness, n. capriciousness, changefulness, fickleness, inconstancy, volatility, mercurialness; frivolity, whimsicality, giddiness, light-headedness; flippancy, lightness, levity.
flaky, adj. 1. changeful, capricious, whimsical, fanciful, impulsive; fickle, skittish, inconstant, moon-
ish, changeable, variable, faddish; mercurial, volatile, un-
dependable, unsteady, unstable; delirious, light-
headed, rattlebrained, harebrained, half-witted, mad, crazy, unbalanced, eccentric, wild, extravagant; giddy, frivolous, flyaway, fitting, erratic, irregular, spasmodic, uneven; irresolute, uncertain, indecisive, undecided, vacillating, wavering, shifty-shallying, infirm of purpose.
2. irresponsible, wayward, wanton, reckless, thought-
less, heedless, lawless, abnormal, heteroclitc, deviative, stray.
flimflam, n. 1. Informal. nonsense, twaddle, bosh. See nonsense (def. 2).
2. trick, deception, humbug, fraud, swindle, Inf. the old army game, confidence game, Sl. con game, Inf. flimflam game, Sl. rip-off; pretense, hoax, imposture, artifice.
v. 3. trick, delude, humbug, cheat, Inf. pull a fast one. See cheat (defs. 3, 4).
flimsy, adj. 1. thin, light, slender, slight, delicate, filmy, diaphanous, airy, ethereal; sheer, silken, gossa-
mer, cobwebby, gauzy.
2. weak, feeble, frail, fragile, unsubstantial; trivial, frivolous, immaterial, superficial, shallow, lacking force, vain, transparent, ineffectual; inadequate, poor, worthless, paltry, meager, piddling; foolish, idle, puerile, petty, trifling, meager.
3. cheap, shabby, ramshackle, rickety, tumbledown, dilapidated, jerry-built, gmacrack; sorry, scrubby, sleazy, wretched.
flich, v. 1. brench, recoil, start, withdraw, crawl or pull back or away; swerve, turn away from, dodge, get out of the way, flee, run away, retreat.
2. shrink, shy away from, cringe, quail, wince; cower,
flinders, n. splinters, slivers, shreds, shavings, parings, flakes, scales; fragments, shards, chips, chunks, hunks, snippets, particles, bits, Inf. smitherens; pieces, morsels, crumbs, grains, granules, fritters, scraps.

fling, v. 1. hurl, sling, fling, jerk, cast, pitch, toss, throw, heave; propel, project, jactulate, catapult, launch, shoot, fire, send, let fly. 2. flounce about, dance or hop around, jig, throw oneself around; jerk, throw a fit or tantrum. 3. Usu. fling out lash out, fulminate, explode, Inf. blow up. Inf. blow off steam.

flint, n. stone, rock, silica; adamant, granite.

flinty, adj. 1. adamantine, impenetrable, unyielding, hard as flint, firm, durable; stony, rocky, granitic; callous, horrid. 2. indurate, hardened, inured; unfelt; unfeelable, stony-hearted, cold-hearted; cruel, unmerciful, merciless, pitiless, hard-hearted; stubborn, obstinate, obdurately, inflexible, rigid, stiff, unbending; inexorable, unyielding, unalterable.

flip, v. 1. toss, fling, spin, pitch, cast, hurl, heave, chuck, throw. 2. jerk, twist, turn, flop, flounce. 3. turn over, turn upside down; turn around, twirl, spin. 4. flick, tap, flip, pat, dab, strike; snap, crack. 5. flip out Slang. go berserk, go crazy, lose one's cool, Sl. lose it, Sl. freak out, Slang. flip one's lid. 6. (all with over) Sl. go wild, rave, get excited, enthuse, jump up and down; be infatuated, be enchanted. —n. 7. flick, tap, rap, pat, dab, flip, strike, stroke; swat, thwack, cuff, blow; snap, crack. 8. jerk, twist, turn, flop, flounce.

flippancy, n. impudence, insolence, impertinence, pertness, tartness, sauciness, Inf. sauce, brashness, brazenness, boldness, Brit. Sl. side; arrogance, effrontery, back talk, Inf. cheek, Sl. lip, Sl. mouth; discourtesy, rudeness, impoliteness, incivility, unmanliness; inconsideration, disregard, tactlessness, disregardfulness, irreverence, misbehavior; indecorum, ungraciousness, uncourtliness, ungentlemanliness, hoydenishness.

flippant, adj. 1. brash, bold, brazen, hoydenish, Scot. randy; insolent, impudent, impertinent, pert, Ar. archaic. malapert, saucy, Inf. flip, fresh, Inf. cheeky; Sl. smart-mouth;umptuous, cocky, overconfident, audacious, Inf. nervous, Scot. vaunt; aggressive, forward, obtrusive, Inf. pushy; rude, impolite, uncivil, ill-bred, bad-mannered, misbehaved, out of line, out of order, unruly. 2. superficial, frivolous, shallow, thoughtless; free and easy, devil-may-care, carefree, insolent, pockocurante.

flirt, v. 1. coquet, vamp, tease, daily; entice, tante, lize, lead on; look sweet at, make googoo eyes at, Inf. play footsie, wink at, ogle, make a play for; throw oneself at [s.o.]; cast sheep's eyes at, make call eyes at; play at love, pretend love, (of a man) philander, play fast and loose; whistle at, wolf-whistle at; bill and coo, woo, Inf. court, park, serenade; undress with a glance. 2. trifle, toy, entertain, consider, give a thought to, Inf. try out, Inf. try on. 3. jerk, dart about, flit, skim along. 4. wave, flutter, twirl, whirl, whisk. 5. toss, fling, flip, sling, pitch, cast, hurl, heave, chuck, throw. —n. 6. coquette, vamp, belle, gold digger; hussy, Brit. Sl. tart, jilt, wanton. 7. philanderer, fast man, playboy, gallant, Sl. lounge lizard, lady killer, Sl. masher, Sl. wolf, Sl. sheik. 8. throw, toss, fling, flip, sling, pitch, heave; jerk, darting motion.

flirtation, n. 1. coquetry, flirting, vamping, affectionation of love, gallantry; trifling, toying, dallying, dalliance, philandering; wooing, Inf. sparking, courting, billing and cooing, necking, petting, Inf. spooning, serenading; googoo eyes, sheep's eyes, wolf-whistle, wink, ogle, side glance, double take. 2. affair, amour, romance, intrigue.

flirtatious, adj. flirty, coquettish, coy, dallying; wanton, loose, fast-and-loose; philandering, Sl. wolfish.

flit, v. 1. dart, flit, hop, volitate; fly, soar, sail, zoom, sweep, skim, skim along. 2. flitter, flutter, flapp, beat, wave; flick, flicker, dancier; quiver, quaver. 3. (all of time) fly by, pass swiftly, pass by or away quickly, fleet; elapse, lapse, slip, slide, glide; fade, melt; vanish, disappear, evaporate, go up in smoke. —n. 4. flutter, flicker, flatter, flap, beat, beating; waver, quiver, quaver.

float, v. 1. buoy, ride, swim, rest on, waft; be buoyant, be buoyed up, be suspended on. 2. drift, sail, slide, slip along; hover, move lightly, move gracefully. 3. launch, instigate, initiate, get going, push off; promote, sell, purvey. 4. vacillate, oscillate, fluctuate, tergiversate, shilly-shally. 5. wander aimlessly, mill around or about, meander, Sl. bum around, Sl. hang out. —n. 6. raft, pontoon, buoy; life preserver, lifesaver. 7. parade display, pageant unit, spectacle, show, diorama.

floating, adj. 1. darting, flirting, skimming, fleet- ing, passing; fast, rapid, fleet, quick, brisk, meteoric, material. 2. transient, transitory, momentary, ephemeral, short-lived, temporary, brief. 3. fluttering, flittering, flapping, beating, waving, flickering, dancing; quivering, quavering.

flood, n. 1. deluge, inundation, alluvion; freshet, flash flood, spate; overflow, spillover; torrent, catacaet; tidal wave, high tides, tsunami; cloudburst, downpour; gullywasher, Inf. gully-whomper, monsoon. 2. outpouring, tide, flow, stream, flush; waves, cas-
cades, waterfalls; copiousness, plenteousness, Obs. galore, profusion; overabundance, superabundance, plethora, excess, enormity; superfluity, surplus, a bit of muchness, more than enough; satiety, glut, SL. enough to choke a horse; All Inf. tons, barrels, heaps.

—v. 3. overflow, break the bounds, surge, swell; pour forth, disemboque, debouch; deluge, inundate, pour over; submerge, cover, bury, drown; drench, saturate, soak.

4. overwhelm, overpower, overburden, crush, break [s.o.'s] back; sate, glut, choke, fill up to [s.o.'s] ears; bog down, mire down, swamp.

floor, n. 1. water gate, sluice, sluice gate, lock gate; faucet, tap, cock.
2. barrier, obstacle, obstruction, barricade, barricado; dam, weir, dike, embankment; moat, tank trap, dragon teeth, Maginot line; fence, barbed wire; gate, door, turnstile.
3. (of prices or wages) base, base rate, minimum, bottom.
—v. 4. plank, parquet, pave, deck.

5. knock down, fell, prostrate; defeat, conquer, vanquish, quell, subdue; rout, discomfitt, overwhelm, SL. mop or wipe the floor with, overrun, trample, Inf. run into the ground; crush, overthrow, smash, thrash, trounce, trim, whip, drub; worst, hash, Inf. lick, SL. cream, destroy, beat, best.

6. Informal. confound, nonplus, perplex, bewilder, baffle; amaze, astonish, astonish, startle, stun, daze, dumbfound, surprise, confuse, disconcert.

flow, v. Often flow down fall down, collapse, plump down, Inf. plunk down, drop down, plip down, throw oneself down.
2. Informal. fail, fall flat, miss the mark, SL. bomb. See fail (def. 1).

3. flap, flutter, oscillate, wave, toss, move to and fro, fly; swing, hang, dangle.
—n. 4. thud, thump, clump; fall, jar, jolt, jerk.
5. Informal. failure, fiasco, no-go, fizzle, Inf. wash-out; lead balloon, SL. dog, Theat. turkey, SL. bomb, SL. brodie, Inf. clunker, Inf. lemon, Inf. dud, SL. clinker, SL. bust.

floral, adj. flowery, frilly, fussy, busy, ornate, baroque, elaborate, involved, Music. bravura; adorned, decorated, embellished, embroidered, festooned; overdressed, overwrought, rococo, arabesque, rocaille; ostentatious, flamboyant, showy, flashy, SL. flash; gaudy, garish, tawdry; (of writing) high-flow, bombastic, rhetorical, figurative, tropical, euphistic.

floury, adj. 1. silky, silken, satiny, smooth, velvety, velutinous; downy, fluffy, feathery, plumose; fragile, delicate, gossamer, gossamer, ethereal, airy, light.
2. SL. fashionable, chic, stylish, mod; fancy, dolled-up, dressy.

fluence, v. 1. (all in reference to bodily movement) twist, turn, jerk, fling, toss, bounce; preen, exhibit, parade.
—n. 2. trimming, frill, furbelow, ornament; ruffle, fringe, valance, edging, skirting, hemming.

flood, v. 1. struggle, wallow, welter, flop; stagger, stumble, tumble, tumble about, toss about, plunge around, thrash.
2. blunder, bungle, muddle; fail, come to grief, meet with disaster, take a bad turn, collapse, Inf. come a cropper.
3. hesitate, waver, vacillate, falter; lose one's way, drop out.

flour, n. 1. meal, ground or bolted meal, ground or bolted wheat, bran, farina.
—v. 2. pulverize, mill, grind and bolt.
3. powder, dust, sprinkle, speckle.

flourish, v. 1. grow, grow like a weed, increase, develop, wax; burgeon, mushroom, boom, spring up, burst forth; sprout, bud, germinate, pullulate; bloom, blossom, flower, bear fruit, fructify; mature, mature, ripen; luxuriate, abound, superabound.
2. be in one's prime, feel good, burst with health, Inf. feel like a million or million bucks; be vigorous, have energy, feel one's oats, Inf. be full of pep or zip or beans.
3. thrive, prosper, succeed, do well, fare well, make progress, headway, get ahead, get on or along, rise in the world.

4. brandish, wave, wield, swing, shake.
5. parade, flaunt, vaunt, prance, parag, swagger, swashbucktle, Inf. show off, Inf. parade one's wares, SL. strut one's stuff, SL. grandstand, SL. hotdog; puff, boast, brag, bluster, Inf. talk big, SL. blow-hard.
6. decorate, ornament, embellish, adorn, trim, garnish; embroider, elaborate, festoon.
—n. 7. parade, show, exhibition; flaunt, vaunt, blazon, Inf. dash, Inf. splash.
8. decoration, ornamentation, adornment, embellishment; frill, embroidery, elaboration, Rhet. purple passage or patch; verve, style, flair, panache.

flourishing, adj. thriving, booming, prospering, in full swing, Inf. going strong; growing, waxing, developing, burgeoning, mushrooming; (of vegetation) luxuriating; lush, luscious, exuberant.

flout, v. 1. disdain, contemn, scorn, misprize, spurn, scout; disparage, discredit, denounce, defy, vilipend, depreciate, minimize; ridicule, mock, deride, jeer, scoff, laugh in or up one's sleeve at, sneer; burlesque, lampoon, satire; taunt, fler, guy, twit, gibe at; poke fun at, snicker, snigger; tease, Inf. rag, chaff.
2. malign, defame, denigrate, defame, slander, libel, Inf. backbite; belittle, humiliate, make a fool of, disgrace, degrade; insult, affront, SL. put down, SL. cut up; blaspheome, profane, take [s.o.'s] name in vain.
—n. 3. insult, affront, SL. cut, SL. put-down, slap in the face; slur, dig, barb; abuse, contumely, contempt, disdain, scorn; repudiation, disparagement, belittlement, deprecation; humiliation, degradation, abasement, mortification; ridicule, derision, mockery, scoffing, sneering; gib, jeer, taunt, fling, quip, wipe, hoot, hiss, catcall, sibilation; obscenity, vulgarity, blaspheme, profanity, scurrility.

flow, v. 1. run, stream, proceed, drift, glide, slide, move, go along; roll, pull, ripple, gurgle, bubble, trickle; rush, cascade, fall; circulate, move around or through, pass through.
2. Usu. flow from issue, emanate, grow, arise, result, follow, derive; originate, begin, come from, start, be born at.
3. gush, surge, well, or rush forth; effuse, spout, spurt, jet, ejaculate.
4. overflow, flood, brim over. well over, run over,
spill over or out, slosh or slop over, leak out, seep, ooze, drip; abound, teem, be rich in, be full of, run over with, be overrun with.

—n. 5. current, drift, course, tide, ebb; stream, streamlet, brook, brooklet, creek, Dial. crick, U.S. Dial. kill, river, rivulet; channel, sluice, canal, waterway, watercourse; torrent, cascade, catacar, falls, rapids.

6. issuance, emanation, afflux, flux, outflow, outpour, pouring out, efflux, effluence; trickle, dribble, seepage, oozing; spout, spurt, jet, spring, eyer.

7. overflowing, flood, deluge; affluence, abundance, plenty; copiousness, plethora, excess.

flower, n. 1. blossom, bloom, rosebud, bouquet; bud, floweret, floret; perennial, annual.

2. prime, acme, zenith, heyday, height, maturity, efflorescence, Latin. floruit; youth, early vigor, springtime of life, salad days.

3. ornament, adornment, embellishment, ornamentation, decoration; floral design, Print. fleuron, rosette, acanthus.

4. best, pick, choicest, best part, finest; elite, cream, Fr. crème de la crème; the least expendable.

—v. 5. blossom, produce flowers, bud, burgeon, bloom, effloresce; come out, unfold, open, dehisce; develop, mature, come to full bloom.

flowery, adj. 1. flower-covered, blooming, bloomy, blossomy, blossoming; flowering, floral, florescent, efflorescent, floriferous; floriated.

2. (usu. of language) ornate, florid, high-flown, euphuistic, showy, elaborate; figurative, highly-wrought, overwrought; rhetorical, redundant, pleonastic; bombastic, grandiloquent, inflated.

flowing, adj. 1. streaming, running, drifting, gliding, sliding, moving along; circulating, moving around, passing through; rolling, purling, rippling, gurgling, bubbling, trickling, gushing, surging, effusive; rushing, cascading, falling.

2. fluent, smooth, free-flowing, continuous, unbroken, uninterrupted; graceful, facile, effortless, easy.

3. abounding, teeming, rich, lush; overflowing, brimming over, swollen; flooded, overrun.

fluid, n. 1. liquid, water; gas vapor, ether.

2. rheum, lymph, sap, juice, milk, latex, chyle; blood, Sl. clarid, ichor, gore, grime, Obs. cruo, Pathol. sanies; pus.

—adj. 3. liquid, aqueous, fluxional, fluxionary; liquefacient, solvent, fluidal, fluidive, uncegulated, unclotted; gaseous, vaporized, volatile, steamy, gassy, vaporic, flatulent.

4. fluent, running, flowing; runny, watery, rheumy, phlegmy; juicy, sappy, pussy, matter, hemal, sanguineous, bloody, sanguinary, gory, Pathol. sanious, lymphatic.

5. shifting, deviating, changing, unstable; changeable, fickle, inconstant.

fluidity, n. 1. liquidity, liquidness, liquefaction, fluidity, Fluxion, gaseousness, volatility.

2. flow, fluency, smoothness, evenness; facility, ease.

3. adaptability, flexibility, pliancy; versatility.

4. instability, unsteadiness, fickleness, inconstancy, changeableness, flightiness; shifting, fluxing.

fluke, n. 1. lucky stroke, stroke of luck or fortune, stroke of good luck or fortune; windfall, blessing, accidental advantage, piece of good luck or fortune; lucky chance, Inf. big chance, Sl. break, Sl. lucky or good big break; chance, fortuity, fate, luck, good luck or fortune, serendipity, potluck.

2. random shot, lucky shot, chance hit, one in a million, long odds, Sl. lucky strike, Sl. scratch hit; gamble, risk, Inf. flier, leap or shot in the dark, pig in a poke.

3. chance event, chance occurrence, happenstance, happening, hap; accident, freak accident, casualty; bad luck or fortune, stroke of bad luck or fortune, hard luck.


2. nonsense, moonshine, gobbledygook; foolish humbug, bunkum or buncamble, Sl. bunk, U.S. U.S. bluff; balderdash, Inf. hokum, Sl. applesauce, Sl. eyewash; rubbish, Sl. tripe, refuse, Dial. culch, chaff, trash, Inf. truck, trumpery; tommyrot, Inf. rot, Sl. garbage, Sl. crap, Sl. crock, Sl. bull; hogwash, Sl. horsefeathers, stuff, stuff and nonsense, Inf. bosh, Brit. Inf. gammon, Brit. Sl. tosh; fudge, foolishness, folly, rigmarole or rigamarole, amphibgy, footle, Inf. malkeyr, Sl. bushwa, Sl. baloney, Sl. bilge or bilge water, Sl. meshugas, Naut. and North Eng. haver, poppycock, Inf. fiddle-faddle, Inf. piffle, Inf. hooey, Inf. kibosh, Inf. flapdoodle; clatparen, rodromontade, fustian, bombast, rant, Sl. hot air, Sl. gas.

3. flattery, empty compliment, excessive or insincere
praise, Inf. slathering, overdoing it, spreading or laying it on too thick; sycophancy, sycophantism, toadyism, toad-eating, toad-hunting, lip-homage, mouth honor; unctuousness, excessive smoothness or suaveness, Inf. oil, Inf. butter, Inf. honey; toadying, toadying to, Inf. buttering up, Inf. soft-soaping, Inf. oiling, Inf. honeying, Inf. apple-polishing, Inf. boot-licking; curling favor, kissing or licking feet, Inf. being a yes-man to, agreeing to anything; adulatation, fawning, fawning-ness; All Sf. shining up to, playing up to, sucking up to, brown-nosing, snow job, line.

4. cajolery, wheedling, Barney, blandishment, blandish- ing, Rare. blandishments; palaver, palaverizing, palaver- ment, beguiling, beguilement; coaxing, Inf. sweet talk, honeyed words, Archaic. glaze.

flunky, n. 1. lackey, servant, male servant, valet, butler, gentleman, manservant, Archaic. varlet; foot- man, Fr. valet de pied, groom, equesty, livery, servitor, retainer, yeoman; footboy, boy, page, bellboy, Brit. boots, Brit. buttons; menial, Inf. gofer.

2. toady, yes-man, bootlicker. See toady (def. 1).

flurry, n. 1. snow shower, snow squall, light snow- fall, dusting; flake, snowflake, fluff, fluffy.

2. fluster, ferment, bustle, whirl, fuss, Inf. tizzy; hurry, haste, fluster, fluster-curry, pell-mell; upset, pother, sth, Inf. to-do, ado, hubbub, commotion; ex- citement, din, hustle, flutter; agitation, disturbance, perturbation, trepidation.

—v. 3. fluster, confuse, bewilder, confound, be- devil, perplex; rattle, discontent, perturb, ruffle; put on edge, unsettle, upset.

flush, n. 1. flush, redness, rosiness, rubicundity; glow, freshness, radiance, gleam, sparkle, glimmer.

2. overspreading, overflow, overflowing; inundation, flood, flooding, drenching, deluge.

3. thrill, excitement, throb, tingle, tingling, quiver; palpitation, pulsation, titillation, excitation, electrification.

4. vigor, health, hardihood, vim, vitality; freshness, healthiness, haleness, heartiness, robustness; lustiness, full-bloodedness, wholesomeness.

5. fever, fire, heat, warmth, febrility, Pathol. pyrex- ia; inflammation,ague, Pathol. calenture.

—v. 6. redden, color, flush, crimson, turn red, mantle, incarnadine; suffuse, flame, burn.

7. flood, drench, spray, wash, douse, wash away, drain, empty, evacuate, discharge, clean out, clear out.

8. flow, rush, gush, stream, pour forth; overspreading, cover, spread over, inundate, flood, flow over, deluge.

9. animate, excite, impression, inflame, work up; rouse, instigate, stir, kindle; elate, elevate, hearten, in- spirit, cheer, encourage, gladden, delight.

flush, adj. 1. even, level, smooth, flat, plane, com- planate; plumb, straight, true.

2. contiguous, adjacent, conterminous, adjoining, next to; touching, in contact, contextual, abutting, meeting, Obs. attingent.

3. well-supplied, well-equipped, well-to-do, well- heeled; affluent, prosperous, wealthy, rich, moneyed; on easy street, in the chips, in the money, St. rolling in dough.

4. abundant, plentiful, copious, replete, full, plente- ous, bounteous; fecund, fertile, fruitful, rife, lush, lux- uriant, exuberant.

5. blushing, glowing. See flushed (def. 2).

6. vigorous, lusty, hearty, hale, robust, hardy; full of life, spirited, fresh, lively.

7. full, to overflowing, overflow, overbrim- ming; spilling over, running over, teeming over, chock- full, brimful.

—adv. 8. on the same level, in a straight line, square- ly, square, evenly, even, dead, plumber, directly.

9. make flush, even, square, level, even off, smooth, flushen, lay level, plane, planish; equalize, align, balance.

flushed, adj. 1. excited, aroused, impassioned, quickened; enthused, inspired, possessed, animated; feverish, febrile, hot, burning, in a fever, ablate; aquis- er, aflutter, atwitter, Inf. in a tizzy, in a ferment, hectic, overwrought.

2. blushing, ablush, red, glowing, warm, rosy, red- dened, rubicund, scarlet; ruddy, blowzy, sunburned, burnt.

3. cheerful, gay, light-hearted, insouciant, carefree, happy, happy-go-lucky; airy, jaunty, buoyant; viva- cious, lively, brisk, allegro, sportive, Inf. chipper; elated, exultant, exhilarated, in high spirits, in high feather.

4. enthusiastic, sanguine, expectant, anticipative, antici- patory; hopeful, optimistic, heartened; assured, confident, certain.

fluster, v. 1. excite, flutter, agitate, Inf. give the heebie-jeebies or willies or jimjams; flurry, shake, upset, Inf. discombobulate, discompose, disquiet; per- turb, disturb, bother; stagger, shock, startle, boggle, take aback.

2. confuse, rattle, discontent, Inf. faze, confound, discomfit; bewilder, distract, baffle, throw off, puzzle, perplex, nonplus, Inf. blow one's mind; addle, muddle, fuddle, befuddle; dumbfounded, daze, dazzle.

flutist, n. flautist, flute player; fifer, piper, Pied Pip- er, Pan; piccoloist, Inf. piccolo Pete, oboist.

flutter, v. 1. wave to and fro, sway, undulate, flap, flop; toss about, oscillate, vacillate, waft; brush, swing loosely, flourish; wag, dangle, pendulate; wave, ripple, quiver, shiver, quaver, shake, vibrate, tremble, twit, shudder; jerk, twitch, vellicate, jump.

2. beat, pulse, expand and contract, palpitate, pita- pat; throb, thump, alternate, pound, reverberate; vi- brate, agitate, quiver.

3. flit, flirt, dance, hover; glint, flash, whisk, skim; glide, wing, fly, soar; dart, dartle, move quickly.

4. enthusiastic, sanguine, expectant, anticipative; hopeful, optimistic, heartened; assured, confident, certain.

5. swaying, undulating, undulation; flap, flapping, flop, flopping; tossing about, oscillating, oscil- lation, fluctuating, fluctuation, vacillating, vacilla- tion; swish, swishing, loose swinging, swing, flour- ishing; wag, waggling, dangling, pendulating; waver, wavering, ripple, rippling, quiver, quivering, shiver, shivering; quaver, quavering, shake, shaking, vibrating, vibration; tremble, trembling, twitter, twittering, shudder, shuddering; jerk, jerking, twitch, twitching, vellicating, vellication, jump, jumping.

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break, outburst, ebullition.

flux, n. 1. flow, stream, course, current, run; ebb and flow, tide; surge, swell, sweep. 2. movement, motion, stir; passage, process; change, mutation, alteration; transition, modulation, adaptation. 3. instability, fluctuation, swinging, swaying, oscillation; vacillation, wavering, shifting, indecision, irresolution.

fly, v. 1. take wing, wing one's way, take off, take to the air, become airborne; soar, sail, zoom, cruise, coast, sweep, skim, Inf. kite; glide, plane, volplane, sailplane; dart, flit, flit, hop, votilate. 2. float, hover, drift, hang, pose, float in the air; flicker, flit, quiver, quaver; flap, wave, waver, undulate, toss, wag, wigwag. 3. aviate, jet, take or make a flight, be airborne, ride the skies or friendly skies; rocket, skyrocket. 4. dash, bolt, tear, tear along, bowl along, make or Inf. hare, Inf. clip, Inf. roar, Inf. barrel; hasten, make haste, race, speed, speed up, accelerate, hustle, hurry, post, heie, rush, move swiftly, move quickly; scamper, scurry, scoot, skip. 5. flee, abscond, escape, take flight, fly. 6. (all of time) elapse, lapse, pass, pass by, pass swiftly, pass away, go by, move swiftly, slip, slide, glide; Inf. advance, roll or press on; fade, melt, vanish, disappear, evaporate, go up in smoke; expire, run out, run its course. 7. pilot, control, be at the controls, fly left seat; co-pilot, fly right seat; solo, Inf. barnstorm; operate, drive, maneuver, manipulate. 8. hoist, hoist aloft, hoist up, raise, raise aloft, raise up, rear up, rear up, lift up, uplift, upraise, uprear, uphoist, Inf. sky. 9. transport, convey, send, dispatch; ship, freight, post, mail, airmail. 10. elude, evade, escape, avoid, bilk, dodge, sidestep. 11. fly at or into attack, assail, strike, strike at, strike out at, hit, have at, have a go at, lay about at, lay into, light into, pitch into; attack suddenly, charge, rush, rush at, rush upon, fall upon, pounce upon, swoop down upon, descend on or upon. 12. fly in the face of defy, flout, ignore, disregard, slight, treat with contempt, scoff at, thumb one's nose at; oppose, act in opposition to, go against; cross, contradict, contravene, controvert, counter, run counter to, go contrary to. 13. fly off the handle Informal. lose one's temper, explode, fly into a passion or rage or temper, have a tantrum, Inf. blow up, Inf. blow one's top or stack, Inf. hit the ceiling, Sl. go nuts, Sl. blow a gasket or fuse, Sl. flip, Sl. flip out, Sl. flip one's wig or lid, Sl. have a hemorrhage; get excited, get into a dither or tizzy, lose one's composure, Sl. blow one's cool. 14. go fly a kite Slang. split, scram, drag, beat it, get lost, take off, take a hike or walk, hit the road; buzz off, bug out, shove off, push off, go jump in a lake, drag your ass; mind your own business, keep your nose out of this, butt out, go peddle your fish. 15. let fly. a. hurl, propel, fling, throw, pitch, toss, heave, chuck, lob, cast, hurlte, Inf. peg; shoot, shoot off, fire, fire off, let off, launch. b. (all of emotions) erupt with, burst forth or out or into, break out into; let go with; hold nothing back, give free reign; emit, discharge, vent, give out or off, Fig. open the sluices or floodgates.

fly-by-night, adj. 1. unreliable, irresponsible, unstable, unsteady, inconsistent; disreputable, discreditable, dishonorable; shifty, shady, sharp, jackleg, dishonest, crooked. 2. brief, momentary, transitory, ephemeral, short-lived; impermanent, not lasting, like the shifting sands; transient, fleeting, Inf. here-today-gone-tomorrow. —n. 3. bad credit risk, debt-skipper, welsher, here-today-gone-tomorrow.

flying, adj. 1. soaring, sailing, zooming, cruising, coasting, sweeping, skimming; gliding, planing, volplaning, sailplaning; darting, flitting, hopping; taking wing, winging, winging one's way, taking off, taking to the air; airborne, volant, volitant, volitional. 2. floating, hovering, drifting, hanging; fluttering, flapping, waving, waving, undulating, tossing, wagging; flowing, streaming, blowing. 3. fast, rapid, swift, fleet, mercurial; quick, speedy, express, double-quick, winged; agile, nimble, Brit. Sl. fly. 4. hasty, hurried, rushed; brief, fleeting, passing, fading; transitory, transient, momentary, short-lived, ephemeral, temporary, impermanent; here today, gone tomorrow; fly-by-night; evanescent, vanishing, disappearing. 5. fleeing, bolting, running, eloping, escaping; retreating, deserting, withdrawing, abandoning, decamping; running away, taking or making flight, fugitive.
foible, n. 1. weakness, frailty, infirmity, minor failing, fault, shortcoming, deficiency, weak side or point, failing; flaw, chink, blemish, defect.

foam, n. 1. bubbles, head, froth, spume, yeast, Brit. Inf. barn; lather, suds, soap bubbles; foaminess, frothiness, spumescence; fizz, effervescence, sparkle.

foamy, adj. 1. foamily, frothy, spumous, spummy, spumescent, yeasty, barny; latherly, sudsy, soapy.

foaming, bubbling, bubbly, fizing, fizzy, effervescent, effervescence, sparkling, Fr. mousseux.

focus, n. 1. center, central point, focal point, focalization, point of concentration, point of convergence; nucleus, Biol. centrosome; core, heart, marrow, kernel, navel, middle, crux.

hub, navel, axis, pivot, pole; headquarters, club-house, rendezvous, haunt, gathering or meeting place; magnet, center of attention, attractor, alluror, lure, cynure.

—v. 3. focalize, bring into focus, clear up, line up; center, centralize, bring together, unify; converge, concentrate, come together, meet, unite; concentrate, direct one’s thinking to, zero in on.

fodder, n. 1. forage, ensilage, silage, provender, stock, store; feed, food, rations; roughage, grain, herbage, hay, grass, pasture, pasturage.

foe, n. 1. enemy, Literary. foeman, opponent, antagonist, adversary, attacker, combatant; rival, contestant, contender, competitor.

—v. 7. attain to, try for, aim at, strive for; cultivate, deal with, yield to, be guided by, accept as an authority; string along, place of, replace, supplant.

fold, n. 1. sheet, layer, leaf, scale, flake, wafer; film, lamina, ply, coating, membrane.

—v. 2. contrast, striking difference, antithesis, contrariety; setting, background, staging.

fold, v. 1. fold up; go bankrupt, be ruined, lose everything; Inf. fold up; go bankrupt, be ruined, lose everything, Inf. go broke, Inf. go under; (all of theatrical performances) All Sl. flop; bomb, lay an egg; go over like a lead balloon.

—n. 4. crease, wrinkle, Chiefly Scot. wimple, Zool., Anat. plica; layer; tuck, gather, furrow, pucker, crinkle; cow’s feet.

folded, adj. 1. (all us. for sheep) enclosure, close, confine, corral, coop, pen.

—adj. 2. congregation, assembly, Fig. flock; people, brethren, parishioners, churchgoers, Fig. sheep.

foliage, n. leafage, leaves, frondescence, foliation, foliature, Bot. vernation; flora and fauna, vegetation.

folk, n. 1. nation, society; race, clan, tribe; populace, population, public, general public, citizenry.

—v. 2. folks Informal. relatives, relations, kin, kinfolk, kith and kin, kinsmen, flesh and blood, family; parents.

folklore, n. legends, fables, myths, mythology, lore; oral history, traditions; superstitions, old wives’ tales.

—v. 7. attain to, try for, aim at, strive for; cultivate, deal with, yield to, be guided by, accept as an authority; string along, place of, replace, supplant.

follower, n. 1. pupil, student, apprentice, protegé; disciple, adherent, partisan, sectary, votary; convert, proselyte; supporter, promoter, booster; proponent, advocate, defender, apostle; successor, heir, upholder, representative.

—v. 8. attend to, be concerned with, keep up with, engage in; understand, comprehend, catch on, grasp.
4. fan, roofer, groupie, claqueur; syphon, parasite, satellite, hanger-on, dangler, toady; faddist, Brit. Sl. trendy, sheep.

following, n. 1. attendants, retinue, train, suite; dependents, clientele, entourage.

2. adherents, patrons, supporters, advocates; devotees, admirers, fans, claque.

—adj. 3. next, ensuing, succeeding, successive; subsequent, consequent, resulting.

folly, n. 1. absorbn, absurdity, inanity, pointlessness; pointlessness, nonsense, nonsense.

—adj. 1. moronism, moronity, imbecility; craziness, infirmity.

2. adherents, patrons, supporters, advocates; de-
be astute, be sharp, be canny; be sly, Sl. savvy, be cunning, be crafty; be perceptive, be discerning, be perspicacious.

—v. 5. befooled, make a fool of, spoof, play a trick on, play a joke on, kid; trick, deceive, humbug, de- duce, con, cheat, beguile, cozen, do, take in; hoodwink, blindfold, bluff, throw dust into the eyes, pull the wool over [s.o.’s] eyes, bamboozle; mislead, misguide, misdirect, lead astray, give a bum steer, misinform; swindle, defraud, finagle, pluck, fleece, bilk; victimize, hoax, dupe, gull, pigeon, Sl. hornswoogle, Inf. flimflam, Inf. diddle; circumvent, get around, overreach.

6. jest, joke, banter, tease, trifile with, spoof, josh, jive, put [s.o.] on; gibe, jeer, mock, deride, scoff, taunt; act the fool, play the monkey.

7. pretend, make believe, act, play; stage, simulate, sham, counterfeit, fake.

8. fool around squander, waste, run through, throw away, fritter away; dissipate, deplete, exhaust, expend, misspend.

9. fool with toy with, trifle with, meddle with, tamper with, mess in or with, monkey around or with; dabble with or in, palter with, daily with, fiddle with.

foolery, n. 1. antics, antics, caper, Inf. Shenanigans, Sl. monkeyshines, Sl. monkeybusiness. See folly (def. 4).

2. absurdity, inanity, pointlessness, fatuity, fatuousness, foolishness, folly. See folly (def. 1).

foolhardy, adj. reckless, rash, brash, temerarious, desperate, hotheaded; harebrained, thoughtless, regardless, careless, short-sightedit, daring, venturous, venturesome, adventurous, dare-devil, devil-may-care; impetuous, impulsive, hasty, madcap, heedless, unheeding, Inf. trigger-happy, unwary, headlong, unexpected, unforeseen; spontaneous, unpremeditated, sudden, abrupt, precipitate; audacious, bold, fearless; incautious, imprudent, indiscreet, irresponsible, injudicious; unwise, ill-considered, ill-suited, ill-advised, impolitic.

foolish, adj. 1. incautious, imprudent, indiscreet, irresponsible, injudicious; unwise, ill-considered, ill-suited, ill-advised, impolitic.

foot, n. 1. trotter, hoof, paw, pad; Inf. tootsy, Anat. pes, kicker, (usu. pl.) dog.

2. base, foundation, principle, basis, footing, groundwork, substructure, substratum, understructure; support, pedestal, stand, rest, prop, stay, brace; bottom, Archit. socle, Archit. plinth, Bot. caudex.

3. end, edge, boundary, extremity, limit, border, plinth, Archit. Archit.

4. on foot a. on foot, by foot; walking, running, skipping, jogging, sprinting. b. in play, in progress or operation, going on.

5. get off on the right foot get a good start, begin auspiciously, get out of the right side of the bed, Rare. auspicate.

6. put one’s best foot forward a. make a good impression, get on the good side of; be on one’s best behavior. b. hurry, proceed with haste, hasten, accelerate.

7. put one’s foot down stand fast, stand or hold one’s ground, hold one’s own, stick to one’s guns; lay down the law, insist, not take “no” for an answer, have the last word.

8. put one’s foot in one’s mouth Informal. blunder,
forbidden, adj. not allowed, prohibited, proscribed, outlawed, Ger. verboten, Fr. interdit, taboo, out-of-bounds, off-limits; disallowed, vetoed, nixed, turned down, rejected, refused.

forbidding, adj. grim, unfriendly, hostile, surly, harsh, hard, stern, tough; bad, nasty, ugly, mean, cruel, vicious, evil; dangerous, sinister, dark, threatening, menacing, ominous, portentous, foreboding.

force, n. 1. vigor, life, vitality, power, potency, Literacy, puissance, strength; stamina, energy, animation, birr; violence, dint, shock, impact, striking ability, Inf. punch, Inf. zip, Sl. pizzazz.

2. compulsion, coercion, arm-twisting; duress, constraint, enforcement, coaction; compulsion, stimulus.

3. ability, agency, effectiveness, efficacy, binding effect.

4. meaning, significance, signification, weightiness, weight, value; emphasis, stress, import, vehemence; validity, cogency, virtue, caliber.

5. troops, army, host, legion, squadron, regiment, battalion, detachment, division, phalanx; patrol, convoy; armament, artillery, weaponry.

—v. 6. necessitate, oblige, compel, constrain, coerce; effect, enforce, push through, Inf. railroad, Sl. shove down [s.o.'s] throat; exact, extort, twist from, wrest, wipe down.

7. impel, urge, push, press; propel, thrust, obtrude; elbow, shoulder.

8. strain, pressure, pull, stretch, tense, intensify, tax, effect. 6. necessitate, oblige, compel, constrain, coerce; effect, enforce, push through, Inf. railroad, Sl. shove down [s.o.'s] throat; exact, extort, twist from, wrest, wipe down.

9. break open, snap, crack, pry, jimmy, Sl. blow, Sl. blast.

forced, adj. 1. enforced, required, obligatory, compulsory, involuntary; committed, obliged, constrained, compelled.

2. strained, unnatural, artificial, false, feigned, Sl. phony; overdone, stagey, far-fetched, catachrestic; affected, stilted, Inf. put on; studied, calculated, manicured, manhandled, laboré, self-conscious, stiff.

3. driving, pressing, necessary, emergency, unavoidable, inescapable.

forceful, adj. vigorous, dynamic, energetic; virile, lusty, strong, robust, mighty, powerful; potent, effective, moving, gripping; intensive, vehement, emphatic, definite, positive; cogent, persuasive, telling, convincing, weighty.

forcible, adj. 1. impressive, striking, urgent, irresistible, forceful. See forceful.

2. compulsory, obligatory, required, binding, incumbent, imposed, forced, coercive.

3. violent, drastic, intense, unrestrained.

forcibly, adv. 1. compulsorily, by force, coercively, under protest, against one's will, willing or unwilling, willy-nilly, Fr. bon gré, mal gré, Inf. come hell or high water; necessarily, of necessity, needs must, Fr. coûte que coûte.

2. vehemently, fiercely, ferociously, without restraint, emphatically, intensively, violently; vigorously, energetically, with might and main, with Herculean effort; powerfully, effectively, efficaciously, convincingly.

fore. adj. 1. frontal, in or at the front, at the head, at or on top, ahead, above.

2. first, foremost, headmost, most advanced, highest, best, top, leading, lead, head, chief.

3. former, earlier, previous, preceding, foregoing, prior, antecedent, anterior.

4. fore and aft front and rear, at both ends, coming and going; stem to stern, top to bottom, head to toe or foot.

—n. 5. front, forefront, foremost part, top, head.

6. to the fore a. to or toward the front, forward up, to the surface, out, into the open, into the spotlight, to the forefront. b. at head, within reach, ready, available.

forebear, n. Usu. forebears ancestors, forefathers. See forefather.

forebode, v. 1. augur, presage, portend, foreshadow, foreshow, foretoken, presignify, omen; betoken, signify, mean, indicate, point to.

2. sense, intuit, feel, have a feeling, Inf. have a funny feeling, Inf. feel in one's bones.

3. prognosticate, prophesy, predict, soothsay, vaticinate; foretell, forecast, divine, forewarn, Rare. premonish, Obs. auspicate.

foreboding, n. 1. augury, prediction, prognostication, prophesy, prefigurement, forecast, handwriting on the wall; premonition, prognostic, preindication, forewarning; foretoken, portent, omen, sign, token, harbinger.

2. presentiment, feeling, vague feeling, Inf. funny feeling, suspicion, Inf. sneaking suspicion, intuition, anxiety, misgiving, apprehension; apprehensiveness, bodning, dread, fear, ill-feeling, chill along the spine.

—v. 3. presage, foreshow, foreshadow, foretelling, forecasting, foretokening, presageful, ominous, portentous, bodeful, threatening, menacing, lowering; inauspicious, unpropitious, unfavorable, unpromising, illomened.

forecast, v. 1. predict, prophesize, prophesy, augur, soothsay, vaticinate; foretell, forebode, forewarn, divine, Rare. premonish, Obs. auspicate.

2. guess, conjecture, estimate, speculate, hazard a guess, Inf. go out on a limb.

3. prearrange, predetermine, project, plan ahead, set up, work out; (all beforehand) plan, devise, contrive, design.

—n. 4. guess, conjecture, estimate, estimation, Inf. shot, Inf. shot in the dark, Inf. stab.

5. prediction, prognostication, prophecy, prefigurement, augury, foreboding, divination.

6. divination, geomancy, sortilege; soothsaying, fortunetelling, foreshadowing, forecasting; (of weather) meteorology; guesswork, speculation.

foreclose, v. 1. exclude, shut out, bar, debar; reject, refuse, lock out, shut out.

2. obstruct, block, blockade, barricade, stand in the way; prevent, hinder, impede, deter.

forefather, n. ancestor, forebear, grandfather, progenitor, primogenitor, Archaic, predecessor; procreator, begetter; patriarch, parent, father, genitor; author, maker, creator, originator.

foregoing, adj. preceding, preceded, prior, prevent, preliminary, antecedent, anterior, forerunning; earlier, former; aforesaid, aforementioned.

foregone, adj. 1. previous, past, prior, earlier, former.

2. predetermined, predicated, prejudged, preestablished, preordained; fixed, set, cut-and-dry.

forehead, n. brow, front.

foreign, adj. 1. alien, peregrine; tramontane, ultramontane, transalpine; ultramarine, transmarine, transatlantic, transpacific.

2. irrelevant, impertinent, inappropriate, inapt, inapostive, unrelated, unconnected; extraneous, extrinsic, external, adventitious, ulterior, outside, outlying; remote, removed, distant.

3. unfamiliar, strange, peculiar, odd, curious, Scot. fremd; exotic, outlandish, barbarian.

foreigner, n. alien, non-native, outsider, outsider,
foreknowledge, n. prescience, foresight, precognition; foreboding, presentiment, premonition, presage, prior feeling.

foreland, n. cape, promontory, headland, head, Scot. mull, point, hook, spur.

foreman, n. 1. superintendent, Inf. super, manager, line manager, fuleman; supervisor, overseer, overlooker, overman, chief, headman, boss, Inf. bossman, U.S. Inf. straw boss, Sl. the man, Sl. head honcho, Brit. gaffer; master, commander, director, taskmaster.

2. foreman of the jury, (in Scotland) jury-chancellor.

foremost, adj. primary, prime, principal, paramount, chief, cardinal, main, uppermost, most important, central, focal; first, leading, headmost, supreme, premier, top, crowning, preeminent, number one, Inf. numero uno, Inf. boss.

forensic, adj. rhetorical, polemical, polemic, controversial, argumentative, eristic; dialectical, dialectical, litigious, pilpilistic.

foreordain, v. predestinate, determine, predetermine, predestine, Obs. predestinate, preordain, foreordain, prediccate, foredoom, Inf. have in store for.

foreglimpse, n. glimpse, prospect, vision; foretaste, antic.

forge, v. 1. destine, design, intend, mean, purpose, resolve, determine, set; designate, dedicate, allot, Obs. appoint; mark, earmark, tag, set apart or aside; consecrate, devote; reserve, Brit. bespeak.

2. foreshadow, prefigure, foreshow, presage, point to, signalize, indicate, betoken.

3. anticipate, foretell, forecast; preview, foresee, foreglimpse, look ahead; scent, feel in one's bones, foreknow.

forego, v. 1. come before, precede, go before, forego, antecede, run ahead, go first; go in advance, cut in, Brit. jump the queue, run in front of, take the lead; herald, usher in, lead the way, blaze the trail, take the lead, show the way.

2. foreclose, foreclose, foreclose, give signs of, presage; point to, signalize, indicate, betoken.

3. anticipate, foreshadow, prefigure, foreshow, presage, augur; signalize, indicate, betoken.

forehead, n. 1. predecessor, precursor, foregoer, antecedent, ancestor, forbear, progenitor, forefather, father, genitor; pathfinder, pioneer, explorer; vanguard, apostle, missionary, man from Cook's.

2. omen, sign, portent, symptom, token; premonition, presage, augury, forewarning; foretoken, prefiguration, preview.

3. herald, harbinger, advance man, usher, announcer, crier, towncrier; advance guard, avant-courier, courier, outrider.

foresee, v. 1. foreknow, divine, forecast, prognosticate, foretell; predict, prophesy, vaticinate, forebode, augur; look into the future, gazing into the crystal ball.

2. see beforehand, preview, get a glimpse of, foreshadow, see ahead, forerun, Inf. get a sneak preview; expect, look ahead, anticipate, look forward, watch for.

3. beware, take care, be prudent, exercise caution, give heed to, pay attention to; keep an eye out for, keep one's eyes open, keep one's ears open, be on guard, look before leaping; stop, look and listen.

foreshadow, v. forebode, foretoken, foreshow, presage, prefigure, presignify, augury, foretell, augur, portend, bode, omen; betoken, signify, indicate, mean, point to.

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2. foreshadow, prefigure, foreshow, presage, point to, signalize, indicate, betoken.

3. anticipate, foreshadow, prefigure, foreshow, presage, augur; signalize, indicate, betoken.

forehead, n. 1. predecessor, precursor, foregoer, antecedent, ancestor, forbear, progenitor, forefather, father, genitor; pathfinder, pioneer, explorer; vanguard, apostle, missionary, man from Cook's.

2. omen, sign, portent, symptom, token; premonition, presage, augury, forewarning; foretoken, prefiguration, preview.

3. herald, harbinger, advance man, usher, announcer, crier, towncrier; advance guard, avant-courier, courier, outrider.

foresee, v. 1. foreknow, divine, forecast, prognosticate, foretell; predict, prophesy, vaticinate, forebode, augur; look into the future, gazing into the crystal ball.

2. see beforehand, preview, get a glimpse of, foreshadow, see ahead, forerun, Inf. get a sneak preview; expect, look ahead, anticipate, look forward, watch for.

3. beware, take care, be prudent, exercise caution, give heed to, pay attention to; keep an eye out for, keep one's eyes open, keep one's ears open, be on guard, look before leaping; stop, look and listen.

foreshadow, v. forebode, foretoken, foreshow, presage, prefigure, presignify, augury, portend, bode, omen; betoken, signify, indicate, mean, point to.

foreknowledge, n. prescience, foresight, precognition; foreboding, presentiment, premonition, presage, prior feeling.

forest, n. 1. wood, woods, woodland, wooded area, timberland, Brit. plantation, Brit. chase; grove, sylvan thicket, copse, covert, Archaic. bosk; bush, virgin forest, greenwood, wildwood; chaparral, underbrush, brake, canebreak.

2. cluster, large number, myriad; herd, flock, bunch, multitude, multiplicity, mass, profusion, accumulation.

forestall, v. 1. preclude, prevent, hinder, thwart, frustrate; obviate, intercept, obstruct, sidetrack, avert, ward off, stave off, fend off, parry, divert, avoid, nip in the bud, squelch in its infancy.

2. anticipate, be beforehand, get ahead of, steal a march on, get the start on, beat to the draw.

3. buy up ahead, monopolize, corner, get a corner on; engross, Sl. hog, get control of, get an exclusive on.

forestry, n. forest management, forest planting, tree growing, tree planting; woodcraft, forestation, afforestation, Bot. dendrology, silviculture.

foretaste, n. prelibilation, handself, first taste, Archaic. antepast; anticipation, intuition, foreknowledge, presentiment, premonition.

foretell, v. 1. predict, prognosticate, prophesy, augur, soothesay, vaticinate; forecast, forewarn, divine, Rare. premonish, Obs. auspicate.

2. forebode, foreshadow, foretoken, portend, presage, presignify, prefigure, bode, omen; betoken, signify, indicate, mean, point to.

forethought, n. 1. provision, prudence, providence, precaution, foresight, long-sightedness, far-sightedness, wisdom.

2. anticipation, prior consideration or thought, premeditation; presumise, preconception, premonition.

foretoken, n. 1. sign, signal, indication, harbinger, token, augury, omen, portent, prognostic, presage, foreboding, forewarning, warning, premonition, handwriting on the wall.

—v. 2. foreshadow, prefigure, foreshow, presage, portend. See foreshadow.

forever, adv. always, ever, evermore, Poetic. ay, Latin. in saecula saeculorum; till the end of time, till hell freezes over, till the cows come home, till Niagara Falls; eternally, world without end, everlasting, perpetually, endlessly; constantly, ceaselessly, continually, incessantly, unceasingly, endlessly; for good and all.

forewarn, v. precaution, warn, Rare. premonish; alert, warn, give warning or fair warning, put on guard, Inf. give the high sign to; caution, admonish, advise, say a word to the wise; clue in, tip off, Inf. put a bug in [s.o.'s] ear.

foreword, n. preface, preamble, proem; introduction, exordium, prologue, prolegomenon; epigraph, inscription, dedication.

forfeit, n. 1. fine, penalty, penalization, mulct, amercement, Law. sequestration; fixed fee, fee, charge, cost.

—v. 2. relinquish, hand over, give over, give up, default, Law. escheat.

forfeiture, n. 1. fine, penalty, mulct, forfeit. See forfeit (def. 1).

forge, v. 1. (for heating metal) fireplace, furnace, hearth, bloomery, chafery.

2. smithy, smithery, stithy, blacksmith's workshop; ironworks, foundry.
forgive, v. 3. beat, hammer out, Fig. extund; form, shape, fashion, mold, found, cast.

4. conceive, invent, devise, create, frame, coin, compose; fabricate, manufacture, produce.

5. (all usu. of handwriting; fraudulently) imitate, copy, reproduce, simulate, duplicate, replicate, mimic, ape; falsify, alter, modify.

6. (both of money) counterfeit, Brit. Inf. coin.

forge, v. (usu. used with ahead) push on, plod ahead) push on, plod (usu. used with alteration, modification; simulation, imitation; copying, reproduction, duplication, replication.

2. counterfeit, imitation, reproduction, fake, Inf. forger, Fr. faux-monnaie; coiner, Brit. coin-cliper.

2. copyist, falsifier, plagiarist.

forgery, n. 1. (all in reference to handwriting; all fraudulent) alteration, modification; simulation, imitation, copying, reproduction, duplication, replication.

2. counterfeit, imitation, reproduction, fake, Inf. phony, sham; falsification, fraud; Jewelry. paste; Masonry. scagliola; (of literary works) plagiarism, pirated manuscript.

forget, v. 1. cease to remember, Chief. South. U.S. disremember, draw a blank, fail to think of; lose, lose sight of, have [s.t.] slip one's mind, have [s.t.] escape one; overlook, pass over, pass by, jump over, miss, skip, omit; leave behind, omit to take.

2. let be, let alone, let bygones be bygones, never mind; disregard, ignore, take no notice of, close the eyes to, blink or wink at, neglect; let in one ear and out the other, turn a deaf ear to; write off, let pass, dismiss from one's thoughts.

3. forget oneself misbehave, misconduct oneself, be improper, be indiscreet, act unseemly; offend, trespass, transgress, err, deviate, go astray, go amiss.

forgotten, adj. 1. amnesic, Lethied, apt to forget; amnesic, Lethied, apt to forget; forgetful, forgetfulness, forgetfulness, thoughtlessness.

2. disregardful, inattentive, inadvertent, unheedful; disregard, ignore, take no notice of, close the eyes to, blink or wink at, neglect; let in one ear and out the other, turn a deaf ear to; write off, let pass, dismiss from one's thoughts.

3. hopeless, without hope, desperate, in desperate straits, desolate, overcome, overwhelmed.

4. destitute, indigent, bereft, deprived, beggared, wanting, in want, lacking, ill-provided, unprovided, hard-up, down and out, high and dry, beggarly, Inf. poor, ill-off, badly off, poorly off, needy, in need, lacking, infelicitous, sorrowful, bereaved, doleful, dolorous, dolorific, grievend, mournful, lachrymose, lachrymal, lachrymatory, comfortless, joyless, cheerless, inconsolable.

absolution, absolving, shriving, pardoning, reprove, repining, remission, remitting, amnesty; acquittal, acquittance, acquitting, commutation, expungement, expunging, exonerating, vindicating, vindicating, clearance, clearing; condoning, condoning, overlooking, overlooking, disregarding, ignoring.

mercy, grace, compassion, humanity; clemency; forbearance, lenience, leniency, lenity, Both Rom. Cath. Ch. indulgence, indulgence.

forgiving, adj. 1. absolutorly, absolvul, absolvifying, shriving, excusing, excusing, excusing, condoning, condoning, forgiving, forgiving, forgiving, forgiving, forgiving, forgiving, forgiving, forgiving, forgiving.

2. merciful, compassionate, humane, element, forbearing, sparing, lenient, indulgent; placable, conciliatory, conciliatory, reconcilable.

forgo, v. 1. abstain from, refrain from, do or go without, sacrifice, offer up; renounce, forswear, forsake, abandon, quit, discard, part with, eliminate, Inf. cut out, Inf. swear off; shun, avoid, eschew, pass up, turn down, decline, refuse.

2. resign, abdicate, give up claim or right to, Law. disclaim; retire from, vacate, relinquish, hand over, surrender, yield.

forgotten, adj. unremembered, out of mind, past collection; gone, bygone, past, buried in the past, irrecoverable, irretrievable, lost; overlooked, passed over, passed by, missed, skipped, left behind.

fork, n. 1. pronged or tined utensil, piece of silverware; pronged instrument or tool.

2. branching, bifurcation, crotch, crutch, divarication, furcation; split, division, dividing, separation, scission, divergence, parting of the ways; angle, angulation, branch, turn, bend, elbow, knee, hook; corner, intersection, crossroads, junction.


—v. 4. branch, divaricate, bifurcate; branch off, furcate, diverge, ramify; divide, bisect, split up, separate, go in different directions, go separate ways; angle, turn, bend, hook.

forked, adj. 1. branched, bifurcated, bifurcate, tw-pronged, crotch, Y-shaped, V-shaped; branching, furcate, ramiform, pronged, tined, forficate, scissorlike; divided, split, bisectational.

2. zigzag, angular, sharp-cornered, full of turns; serpentine, sinuous, winding, curved.

forlorn, adj. 1. miserable, wretched, abject, pitiful, pitiable, piteous, pathetic, pathetical, woebegone, woeful, Archaic. woesome, Obs. baleful; desolate, dreary, Literary. drear, dismal, gloomy, lugubrious, funereal; depressed, dispirited, dejected, despondent, down, melancholic, glum, somber, low-spirited, disheartened, discouraged; sad, unhappy,infelicitous, sorrowful, bereaved, doleful, dolorous, dolorific, grieved, mournful, lachrymose, lachrymal, lachrymatory, comfortless, joyless, cheerless, inconsolable.

2. abandoned, deserted, forsaken, forgotten, neglected, shunned, scorned, outcast, cast out, Poetic. lost, forsaken, friendless, companionless, helpless, alone, solitary, isolated, lone, lonesome.

3. hopeless, without hope, desperate, in desperate straits, despairing, in despair; crushed, broken, vanquished, overcome, overwhelmed.

4. destitute, indigent, bereft, deprived, beggared, beggarly, Inf. hard-up, down and out, high and dry, out at the elbows, down at the heels, down on one's luck; poor, ill-off, badly or poorly off, needy, in need, wanting, in want, lacking, ill-provided, unprovided, unsupplied, ill-supplied.

form, n. 1. configuration, figure, form, conformation, formation, arrangement, disposition, organization, order, structure, construction, construct, frame, framework, exterior, outward form.

2. figure, physique, build, skeletal structure, body, person; shape, contour, silhouette; appearance, as-
pect, look, complexion; countenance, visage, feature, face, physiognomy; pose, presence, attitude, bearing, carriage.
3. mold, cast, matrix, shaper; pattern, prototype, guide, model; manikin, mannequin, dummy.
4. format, setup, layout, blueprint, outline, sketch, adumbration, Inf. getup; design, plan, scheme, idea.
5. species, breed, brood, order, class, genus; type, kind, genre, sort, kidney, variety; stamp, designation, denomination, name, suit; description, grain, feather, fabric, texture, tone, color, stripe; make, cast, cut, style, manner, nature; character, make-up, idiosyncrasy, Archaic: crasis.
6. mold, cast, matrix, shaper; pattern, guide, model; design, plan, scheme, formula, Inf. getup.
7. blank, questionnaire, questionnaire, application or entry blank; document, paper.
8. etiquette, protocol, decorum, propriety, properness, punctilio, conventionality; deportment, conduct, behavior, Inf. what’s expected.
9. condition, state, fettle, Inf. kilter; fitness, physical fitness, health, well-being.

—v.
10. make, fabricate, manufacture, produce, mint, turn out, put out; construct, build, assemble, set up, put together; erect, elevate, raise, rear, put up.
11. formulate, frame, frame, devise, contrive, think up; conceive, visualize, envision, imagine, image, Inf. dream up, Inf. hatch; design, pattern, outline, sketch, trace, adumbrate, draw, delineate, limn; create, compose, invent, coin, originate, start, engender, incept, beget, innovate, initiate, inaugurate; institute, found, establish, generate, bring about.
12. constitute, comprise, make up, go into the making of, be a part or portion of, be an integral part of, be an element or ingredient or component of, be a constituent of.
13. organize, systematize, coordinate, correlate, collate, group, assemble; order, rank, grade, range, graduate; arrange, array, dispose, align, line up, adjust, collocate, place, position.
14. contract, acquire, incur, get; develop, grow into, pick up.
15. shape, fashion, mold, model, knead; cast, stamp, block, block out, hammer, chisel, hew, roughhew, sculpture.
16. discipline, drill, exercise, shape up; train, coach, get in shape; teach, instruct, educate, school.
17. materialize, take shape or form, come into being or existence, appear, show up.
18. dovetail, fall or settle into place, fit together, make a design or pattern.

formal, adj.
1. conventional, standard, regular, customary; proper, seemly, decorous; ceremonial, ritual, solemn; observant, strict, rigid, inflexible, uncomromising; set, fixed, exact, precise, punctilious; stiff, stilted, prim, stuffy, stand-offish, reserved, aloof; starchy, strait-laced, prudish, puritanical.
2. ceremonial, elaborate, Sl. veddy-veddy proper, fancy, elegant; bombastic, overblown, pretentious, pompous.
3. perfunctory, routine, indifferent; unsuggestive, methodical, orderly; nominal, apparent, external, superficial, Latin. pro forma.

formality, n.
1. convention, form, observance; usage, practice, custom, wont, Inf. the way it’s done, protocol, Inf. S.O.P.; ceremony, ritual, rite, service, liturgy.
2. rigidity, inflexibility, stiffness; strictness, exactness, punctilio, precision.
3. ceremoniousness, excessiveness, overinflation; red tape, Inf. fiddle-faddle.
4. convenance, propriety, etiquette; gesture, empty compliment.

format, n.
1. form, shape, contour; frame, framework, structure; size, dimensions, measurements, thickness; appearance, look, aspect.
2. organization, arrangement, setup, order, grouping; composition, make-up, contents, constitution, comprisal.
3. layout, blueprint, outline, sketch, adumbration; pattern, guide, model; design, plan, scheme, formula, Inf. getup.
4. style, mode, manner, make, cast, cut; variety, type, kind, genre, suit.

formation, n.
1. manufacture, making, fabrication, production, generation; construction, building, framing; creation, invention, origination, genesis, innovation; institution, founding, establishment.
2. materialization, development, emergence, appearance.
3. configuration, layout, design, pattern, format, shape, contour, figure, outline, silhouette, outward appearance, look, aspect; composition, make-up, constitution, contents, comprisal; organization, order, arrangement, setup; structure, construct, build, frame, framework, exterior.

formative, adj.
1. forming, shaping, molding, forging, fashioning; developmental, developing.
2. formable, moldable, shapable, malleable, tractable, pliable, pliant, supple, ductile, fickle, plastic; impressionable, susceptible, teachable, educable.

former, adj.
1. prior, earlier, previous, foregone; preceding, precedent, foregoing, antecedent, anterior; erstwhile, whilom, last; preexistent, preliminary; quondam, one-time; Archaic: sometime.
2. past, long past, bygone, long-ago, ancient; antediluvian, antebellum, primitive, pristine; gone, long gone, departed, old, lapsed, late, over and done with.

formerly, adv.
1. previously, aforetime, heretofore; Archaic: erst, at one time, once; hitherto, ere now.
2. in days of yore or old, in the old days, in times past, once upon a time; back then, long ago, when the world was young; in the dim, dark ages.

formidable, adj.
1. feared, dreaded, dread, dreadful; awesome, redoubtable, frightful, frightening; threatening, menacing, alarming, intimidating; petrifying, terrifying, horrifying, Inf. scary; appalling, horrible, terrible, awful; demoralizing, discouraging, dismaying.
2. strong, forceful, powerful, mighty, robust, indomitable, invincible; difficult, arduous, tough, Inf. rough; cogent, effective, convincing, telling.
3. huge, tremendous, great, superior, exceptional, extreme; unusual, impressive, terrific, fantastic; mind-boggling, Inf. wild, incredible, Inf. mind-blowing, Sl. socko.

formless, adj.
1. shapeless, unshaped, unshapen, uniformed, without form, not formed, embryonic, undeveloped; unhewn, uncarrved, rough, unfashioned; misshapen, ill-fashioned, ill-made, distorted, deformed.
2. amorphous, indeterminate, indefinite, vague, nebulous, characterless, nondescript; unorganized, confused, jumbled, chaotic, structureless, unstructured; free-form, unconventional, nontraditional, experimental.

formula, n.
1. recipe, receipt, rule, formulary, prescription; set of word, set of symbols, set expression, code, cliché, shibboleth, password.
2. conventional method or procedure, ritual, order,
set order, established order; formality, formal model, procedural dictate, etiquette, protocol, rubrics, rules of order, rules of procedure.

3. baby food, milk and water, milk mixture; special diet, diet.

4. dogmatic doctrine, discipline, creed, credo, canon.

formulate, v. 1. state, state clearly, define, articulate; particularize, specify, itemize, indicate; designate; determine, denote, systematize, formalize.

2. devise, conceive, think of, think up, excogitate; create, invent, originate, hit upon, coin; compose, make up, dream up, imagine, improvise, plot out, draw up; plan, design, map out, block out, plan, prepare.

formication, n. 1. copulation, coition. See coitus.

2. Bible. adultery, infidelity, unfaithfulness, cuckoldry.


forsake, v. 1. desert, abandon, quit, leave in the lurch, Inf. leave flat, jilt, throw over, Inf. give [s.o.] the air; flee, depart, vacate; reject, cast off, discard, dispose of, jettison, fling away; isolate, maroon.

2. renounce, repudiate, disown; resign, abdicate; revoke, rescind, forswear, disclaim, disavow, deny, go back on, go back on one's word; yield, surrender, waive, forgo, relinquish, give up.

forsaken, adj. deserted, abandoned, neglected; cast off, rejected, shunned, ignored, outcast; forlorn, Poetic. lorn, desperate, wretched, woeful, unfortunate, friendless; lonely, alone, solitary, godforsaken, isolated, marooned, derelict; destitute, bereft, bereaved.

forswear, v. 1. reject, renounce, (usu. under oath) abjure; forgo, sacrifice, go or do without, quit, relinquish, give up, Inf. swear off, Inf. cut out; avoid, shun, eschew; forsake, abandon, desert.

2. deny, retract, take back; recant, disavow, disclaim, repudiate, disown.

3. perjure oneself, lie under oath, swear falsely.

fort, n. 1. fortress, citadel, stronghold, defense, strong point, specialty, long suit, tech- forte. n. 1. fortress, citadel. See fort.

2. forte.

forth, adv. 1. forward, forwards, outward, outwards, onward, onwards, ahead, along.

2. hence, thence, whence; on, out, onward, therefrom, thereof.

3. out, into view, into the open, into notice, into prominence, Inf. on the table, Inf. out of the bag.

4. away, abroad, from home, off, yonder.

forthright, adj. 1. outspoken, free-spoken, free-speaking, frank, unreticent, bold, unreserved, unrestrained, unconstrained, unchecked, unabashed, uninhibited, unshrinking; blunt, bluntness, tactless.

2. frank, candid, direct, straightforward, straight from the shoulder, man-to-man, heart-to-heart; plain, plain-spoken, plain-speaking, downright, straightforward, explicit, unequivocal, unambiguous, undisguised, Inf. flat-footed.

3. direct, straight, straightforward, straightaway; unswerving, unevading, undeviating.

—adv. 4. directly, directly, right, straight, straightforward, straightforward, straight, straight ahead, dead ahead; unswervingly, unevading, undeviatingly; in a direct or straight line, in a line for, in line with, Inf. in a bee line, Inf. as the crow flies, Inf. straight as an arrow.

5. outspokenly, boldly, unreservedly, unrestrainedly, unconstrainedly, uninhibitedly, unashamedly.

6. candidly, frankly, forthrightly, directly, straightforwardly; explicitly, unequivocally, undisguisedly, plainly, in plain words or English, with no nonsense, all joking aside.

7. immediately, instantly, in a moment, at once, straightaway, then and there, right away, right off, Inf. right off the bat; in a glance, at a moment's notice.

forthwith, adv. immediately, at once, without delay, Jocular. immediately if not sooner, right away, instantly, at once, this very minute or moment, this instant, right off the bat, pronto, now; directly, straightway, presently, Archaic. anon; promptly, speedily, summarily, post haste; instantaneously, in the wink of an eye, in the same breath, Inf. in a jiffy, in a tick, in a moment, at the drop of a hat, on the spot.

fortification, n. 1. strengthening, reinforcement, buttressing, bracing, backing, redoubling; augmentation, addition, magnification, aggrandizement, intensification.

2. battlement, rampart, protection, bastion, Fort. vallation; parapet, blockhouse, Fort. michellation, gallery, vault, Fort. casemate; barricade, buttress, buffer, palisade, abatis, stockade, enceinte; embankment, wall, parapards, bank, mound; fence, defense, outwork, Rare. muniment, Fort. circumvallation; entrenchment, trench, moat, ditch, foxhole, dugout; bunker, nest, pill box, abri, Mil. hedgehog; All Fort. work, earthwork, breastwork, fieldwork, hornwork, lines; redan, Redoubt, ravelin, lunette, demilune, tenaille; scarps, escarp, vallum, counterscarp, glacis.

fortify, v. 1. defend, protect, Fort. circumvallate; garrison, shelter, safeguard, cover, guard.

2. brace, shore up, buttress, reinforce; back, line, under- line; harden, stiffen, stuff; temper, steel, indurate.

3. strengthen, embolden, empower; quicken, energize, invigorate, vivify, revive; encourage, cheer, hearten, buoy; assure, reassure, make confident.

4. augment, increase, heighten, redouble, enhance, Inf. spike; amplify, intensify, aggrandize, magnify; supplement, add, superadd, enlarge, Literary. greater; build up, bump up, boost.

5. confirm, prove, validate, authenticate, verify; establish, substantiate, circumstantiate; corroborate, back up, uphold, bear out, make good; endorse, attest, certify, warrant.

fortitude, n. patience, endurance, sufferance; tolerance, forbearance, long-suffering, longanimity; strength, moral strength, trepidity, courage, backbone; heart, grit, mettle, nerve, Sl. guts, Inf. intestinal fortitude; tenacity, pertinacity, perseverance, resoluteness.

fortress, n. 1. fort, citadel. See fort.

2. haven, refuge, shelter, asylum, sanctuary, safeguard, palladium; retreat, covert, hiding place, abri, port in a storm; hermitage, cloister, resort, home.

fortuitous, adj. 1. chance, serendipitous, Inf. fluky or fluky; unexpected, unanticipated, unforeseen, unlooked-for; casual, random, haphazard, hit-or-miss, arbitrary.

2. accidental, unintentional, unpremeditated, unplanned, undesigned; indeliberate, inadvertent, involuntary; incidental, occasional, contingent, adventitious.
fortuity, n. 1. chance, mere chance, happy chance, happenstance, serendipity; accident, coincidence, contingency, contingency; uncertainty, potluck, blind faith; luck, good luck, Lady Luck, fortune or Fortune, good fortune, wheels of fortune, heads or tails, cast or throw or toss of the dice; fate, destiny; vicissitudes, ups and downs, fickle finger of fate, way things fall, Inf., the breaks, Inf., how the cookie crumbles, Inf., how the ball bounces.

2. fluke, chance event, chance occurrence, one in a million, long shot, twist of fate; happening, Archaic. hap, hazard; freak accident, casualty.

fortune, adj. 1. lucky, fortunate, happy, felicitous, Scot., Not. Eng., Irish Eng. sonsy; favored, blessed, blessed with luck, in luck, born under a lucky star, born with a silver spoon in one's mouth, blessed with luck.

fortune, n. (all as determined by wealth) position, place, situation; station, status, standing, footing, rank; level, grade, class; conditions, circumstances.

2. capital, assets, worth; income, money, revenue; stock, substance, possessions, means; estate, property; wealth, material wealth, treasure.

3. riches, great wealth; affluence, opulence, opulence, easy circumstances, Sl. easy street; mint, gold mine.

4. chance, mere chance, happy chance, happenstance, fortuity, serendipity; accident, coincidence, contingency, contingency; uncertainty, potluck, blind faith; luck, wheels of fortune or chance, Fortune's wheel, heads or tails, cast or toss or throw of the dice; vicissitudes, ups and downs, fickle finger of fate, way things fall, Inf., the breaks, Inf., how the cookie crumbles, Inf., how the ball bounces.

5. Often fortunes prospect, promise, expectation, anticipation; story, life, life story, story of one's life, biography, memoir; adventures, escapades, experiences.

6. destiny, fate, lot, cup, portion, die, doom, Chiefly Scot. weird; predestination, kismet, God's will, stars, planets; end, destination, final lot.

7. Chance, Fortune, Lady or Dame Fortune, Fortune, Luck, Lady Luck.

8. success, successfulness, prosperity, prosperousness; felicity, good luck, good fortune, happy fortune; fortunateness, luckiness.

fortuneteller, n. seer, soothsayer, oracle, prophet, prophetosticator, augur, foreteller, seeress; diviner, geomancer, (in ancient Rome) haruspex; prophetess, sibyl, witch; astrologer, horoscoper, astronomer, astrochemist, Chaldean, Obs. astrolog, star diviner, stargazer.

fortunetelling, n. augury, prognostication, prophecy, prediction, prefigurement, vaticination, soothsaying, foretelling, forecasting, Obs. hariolation, Obs., Rare. fatidicity, Obs., Rare. mantology; chiromancy, palmistry, palm-reading; divination, geomancy, sortilege, (in ancient Rome) haruspicy; astrology, stargazing. See also divination (def. 2).

forum, n. 1. town meeting, assembly, symposium, round-table discussion, conference, talk, colloquy; debate, argument.

2. court, tribunal, Law. chancery, judiciary, judicatory, judicature, bench, bar.

forward, adv. 1. toward, towards, to; onward, onwards, forth, ahead, along, outward, outswards.

2. hence, whence; on, out, onward, therefrom, fromontards, in the forefront.

3. toward the front, in front, toward the bow, fore, foremost, in the van, in the forefront.

4. out, into view, forth, into the open, into notice, into prominence, on the table, Inf. out of the bag.

—adj. 5. onward, advancing, progressing, progressive, forward-looking, forward-moving.

6. advanced, well-advanced, early, Bot. rare-ripe, premature, precocious; over-early, in advance, immature, abortive; untimely, unseasonable, inopportune; anticipatory, anticipatory, precipitate, unexpected.

7. ready, prompt, eager, game, earnest, keen, avid, drive, compelling, prone, well-disposed, amenable, agreeable; glad, pleased, Archaic. lain.

8. presumptuous, impertinent, insolent, officious; bold, brash, rash, brazen, audacious; impudent, rude, unmanly, Archaic. malapert, unabashed; brassy, All Inf. cocky, cheeky, flip, fresh, smart, smart-alecky.

9. front, fore, face, anterior; frontal, foremost, headmost, at the front, at the fore.

10. future, coming, later, subsequent, prospective, eventual, to come, to be.

11. radical, extreme, ultra, Fr. outré; liberal, free-thinking, left, leftist, left wing, revolutionary, unconventional, progressive.

—v. 12. transmit, send, send on, pass along, mail, post, deliver, express, ship, freight, consign, remit.

13. advance, promote, further, second; help, aid, assist, abet, succor; patronize, back, foster, nourish; encourage, favor, give a lift, lend a hand.

14. hasten, quicken, expedite, hurry; speed, accelerate, step up, move along, dispatch; shove, move, push, drive, jostling, prone, well-disposed, amenable, agreeable; glad, pleased, Archaic. lain.

forwardness, n. 1. overreadiness, overconfidence, arrogance, chutzpa; presumption, presumptuousness, impertinence, insolence, officiousness, effrontery; boldness, brashness, audacity, brazenness; pertness, sauciness, brass, Inf. cheek, Inf. nerve, Sl. lip, snoocks; impudence, rudeness, unmanly.

2. readiness, promptness, willingness, earnestness; eagerness, gameness, enthusiasm, zeal, ardor, fervor; amenable, agreeability, alacrity.

fossil, n. 1. remains, reliquiae, relics, bones, skeleton; petrified remains, petrifaction, Archaic. lapidification; part, piece, surviving trace, impression, footprint, track, spoor.

2. Inf. fogy, Inf. fuddy-duddy. See fogy.

foster, v. 1. further, encourage, stimulate, boost, promote, foment, advance, forward, push or push for, advocate; sanction, approve, countenance; support, back, contribute to, conduct to, patronize; help, aid, abet, succor, assist; lend a hand, give a leg up; favor, smile upon, facilitate, enable, make easy for, clear the way for.

2. bring up, rear, raise; care for, take care of, cherish, nurture, nourish, cultivate, breed; nurse, harbor, keep, hold, preserve, sustain, maintain.

foul, adj. 1. contaminated, polluted, infected, adulterated, impure, defiled, tainted; spoiled, rotten, moldy, decayed, decomposed, carious, fetid, putrid, putrescent, putrefactive; ill-smelling, evil-smelling, Sl. funky, rancid, stinking, stinky, rank, mephitic, noisome, musty.

2. dirty, unclean, unwashed, soiled, dusty, lutose,
grimy, grubby; stained, tarnished, spotted, sullied, smudged, smeared; filthy, dirt-encrusted, bedraggled, begrimed, besmeared, smirchy; muddied, mucky, miry, turbid, festulent.

3. *(of weather)* stormy, squally, gusty, blasty, blusteringly, disagreeably, sloppily; misty, foggy, rainy, drizzly, sleety, wet; cloudy, overcast, bleak, murky, gloomy, leaden, threatening.

4. unsportsmanlike, unfair, dishonorable, dishonest, deceitful, deceptively; crooked, criminal, villainous, knavish, rascally, corrupt, fraudulent; venal, bribable, mercenary, corruptible; unscrupulous, immoral, unprincipled, shameless; treacherous, two-faced, backstabbing, underhanded; slippery, tricky. *Inf.* shady, sinister.

5. abominable, abhorrent, loathsome, execrable, repulsive, loathsome, nauseating, sickening; infamous, ignoble, scandalous, disgraceful; base, low, abject, mean, vile, sordid, wicked; flagitious, nefarious, iniquitous, atrocious, vicious.

6. obscene, vulgar, coarse, gross, smutty, risqué, indecent, indecent, improper, immodest, suggestive, off-color. *Inf.* blue; lewd, salacious, pornographic, scatological. *Sl.* raunchy; scurilous, ribald, abusive, blasphemous, heretical, irreverent, profane, Fescenine; insulting, offensive, slighting, outrageous.

—adv. 7. *run foul or afoot of* come into conflict or controversy or collision with, get in trouble with, run into trouble with, *Sr.* have a hassle with, run up against.

—n. 8. violation, infringement, infringement, transgression.

—v. 9. soil, stain, spot, smudge, muddy, sully, pollutate, splash, splatter, *Inf.* slop up; bedraggle, draggle, begrime, besmear, smear, smirch, besmirch, befoul; blacken, tarnish.

10. contaminate, defile, taint, pollute, infect, putrefy, poison, envenom.

11. collide with, crash into, smash into, run into, bump into *Inf.* blow into *Brit.* Sl. prang.

12. dishonor, disgrace, shame, reproach, degrade, abuse, base, debase, vitiate; discredit, depreciate, devaluate; demean, belittle, derogate, disparage, decry; denigrate, slur, impugn, asperse, defame.


**foulmouthed** **adj.** 1. profane, blaseguardly, Obs. blackguard, Fescenine, rough-spoken; scurrilous, *Archaic* scurriel, theristical, ribald.

2. vulgar, obscene, indecent, gross, vile, filthy, dirty, smutty, nasty, scatological, scatological, *Sl.* raunchy; crude, crass, rude, boorish, loutish, brutish; coarse, rough, base, lowly.

3. abusive, affronting, insulting, *Archaic* affrontive; vituperative, contumelious, objurgatory, objurgative.

**foul play** **n.** 1. treachery, perfidiosity, perfidy, duplicity, guile, double-dealing; sharp practice, *Inf.* dirty trick, underhanded dealing; villainy, rouguery, knavery; fraud, deception, chicanery, skulduggery; assault, outrage, murder, manslaughter, assassination, homicide.

2. unfair conduct, unfairness, *Sl.* dirty pool, unSportsmanship, low blow, a hit below the belt; violation, transgression.

**found** **v.** 1. establish, start, give rise to, create, originate, bring into being, bring about; institute, set up, organize, develop.

2. build, construct, frame; lay the foundation, lay the lowest part of; erect, elevate, raise, put up, rear.

3. base, ground, root, rest, set, locate.

**foundation** **n.** 1. basis, groundwork, principle, fundamental, rudiment, radical, fundamental principle, underlying principle; root, source, *Fr.* *fond*; grounds, rationale; reason why, reason, cause, wherefore; purpose, motive, occasion.

2. base, bottom, ground; substratum, substratum, understructure, basement, cellar, underpinning; stand, support, footing, foothold.

3. establishment, founding, setting up, settlement, institution; creation, commencement, installation, origination.

**founder** **n.** builder, organizer, establisher, institute; inventor, discoverer, framer, maker, designer, architect; creator, author, originator, generator, initiator, prime mover, father; producer, artist, craftsman.

—v. 1. sink, go down, go to Davy Jones’ locker, swamp; run aground, split upon a rock, shipwreck, capsize; roll, toss, heave, welter, wobble, tumble about, thrash, flounce, pitch, make a plunge, take a header, go under.

2. settle, subside, decline, descend.

3. fail, not succeed, go wrong,miscarry; flounder, falter, collapse, fall through, *Inf.* come a cropper; come to grief, meet with disaster, turn out badly, end in smoke, come to nothing, never get off the ground.

4. stumble, stagger, sprawl, trip, fall, topple down or over; break down, go lame.

**foundling** **n.** abandoned infant, waif, orphan, parentless child, outcast, castaway; changeling.

**fountain** **n.** 1. source, spring, well, fountainehead, wellspring, springhead, head.

2. jet, spray, spout, spur; reservoir, fount, *Archaic* font; water fountain, water cooler.

3. cause, origin, beginning. See *fountainehead*.

**fountainehead** **n.** origin, source, head, rise, spring, well, wellspring, springhead; beginning, primary cause, *Latin.* *fons et origo,* causation, genesis, birth; first cause, prime mover, creator, author, agent, generator; inspiration, influence, fire, Castalia, Pieria; root, main spring, derivation, *Hydryal,* primordium; occasion, reason, ground, base; inception, impulse, determinant, determining condition, first factor.

**fourfuscher** **n.** *Informal.* bluffer, sham, faker, pretender, poseur, fraud. See *fraud* (def. 3).

**four-handed** **adj.** quadrumanous.


2. firm, immovable, unwavering, unwaverimg, unflinching, undeviating, unshrinking, unaltering; resolute, resolved, tenacious, inexorable, inflexible, uncompromising, unyielding, intransigent, determined, decided, fixed, settled; steady, steadfast, staunch, constant, dedicated, true, true-blue; trustworthy, *Inf.* trusty, reliable, dependable, sure.


—adv. 4. candidly, frankly, forthrightly, directly, straightforward, straightforward, straight-
fowl, n. 1. hen, brood hen, mother hen, old hen, biddy, chicken; rooster, cock, bantam, chanticleer.
2. domestic fowl, barnyard birds, poultry, ducks, turkeys, geese, peahens, peacocks; birds, pheasants, quail, partridge, guinea hens; waterfowl.

foxy, adj. 1. cunning, crafty, astute, sly, subtle, Inf. dumb or crazy like a fox, Scot. and North Eng. pawk; shrewd, astute, cunning, sharp, knowing, Inf. cagey; foxlike, vulpine.
2. ingenious, clever, resourceful, imaginative, inventive, discerning, penetrating, wise, knowing, intelligent; alert, wide-awake, vigilant.
3. deceitful, tricky, crooked, dishonest, underhanded; shifty, slippery, smooth, slick; stealthy, sneaky, deceptive, designing, intriguing; insidious, guileful, dish ingenuous, scheming, plotting, designing, calculating, contriving.
4. discolored, yellowed, foxed, stained, streaked, spotted, blotted, mildewed.
5. reddish-brown, yellowish-brown, tawny, roan, rust-colored, rusty, ruddy, russet, fuscous.
6. Sl. good-looking, attractive, alluring, fascinating; inviting, sensuous, stirring, voluptuous, sexy.

foyer, n. lobby, entrance hall, anteroom, antechamber, reception room; vestibule, hall, loggia.

fracas, n. 1. uproar, commotion, disturbance, tumult, turmoil; brawl, fight, wrangle, rough-and-tumble, tussle, donnybrook, brannigan, Inf. scrap, Sl. rhubarb, Scot. stunt; rumrump, scrumple, scuffle, brouhaha, free-for-all, fray, affray, Inf. ruckus; hubbub, hullabaloo, pandemonium, outbreak, broil, imbroglio, melee, riot, disorder.
2. dispute, contention, discord, noisy quarrel, argument, altercation, vociferation, row, Inf. haspale, Inf. barny; disagreement, squabble, spat, tiff, Brit. Dial. fratch.

fractious, adj. 1. peevish, irritable, testy, captious, fractious, adj.
2. irritable, testy, captious, peevish, irritable, testy, fractious, adj.

fracture, n. 1. piece, segment, part, portion, division, subdivision, slice.
2. fragment, bit, particle, mite, trifle; morsel, crumb, chip, chunk, scrap, snap, snippet, shaving.

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fragmentary, adj. 1. broken, imperfect, disconnected, disjointed, disconnected, fragmentary; infrequent, intermittent, uneven; incomplete, unfinished, sketchy, rough, perfunctory, truncated, cut short.
2. scattered, piecemeal, odd, separate, discrete.

fragrance, n. 1. aroma, fragrancy, redolence, balm, balminess, bouquet; odor, smell.
2. cologne, eau de cologne, toilet water, sachet; perfume, scent, attar, extract.

fragrant, adj. aromatic, sweet-smelling, sweet-scented, odorous, redolent, spicy, balmy, ambrosial, perfumed.

frail, adj. 1. fragile, brittle, perishable. See fragile (def. 1).
2. delicate, ailing, unwell, infirm, unsound, sickly; thin, slender, thin as six o'clock, thin as a shadow, slender as a reed or rill; slight, puny, wispy, ethereal, unsubstantial, shadowy.
3. weak, susceptible, impressionable, malleable, plastic, unsusceptible, easily led, vulnerable, unguarded.
4. frailty, n. 1. delicacy, frailness, weakness, infirmity, caducity, thinness, timidity; susceptibility, suggestibility, impressibility.
2. fault, failing, flaw, imperfection, defect, deficiency; foible, weak side, moral weakness, fallibility, peculiarity.

frame, n. 1. structure, construction, scaffolding, casing, framing, framework; support, substructure, foundation, groundwork, underpinning; beams, rafters, girders; skeleton, shell, body, chassis, hull; backbone, spine, chine.
2. shape, size, build, figure, physique; contour, outline.
3. state of mind, mood, humor, spirit; temperament, temper, disposition, nature, character.
4. form, fabric, texture, make, mold, stamp; constitution, make-up, composition, configuration; order, scheme, plan, grid.
5. construct, build, assemble, set up, put together; erect, elevate, raise, erect, raise, put up; make, fabricate, manufacture, produce; form, fashion, mold, model, shape, forge, carve, hew.
6. create, invent, concoct, hatch, originate, coin; contrive, devise, formulate, put together; compose, indite, draft, draw up, redact; set up, establish, constitute, institute; plan, scheme, project, organize, systematize, block out, map out, sketch, design; conceive, imagine.
7. encase, enclose, box.

framer, n. constructor, builder, assembler; maker, fabricator, manufacturer; creator, inventor, originator, former, founder, planner, organizer; composer, in diter, author, artist, designer, sketcher.

framework, n. 1. structure, skeleton, scaffolding, frame. See frame (def. 1).
fraternal, adj. thick, brotherhood, kinship, propinquity, fraternity, brother.

frangible, adj. breakable, fragile, frail, brittle, teetering; unstable, unsteady, Inf. jerry-built; weak, weakened, feeble, decrepit.

frank, adj. 1. candid, forthright, direct, straightforward; sociable, congenial; avowed, open, open and sincere, openhearted, genuine; guileless, ingenuous, sincere, artless, naive, simple, un deceptive, undeceiving, undeceitful, undissembling; aboveboard, open and aboveboard, up front, on the level, on the up and up, no-nonsense.

fraudulent, adj. dishonest, crooked, criminal; treacherous, false, falsehearted, two-faced; deceitful, guileful, insidious, sharp, sly, tricky, Inf. shady; dishonestable, unscrupulous, unprincipled.

fraud, n. 1. cheat, swindle, Sl. gyp. Inf. rip-off; dirty deal, dirty trick.

franchise, n. 1. right to vote, the vote, suffrage, enfranchisement.

fraternal, n. 1. right to vote, the vote, suffrage, enfranchisement.

frasche, n. olbanum, gum resin, incense, fragrance, perfume.

frantic, adj. overexcited, overwrought, all worked-up, wild, frenzied, hysterical, at one's wits' end, on the edge of one's rope; distraught, Inf. in a dither.

freakish, adj. capricious, whimsical, notional; whimsical, fantastic, strange, wild.

freak, n. capricious, capricious nature, whim, va- gary; crotchet, quirk, kink, maggot; eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity; humor, fancy, whimsy, whimsicality, prostration, incapacitation, collapse.

fraught, adj. full of, pregnant with, replete with, abounding in, teeming with, Inf. chock-full of, Inf. jam-packed with; involving, attended with, accompanied by.

fray, n. fight, brawl, wrangle, scuffle, melee, Inf. set-to, Sl. milling; quarrel, row, argument, dispute, squabble, altercation; fracas, rumpus, Inf. ruckus, disturbance, breach of the peace; conflict, clash, struggle, strife, battle, action, encounter, brush, skirmish.

fray, v. 1. ravel, unravel, unweave, shred, wear to tatters, wear to pieces, tatter, Inf. frazzle; abrade, rub, chafe, fret, erode; wear, wear down or away, wear out, waste away.

freakish, adj. capricious, whimsical, notional, Archaic. maggoty; quixotic, erratic, wayward, fickle; fanciful, humorous, crotchetty; outlandish, queer.

freaky, grotesque, monstrous, bizarre; abnormal, unnatural, aberrant, anomalous, incongruous, preternatural, exceptional, peculiar; fantastic, strange, wild.
freckle, n. Med. lentigo; blemish, mark, spot, speck.

free, adj. 1. independent, self-governed, self-governing, self-directing, inner-directed; sovereign, autonomous, unsubjected, uncolonized; unfreighted, freeborn.
2. unconfined, at liberty, at large, loose, on the loose; free, liberated, released, let out, let go; emancipated, manumitted, unenslaved, unfreighted, Ransomed, delivered, rescued, saved; unensnared, Infr. off the hook, untangled, in the clear, unencumbered, scot-free.
3. at leisure, idle, not busy; unengaged, unoccupied, not tied down or up.
4. unbound, untied, unchained, unshackled, unfettered, unchained, unreeled, unimpeached, unhampered, unbridled, unobstructed, unobstructed, unregulated, ungoverned, unrestricted, laissez-faire, no-holds-barred, catch-as-catch-can; rampant, wild.
5. voluntary, unforced, uncoerced, uncompelled; spontaneous, unpropelled, unbidden, asked for, unrequested; absolute, unqualified, unconditioned, unconditional, no-strings-attached.
6. clear of, devoid of, destitute of, lacking, wanting, deficient in; without, sans.
7. exempted, exempt from, released, excepted; relieved of, rid of, immune from, safe from, not liable.
8. open, empty, void; vacant, available, unclaimed, untaken, Infr. up for grabs; unoccupied, untenantless, tenantless, uninhabited.
9. uninhibited, relaxed, informal, unceremonious, casual, familiar, free and easy; copious, immoderate, excessive; generous, open, candid, sincere, unequivocal; frank, openly, freely, candidly; willful, unbridled, ungoverned, uncontrolled, unregulated.
10. unselfish, unselfish, unsparing, unstinting, free, liberal; charitable, altruistic, philanthropic; beneficent, benevolent, beneficent.
11. morally loose, wanton, licentious, debauched, dissipated, dissolute, promiscuous; indecent, immoral, improper; intemperate, immoderate, immoderate, excessive.
12. munificent, generous, liberal, lavish, prodigal, charitable, unstinting, open-handed, free-handed, free-hearted, giving; profuse, immoderate, extravagant; copious, untold, bountiful, bounteous; handsomely, considerately, amply.
13. gratuitous, gratis, Infr. on the house. See (def. 15).
—adv. 14. freely, openly; copiously; independently, ape.
15. without cost, free of charge, gratis, gratuitously, Infr. on the house, Infr. for free, for nothing, at no cost.
—v. 16. release, set go, set at liberty; liberate, emancipate, manumit, disenfranchise, decolonize; disinfect, paralyze, anesthetize, benumb.
17. voluntary, self-governed, self-directed, self-governing; free, liberal, uncoerced, uncompelled, voluntary, of one's own accord, of one's own volition, on one's own.

free spirit, n. nonconformist, maverick, loner, lone wolf, solitary man, deviant, hippy, yippie, longhair, freak, Jesus freak, bohemian, beatnik; crackpot, crank, SL. flake; eccentric, original, one of a kind, exceptional, rare bird, queer duck; curiosity, rarity, peculiarity; All SL. weirdo, oddball, screwball, nut, dingaling.

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freethinker, n. skeptic, doubter, cynic, questioner, agnostic. See agnostic (def. 1).

free will, n. free choice, volition, option, discretion, voluntariness; velleity, wish, mind, freedom, free rein, latitude, liberty, license.

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2. shiver, quake, shake, tremble; get goose flesh or pimplies, turn blue, get chills, go numb, get chills to the bones or marrow, feel Jack Frost's fingers.
3. bite, nip, sting, pierce, whirl through, lash.
4. stop, go rigid, stand still, stop dead in one's tracks.

freight, n. conveyance, means of transport, transportation, freightage, cartage, truckage, portage; cargo, lading, shipment, haul, load, burden, charge, thralldom, decolonization; release, relief from, ridance from, deregulation, decontrol; discharge, nonconfinement, parole, furlough.
3. latitude, range, elibrowo, Lebenstrum; scope, play, swing, margin, discretion, wide berth, rope; nonintervention, noninterference, laissez faire; laxity, looseness, abandon, unrestrained, lawlessness; licentiousness, profligacy.
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def. 15). —adv. 14. freely, openly; copiously; independently, anonymously.

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weight; boatload, shipload, Chieflv U.S. carload, wagonload, truckload; contents, merchandise, goods, stuff, baggage, luggage.

frenetic, adj. frantic, frenzied, overwrought, wild, berserk, mad, demented, deranged, insane. See frantic.

frenzied, adj. frantic, frenetic, wild, hysterical, out of control. See frantic.

frenzy, n. 1. fury, rage, ire, furor, wrath, choler, monomaniacal obsession, fixation; fanaticism, fanaticalness, passion, excessive zeal, overzealousness, overeagerness; transport, rapture, ecstasy, nympholepsy, wild excitement or enthusiasm.

2. fit, outburst, spell, attack, spasm, convulsion, Pathol. paroxysm; mental derangement, lunacy, insani-ty, craziness, mania, dementia; aberration, disorder, unreason, infirmi-ty, instability; wandering, raving, Pathol. delirium, distraction, mental distress, light-headedness; Both Psychiatry. dissociation, alienation.

—v. 3. make frantic, drive to a frenzy, madden; de-range, throw into disorder, disarrange.

4. enrage, anger, infuriate, provoke, harass, agitate; disturb, perturb, unsettle, trouble, upset; discontent, discompose, disquiet, ruffle, fluster.

5. excite, incite, fire up, stir up, arouse; stimulate; transport, enrapture, make ecstatic.

frequent, adj. 1. recurrent, repeated, persistent, continuing, iterative, reiterative; numerous, many, several, quite a few.

2. constant, habitual, regular, daily, diurnal; everyday, common, ordinary, standard, normal, usual, customary.

—v. 3. go to often, attend regularly, visit often or repeatedly, haunt, Sl. hang out or around at, patronize.

frequenter, n. regular, habitual, daily customer or patron, frequent visitor, haunter.

frequently, adv. 1. often, Literary. oft, often-times; a lot, many times, many a time, many a time and offt; again and again, over and over, over and over again, repeatedly, recurrently, persistently; constantly, all the time, continually.

2. habitually, as a matter of habit, regularly, time after time, time and time again; daily, diurnally, each and every day, each or every day; customarily, ordinarily, usually, generally, commonly.

fresh, adj. 1. new, recent, latest; just out, modern, neoteric; up-to-date, brand-new, modernistic, new-fangled, new-fashioned.

2. garden-fresh, straight from the garden, unwilted, unfaded.

3. novel, original, unconventional, unacknowledged, different, unusual, strange, unorthodox; unacquainted, unacquainted with.

4. energetic, full of vim and vigor, full of piss and vinegar; vigorous, brisk, hearty, unwearyed, fresh as a daisy, lively, vital, bouncing, bright-eyed-and-bushy-tailed; alert, keen, vibrant.

5. bright, spick-and-span, undimmed, untarnished; shiny, sparkling, glistening, gleaming, brilliant.

6. cool, breezy, clear, clean, unpolluted.

7. green, inexperienced, untried, untrained; callow, immature, wet behind the ears, raw; youthful, still in their teens, et cetera.

8. youthful-looking, wholesome, fair; blooming, glowing, flourishing, well.

9. Informal. presumptuous, forward, brazen, bold; impudent, cheeky, saucy, smart-alecky, Sl. wise-ass, insolent.

freshen, v. 1. refresh, revive, renew; enliven, re-invigorate, stimulate.

2. recover, liven, quicken, rouse.

3. (of drinks) add a dollop, strengthen, lace, refill; ice.

4. ventilate, deodorize, air out, purify.

freshet, n. (all of a river, stream, etc.) swell, surge, heave, blowout; flood, fast flood.

freshman, n. (at the U.S. Mil. and Naval academies) plebe; initiate, trainee, fledgling, learner, recruit, raw recruit, abecedarian, catechumen; beginner, novice, neophyte, tyro, amateur, rookie, greenhorn, tenderfoot, newcomer, new boy.

fret, v. 1. worry, agonize, writh, lose sleep over, stay awake nights, Inf. stew; pout, frown, sulk, brood over or on, mope; complain, fuss, gripe, grumble, croak, find fault, make a fuss about, whine, Inf. grouse, Sl. squawk, Archie. pine; chafe, fume, rage, storm, rant, rave, go on, Inf. carry on.

2. agitate, roll, anger, enrage, infuriate, inflame, rile, piqet; arouse, excite, provoke, goad, spur, prod, nag; exasperate, aggravate, exasperate, irritate, rankle, rub the wrong way; annoy, vex, irk, peeve, gall, nettie, tease; harass, harry, plague, torture, torment, trouble; hector, pester, badger, Archie. haggle; bother, distur-b, shake, ruffle, fluster.

3. corrode, gnaw, eat into or away, washing away; corrode, erode, wear down or away, waste away; abrade, grate, fray, Inf. frazzle, wear, deteriorate, degenerate, canker.

—n. 4. worry, agitation, exasperation, aggravation; annoyance, irritation, vexation, chagrin, peevish-ness, harassment.

5. erosion, eroding, wearing down or away, washing away; wearing, wear and tear, deterioration, dilapidation, degeneration, degenerating; corrosion, corroding, rusting, Both Chem. oxidation, oxidate; erode, wear, deteriorate, degenerate, canker.

6. erosion, fray, Inf. frazzle, rub; abrasion, scrape, graze, scratch, scuff, sore, Both Pathol. canker, ulcer.

fretful, adj. 1. fretsome, anxious, uneasy, apprehensive; querulous, complaining, grumbling, capiots, whiny, fussy, dissatisfied, discontent.

2. irritable, petulant, irascible, choleric, peevish, spleenetic, splenetic, surly, ill-natured; peevish, fractious, pettish, tempestuous, cranky, crabby, edgy, cross, touchy, chilly, ill-humored, grumpy, grumpish, out of sorts; impatient, snappish, waspish, short-tempered; sulky, moody, poutful, mopey, sullen, morose.

fray, n. 1. mendicant, monk, monastic, almsman, beggar, brother; father, padre, priest; prior, abbot, abbé.

2. Franciscan, Gray Friar; Dominican, Black Friar; Carmelite, White Friar; Augustinian, Austin Friar.

fribble, v. 1. trifle, toy, play, fool, Sl. monkey around; dribble, putter, potter,iddle.

2. waste away, fritter away, fool away, trifle away, dribble away, Inf. diddle away.

—n. 3. trilfer, dallier, dabbler, potterer, pitterer, paddler.

4. trifle, bagatelle, gimcrack, gewgaw, trinket, knack-kack.

5. frivolousness, frivolity, foolishness, silliness.

—adj. 6. trivial, trifling, niggling, piddling; frivo-
friction, n. 1. rubbing against, rub, rubbing down, massaging, massage; abrasion, abrading, attrition, detrition, wearing against, chafing, fretting, gnawing, fraying; grinding, whetting, filing, sanding, pumicing; grating, rasping, scouring, scraping, excoriating, exoriating.

2. dissension, dissent, dissenting, disagreement, disagreeing, contrariety, difference of opinion; discordance, discord, conflict, conflicting, controversy, contention, dispute, disputing, disputation, debate; collision, colliding, clash, clashing, argument, arguing, quarrel, quarrelling, embroilment, altercation, squabble, squabbling, wrangle, wrangling, brawl, brawling, fight, fighting, strife; antagonism, hostility, rivalry, opposition.

friend, n. 1. companion, sidekick, shadow, alter ego, other self, Scot. and North Eng. marrow; Achat; comrade, Obs. copemate, chum, crony, Fr. copain, U.S. Inf. buddy, Inf. pal; playmate, schoolmate, schoolfellow, classmate; messmate, dinner companion, communal.

2. confidant, familiar, Inf. bosom buddy, roommate, bunkmate, Sl. bunkie; intimate, lover, bedfellow, pillow partner, soul mate, fr. intim; concubine, mistress, Sl. doxy, kept woman; sugar daddy; girl friend, girl, Inf. boyfriend, beau, suitor.

3. ally, compatriot, confederate; collaborator, cohort, cooperator, assistant, helper, helpmate; team mate, co-worker, fellow worker; colleague, confreere associate, consociate, compeer, peer, mate.

4. patron, supporter, backer, financier, endower, benefactor, Maecenas; assister, aider, abettor; assistant, ajudant, adstriver.

5. rejected, outcast, castaway, abandoned, forsaken; banished, shunned, scorned, forlorn, cast off, shunned, scorned, forlorn, beheaded, careered in, stricken, prostrate, prostrate; ground down, threshed, threshered, ground to death, worn out, whooped, whooped down, whooped till it's dead, whooped till it's done, whooped till it's done with, run down, worn out, out of breath, winded, winded up, winded out, winded down, winded off, winded over, winded through, winded through with, winded up with, winded up on, winded up with, winded out on, winded out with, winded out of.

friendless, lonely, lonesome, alone, all alone, without a friend in the world, with no one to turn to; solitary, lone, single, isolated, lone-wolfish; estranged, alienated, apart, cut off, without ties; companionless, unfriended, by oneself, malevolent, unattached.

2. rejected, outcast, castaway, abandoned, forsaken; cast off, shunned, scorned, forlorn, Poetic. lorn, bereft, bereaved; unwanted, unwelcomed, unpopular, unlike, disliked.

3. unsocial, unsociable, uncommunicative, untalkative; Inf. introverted, withdrawn, retiring; reclusive, hermitical, hermitical, eremitic.

friendliness, n. 1. amicability, congeniality, Ger. Gemütlichkeit, neighborhood, sociability, companionability; affability, approachableness, accessibility, communicativeness; easiness, openness, unreservedness, familiarity, easy-goingness; amiability, pleasantness, good-naturedness.

2. sympathy, understanding, fellow feeling, good will, warmth, warm-heartedness; kindliness, kind-heartedness, benignity; graciousness, geniality, politeness, cordiality, courtesyness; agreeableness, willingness, amenable, considerateness, Fr. intime; paramount, friendliness, friendly.

3. indifference, apathy, inertia, lifelessness, tameness, dulness; imperturbability, imperturbation, stoniness, callousness, obduracy, hardness, inflexibility, stoicism.

frigidity, n. 1. chill, coldness, cold, gelidity, alidity, iciness, frozenness; bitterness, rawness, sharpness.

2. indifference, apathy, inertia, lifelessness, tameness, dulness; imperturbability, imperturbation, stoniness, callousness, obduracy, hardness, inflexibility, stoicism.
frill, n. 1. fringe, border, trimming; ruff, ruffle, flounce, furbelow, galloon; valance, orphrey, purflé; decoration, ornament, flourish.
2. finery, frilliness, frills and furbelows, finery, frippery, frilliness, frills, frills and furbelows, finery, frippery, frilliness, frills and furbelows, falderal, fuse, fuss, frou-frou, Inf. foofaraw, Sl. jazz; ostentation, meretriciousness, flamboyance, showiness, Sl. flash.
fringe, n. 1. border, trimming; fringe, border, trimming; ruff, ruffle, flounce, furbelow; filigree, decoration, ornament.
2. perimeter, periphery, edge, rim, verge, skirt.
3. Slang, fringe benefit, bonus, extra, plus; perquisite, Inf. perk. See emolument (def. 1).
fringed, adj. trimmed, befringed, fimbriate; bordered, edged, skirted; decorated, ornamented, embellished.
2. frilliness, frills, frills and furbelows, falderal, trumpery, gewgaws, Inf. doddads, Inf. fandangles.
frisk, v. frolic, cavort, gambol, caper, cut capers, curvet, skip, trip, jump about, romp.
frisky, adj. lively, active, animated, spirited, coltish, Inf. full of beans, Inf. full of pep, gay, exuberant, joy-ful; playful, sportive, frolicsome.
fritter, v. 1. squander, dissipate, waste, scatter, disperse; spend, spend money like water, spend to the last penny or farthing, Sl. blow, overspend; gamble away, fool away, misuse, misspend; while away, idle away, be silly, putter, dawdle.
2. shred, tear up, rip up, clip, cut up, strip, make into confetti; grate, pulverize, shiver, crumble, splinter, shatter.
3. dwindle, shrink, lessen, decrease; deteriorate, dry up, drain away, ebb.
—n. 4. shred, fragment, piece, scrap, remnant, bit, ort, morsel, snip, chip, rag, tatter, wisp.
frivolity, n. light-heartedness, gaiety, levity, light-ness; foolishness, folly, silliness, frivolity, frivolousness; clownishness, zaniness, buffoonery; triviality, superficiality, shallowness.
frivolous, adj. 1. trivial, trifling, fribbling, yeasty, nugatory, niggling, Inf. piddling; unimportant, insignificant, inconconsiderable, petty, paltry, Sl. small-time, Sl. two-bit; superficial, shallow, inane, empty, vacuous, light, airy, frothy, slight, flimsy.
2. flighty, giddy, dizzy, facetious, lightsome, flya-tation.
3. dwindle, shrink, lessen, decrease; deteriorate, dry up, drain away, ebb.
4. shred, fragment, piece, scrap, remnant, bit, ort, morsel, snip, chip, rag, tatter, wisp.
—adj. 11. frontal, headmost, foremost, at the front, at the fore; forward, fore, anterior, lead, head; obverse, heads, opposite.
12. exterior, outward, outer, external; facial, frontal.
—v. 13. face, look out on, look toward; stand over, dominate.
14. confront, encounter, meet, meet face to face, breast, face up to, cross, challenge; brave, withstand, buffet, buck; oppose, oppugn, resist, repel.
15. cover, cover up, disguise, mask, conceal; camouflage, screen, cloak, shroud, veil.
16. lead, stand at the head, come to the fore, take the lead; go ahead of, go in advance of, go before, precede, forego, forerun.
frontier, n. borderland, march, far reaches, no man's land; boundary, border, bound; confines, limit, bourn, pale; edge, rim, extreme.
frost, n. 1. freeze, rime, hoar-frost; All Meteorol.
ice crystals, diamond dust, frost mist, frost snow, ice needle, poudrin, snow mist.

2. coldness, coolness, iciness, glaciality, frigidity; aloofness, reserve; unfriendliness, inhospitality, cold shoulder.

—v. 3. ice, freeze, chill; wither, shrivel, brown.

4. Slang. anger, Sl. burn up, annoy, vex, irk, Sl. bug, irritate.

frosting, n. icing, coating, sugar-coating; finish, topping, cap, crown, polishing.

frosty, adj. 1. freezing, frigid, glacial, arctic, polar; icy, cold, chilly, cool, algid; wintry, brumal, hie-mal, hibernial; nippy, bleak, raw, bitter, bone-chilling.

2. cool, aloof, reserved, stand-offish, distant; unloving, indifferent, cold-hearted.

3. white, gray-white, hoary, niveous.

froth, n. 1. foam, spume, head, suds, yeast, fizzle, bubbles, Brit. Inf. barn; saliva, spittle, spit, foami-
ness, frothiness, spumescence, effervescence, bubble-
ness.

2. emptiness, verbosity, prolixity, wordiness, running off or on at the mouth; empty talk, hot air, Inf. gab, Sl. gas; idle talk, jabber, patter, gabble, babble, gibberish, twaddle, blather, drive; clattertrap, trumpetry, humbug, flummery, bunkum or bumcombe, Sl. bunk.

See nonsense (def. 2).

—v. 3. foam, froth, cream, come to a head, fizzle, fizzle, burble, bubble up or over; effervesce, aerate, carbonate, shake up; spume, whip, beat, suds or soap up, lather.

4. seethe, ferment, simmer, stew, boil over, mantle, foam at the mouth; salivate, dribble, sputter, slaver; spew, spout, spit, emit, eject, ejaculate.

frothy, adj. 1. foamy, foamily, spumous, spumescent, sudsy, yeasty, barny; foaming, frothing, bubbling, bubbly, fizzling, fizzy, effervescent, spumescent, sudsy, yeasty, barny; spume, foam at the mouth; salivate, drivel, drip, drizzle, cap, crown, polishing.

frothy, adj. 1. frothy, foamy, foamy, foamlike, spumy, spumous, adj. sparing, saving, thrifty, chary; ab-
frugal, frugal, frugalness, frugalness, thriftiness; husbandry, careful management, conserva-
tion; conserving, saving, economizing, economy; mod-
eration, temperance, self-control, self-restraint; ab-
stemiousness, abstinance, abstention, self-denial, self-
sacrifice; scrimping, penny-pinching, parsimony, par-
simoniousness, penuriousness; miserliness, niggard-
liness, stinginess, tightness, tight-fistedness, closedfacedness, chintziness.

2. meagerness, scantiness, skimpiness, scrimpingness; smallness, pininess, slightness, brieveness; pauperiness, poorness, minuteness, negligibleness; inadequacy, insufficiency.

frugal, adj. 1. frugality, sparingness, thrift, thriftiness; husbandry, careful management, conserva-
tion; conserving, saving, economizing, economy; mod-
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fruit, n. 1. product, result, effect, consequence upshot, outcome.

2. return, yield, harvest, crop; revenue, income, profit or profits, earnings, pay, payment, emolument, com-
penation, remuneration, recompense; reward, punish-
ment, just deserts.

fruitful, adj. 1. fruit bearing, fructuous, feracious, fructiferous, frugiferous; productive, fecund, genera-
tive, potent, fructificative, prognerative.

2. prolific, bounteous, proliferous, proliferating, spawning, multiparous, pulling; profuse, abundant, plenteous, full, copious, Rare. iberous; exuber-
ant, luxurious, lush, rank, rife, rich, flush.

3. profitable, well-spent, worthwhile, effective, effi-
cacious, successful; gainful, remunerative, yielding.

 fruition, n. 1. attainment, achievement, acquire-
ment, success, realization, fulfillment, consummation; maturation, ripening, coming of age, completion, per-
fection.

2. satisfaction, gratification, appreciation, enjoy-
ment, pleasure, delight, joy, happiness.

fruitless, adj. 1. futile, vain, idle, unavailing, abortive, fruitless, worthless, useless; ineffectual, ine-
flicative, inefficacious; unproductive, unyielding, un-
profitable, profitless, unmunerative, unrewarding, un-
paying, gainless; unsuccessful, Inf. no-go, to no purpose, to no avail, for naught.

2. unfruitful, Bos. acarpous, barren, sterile, infertile, unprolific, infecund.

frump, adj. dowdy, frumpy, old-fashioned, out-
of-date, Inf. tacky; shabby, dirty, blozzy, slatternly, sluttish, slenderly; untidy, unkempt, dragtelled, be-
dragged, Inf. messy, Inf. sloppy.

frustrated, adj. disappointed, thwarted, foiled, aborted, checked; cancelled, nullified, obstructed, in-
terrupted, inhibited; baffled, confounded, puzzled, confused, perplexed, outwitted, disconcerted, stymied, Inf. discombobulated.
fulmination, n. 1. accomplishment, achievement, execution, effectuation, implementation, establishment; perfection, realization, consummation, attainment, completion, termination, end, conclusion, close, culmination; crowning of the edifice, finishing touch, *Archit.* finial.

fulfill, v. 1. accomplish, achieve, execute, carry out, effect, effectuate, bring about; consummate, attain, realize, perfect, complete.

fulminated, adj. mature, adult, grown-up, fully grown; of age, marriageable, nubile, womanly, manly; degree.

fulminate, v. detonate, explode, blow up, *Archaic* displace; burst, *Sl.* burst, break open, fly apart, fly to pieces; go off, discharge, pop, shoot off, bang, blast or blast off; report, sound, boom, roar, thunder, clap.

full, adj. 1. filled, filled up, filled to the brim or capacity, abrim, brimful, brimming; jam-packed, cramped, full, shut through, choke-a-block, *Inf.* choke-full, *Brit.* chocker; stuffed, packed, crammed, crowded, solid, *Inf.* wall-to-wall; sated, satiated, gorged, glutted, cloyed.

2. complete, entire, whole, integral, total, gross, maximum, comprehensive, thorough, all-inclusive, catholic, liberal, generous; broad, all-encompassing; extensive, vast, voluminous; intact, unabridged, unabbreviated, unshortened, uncut.

3. ample, sufficient, adequate, enough; well-supplied, well-stocked, well-equipped, well-furnished; abundant, plentiful, plenteous, plentifully, *Inf.* aplenty, replete, rife; flush, bountiful, bounteous, superabundant, copious, more than as much as one could want; capacity, brim, top, tiptop.

4. bouffant, puffed out, puffy, balloonlike; mature, fully grown or developed, filled out, rounded out, well-rounded; shapely, well-shaped, curvaceous, full-figured, buxom, *Inf.* busty, voluptuous, sexy; stout, chunky, chubby, plump, pleasingly plump, pudgy, *Chiefly Brit.* podgy, humpy, steatopygous, heavy, overweight, fat.

—adv. 5. directly, right, straight, squarely, smack, *Inf.* smack-dab.

6. quite, very, really, extremely, exceedingly; entirely, wholly, completely, altogether, thoroughly.

—n. 7. maximum, limit, utmost, full measure, as much as possible, as much as one could want; capacity, brim, top, tiptop.

8. in full, wholly, as a whole, entirely, in its entirety, in total, *Latin.* in toto; without abridgment, without reduction.

9. to the full, to the top or brim, to the maximum or utmost limit, to the greatest extent or degree.

full-grown, adj. mature, adult, grown-up, fully grown; of age, marriageable, nubile, womanly, manly; ripe, ripened, fully developed, full-fledged, full-blown, in full bloom, in one's prime.

fullness, n. 1. satiation, satiety, the point of satisfaction; capacity, the fill, the top, the brim.

2. completeness, entirety, wholeness, totality, intactness; comprehensiveness, thoroughness, inclusiveness; broadness, extensiveness, vastness, voluminouness.

3. ampleness, sufficiency, adequacy, enough; abundance, plentifulness, plenteousness, plenty, repletion; richness, luxuriousness, profusion, copiousness.

4. maturity, matureness, ripeness; shapeliness, curvaceousness, buxomness, voluptuousness, voluptuosiness; roundness, roundedness, rotundity, rotundness, puffiness, swolleness, turgescence, tumidity, timidness; plumpness, chubbiness, pudginess, *Chiefly Brit.* podginess, chunkiness, stoutness, hippiness, steatopygia, heaviness, fatness.

fully, adv. 1. completely, entirely, totally, blankly; comprehensively, in every respect, at length, from tip to toe, from head to foot, cap-a-pie, over every inch; thoroughly, inside out, heart and soul, root and branch. See full (defs. 8, 9).

2. amply, sufficiently, adequately, enough; abundantly, plentifully, *Inf.* aplenty; copiously, superabundantly, bountifully, generously.

fulminate, v. detonate, explode, blow up, *Archaic* displace; burst, *Sl.* burst, break open, fly apart, fly to pieces; go off, discharge, pop, shoot off, bang, blast or blast off; report, sound, boom, roar, thunder, clap.

2. *Usu.* fulminate against denounce, condemn, denunciate, *Inf.* knock, *Sl.* put down; decry, discredit, minimize, depreciate, disparage, belittle, deprecate, disapprove; criticize, animadvert on or upon, arraign.
fulmination, n. 1. violent denunciation, condemnation, criticism, Inf. knock, Sl. put-down; censure, disapproval, reprobation, reprehension, objection; animadversion, Inf. brickbat, aspersion, obloquy; irate, philippic, diatribe.

2. violent explosion, blow-up, blast, detonation, Archive. dislodgment; crash, eruption, bursting, breaking open, flying apart, dissiliency, dissiliance; bang, shot, crack, discharge, report, boom, roar, thunder, clap, rumble, roll.

fulsome, adj. 1. excessive, extravagant, immoderate, inordinate, overdone; adulterous, idolatrous, hero-worshiping, overappreciative, excessive in one's praise.

2. disgusting, sickening, nauseating, nauseous, noxious, foul, vile; repulsive, repellent, revolting, odious, hateful, loathsome, detestable.

3. gross, coarse, vulgar, raw, low, broad; uncouth, rude, crude, crass, tasteless, in bad or poor taste; obscene, indecent, gutter.

fumble, v. 1. grope, grabble, search or feel about, search blindly or uncertainly; feel one's way, tip toe, walk on eggs; flounder, stumble, stumble around.

2. blunder, miss, err, Inf. drop the ball, Inf. bobble; muff, bungle, botch, mismanage, boggle, spoil, Inf. make a mess or hash of. Inf. thrub, Inf. foul up, Sl. blow.

fume, n. 1. vapor, haze, gas, smoke, pollution; reek, smell, stink, effluvium, noxious odor.

2. huff, puff, fret, pet, stew, dudgeon, pique, rage; angry, indignant, furious, wrathful, furious, fuming, maddened.

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funk, n. 1. savings, nest egg, investment; portfolio, endowment, capital, grant; stock, store, supply; stack, pile, heap, mass, accumulation, collection; pool, reservoir, reserve, well; hoard, cache, Sl. stash, treasure.

2. funds treasury, coffer, exchequer, fisc, bursary; money, money in hand, ready money, pin money, pocket money, Sl. pocket; cash, hard cash, Sl. shekels, Sl. bucks, dollars, Sl. lucre, Sl. jack, Sl. dough, Sl. loot, wampum; currency, coins, specie; means, ways and means, wherewithal; capital, assets, finances, bankroll, resources; substance, wealth, fortune, riches, pelf, property, stocks and bonds.

function, n. 1. savings, nest egg, investment; portfolio, endowment, capital, grant; stock, store, supply; stack, pile, heap, mass, accumulation, collection; pool, reservoir, reserve, well; hoard, cache, Sl. stash, treasure.

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fundamental, adj. 1. basic, basal, underlying, foundational, Sl. gut, bottom, base; necessary, vital, Inf. meat-and-potatoes, critical, essential, indispensable; inherent, intrinsic; organic, structural, constitutional, inseparable; primary, original, first, cardinal, initial, prime.

funeral, n. 1. obsequies, exequies, rites or ceremonies; Rom. Cath. Ch. Requiem or Requiem Mass, black mass, Obs. obit; burial, burying, entombment, interment, funeral service; commemoration, inscription, inhumation; All Eupns. send-off, farewell, last good-by.

2. funeral procession, cortège.

funereal, adj. 1. funeral, exequial, funerary, mortuary, sepulchral; defunctive.

fungus, n. 1. mushroom, truffle, morel, toadstool, puffball, mold, lichen, All Plant Pathol. mildew, rust, smut; phycomycete, Bot. ascomycete, basidiomycete; saprophyte, parasitic plant.

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take fright, be alarmed. See fear (defs. 4, 5).
4. frightened, scare, affright, panic; terrify, Inf. scare one out of one's wits; Inf. make [s.o.'s] hair stand on end. See frighten.

cower, cringe, shrink, flinch, wince, quail, recoil, shy, blench; shake, tremble, quiver, quake. Inf. shake in one's boots or shoes; turn tail, run away.

funky', adj. Informal. frightened, fearful, for-some, scared, afraid, Archaic. affrighted; terrified, panic-stricken, terror-stricken; cowardly, craven, pusil-lanimous, white-livered, lily-livered. See afraid (def. 1).

funky', adj. Slang. evil-smelling, ill-smelling, ran-

frightened, fearful, fear-
v. liven up, spruce up, brighten up, burnish,

furious, in-

earthy, sensual; soulful, erotic.

2. blues-like, mournful, melancholy, sad.

5. make [s.o.'s] hair stand on end. See frighten.

fury, rage, madness, frenzy, fever; insanity, lunacy, raving, hysteria, delirium.

4. commotion, tumult, rush, turbulence, turmoil; hurly-burly, brouhaha, hubbub, ado, to-do.

furrow, n. 1. groove, rut, trench, ditch, fosse; hol-

promotion, elevation, preferment; 

furthest, adj. 1. further, farther, at a greater distance, yon-

adj. more extended, longer, more protracted, going be-

adj. further, moreover, in addition, besides.

adj. farther, further, more, any more, any longer.

2. to a greater extent, to a greater degree, more, any

2. mania, craze, rage, obsession, fad, SI.

5. more extended, longer, more protracted, going be-

adj. additional, more, extra, supplementary, supple-

adj. furthest, farthest, furthestmost, SI.

furthest, adj. 1. remotest, farthest, furthestmost,
furtive, adj. 1. secret, secretive, surreptitious, clandestine, covert, hidden, hugger-mugger, backdoor; underhand, underground, under-the-table, under-the-counter.

furor, n. 1. anger, rage, passion, furor, frenzy; ire, wrath, choler, rancor, dudgeon. Inf. dander; virulence, spleen, gall, bile; acerbity, asperity, maliciousness, malignancy; enmity, hate, spite, malice.

fuss, 1. fluster, flurry, dither, twitter, fret, bother, Inf. stew, pother, Inf. tizzy, Archaic, stew, pother,SI. flap, hoo-ha. SI. discharge, outburst, outpouring, outpour, outflow, effusion, efflux.

fusilliade. n. 1. volley, salvo, broadside, cannonade, burst, spray, hail of bullets; enfilade, crossfire, raking or sweeping fire.

fungus, n. 1. liquefaction, melting, dissolving, deliquescence; melting, refining, condensation.

fussbudget, fuddy-duddy, carper, nag, henpeck, carp at, fret at, Inf. barney, hassel, Inf. scolding, Inf. grip, Inf. grouse, SI. bellyache; make a big thing out of nothing, make a mountain out of a molehill. Inf. carry on; fret, chafe, fidget, squirm, fret and fume, Inf. take on.

fustian, n. 1. bombast, rant, grandiosity, bombast, overstatement, sesquipedality; bravado, braggadocio, bluster, gasconade; claptrap, prose run mad, words run amuck, purple passages; euphuism, affectation, overly ornate writing; paraphrasium, circumlocution, jargon, bureaucratese, newspeak.

future, 1. coming time, time ahead, time to come; hereafter, afterworld, world to come; end of time, doomsday, Judgment Day; millennium, utopia; eventuality, the morrow, tomorrow, the morrow, tomorrow, Sp. mañana; Inf. down the road, Inf. down the pike.

futile, adj. 1. useless, vain, unavailing, bootless, ineffective, ineffectual; fruitless, unproductive, barren, abortive, sterile, impotent; unprofitable, profitless, gaineless; unsuccessful, Sl. no-go, to no purpose, for naught.

futurity, n. 1. usefulness, bootlessness, ineffective- ness, nonsuccess, nonfulfillment, failure; fruitlessness, unproductiveness, barrenness, sterility, impotence; unprofitableness, carrying coals to Newcastle, cutting a whetstone for naught.

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futurist, adj. 3. prospective, in the offering, coming, to come, anticipated, expected, probable, likely, yet un-
fuzz, n. 1. lint, fluff, fluffy stuff, loose nap, down. 2. U.S. Sl. policeman, detective, Inf. cop, Sl. narc. See policeman. 3. fuzz up confuse, obfuscate, muddle, bungle, Sl. screw up.

fuzzy, n. 1. lilty, fuzz-covered, woolly, downy, Bot., Zool. pubescent. 2. blurred, out of focus, not clear; dim, dark, shadowy, misty; indistinct, indefinite, ill-defined, obscure. 3. incoherent, confused, foggy; muddled, bemuddled, muddleheaded, befuddled, crapulent, crapulous.
gab, v. 1. Informal. jabber, babble, buzz, gossip, blab, chatter. See chatter (def. 1).
   —n. 2. Informal. small talk, gossip, patter, jabber, babble, chatter. See chatter (defs. 2, 3).
gabble, v. 1. jabber, clack, clatter, rattle, Sl. run off or on at the mouth; chatter, chitter, prattle, prattle; prate, twaddle, twat, talk nonsense; talk through one’s hat, blather, blab, gush, Inf. spout, drive; gibber, Sl. gibber-jabber, jargon; mutter, mumble, splutter, sputter; stammer, stutter.
   2. cackle, cluck, chuckle, click, clack; crow, quack, honk.
   —n. 3. babble, babbling, babblement, prattle, prattling; gibber, gibbering, gibberish, jabber, jabbering, Jabberwocky, Sl. gibber-jabbering; chatter, chatter, cackling, cackling; twaddle, twaddling, Both Brit. twattle, twattling; blather, blathering, drivel, drivel;
   1. nonsense, moonshine, Fr. bavardage, gobbledygook, hocus-pocus, mumbo jumbo, abracadabra, open sesame; humbug, flummery, Sl. bunk, rubbish, Inf. rot, Sl. garbage, Sl. horsefeathers; balderdash, Inf. Brit. SI.
   2. gossipy, chatty.
gabber, n. jabberer, blatherer, blabber, gossip, magpie, prattler, babbler, chatterbox. See chatterbox.
gabby, adj. talkative, loquacious, voluble, garrulous, gib; wordy, diffuse, verbose, prolix, long-winded, Sl. windy, Sl. gassy; effusive, gushing, gushy, babbling, babbling, patterning, chatter; clacking, babbling, blathering, prattling, jabbering; buzzing, prating, tattling, tongue-wagging, gossipy, chatty.
gad, v. Usu. gad about gallivant, run around, flit about; ramble, roam, range, range, Inf. traipse; wander, meander, saunter, stroll, promenade.
gadabout, n. 1. rambler, rover, wanderer, nomad, gypsy; migrant, itinerant, peripatetic, globetrotter, world traveler, Sl. W.T.; vagrant, beachcomber, vagabond, tramp, hobo; transient, fly-by-night.
   2. busybody, prior, Paul Pry, meddler, Inf. snooper, Sl. snooper, Dial. nibby nose.
gadget, n. 1. contrivance, device, invention, creation, artifice, makeshift, hickey, widget, Rube Goldberg; mechanism, apparatus, machine, appliance; instrument, implement, tool, utensil.
   2. All Inf. contraption, whachamacallit, thingumajig, thingamabob, doohickey, do-hickey, dingus, doo-dad, gismo, fandangle, Australian doover.
gaffer, n. old man, old fellow, Inf. old guy, old peasant, old rustic; countryman, yokel, country bumpkin, Inf. hayseed, Inf. hick, Sl. rube.
gag, v. 1. (all of a person’s mouth) stop up, clog, plug, block; smother, stifle, muffle, still, quiet, silence.
   2. (all of speech) muzzle, curb, check, restrain, hold back, keep from, inhibit, suppress, repress.
   3. choke, strangle, strangulate, throttle; garotte, bowstring, hang, Lynch, Inf. string up; suffocate, asphyxiate, burke.
   4. choke, retch, keck, dry-heave; gasp, convulse, struggle for air, puff, pant, blow.
gag, n. 1. challenge, defiance, dare; glove, gauntlet.
   2. pledge, pawn, token, earnest, deposit, down payment; security, surety, bond, guaranty, guarantee, warrant, warranty.
gaiety, n. 1. cheer, cheerfulness, gladness, gayness, good or high spirits; blitheness, blithesomeness, light-heartedness; buoyancy, optimism, good nature; joy, sunshine, delight, pleasure, happiness, felicity, bliss; joyfulness, joyousness, jubilation, jubilancy, exhilaration, exultation, glee, elation; joviality, merriment, jollity, mirth, mirthfulness, hilarity, laughter.
   2. Often gaieties merrymaking, festivity, conviviality, jollification, rejoicing, jubilance, revelry, revels, Brit. Inf. mafficking; celebration, Brit. holiday-making, party, frolic, gala, jubilee.
   3. finery, frippery, showiness, brilliance, glitter, sparkle, gaudiness, garishness.
gaily, adv. 1. merrily, cheerfully, happily, blithely, joyfully, joyously, jubilantly, gleefully, exultantly.
   2. showily, brilliantly, gaudily, garishly.
gain, v. 1. obtain, get, acquire, procure, secure; reach, attain, achieve, arrive at, come to; win, (of a bill or motion) carry; earn, merit, capture, net, bag; harvest, garner, reap, gather, collect, pick up, glean; increase in, put on, add on; win over, persuade, prevail upon, enlist.
   2. profit, avail, benefit, advance; net, clear, realize, make, yield, produce.
   3. improve, advance, progress; recuperate, get better, rally, pick up, gain ground.
   4. Often gain on close in, close on, narrow the
gallantrg. adj. 1. showy, splendid, grand, Inf. splendidiferous, magnificent, brilliant, gorgeous; elegant, lavish, sumptuous; majestic, imposing, August, prince-ly, imperial, regal, dignified, lofty. 2. brave, courageous, valiant, valorous, heroic, heroical; stout-hearted, lionhearted, great-hearted; manly, manifold, chivalrous, chivalric; intrepid, fearless, dauntless; unafraid, unblenching, unblenched, undaunted; bold, bold-spirited, high-spirited, daring, dashing, adventurous. 3. firm, resolute, resolved, staunch, steadfast, stalwart; indomitable, redoubtable, unyielding, un- bending, unbowing, unshrinking, unfa1tering, unhesit- ating, unwavering, unwavering, undeviating; mettle- some, plucky, gritty, game, red-blooded, spirited, Inf. spunky. 4. polite, courteous, deferential, considerate, thought- ful, obliging, gentle, kindly; gentlemanly, mannerly, courteously, well-bred; suave, urbane. —n. 5. hero, champion, paladin, knight; stalwart, valiant, cavalier, chevalier, brave man, brave man, man of courage or mettle. 6. beau, suitor, wooer, pursuer, admirer, adorer; escort, squire, date, partner; lover, swain, sweetheart, beloved, Romeo; gentleman, gentleman friend, fiancé, fiancé, betrothed, young man, boy friend; man about town, man of the world. gallantry. n. 1. chivalrousness, courtliness, court- eousness, mannerliness, gentlemanliness; magnanim- ity, nobleness, liberality, kindliness, thoughtfulness, considerateness. 2. chivalry, bravery, courage, valor, heroism, stout- heartedness, lionheartedness; manliness, manfulness; intrepidity, fearlessness, dauntless; boldness, bold- spiritedness, high-spiritedness, daring, derring-do, audacity. 3. fortitude, endurance, tenacity, determination; firmness, resoluteness, indomitableness, steadfastness, stalwartness, douhtlessness; mettle, pluck, spirit, backbone, gumption, heart, nerve, grit, Sl. guts, Sl. moxie. 4. high-mindedness, noble-mindedness; justness, fairness, impartialness, equitableness; virtue, virtuous- ness, nobility, honor, uprightness, upstandingness; fidelity, dedication, devotion, reliability, reliableness, dependability. 5. courtesy, politeness, politesse, civility, good man-
n.; respect, respectfulness, deference; decorousness, propriety, formality, ceremony; correctness, tact, diplomacy; cordiality, amenity, geniality, affability, amiability, agreeability; helpfulness, compliance, obligingness, Fr. prèvenance.

6. gentility, gentleness, graciousness, good breeding; urbanity, suavity, social graces, manners; nicety, elegance, refinement, culture, polish, sophistication; social procedures, decorum, protocol.

7. courtship, wooing, flirtation, love-making.


2. upper gallery. Inf. peanut gallery; seats, bleachers, grandstand.

3. audience, spectators, observers, listeners; congregation, assembly, house; general public, crowd, gathering.

4. art gallery, art museum, exhibition hall, salon.

5. tunnel, underground passage, shaft, Mining. crosscut, Mining. drift, Mining. adit, airway, air course.

galliarmy, n. 1. hodgepodge, mishmash, jumble, farrago; mixture, medley, mélange, olio, potpourri, Inf. combo; miscellany, miscellaneous, salmagundi, olla-podrida.

2. stew, hotchpotch, goulash, ragout, hash.

galling, adj. irritating, chafing, rasping, stinging; exasperating, exacerbating, embittering, rankling; annoying, provoking, peevish, nettling, nits; Inf. aggravating; vexatious, vexing, irksome, irking; troublesome, thorny, fretful.

gallivant, v. 1. gad about, run around, flit about; ramble, roam, rove, range, Inf. tripe; wander, meander, saunter, stroll, promenade, promenade.

2. court, woo, Inf. spark, serenade, play the gallant; escort, squire around.

gallop, v. 1. ride at full speed, rack, canter, lope; prance, frisk.

2. race, speed, zoom, rush, tear along, run, bound, sprint; hurry, hasten, post, hie, flee, dash, whiz, whisk, sprint; dart, shoot, spring, bolt; scamper, scurry, scuttle, scud.

gallows, n. gibbet, Archaic. bough, scaffold, Brit. Tyburn tree.
galore, adv. in abundance, in large numbers, in large quantity; in plentiful amounts, Inf. aplenty; all over the place, everywhere, everywhere, everywhere one looks; more than enough, in excess, more than one could ever want, coming out one’s ears, in unending supply.

galvanize, v. 1. electrify, energize, dynamize, charge; treat [s.o.] with electric current.

2. shock, jolt, jar, stagger, give [s.o.] a shock or jolt, Sl. give [s.o.] a heart attack; startle, astonish, surprise, stun, take one’s breath away, pull one up short, shake, fluster; overwhelm, overpower, Inf. bowl [s.o.] over, paralyze, petrify.

3. stimulate, excite, fire, rouse, arouse, spur [s.o.] on, prod; invigorate, vitalize, enliven, animate, exhilarate, inspire, thrill, flush, Inf. give one a kick or charge.

gambit, n. stratagem, machination, finesse, maneuver, move, play; device, ruse, wile, ploy, artifice, trick, intrigue.

gamble, v. 1. bet, wager, try one’s luck or fortune, make a bet, lay a wager or bet, Brit. punt, Inf. shoot craps, Inf. play the ponies, Brit. Inf. birl, Brit. Sl. gaff.

2. speculate, venture, play the market. Inf. plunge, Inf. take a flier; risk, hazard, dare, tempt Providence, take or run the risk or hazard or chance, Inf. chance,Inf. stick one’s neck out, Inf. go out on a limb; leave or trust to chance, take a leap or shot in the dark, buy a pig in a poke.

3. squander, lavish, waste, throw away, run through, Inf. spend money like water, Inf. spend money as if it grew on trees.

—n. 4. risk, hazard, chance; speculation, venture, Inf. flier, Inf. plunge, Brit. Inf. birl, Sl. whack, Sl. crack; potshot, random shot, leap or shot in the dark, pig in a poke; potluck, blind bargain, sight-unseen transaction.

5. gambling, gaming, betting, wagering, risking; off-track betting, pari-mutuel, Inf. playing the ponies, playing the lottery, playing the numbers.

gambler, n. bettor, wagerer, gamester, speculator, adventurer; Brit. punter, Inf. sport, Inf. piker, Inf. tinhorn, Inf. craps shooter, Sl. boneshaker, Sl. big-timer; adventurer, risk-taker, hazarder, speculator, Inf. plunger; bookmaker, Inf. bookie, oddsmaker, blackleg, Horse Racing Inf. tout, Inf. tipster.

gambol, v. frolic, frisk, sport, disport, play, gambol.

1. gambol, v. frolic, sport, play, skip about; romp, rollick, dance or jump about; cavort, caper, cut capers, curvet.

—n. 2. frolic, fun, sport, play, Sl. buster; lark, antic, prank, caper; romp, skylarking.

game, n. 1. amusement, diversion, distraction, divertissement, pastime, entertainment; recreation, sport, play, fun, merriment, frolic; merry-making, merriment, joviality, jollity, jollification; tomfoolery, foolery, merrymaking, buffoonery, clowning around, horseplay, Sl. monkey business; escapade, spree, prank.

2. contest, competition, match, tourney, regatta, meet, joust, duel; tournament, bout, round, encounter, engagement, athletic event; run-off, sudden death, showdown; Olympics, (in ancient Greece) agon, decahon, marathon, (in ancient Greece) agonistics.

3. scheme, design, plan, scenario, script; contrivance, stratagem, strategy, device, artifice, shift, designs, evil intentions.

4. joke, practical joke, prank, joke.

5. gambling, gaming, betting, wagering, risking; off-track betting, pari-mutuel, Inf. playing the ponies, Inf. playing the lottery, playing the numbers.

—n. 6. gambling, gaming, betting, wagering, risking; off-track betting, pari-mutuel, Inf. playing the ponies, Inf. playing the lottery, playing the numbers.

8. make game of ridicule, make fun of, deride, scoff at, mock, jee, taunt, gibe, rag, rib, kid, Inf. roast, Sl. razz; poke fun at, make a fool out of, make the butt of, Inf. give [s.o.] the needle; lampoon, satirize, parody.

9. play the game Informal. a. go along with, conform, follow the crowd, do as others do, keep in step, toe the mark, stay in line; give in, defer, compromise.

b. play fair, be a good sport, play by the rules, Inf. be up front. c. temporize, straddle the fence, be noncommittal.

—adj. 10. plucky, spirited, courageous, game, valiant, heroic, stout-hearted, lionhearted; bold, intrepid, fearless, dauntless, dreadless, nervy, Sl. gutsy, unafraid, unblenching, unblenched, undaunted, unalarmed, undismayed; daring, daring, high-spirited, adventurous.

11. willing, favorably inclined, disposed; eager, anxious, interested, enthusiastic, devil-may-care.

—v. 12. gamble, bet, wager, try one’s luck or for-
tune, make a bet, lay a wager or bet, Inf. shoot craps, Inf. play the ponies; speculate, venture, play the market, play the wheel, play roulette; risk, hazard, dare, tempt Providence. See gamble (defs. 1, 2).

gamut, n. entire range, complete scale, complete sequence, whole series, full sweep, full compass, entire scope; Music. the major scale.

gamy, adj. 1. slightly tainted, strong, strong tasting, high-flavored, Inf. high, Inf. hung; rank, strong-smelling, pungent.
2. plucky, spirited, spunky, courageous; persistent, tenacious. See game (defs. 10, 11).

gang, n. 1. group, band, pack, company, crowd, gathering.
2. clique, social group, set, coterie, circle; club, brotherhood, fraternity, sorority; party, Politics. machine, Politics. junta, Politics. cabal.
3. squad, shift, team, troop, detachment, Inf. outfit; posse, search party.
4. criminal band, group of thieves, band of brigands, cabal.
Politics, gathering.
(defs. 10, 11).
5. gang up on Informal. combine against, conspire or plot against, Inf. get; ambush, attack, surround, Sl. mug.

gangling, adj. lanky, rangy, spindly, spindling, loosely built, awkwardly tall; slender, skinny, rawboned, stringy; gauche, ungraceful, ungainly.

gangster, n. mobster, racketeer, mafioso, desperate, terrorist; thug, tough, mugger, ruffian, rowdy, hoodlum, Sl. hood, Inf. goon, hooligan, Inf. roughneck, Inf. baddy, Sl. bad actor, Sl. gunsel, Sl. mug, Australian Sl. larrakin, Brit. Hist. Mohock, (in Paris) apache.
2. assassin, murderer, killer, slayer, sniper; strangler, SI. Inf. Inf. doer, terrorist; thug, tough, mugger, ruffian, loosely built, awkwardly tall; slender, skinny, rawboned, stringy; gauche, ungraceful, ungainly.
3. bandit, hold-up man, Sl. stick-up man, armed robber; robber, thief, Inf. crook, stealer, Fagin; criminal, felon, lacercane; convict, Sl. jailbird, parolee, ex-convict, Inf. ex-con; recidivist, repeat offender, Inf. chronic crook.
4. extortionist, extortioner, blackmailer, usurer, loan shark; Sl. bleeder; smuggler, runner, bootlegger, con-trabandist, white-slaver; swindler, confidence man, con artist, con man, forger, counterfeiter, Fr. faux-monnayeur, Brit. Inf. coiner.
5. villain, blackguard, miscreant, malefactor, evildoer, Inf. bad guy.

gap, n. 1. opening, hole, cavity, space, aperture, orifice, mouth, foramen; breach, separation, break, fracture, rent, rift, fissure, cleft, Archaic. scissure; chink, crack, crevice, cranny; groove, furrow, trench, defile, pass, canyon, gorge, ravine, gully, gulch, baranca, arroyo, couloir, Western North America. coulee, Brit. Dial. clough; notch, score, scratch, cut, slit, split, gash, incision.
2. blank, emptiness, vacuum, void, vacancy, gape, lacuna; break, hiatus, interruption, disruption, Prosody. caesura, Physiol. synapse; pause, rest, recess, lull, halt, stop, stand-still, time out; cessation, abatement, discontinuance, suspension, suspense, abeyance; delay, wait, deferment, postponement; interstice, interval, interim, intermission, interment, intermittency.
3. orifice, mouth, foramen; breach, separation, break, fracture, rent, rift, fissure, cleft, Archaic. scissure; chink, crack, crevice, cranny; groove, furrow, trench, defile, pass, canyon, gorge, ravine, gully, gulch, baranca, arroyo, couloir, Western North America. coulee, Brit. Dial. clough; notch, score, scratch, cut, slit, split, gash, incision.

6. gawk, goggle, stare open-mouthed, show astonishment, Inf. rubberneck; regard with awe, stare at, stare curiously, ogle.
7. yawn, dehisce, open up, open wide, extend wide; part, crack, split.

garb, n. 1. dress, costume, habit, outfit; livery, uniform, regalia, trappings, harness, rigging, Inf. rig, Inf. getup, Inf. turnout; style, cut.
2. clothing, clothes, attire, apparel, wearing apparel, wear; garments, vestments, habits, habiliments, raiment, Inf. gear, Inf. togery, Inf. togs, Inf. duds, Sl. threads, Sl. rags; wardrobe, array, accouterment; investment, investiture, vesture.
3. guise, appearance, aspect, look, semblance; disguise, masquerade.
4. dress, clothe, vest, attire, apparel, habit; array, bedizen, deck, deck out, bedeck, Sl. dude up, Sl. swank up; robe, gown, drape; outfit, fit out, fit up, fit, rig, rig up, rig out, trap, trap out, caparison, gear, turn out, accouter.

garbage, n. 1. refuse, Dial. culch, rubbish, waste, Brit. wastrel, discarded matter; offal, carion, rot, spoil; offscourings, dregs, druff, remains, leavings, leftovers; scraps, orts, hovagash, swill; remainder, residue, residuum, scum.
2. junk, worthless stuff, Sl. dreck, trumpery; trash, riffraff, Brit. Dial. raff, litter, chaff; filth, dirt, dust, sweepings; debris, detritus, rubble, wreckage; fragments, remnants, frag ends, bits and pieces, odds and ends; castoffs, rags, tatters, castaways, rejects, discards.

garble, v. 1. distort, warp, twist, twist around, Scot. throw; take out of context, color, slant, bend, stretch, exaggerate; varnish, embroider, embellish, dress up; pervert, corrupt, adulterate, tamper with, doctor, change around; misquote, misrender, misstate, misreport, falsify, misrepresent, belie; misinterpret, misconstrue, misunderstand, misread, Inf. get it wrong.
2. jumble, confuse, mix up; slur, run together, mutter, mumble.

garden, n. 1. vegetable garden, truck garden, Brit. market garden, Fr. potager; vegetable plot, kitchen garden, herb garden, flower garden; formal garden, English garden, French garden, Chinese or Japanese garden, natural or wild garden.
2. arboretum, botanical garden; public garden, park, Fr. jardin, recreation area, Inf. rec area, playground.
3. gardens grounds, lawn, yard.

gardener, n. caretaker; horticulturist, cultivator, grower; farmer, granger, husbandman; landscaper, landscape architect.

gargantuan, adj. gigantic, enormous, monstrous, huge, Sl. humongous, Brobdingnagian, Cyclopean; vast, towering, colossal, immense, stupendous, prodigious, tremendous, herculean, mammoth; very large or big, great, Inf. strapping, Inf. whopping; elephantine, massive, ponderous, very heavy, bulky, hulking, clumsy, lumberly.

gargle, v. (all of the mouth or throat) wash out, rinse out, swish or swash water about in.

garish, adj. 1. flashy, Sl. flash, loud, bold. See gaudy (def. 1).
2. ornate, elaborate, baroque; flamboyant, showy, flaring. See gaudy (def. 2).

garland, n. wreath, festoon, lei, loop; Laurel, bay, crown, Literary. anadem, diadem; coronet, chaplet, coronal; fillet, headband, snood, fascia.

garment clothing, clothes, attire, apparel, wearing apparel, wear; garments, vestments, habits, habiliments, raiment, Inf. togery, Inf. togs, Inf. duds, Sl. threads, Sl. rags; wardrobe, livery, array, accouterment; investment, investiture, vesture.
garnish, v. 1. adorn, decorate, ornament, trim, embellish, furnish, *Archaic*; dight; festoon, embroidery, set off, rubricate, elaborate; deck, deck out, bedeck, bespangle, bedizen, array; trap out, caparison, dight; festoon, trim; deck, deck out, bedeck, bedeck, bespangle, bedizen, array; trap out, caparison; *Archaic*, truss, caparison; *archaic*, coddle, blazon; *archaic*, doll up; grace, polish, enrich, enhance, smarten; gear, turn out, accouter.

—v. 2. boast, brag, bluster, crow, bluff, beat the bunkum, *bunk, claptrap, humbug*.

gas, n. 1. natural gas, methane, propane, butane, acetylene, ethylene; hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, helium, carbon dioxide.


gasp, n. 1. short breath, pant, huff, snort, heave, gulp, wheeze.

—v. 2. huff, snort, pant, huff and puff, puff; wheeze, choke, heave, gulp, suck in.

—ut, exclaim, cry, aspirate.

gassy, adj. 1. gaseous, gasiform, aeriform; steamy, vaporous, volatile, etheric, ethereal; effluvial, miasmic; aerodynamic, aerosstatic, pneumatic.

2. flatulent, windy. See *flatulent*.

gastric, adj. 1. stomachic, stomachal, stomacial; abdominal, *Anat.* celiac, intestinal, visceral, ventral, ventricular, splanchic.

2. digestive, eupeptic, dyspeptic.

gastronomy, n. cookery, cuisine, diet; epicureanism, *Fr.* bonne cuisine; gourmandism, gulosity, gluttony.

gather, v. 1. collect, accumulate, heap up, pile up, stack up, amass; hoard, lay in, lay up, lay by, put away, stow away, cache; store up, stock up, set aside, put by; save for a rainy day, save, reserve, preserve, husband.

—n. 4. granary, silo, barn; cib, bunker; storehouse, depository, depot, repository; vault, safe.


—v. 3. dress, clothe, vest, attire, apparel, garb, habit; array, bedizen, deck, deck out, bedeck, *Sl.* dude up, *Sl.* swank up; robe, gown, drape; outfit, fit out, fit up, fit, rig, rig up, rig out, trap, trap out, caparison, gear, turn out, accouter.

4. cover, wrap, enwrap, envelop, cloak; muffle, swaddle; endow, endue or induc, invest.

garner, v. 1. gather in, deposit, store, bank.

2. get, acquire; attain, achieve, arrive at, earn.

3. gather, collect, accumulate, heap up, pile up, stack up, amass; hoard, lay in, lay up, lay by, put away, stow away, cache; store up, stock up, set aside, put by; save for a rainy day, save, reserve, preserve, husband.

—n. 4. granary, silo, barn; cib, bunker; storehouse, depository, depot, repository; vault, safe.

garner, n. talkativeness, loquacity, loquaciousness, volubility, glibness, gift of gab, garrulousness; wordiness, diffuseness, verbosity, prolixity; effusive-ness, gushiness, chattiness, gossipiness; chattering, blabbing, blathering, blabbing, patterning, clattering, clacking, babbling, blubbering, blustering, jabbering.

garrulous, adj. talkative, loquacious, voluble, glib, glib; wordy, diffuse, verbose, prolix, long-winded, *Sl.* windy, *Sl.* gassy; effusive, gushing, gushy, bubbling, babbling, patterning; clattering, clacking, babbling, blathering, pratling, jabbering; buzzing, prattling, tattling, tongue-wagging, gossipy, chatty.

gas, n. 1. ether, vapor, steam; wind, fume, smoke, reek; effluvium, exhalation, exurtation, miasma, exhaust, carbon monoxide; nitrous oxide, laughing gas; natural gas, methan, butane, acetylene, ethine; hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, helium, carbon dioxide.

2. wind, flats. See *flatulence*.

3. See gasoline.

—v. 4. asphyxiate, suffocate, smother, choke, stifle.


gauche, adj. 1. ill-bred, ill-mannered, uncouth, unrefined, unpolished, unladylike, ungentlemanly; coarse, indelicacy, crude, clodhoddish; vulgar, ordinary, common; piggy, boorish, gross; tactless, insensitive, imperceptive, crass; dull, dense, mutton-headed; provincial, unsophisticated, Inf. just off the farm, Inf. hillbilly.
2. awkward, gawky, clumsy, bumbling, maladroit; all-thumbs, having two left feet, unhandy, unskillful, inept, bunglesome, bungling, Inf. klutzy; ungraceful, ungracefully, ungainly, lumbering, lumberly, like a bull in a china shop.

gaucho, n. 1. blunder, Fr. faux pas, misbehavior, bad job; botch, botchery, bungle; crudity, vulgarity; breach of etiquette, social slip, gaffe.
2. gracelessness, uncourdness, bad taste, Fr. mauvais goût; unmannerliness, indecorum, impoliteness, inelegance; insensitivity, tactlessness, boorishness, rudeness, coarseness; awkwardness, clumsiness, gawkiness, ungainliness, Inf. klutzniness.

gaudy, adj. 1. garish, flashy, Sl. flash, loud, bold, painted, hard, Inf. honky-tonk; tawdriness, meretricious, cheap, dime-store, tinselly, brummagem, gimcrack, painted, hard, honky-tonk; tacky, chintzy, Inf. tacky, Sl. rinky-dink; tasteless, in bad taste, indecency, crude, vulgar.

2. ornate, baroque, elaborate, involved, dink; tasteless, in bad taste, indelicate, crude, vulgar; tacky, rinky-dink; tasteless, in bad taste, indecency, crude, vulgar.

2. ordeal, trial, tribulation, suffering, punishment, Inf. give [s.o.] the glad eye, look over, scrutinize, Inf. give the once-over; look at or on or upon, take a look at, Inf. have a look-see.

—n. 2. stare, steady or intent look, goggle, ogle, Inf. glad eye.
gazebo, n. 1. summerhouse, parkhouse, gardenhouse; pavilion, (in Turkey and Iran) kiosk; pergola, arbor, bower, trellis, lattice; grotto, alcove, recess.
2. retreat, refuge, haven, shelter, hermitage; asylum, resort, sanctuary, ark, covert, hideaway, mew.
gear, n. 1. mechanism, machine part, disk, Mach. flywheel, Mach. cam, wheel, cogwheel.
2. equipment, apparatus, tools, instruments, contrivances, machinery; implements, appliances, utensils, fixtures; fittings, outfit, outfitting, turnout, rig; supplies, matériel, wherewithal; caparison, harness, tack, tackle, rigging, All Mil. arms, armaments, matériel.
3. clothing, clothes, apparel, wear; garments, vestments, raiment, habit, habiliments, Inf. toggy, Inf. togs, Inf. duds; livery, uniform, regalia.
4. belongings, effects, chattels, possessions, Inf. things, Sl. stuff, Sl. junk; paraphernalia, accouterments, appurtenances, appointments, accessories, trappings; baggage, bag and baggage, impediments, dunnage, luggage, kit, duffel.
gelatinous, adj. jellylike, slimy, slippery, lubrarious, mucous, mucilaginous, gelatinoid; glutinous, viscous, gummy, sticky, adhesive.
geld, v. asexualize, neuter, emasculate, alter, castrate. See castrate.
geld, adj. icy, frigid, freezing, algid, ice-cold, frosty, wintry, snowy, rimy; arctic, glacial, polar, hyperborean, hyperboreal, Siberian; bitter, zippy, sharp, brisk, snappy.
gem, n. 1. jewel, bijou, precious or semi-precious stone, solitaire, brilliant, pearl; ornament, trinket.
2. masterpiece, chef d'oeuvre, work of art; master stroke, Fr. coup de maître; perfection, quintessence, prize, pick, flower, cream, Fr. crème de la crème; marvel, wonder, prodigy, rara avis, one in a million,
gender, n. sex; All Gram. neuter, feminine, masculine.

genealogy, n. pedigree, family tree; ancestry, ancestral line, lineage, descent, parentage, birth, derivation, extraction, filiation; family, dynasty, house, tribe; race, strain, stock, breed, bloodline, stem, branch, stirps; heredity, heritage, background, past, history, roots.

general, adj. 1. collective, generic, comprehensive; sweeping, extensive, widespread, inclusive, non-exclusive, not specific, blanket, across-the-board, not partial, not particular, not special; universal, pandemic, ecumenical, world-wide, catholic, public, popular.

2. common, ordinary, usual, conventional, everyday, household, run-of-the-mill; frequent, prevalent, rife; current, prevailing; customary, habitual, wonted, accustomed.

3. extended, panoramic, bird's eye; heterogeneous, mixed, assorted, miscellaneous, encyclopedic; diversified, various, variegated; composite, blended, hybrid, mongrel.

4. vague, indefinite, unspecified, ill-defined, abstract; inexact, inaccurate, approximate; impersonal.

—n. 5. Military. officer, commander in chief, generalissimo, All U.S. Army. brigadier general, lieutenant general, major general, general, general of the army.

6. in general a. as a whole, on the whole, for the most part, in the main. b. as a rule, usually, most of the time.

generalist, n. nonspecialist, general practitioner, jack-of-all-trades; Renaissance man, universal man, universalist, polymath, encyclopedist, Inf. know-it-all.

generality, n. 1. vague statement, loose statement, indefinite statement, general phrase, generalization.

2. general principle, general rule, general law, abstraction; universality.

3. greater part, majority, bulk, mass, main, body.

4. lack of particularity, indefiniteness, vagueness, uncertainty, inexactitude, inexactness, indeterminateness, looseness; miscellany, miscellaneousness, collectiveness, indiscriminateness, promiscuity, promiscuousness; diversification, heterogeneity, variety, assortment.

5. universality, catholicity, ecumenicity, generalness, publicness; average, common run, ordinary run, mean; conventionality, regularity; custom, habit.

generalize, v. 1. infer a generality or principle or law or rule; make inferences, draw conclusions, deduce; form an opinion or notion, come to a conclusion.

2. universalize, make general, make common or prevalent, make well-known or popular, suit [s.t.] to the masses; extend, broaden, diversify, make inclusive.

3. speak or talk in generalities, think in loose or broad or general terms, make vague statements, be imprecise or inexact or indefinite; categorize, pigeonhole.

generally, adv. 1. for the most part, in the main, on the whole, mainly, in general, by and large; principally, chiefly.

2. ordinarily, as a rule, usually, commonly, habitually, customarily; frequently, often, repeatedly; universally, extensively, always.

genership, n. 1. soldiery, military expertise or skill or know-how; tactics, science of war, military or troop management, castration strategies; military strategy or planning.

2. leadership, headship, captaincy, presidency, chief-tenancy, chieftainship; direction, lead, rule, regulation, management, government, guidance; mastery, command, control, power, authority, influence, sway, say-so.

genial, adj. 1. amiable, good-humored, good-natured, pleasant; cordial, cheerful, courteous, polite; agreeable, willing, well-disposed, amenable; friendly, amicable, congenial, neighborly, sociable, hospitable; kind, kindly, Scot. couthe, complaisant, sympathetic, understanding; gracious, benign, generous, happy, cheery, smiling, sunny, optimistic; merry, jovial, jolly, mirthful, gay, light-hearted, joyous.

2. temperate, calm, fair, mild, gentle, pleasant; good, nice, warm, sunny; balmy, soft, soothing; cool, comfortable, refreshing; calm, peaceful, tranquil, halcyon.

geniality, n. 1. cheerfulness, gladness, gayness, gaiety; blitheness, blithesomeness, light-heartedness, buoyancy, optimism, sunniness; sprintsline, liveliness, vivaciousness, animation; happiness, felicity, blissfulness; joyfulness, joy, jubilation, jubilancy.

geniality, n. 1. beget, sire, father, spawn, procreate; bring into being, bring to life, give life to, call into existence, cause to exist; produce, breed, fructify.

2. originate, invent, innovate, coin; make, fabricate, frame; design, contrive, devise, develop, construct; shape, form, mold, forge; imagine, conceive, Inf. dream up, Inf. hatch; visualize, envisage, evolve.

3. create, found, institute, establish, initiate, give rise to, occasion, break ground, sow the seeds of; generate, spread around, proliferate, propagate.

4. engender, bring about, arrange, inaugurate, start, effectuate, launch, incept; Inf. start the ball rolling, Inf. take the first step, Inf. make the first move.

generation, n. 1. procreation, siring, fathering, breeding, giving birth, propagation, fecundation, proliferation; spontaneous generation, Biol. abiogenesis, Biol. parthenogenesis.

2. creation, origination, invention, innovation; beginning, start, inception, genesis, engenderment; embodiment, formulation; establishment, constitution, institution.

3. formation, development, production, construction, fabrication; design, contrivance, conception.

4. progeny, issue, offspring, offshoot, seed.

5. era, age, time or times, day or days, epoch; life-span, span, lifetime.

genere, adj. 1. common, general, collective; all-inclusive, all-encompassing, comprehensive, sweeping, extensive, blanket.

2. nonexclusive, not specific, unlabeled, unregistered.

genrous, adj. 1. bounteousness, munificence, open-handedness, lavishness, liberality, beneficence, bounty.

2. goodness, nobleness, good will, benevolence, big-heartedness; high-mindedness, unselshiness, altruism, humanitarianism; magnanimity, disinterestedness, charity, charitableness.

3. giving, gift, present, donation, grant, gratuity; good turn, good deed, benefaction, largess.

4. largeness, fullness, amplitude, abundance, plenty, full measure; plenitude, sufficiency, repletion, plenthrora.

genrous, adj. 1. bountiful, munificent, charitable, benevolent, beneficent, magnanimous, liberal, open-handed; large-hearted, big-hearted.

2. altruistic, philanthropic, humanitarian, humane, public-spirited, other-directed, unselfish, disinterested; kindhearted, kind, good, noble, honorable.

3. lavish, unrestricted, unstinted, free-handed, ungrudging, extravagant, effusive, prodigal; obliging, accommodating, considerate, cordial, hospitable.

4. abundant, bounteous, rich, copious, overflowing, plentiful, ample.

genial, adj. 1. amiable, good-humored, good-natured, pleasant; cordial, cheerful, courteous, polite; agreeable, willing, well-disposed, amenable; friendly, amicable, congenial, neighborly, sociable, hospitable; kind, kindly, Scot. couthe, complaisant, sympathetic, understanding; gracious, benign, generous, happy, cheery, smiling, sunny, optimistic; merry, jovial, jolly, mirthful, gay, light-hearted, joyous.

2. temperate, calm, fair, mild, gentle, pleasant; good, nice, warm, sunny; balmy, soft, soothing; cool, comfortable, refreshing; calm, peaceful, tranquil, halcyon.
wellborn, gentle, aristocratic, silk-
genitals, genitalia, sexual organs, sex organs, re-
gentle, 1. adj.
genility, goy, Often Disparaging, n.
gentlement, gentlemanliness, gentlemanlike; debonair, chivalrous, well-born, high-born, SI.
gentility, gentil; fine, delicate, exquisite;
gentility, suavity, cultivation, culture, presence, dignity.
gentleness, imagination.
gentle, adj. 1. well-born, gentle, aristocratic, silk-
stocking, patron, noble, blue-blooded, thoroughbred; elegant, graceful, Scot. genty; fine, delicate, exquisite; well-bred, refined, polite, civil, mannerly, well-man-
ered, courteous; decorous, proper, Fr. comme il faut, fitting, becoming; gracious, ladylike, ladyish, courtly, gentlemanly, gentlemanlike; debonair, chivalrous, chivalric, gallant, cavalier.
gentile, n. 1. non-Jew, Often Disparaging, goy, Jew-
dish, shiksa, Yiddish. shegetz; uncircumcised man, Christian.
gentility, n. 1. refinement, good-breeding, manner-
lines, polished behavior, savoir-faire, courtliness, gentlemanliness, gallantry, chivalry, courtesy, polite-
ness, civility, comity, decency; affability, amiability, Fr. prévenance, decorum, propriety, etiquette, conven-
tionality, punctilio, formality; elegance, polish, urban-
ity, suavity, cultivation, culture, presence, dignity.
gentle, adj. 1. kind, kindly, tender, gracious, con-
siderate, thoughtful; indulgent, lenient, element, hu-
mane, merciful, compassionate, tender-hearted, gentle-
hearted, Fr. gentil; benign, amiable, affable, sweet-
tempered.
2. mild, moderate, soothing, easy, soft, zephyr-like, balmy, light, bland, slight; smooth, untruffled, motion-
less, waveless, undisturbed; tranquil, calm, still, quiet, untroubled; halcyon, halcyonian, peaceful, pacific, iring, reposeful, restful.
gentle, adj. well-born, high-born, Sl. blue-blooded, noble; aristocratic, armigerous, patronial, royal, prince-
ly, titled, thoroughbred; of gentle birth, of good fami-
ly, of good extraction, of superior descent.
gentle, n. 1. brilliance, aptness, cleverness, inge-
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genus, n. subdivision, subfamily; class, kind, ilk, sort, type; category, genre, nature, denomination.

germ, n. 1. microbe, microorganism, bacterium, bacillus, virus, Inf. bug.

1. v. gesture, motion, wave, flail the arms, germinate,

2. n. antiseptic, disinfectant, fumigant, fungicide.

generate, v. beget, procreate, generate; comprehend, understand, see, fathom, Informal, with; write, drop a line or, away, haul away.

get, v. receive, come by, realize, inherit, succeed to, fall into; gain, win, achieve, attain, reach; benefit, profit, avail; all usu. of wages) earn, make, Sl. pull down, gross, clear, net, Inf. take home, pocket.

2. obtain, acquire, secure, procure, purchase, buy, pick up; take in, harvest, garner, reap, gather, collect, glean.

3. capture, seize, grasp, bag, grip, grab, lay hold of, collar; catch, entrap, ensnare; take, snatch.

4. fetch, go for or after, go get, Hunting; retrieve; bring to, convey to, transport, carry; collect, take away, haul away.

5. communicate with, reach, contact, get in touch with; write, drop a line or note, epistolize; telephone, Inf. phone, call, Chiefly Brit. ring or ring up, dial or dial up, Inf. buzz.

6. sense, perceive, hear, take in; grasp, apprehend, learn, Inf. catch on, Inf. get the hang of, Inf. get into or through one's head; master, lay hold of, Inf. get a fix or handle on; absorb, digest, assimilate.

7. Informal. comprehend, understand, see, fathom, follow, Inf. make heads or tails of.

8. prevail upon, persuade, induce, talk [s.o.] into [s.t.]; influence, sway, bring [s.o.] round, enlist, win over; wheedle, cajole, coax; bribe, suborn.

9. (all usu. of animals) beget, procreate, generate; father, sire; spawn, breed.

10. affect, move, stir, touch, touch to the quick, Inf. get to; arouse, stimulate, excite, Inf. turn [s.o.] on; grip, hold; impress, leave a mark on, make an impression on, have an impact on; soften, melt, mollify.

11. hit, strike, smite, slap, smack, punch, Sl. sock, Inf. slug, pummel, pelt; shoot; wound, hurt, harm, injure, damage.

12. take vengeance on, get back at, get even with; pay [s.o.] back, even or settle a score with, Inf. give [s.o.] a taste of his own medicine; retaliate, revenge, avenge, return like for like, give tit for tat, demand an eye for an eye.

13. suffer from, be afflicted or visited with, be sick or ill with, have.

14. Slang. irritate, annoy, vex, pique, Sl. bug; provoke, anger, nettle, rankle, exasperate, aggravate; grate on, rub [s.o.] the wrong way; disconcert, unsettle, agitate, disquiet, perturb; ruffle, rattle, fluster; confound, confuse, nonplus, baffle, bewildered, perplex, puzzle.

15. become, come to be, turn into, change into; grow, wax.

16. begin, commence, start, set about.

17. get across make [s.t.] understood or clear, communicate, get [s.t.] or through to [s.o.], reach; convey, transmit, impart.

18. get ahead prosper, flourish, thrive, make good, do well, succeed, be successful; rise up in the world, achieve prestige or status, Sl. go places, Sl. get somewhere.

19. get around a. circumvent, outwit, outsmart, outmaneuver. b. cajole, flatter, wheedle, coax. c. socialize, travel, get about, circulate, visit, entertain.

20. get back a. return, come back, arrive home; come again, revisit. b. recover, regain, recoup, retrieve. c. be avenged. See get (def. 12).

21. get behind support, endorse, second, back, finance, Inf. angel; promote, push, plug, Inf. hype, talk up.

22. get by cope, manage; subsist, fare, survive, get along; keep body and soul together, keep the wolf from the door, make both ends meet, keep one's head above water.

23. get on a. progress, advance, proceed, move forward, gain ground. b. manage, survive. See get (def. 22). c. get along with, be compatible with, be congenial with. d. grow older, advance in age; become senile or debilitated, weaken, Rare. senesce; age, mature, ripen.

24. get out a. leave, depart, go away, be off, Sl. split, Inf. vanmose; withdraw from, retire from, get out of. b. make public, publicize, spread, circulate, broadcast, bruat about, noise abroad; become public or known. c. eject, expel, throw out, Sl. bounce.

25. get over a. recover from, recuperate, pull through, get well, rally, Inf. forget, write [s.t.] off, think no more of, come round, be reconciled, let bygones be bygones.

26. get together a. accumulate, gather, assemble, amass, compile. b. congregate, meet, socialize, Inf. party, visit. c. agree, concur, compromise, meet halfway, come to terms, reach a settlement or agreement, come to an understanding.

—n. 27. (usu. of animals) offspring, progeny, issue; litter, brood, spawn, hatch.


getup, n. Informal. 1. format, style, mode, fashion, vogue, look.

2. costume, outfit, trappings, Inf. rig, Inf. turnout; dress, garb, apparel, clothes, clothing, attire.

get up and go, n. energy, vigor, vim, vitality, life, bounce, Inf. starch, Inf. zip, Inf. pep, Sl. oomph; enthusiasm, desire, drive, push, initiative, ambition.

gewgaw, n. gimcrack, Inf. whim-wham, bauble, trinket, knick-knack, doodad, bagatelle, trifle, kickshaw, brummagem, toy, plaything; gaud, showy orna-
ment, spangle, sequin, tinsel, clinquant; worthless finery, frippery, Archaic. trumpery, junk; bric-a-brac, miscellany, odds and ends, bits and pieces.

ghostly, adj. 1. frightful, dreadful, awful, terrible, horrid, horrible, horrendous, hideous, ugly, frightening, terrifying, Inf. scary; gruesome, grisly, gory, disgusting, repulsive, repugnant, revolting, sickening, Sl. gross.

2. drawn, haggard, worn, Inf. beat, drained, washed-out; pale, pale-faced, pallid, wan, blanched, ashen, colorless, hueless; pasty, pasty-faced, white, white as a sheet, white as a ghost, ghostly, ghost-like, spectral; deaverous, corpse-like, deathlike, like death warmed over.

3. terrible, very bad, unforgiveable, abominable, abhorrent, appalling, shocking; odious, heinous, criminal, foul, loathsome, contemptible; mean, nasty, dirty, low, base.

ghost, n. 1. spirit, soul, shade, (in all in Roman religion) manes, leumures, larvae; specter, Inf. spook, revenant, wraith, (in Irish folklore) banshee; Doppelganger, doubleganger; apparition, phantom, eidolon, phantasm, phantasma, materialization, illusion, delusion, hallucination, mirage, image, representation.

2. demon, devil, evil spirit; goblin, hobgoblin, boogeyman.

3. shadow, trace, hint, suggestion, impression, semblance, appearance.

ghostly, adj. 1. ghost-like, spectral, phantom-like; unreal, illusory, illusive, shadowy, phantasmal, phantasmagorical, phantasmical, phantasmatic; supernatural, preternatural, unearthly, weird, strange, uncanny, mysterious, frightening, Inf. scary, Inf. spooky, haunted.

2. ghostly, pale, white, white as a sheet, white as a ghost. See ghostly (def. 2).

gibb, v. 1. jeer, mock, sneer at, jibe, gibe, ridicule, knock, deride, scoff at; taunt, tease, tit, rag, chaff, rib, kid, Sl. razz; hiss, boo, heel, hoot at, rail at, catcall.

2. jeer, jibe, fleer, raillery, chaff; poke, dig, cut, rub, barb, taunt, quip, wisecrack, thrust, skit; boo, hiss, hoot, catcall, cry; raspberry; derision, mockery, ridicule, sarcasm.

gibberish, n. 1. jabber, Jabberwocky, chatter, prattle, cackle, gibber; babble, babblement, prate, tat-tle, twaddle; patter, gabble, blather, jargon, gibbedegook, nonsense, hocus-pocus, mumbo-jumbo, abracadabra, open-sesame; babbling, Fr. bavardage; humbug, flummery, Sl. bunk, rubbish, Inf. rot, Sl. garbagio, Sl. man, Sl. miasm, balderdash, hoo-hah, stuff and nonsense, fudge, foolishness, rigmarole or rigamarole; poppycock, Inf. fiddle-faddle, Inf. piffle, drivel, Inf. bosh, Inf. kibosh, Inf. flapdoodle; small talk, Sl. bull.

2. palaver, claptrap, rodomontade, Sl. hot air, Sl. gas, pretentious talk; wordiness, verbosity, prolixity, prolixness, verbiage, verbalism; diffuseness, prosopopoeia, effusion, effusiveness, gushing; obfuscation, padding, redundancy, superfluous words.

gibbet, n. gallows, Archaic. bough, scaffold, Brit. Tyburn tree.

gibe, v. 1. jeer, mock, sneer at, jibe, gibe, ridicule, knock, deride, scoff at; taunt, tease, tit, rag, chaff, rib, kid, Sl. razz; hiss, boo, heel, hoot at, rail at, catcall.

2. jeer, jibe, fleer, raillery, chaff; poke, dig, cut, rub, barb, taunt, quip, wisecrack, thrust, skit, boo, hiss, hoot, catcall, cry; raspberry; derision, mockery, ridicule, sarcasm.

giddy, adj. 1. frivolous, light-hearted, carefree, insouciant, irresponsible; impulsive, fickle, erratic, flip-pant, changeable, inconstant; whimsical, capricious, crotchety, notionable; flighty, airy, light-minded, birdwitted, scattered-brained, hare-brained; mercurial, volatile, flyaway, skittish.

2. dizzy, vertiginous, light-headed, faint; unsteady, reeling, Inf. woozy, muddled, confused.

gift, n. 1. present, favor, Scot. propine, endowment; Law. acquit, Law. bequest, Law. legacy, heritage, inheritance, dowry; benefaction, bounty, largess, donation, donative, contribution, offering, Eccles. offertory, Eccles. alms, peace offering; bonus, Sl. mazower, Sl. bonus, Sl. gift, Sl. gift, Sl. present, Sl. gift, Sl. gift, Sl. gift, Sl. gift, Sl. gift, Sl. gift, Sl. gift, Sl. gift, Sl. gift, Sl. gift, Sl. gift.

2. presentation, bestowal, conferment, conferral, benefaction, donation; contribution; endowment, endowing, granting, subsidizing, offertory, almsgiving, charity.

3. talent, faculty, endowment, genius, facility, flair, bent, turn, knack, forte, strong point, dowry; aptitude, intelligence, mother wit, ingenuity, cleverness, aptness, mind for.

4. ability, adroitness, address, dexterity, skill, veracity, capacity, capability, potentiality, potentiality, poetry, power; skill, skillfulness, dexterity, adroitness, address, deftness, knowhow, savoir-faire.

—v. 5. present, give, bestow, confer, proffer, Archaic. propine; endow, will, leave, Law. bequest, Law. devise, dower; largess, donate, contribute, offer; dole, tip, (in India, Turkey, etc.) baksheesh, (in Chinese ports) cumshaw, handout; grant, aid, allowance, allotment, stipend, subsidy, subvention.

2. presentation, bestowal, conferment, conferral, benefaction, donation, contribution; endowment, endowing, granting, subsidizing; offertory, almsgiving, charity.

3. talent, faculty, endowment, genius, facility, flair, bent, turn, knack, forte, strong point, dowry; aptitude, intelligence, mother wit, ingenuity, cleverness, aptness, mind for.

4. ability, adroitness, address, deftness, knowhow, savoir-faire.
given, adj. 1. stated, fixed, specified, settled, arranged, appointed, agreed upon; set, prearranged, preordained.
2. addicted, given over to, devoted to, prone to, accustomed to, habituated, in the habit of, used to; inclined toward, disposed toward, predisposed, wont.
3. conferred, bestowed, accorded, presented, awarded, delivered, handed over; donated, granted.
4. assumed, understood, taken for granted, postulated, presupposed, conceded; submitted, proposed, declared, pronounced; allowed, acknowledged, recognized.

giver, n. donor, grantor, contributor, benefactor, supporter, backer, angel; fairy godmother, Santa Claus, Father Christmas.

glacial, adj. 1. icy, ice cold, bitterly cold, frigid, gelid, freezing, frozen, polar, arctic, Siberian, wintry, hemial.
2. unfeeling, cold-blooded, cold-hearted, cold; unsympathetic, unmoved, immovable.

glad, adj. 1. delighted, elated, well-pleased, well-contented, thrilled, tickled, Inf. tickled pink, pleased as punch, Dial. in hog heaven, Brit. Sl. chuffed; pleased, contented, gratified, satisfied.
2. cheering, pleasing, gratifying, satisfying; encouraging, enheartening, inspiring; delightful, gladsome; exhilarating, invigorating, animating, enlivening.
3. gay, merry, jolly, jovial, light-hearted, gleeful, cheerful, mirthful, frivolous; happy, bright, airy, sunny; joyous, jubilant, cock-a-hoop; playful, frolicsome, sportive, gamersome; festive, convivial, rollicking.
4. willing, more than willing, ready, unreluctant, unloath, nothing loath.

gladden, v. cheer, animate, vivify, enliven, brighten, hearten, enhearten, embolden; delight, elate, exhilarate, fill with joy, pleasure, tickle, Inf. tickle pink; inspire, raise the spirits, pick up, buoy up, boost, Inf. give a lift.

gladly, adv. cheerfully, happily, smilingly, with pleasure, willingly, ungrudgingly, unreluctantly, with good grace, Arc. Iain; delightedly, joyfully, joyously; gaily, lightheartedly, cheerily, merrily, gleefully, mirthfully, laughingly; enthusiastically, exuberantly, animatedly, heartily, spiritedly, vivaciously, zestfully, with zest, with gusto.

gladness, n. cheer, cheerfulness, gayness, gaiety; good or high spirits, blitheness, blithesomeness, light-heartedness, buoyancy; joy, delight, pleasure, happiness, felicity; joyfulness, joyousness, jubilation, exhilaration, exultation, glee, elation; joviality, meriment, jollity, mirth, mirthfulness, hilarity.

gladsome, adj. 1. cheering, pleasing, gladdening, gratifying, satisfying; happy, glad, good, pleasant, encouraging, exhilarating, enheartening, inspiring; exhilarating, invigorating, animating, enlivening; refreshing, stimulating, quickening, stirring, exciting.
2. gay, merry, jolly, cheerful; joyous, jubilant; playful, frolicsome, sportive. See also glad (def. 3).

glorious, adj. 1. charming, attractive, alluring, inviting, enticing, tempting, tantalizing, irresistible; captivating, provocative, intriguing, fascinating, enthrancing, beguiling, intoxicating, bewitching, enrapturing; interesting, appealing, piquant; irresistible; magnetizing, hypnotizing, mesmerizing; enchanting, bewitching, entralling, evanishing.
2. exciting, thrilling, spine-tingling, electrifying, hair-raising, Inf. far-out, Inf. rip-roaring; stimulating, stirring, rousing, inspiring, invigorating, exciting, excitative; moving, impelling, compelling, soul-stirring, heart-moving; overpowering, overwhelming, overcoming.
3. fantastic, fabulous, enviable, once-in-a-lifetime, stupendous, never-to-be-forgotten.

glamour, n. 1. excitement, adventure, commotion, Inf. razzle-dazzle, brouhaha, hubub, fuss, flurry, flutter, fluster, bustle, to-do; glimmer, tinsel, sparkle, pizzazz.
2. charm, attractiveness, appeal, desirability, desirableness; beauty, beautifulness, pulchritude, loveliness, prettiness, comeliness.
3. magic, spell, influence, rune, Scot. cantrip, enchantment, bewitchment, bedevilment; illusion, delusion, mirage; fascination, delight, enthrancement, enravishment; captivation, attraction, possession, obsession; bliss, rapture, transport.
4. temptation, allurement, seduction, beguilement; voice of the Sirens, forbidden fruit.

glance, v. 1. look quickly or briefly, cast a brief look at, catch a glimpse of, snatch a glimpse, glimpse, look hurriedly, regard hastily, peek, peer, sneak a look or peek, squint; observe, witness, view, behold, contemplate, see; pray, watch for, be on the lookout, scan.
2. flash, gleam, glare, coruscate; glitter, glimmer, glisten, Archaic. glister, glint, scintillate; shimmer, shine, flicker, sparkle, twinkle, reflect.
3. bounce off, fly off, ricochet, rebound, carom; skim, touch, graze, brush, lick, kiss.
4. allude, make an allusion to, cite, refer to, advert to, point to, speak of; mention, mention in passing, touch upon; hint at, intimate, suggest, insinuate.

—v. 5. brief look, look, quick view, Scot. gisk, peek, peer, Fr. coup d’oeil, Scot. blink; Inf. once-over, Inf. look see, Sl. gander; vision, ken.
6. flash, gleam, glitter, glisten, glint; shimmer, flicker, sparkle, twinkle, reflection.
7. ricochet, rebound, carom; graze, brush, lick, kiss.
8. allusion, reference, intimation, suggestion, passing mention, insinuation, innuendo, hint.

glare, n. 1. brilliance, brightness, dazzling, splendor, refulgence, brilliance, luster, illumination, luminosity, effulgence, radiance; dazzling, startling, far-out, or strong light, intensity, vividness; blaze, flare, flame, fulguration, coruscation, scintillation; glittering, glistering, glimmering; shimmering, sparkling, twinkling; flickering, fluttering, fluctuating, oscillating, vacillating; glint, gleam, sheen, gloss.
2. glorier, scowl, lower, frown, angry or fierce look; black or dark look, dirty or nasty look; riveting or fixing gaze, scrutinization, piercing stare; long face, moping, fretting, pouting, sulking.
3. showiness, flauntiness, floridness, showy appearance; gaudiness, garishness, ostentation, extravagance; flashiness, vividness, brightness, gayness, colorfulness, distinctness; loudness, cheapness, ruddiness, meretriciousness.

—v. 4. light, illuminate, effulge, shine brilliantly; dazzle, blind, gleam, flash; beam, streak, coruscate, fulfillure; shimmer, flicker, twinkle, glimmer, glitter, sparkle; glint, glisten, Archaic. glister, flutter; glare, spark, scintillate, fluctuate, oscillate; flame, blaze, burn; radiate, incandesce, phosphoresce.
5. glorier, gloat, scowl, lower, frown; stare angrily, look at darkly or blackly; look daggers, menace, threaten.

glaring, adj. 1. dazzling, brilliant, very bright, resplendent; shining, lustrous, illuminating, radiating; bedazzling, dazing, blinding, overpowering, intense, strong, harsh, vivid; blazling, flaring, flaming, flash-
glass, n. 1. crystal, (in prescriptions) vitrium; silicate, granite, obsidian.
2. window, pane, glazing; mirror, looking glass, spectacles.
3. tumbler, beaker, conkin, goblet, chalice, wine glass; glassware, crystal, vitrines.
4. lens, eye-piece, ocular, magnifying glass, microscope; spyglass, telescope, reflector.
5. barometer, mercury barometer, aneroid barometer, barograph, altimeter, altigraph, Meteorograph. aneroid barograph.
6. glasses eye-glasses, spectacles, Inf. specs, bifocals, pince-nez, contact lenses, Inf. lenses; eye-glass, monocle; lorgnon, lorgnette, opera glasses, field glasses, binoculars.
glassy, adj. 1. vitreous, vitric, vitriform, crystal, crystalline, glasslike; clear, crystal clear, transparent, transspicious, lucid, limpid, pellucid, translucent, diaphanous; mirrorlike, reflective, reflecting, glossy, shiny, shining, gleaming, shimmering; smooth, slick, icicle, icy.
2. expressionless, blank, empty, vacuous, void; dull, poker-faced, sphinxlike, deadpan, dead; glassy-eyed, staring, gazing, in a daze, in a trance, hypnotic, hypnotized; fixed, unmoving, motionless, still.
glaze, v. 1. gloss, polish, shine, burnish, luster, finish, Inf. —burnish; paint, color, enamel; candy, sugarcoat.
2. expressionless, blank, empty, vacuous, void; dull, poker-faced, sphinxlike, deadpan, dead; glassy-eyed, staring, gazing, in a daze, in a trance, hypnotic, hypnotized; fixed, unmoving, motionless, still.
glitter, v. Archaic. glisten, glint, glimmer, glitter, sparkle, glistening, spark, scintilla, trace.
2. inception, incidence. or
3. glitter, glint, glimmer, glisten, —v. 4. continuous motion, smooth movement, sliding, glissade, gliding; floating, drifting, flowing, rolling, streaming.
glimmer, n. 1. gleam, glare, fulguration, coruscation; shimmer, flicker, twinkle, glister, Scot. glisk, sparkle, glistening; spark, scintilla, trace.
2. inking, dim perception, vague notion, feeling.
—v. 3. gleam, glare, effulge, coruscate; streak, stream, beam; glitter, glister, glint; shimmer, shine, flicker, sparkle, twinkle.
glimpse, n. 1. brief look, look, glance, Fr. aperçu, glimpse, glimpse, 1. —v. 3. catch sight of, Sl. get a load of, take in, look on or upon, set or lay eyes on, see with one's own eyes.
4. glance, look quickly or briefly, cast a brief look at, peak, see. See glance (def. 1).
glint, n. 1. glimmer, glimmering, glinting, glistening, glinting; twinkle, twinkling, shining, sparkle, sparkling; spark, scintillation, scintilla; flicker, flickering, flutter, fluttering, quivering, shivering, ripple, rippling; shimmer, shimmering, dancing, dazzling, bedazzling, dazzle, bedazzlement; flash, flashing, flare, flaring, fulguration; gleam, gleaming, glare, glaring, coruscation.
2. luster, sheen, shine, gloss; polish, burnish, reflection, reflected light; glow, illumination, brilliance, incandescence, phosphorescence, iridescence, opalescence.
3. inking, trace, vestige, scintilla; indication, evidence, impression; show, showing, apparition, emergence, brief manifestation or occurrence; happening, incident, incidence.
—v. 4. glimmer, glitter, glister, Archaic. glister; shine, sparkle, twinkle, light, spark, scintillate; flicker, blink, wink, flutter; quiver, shiver, ripple; shimmer, dance, dazzle, bedazzle; flash, flare, fulguration, gleam, glare, coruscate; brighten, illuminate, illumine, make lustrous or radiant, glow; reflect, make iridescent, incandesce, phosphoresce.
5. dart, dartle, dash, Inf. scoop, scuttle, Inf. skedaddle; run, sprint, scud, tear; rush, hasten, hurry, fly, run like the wind, race, streak; bolt, bound, spring, leap; start quickly, Sl. tear off, Inf. take off.
glisten, v. 1. glint, glitter, glimmer, Archaic. glister; reflect, sparkle, twinkle, flicker; blink, wink, flutter; quiver, shiver, ripple; shimmer, dance, dazzle, bedazzle; light, spark, scintillate, flame; flash, fulguration, gleam, gleare, coruscate; oscillate, varicellate, fluctuate; move to and fro, undulate, vibrate; tremble, twitter, twitch, shudder.
2. gleam faintly, shine; luminesce, incandesce, phosphoresce, make radiant or lustrous; illuminate, illumine, Archaic. illumine, Obs. enlume; brighten, light up, cast light upon, make brilliant or luminous; radiate, irradiate, effulge; shine forth, beam, stream.
—n. 3. glint, glinting, glimmer, glimmering, glis-
ten, glister, glistering, glittering; shining, sparkling, sparkling, spark, twinkling, twinkle, scintillation, scintilla; flickering, flicker, fluttering, fluttering, quivering, quiver, shivering, shiver, rippling, ripple; shimmering, shimmer, dancing, dazzling, dazzle, bedazzling; flash, flare, fulguration, gleam, gleaming, glare, coruscation; oscillating, oscillation, vacillating, vacillation, fluctuating, fluctuation; undulation, undulating, vibrating, vibration, trembling, twitching, shuddering.

glow, afterglow, faint gleam or glare, shine; luster, gloss, sheen, iridescence, incandescence, phosphorescence, radiance; brilliance, illumination; luminosity, luminance; refugence, refrugency, refluentness, ef-fugence; beam, ray, shaft, streak, patch, subdue or tremulous light.

glitter, v. 1. glist, glimmer, glisten, Archaic. glist, shine, sparkle, twinkle, light, spark, scintillate; flicker, blink, wink, flutter; quiver, shiver, ripple; shimmer, dance, dazzle, bedazzle; flash, flare, fulgurate, gleam, flare, coruscate; brighten, illuminate, illumine, make lustrous or radiant.

flaunt, show off, put on a show, Inf. put on the dog; exhibit, disport, air, display ostentatiously; parade, swagger, strut, swashbuckle.

—n. 3. glist, glimmer, glistening, glist, shine, sparkle, twinkle, light, spark, scintillation, scintilla; flickering, flicker, fluttering, quivering, shivering, rippling; shimmering, dancing, dazzling, bedazzling; flash, flare, fulguration, gleam, glare, coruscation; illumination, glow, radiance, incandescence, phosphorescence, iridescence; luster, sheen, gloss, shine, reflected light.

4. showiness, flauntiness, floridness, showy splendor, pomp, pomposity, pompousness, fanfare, Inf. razzle-dazzle; gaudiness, garishness, ostentation, parade, pageantry, spectacle; flashiness, flash, pizzazz, vividness, brightness, gayness, colorfulness; radiance, resplendence, splendor, resplendency, brilliant display or exhibition.

glow, v. 1. relish, enjoy, take great pleasure in, delight in, revel in; rejoice, triumph, glory in, exult, Inf. rub it in, lord it over; boast, crow about, brag, vaunt, talk up.

—n. 1. glare, look hard at, stare at, ogle, eye, leer.

global, adj. 1. world-wide, universal; extensive, broad, vast, far-reaching, wide-ranging; encyclopedic, comprehensive, all-inclusive, exhaustive, complete, thorough.

2. globular, globulous, globe-shaped, globate, globoid, globose, globelike; spherical, spheroidal, orbicular, orbiculate, round, rounded, rotund, bulbous, bulb-shaped; oval, ovate, ovaliform, ovoid, egg-shaped; elliptical, ellipsoidal, circular, cyclindrical, cylindrical; bell-shaped, campanulate, pear-shaped, pyriform.

globe-trotter, n. jet-setter, world traveler, Sl. W.T.; voyager, excursionist, tour, sight-seer, itinerant, peripatetic, traveler, wayfarer, peregrinator; migrant, gadabout, rambler, rover, wanderer, nomad, gypsy.

globular, adj. global, globulous, globe-shaped, globate, globose. See global (def. 2).

globe, n. 1. Usu. the globe the planet earth, the world, terrene, terra, the whole world, the universe.

2. planet, moon, star, heavenly or celestial body, orb.

3. terrestrial globe, celestial globe; map of the world.

4. sphere, ball, orb, round, globoid; globule, spherule, spheroid, oval.

glory, n. 1. Usu. the glory the celestial glory, the glory of the sun, the glory of the moon, the glory of the stars, the glory of heaven, the glory of heaven.

2. glory, shine; luster, radiant.

Inf. fulgence; beam, ray, shaft, streak, patch, subdued or spotlight.

3. glory, shine; luster, radiant.

Inf. fulgence; beam, ray, shaft, streak, patch, subdued or spotlight.

glorious, adj. 1. delightful, charming, captivating, enchanting, delectable; wonderful, wondrous, marvelous, spectacular, fabulos, winning; ecstatic, exultant, exulted, elated, blissful; jubilant, elated, overjoyed; surprising, singular, unusual, awe-inspiring; excellent, superb, splendid, consummate, Inf. peachy, Brit. Sl. ducky; enjoyable, pleasurable, pleasant, pleasing, gratifying, agreeable, congenial; halcyon, peaceful, serene, tranquil, pacific, heavenly.

2. dignified, stately, courtly, solemn, grave; majestic, noble, imposing, august, commanding, striking, towering; aristocratic, regal, royal, lordly, princely, imperial; lofty, elevated, sublime, grand, exalted, glorified; transcendent, Inf. out of this world, celestial; ethereal; praiseworthy, admirable, estimable, estimable, illustrious, worthy, excellent, exemplary, meritorious, impressive.

3. eminent, prestigious, notable, conspicuous; fa-
mous, famed, illustrious, notorious; renowned, celebrated, popular, distinguished, distinguishing; noted, named, marked; peerless, unique, unrivalled; preeminent, superior, surpassing, supreme; triumphant, successful, victorious.

4. magnificent, splendid, resplendent, elegant, prosperous; radiant, refugent, effulgent, shining, glowing; bright, brilliant, illuminating, lustrous, nitid, glossy; luminous, glittering, sparkling, shimmering, glimmering, dazzling.

**glory**, *n.* 1. exultation, laudation, acclamation, kudos, accolade, *Archaic* magnification, citation, eulogy, eulogium, eulogization, encomium, panegyric; exaltation, glorification, honor, crown; approval, approbation, endorsement, sanction, commendation, recommendation; congratulation, *Archaic* gratulation, celebration, paean.

2. dignity, stateliness, solemnity, gravity; majesty, nobility, nobleness, imposingness; loftiness, sublimity, grandeur, exaltation, gloriousness; worthiness, excellence, impressiveness.

3. eminence, prestige, nobility; fame, illustriousness, repute, reputation, notoriety, notoriousness; renown, distinction, note, name; celebrity, popularity, popular favor, vogue, figure, mark; object of pride, boast.

4. esteem, admiration, appreciation, respect; honor, reverence, veneration, adoration, worship; *Eccles.* benediction, blessing, *Archaic* benison, hosanna; praise, thanksgiving, gratitude.

5. magnificence, splendor, resplendence, pomp; triumph, success, victory, flying colors; flourish, fanfare, éclat, parade, pageantry, show, display; elegance, luxury, affluence, state; prosperity, good fortune, heyday, prime; zenith, summit, acme, crest, pinnacle, height, top; culmination, consummation; maximum, optimum.

6. radiance, refuglence, effulgence, shining; brightness, brilliance, brilliancy, illumination; luminosity, glitter, sparkle, shimmer, glimmer, dazzle; luster, sheen, gloss.

7. omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, *Theol.* Ubiquity; infinity, infinite wisdom, infinite goodness, infinite justice, infinite truth, infinite love, infinite mercy.

8. heaven, paradise, eternity, kingdom come, Promised Land, kingdom of heaven, celestial happiness; Eden, Elysium.

—v. 9. exult, rejoice, triumph, jubilate, thank one's lucky stars; luxuriate, bask, revel, delight; take pride in, be proud of, plume oneself, pride oneself; vaunt, show off, boast.

—interj. 10. **glory** Be glory to God, thank God, thanks be to God, heaven be praised; hallelujah, alleluia, hosanna, praise God, praise the Lord; my word, of all things, wow, shiver me timbers, good heavens.

**gloss**, *n.* 1. shine, polish, luster, sheen, brightness; glitter, shimmer, glow, luminousness; glaze, varnish, veneer, lacquer, enamel, japan.

2. front, façade, camouflage, mask, disguise; pretense, masquerade, deceptive show, show, surface, semblance, false appearance; speciousness, brummagem, sham, tinsel; imitation, paste, ersatz, Inf. hokum, scagilola.

—v. 3. polish, glaze, shine, give a shine to, varnish, lacquer, enamel, japan, glaze.

4. mask, veil, disguise; smooth over, cover up, slick over; color, falsify, alter, doctor up.

**glossary**, *n.* gloss, nomenclature, word list, listing, directory; addendum, annotation, notes; appendix, index, table of reference; catalog, concordance.

**glossy**, adj. 1. shiny, lustrous, glowing, burnished, polished, waxed, glassy, glistening, shining, silken, smooth, tawny, velvet, sandalized, surpassing.

2. deceptive, fraudulent, meretricious, slick, factitious; false, unreal, insincere; artificial, contrived; assumed, put-on, pseudo; specious, theatrical, pretended, feigned, simulated, make-believe, sham, mock, ersatz, synthetic, plastic, *Sl.* hokey.

3. bogus, spurious, supposititious; counterfeit, fraudulent, imitation, not genuine, brummagem, fake, Inf. phony.

**glove**, *n.* mitten, mitt, gauntlet, gage; muff.

**glow**, *n.* subdued light, glowing, afterglow; incandescence, luminosity, phosphorescence; luster, shine, iridescence; splendor, brilliance, radiance, refuglence, effulgence; illumination, flash, glare, beam, ray, shaft; streak, patch, coruscation, fulguration; shimmer, flicker, twinkle, glitter, glimmer, sparkle, glint, glisten; flutter, flare, spark, scintilla; flame, blaze, burning, white heat.

1. brightness, vividness, intensity, radiance; splendor, resplendence, brilliance, shine, effulgence; luster; colorfulness, richness, velvyness, splendor.

2. turn red,G. rub, S. rosa, crimson, scarlet, rubescence, erubescence; rose, blush, pink, coral, russet, murrey.

3. warmth, emotion, feeling; passion, ardor, fervor, fervency, zeal; gusto, eagerness, earnestness, enthusiasm, inspiration, animation; excitement, elation, ecstasy, thrill, *Inf.* rush, tingling.

—v. 6. incandescence, light, illuminate, radiate; phosphoresce, shine; flash, glare, beam, streak, coruscate, fulgurate; shimmer, flicker, twinkle, glitter, glimmer; sparkle, glint, glisten, *Archaic* glister; flutter, flare, spark, scintillate; flame, flare, blaze, burn.

7. add luster or brilliancy, brighten, color, make luminous, make rich, make intense, strengthen, heighten, deepen; make vivid, make resplendent, shine.

8. turn red or scarlet, crimson, redden, rouge; blush, flush, color, grow red, become sanguine, glow, mantle, suffuse, spread; get a fever, become fevered or febrile; grow flush, burn, tinge, rubricate, incarnadine; flood, flow, diffuse, *Pathol.* inflame.

9. warm, move, make animated or inspired; arouse passion, inflame, make excited or elated, enthuse; thrill, tingle, arouse, awaken, enkindle, stir, stimulate; exhort, spur, quicken.

**glower**, *v.* glare, lower, scowl, frown, look black, look fierce, look daggers, *Scot.* glunche, *Sl.* give a dirty
or nasty look, Sl. don the hate-mug.

—n. 2. glare, scowl, frown, dirty or nasty look fierce or threatening look.

glowing, adj. 1. incandescent, candescent, cantent, aglow, in a glow.

2. (all of coloring) rich, warm, vibrant; (all of complexion) ruddy, sanguine, flushed, florid, red-faced; radiant, shining, beaming, rosy-checked; hot, heated, fiery, burning, feverish.

3. complimentary, highly favorable, laudatory, acclamatory, eulogistic, panegyrical, encomiastic; flattering, adulatory, hero-worshipping, excessive.

gloze, v. explain away, extenuate, gloss over, palliate. See gloss (def. 5).

gloze2, v. shine, brighten, gleam, glow. See gleam. (def. 4).

glue, n. 1. paste, cement, epoxy, mucilage, gum.

v. shine, brighten, gleam, glow. See gloze.

glut, n. 1. glut, adj. glutinous, pasty, tacky, Archaic, conglutinated; adhere, stick, cling, cleave to, fix.

v. 2. paste, agglutinate, cement, seal, gum, lute, fixative; putty, size, lute, mortar, plaster.

gluey, adj. sticky, viscous, gummy, adhesive, mucilaginous, cohesive; tenacious, clinging, tacky, viscous, glutinous, paste, tacky, Archaic. sизy, mucous, albuminous, ropy, stringy.

glum, adj. gloomy, silent, morose, woebegone, dismal, sullen, dejected, dispirited, pessimistic, cynical, grumpy, glowing. See gloomy (def. 2).

glut, v. 1. sate, fill, satiate, stuff, overfeed, overfill; cloy, surfeit, pall; sicken, weary, overdo, jade.

2. flood, saturate, inundate, supersaturate, surcharge, load.

3. choke up, clog, obstruct, dam up, stop up, check, charge, load.

4. gorge, enlarge, cram, overeat, gormandize, engulf, overindulge, Archaic. glutonize; gobble up, devour, guzzle, bolt, gulp down, wolf down, raven, Slin. pig out; eat like a pig or horse or ox, make a beast of or horse or ox, cormorant; pantophagist, eater, omnivore; hag, fairy, gremlin, imp, sprite, nix, nixie.

5. excess, surfeit, surplus, superfluity, superabundance, overprofusion, nimiety; load, overload, over-laden, oversupply, overfill; congestion, engorgement; overspill, overflow, flood, inundation, deluge; more than enough, enough with over-measure, enough and to spare.

6. satiety, satisfaction, saturation, supersaturation; full supply, full stomach, heart's content, bellyful.

glutinous, adj. sticky, gummy; albuminous, ropy.

See gluey.

glutton, n. gormandizer, gourmand, trencherman, big eater, Slin. chowhound, wolf, pig, hog, gobbler, horse, ox, cormorant; pantophagist, eater, omnivore; Slin. belly-god, Slin. belly-slave, Slin. greedy-guts.

glutinous, adj. 1. voracious, ravenous, ravenging, devouring, gormandizing, cormorant, edacious; open-mouthed, hogghish, piggish, porcine, swinish, gross.

2. greedy, insatiable, satiate, unquenchable, omnivorous; desirous, cupidinous, avaricious, surerious; hungry, craving, grasping, acquisitive, Slin. grubby, precocious, rapacious.

glutony, n. ravenousness, voracity, voraciousness, gormandism, edacity, open-mouthedness, hogghishness, piggishness, Slin. pigging in, swinishness, grossness, crapulousness; insatiability, insatiateness, omnivorousness, gluttony.

gnarl, n. 1. knot, protrubrance, lump, bump, lump, bunch; gibbosity, swelling, excessence, tumescence, protrusion; knob, knur, knar, knurl, nurl; nub, node, nodule, nodosity; boss, torus, bunion, button.

—v. 2. twist, screw, twine, wret,erring; contort, distort, warp, bend; wriggle, writh, vermiculate.

gnawed, adj. 1. knotty, lumpy, bumpy, humpy, gnarly, knotty, knarly; knurled, knotted, nodular, snaggy; bent, twisted, crooked, arthritic; warped, contorted, distorted, cross-grained.

2. rugged, rough, weatherbeaten, seasoned, toughened; leathery, wrinkled, furrowed, craggy.

3. cantankerous, crotchety, crabby, cranky, grouchly, grumpy, dyspeptic; disagreeable, peevish, snappish, huffy.

gnash, v. (of the teeth) grind, strike together, grit, rasp, grate, scrape.

gnaw, v. 1. nibble, peck, bite, chew, champ, masticate, munch, crunch, mumble, ruminate, (both of cattle, deer, etc.) browse, graze.

2. corrode, fret, eat into or away, consume, devour, rust, Both Chem. oxidize, oxidate; erode, wash away, wear down or away; waste away, deteriorate, degenerate.

3. exasperate, aggravate, irritate, annoy, vex, irk, peeve, gnat, nettle, tease; harass, harry, plague, torture, torment, trouble; hector, pester, badger, Archaic. haggle; bother, disturb, shake, ruffle, fluster.

gnome, n. 1. dwarf, troll, leprechaun, clurichan; elf, brownie, kobold, pixie, Hobbit; goblin, hobgoblin, hob, fairy, gremlin, imp, sprite, nix, nixie.

2. miniaurist, magus, adax, apothegm, epigram; saw, proverb, saying; truth, trumis, dictum, precept.

go, v. 1. move, proceed, pass, advance, make way, forward; get on, make headways, gain ground; budge, stir; walk, tread, pace, stride, amble; travel, journey, tour, trek; wend, trail, hie, Scot. gang, gather way.

2. leave, depart, quit; move off, decamp, steal away, make off, slip away, abandon, abscond. U.S.Slin. vanomouse, Jocular. absquatulate, Slin. scam; evacuate, emigrate, migrate; flee, fly, flit, take wing; withdraw, retreat, retire, repair, recede; sally forth, start out, set out, embark, weigh anchor.

3. function, perform, operate, work, run, act, play, Inf. tick, Inf. percolate, Inf. perk.

4. become, grow, grow into, come to be, wax; turn to, change to, convert to.

5. reach, extend, stretch to, spread to, give access to, open to, communicate to.

6. elapse, lapse, pass, pass by, expire; slip away, tick, Inf. perk, Inf. zip by; drag, crawl, creep.

7. result, turn out, end, end up, eventuate; ensue, given, be conveyed; be bequeathed, be willed, be left.

8. be applied, be allotted, be awarded, be assigned.

9. be turned over, be given, be extended, be changed to, convert to.

10. fit, conform, suit, comply, meet, accommodate; be devoted to; be transferred, be granted, be ceded, be given, be conveyed; be bequeathed, be willed, be left.

11. be discarded, be thrown away, be disposed of, be destroyed.

12. die, perish, decease, pass away, expire.

13. vanish, disappear, cease to be, be no more, leave no trace, vanish into thin air, Slin. go poof; fade away, melt away, dissolve, die out, Inf. peter out; be consumed, be eaten up, be exhausted, be spent; be finished, be wiped out, be eradicated, be annihilated, be destroyed.
drop, shut, be dismissed, be put aside, be cast aside, be done with, be gotten rid of; be forgotten, be shamed.

—-v. 16. develop, progress, proceed, move along; evolve, mature, bloom, ripen; work out, unfold, unwind, unfurl.

pass, circulate, get abroad, go around, get out; become public, acquire currency, get afloat.

sound, say, translate, pronounce; be phrased, be said, be spoken, be formed, be pronounced, be voiced, be vocalized; be written, be composed, be spelled.

wear out, tire out, weaken, deteriorate, degenerate; decline, fade, flag, lose power; become weakened, become worn out, become ineffectual, become useless.

break, fail, give way, collapse, burst, pop; snap, tear, crack, give; fall down, cave in, tumble, crumble, crumple, disintegrate, fall to pieces.

—go down a. lose, suffer defeat, fall, be the loser; be beaten, be upset, SI. be licked, SI. be drubbed. b. be remembered, be recalled, be memorialized, be commemorated.

go off explode, fire, detonate, fulminate; blow up, pop, burst, erupt, blow, SI. go boom.

go on a. happen, take place, occur, come about, arise, ensue. b. endure, last, continue, stay; abide, remain, run.

go out expire, fade out, die out; be extinguished, be dosed, be quenched, be turned off, be unplugged.

go over review, examine, inspect, study, look over; read, scan, peruse, run over, skim, give a quick once over.

go through bear, experience, suffer, withstand, undergo; put up with, stand, take, tolerate, submit to; weather, brook, brave.

go together date, keep company, court, go with, go out with; go steady with, Brit. walk out with, see, woo, Inf. be honeys.

go release one's hold, unarm, unhand, disencumber; release, set free, liberate, loose, open the door to.

—n. 29. energy, spirit, animation, vigor, dynamism; life, elan, dash, zest, verve, vim; get up and go, Inf. pep, Inf. zip, vim, vigor and vitality; drive, enterprise, initiative, push.

— attempt, try, trial, essay, Archaic, assay; Inf. shot, Inf. fling, SI. whirl, SI. stab, SI. crack, SI. whack; venture, endeavor, effort, bid, gambit.

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—interj. 34. start, get going, move, run, hop to it, take off; step lively, get a move on, SI. get the lead out.

begone, be off, Archaic. avaunt, away away with; get out, go away, get along, get or be on your way, get out of here; get out of my sight, Inf. make yourself scarce, SI. beat it, SI. vaporize, SI. scram, SI. get lost, SI. hit the road.

—n. 1. prod, rowel, stick, shaft, staff, shepherd's staff, quarterstaff, stave, pole, rod, crook, shepherd's crook; lance, spear, point.

stimulus, stimulant, incentive, fillip, provocative, motive; spur, prick, jog, jolt, poke; incitement, incucucement, instigation, encouragement, abetment, provocation, egging on, putting up to; dare, taunt, gibe.

—v. 3. prick, poke, stick, rowel, spur, prompt, prod, thrust; push, drive, propel, hold, whip, lash, fllog.

incite, provoke, instigate, actuate, look for trouble, Inf. start something; foment, agitate, excite, arouse, rouse, whip up, work up, stir up, wind up, enflame, inflame, fire up, kindle, touch off; encourage, urgle, egg on, put up to.

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—n. 1. aim, purpose, intent, intention, aspiration, ambition, ideal; end, end in view or mind, object, objective, target, mark, destination, course; endpoint, end of the road, end of the line, journey's end, terminus, terminal, last stop, home, SI. payoff; finish, finish line, line, (in track and field) tape, (in horse racing, etc.) pole.

score, hit, bull's-eye, touchdown, Inf. pay dirt.

—n. 1. buck, ram, billy goat, billy; nanny goat, nanny, nan, doe, kid.

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cicio, medium; middleman, broker, factor, agent, dealer, distributor, wholesaler, jobber; mediator, negotiator, peacemaker, makepeace; arbiter, referee, umpire, judge, moderator, third or disinterested party; ombudsman, ombudswoman; passer, advocate; Sl. Nader-raider; link, liaison, tie, connection, contact; friend at court; pimp, pander or panderer, procurer, gigolo, fancy man; procurer, Archaic. bawd.

**goblet**, n. wineglass, Literary. chalice, Chief. Scot. tass; glass, tumbler, rummer, cup, beaker.

**goblin**, n. hobgoblin, barghest, kobold; gnome, elf.

**goblet**, n. godsend, Archaic. godless, 1. atheistic, agnostic, nullifidian.

**goddess**, n. God Almighty, the Almighty, the God of the Universe, Most High; Lord of Lords, King of Kings, King of Glory; Creator, Author of all things, the Maker, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, the First Cause, the Prime Mover, the Light of the World, Ruler of Heaven and Earth, Sovereign of the Universe, Most High.

2. (l.c.) deity, divine being, divinity, numen, spirit, power, genius; demigure, Rom. Relig. lares and penates, *Hindu.* avatar, joss, tutelary.

3. (l.c.) idol, icon, graven image, golden calf.


2. beauty, belle, Venus, *Inf.* knockout, Sl. looker, Sl. dish, Sl. babe; siren, seductress, charmer, enchantress.

**goody**, adj. 1. atheistic, agnostic, nullifidian, skeptical, freethinking.

2. unrighteous, sinful, wicked, evil; irreligious, profane, ungodly, impious, blasphemous, sacrilegious; unholy, heathen, pagan.

**godlike**, adj. 1. divine, deiform, deified, godly; sacred, religious, holy, saintly, sainted, venerable, angelic, seraphic, blessed, blest.

2. heavenly, celestial, spiritual, ethereal, supernal; beatific, blissful, rapturous, ecstatic; supreme, exalted.

3. supernatural, preternatural, superhuman; transcendent, supermundane, hyperphysical, immortal.

**godly**, adj. devout, pious, God-fearing, religious, spiritual; pietistic, reverent, devoted, humble; believing, inspired; righteous, moral, virtuous, good; godlike, saintly, holy, seraphic, angelic, pure.

**godsend**, n. boon, blessing, beneficence, *Archaic.* benison; windfall, bonanza, stroke of fortune, piece of luck, lucky find, gravy.

**goggle**, n. 1. *goggles* protective glasses or spectacles.

2. stare, gape, oglé, leer, hard look, glare.

—v. 3. stare, gape, gawk, roll one's eyes, glare, look hard at; ogle, eye, leer, Sl. check out, *Inf.* give the once-over.


**going-over**, n. 1. examination, investigation, analysis, study, research, probe; review, survey, checkout, audit; close inspection, scrutiny, scrutinization.


3. thrashing, beating, whipping, *Dial.* whupping, flogging, lashing; spanking, strapping, belting; drubbing, trouncing, buffetig.


2. happenings, events, occurrences, performances, doings; merry-making, revelry, jollification, partying, bacchanalia, festivity, celebration.


2. money, wealth, fortune, treasure, riches, affluence, opulence, opulency; Midas touch.

3. gold-colored, golden, gilt. See *golden* (def. 1).


**golden**, adj. 1. gold-colored, gold, gilt, gilded, auriferous; yellow, yellowish, xanthous; bright, metallic, glittering, glittery, shining, shiny, lustrous; gleaming, brilliant, dazzling, splendid, splendid, resplendent.

2. priceless, very valuable, precious, highly prized, of great worth; costly, high-priced, dear, expensive.

3. fine, rich, superb, excellent, perfect; favorable, propitious, good, timely, opportune, advantageous, profitable; fortunate, lucky, providential, auspicious; optimistic, promising, rosy, roseate, sunny, smiling.

4. radiant, glowing, shining, sparkling; exuberant, alive, vigorous, vital, healthy.

5. prosperous, halcyon, flourishing, thriving, palmy; flourishing, halcyon, happy, peaceful, blessed, beatific, blissful, joyous, delightful, pleasant.


7. rich, deep, soft, low, smooth, mellow, velvety.


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11. right, correct, proper, decorous, seemly, permissible, allowable; fit, fitting, meet, suitable, appropriate, timely.

12. *Archaic.* dory, 5/. hunky; superior, extraordinary, marvelous, notable, splendid, wonderful, glorious, good; happy, peaceful, blessed, beatific, blissful, joyous, delightful, pleasant.

13. *Inf.* respectable, upstanding, upright, respectable, respected, in good standing, well thought of; worthy, of worth, praiseworthy, laudable, commendable, admirable, creditable, deserving, meritorious, of merit.

14. reliable, dependable, trustworthy, trusty, credible, believable; safe, secure, sound, stable, solid.

good-by
Inf. bye-bye; good-by, interj.
geniality, affability, pleasantness; congeniality, friendliness, amiability, sociability, conviviality.
comradeship, fellowship, mateship, camaraderie, comradery, esprit de corps, clubbiness, inf. chumminess; companionship, fellowship, togetherness.
fraternization, brotherhood, friendship, amity, good will.
good-for-nothing, adj. 1. worthless, of no worth, useless, of no use, no-good, valueless, of no value; do-nothing, lazy, slothful, sluggard, idle, fainéant, indolent.
—n. 2. ne'er-do-well, black sheep, fr. vaurien, worthless person; idler, fainéant, loafer, drone, do-nothing, inf. bum; sluggard, slugged, lazybones, manger, shirker, inf. goldbrick, sl. good-off.
good-hearted, adj. kind, kindly, kind-hearted, benign, benignant, good, warm-hearted, big-hearted, loving; considerate, thoughtful, well-meaning, well-intended; compassionate, understanding, sympathetic, soft-hearted, tender-hearted, tender, gentle; humane, merciful, clement, lenient, forbearing; beneficent, benevolent, charitable, giving, open-handed, unselfish; generous, liberal, munificent, philanthropic, altruistic.
good humor, n. 1. gaiety, jocundity, joyousness, gay spirits, high spirits, good spirits; light heart, levity, optimism, sunniness; amiability, pleasantness, likableness; good-naturedness; joviality, jollity, jollit; exhilaration, vivacity, alacrity; cheerfulness, cheer, mirthfulness, mirth, hilarity, merriment.
2. affability, approachableness, accessibility, communicativeness; easiness, openness, geniality, amicability, friendliness; congeniality, neighborliness, sociability; benignity, good nature, generosity, goodness.
good-humored, adj. cheerful, gay, cheery, blithe, blithesome, jocund, jolly, merry, gleeful; smiling, sunny, optimistic, in good spirits; positive, genial, congenial, amiable, affable; free and easy, easygoing, pleasant, good-natured, mellow, inf. laid-back; happy, pleased, contented, glad; enthusiastic, vivacious, animated, spirited, flushed, buoyant; sprightly, light-hearted, lively, airy; jocular, jocose, joking, jesting, waggish; playful, gamesome, frolicsome, sportive; jovial, mirthful, delightful, gladsmose, hilarious; sparkling, scintillating, effervescent.
good-looking, adj. 1. beautiful, comely, attractive, handsome, seemly, good-looking, beautiful, attractive, well-favored. Brit. SI. topnotch; pure, solid, sterling, 100%; choice, select; excellent, first-rate, first-class, prime, za, jackpot, gravy.
good luck, n. beauty, loveliness, comeliness, fairness, prettiness, pulchritude; attractiveness, hand-someness, glamour, sexiness, foxiness; nice body, good figure, good build or physique, shapeliness.
goodly, adj. 1. quality, superior, high grade, choice, select; excellent, first-rate, first-class, prime, top-drawer, inf. topnotch; pure, solid, sterling, 100%; splendid, inf. splendiferous, magnificent, st. swell, sl. cool, brit. spiffing.
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ampleness, immense, vast, extensive, voluminous; significant, consequential, weighty.

good-natured, adj. 1. agreeable, willing, amenable, obliging, accommodating; gracious, genial, gentle, peaceful, benign; polite, cordial, courteous, mannerly.

2. benevolent, kind, good, good-hearted, warm-hearted, humane, loving; altruistic, unselfish, considerate, thoughtful; kindly, kind-hearted, beneficent, benignant, generous, charitable, bounteous; magnanimous, big, humanitarian; neighborly, friendly, amicable, amiable, understanding, sympathetic, tender-hearted, broad-minded.

3. good-humored, cheerful, optimistic, in good spirits. See good.

goodness n. 1. virtue, virtuousness, morality, high morals, uprightness, righteousness, piety, piousness; honorableness, honesty, integrity, high-mindedness, nobility; wholesomeness, innocence, purity, chastity, virginit, saintliness, godliness.

2. kindness, kindliness, benignity, benignancy, kind-heartedness, warm-heartedness, bigness, big-heartedness, considerateness, thoughtfulness, compassion, understanding, soft-heartedness, tender-heartedness, humanity; beneficence, benevolence, charitableness, open-handedness, unselfishness, generosity, goodness, munificence, philanthropy, altruism.

3. excellence, high quality or standard, perfection; superiority, extraordinary, superlativeness.

4. quintessence, essence, cream, Fr. crème de la crème, cream of the crop, pick of the litter, pick, flower, pearl, jewel, prize; value, worth, merit, asset, strength, strong or good point, best quality or trait.

good will, n. 1. benevolence, beneficence, kindness, goodness, gracefulness, humanity, benevolence, kindness, humanity, altruism, unselfishness, consideration; magnanimity, brotherly love, sympathy, empathy; love, affection, concern; friendliness, hospitality, Archaic. glee.

2. acquisitiveness, willingness, agreeableness; flexibilit, compliance, geniality, cordiality; consent, assent, concurrence, accordance.

goodly-goodly, adj. 1. self-righteous, righteous, sanctimonious, hypocritically devout, holier than the Pope, holier-than-thou; affected, overnice, overprecise, overrefined, namby-pamby; hypocritical, false, insincere, canting, Pecksniffian, mealy-mouthed.

—n. 2. goodly-two-shoes, namby-pamby, nice nelly; old maid, prude, prig; milksop, pantywaist.

goose flesh, n. goose skin, goose pimples, Inf. goose or duck bumps, horripilation, Pathol. formation; (all sensations of fear or cold) chills, Inf. shivers, Inf. cold shivers, Inf. dithers, Sl. creeps, Sl. cold creeps.

gore, n. 1. blood, clot, coagulation, grime, scabbiness; carnage, slaughter, butchery, murder.

—v. 2. horn, butt, hook; pierce, transpierce, penetrate, disembowel, gut; puncture, prick, gouge; stab, spear, lance, pink, stick, impale, split.

gorge, n. 1. cleft, chasm, canyon, abyss, gulf; crevasse, crevice, rift, fissure; defile, pass, Fr. couloir, gap, notch; gulch, gully, wadi, gullet, ravine, Brit. clough, ditch.

—v. 2. throat, gullet, esophagus.

3. stuff, cram, glut, fill, sate, saturate, surfeit; devour, bolt down, gobble, gulp, swallowing whole; glutonize, gorgemize, overeat, overindulge, eat the whole thing; play a good knife and fork, wipe up one's plate, eat out of house and home.

gorgeous, adj. 1. splendid, splendidly, Inf. splendid, magnificent, resplendent; exquisite, elegant, sumptuous; luxurious, rich, opulent; dazzling, glittering, brilliant, refugent, radiant; impressive, stately, imposing; beautiful, breath-taking, Literary. beau- tieous, good-looking, attractive, pulchritudinous, lovely, charming.

2. pleasant, enjoyable, fine, Inf. nifty, Sl. swell, terific; glorious, marvelous, Sl. marvy, delightful, wonderful; excellent, great, grand, Inf. colossal; first-rate, Inf. super, sensational, superb, perfect, sublime.

gormandize, v. glutonize, gorge, stuff, cram, make a pig of oneself; devour, eat greedily, Sl. eat like there's no tomorrow, Sl. pig in; eat richly, dine well, Sl. eat high off the hog.

gory, adj. 1. bloody, bleeding, bloodstained, bloodsoaked, sanguinary, sanguineous; like a slaughterhouse or abattoir.

2. murderous, cruel, brutal, savage; fell, fierce, destructive, dreadful, horrendous, bloodthirsty.

3. unpleasant, disagreeable, distasteful, repellant, revolting; messy, Sl. yucky, embarrassing; awful, terrible, ghastly.

gospel, n. 1. (often cap.) Christian doctrine, the teachings of Christ, Christianity, Christian revelation, the good news, glad tidings; Scripture, the New Testament, the writings of the evangelists. See Scripture (defs. 1, 2).

2. truth, certainty, fact, verity, authenticity; Inf. the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

3. belief, creed, credo, doctrine, ethic, principle, tenet.

gossamer, n. 1. cobweb, spiderweb; thistledown, feather; gauze, tissue, chiffon.

—adj. 2. gossamer, cobwebby, feathery, silky; thin, light, fine, delicate, flimsy, frail; diaphanous, sheer, transparent, see-through, translucent; unsubstantial, airy, light as an angel's breath.

gossip, n. 1. rumor, grapevine, Inf. scuttlebutt, hearsay, Fr. oui-dire, report, Archaic. bruit; an earful, Sl. dote, Inf. inside info, Sl. pop, tittle-tattle; scandal, dirt, whispering campaign, mud-slinging.

2. prattle, idle talk, Sl. schmooze, small talk, palaver, Scot. chit-chat; chat, chitchat, Inf. yack; gab, yack, yak, twaddle, blather.

—v. 4. tattle, Inf. blab, rumor, circulate, bruit, Inf. inside info, Sl. tattle; prattle, idle talk, Sl. schmooze, small talk, palaver, Scot. chit-chat; chat, chitchat, Inf. yack; gab, yack, yak, twaddle, blather.

3. gossipper, gossipmonger, newsmonger, rumormonger; whisperer, tattler, talebearer, tattletale; loud mouth, Inf. blabbermouth, Sl. big mouth; yenta, tabby, cat; quidnunc, busybody, Paul Pry, snoop, meddler, Australian. Sl. stickybeak, eavesdropper; chatter, gabber, chatterbox, magpie; babbling brook, blatherer, prattler, fribbertygibbet.

—v. 4. tattle, Inf. blab, rumor, circulate, bruit, Scot. chit-chat; chat, chitchat, Inf. yack; gab, yack, yak, twaddle, blather.

gothic, adj. 1. medieval; barbaric, barbarous, uncivilized, rude.

2. (of literary style) gloomy, grotesque, macabre, violent; (of novels) mystery.

gourmand, n. 1. gastronome, epicure, connoisseur, gastronome, epicure, connoisseur, Inf. glutton, Sin. gourmander, Fr. bon vivant, Fr. bon vivant; dainty feeder, refined feeder, good palate, Lucullus.

govern, v. 1. rule, reign, exercise control over, hold sway, wield the scepter, wield the power or authority, wear the crown, occupy the throne, have the whip hand; command, order, dictate, call the shots, run the show; boss, lay down the law, be in the driver's seat, be in the saddle, wear the pants or trousers.
governable

2. supervise, oversee, preside over; direct, manage, guide, conduct, have or be in charge of; take the lead, lead; hold or keep in line, discipline, maintain order, regulate.
3. control, restrain, check, keep in check, curb, hold or keep back, contain, arrest; harness, bridle, rein in, hold in, leash, constrain; subdue, get the better of, suppress.

governable adj. manageable, controllable, restrainable; dutiful, obedient, submissive, amenable; docile, tractable, malleable, pliant, teachable; tame, domesticated, broken.
governor n. duenna, Fr. gouvernante, toutoures, instructress; nurse, nursemaid, Chief Brit. nanny, Fr. bonne, (both in India) amah, ayah.
government n. 1. administration, management, direction, guidance, control, regulation, conduct; supervision, superintendence, surveillance, overseeing; oversight, charge, command; jurisdiction, dominion, regime, rule, reign; directorship, leadership, rulership, headship, presidency, magistracy; statesmanship, statecraft; authority, law, Derog. big brother; Both U.S. Uncle Sam, Sl. the Fed.
2. council, ministry, cabinet, department, chamber; parliament, congress, (in Israel) Knesset, diet, duma, soviet, senate.
3. discipline, regimentation, restraint, constraint, reinsing in, holding in, suppression.
governor n. administrator, director, manager, executive, bureaucrat, functionary, official, marshal, magistrate; minister, regent, dean, chairman, chairwoman, chairlady, chairperson; president, head, chief, principal, Inf. kingpin, Inf. number one.
gown n. 1. evening dress, evening gown, dinner dress, dinner gown; dress, frock, robe; garment, raiment.
2. mantle, cloak, cassock; garb, canonicals, cloth vestments, Inf. clericals; academicals.
—v. 3. robe, drape, dress, clothe, vest, garb, attire, apparel, habit, Sl. dude up.
grab v. 1. clutch, snatch, clasp, grasp, grip, fasten upon, lay hold of, lay hands on, Inf. get one's fingers or hands on, Inf. latch on or onto; catch, catch hold of, capture, take, hook, snag, ensnare, secure, Inf. collar, Sl. nab.
2. seize, appropriate, take up, take over, assume; commandeer, expropriate, confiscate; usurp, misappropriate, arrogate.
3. grab at jump at, snatch at, Inf. snap up; scramble for, fall all over oneself, get all excited about.—n. 4. clutch, grasp, grip, grip, claspe, snatch.
5. seize, appropriation, takeover, assumption, arrogation, usurpation, commandeering.
6. up for grabs Informal. available, obtainable, attainable, accessible, to be had, Inf. anybody's or anybody's ballgame.
grace n. 1. elegance, tastefulness, fineness; refinement, culture, cultivation, polish, urbanity, suavity; taste, good taste, discrimination, discernment; savoir-faire, tact, finesse; propriety, decorum, mannerliness, manners.
2. charm, winsomeness, winningness, appealingness, appeal; attractiveness, comeliness, beauty, beautifulness, pulchritude, handsomeness, loveliness; gracefulness, suppleness, fluidity, smoothness, symmetry, poetry in motion; ease, facility.
3. favor, boon, benefit, benefaction, benediction, Archaic. benison.
4. kindness, kindliness, benevolence, beneficence, benignity; love, brotherly love, good will; graciousness, indulgence, condescension.
5. mercy, mercifulness, mildness, lenity, leniency, forgiveness, compassion, compassionateness; reprieve, quarter, respite, stay of execution.
6. virtue, moral strength, goodness, quality, merit; conscience, knowledge of right and wrong.
7. blessing, thanks, thanksgiving, grace before meals.
—v. 8. adorn, decorate, embellish, ornament, garnish; beautify, pretify, Inf. pretty up; enhance, enrich, set off to advantage; dignify, distinguish, honor, favor, Brit. Dial. mense; glorify, intensify, heighten, deepen.
graceful adj. 1. elegant, tasteful, fine; refined, cultured, cultivated, polished, courtly, urbane, suave; decorous, mannered, mannerly, well-mannered; discriminating, discerning, tactful.
2. charming, winsome, winning, appealing: attractive, comely, beautiful, lovely, handsome; supple, fluent, fluid, smooth, easy, facile; agile, nimble, lightsome.
graceless adj. 1. awkward, clumsy, gawky, ungainly, ungraceful; uncouth, coarse, rude, raw, gross, low; gauche, unpolished, unsophisticated, unreined, inelegant.
2. corrupt, degenerate, depraved; incorrigible, irreformable, lost; shameless, brazen, brazen-faced, bold, unabashed; insolent, impudent, imperious, disreputable.
gracious adj. 1. kind, kindly, benevolent, benign, benignant; kind-hearted, warm-hearted, warm; friendly, cordial, sociable, affable, amiable, pleasant, familiar; courteous, polite, well-mannered, mannerly.
2. tasteful, comfortable, easy, luxurious; urbane, suave, refined, polished, cultured, cultivated.
3. indulgent, obliging, accommodating, compliant, complaisant; patronizing, condescending.
4. merciful, compassionate, lenient, humane; mild, gentle, clement.
—interj. 5. my, my oh my, dear me, goodness, goodness gracious, goodness gracious me, my goodness, good heavens, Sl. for crying out loud, land of Goshen.
gratification n. 1. progression, succession, sequence, course, order, series; continuance, continuation, consecutiveness, step-by-step progress, gradual advance, regular progression.
2. stage, degree, step, level, rank, plateau, plane, place; mark, point; pitch, extent, measure, amount, rate.
3. shading, depth, intensity.
grade n. 1. degree, stage, gradation, scale; step, rung, stair, peg, notch; point, mark.
2. status, rank, standing; position, station, place, class, caste; worth, value, merit, quality; situation, condition, lot, estate.
3. mark, rating, measure, evaluation, score, average, ratio.
4. angle, slant, inclination, pitch, attitude.
5. bank, rise, hill, activity, declivity, slope, upgrade, incline, downgrade, decline.
6. make the grade qualify, pass, pass muster, stand the test, measure up, come up to scratch or standard, Sl. cut it, Sl. hack it; accomplish, finish, achieve, win, get through.
7. up to grade satisfactory, acceptable, adequate, sufficient, suitable, up to par, up to snuff.
—v. 8. level, smooth, flatten, even out, roll; equalize, correct.
9. sort, assort, size; class, type, name, label, tag, ticket, brand; classify, arrange, range, order, dispose,
place, group, organize; categorize, pigeonhole, distinguish, rate, rank, graduate.

10. blend, shade, blur, intermingle, synthesize, homogenize, harmonize; mingle, amalgamate, fuse.

**gradient**, *n.*
1. slope, incline, ramp, rising ground, inclined surface or plane.
2. rate, degree, point, mark, indicator.

**gradual**, *adj.*
regular, deliberate, steady, even; slow, moderate, leisurely, unhurried, slow-paced, snail-like, at a snail's pace, inchmeal, imperceptible, measured, paced; progressive, continuous, methodical, methodic, systematic, orderly; gradational, by degrees, graduated, step-by-step.

**gradually**, *adv.*
slowly, inchmeal, a little at a time, little by little, bit by bit, regularly, progressively, through all the gradations, constantly, continually; drop by drop, inch by inch, at a regular pace, imperceptibly.

**graduate**, *n.*
1. alumnus, alma, bachelor, licentiate.
2. grade, calibrate, mark off, measure off, divide; arrange; rate, rank, range, order, dispose, place, group; adjust, modify, adapt, accommodate, regulate.

**graduation**, *n.*
commencement, graduation day, graduation ceremony.

**graft**, *n.*
shoot, bud, scion, new growth, sprout.

**-v.**
1. shoot, bud, scion, new growth, sprout, implantation, transplantation.
2. slip, ingraft, implant, insert, infix, join, transplant.

**-graft**, *n.*
jobbery, racket, spoils; **All Inf.** pickings, rake-off, cut, kickback; plunder, loot, booty, swag, boggle, grease, velvet, gravy, honey, payola, hush money, pay-off, shore-down.

**-v.**
1. line one's own pockets, dip into the public money, payoff, shake-down.
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**gram**, *n.* (all of language) system, order, organization; principles, rules, laws; rudiments, basics, essentials, structure or formation; **linguistics**, syntax, sentence structure or formation; **Linguistics**. structuralism, transformational grammar, **Linguistics**. generative grammar, **Linguistics**. tagmemics; prescriptive grammar.

**grammarien**, *n.* grammatical, Derog. grammasticaster, grammar specialist; linguist, philologist, philologist.

**grand**, *adj.*
1. distinguished, noted, eminent, famous, well-known, celebrated, esteemed; renowned, illustrious, prominent, preeminent, notable, **Archaic**. eximious; legendary, immortal, fabled, memorable; venerable, revered, respected.
2. dignified, distinguishing, stately, august; imposing, majestic, magnificent, exalted, imperious; lordly, noble, kingly, imperial, princely, majesterial; aristocratic, well-bred, genteel, genteel, blue-blooded.
3. splendid, superb, marvelous; luxurious, sumptuous, glamorous, striking, gorgeous; great, large, palatial, impressive; pretentious, ostentatious, dashing, showy, glittering; lofty, sublime, **Inf.** up there.
4. ambitious, aspiring, hoping, idealistic, dreaming, wishful, yearning, longing; unrealistic, outrageous, **Inf.** out-of-this-world.
5. complete, comprehensive, all-inclusive, inclusive, blanket; exhaustive, radical, widespread, sweeping, far-reaching, expansive; universal, world-wide, catholic.
6. choice, A-1, first-rate, **Inf.** topnotch; very good, excellent, wonderful, fantastic, fabulous.

**grandeur**, *n.*
1. eminence, preeminence, loftiness, majesty, exaltation, excellence, greatness; nobleness, stateliness, imperialism, augustness, nobility; magnificence, splendor, glamour.
2. impressiveness, importance, greatness; vastness, immensity, enormity, letter.

**grandfather**, *n.*
1. **Inf.** granddad, **Inf.** grandpop, **Inf.** grandpapa, **Inf.** gramps, **Archaic.** grand sire.
2. forefather, father, ancestor, forebear, progenitor, **Archaic.** predecessor.
3. founder, creator, author, originator, generator, initiator; inventor, framer, designer.

**grandiloquence**, *n.* bombast, grandiosity, pomposity; lofty language, fustian, euphuism, Johnniesan. See **bombast.**

**grandiloquent**, *adj.* bombastic, pompous, orotund, fustian, grandiloquent, magnificent. See **grand** (defs. 1-3).

**grandiose**, *adj.* grand, impressive, imposing, majestic, magnificent. See **grand** (defs. 1-3).

**grapple**, *n.*
choose, A-1, first-rate, first-class, top-notch, top-drawer.

**-v.**
1. agree to, accede to, assent to, consent to, allow, bequeath, dower;
2. agree to, accede to, assent to, consent to, allow, bequeath, dower;
3. agree to, accede to, assent to, consent to, allow, bequeath, dower;
4. endowment, contribution, donation; benevolence, benevolence, benevolence.
5. fellowship, scholarship, assistantship, stipend, merit, reward, honor.

**-grant**, *v.*
bequeath, dower; assign, **Law.** devise, transmit; will, pass on, hand down, commit, entrust; consign, lease, let, rent.

- **n.**
1. endowment, contribution, donation; benefit, boon, benefaction, bestowal, bestowment; gift, **Fr.** cadeau, award, tribute, honorarium; largess, bounty; offering, favor, doceur, gratuity, tip, fee; dole, handout, alms, allotment, share, portion; pension, subsidy, subvention, subscription.
2. fellowship, scholarship, assistantship, stipend, allowance.
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**granulate**, *v.*
1. granulate, subdivide, pulverize, triturate, comminute; crush, grind, pound, bray; crumble, crumb, fragment, disintegrate; roughen, file, rasp, scrape, abrade.

**granule**, *n.*
grain, particle, crumb, bit, corpuscle, fragment, mite; pellet, bead, pebble, globule; seed, spore, **Biol.** sporule.

**graph**, *n.*
grid, chart, diagram, table, map, blueprint, picture, drawing, sketch, outline.

**graphic**, *adj.*
pictorial, picturesqu, descriptive, expressive, realistic; particular, detailed; distinct, well-defined, well-delineated, well-drawn, vivid, striking, telling; cogent, effective, forcible, lively, energetic, trenchant; explicit, express, specific, definite, precise, exact, pointed; lucid, clear, crystal-clear, manifest, plain, obvious, unmistakable; unequivocal, unambiguous, clear, distinct, sharp.
grapple, v. 1. seize, take hold of, snatch; grip, clinch, hold, squeeze, press, fasten, secure, make fast, hook, catch, pin. 2. U.S. grapple with a. struggle, fight, wrestle, tussle, scuffle; encounter, clash, combat, battle, brawl. b. tackle, contend with, deal with, try to overcome. 
grasp, v. 1. grip, gripe, clutch, clench; clasp, hold, grasp, clinch; take, lay hold of, nab, seize, grab, snatch, catch at, catch. 2. comprehend, understand, apprehend, realize, Chiefly Scot. ken; perceive, apperceive, cognize, know. Sl. savvy, get, get the picture, follow. Inf. latch on or onto, Sl. dig. Brit. Sl. suss out; Inf. make head or tail of. —n. 3. grip, grasp, clutch, clench; grasp, clench, clasp, handclasp, embrace. 4. scope, extent, measure, range, breadth; compass, reach, sweep, limits, bound. 5. comprehension, understanding, apprehension, realization; awareness, sense, perception, apperception, cognition; knowledge. Sl. savvy. Inf. fix. Brit. Sl. suss. 6. hold, holding, possession; power, mastery, clutches.
grasping, adj. 1. greedy, avaricious, acquisitive, grasping, Sl. grabby, rapacious; selfish, hoarding, possessive; miserly, penurious, parsimonious, grudging; chary, sparing, Rare. illiberal, niggardly; stingy, mean, Shabby, closefisted, tight-fisted, close, Inf. tight, gripping, penny-pinching; sordid, exacting, extortionate, mercenary, venal, usurious. 2. eager, avid, desirous, cupidinous, anxious, breathless, impatient, longing, thirsting, thirst, ardent, desirous, fervent, fervent, ardent; agog, zealous, fervent, burning; ambitious, aspiring, hungry, craving, esurient. 3. ravenous, raving, voracious, devouring, wolfish, glutinous; hoggish, piggish, swinish; insatiable, insatiating, unquenchable, omnivorous. 4. grass, n. 1. herbage, vegetation, pastureage, verdure, Trademark. Astroturf; fodder, hay; pasture, lawn, green; sward, greensward, turf, sod. 2. slang. marijuana. See dope (def. 2). 
grassland, n. pasture, prairie, campo, veld, veldt; savanna, steppe, the Steppes, pampas, llano; meadow, Archaic. mead, meadowland, lea, downs; heath, moor, moorland, wold, plains, tundra.
grass roots, n. 1. countryside, rural districts, farm country, Inf. sticks. Sl. boondocks, Sl. booneies; provinces, hinterlands, backwoods, back country, wilds, middle of nowhere; heartland, U.S. Peoria, U.S. Main Street, U.S. River City, down on the farm. 2. countyside, rural folk, farmers, tillers of the soil; country cousins, hicks, rubes, yokels, rustics, hayseeds; common folk or people, democracy, commoners, we the people, average man; little guys, hometown folks, U.S. Middle America; hoi polloi, general public, U.S. John Q. Public, Sl. Joe Blow, Sl. Joe Doakes, the great unwashed, the masses; rank and file, workingmen, middle class, taxpayers. Sl. peons, ones who work for a living.
grassy, adj. grasslike, gnamineous, torfy; green, verdant, verdudorous, emerald, aquamarine. 
gratification, n. satisfaction, self-satisfaction, fulfillment, self-fulfillment, contentment, self-contentment, content; happiness, felicity, pleasure, joy, enjoyment, delight, fun; self-gratification, self-indulgence, hedonism. 
gratify, v. 1. satisfy, fulfill, content, make content, make one feel good, do one's heart good; please, give pleasure to, delight, make happy, warm the cockles of one's heart. 2. indulge, give in to, comply with; humor, pacify, appease, mollify, soothe; favor, pamper, baby, coddle. Obs. olive, comfot, fudge, spoil, overindulge. 
gratifying, adj. satisfying, fulfilling, heartwarming, rewarding; pleasing, pleasant, agreeable, delightful, fun, pleasurable, enjoyable; lovely, nice, good, great, Sl. swell, fine. 
grating, adj. 1. irritating, aggravating, exasperating, exacerbating; annoying, vexatious, irksome, gallling, peevish, nettling; disturbing, bothersome, distressing; wearing, fatiguing, tiring, tiresome; offensive, unpleasant, displeasing, disagreeable. 2. harsh, jangling, jarring, strident, raucous; rasping, stertorous, grating, grinding, scraping, scratchy, scratching, clanging; screeching, creaky, creaking, screeky, screaming, rusty; sharp, piercing, shrill, shrillling, strident, stridulous, stridulant, twangy, twanging; hoarse, gravelly, croaky, croaking, squawk, squawking; discordant, dissonant, absonant, cacophonous, disharmonious, unmelodic, unmusical. 
grating', n. perforated screen, latticework. See grate' (def. 2). 
gratis, adv. 1. free of charge, Inf. for free, without charge, gratuitously, Inf. on the house, for nothing, at no cost; freely, voluntarily, of one's own volition, of one's own accord, on one's own, without being asked. —adj. 2. gratuitous, free, complimentary; costless, expenseless, chargeless. 
gratitude, n. gratefulness, thankfulness, appreciation, sense of obligation; recognition, acknowledgment, thanks, thanksgiving. 
gratuitous, adj. 1. free, gratis, complimentary. See gratis (defs. 1, 2). 2. groundless, ungrounded, unfounded, baseless; unjustified, unreasonable, irrational, silly; unprovoked, unnecessary, uncalled-for, needless, superfluous, without reason or cause. 
gravity, n. tip, douceur, fee, lagniappe, Fr. pourboire, Ger. Trinkgeld, Archaic. vail, (in Chinese ports) cumshaw, (in India, Turkey, etc.) bakshesh; present, gift, Inf. a little something; reward, honorarium, award, prize; perquisite, Inf. perk, bonus, extra, plus, dividend, fringe benefit. 
grave, n. 1. crypt, tomb, vault, sepulcher, burial
chamber, burial pit, mausoleum; last home, long home, low house, wooden house, narrow house; coffin, casket, Sl. wooden kimono or overcoat.

2. death, decease, demise, expiration, end, rest, eternal rest.

3. have one foot in the grave dying, expiring, going, slipping, sinking, fading or fading fast; near death, at death's door, knocking on heaven's door, on one's deathbed, Inf. on one's last legs, Latin. in extremis.

grey, adj. 1. sedate, sober, solemn, serious, somber; thoughtful, earnest, pensive, preoccupied; grim, grim-faced, grim-visaged, stone-faced, frowning, unsmilng.

2. weighty, momentous, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-important, essential, of the essence, vital, Inf. Gut; critical, crucial, important, all-importa
tience, longing, ar dor, fervency, passion; aspiration, hunger, ambitiousness.

**greedy**, adj. 1. avaricious, grasping, acquisitive, Sl. grabby, rapacious; selfish, hoarding, possessive; miserly, penurious, parsimonious, grudging, niggardly, _Rare_. illiberal; stingy, mean, closefisted, tightfisted, close, Inf. tight, penny-pinch ing; mercenary, venal, usurious.

2. (usu. in reference to food) ravenous, ravening, voracious, devouring, glutinous, gormandizing, cor morant, edacious; open-mouthed, hoggish, piggish, swinish; insatiable, insati ate, unquenchable, omnivorous.

3. eager, avid, desirous, cupidinous, _Archaic_. vain, _Archaic_. lickerish; anxious, breathless, impatient, longing, ardent; agog, zealous, fervent, burning; ambitious, aspiring, hungry, craving, covetous, envious.

**green**, adj. 1. greenish, viridescent, virescence, emerald, bluish-green, greenish-blue, olive green, pea-green, glaucous.

2. verdant, grass-covered, plant-covered, grassy, verdurous.

3. young, vigorous, sturdy, sound, healthy; strong, active, robust, energetic; growing, developing.

4. unseasoned, not aged, undeveloped, not perfected, unfinished; fresh, recent, new, raw; supple, plant, elastic.

5. unsophisticated, inexperienced, immature, callow; inexpert, untrained, unskilled, awkward, amateurish; glib, naive, easily fooled, credulous, simple.

—n. 6. lawn, grassy area, sward; common, village green, campus, turf; putting green, golf course.

**greengrass**, n. 1. rookie, newcomer, beginner, amateur, novice, tyro, neophyte; gosling, tenderfoot, INIT. apprentice, Sl. jobbery.

2. dupe, Sl. fall guy, Sl. sucker, gull, cat's-paw; pigeon, easy mark, easy victim, _Archaic_. cull; stooge, puppet, instrument; fool, tool, April fool; butt, scapegoat.

**greenhouse**, n. hothouse, conservatory, _Brit_. glasshouse; summerhouse, gazebo, pavilion; nursery, arbor etum, vinery; pleasure-garden, pleasure-grove, green court, viridarium.

**greenness**, n. 1. verdancy, viridity, verdure, _Bot_. virescence.

2. youthfulness, childishness, immaturity, unripeness, incompleteness, inexperience, callowness, awkwardness.

3. innocence, simplicity, gullibility, naive, credulity, credulousness, trustfulness.

**green**, v. 1. address, salute, accost, hail, flag, wave to, give [s.o.] the glad hand or eye; hello, halloo, nod to, smile at, wink at, tip the hat to, doff the cap to; shake hands, squeeze or pump the hand, Sl. press flesh.

2. receive, welcome, meet, _Archaic_. gratulate; present, introduce, usher in, call in.

**greeting**, n. 1. salutation, address, salute, salaam, hail, welcome; hello, halloo, aloha, how do you do; bow, curtsey, genuflection, scrape; handshake, handclasp, kiss, peck; nod, bob, duck, kow tow, prostration, homage.

2. message, note, tidings, missive, letter, cable, telegram, wire.

3. greetings respects, regards, best wishes, good wishes, compliments, devoirs.

**gregarious**, adj. sociable, social, affable, companionable, folksy, neighborly, brotherly; friendly, amicable, genial, cordial, hospitable, warm-hearted, kindly; hearty, hail-fellow-well-met, convivial.

**gremlin**, n. specter, phantom, ghost; goblin, hobgoblin, barghest, kobold; gnome, elf, imp, leprechaun, brownie, nix, fairy, sprite; bugbear, bogey, bogeyman, ogre; demon, devil.

**grenade**, n. explosive, hand grenade, bomb, Sl. egg, Molotov cocktail, letter bomb; shell, ball, gas bomb, incendiary bomb, napalm bomb, stink bomb, time bomb.

**grief**, n. 1. anguish, misery, _Archaic_. bale, dolor, _Archaic_. dole; sorrow, sadness, woe, ruth, heartache, heartbreak, broken heart; ache, hurt, pain, suffering, _Archaic_. teen; torture, torment, agony; lamentation, bereavement, mourning; wretchedness, heaviness of heart, desolation, despondency, dejection, despair, slough of despond, moroseness, melancholy.

2. regret, rue, remorse, repentance, contrition, penitence, compunction.

3. distress, affliction, grievance, trouble, worry, vexation, Inf. wroth; plight, strait, predicament, sea of troubles, difficulty, rub; burden, load, albatross, cross, onus, crown of thorns, bitter pill, millstone around one's neck; trial, travail, tribulation, curse, ordeal, infliction.

4. misfortune, adversity, loss, mischance, mishap, casualty, accident; reverse, hard luck, ill luck, bad luck, bad fortune, ill fortune, hard times, evil days; hardship, privation, austerity, pinch, extremity; disaster, calamity, catastrophe, evil; trauma, blow, shock.

5. come to grief —v. fall, miscarry, Inf. come a cropper, Inf. come to no good, go to wrack and ruin.

**grievance**, n. 1. wrong, unjust act, injustice, disservice, unfairness; injury, damage, hurt; outrage, atrocity, enormity, calamity; offense, affront, indignation, indignity.

2. complaint, _Law_. gravamen, charge, accusation, imputation, allegation, plaint; grudge, _U.S. Sl_. beef.

3. burdensome, oppressive, heavy, afflicting; unbearable, torturous, impossible; unendurable, insuffer able, insupportable, more than flesh and blood can bear.

**grievous**, adj. 1. sorrowful, mournful, sad, distressing, agonizing, crushing; painful, acute, sharp, cutting; heart-rending, moving, Inf. tear-jerking, pathetic, tragic, pitiful.

2. flagrant, blatant, egregious, heinous, shameful; atrocious, enormous, outrageous, flagitious, iniquitous, nefarious; shocking, appalling, glaring, gross, dire, grave; deplorable, lamentable, calamitous, dreadful.

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**grill**, n. 1. gridiron, grate, barbecue, gridle.

—v. 2. broil, barbecue; fry, griddle.

3. persecute, torment, torture, excruciate, burn, scald.

4. _Informal_. cross-examine, cross-question, interrogate, quiz, pump, catechize.
grimy, adj. dirty, filthy, blackened, tarnished, odious; wicked, evil, vile, iniquitous, Archaic. facinorous; abhorrent, revolting, repulsive, repugnant, loathsome, despicable, detestable, hateful.

grin, v. 1. smile, laugh; grin from ear to ear, grin

2. seize, seizing, grasping, gripping, clutching; reach, reaching, snatchingsnatch, grabbing, grab.

3. hold, control, clutches, possession, custody, keeping; command, government, direction, rule, authority; mastery, domination, dominion, sovereignty.

4. smirk, sneer, smirk, grin; pout, stick out one's lower lip, Fr. faire la moue.

5. mental hold or grasp, Inf. fix, Sl. handle; understanding, comprehension, apprehension, realization, awareness, sense, feel, perception, appropriation, cognition, knowledge, ken, Sl. savvy, Brit. Sl.uss.

6. knob, lever, handle, hilt.

7. sharp pain, pang, spasm, contraction, convulsion, paroxysm, throes.

8. gripe, influenza, flu, Pathol. ague.

9. to come to grips with face, deal with, cope with, handle, encounter, meet head on.

10. hold fast, grip, clutch, clench, grasp, grapple, clench; clasp, handclasp, embrace, hug, hold, arms.

11. take hold on or of, absorb, engross, involve, take in, engulf; hypnotize, mesmerize, rivet, spellbind, enchant, entrance, fascinate.

grize, v. 1. grasp, grip, clutch, clasp; clench, grapple, clinch; clasp, handclasp, embrace, hug, hold, arms.

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3. hold, control, clutches, possession, custody, keeping; command, government, direction, rule, authority; mastery, domination, dominion, sovereignty.

4. small suitcase, valise, Gladstone bag, traveling bag, or satchel, bag, shoulder bag, gym bag, duffel bag, duffel; kit bag, knapsack, sack, backpack, pack.

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grit, n. 1. dust, powder, dirt, soot; airborne particles, air pollution, particulate matter.


—v. 4. grate, grind, gnash, rasp, scrape, rub, grate; clench, lock, lock together.

gritty, adj. 1. sandy, sandlike, sabulous, arenaceous, arenose, arenulous, *Obs.* arenarious, *Obs.* arenate, *Obs.* arenated; grainy, grained, granular, granulate, granulated; gravelly, pebbly, pebbled, shingly, shingled; dusty, powdery, pulverous, pulverulent.

2. plucky, mettlesome, game, spirited, red-blooded, *Inf.* spunky; brave, courageous, valiant, valorous, —v. 4. grate, grind, gnash, rasp, scrape, rub, gride;scribble, scribbler, scribbler, scribbler; scribbled, scribbled, scribbled, —adjective, scribbler.

3. firm, resolve, determine, staunch, stanch, steadfast, stalwart, *Archaic* stalworth, doughty, sturdy, hardy; indomitable, invincible, unconquerable, unyielding, unshrinking, unbending, unbowing, unaltering, unhesitating, unwavering, unwavering, undeviating.

4. gross, n. 1. aggregate, entire, whole, all, allness, completeness, totality, absolute-

—v. 3. arrange, fix, adjust, do, dress, adorn; put in order, tend, make tidy, tidy up, freshen up, refresh,
spruce up; smooth, disentangle, untangle, unsnarl, get the knots out; curry, brush, rub, rub down, clean.

4. train, coach, break in; initiate, ground, prepare; ready, prime, harden, inure; teach, instruct, tutor, school, inform, enlighten, edify.

groove, n. 1. indentation, hollow, furrow, groove, stria; flute, trench, channel, trough, canal, *Archaic* glyph.

—v. 3. furrow, channel, trough, flute, trench, ditch, rut,

grope, v. 1. feel one's way, probe, grabble, scrabble, tumble, poke around, pick one's way, move blindly.

2. fish for, angle for, hunt for, look for, cast or beat around for; send out a feeder, send up a trial balloon, see how the land lies, see which way the wind is blowing.

gross, adj. 1. aggregate, entire, whole, all, allinclusive, inclusive, comprehensive.

2. unqualified, unmitigated, complete, total, absolute;

—adjective, ridicule, bawdy, raffish; crude, vulgar, raw, rude, broad, earthy, low, foul-mouthed, carnal, sensual, erotic, sexual, animalistic; obscene, pornographic, gutter, gutter-level.

3. unrefined, unsophisticated, uneducated, —v. 4. groove on

—v. 3. enjoy, like, love, rejoice in, revel, see how the land lies, see which way the wind is blowing.

4. indifferent, indecent, risque, ribald, bawdy, raffish; crude, vulgar, raw, rude, broad, earthy, low, foul-mouthed, carnal, sensual, erotic, sexual, animalistic; obscene, pornographic, gutter, gutter-level.

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nook, corner, cubbyhole, cubby.

grouch, v. 1. Informal. complain, moan, Inf. gripe. See grumble (def. 1).
   —n. 2. Informal. grumbler, crab, curmudgeon. See grum- berly.

grouchy, adj. Informal. surly, cantankerous, irascible. See grumpy.

ground, n. 1. soil, earth, mold, Archaic. glebe, Archaic. marl, land, terrain; sod, turf; loam, clay.
   2. grounds tract, property, acres, estate, farm; surroundings, lawn, yard, common, field, park.
   3. Often grounds foundation, base, basis, root; reason, rationale, argument; proof, evidence, testimony, demonstration, premise, proposition; motive, cause, why and wherefore; object, purpose, excuse.
   4. grounds dregs, lees, grouts, sediment, deposit, precipitate, settings.
   —v. 5. found, base, set, bottom; fix, settle, stabilize, secure; establish, consolidate, organize, instill, institute.

groundless, adj. 1. unsupported, ungrounded, un-founded, unsound, unbiased, baseless, without basis; conjectural, speculative, suppositional, hypothetical, academic, academical, theoretical, imaginary, illogical, unsubstantial, tenuous, faulty, erroneous, apocryphal.
   2. unjustified, unjustifiable, unwarranted, unproven, un-called-for, wanton, gratuitous, without cause or motive or reason; illogical, irrational, unreasonable, senseless, preposterous, absurd, ridiculous, asinine, Sl. cockeyed.

groundwork, n. foundation, ground, base, basis; bottom, footing, underpinning; basics, ABCs, elements, essentials; preparation, preliminaries, Inf. home-work; preface, prologue, first things.

group, n. 1. collection, assemblage, accumulation, amassment; heap, pile, mass, cumulation; agglomeration, conglomerate.
   2. class, classification, family, species, genus, phylum; subdivision, variety, branch, section.
   3. set, series, array, assortment; cluster, clump, Bot. sorus, bunch, batch; lot, pack, packet.
   4. company, party, body, congregation, assembly, gathering, crowd; team, crew, band, troupe, squad, gang, detail, work party, force, corps, detachment; association, league, sisterhood, brotherhood, sorority, fraternity, sodality, guild; circle, set, clique, coterie; flock, herd, drove, bevy, covey, gaggle, swarm, shoal, school, colony; clan, tribe, sept, phyle, caste.
   —v. 5. classify, class, bracket; rank, size, grade, graduate; sort, sift, categorize, assign, dispose; organize, arrange, marshal, coordinate; line up, file, catalog, register, tabulate, index; align, range.
   6. associate, get together, keep company with; mingle, hobnob, consort, fraternize.

grove, n. stand, copse, copsewood, thicket, brake, canebrake, boscage, covert, pinery, Southwestern U.S. chapparral, Brit. spinney, Chiefly Brit. copice, Archaic. bosk; orchard, orangery, Obs. arbor; wood, woods, woodland, wooded area, wildwood, forest.

grovel, v. 1. kowtow, bow, bow before, bow to, bow and scrape, bend, bend before, stoop, squat, crouch, slouch, hunch; cringe, cower, squirm; whine, whimper, snivel; lick [s.o.'s] shoes, lick or kiss [s.o.'s] feet, kiss the hem of [s.o.'s] garment, Inf. bootlick; court, pay court to, curry favor, keep time to, dance attendance upon, be at [s.o.'s] beck and call, agree to anything, Inf. be a yes man to; toady, toady to, toad-eat, fawn, fawn upon, Sl. fall all over, wheedle, slaver, puff, puff up, inflate, Inf. play up to, Inf. apple-polish, Inf. butter up; Sl. shine up to, Sl. suck up to, Sl. brown-nose, Sl. earn brownie points.
   2. crawl, creep, creep before, slither, sneak, sneak along, steal, steal along, worm, worm along, worm one's way; kneel, kneel before, fall on one's knees; lie prone, lie low, prostrate oneself, throw oneself at the feet of.
   3. (all in mean or base things) wallow, wallow in, wallow in the mire, welter; revel in, rejoice in, delight in, luxuriate in, indulge in.

growing, adj. 1. servile, slavish, obsequious, Obs. obsequent, subservient, menial, Obs., Rare. ver-nile; submissive, docile, deferential, acquiescent, compliant, unassertive, Tomish, Uncle Tomish, tractable, mealy-mouthed; kowtowing, bowing, and scraping, bending, stooping, squatting, crouching, slouching, hunching; cringing, cowering, squirming; crawling, creeping, slithering, sneaking, worming; whining, whimpering, sniveling; sympathetic, sycophantal, sycophantish, toadyish, toadying, toad-eating, truckling, wheedling, timeserving, Inf. foot licking, Sl. footkissing, Inf. apple-polishing, Sl. brown-nosing, Obs. blinding, Obs., Rare. blandiloquious.
   2. base, base-spirited, mean, mean-spirited, low, low-spirited, vile, scurvry, desplicable, contemptible, debased, abused; shabby, pauperly, dirty, beggarly, beggared.

grow, v. 1. increase, fill out, expand, develop, enlarge, swell, wax, become greater or larger; add to, augment, reinforce, supplement; double, triple, quadruple, multiply; extend, distend, stretch, spread; widen, heighten, lengthen, deepen, thicken; amplify, magnify, grandiorize.
   2. issue, arise, originate, spring up, sprout, bud, germinate, pullulate, shoot up; burst forth, mushroom, burgeon, boom, develop vigorously; thrive, prosper, flourish, luxuriate; bloom, blossom, flower, bear fruit, fructify; mature, matureate, ripen.
   3. advance, get ahead, go up in the world, progress, make headway; succeed, Brit. Dial. fadge, fare well, get or go along.
   4. unite, coalesce, come together, become attached; combine, merge, converge, blend, amalgamate.
   5. become, come to be, get to be; work up to, progress, advance.
   6. raise, produce, generate, breed, propagate, cause to grow, cultivate, nurture, till, farm, garden, plant, Hoe, bed, sow, scatter seed.
   7. grow into a. become large enough for; fit into.
   b. progress, advance, work up to, become qualified for.
   8. grow on or upon a. influence, affect, impress, touch, stir. b. become used to, get accustomed to, get in the habit of; accept, begin to like.
   9. grow out of a. outgrow, develop beyond, mature beyond; leave behind, discard, abandon, put or lay aside. b. originate in, develop from, come out of, spring from, issue from, result from.
   10. grow up a. become fully grown, become mature or of age, become an adult. b. come into existence, arise, appear, come into being, develop, spring or shoot up; burst forth, mushroom, burgeon, bloom.

growing, adj. 1. increasing, expanding, crescive, crescent, accrescent, enlarging, agrandizing, swelling, waxing; extending, distending, spreading, stretching; widening, heightening, lengthening, deepening, thickening.
   2. prospering, thriving, palmy, mushrooming, burgeoning, booming, ascendant, in the ascendant, on the rise or upswing; flourishing, lush, luxuriant, exuberant; blooming, blossoming, flowering; developing,
maturating, maturing, ripening.

**growl**, v. 1. snarl, murmur, gnarl, gnar, growan; bank, howl, yelp, yap; roar, bellow, rumble, thunder, boom, resound.

—n. 3. snarl, murmur, growan.

**grownup**, n. adult, man, gentleman, woman, lady.

**grown-up**, adj. mature, old enough to know better; adult, of age, at the age of consent, at the age of majority; big, grown, developed, fully developed, fully grown, full-grown; (of movies and literature) X-rated, pornographic, obscene.

**growth**, n. 1. augmentation, increase, proliferation, multiplication, enlargement, aggrandizement, expansion, extension; magnification, amplification, deepening, thickening, widening, thickening, broadening; inflation, distension, dilatation, dilation; waxing, swelling.

2. development, maturation, germination, evolution; burgeoning, pullulation, shooting up, springing up, upcropping, sprouting; unfolding, opening, blooming, blossoming, flowering, ripening.

3. progress, movement forward, headway; promotion, furtherance, improvement, advancement, rise, elevation.

4. **Pathology**, excrecence, excretion, *Biol.*, auxesis, tumor, lump, intumescence, tumefaction; protuberance, protrusion, prominence; blister, blain, boil.

5. consequence, result, effect, event, outcome, issue, upshot; outgrowth, aftermath, turnout.

**grub**, v. 1. dig, delve, spade, excavate, unearth; root out, uproot, deracinate, extirpate, disinter; root out, pull or tear out, extricate; search, seek, hunt, probe, rummage, ferret out, explore, mine.

2. study, labor over, peruse, scrutinize; inspect, examine, look into; research, survey, scan, analyze.

3. grovel, toady, cringe, truckle; skimp and scrimp, putzy, vile.

4. abominable, hateful; worthless, SI.

5. raunchy, Inf.

6. raise a fuss, Inf. kick up a fuss, Inf. gripe, Inf. grous, Inf. grouch, Sl. bellyache, Sl. bitch.


—v. 6. ensure, secure, bond, SI. mortgage bond, SI. backer.

7. sponsor, countersign, underwrite, witness, answer for, stand behind, back up.

8. promise, pledge, give one's solemn word or promise, state on one's honor, swear to, state under

arduous, laborious, strenuous, draining; relentless, inexorable, unsurprising, remorseless.

**gruesome**, adj. horrible, ghastly, grisly, hideous, terrible, horrendous; repulsive, revolting, repellent, loathsome, abominable; macabre, grotesque, monstrous, sick, ugly; frightful, spine-chilling, unnerving, fearsome, shocking.

**gruff**, adj. 1. low, harsh, hoarse, coarse, guttural, throaty, husky, roupy; raucous, grating, cracked, strident, ragged, thick, hollow.

2. surly, sullen, sulky, ill-humored, ill-tempered; churlish, bearish, boorish, crusty; grumpy, grouch, snarling, sour, crabbed, peevish; abrupt, curt, short, brusque, clipped; rough, crude, blunt; bluff, burly, brash, bold, brazen, barefaced, insolent, impudent, contumelious; sharp, keen, trenchant, acrimonious, caustic, stinging, cutting, biting, piercing, stringent; brutal, cruel; inconsiderate, tactless, blistering; rude, uncivil, unceremonious, ungracious, discourteous, impolite, unmannerly.

**grumble**, v. 1. complain, moan, mutter, fuss, make a fuss, Brit. natter, Inf. kick up a fuss, Inf. gripe, Inf. grous, Inf. grouch, Inf. grouch, Sl. bellyache, Sl. bitch.

2. growl, snarl, gnar.

3. rumble, roll, roar, thunder, boom, peal.

**grumbler**, n. curmudgeon, crab, bear, Inf. crank, Inf. crosspatch, Inf. grouch, Inf. grouser, Inf. griper, Inf. sorehead, Sl. bellyacher, Sl. grump, Sl. bitch.

**grumbling**, n. complaining, muttering, muttering under one's breath, faultfinding, carping, criticizing, Inf. grousing, Sl. bellyaching, Sl. grousing, Sl. bitching; discontent, dissatisfaction, protestation.

**grumpy**, adj. surly, cantankerous, irascible, crabbed, iracund, choleric, brusque, peppery, crusty, dyspeptic, crotchety, thorny, bearish, snarling, growling, Inf. grously; cross, feisty, huffy, irritable, peevish, cranky, bilious, out of sorts; testy, touchy, ill-tempered, bad-tempered, short-tempered; fractious, quarrelsome, caulating, disagreeable, Inf. ornery, Inf. bitchy, Inf. ugly; sharp, uncivil, rough, harsh; abrupt, curt, short, terse, blunt.

**guarantee**, n. 1. warrant, warranty, guaranty, Law. covenant of warranty, Law. warranty deed, Law. certificate, Law. certification, Obs. vouch; insurance, indemnity, protection, Insurance. coverage; contract, compact, covenant, obligation, engagement, agreement; gentlemen's agreement, handshake, bargain, deal, pact, convention, treaty; certainty, Inf. sure thing, Sl. cinch.

2. pledge, promise, assurance, word, word of honor, oath, sworn statement, Archaic. plights; endorsement, testimonial, attestation, recommendation.

3. guarantor, warrantor, voucher, sponsor, bonder, Law. bondsmans, Law. bondswoman; insurer, ensurer, indemnitor, underwriter, Insurance. coverer; Law. covenanter, obligator; endorser, attester, patron, supporter, backer.

4. insured, indemnitee, mortgagee, Rare. insurant.


—v. 6. ensure, secure, Finance. bond, Law. mortgage, Sl. cinch; pawn, gage, put up collateral, give earnest money; make a deposit, obligate; warrant, vouch, attest to, testify to, endorse, certify; contract, covenant, enter an agreement, make a bargain or deal, shake on it.

7. sponsor, countersign, underwrite, witness, answer for, stand behind, back up.

8. promise, pledge, give one's solemn word or promise, state on one's honor, swear to, state under
guarantor, n. warrantor, voucher, sponsor, guaran-
teer, bondor, Law. bondsman, Law. bondswoman; in-
surer, insurer, indemnitor, Insurance. coverer; cove-
nanter, obligator; endorser, attester, patron, supporter, 
backer.
guaranty, n. 1. warrant, warranty, guarantee, 
Obs. vouch; contract, compact, covenant, obligation, 
engagement, agreement, gentlemen’s agreement, hand-
shake; pledge, promise, assurance, word, word of 
honour, oath, sworn statement, Archaic. plight.
2. collarateral, surety, Law. security, earnest, Law. 
earnest money, deposit; pawn, gage, Insurance. bond, 
Law. mortgage, Law. mortgage bond, bail, Law. bail 
bond, Rare. hostage.
3. securing, ensuring, Sl. cinching; warranting, Early 
Eng. Law. voucher, vouching, endorsement, attesta-
tion; assurance, promising, pledging, swearing.
—v. 4. ensure, secure, sponsor, assure, pledge. See 
guarantee (defs. 6-8).
guard, n. 1. protect, watch over, stand guard over, 
police, secure, defend; shield, shelter, screen, cover, 
cloak; preserve, save, conserve; escort, conduct, con-
voy, ride shotgun.
2. supervise, hold watch, keep under surveillance; 
control, keep under guard, govern, constrain, restrain, 
suppress, repress.
3. keep watch, be alert, be on the qui vive, take care, 
beware, Inf. be on one’s toes, Inf. keep one’s nose to 
the ground, Inf. keep an eye out, Inf. keep one’s eyes 
peeled.
—n. 4. protector, defender, guardian, guarder, 
guardsman; custodian, watchman, night watchman; 
sentinel, sentry, picket, patrol, garrison; escort, con-
voy, safe-conduct; jailer, warder, keeper, turnkey, Sf. 
crew, Sf. bull; scout, lookout, watchdog.
5. vigilance, heed, care, caution, wariness; watch, 
close watch, eagle eye, sharp eye.
6. safeguard, defense, protection, security, safety; 
bulwark, shield, fence, screen; fender, bumper, buffer, 
cushion, pad; safekeeping, protective custody.
7. off one’s guard unawary, unalert, unwatchful, un-
vigilant; unprepared, unready; asleep, napping, Inf. not 
on the job, Sl. goofing off, Sl. looking out the window.
8. on one’s guard wary, vigilant, watchful, on the 
watch, on the lookout, on the qui vive, all eyes and 
ears; cautious, precautional, careful, heedful, mindful.
guarded, adj. 1. careful, cautious, circumspect, 
mindful, heedful; on guard, alert on the alert, on the 
qui vive, watchful, discreet; wary, wary, leery, appreh-
ensive, suspicious, Inf. cagey; reluctant, loath, reti-
cent.
2. protected, defended, safeguarded, sheltered, 
shut up, watched over, under surveillance; restrained, 
under restraint, under control, constrained.
guardian, n. 1. protector, defender, champion, 
paladin, Fig. knight in shining armor; patron, foster 
parent.
2. trustee, warden, keeper, custodian, caretaker, 
curator; steward, fiduciary, Brit. warder, Scot. factor.
guerrilla, n. partisan, irregular, bushfighter, bush-
whacker, underground or resistance fighter, jayhawk.
guess, v. 1. conjecture, surmise, estimate, reckon, 
hypothesize, postulate, Inf. figure, Inf. talk off the top 
of one’s head, Inf. take a stab or shot, Inf. take a shot in 
the dark, Sl. guessimite.
2. think, suppose, fancy, believe, imagine; feel, 
opine, judge, allow, deem, daresay.
—n. 3. conjecture, supposition, assumption, pre-
sumption, inference, surmise, guesswork; hypothesis, 
postulate, random shot, pot shot. Inf. shot in the dark, 
Inf. shot, Sl. whack, Sl. crack, Sl. guessmate.
guesswork, n. conjecture, guess, surmise, supposi-
tion, presupposition, assumption, presumption, Inf. 
shot in the dark, Sl. guessimite; hypothesis, postu-
late, theory; augury, forecast, prediction, prophesy.
guest, n. visitor, caller, company; uninvited guest, 
gate crasher; roomer, boarder, Inf. freeloader, Sl. 
moocher or mooch; regular, frequenter, habitué.
guffaw, n. horselaugh, hearty laugh, cackhination, 
heehaw, Inf. belly laugh, Inf. boffo; (all of laughter) 
bellow, roar, howl, shriek.
guidance, n. 1. direction, instruction, advisement, 
recommendation; warning, admonition, persuasion, 
urging, encouragement, exhortation.
2. leadership, steerage, pilotage, navigation; control, 
mastership, regulation, handling, manipulation, dis-
position, charge, rule.
3. advice, counsel, wisdom, teaching, Brit. Dial. rede; 
suggestion, word to the wise, tip, hint, pointer, clue, 
cue.
guide, v. 1. lead, lead the way, conduct, usher; 
pilot, drive, navigate, hold the reins, take the helm, be 
at the helm; direct, give directions to, steer [s.o. or s.l.] 
toward, head [s.o. or s.l.] toward, show the way, 
orientate, put on the right track, map out the route.
2. escort, convoy, accompany, attend, companion, 
chaperon; guard, watch over, keep an eye on, look 
after, be by one’s side.
3. advise, counsel, instruct, teach, tutor, tell about, 
take under one’s wing, Inf. steer; recommend, suggest, 
offer an opinion, give [s.o.] a tip, Inf. hint, tell [s.o.] 
what to do.
4. supervise, oversee, preside, be master over, boss, 
dominate, domineer; manage, superintend, handle, 
manipulate; regulate, govern, rule, control.
—n. 5. leader, cicerone, conductor, director, cor-
ypheus, pilot, captain, skipper, commandant; usher, 
escort, chaperon, convoy, attendant; manager, 
fulgeman.
6. adviser, counselor, mentor, guidance counselor, 
confidant, therapist, guru, master; coach, teacher, in-
structor, educator, tutor, preceptor, trainer.
7. indicator, pointer, mark, landmark, directory, 
direction; sign, signal, beacon, lodestar; token, sym-
bol, key; clue, hint, tip-off, cue, suggestion.
8. guidebook, handbook, manual. See guidebook.
9. exemplar, example, model, original, archetype, 
pattern, paradigm, prototype; ideal, paragon, pink, 
phoenix; standard, norm, criterion, rule, rule of 
thumb; precedent, parallel case.
guidebook, n. guide, handbook, manual, vade 
mecum; catalogue, ABC; itinerary, tour book, trav-
elogue, chart, roadbook; Baedeker, Fodor, Michelin, 
Murray, Guide Bleu.
guideline, n. 1. stricture, bound, restraint, limit; 
margin, perimeter, confine, borderline.
2. indication, guide, key, index, marker, pointer; 
measure, gauge, standard, touchstone, bench mark, 
yardstick; instruction, direction, regulation, rule, prescription.
guild, n. union, society, fraternity, brotherhood, 
craft, order, lodge; organization, association, com-
pany, corporation, combine; federation, alliance, 
coalition, confederacy, axis; cartel, bloc, consortium, 
front; league, syndicate, trust.
guile, n. cunning, duplicity, fraud, deception, 
deceit, subtilty, gamesmanship; artfulness, wiliness, 
slyness, foxiness, guilefulness, craftiness, wiles; 
finesse, shrewdness, slickness, shiftiness, insidious-
guileful

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ness; chicaneery, jugglery, skulduggery, quackery; treachery, perfidy.

guileful, adj. cunning, artful, crafty, wily, sly, subtle, foxy, vulpine, feline; shrewd, canny, Inf. cagey, Scot. and North Eng. pawky, sharp; shifty, slick, smooth, slippery, stealthy; deceitful, deceptive, tricky, underhanded, crooked, double-dealing; insidious, scheming, plotting, designing, calculating; perfidious, treacherous, traitorous.

guileless, adj. 1. open, open-hearted, ingenuous, sincere, genuine, undeceptive, undeceitful, undeceiving, undeceiving, undissembling, undissimulating; aboveboard, open and aboveboard, up front, up and up, non-nonsense; just, fair, straight, square, upright, upstanding, fair and square, square-dealing, plain-dealing, square-shooting, straight-shooting; honest, trustworthy. Inf. trusty, uncorrupt, uncorrupted, Inf. O.K.

2. candid, frank, forthright, foursquare, direct, straightforward, straight-from-the-shoulder; plain, plain-spoken, plain-speaking, downright, outright, explicit, unequivocal, unambiguous, undisguised, undisguising, Inf. straight-out, Inf. flatfooted, Inf. matter-of-fact; outspoken, free-spoken, free-speaking, free-tongued, free, unreticent, bold, unreserved, unrestrained, unconstrained, unchecked, unembarrassed, unshakable, unshrinking; blunt, bluff, brusque, brazen, tactless.

3. artless, naive, simple, simple-minded, innocent, childlike; unsophisticated, undeveloped, unworldly, green, born yesterday, wet behind the ears; unsuspicous, trustful, trusting, unsuspecting, unguarded.

guilt, n. 1. guiltiness, culpability, Latin. culpa, criminality; illegality, illicitness, illegitimacy, illegitimatedness, lawlessness, unlawfulness; reprehensible, blame, blameworthiness, censurability, censurableness, reproachableness, feloniousness, wrongfulness, sinfulness.

2. remorse, regret, contrition, contriteness, compunction; sorrow, sorrowfulness, penitenence, repentance; self-reproach, self-accusation, self-condemnation, self-reproof.

guiltless, adj. innocent, free from guilt, clear, Sl. clean; blameless, inculpable, unblamable, uncensurable, unimpeachable, irreproachable, above reproach, above suspicion, like Caesar’s wife; sinless, stainless, spotless, immaculate, pure; uncorrupted, undefiled, untainted, unsullied, unsullied, unblemished, unmarred, unvarnished; faultless, sterling, perfect, saintly, without fault.

guiltly, adj. culpable, criminal, unlawful, illegal, illicit, illegitimate, lawless; reprehensible, condemnable, reproachable, blameworthy, blamable, at fault, censurable; felonious, wrong, amiss, penitentary, transgressive; condemned, convicted, sentenced.

2. sinful, peccant, erring, errant; wicked, iniquitous, criminality; illegality, illicitness, illegitimacy, illegitimate, lawlessness, unlawfulness; reprehensible, blame, blameworthiness, censurability, censurableness, reproachableness; feloniousness, wrongfulness, sinfulness.

3. remorseful, regretful, contrite, compunctional; sorry, sorrowful, penitent, repentant, penitential; conscience-stricken, conscience-smitten, self-condemning, self-accusing, self-reproaching; hangdog, sheepish.

4. red-handed, Latin. in flagrante delicto, SI. caught with one’s pants down, Inf. caught with one’s hand in the cookie jar.

guise, n. 1. external appearance, aspect, look, semblance, outward form, exterior, image, likeness; figure, visage, face, countenance, features; mien, air, cast, character, presence, attitude; demeanor, bearing, carriage, deportment, conduct, behavior; cover, Inf. front, show, pretense, presentation.

2. disguise, costume, outfit, Inf. get-up, habit, dress, trappings, clothes, clothing; style, fashion, manner, wise, custom.

gulch, n. ravine, valley, gully, canyon, gorge, Brit. Dial. clough; gulf, abyss, abyssm, chasm, hollow, pit, hole; gap, cleft, crevasse, fissure, crevice, crack, cut; notch, passage, pass, corridor, defile.

gulf, n. 1. bay, harbor, cove, bight, basin; inlet, arm, sound, loch, fjord, Both Chieftly Scot.irth, frith; estuary, mouth, Dial. creek, outlet, Southern U.S. bayou, lagoon.

2. chasm, abyss, abyssm, hollow, pit; hole, opening, space; rift, breach, separation, break; cleft, cut, notch, gap; crack, fissure, split, crevice, crevasse; gulch, gully, canyon, gorge, valley.

guil, v. 1. cheat, rook, fleece, defraud, swindle, Archaic. chuske; bilk, pluck, mulct; victimize, exploit, play on or upon, take advantage of; overcharge, Sl. soak, Inf. gyp, Sl. chisel, Sl. gaff.

2. delude, deceive, beguile, mislead, hoodwink; pull the wool over [s.o.’s] eyes, put [s.o.] over on [s.o.]; cozen, bluff, take in, bamboozle, culy, jockey. Inf. buffalo, Inf. fake, Sl. con, Inf. flimflam, Sl. flam, Sl. sting; trick, fool, Inf. kid, spoof, put [s.o.] on; overreach, circumvent, get around.

—n. 3. dupe, gudgeon, simleton, Brit. Dial. cull, Archaic. cully, Inf. chump, Sl. sap, Sl. schlunk, Sl. schlemiel, Sl. boob; greenhorn, sitting duck, easy or soft mark or target, Inf. sucker, Inf. chinch, Sl. patsy, Sl. pigeon, U.S. Sl. fall guy, Sl. softie or soft touch, Sl. pushover, Inf. trusting soul; butt, fair game, fool, everybody’s fool, Inf. goat, Brit. Sl. mug.

4. pawn, puppet, tool, instrument, flunky, lackey, cat’s paw; creature, minion, dummy, Sl. stooge.

gullet, n. 1. esophagus, throat, pharynx, crop, craw.

2. ditch, trench, channel, drain, culvert, run; gully, gulch, ravine, gorge, flume.

gullible, adj. credulous, trustful, easily deceived, unsuspicous, unsuspecting; unsophisticated, naive, innocent, innocent as a new-born babe, born yesterday, wide-eyed and innocent, we behind the ears; ingenuous, simple, foolish; green, green as they come, inexperienced, immature.

gully, n. valley, ravine, gulch, canyon, gorge. See gulch.

gulp, v. 1. swallow, quaff, squig, drain one’s glass, toss down or off, guzzle, swill; tipple, wet one’s whistle, lap up, Inf. chug-a-lug; engorge, ingurgitate, bolt, gobble, devour, tuck in, eat like a pig.

2. suppress, stifle, strangle, choke back, gag, gasp, smother, cut short.

3. swallow, mouthful, draught, dose.

gumption, n. Informal. initiative, resourcefulness, ingenuity, enterprise, courage, Inf. store; energy, get up and go, stamina, virility, forcefulness. See gut (def. 4).

gun, n. 1. pistol, revolver, Trademark. Colt, repeater, automatic; derringer, shooting iron, six-shooter, shooter, hand gun, sidearm, Sl. rod, Sl. piece, Sl. Saturday night special, Sl. heater, Sl. zip gun, Sl. enforcer; rifle, carbine, shotgun, sawed-off shotgun; musket, breechloader, flintlock, firelock, blunderbuss, matchlock, harquebus.

2. cannon, field piece, mortar, howitzer; machine gun, Gatling gun.

gunman, n. 1. assassin, murderer, killer, slayer, cutthroat, liquidator, bravo, sniper, Euph. silencer, Euph. dispatcher; All U.S. Sl. gun, hired gun, hit man, hatchet man, trigger-man, torpedo.

2. bandit, hold-up man, Sl. stick-up man, armed rob-
gurgle, v. 1. bubble, ripple, murmur, babble, tinkle, guggle.

2. play, splash, plush, sputter, froth, boil; roll, purl, trickle, cascade.

gush, v. 1. flow, run, stream; issue, emanate, surge, swell, well or rush forth; effuse, spout, spurt, jet; overflow, flood, brim over, well over, run over, spill over or out; pour or burst forth, dissemble, debouch; abound, teem, cascade, fall, rush; emit, send forth, eject.

2. effervesce, bubble over, emote, be effusive or ebullient, overflow with enthusiasm, wax enthusiastic, make much of, be carried away over, fuss over; pratle, gabble, chatter, rattle, prate, jabber, blather, babble.

—n. 3. flood, outpouring, tide, flow, stream, flush; overflow, spillover, torrent, freshet, flash flood, spate.

4. outburst, eruption, ebullition, bubbling over, exuberation, profusiveness, effusion.

gushing, adj. 1. running, streaming, emanating, flooding or pouring out, spouting, spurring, spilling, overflowing; emitting, discharging.

2. enthusiastic, demonstrative, ebullient, effusive, gushy; unreserved, unrestrained, expansive, lavish, generous; exuberant, rhapsodic, hearty, ardent, fervent, zealous; warm, sentimental, overly affectionate, Sl. gooy.

3. glib, oily, slick, unctuous, fawning, Inf. sickening; pleonastic, wordy, verbose, long-winded.

gust, n. 1. wind, blast, blow, flurry; draft, puff, breeze; squall, gale, storm.

2. outbreak, burst, outburst, paroxysm, eruption, explosion.

3. excitement, tumult, scene, frenzy; fever, heat, flush.

gusto, n. relish, zest, enthusiasm, exhilaration; enjoyment, satisfaction, delight, pleasure, appreciation, appetite, taste, liking, fondness.

gut, n. 1. abdomen, belly, stomach, Inf. tummy, Sl. breadbasket, Scot. and North Eng. warne; mid-alimentary canal, intestine, bowel, colon; colonic cavity, intestinal cavity; visceral cavity, Anat., Zool. venter, ventral region, ventricular cavity, Anat. epigastrium; pouch, (of birds) crop, craw, maw, ingluvies, (of birds) proventriculus; (both of ruminating animals) first stomach, rumen.

2. intestinal tissue, intestinal fiber; catgut.

3. Often guts insides, inwards, Inf. innards; vitals, vital organs, vital parts, viscera, (of animals) entrails; vit: gizzard, Inf. solar plexus, Sl. where one lives.

4. guts Informal. a. courage, bravery, backbone, grit, nerve, Sl. gutsiness, heart, fortitude, intestinal fortitude; gumption, spunk, spunkiness, pluck, pluckiness; game, gameness, mettle, spirit. b. confidence, assurance, fearlessness, dauntlessness; stout-heartedness, valor, boldness, audacity, audaciousness, daring, derring-do. c. willpower, tenacity, staying power, integrity; endurance, stamina, resourcefulness.

5. narrows, pass, passage, canal, channel, sound, strait, dell, neck, isthmus, Scot. kyle; gap, ravine, gorge, notch, flume, defile; gully, gully, trench.

6. disembowel, embowel, bowel, eviscerate, Rare. visceral, exenterate.

7. devitalize, weaken, enervate; debilitate, enfeeble, deplete, sap, exhaust.

8. rob, loot, strip, pirate, plunder, sack, ransack; pillage, forage, maraud, raid, rifle, spoil; despoil, spoliuplate; rape, ravage, ravish, devastate, waste, lay waste, depredate, harry.

9. consume, annihilate, demolish; raze, level, fell; ruin, destroy.

—adj. 10. Informal. instinctive, intuitive, emotional, visceral.

11. relevant, key, essential, quintessential; fundamental, basic, Inf. meat-and-potatoes.

gutter, n. drain, sewer, cloaca, culvert, conduit; duct, Civ. Eng. aqueduct, watercourse, canal, channel, flume; trough, eaves-trench, open tube, trench, ditch, Brit. sough; shoot, hole, furrow, groove, race, rut, chase; spit, gargoyle, watersprout, outlet.

guttural, adj. throaty, thick, croaking, gravelly; harsh, raspy, rasping, hoarse, husky, gruff; raucous, roupy, grating.

guy, n. Informal. fellow, man, male, Inf. chap, Inf. dad, U.S. Inf. buddy; Inf. pal, Sl. joe, Sl. dude, Sl. cat, Sl. gazbo, Sl. bozo, Fr. homme, Fr. type, Sp. hombre; blade, young man, Scot. shield, boy, Inf. kid; old man, gaffer, Inf. codger, Sl. pops; mister, sir, Fr. monsieur; Ger. Herr, Sp. señor, It. signore; gentleman, Archaic. gentleman, squire, esquire, don, hidalgo, caballero; individual, person, Inf. customer, Sl. cookie.

guzzle, v. will, toss off, drink quickly, Sl. chug-a-lug, Sl. chug; swig, drink down, quaff, All Inf. put it down or away, soak it up, take it in, pack away or down, tuck it in; drain, empty, finish, finish off, Sl. knock off, Sl. polish off, Sl. take care of, Sl. do a job on, Sl. do in; devour, consume, swallow up, gulp or gulp down.

gymnasium, n. gym, arena, rink; court, quadrangle, ring; hall, auditorium, stadium, coliseum, bowl; health spa, Sl. fat farm or camp; Gk. Antiquity. palestra.

gymnast, n. acrobat, tumblcr, somersaultcr, high vaultcr, gymnasiast; circus performer or artist; athlete; equilibrist, balancer; aerialist, aerial performer or artist.

gymnastics, n. tumbling, somersaulting, high-vaulting; acrobatics, acrobatic feats; athletics; calisthenics, exercises, gymnastic exercises.

gyp, v. Informal. 1. cheat, swindle, defraud, rob, rook. See cheat (def. 3).

—n. 2. swindle, fraud, cheating, Sl. ripoff. See cheat (def. 2).

3. gypper, cheater, cheat, swindler. See cheat (def. 1).

haberdasher, n. clothier, outfitter, hosier; costumer, costumier, modiste, couturier, couturière; furrier, cloakmaker; tailor, Hum. sartor; seamstress, tailoress; dressmaker; hatter; Glover.

habiliments, n. 1. equipment, equipage, apparatus, gear, accouterments, paraphernalia, appurtenances, appointments, furnishings, furniture; fixtures, fittings, Inf. things; tools, instruments, contrivances, machinery; implements, appliances, utensils, conveniences; supplies, material, materials, matériel, wherewithal. 2. dress, garb, costume, habit, cloth, outfit; array, wardrobe, accouterment; regalia, uniform, livery, trappings, harness, riggings, Inf. rig, Inf. getup, Inf. turnout; vestments, habits, raiment; (all usually of a particular profession) clothes, clothing, attire, apparel.

habit, n. 1. custom, practice, way, fashion, style, mode; procedure, policy, rule; convention, wont, praxis, usage, observance, habitude; consuetude, tradition, Law. prescription, routine, course; conventionality, matter of course, formality, form; pattern, groove, rut, one's old way. 2. bent, inclination, predisposition, aptness, tendency, groove, rut, one's old way.

habituation, n. 1. home, abode, domicile, domicil, residence, residency, dwelling, dwelling place, dwelling home, habitation, inhabitancy, Scot. and North Eng. bigging, Scot. howff; address, location, situation, whereabouts, place.

habitation, n. 1. home, abode, domicile, domicil, residence, residency, dwelling, dwelling place, dwelling home, Stock. and North Eng. bigging, Scot. howff; lodging, lodgings, lodging place, lodgment, nest, roost, perch; quarters, living quarters, rooms, accommodations, housing, roof over one's head, Inf. pad, Inf. crash pad, Chiefly Brit. Inf. diggings, Brit. Inf. digs; apartment, flat, tenement, rent, walk-up, cold-water flat, Brit. chambers, Chiefly Brit. maisonette; penthouse, townhouse, condominium, Inf. condo; mobile home, motor home, camper, trailer; address, location, whereabouts, place; manor, manor house, country house, country seat, house, villa, estate, country estate; farm, farmhouse, grange, homestead, Brit. croft, Brit. home-croft, Scot. and North Eng. steadying; ranch, rancho, rancheria, hacienda; plantation, manor farm.

habitational, adj. pertaining to, of, that which is of the nature of habitations, dwelling places, or the like; pertaining to, of, that which is of the nature of habitations, dwelling places, or the like.
habituate, v. accustom, make used to, familiarize, make familiar with, make routine; acclimate, acclimatize, adapt, naturalize, domesticate; break in, train, drill, discipline; harden, toughen, inure, season, temper, anneal.

habit, n. 1. disposition, nature, second nature, temperament, habit. See habit (def. 3).

habitué, n. frequenter, attendant constant guest, familiar face, visitor; customer, patron, client, (collectively) clientele; purchaser, shopper, marketer, patronizer; fan, follower, votary.

hacienda, n. 1. (in Spanish America) estate, demesne, house and grounds, homestead, holdings, Law. message, manor; villa, chateau, mansion, country house, residence, abode, home.

2. (in Spanish America) farm, farmstead, grange, dairy farm, plantation, ranch.

hack, v. 1. cut, cut down, hew, saw down, fell, chop, chop down, splinter; lop off, truncate, butcher, amputate, detach, remove; trim, clip, dock, snap, nip, shear, (of the hair) bob.

2. gash, slash, Archaic. carbonado, tear into, lance, slit, slice; notch, ridge; sever, abscond, split, cleave, Sunder; rend, rive, tear, rip.

3. mutilate, mangle, lacerate, damage, destroy; shatter, smash, batter, break, fracture; disfigure, scar, deform; spoil, mark, spot, stain, blemish.

4. cough, Inf. bark, choke, gasp.

hail, v. 1. signal, flag down, flag, wave down; call, cry out, wave to, smile at, wink at, tip one's hat to; receive, meet.

2. argument, quarrel, row, squabble, dustup, spat; dispute, controversy, discord, clash, falling-out, Inj. rip, nag, Sl. skate, Sl. screw, rosinate, U.S. plug.

3. hack, hack away at, chop, gash, rend, rip, rip to pieces, rive, slash, hackle, chip, disseeve, mangle.

4. argument, quarrel, row, squabble, dustup, spat; dispute, controversy, discord, clash, falling-out, Inj. hassle, Inj. Barney, fracas, brouhaha, hassle, scrap, Inf. run-in, Inf. set-to, Sl. rhubarb; embroilment, imbroglio; dissension, variance.

hag, n. 1. crane, beldam, Sl. old bat; fury, Sl. battle ax, fishwife, gorgon, harridan, ogress, old witch; hellcat, harpy, shrew, virago, vixen, nag, Sl. bitch, Xanthippe.

2. witch, sorceress, hex, enchantress, Circe.

haggard, adj. 1. drawn, hollow-eyed, worn, weary, tired; run-down, wearied, toilworn, wayworn; drained, spent, worn-out, played out; exhausted, beaten, Inf. beat, Inf. done in, ready to drop.

3. seedy, Inf. under the weather, peaked, pale, pallid, wan; colorless, white as a sheet or ghost, ghostly, ghost-like, cadaverous, death-like, ghastly, deathly killed over.

4. gaunt, wasted, emaciated, emaciate; hollow-cheeked, pinched, withered, shriveled, sunken; spindly, scrawny, skinny, like a plucked chicken; thin, thin as a reed or rail, skinny, too skinny to throw a shadow, skin-and-bones, bony, skeletal.

5. wild, wild-looking, wild-eyed, delirious, distracted; hysterical, frenzied, frenetic, frantic, panicked, panic, frightened, terrified; crazed, insane, mad, violent, furious, angry.

haggling, n. 1. bargain, chaffer, higgle, palter, dicker, Scot. agele-bargle; drive a bargain, Inf. beat or talk down; underbid, stickle, give [s.o.] a hard time, drive a hard bargain; exchange, barter, bandy, swap, swap, traffic, deal, peddle, truck, huckster, hawk; trade, transact, negotiate, have dealings, make or strike a bargain.

2. wrangle, dispute, cavil, carp, complain, quibble, petit-fog, pull to pieces, Inf. nitpick; harangue, filibuster, Arg. jive [s.o.'s] head off, Sl. argue the pants off of, Inf. argue until one is blue in the face; nag, fuss, Inf. hassele; jibe at, criticize, find fault, make mountains out of molehills; belittle, depreciate, disparage, impugn, decry, Sl. grouse, Sl. moan and groan; blame, chide, reproach, censure, rebuke, reprove, sneer at, discredit, animadvert.

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haunt, v. 1. salute, greet, welcome, hello, nod to, wave to, smile at, wink at, tip one's hat to; receive, meet.

2. signal, flag down, flag, wave down; call, cry out, sing out, halloo, accost; cry, exclaim, shout, yell, Inf. holler; scream, roar, bellow, clamor, Inf. jump up and down.

3. acclaim, applaud, cheer; approve enthusiastically, congratulate, felicitate, compliment, huzzah, rejoice in; praise, sound the praises of, extol, laud, commend, Archaic. magnify; exalt, eulogize, glorify; pay tribute to, pay homage to, honor, crown; present, introduce, usher in, call in; name, credit, slap on the back.

4. call, cry, outcry, clamor, shout, Inf. holler; signal, cooee, sooyee; greeting, salutation, salute, salaam, welcome, address; hello, halloo, aloha, how do you do; bow, curtsy, genuflection; handshake, handclasp, kiss, peck; wave, nod, bob, duck, kowtow, prosstration, homage.

5. acclamation, applause, cheer, ovation, standing ovation, bravo, plaudits, Inf. hand, curtain calls, encore; hosanna, hurrah, huzzah, three cheers.
hail, n. 1. hailstones, hailstorm, sleet, pellets; frozen rain, soft hail, tapioca snow, graupel.
2. shower, storm, pelting, rain.
—v. 3. shower, storm, rain, rain down on, pelt, pepper, beat, beat down on; batter, riddle, bombard, wallop, stone, thump, buffet.

hair, n. 1. filament, thread, fiber, fibril, fibrilla, Bot. villus, bristle.
2. (of humans) locks, tresses, curls, ringlets; crine, head of hair, Sl. mane; thatch, shock, Sl. mop; bangs, fringe of hair; down, fuzz, fluff, soft or fine hairs; whisker, mustache; eyelash, cilia; pubes, pubic hair, Sl. pubes.
3. (of animals) mane, coat, fur, pelt, felt, skin, hide; wool, fleece; down, feathers.

4. hair's-breadth, fraction of an inch, skin of one's teeth; split second, instant, moment.

hairdo, n. coiffure, Inf. coif, Sl. do, haircut, cut, hairstyle; set, permanent, permanent wave, wave, Marcel, cold wave, finger wave; updo, up-sweep, pompadour, beehive; bob, pixie cut, shag, pageboy; bun, chignon; plait, braid, cornrows, Archaic. tress; afro, Sl. fro, natural; crew cut, crop, U.S. butch haircut; ducktail, Sl. D. A.

hairdresser, n. hair stylist, coifurist, Fr. coiffeur; haircutter, barber, beautician.

hairiness, n. crinosity, furriness, downiness, pilosity, Both Bot., Zool. pubescence, pubescency; wooliness, shagginess, hirsuteness, Med. hirsutism; brittleness, Bot., Zool. hispidity.

hairless, adj. bald, baldheaded, baldpated, Scot. beld, calvous, Zool. glabrous, Zool. glabrate; whiskerless, beardless, clean-shaven, smooth-shaven, smooth-faced; smooth, shaven, depilated, tonsured, Obs. polled.

hair-splitting, adj. carping, caviling, quibbling, pettiness, hairsplitting, niggling, Inf. nitpicking, subtle, fine, nice, jeesuitical; hypercritical, critical, capacious, censorious, severe, overcritical, fault-finding.


halcyon, adj. 1. mild, pleasant, moderate, temperate, halcyonian, halcyonic; warm, summery, sunny; calm, peaceful, tranquil, pacific, serene, restful, reposeful, placid; still, motionless, smooth, undisturbed, unagitated, unruftled, quiet, windless, waveless, stormless.
2. prosperous, successful, thriving, flourishing, palmy; fruitful, profitable, rewarding, satisfying; rich, wealthy, well-off; promising, favorable, propitious, auspicious.

happy, pleased, contented; carefree, light-hearted, blithe, blithesome, animated, buoyant; joyful, joyous, elated, jubilant.

hale, adj. healthy, well, in good health, blooming, fresh, in fine fettle, fit, Inf. fit as a fiddle; Inf. fine, Inf. in the pink, Inf. in tip-top shape; vigorous, lusty, flourishing, full of vim and vigor, energetic, bursting with health, hearty, athletic, in excellent condition, Inf. in shape; sound, able-bodied, robust, strong, hardy, sturdy, mighty, forceful, spirited; rugged, strapping, stalwart, brawny, muscular, sinewy, well-knit, husky, stout, doughty, staunch, solid.

half, n. 1. part, equal part, fifty percent; bisection, hemisphere, semisphere, division.
2. match, double, twin, alternate, companion, mate, one of a pair.
—adj. 3. halved, divided, bisected; semi-, demi-, semi-, partial, incomplete, limited, moderate, dichotomous; fractional, fragmentary, sectional.
—adv. 4. in part, partly, incompletely; up to or as far as the middle, half-full, half-empty, halfway; after a fashion, within bounds, passably, tolerably, insufficiently, feebly.

half-baked, adj. 1. shallow, superficial, cursory, rudimentary; premature, unformed, abortive, embryonic, abortive, unfinished, unripe; unthought out or through, undeveloped, immature, crude, rough, unreined; coarse, rude, raw, unpolished, in the rough; short-sighted, ill-judged, groundless, injudicious, precipitate; pointless, foolish, hare brained, impractical, Sl. half-assed.
2. indifferent, mediocre, middling, average; wanting, deficient, scanty, partial, meager, sketchy, skimpy, inadequate; inferior, below par or the mark; imperfect, unhatched, pretentious, Inf. half-cocked.
3. young, green, wet behind the ears, provincial; unseasoned, callow, unled, unskilled, unpracticed, unequipped, unfinished, ignorant, naive, inexperienced.

half-breed, n. half-caste, half-blood, hybrid, cross, mixed blood, mongrel; mulatto, mestizo, Ladino, Sambo, Eurasian, Anglo-Indian; creole, quadroon, mustee, octaroon, Inf. high yellow.

half-hearted, adj. 1. indifferent, uninterested, apathetic, unconcerned, unfeeling, lukewarm, cool; untouched, unmoved, unexcited, unemotional, dispassionate; superficial, perfunctory, cursory.
2. phlegmatic, sluggish, listless, languid, insouciant, nonchalant, lackadaisical; careless, devil-may-care, blasé, unruftled.
3. timid, irresolute, faint, poor, lame; feeble, weak.

halfway, adv. 1. to midpoint, to the middle, in the midst, between two extremes; with the worst behind one; half-over, half-finished, half-done; at the apex, around the turn, Inf. over the hump, Inf. on the downgrade, Inf. home free, U.S. Inf. rounding second, Inf. in the home stretch.
2. partially, to some degree or extent, in moderation, moderately; almost, nearly, just about, rather, in part, partly, to a degree, in some measure; within bounds, fairly; by or in half measures, imperfectly, with divided effort.
3. meet halfway compromise with, come to terms with, give and take, Inf. go fifty-fifty; trade off, concede, adjust, modify, accommodate; arbitrate, negotiate; find a happy medium, strike a balance, find the middle ground; Inf. scratch one another's back.
—adj. 4. midway, equidistant, mid, central, middlemost, midmost, axial, pivotal; intermediate, middle, medium, mean, medial, Law. mesne.
5. partial, part-way, moderate, mediocre, half-baked, middling, incomplete, imperfect, circumscribed, conditioned, limited.

halfwit, n. simpton, dunce, dullard, moron, idiot, imbecile, mental defective, incompetent; dolt, blockhead, dunce, Inf. numbskull, Sl. birdbrain; fool, zany, nitwit, Inf. crackpot, Inf. nut, Inf. screwball.

half-witted, adj. 1. feeble-minded, simple, witless, foolish, dull,cretinous, doleful, Inf. weak in the upper story.
See feeble-minded.
2. foolish, stupid, nitwit, Sl. nutty, Sl. bally, Sl. batty, Sl. loony.

hall, n. 1. corridor, gallery, way, passageway, passage, hallway, breezeway, Naut. companionway.
2. lobby, foyer, vestibule, threshold, entry.
3. auditorium, lecture room, classroom, school-
room; meetinghouse, assembly or convention hall; theater, amphitheater, lyceum.

**hallelujah**

interj. 1. *hosanna*, praise the Lord, praise God, praise be, glory be, glory to God, glory be to God in the highest, thanks be to God.

—n. 2. *hosanna*, paean, alleluia; cheer, hoorah, hooray, huzzah; exclamation, cry, shout, yell.

**hallmark**, n. 1. seal, stamp, seal or stamp of approval, cachet; trademark; *(of gold and silver)* plate mark.

2. mark, earmark, keynote, brand, badge, device; sign, sure sign, telltale sign, index, indicator, symptom.

**halo**, n. 1. salutation, address, hail; call; cry, shout, exclamation.

—v. 2. exclaim, cry, cry out, shout, yell; hail, accost, salute, greet to, call to, call out to.

**halo**, v. 1. sanctify, consecrate, dedicate; immortalize, enshrine, bless, dignify; ordain, anoint, lay hands on, make holy.

2. venerate, revere, reverence, worship, adore, pay homage to, pay honor to; respect, honor, esteem, consider sacred; glorify, *Arcadian* magnify, exalt, deify, canonize, saint.

**hallowed**, adj. venerated, revered, reverenced, adored, worshiped, regarded as holy; holy, sacred, sanctified, consecrated, blessed; sacrosanct.

**hallucinate**, v. have hallucinations, fantasize, daydream; hallucinate, hallucinations.


3. splendor, splendidity, resplendence, resplendency; glory, gloriousness, sublimity, grandeur, majesty, grandness; sanctity, sacredness, holiness, hallowedness, blessedness, saintliness, sainthood, godliness, spiritualness, spirituality.

4. aura, air, atmosphere, ambience; quality, complexion, tone.

**halt**, v. 1. stop, come to a stop or a stand, cast anchor, brake, draw rein, *(of an automobile)* pull over, *(of a ship)* lie to, stop short, stop dead in one's tracks, stall or stall out, stand still, balk; draw or pull up, hold up, wait or wait out, stay, mark time.

2. arrest, bring to a stop or halt, check, stem, curb; terminate, end, bring to an end or close, quell, quash, crush, nip in the bud, put an end to, break up; block, blockade, obstruct, frustrate, foil, thwart, hinder, impede, clip one's wings, hold back, restrain.

3. cease, desist, cease and desist, discontinue, leave off, quit, call it a day, *Inf. knock off*, *Inf. call it quits*, hang up one's tools, shut down, close down; come to an end, finish up, conclude, draw to a close, run its course; pause, take a break or breather, break off, lapse.

—n. 4. stop, stoppage cessation, desistance, discontinuance, stay, standstill; pause, interval, interlude, intermission, break, hiatus, *Prosody*. caressa; recession, rest, respite, breather, breathing spell or space, time-out.

**halt**, v. 1. falter, hesitate, pause; stammer, stutter, sputter, splutter, speak brokenly; stumble, trip, flounder, stagger, stumble, fumble, fumble, hobble, wobble.

2. boggle, scruple, have qualms or misgivings, be uncertain or unsure, be in doubt; think twice, take another look, linger over, be indecisive, be betwixt and between, not know one's own mind, get bogged down or lost in, be at sea; waver, fluctuate, sway, vacillate, tergiversate, shift, swing, shuffle, shilly-shally, seesaw, straddle the fence, go back and forth, be of two minds; equivocate, skirt, hedge, evade the issue, beat around the bush, hem and haw, hem, maw, mumble, hum, *Scot. and North Eng.* haver, *Brit. Dial.*ammer; delay, play for time, *Inf.* stall.

**halter**, n. 1. bridle, harness, headstall, headgear, hackamore; lasso, leash, checkrein, rein, line, rope, thong; governor, control, restraint, trammel, check, curb.


**halt**, v. 1. in half, split in two, split, divide, bisect, dichotomize, sever or sooner in two, *Obs.* dimidiate; share equally, go in together, *Inf.* go Dutch.


—v. 2. *Theater Slang*. overact, overdramatize, milk a scene, play it for all it's worth, out-Herod Herod, ham it up; make a scene, be theatrical, sentimentalize.


**hammer**, n. 1. beetle, claw hammer, sledge hammer, fuller, kevel, mail, rammer, martel; gavel, tapper, mallet, tamper; *Firearms*. cock.


3. Often *hammer out* shape, form, mold, forge; chisel, carve, cut, roughcast, block out; generate, create, fashion, model, manufacture, make, fabricate.

**hammer**, v. 1. produce, cause, effect, bring about, accomplish, carry out, carry through, bring to pass; settle, finish, complete, resolve.

4. Often *hammer out* produce, cause, effect, bring about, accomplish, carry out, carry through, bring to pass; settle, finish, complete, resolve.

5. Often *hammer away* persevere, persist, attempt repeatedly; plod, drudge, labor, *Sl.* plug away; keep on, stay at, stick to, hold on, hold out.

**hamper**, v. 1. encumber, cumber, hinder, inhibit, hold back; impede, retard, slow, handicap; obstruct, block, oppilate, cramp, choke, smother; frustrate, thwart, interfere with; control, limit, circumscribe, confine, restrict; restrain, check, curb, shackles, bridge, muzzle, trammel, bar, blockade, barricade.

2. curtail, reduce, diminish, lessen, cut, cut short, cut down, cut back.

**hamper**, n. basket, creel, pannier, Dosser, punnet, *Brit*. scuttle, bucket; wicker, wickerwork, hamper, receptacle, container, holder, box, case, vessel.

**hamstring**, v. 1. hock, cut [s.o.'s] hamstring; cripple, becripple, lame, make lame; injure, impair, disa-
ble, incapacitate.
2. thwart, frustrate, foil, balk, prevent, stop; check, curb, clip [i.o.'s] wings.

hand, n. 1. palm, open hand; fist, closed hand, 1.
2. worker, laborer, workman, hired hand or man, man, employee.
3. skill, art, workmanship, artistry, craftsmanship; touch, characteristic manner, mark.
4. crewman, crew member.
5. Often hands power, possession, hold, grasp, control, clutches, disposal, authority, jurisdiction; management, guidance, supervision, watchful eye, guardianship, wardenship; custody, keeping, arms, care.
6. assistance, aid, help, relief, succor, helping hand, a leg up, boost.
7. side, direction.
8. penmanship, handwriting, writing, script. See handwriting.
10. round of applause, ovation, clap.
11. bunch, cluster, bundle, sheaf.
12. at hand a. near, nearby, close, close-by, adjacent, neighboring, next to, next door to; fast by, not far, but a stone's throw, but a step. b. on hand, close at hand, imminent, impending, about to happen, drawing near or nigh, approaching; on the verge or brink of, at the point of. c. within reach, within range, within an arm's reach, handy, convenient; at one's fingertips, under one's nose, right here; available, at one's disposal, ready, set, SL all set, ready to go.
13. by hand manually, with one's hands.
14. from hand to mouth im Providently, precariously, unnecessarily, uncertainly, insecurely; scantily, skimpily, meagerly, scrappily.
15. hand in hand a. holding hands, with hands clasped, arm in arm. b. together, jointly, conjointly, closely, in close association, side by side, concurrently.
16. hands down a. effortlessly, easily, with no contest. b. indisputably, undeniably, incontestably, incontrovertibly, absolutely, positively, unquestionably.
17. on hand a. in one's possession, at one's disposal, with one, SL on one. b. at hand, imminent. See hand (def. 12b).
18. try one's hand try, try one's skill, try one's luck, SL take a shot, attempt, essay.
19. with a heavy hand a. severely, oppressively, tyrannically, despotically. b. clumsily, awkwardly.
20. with a high hand arbitrarily, arrogantly, haughtily, presumptuously, dictatorially, imperiously, overbearing, domineeringly.
—v. 21. deliver, hand-deliver, present, give; get, reach, pass, pass over; bring forward, SL come out with, produce, furnish, supply, SL come up with, SL cough up; hand over, turn over, surrender, give up, Inf. fork up or over or over.
22. help, aid, assist, lend a hand, give a leg up, boost; give a helping hand, help out, do a favor, do a good turn.
23. hand down a. (of a court decision) deliver, give, impart, communicate. b. transmit, transfer, pass on or down, hand on or down, bequeath, will.
24. hand out give out, distribute, pass out, deal out, Inf. dish out; apportion, portion out, mete out, dole out.

—adj. 25. handmade, hand-done, made or done by hand, handicraft, handwoven, handloomed.

handbag, n. 1. pocketbook, bag, shoulder bag; purse, evening bag; wallet, billfold, card case.
2. valise, briefcase, small suitcase; gym bag, flight bag, traveling bag, satchel.

handbill, n. circular, announcement, advertisement, SL advert, U.S. flyer, broadside, broadsheet, handout, throwaway; brochure, pamphlet, booklet, leaflet, folder; notice, bulletin, placard, poster, bill.


handcart, n. pushcart, barrow, handbarrow, wheelbarrow, small cart or wagon; stroller, baby carriage, go-cart, Chiefly Brit. perambulator, Chiefly Brit. Inf. pram.

—v. 2. impede, hinder, thwart, frustrate, hamper, inhibit.

handful, n. fistful, small amount, modicum; a few, a little.

handicap, n. 1. disadvantage, impediment, imposition, hindrance, check, curb, trammel, restraint, constraint, restriction; burden, weight, encumbrance, millstone; obstacle, obstruction, barrier, block, stumbling block; drawback, inconvenience, difficulty.
2. advantage, edge, odds, points; head start.
—v. 3. impede, impair, hinder, hamper, disable, put at a disadvantage; check, curb, restrain, constrain, trammel, bridle, hold back; burden, encumber, weigh down, saddle.

handicraft, n. craft, handiwork, manual art or skill, industrial art or skill; craftsmanship, workmanship, artisanship.

handicraftsman, n. artisan, artificer, craftsman, master craftsman; skilled laborer, mechanic, Obs. artist.

handily, adv. 1. dexterously, proficiently, competently, capably, efficiently; skillfully, cleverly, deftly, nimbly, adroitly; authoritatively, masterfully, expertly. 2. conveniently, advantageously, suitably; helpfully, agreeably, pleasantly.
3. easily, facilely, readily, Inf. with no sweat or strain, hands-down; effortlessly, comfortably, with one's eyes closed, with one's hands tied; like shooting fish in a barrel.

handiness, n. 1. convenience, accessibility, attainability, availability; usefulness, practicality, workability.
2. cleverness, adroitness, dexterity, deftness; expertness, proficiency, efficiency; skill, ability, capability; aptitude, expertise, know-how, knack; green thumb, magic touch.

handkerchief, n. 1. Anglo Saxon. handkerches, handkerchief, kerchief, neckerchief, scarf. 2. cleverness, adroitness, dexterity, deftness; expertness, proficiency, efficiency; skill, ability, capability; aptitude, expertise, know-how, knack; green thumb, magic touch.

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handle, n. 1. hilt, haft, helve, grip; knob, pull, shank, shaft, handlebar, bail; lug, peg, butt; hold, grasp, command.
—v. 2. touch, feel, finger; carry, hold, pick up, lift, heft, heave; pat, Yiddish. glet, caress, stroke, fondle, pet, hug; palpate, massage, knead, rub, press.
3. manage, direct, oversee, superintend, supervise; administer, execute, transact; regulate, operate, swing, run; control, command, rule; head, govern, boss, take charge of, take the reins or wheel or helm of; steer,
pilot, guide, train, drive.
4. use, utilize, employ; wield, ply, manipulate, exercise.
5. deal in, traffic in, sell, buy and sell; trade, peddle, truck, market.

handout, n. 1. alms, charity, dole.
2. press release, release, bulletin, notice; public relations release, promotional material, Inf. literature; leaflet, handbill, folder, U.S. flyer, bill, throwaway, circular, broadside.
3. free sample, Sl. freebie; free or complimentary ticket, Inf. comp, free pass, pass, Inf. twofer, Sl. An-nie Oakley.

handsome, adj. 1. attractive, good-looking, personable, comely, fair, sightly, pretty, Chiefly Scot. bonny, Inf. proper, Sl. easy on the eyes, Sl. not hard or easy to look at, Sl. long on looks.
2. elegant, graceful, exquisite, aesthetic, fine, Scot. and North Eng. braw; well-made, well-constructed, well-formed, well-proportioned, Inf. well-put-together; symmetrical, balanced, proportioned.
3. liberal, considerable, sizable, goodly, large, big, bounteous; ample, sufficient, satisfactory, enough, more than enough.
4. graceful, princely, noble, chivalrous; magnanimous, big, big-hearted, great-hearted; generous, munificent, openhanded, free, unselfish, unsparing, unselfish, easy on the eyes.

handwriting, n. 1. penmanship, script, manuscript, longhand, Inf. fist, Scot. hand of writ, calligraphy; good hand; calligraphy, bad hand, scribble, scrawl, scratch.
2. handwriting on the wall omen, premonition, portent, foreboding, sign, warning, warning sign, for-warning.

handy, adj. 1. accessible, available, at hand, on hand, close at hand, at one's fingertips, within reach; convenient, nearby, next-door, just around the corner.
2. useful, helpful, serviceable, employable, expedient, practicable, functional, beneficial, worthwhile.
3. deft, dexterous, adept, adroit, apt, proficient, good at, strong in; expert, masterful, masterly, Inf. crack, Sl. crackjack; versatile, adaptable, all-around or all-round.
4. maneuverable, manageable, governable, tractable, responsive; wieldy; easy, practical, foolproof, trouble-free.

dandyman, n. jack-of-all-trades, man of all work, factotum, do-all, handy-andy, Inf. Mr. fix-it.

hang, v. 1. suspend, sling, pend, set; hang up, hook up, hitch.
2. truss up, string up, gibbet, garrote, bowstring, bring to the gallows; noose, neck, Sl. stretch, triangle.
3. drape, curtain, deck, cover; trail, flow, descend, slope.
4. dach, annex, fasten, fix, append; paste, cement, stick, glue.
5. deadlock, stalemate, hang up, thwart; seize up, stall, freeze.
6. dangle, depend, hang down, bob, swing, sway; be pendent, be suspended.
7. lean over, overhang, overlap, overlie, imbricate; arch over, beetle, extend; jut out, project, stick out, poke out, hang out; drop, droop, nod, bow, sag, lower, swag.
8. be contingent, be dependent, be conditioned, be subject to; depend, rely, hang on, lie on, rest on; hinge on, turn upon, lean upon.
9. wave, hesitate, vacillate, shilly-shally, hem and haw, beat around the bush, toss and turn; pause, hang back, shuffle, flounder, hold back; straddle, blow hot and cold, tergiversate; doubt, have one's doubts, have qualms.
10. remain, stay, abide, attend, stand by, stick by; linger, persist, endure, continue, hold, hang upon.
11. float, glide, drift, waft; flutter, flit, hover, hang over.
12. hang around Informal. a. frequent, resort, haunt, Sl. hang out, hang about. b. linger, dally, loiter, mosey, idle, bide one's time; potter, piddle, dawdle, Sl. putz.
13. hang back stay back, hold back, flinch, shy, recoil, shrink, shirk, cower, crouch.
14. hang on a. hold fast, cling to, cleave to, stick, adhere; grip, cohere, hold to, clutch, grasp. b. persevere, persist, hold out, endure, perdure, hang in there; go on, carry on, hold on, hold up; fight to the end, go down fighting, stand up against. c. give ear, absorb, listen devotedly, be rapt, be attentive, give one's undivided attention.
15. hang over a. be postponed, be delayed, be pro-rogued, be put off, be laid over. b. loom, threaten, impend, menace; approach, near, come on, draw near; be imminent, be near at hand, be around the corner.
16. hang up a. cause delay, obstruct, block, clog, bottleneck; slow down, retard, hinder, hold up, har-mer, restrict, b. break the connection, replace the receiver, disconnect, cut off.

—n. 17. Informal. meaning, thought, significance, signification, sense, purport, import, connotation, denotation; gist, trend, tenor, bearing.
18. Informal. knack, way, turn, manner, procedure, system; wise, style, usage.

handdog, adj. 1. browbeaten, intimidated, defeat-ed, crestfallen; abject, miserable, wretched, degraded; cringing, cowering, cowardly, spineless, pus-silanimous.
2. embarrassed, shamefaced, ashamed, abashed, guilty-looking, conscience-stricken; sneaky, sneaking, furtive, shifty, skulking.

hanger-on, n. dependent, vassal, minion, lackey, flunky, retainer, henchman, U.S. Politics. ward heel-er; parasite, leech, sycophant, Sl. sponge; toady, Inf. yes man, flatterer, fawner, Inf. apple-polisher, Inf. bootlicker; follower, appendage, shadow, satellite, Sl. groupie, Inf. puppydog, Inf. gofer.

hanging, n. 1. gibbeting, lynching, Inf. swing-ing. Inf. necktie party, execution.
2. suspension, pendency, pensiliousness, drooping, dangling.
3. Often hangings drapery, curtain, tapestry, arras; pictures, paintings, artwork. See drapery.

—adj. 4. pendent, suspended, swinging; pensilie, dangling, drooping, pendulous.


hangover, n. aftereffects, unpleasant aftereffects, culpability, crumpulence, culpability, Sl. morning after, Sl. head.

hang-up, n. Informal. preoccupation, fixation, fixed idea, Fr. idée fixe, quirk, Sl. kink; psychological block, impediment.

hank, n. skein, roll, length, piece; twist, coil, loop, knot.

hanker, v. Usu. hanker after or for long for, yearn for, itch for, hunger for, thirst for, pant for, lust for, Sl. lech after, Inf. yen for, wish for, crave, desire, covet, want, wish with all one's heart, set one's heart on, want in the worst way, pine for, be dying for, die for; have an eye to, be bent on, have a fancy for.

hankering, n. desire, Inf. yen, itch, hunger, thirst;
haphazard, adj. 1. chance, coincidental, arbitrary, random, desultory; fortuitous, serendipitous, aleatory, Inf. fluky; accidental, unintentional, unintended, unexpected, unanticipated, unforeseen, unlooked-for, sudden; stray, incidental, occasional, sporadic, contingent, adventitious.

2. casual, nonchalant, unplanned, careless, hit-or-miss, thrown or slapped together, slapdash, willy-nilly, Inf. scratch; cursory, superficial; unarranged, unsystematic, unmethodical, disorganized, orderless, disorderly, disorderly, irregular; unconsidered, uncalculated, unpremeditated, undesigned, unplanned, undirected, aimless.

hapless, adj. luckless, unlucky, out of luck, down on one's luck, unfortunate, fortuitous, unpropitious; ill-fated, star-crossed, cursed, ill-starred, evil-starred, born under an evil star; crossed, hoodooed, Inf. jinxed, Jonahese; wretched, miserable, unblessed, unhappy, woebegone, forlorn, hopeless.

happen, v. 1. take place, occur, come to pass, come about, come, Archaic: hap, Inf. come off, befall, happen, befall, befall, chance, Archaic: bechance, Archaic: arrive; transpire, intervene, crop up; become, come into being, appear, fall, materialize, take effect; result, eventuate, turn out, prove; ensue, issue, arise.

2. befall, be one's fortune or misfortune, be one's lot, be the case.

3. discover unexpectedly, chance upon, hit upon, stumble on, meet with; turn up, bring to light, dig up, uncover, unearth.

happening, n. occurrence, event, incident, occasion; affair, Archaic: hap, episode, action; incident, incidence, proceeding; case, matter, circumstance; eventuality, phenomenon, fact; accident, chance, happening, casualty, mishap; adventure, venture, experience.

happenstance, n. coincidence, fluke, accident, chance, one in a million, twist of fate, incidental occurrence, unpredictable event; fortuity, serendipity, happening, hazard.

hapily, adv. 1. with pleasure, gladly, delightedly, with relish, lief; with open arms, graciously, sincerely, lovingly, devotedly; freely, willingly, agreeably, contentedly, Fr. de bonne grâce, Archaic: vain; with zeal, zestfully, enthusiastically, heartily; with all one's heart, with heart and soul.

2. joyfully, joyously, elatedly, gleefully; blithely, buoyantly, light-heartedly; cheerfully, merrily, gaily, mirthfully.

3. luckily, fortunately, as luck would have it, providentially; auspiciously, favorably, propitiably, prosperously.

4. appropriately, opportunitly, seasonably, in the nick of time; advantageously, conveniently, expeditiously; gracefully, skillfully, tactfully; artfully, cleverly.

happiness, n. 1. cheerfulness, gladness, gaiety, gaiiness; good or high spirits, blitheness, blithesomeness, light-heartedness, buoyancy; joy, delight, pleasure, felicity, bliss; joyousness, joyfulness, jubilation, exhilaration, exultation, glee, elation; joviality, merriment, jollity, mirthfulness; jubilance, jubilancy, enjoyment; enchantment, transport, captivation, fascination.

2. paradise, heaven, seventh heaven, Eden, utopia; Elysium, Arcadia, sunshine, halcyon days; beatitude, serenity, peace, eudemonia; gratification, fulfillment, contentment.

happy, adj. 1. delighted, glad, pleased, contented, gratified, satisfied; elated, well-pleased, thrilled, tickled, Inf. tickled pink, pleased as punch, Dial. in hog heaven, Brit. Sl. chuffed; euphoric, on cloud nine, on top of the world, walking or floating on air, starry-eyed.

2. cheerul, cheery, full of cheer, gay, sunny, in good or high spirits; blithe, blithesome, light-hearted, buoyant, optimistic, positive, Inf. upbeat, beamish; debonair, free and easy, carefree, easygoing, breezy, airy, happy-go-lucky, untroubled; jovial, merry, jocund, jolly, mirthful, hilarious; riant, laughing, smiling, happy as a lark; joyful, joyous, jubilant, rejoicing, gleeful; exultant, in seventh heaven, elated, overjoyed, thrilled, exhilarated.

3. lucky, fortunate, auspicious, favorable; advantageous, beneficial, helpful, convenient, opportune, seasonable, timely; valuable, profitable, gainful, lucrative; prosperous, successful, thriving, flourishing, palmy; fruitful, rewarding, satisfying, gratifying.

4. apt, appropriate, fitting, fit, befitting, seemingly, expedient; proper, correct, right, good, essential; relevant, to the point, germane, applicable.

happy-go-lucky, adj. carefree, insouciant, free and easy, easygoing, heedless, untroubled, unconcerned, unworried, Inf. living the life of Riley; nonchalant, casual, indifferent, biased, devil-may-care; animated, spirited, buoyant, brisk, brisk, brisk, brisk, brisk, brisk, brisk.

hara-kiri, n. suicide, self-destruction, feto-de-se, Hindu. suette; disembowlement, evisceration; self-immolation; drinking hemlock, falling on one's sword, bowing out, taking the gas or a powder, taking the long walk; asking for it, asking for punishment, death wish, going up without a safety net.

harangue, n. 1. declamation, stump speech, ciceronianism; oration, speech, talk, address, recitation; hard sell, Inf. spiel, appeal; bombard, romondate, bluster, Sl. big stink, hot air; effusion, expiation.

2. lecture, sermon, preaching, homily, allocution, oration; spout forth, Inf. blather, rattle, gab, stuff, lecture, pontificate; rant and rave, hoot and holler.

3. philippic, diatribe, rant, tirade; screech, vituperation, excoriation, denunciation.

—v. 4. orate, speechify, declaim, hold forth, go on and on, ororate, drone on; expound, explicate, precedent; spout forth, Inf. bark; take to the hustings, Inf. stump, soapbox, get up on a soapbox; preach, sermonize, lecture, pontificate; rant and rave, hoot and holler; denounce, excoriate, scold.

harass, v. 1. raid, harry, beset, beleaguer, drive or press hard; terrorize, persecute, molest, oppress, afflict, victimize.

2. bother, pester, hector, drive or press hard; plague, trouble, fret, worry; Brit, hassle, bug, or press hard; torment, taunt, bedevil, tease, tweak, get on or wall; hound, dog, nag, pick on, pick at, be or get on [s.o.'s] back, Inf. give [s.o.] a hard time, SI. ride, SI. put the heat on; torment, taunt, bedevil, tease, tweak, mock, heckle, Brit. cheat; plague, trouble, fret, worry; bait, provoke, badger.

harbinger, n. 1. herald, forerunner, Archaic: messenger, advance man; precursor, avant-courier, pioneer, Mil. point man, front rider; Cassandra, warner, bearer of tidings; usher, marshal, announcer.

2. omen, sign, portent, augury; signpost, clue, indication, symptom, ground waves, feeling in one's bones, gut feeling; premonition, foreboding, warning light, handwritten on the wall; prediction, prophecy, portent, augury, auspice.

harbor, n. 1. port, anchorage, harborage, haven.

2. shelter, refuge, asylum, sanctuary, sanctuary, safety zone, port in a storm, Scot. bield.
hard

hard, adj. 1. firm, solid, solidified, compact, condensed, close, compressed, pressed; flinty, s[...]

hard-hearted

hard-hearted, adj. unfeeling, hard, cold, flinty, obtuse, obstinate, pervers[...]

hard by

hard by, close, close by, near, near by, or upon, or at a stone's throw, at close quarters, at one's elbow, within reach or range; on the brink or verge, about, on every side, bordering, beside, against, around.

hard-and-fast, adj. binding, set, fast, hard, exacting; unremitting, uncompromising, unbending, invoking, strict, stringent, unswerving; irrevocable, unalterable, immutable, rigorous, inflexible, inescapable, leaving no choice, compelling; incontrovertible, incontestable, indisputable, undeniable, unquestionable.

hard-bitten, adj. tough, hard, stubborn, strong-willed; rigid, uncompromising, hard-shell; obstinate, bull-headed, obturate, pertinacious, mulish; headstrong, opinionated, pig-headed.


hard-boiled, adj. unsentimental, tough, hard-bitten, pragmatic, realistic, matter-of-fact, down to earth; direct, straightforward, unceremonious, graphic, to the point; frank, outspoken, blunt, point-blank, open; candid, brash, brusque, short, gruff, harsh, brutal.

harden, v. 1. solidify, set, stabilize, establish; toughen, starch; temper, bake, anneal, vulcanize, Mellall. caseharden; densify, freeze, insipitate, Pharm. incrassate; press, compress, compact, make compact; cement, fix, make tight, lock in, consolidate, amalgamate.


hardening

hardening, n. 1. the act of hardening; the state of being hardened; the hard substance thus produced.

hardness

hardness, n. 1. the quality of being hard; firmness.

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merciful, pitiless, implacable; callous, marble-hearted, fell, flinty, stony, indurated; aloof, distant, disdainful, stiff; insentient, impervious, indifferent, unsusceptible; untouchable, unmovable, unmistir, unsympathetic, uncompassionate, uncaring, unmindful, unconcerned, hardened, thick-skinned, insensitive; soulless, passionless; hostile, adverse.

**hardihood, n. 1.** fortitude, stamina, endurance. See hardiness (defs. 1, 2).

2. courage, bravery. See hardness (def. 3).

3. rashness, impetuosity, temerity, temerariness, daredeviltry, daredevilry, foolhardiness; recklessness, wantonness, carelessness, incautiousness, imprudence.

**hardiness, n.** 1. strength, strength, ability, strength, stamina, tenacity, determination, tenacity, perseverance, firmness.

2. fortitude, stamina, fiber, moral fiber, endurance, tenacity, tenacity, endurance, persistence, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, constancy, perseverance, 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harem, n. seraglio, (in India) zenana, (in India, Pakistan, etc.) purdah (in ancient Greece) gynaecaeum; Sl. stable.

hark, v. listen, attend, mark, notice, pay or give heed, pay attention, pay mind, give ear, harken.

hark back v. revert, regress, retrovert, retrogress, go back, change back, turn back; remember, recall, recollect, think back, look back.

harken, n. heed, pay attention, pay mind, give ear, harken.

harlot, harlotry, n. 1. prostitute, lady of the evening, woman of the streets, streetwalker, bar girl, Inf. pick-up, call girl, Cyprian, All Sl. cat, tart, hustler, bim, moll, hooker, floozie, working girl, Brit. Sl. bird, Mexican SI. caliente; madam, bawd, procuress, pander.

harlotry, n. prostitution, whoredom, streetwalking, Mrs. Warren’s profession, the oldest profession; whoremongering, whoremastery, pimping, pandering, procuring, hustling.

harm, n. harmlessness, injury, perniciousness, ill, woe, trauma, hurt, pain, torment, suffering, adversity; abuse, detriment, damage, defacement, destruction, waste, ruin, bane, havoc, loss, desolation; defilement, pollution, poisoning, contamination. 

—v. 1. cause harm, injure, disfigure, ruin, do violence to, lay hands on; hurt, wound, maim, cripple, stab, rape, beat, up, batter, pummel, cut, slay, slay, slay, injure, kill, maim, cripple, wound, hurt; wound, maim, cripple, stab, rape, beat, up, batter, pummel, Stl. mug; Stl. do; Stl. work over, Stl. do a job on, Sl. let [s.o.] have it, Sl. give [s.o.]; work on, push, press, domicile, swallow, digest, put over, impart, inculcate, instill, impart, impute, attribute, charge, blame, hiss, revile, scold, abuse, abuse, attack, maul, molest, misuse; injure, inflict injury on, do violence to, lay hands on, hurt, wound, maim, cripple, stab, rape, beat, up, batter, pummel, Stl. mug; Stl. work over, Stl. do a job on, Sl. let [s.o.] have it, Sl. give [s.o.] the works.

4. damage, blemish, mar, distress, impair, spoil, ruin, defile, pollute.

harmful, adj. 1. dangerous, detrimental, deleterious, pernicious, injurious, hurtful, damaging, baneful, ruinous, destructive, deflower, exsanguinate, unhealthy, insalubrious, unhomely, noxious, poisonous, venomous, septic, toxic, virulent, corrosive.

2. bad, evil, malign, malefic, satanic; imimical, sinister, corrupting, subversive, undermining, seditious, treasonous.

harmless, adj. innocuous, innoxious, inoffensive, unhurtful; unoffending, innocent, blameless; mild, non-irritating, gentle, soft; unobjectionable, bland, insipid, pallid; G-rated, perfectly O.K.; impotent, powerless, ineffective, disarmed, manageable.

harmonic, adj. consonant, in accord, agreeable, compatible, concordant, harmonious. See harmonious (defs. 1, 2).

harmonica, n. mouth organ, harmonicon, Dial. French harp; ocarina, sweet potato, jew’s-harp.

harmonious, adj. 1. agreeable, compatible, peaceable, in rapport, in harmony, attuned, in unison, at one; loving, affectionate, friendly, amicable, cordial, amiable, sociable, fraternal, neighborly; acquiescent, cooperating; united, allied, sympathetic, hand and glove, hand-in-hand, on good terms.

2. congruous, correspondent, consonant, concordant, consistent, coherent; unified, unanimous, consen
taneous; symmetrical, concinnous, equal, even, balanced; parallel, symmetrical, coordinated, systematized, synchronized; methodical, systematic, orderly, well-regulated; apt, suitable, fit, appropriate, becoming; related, relevant, pertinent, seasonable, timely.

3. melodious, tuneful, euphonious, symphonious, harmonizing, canorous, assonant; sweet-sounding, clear-toned, liquid, mellifluous, orphean; mellow, soft, smooth, dulcet, lyric, rhythmic.

harmonize, v. 1. adapt, attune, adjust; compose, order, balance, make symmetrical, quadratic; regulate, modulate, methodize, systematize, coordinate, orchestrate, direct; reconcile, patch up, placate, accommodate, settle differences; mediate, arbitrate, conciliate, moderate, harmonize; soothe, pacify, soothe, heal, restore harmony, render accordant, heal the breach, pour balm into, pour oil on the waters, restore to friendship, negotiate a peace between.

2. Music. accompany, complete, score, instrumentate.

3. agree, accord, assent; think alike, be of one mind, hit it off, Inf. click; acquiesce, accede, consent to, comply with, abide by; correspond, coincide, conform to, tally with, comport with, Inf. gee with, jibe with, be in unison with, chime in with, tone in with; fit, suit, match, resemble, be appropriate, Brit. Dial. tadge; dovetail, mesh, square, equal, parallel; combine, blend, symphonize; work together, pull together, fall in together.

harmony, n. 1. agreement, accord, concordance, accord, concordance, concurrence, assent; unanimity, consentaneariness, oneness, union, unity, consensus, one voice; amity, love, friendship, brotherhood, like-mindedness, fellowship, comradeship, fraternity; congeniality, cordiality, amicableness, good feeling, good will, good understanding, affinity, rapport, harmony, peace, rapprochement, tranquillity.

2. congruity, correspondence, consonance, compatibility, correlation; symmetry, proportion, conformity, concinnity, parallelism, balance; euphony, attunement, symphoniousness, Music. chord, Music. pol音 phonies, synchronony, register accordant, render accordant, heal the breach, pour balm into, pour oil on the waters, restore to friendship, negotiate a peace between.

3. harp on or upon dwell on, insist on, push, press, Stl. beat [s.o.] over the head; repeat, Inf. ding, reiterate, play a broken record, go on, Sl.
beat or run into the ground; go over and over, emphasize, stress, impress in or on [s.o.'s] mind, fix in [s.o.'s] mind, hammer into [s.o.'s] head, drill into [s.o.'s] head, pound or beat into [s.o.'s] head.

4. harp at Nag, Sl. bug, pester, bother, harass, Sl. give [s.o.] a hard time, Sl. hassle.

harp, n. 1. swindler, cheat, cheat, sharper, sharpie, Sl. shark; mercenary, Sl. money-grubber.

2. shrew, virago, termagant, harridan. See harridan.

harridan, n. shrew, harpy, virago, termagant, xenon, scold, nag, Sl. bitch, fishwife; witch, hellet, Xanthippe, tartar, Sl. battle-ax, spitfire, fury; hag, crone, gorgon, beldame, jade, Sl. old bat, Sl. old bag, Yiddish. macheshef.

harried, adj. 1. besieged, pressured, hard-pressed, harried, adj.

1. harassed, plagued, troubled, worried, distressed, harrowed, v. 1. rake, plow, hoe, spade, raft, dibble; 1. harrow, v.

harrow, n. 1. crop, produce, vintage, fruit, yield, harvest; 5. a reckless person, troublemaker, mischief-maker, devil.

harvest, n. 1. crop, produce, vintage, fruit, yield, output.

2. autumn, fall, fall of the year, harvest time, harvest tide, harvest home.

3. supply, stock, store, quantity, lot, chiefly U.S. stockpile, collection.

4. result, outcome, effect, consequence, product, upshot.

—v. 5. reap, gather, glean, collect, pick, pluck.

6. acquire, obtain, get, procure, secure, garner; earn, make, Sl. pull down; net, bag, sack.

hash, n. 1. mess, muddle, jumble, scramble, mix-up, hodgepodge, mishmash; bungle, botch, fizzle; fiasco, bad job, sad work, clumsy attempt.

—v. 2. mince, chop, chop up, grind, grind up.

bungle, botch, muff, fumble, make a mess of, Inf. mess up, Inf. foul up, Sl. screw up, Sl. louse up, Sl. gum up, Sl. goof up; spoil, butcher, murder, make sad work of.

4. discuss, debate, bandy, talk over, Sl. kick or toss or throw around; review, recapitulate, go over or through, run over or through.

hassock, n. footstool, footrest, ottoman, taboret, cricket; cushion, squab, (in India) musnum.

haste, n. 1. swiftness, fleetness, speed, quickness;
hasten, hurry, go quickly, lose no time, rush, quickly, speedily, hurriedly; prompt-1.

Inf.

sweat, Dial.

3. summarily, cursorily, fleetingly, perfunctorily, su-
tance; impetuosity, rashness, recklessness, foolhardi-
turbation, trepidation; restlessness, unrest, nervous-
ty, nimbleness, liveliness, tall stepping.

dash off, run like mad, 5/. go along, hie one's way.

Inf.

or run wide open, go all out, go at full blast, 5/. go
haste; race, scurry, skip, spurt, dark, bungle, blunder, plunge, blind bargain; audaci-
ty; tenuity, over-confidence, presumption; impa-
tience, fretfulness, petulance, testiness.

hasten, v. 1. hurry, go quickly, lose no time, rush, Scot. with, Literary. haste; race, scurry, skip, spurt, whisk, run, sprint; press on, push on, ride hard, cancer, trot, gallop, lope, canter a horse, climb on one's horse; shoot, tear, fly, fly on the wings of the wind, outstrip the wind, wing one's way, take wing, take to flight; scour, hustle, bustle, scamper, scuttle, trip, flit; fee, hotfoot, hotfoot it, hightail, hightail it, Inf. skedaddle, be on the run, beat a retreat; whip off, whip away, dash off, run like mad, Sl. go like a bat out of hell, or run wide open, go all out, go at full blast, Inf. go like a shot, Sl. go hell-bent, Inf. go like greased lighting; speed up, put on more speed, step on the gas, Inf. step on it, Sl. blow it, shoot up the road, cover ground; bound, spring, jump, make strides, do some tall stepping, bowl along, hie one's way.

2. accelerate, quicken, push forward, advance, precipi-
itate; stimulate, arouse, rouse, vivify, animate, bestir, instigate, motivate, inspire, exhort, excite, provoke, incite; press, prod, shove, job, move, drive on, urge on, egg on, hound on, goad, whip, flog, prick; boost, lend wings to; expedite, facilitate, aid, assist, help, set

hastily, adv. 1. quickly, speedily, hurriedly; prompt-
ly, instantly, stratagically, Sl. put on, in a wink, in an instant, double-quick, Inf. like greased lightning, like a shot, like a thunderbolt, Sl. like mad, Sl. like a bat out of hell; directly, at once, without delay, in less than no time, before one can say "Jack Robinson," before the ink is dry, Sl. P.D.Q., Inf. lickety-split; swiftly, rapid-
ly, fast, full tilt, full pelt, hotfoot, at full blast, in high gear, as fast as one's legs can carry one.

2. precipitately, hurriedly, headlong; abruptly, sud-
denly, unexpectedly, prematurely, inopportune, too
soon, without notice or warning, on the spur of the moment, like a bolt from the blue, like a thief in the night; incannuously, unabashedly, foolishly, unwarily, impetuously, impulsively, impatiently; rashly, reck-
lessly, carelessly, heedlessly, thoughtlessly, slapdash, at half cock, pell-mell, harum-scarum, helter-skelter, head over heels.

3. summarily, cursorily, fleetingly, perfuntorily, su-
perficially; transitorily, momentarily, slightly, briefly, temporarily.

hasty, adj. 1. quick, rapid, swift, fleet, fast, brisk; prompt, expeditious, instantaneous, immediate; rush-
ing, hurried, running, urgent, winged, light-footed, light-legged, light of heel, eagle-winged, quick as light-
ning, quick as a wink, swift as an arrow; nimble, snap-
py, active, sprightly, lively, dynamic, bustling.

2. unduly quick, rash, precipitate, headlong; reck-
less, careless, heedless, thoughtless, pell-mell, helter-
skelter, harum-scarum, head over heels; rash, incau-
tious, injudicious, ill-advised, indiscreet, unruly, fool-

ish, abrupt, sudden, unexpected, premature; impetu-
ous, impulsive, unrestrained, uncontrolled, unchecked, unbridled, feverish, impatient, frantic, impetuous, madcap, madbrained, foolhardy, daredevil, breakneck, adventurous.

3. cursory, fleeting, slight, superficial; brief, per-
functory, short-lived, temporary, transitory, fuga-
tious, permanent; short, rapid, momentary; vola-
tile, petractive, flying, urgent; passing, mortal, perish-
able, decidable, caducous; ephemeral, evanescent.

4. irritable, impatient, irascible; quick-tempered, hot-tempered, hot-blooded, like tinder, like touch-
wood, volatile, excitabile, explosive, fiery, volcanic, in-
flammable, high-strung, high-metered; choleric, splenetic, frettful, captious; quarrelsome, querulous, angry, simmering; fierce, quick, unprovocable, impul-
sive, impetuous; petulant, touchy, tetchy, contentious, peppy, snappy, wasship, shrewish; brusque, abrupt, brash, bearish, gruff, boorish, churlish, moody, hostile, resentful; acerbic, jaundiced, sour.

hatch, n. cap, headgear, headdress, chapeau, crownpiece, mortarboard, helmet, sable, casque, casquetet, Sl. tin hat, hard hat; busby, Balmoral, glen-
garry, topee, kepi, pill box; beanie, skullcap, yar-
mulke, calotte, zucchetto, Rom. Cath. Ch. biretta, miter; nightcap, stocking cap, tuque, Inf. toboggan; beret, tam, tam-o'-shanter, calpach, toque, cloche hat; fez, turban, puggaree, burnoose, tarbosh, shako; fe-
dora, Panama, felt hat, crush hat; ten-gallon hat, Sl. Stetson, cowboy cat, tricorne; homburg, trilby, soft hat, billycock; bowler, derby, topper, top-hat, stove-
pipe hat, opera hat, Inf. Kelly; straw hat, boater, skimmer, leghorn, astrakhan; coonskin cap, beaver, castor, monob, mobcap, dunce's cap.

hatch', v. 1. bring forth, brood, incubate, sit, set, cover.

2. pip, come forth, break out, emerge.

3. devise, concoct, contrive, plan, scheme; coin, Inf. cook up, design; create, produce, conceive, dream up, imagine; invent, cast, forge, spin, develop, mature, evolve; formulate, fashion, make up, originate, com-
pose.

—n. 4. brood, nest, get, clutch, Rare. nide, Rare. aerie; cover, bevy, exaltation.

hatch', n. 1. opening, porthole, peephole, outlet, escape, door; small door, trap door, wicket, Naut. booby hatch, Naut. scuttle, bulkhead, hatchway, cel-
larway.

2. cover, lid, top, cap.

3. bin, crib, hatch, caddy, hold; compartment, ham-
er, casket.

hatchet, n. ax, tomahawk, cleaver, machete; mattock, pickax, ponde, battle-ax, bill, billhook.

hatchway. n. hatch, trap door, Naut. scuttle, porthole.

hate, v. 1. abhor, loathe, abominate, execrate, de-
spise, detest, have an aversion to, be hostile to, feel hostility toward; not to be able to bear or abide, not be able to stand, shudder at, shrink from, blench from, view with horror; be sick of, be tired of, have no stom-
ach or use for; feel or bear malice toward, hold or bear a grudge against; dislike, mislike, disfavor, disrelish.

2. be unwilling, be reluctant, dislike, feel disinclined
to; not to have the heart, shy away from, flinch from, quail from.

—n. 3. hatred, abhorrence, loathing, abomination, execration, odium, rancor, detestation; animosity,
hostility, enmity, malevolence, ill will, malice, malignity; aversion, dislike, antipathy, dislike, disfavor, disrelish; revulsion, repugnance.

hateful, adj. 1. abhorrent, loathsome, abominable, execrable, odious, heinous, cursed, anathema; detestable, despicable, scurrilous; hostile, invincible; malevolent, malicious.

2. repulsive, repellent, offensive, revoltimg; obnoxious, repugnant, aversive, disgusting, rank, noisome, insufferable, disagreeable; distasteful, foul, rotten, putrid, vile, sickening; ugly, horrid, horrible, hideous, grotesque; disgusting, unpleasant, displeasing, unendurable, unbearable.

3. malevolent, malicious, malign, rancorous, mean; evil, sinister, wicked, devilish, infernal, hellish, spiteful.

hated, n. hate, abhorrence, loathing, abomination, execration, odium, rancor; animosity, invidiousness, enmity, malevolence, malignity, malice, maliciousness, venom, bitterness; hostility, animus, inimicality, inimicalness; vindictiveness, revenge, grudge, Anachronic; despite; aversion, antipathy; dislike, disrelish, disaffection, disfavor; revulsion, repugnance.

haughtiness, n. arrogance, pomposity, superciliousness, conceit, disdain. See hauteur.

haughty, adj. proud, self-important, self-satisfied, self-complacent; vain, puffed up, Small swelled-headed, egotistical, know-it-all, conceited; arrogant, fastuous, conceited; proud, self-important; haughty, haughtiness, arrogance, self-importance, presumptuousness, overconfidence, fastuousness; pretentiousness, hoity-toity, affectedness, pomposity, pompousness; snobbery, snobbishness, airs, conceit, conceitedness, vaingloriousness, bovarism, egotism, pride, vanity; complacency, smugness, self-satisfaction, self-adulation; boastfulness, bragadocio, jactation, bluster, fanfaronade, gasconade; imperiousness, lordliness, overbearingness, high-handedness; imperiousness, bumptiousness, self-assertion, Inf. pushiness; insolence, impudence, brazeness, effrontery, audacity; contumaciousness, disdainfulness, superciliousness, scornfulness, contumeliousness.

have, v. 1. possess, own, keep, hold for use, hold, retain, preserve; get, receive, take, obtain, acquire, secure, procure; occupy, take up, use.

2. contain, include, embrace, comprehend, comprise; embody, incorporate, take in, count, number.

3. Usu. have to be obliged to, be under obligation to, be bound to, must, Inf. have got to be made to be compelled to be forced to, be driven to, be coerced to, be pushed into, be pressed into.

4. experience, have a taste of, encounter, meet or meet with, find; undergo, endure, suffer, be subjected to, go or pass through.

5. hold in mind, entertain, think about, keep or bear in mind; maintain, harbor, shelter, foster, nurse, cultivate, cherish.

6. require, make, cause, oblige; force, coerce, drive, push, press; induce, prevail upon, talk into, persuade; ask, request, bid, order, tell, command, direct, enjoins.

7. show, exhibit, display, express, demonstrate, evidence, manifest, evince.

8. engage in, carry on.

9. permit, allow, put up with, let go on; tolerate, stand, abide, endure, brook, bear, suffer, support.

10. beget, give birth to, bear, bring into the world, bring forth, deliver.

11. Slang. a. outwit, deceive, take in, dupe, fool, trick, cheat, swindle; Inf. b. bribe.

12. have sexual intercourse with, Inf. have sex with, copulate, Small get it on; have carnal knowledge of, Biblical know.

13. had better or had best ought to, should.

14. have on a. wear, be dressed in, be clothed in. b. have planned, have on the agenda, have going.

haven, n. 1. harbor, habitation, port, anchorage, moorage; inlet, cove, bay, gulf, girth; wharf, quay, pier, dock, landing.

2. asylum, sanctuary, sanctum, sanctum sanctorum, safety zone, port in a storm, refuge, shelter; retreat, hospice, hermitage, cloister, asram; nest, lair, den, cave, hole, dugout, abri; mew, cover, covert, coverture, hideout, hiding place, hideaway; stronghold, fortress, fortification, citadel, bastion, keep, safehold, tower, pillar, tower or pillar of strength, rock, rock of ages.

haversack, n. knapsack, rucksack, kitbag, backpack; gunnysack, gunny-bag, duffel bag; b. shoulder bag, pack, satchel, ditty bag; saddlebag, satchel, sabretache.

havoc, n. 1. devastation, destruction, ruination, rack and ruin, holocaust, demolition, wipe-out, debacle, ruin; spoliation, despoliation, ravage, pillage, plunder, sack; robbing, plundering, gutting, ransacking, vandalizing, wasting, Small trash, rapine, ravishment, predation, depredation.

2. desolation, waste, wreckage, ravaglement; extermination, extirpation, obliteration, annihilation; disaster, calamity, catastrophe, cataclysm.

—v. 3. devastate, destroy, demolish, wreck, Small total, knock to pieces, wreak havoc on, play havoc with; raze, gut, fell, topple, prostrate, level, pull down, tear down, take down, bring down, break down, throw down; flood, deluge, inundate, sweep away.
4. desolate, lay waste, ravage, ruin, *Dial.* ruinate, bring to ruin, bring to naught, lay in ruins; despoil, rob, plunder, pillage, ransack; vandalize, waste, *Sl.* trash; annihilate, obliterare, extirpate, extirpate, stamp out.

**hawk,** *n.* falcon, caracara, buzzard, vulture, kite, osprey, kestrel, harrier, goshawk, eagle.

**hawk,** *v.* peddle, vend, market; sell; cry, *Inf.* bark; bargain, higgle, haggling, haggle-haggle, *Scot.* argle-bargle.

**hawkers,** *n.* peddler, huckster, vendor, salesman; pitchman, player, concessionaire; traveling salesman, door-to-door salesman, Fuller Brushman, colporter; merchant, dealer, pushcart entrepreneur, come-on artist, sutler; gatherer, higgler, haggler.

**hawk-eyed,** *adj.* sharp-sighted, gimlet-eyed, perceptive. See eagle-eyed.

**hay,** *n.* 1. straw; fodder, provender, feed, forage, pasturage.

2. make hay while the sun shines seize the day, eagle-eyed.

3. chant, dealer, pushcart entrepreneur, come-on artist, to-door salesman, Fuller Brushman, colporteur; merchant, dealer, pushcart entrepreneur, come-on artist, sutler; gatherer, higgler, haggler.

4. endanger, imperil, peril, expose to danger, risk, —v. 3. venture, submit, offer, volunteer, throw out, advance.

5. dare, chance, gamble, run a risk, undertake —v. 3. venture, submit, offer, volunteer, throw out, advance.

2. endanger, imperil, peril, expose to danger, risk, put in jeopardy; stake, pawn, invest, involve, sink.

3. dare, chance, gamble, run a risk, undertake against odds, attempt, adventure.

6. heads up *Informal* watch out, watch it, fore, stem, figurehead.

7. Nautical. bow, prow, nose, jib, bowsprit, fore, stem, figurehead.


9. bracket, cadre, section, division, category, class, designation, heading; chapter, rubric, title, caption, headline; topic, subject, theme, text, motif, point, issue.

10. come to a head culminate, climax, crown, consummate, ripen; crest, overtop, surmount, go over the top.

11. head over heels *a.* entirely, passionately, ardently, fervently, vehemently, earnestly; completely, thoroughly, fully. *b.* impulsively, impetuously, rashly, wildly, quixotically; carelessly, heedlessly, recklessly.

12. heads up *Informal* watch out, watch it, fore, look out, be careful; duck, look out below, gardyloo.
headache

17. keep one's head remain calm, keep one's wits about oneself, keep cool, Inf. keep one's cool, Inf. roll with the punches.

18. lose one's head lose control, explode, blow up, Inf. lose one’s cool, become excited; Sl. flip out, Sl. blow one’s lid, Sl. flip one’s lid; Sl. freak out.

—adj. 19. first, chief, leading, premier, main, principal, cardinal; supreme, paramount, capital; crowning, culminating, capping, consummating; zenithal, apical, meridian, acme; maximal, extreme, ultimate.

20. frontal, fore, anterior, front, forward; topmost, headmost, top, uppermost, foremost, foremost; cephalic, cranial, occipital, sincipital.

21. opposing, counter, contrary, imperative; oncoming, head-on, frontal.

—v. 22. lead, precede, lead the way, go first, fore-run, forego, antecedent; crown, top, surmount, off, top, cap; lead off, Inf. kick off; herald, introduce, usher in.

23. outdo, excel, take the lead, beat, best, better; surpass, pass, get ahead of, come to the front; outrank, overbear, outweigh, overbalance; outrun, outride, outstrip, outpace; outdistance, distance, leave behind, leave in the lurch.

24. direct, command, rule, control, regulate, sway; govern, lead, boss, administer; supervise, superintend, oversee; guide, conduct, run, pull the strings; preside, pilot.

25. turn, steer, direct, aim, point; warp, bias, jibe; head for, make for, bear for; move towards, gravitate, tend, induce, lean; verge, bend to, go, point, lead, dispose.

26. head off intercept, catch, cut off, stop on the way, step in, interpose; stay, restrain, inhibit.

headache, n. 1. pain in the head, splitting or throbbing headache, sick headache, migraine, Obs. megrim, Med. cephalalgia, Pathol. hemicrania, Pathol. hemialgia.

2. Informal. bother, trouble, inconvenience, nuisance, annoyance, bane.

headress, n. 1. head covering, coiffure, headpiece, headgear; cap, hat, bonnet, capote, turban; hood, cowl, capuche. See hat.

2. hairdo, hairstyle, haircut, cut, coiffure, Inf. coif. See hairdo.

headfirst, adv. 1. head foremost, head on; diving, in a dive, Inf. in a header, in a dive; plunging, pitching, head over heels, diving, on one's head.

2. rashly, hastily, hurriedly, impetuously, impulsively; on the spur of the moment, abruptly; recklessly, heedlessly, thoughtlessly, slapdash, at half cock, pell-mell, harum-scarum, helter-skelter, head over heels.

3. precipitately, hurriedly, hastily, suddenly, unexpectedly, prematurely, inopportune, too soon, without notice or warning, on the spur of the moment, like a bolt from the blue, like a thief in the night; incautiously, unadvisedly, foolishly, unwarily, impetuously, impulsively, impatiently; rashly, wildly, recklessly, carelessly, heedlessly, thoughtlessly, slapdash, at half cock, pell-mell, harum-scarum, helter-skelter, head over heels.

4. unduly quick, rash, precipitate, hasty, hurried; reckless, careless, heedless, thoughtless; running, pell-mell, helter-skelter, harum-scarum, head over heels; brutal, impetuous, injudicious, ill-advised, indiscreet.

5. impetuous, impulsive, unrestrained, uncontrolled, unchecked, unbridled; feverish, impatience, frantick, impasioned; madcap, madbrained, foolhardy, daredevil, breakneck, adventurous, hot-headed, harebrained, brainfolded; volatile, flighty, frivolous, erratic, fickle, unreliable, irresponsible; wild, giddy, dashing, over-confident, rampant, quixotic, punch-drunk; death-defying, devil-may-care, dangerous, ruinous, perilous.

6. headfirst, head foremost, head on; diving, in a dive, plunging, in a nose dive.

headman, n. 1. chief, leader, captain, Inf. boss, Inf. bossman, man-in-charge, Inf. king-pin, Inf. number one; Inf. Mr. Big, Sl. top dog, Sl. head honcho, Sl. big cheese, Fr. grand fromage, Sl. big wheel, Sl. high man on the totem pole; head, chairman, headmaster, principal, dean, director, administrator; manager, overseer, supervisor, superintendent, Inf. super, foreman, Brit. gaffer.

2. superior, commander, commanding officer, commander, general, chief, (of some tribes of American Indians) sachem; president, premier, chief, head, face-to-face, eyeball-to-eyeball; frontal, forward, foremost; opposing, opposite.

headmaster, n. principal, head, dean, director, man-in-charge, Inf. boss; administrator, superintendent, Inf. super.

headmost, adj. foremost, supreme, head, first, premier, paramount, Inf. boss; main, chief, principal, cardinal, prime, primary, uppermost, most important; dominant, superior, surpassing, preeminent.

head-on, adv. straight-on, straight-ahead; head to head, face-to-face, eyeball-to-eyeball; frontal, forward, foremost; opposing, opposite.

headquarters, n. main offices, home base or station, center of operations, H.Q., Mil. base or post, U.S. Army. command post, high command.

headstone, n. gravestone, stone, slab, tablet, marker; obelisk, column, shaft, pillar; monument; stone, slab, headstone, headstone, headstone, stone, slab.
headstrong, adj. 1. stubborn, stubborn as a mule, mulish, obstinate, obdurate, inflexible, adamant, intransigent, irrefrangible, pigheaded, bullheaded, muleheaded; willful, self-willed, contrary, perverse, froward, refractory, recalcitrant, contumacious, cross-grained. U.S. Inf. notionate, Archaic. untoward; disobedient, ungovernable, unmanageable, unruly, fractious, wayward, incorrigible, difficult.

2. rash, reckless, imprudent, incautious, improvident; impetuous, impulsive, taking; exhilarating, invigorating, stimulating, enlivening, inebriative, inebriant.

headwork, n. 1. progress, progression, advance, forward movement or motion; way, passage, procession, procedure.

2. improvement, betterment, advancement, furtherance, promotion.

3. make headway advance, progress, go, proceed; gain, gain ground, get ahead, come on. Inf. come along; roll, cover ground, make strides or rapid strides.

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health, n. 1. physical condition, condition, physical fitness, fitness, well-being; good condition, good trim, good or fine shape, Inf. top or tip-top shape, fine fettle, Inf. fine whack, Inf. fine or high feather; bloom, flush, glow.

2. healthiness, healthfulness, haleness, soundness, heartiness, hardness, robustness, vigor, virility, lustiness.

3. vigor, strength, power, potency, force, brrr, Literary. puissance; vitality, vivacity, energy, go, get up and go, liveliness, zing. Inf. zip, Inf. pep, Inf. bounce, Sl. pizzazz. Brit. Sl. stingo.

healthful, adj. 1. salubrious, salutary, salutiferous, hygienic; wholesome, beneficial, good for one; nutritious, nourishing, health-giving; invigorating, bracing, stimulating, refreshing, tonic.

2. healthy, hale, hearty. See healthy (def. 1).

healthy, adj. 1. fit, physically-fit, sound, in sound condition, in good condition, in fine fettle. Inf. in shape, Inf. in good or fine shape, Inf. in fine or high feather, Inf. in fine whack. Brit. Dial. bonny; well, in good health; ruddy, vigorous, full of vigor, hale, hearty, hale and hearty, robust, lusty, strong and healthy, bursting with health or vigor.

2. healthful, salubrious. See healthful (def. 1).

heap, n. 1. pile, stack, mass, accumulation, bulk, drift, cumulus; hoard, store, stock, stockpile, supply; lump, deposit, swell, mound, tumultus; bank, hillock, hill, mountain; bale, bundle, cock, shock, rick, tow; load, barrow, cartload, wagonload, carload, cargo.

2. collection, amassment, assemblage, aggregation; concentration, agglomeration, conglomerate, cluster, congeries; clump, bunch, batch.

3. Informal. abundance, bounty, volume, plenty; quantities, profusion, Inf. lots, Inf. raft, storm, shower, ocean, sea, world, multitude, throng, army, legion, crowd; numbers, scores, pack, host, swarm, mob.

4. Informal. hoard, store, quite a little, considerable deal; great deal; Inf. lots, mess, peak, Inf. load, Sl. pot, mint, Inf. oodles, Inf. tons; chunk, Sl. wad, lump, Inf. hunk, gob, Sl. scad, Inf. swel.

5. Slang. jalopy, rattletrap. See jalopy.

—v. 6. Often heap up or on or together accumulate, pile, pile up, roll up, stack, pack; compile, amass; cumulate; hoard, squirrel away, load up, stow away.

7. gather, glean, take in, pull in, harvest, reap; garner, store up, stock up, lay by, lay up, lay in, Inf. stash away, reserve, set aside; save, save up.

8. group, cluster, bunch up or together, huddle; mass, crowd, congregate, agglomerate.

9. Often heap on or upon give, assign, bestow, confer; supply, provide, load, burden.

hear, v. 1. have the sense of hearing, have the auditory faculty, perceive or receive sound, appre hend sound.

2. be told of, be informed of, be made aware of, receive information or knowledge of; gather; learn of, find out about, pick up, get scent or wind of. Inf. hear tell of, learn through the grapevine, Inf. get the lowdown or inside info. Sl. get the dope or scoop; overhear, listen in, get an earful, eavesdrop.

3. listen to, keep one's ears open, listen with both ears, strain one's ears, be all ears, Med. auscultate; hark, harken, pay attention to, be attentive, attend, heed, take heed, notice, take notice, observe, regard, take cognizance of; take in, get, catch, understand, comprehend.

4. give audience to, grant a hearing to, audit, take [s.o.'s] statement or testimony. Law. try; examine, investigate, look into, inquire into, question, inter-
rogate; consider, think over, judge, adjudicate, pass judgment on.

5. give an ear to, lend an ear to, bend an ear, take time to listen to, hear [s.o.] out, give [s.o.] the time of day; recognize [s.o.], acknowledge [s.o.], give [s.o.] a chance to talk or speak, give [s.o.] a turn as speaker or at the podium.

6. Often hear of think of, let [s.t.] enter one's head or mind, entertain the idea of, consider; approve, condone, sanction, see as fit, consent or agree to, Inf. O.K.

cardinal exceptions.
hearty, adj. deep-felt, strongly or keenly felt, Archaic. homefelt, profound, deep; warm, hearty, cordial, friendly; glad, eager, responsive, enthusiastic; earnest, sincere, serious, genuine, Inf. for real; whole-hearted, devoted, dedicated, committed; ardent, fervent, perfervid, zealous, passionate, impassioned, intense.

hearth, n. 1. fireside, fireplace, fire, hearthside, hearthstone, chimney corner, Brit. Dipl. ingle, Brit. Dipl. ingleside, Chiefly Brit. inglenook or ingle nook. 2. home, home sweet home, homestead, hearth and home, household, family, family circle, domestic circle, bosom of one’s family, seat of one’s affections, Inf. place where one hangs his hat, home life, family life, domestic life.

heartyly, adv. 1. affectionately, warmly, cordially, genially, with open arms; amicably, amiably, affably, congenially; pleasantly, favorably, agreeably.

2. sincerely, feelingly, genuinely, from the bottom of one’s heart, deeply, profoundly.

3. avidly, ardently, zealously, fervently, perfervidly; eagerly, earnestly, willingly, gladly; vehemently, heatedly, passionately.

4. enthusiastically, zestfully, vibrantly, fitfully; exuberantly, ebulliently, spiritedly, animatedly, with zest, with gusto; vigorously, energetically, forcefully, keenly; lustily, vivaciously, hardly.

heartless, adj. unfeeling, unsympathetic, unkind, insensitive, uncaring; unmoved, untouched, impervious, passionless; harsh, cruel, savage, cold-blooded; merciless, pitiless, ruthless, hard-hearted, cold-hearted; implacable, remorseless, inexorable, relentless; insensitive, hardened, cold, frigid, stern.

heartrending, adj. distressing, heart-breaking, depressing, disheartening; agonizing, exacerbating, affective, painful, aching; poignant, sharp, bitter, biting, burning; sad, dolorous, lamentable, grievous, tragic, rueful; affecting, tear-jerking, pathetic, pitiful.

heartfelt, adj. — inf. felt from the heart, deeply, profoundly.

heaven, n. 1. paradise, bliss, abode of God, infinity, life everlasting; hereafter, life to come, world to come, next world, afterworld, sweet by-and-by; our Father’s next world, afterworld, sweet by-and-by; our Father’s heaven, n. 1. paradise, bliss, abode of God, infinity, life everlasting; hereafter, life to come, world to come, next world, afterworld, sweet by-and-by; our Father’s
heavenly, adj. 1. cosmic, extraterrestrial, empyrean, unearthly, unworldly, extramundane, not of this world, superphysical, hyperphysical, spiritual; empyreal, empyrean, paradisiacal, divine, celestial, elysiac, Olympiac, Elysian; holy, glorified, blessed, beatific, beatified, divine, good; cherubic, angelic, seraphic, archangelic, saintly, sainted. 2. blissful, delightful, pleasurable, ambrosial, delectable, gratifying, entrancing, enchanting; beautiful, dazzling, bright, radiant, shining, brilliant, superb, exquisite, sublime, golden, glorious; unblemished, flawless, unsullied, pure, unalloyed, matchless, perfect, faultless, never-fading, imperishable, immortal, deathless; Edenic, ideal, consummate.

heavenly, n. 1. heft, heftiness, weight, weightiness, burdensomeness, onerousness, oppressiveness, hardness, harshness, severity. 2. turbulence, tempestuousness, storminess, wildness, roughness. 3. graveness, seriousness, criticalness, crucialness, importance. 4. deepness, profoundness, esotericalness, abstruse-ness; impermeableness, incomprehensibleness, unfa-thomableness. 5. burdensomeness, onerousness, oppressiveness, hardness, harshness, severity. 6. depression, dejection, melancholy, gloominess, gloom. 7. dullness, boredom, tediousness, dryness; weakness, insipidity, flatness, vapidness; stagnation, immobility, uneventfulness, humdrum. 8. soberness, somberness, staidness, sedateness, solemnity, gravity; size, volume, mass, substance, ponderousness, gravity; size, volume, mass, substance, ponderousness, gravity; size, volume, mass, substance.

heave, v. 1. badger, annoy, provoke, taunt, bait, tease, heckle, inf. gut. 2. thes., Scot, and North Eng. baddie. 3. Inf. — noteworthy, dignitary, personage, high-muck-a-muck, Inf. highmucka-muck, Inf. down-in-the-mouth. 4. clumsy, awkward, graceless, ungraceful, like a bull in a china shop; unskilful, inept, inexpert, malformed, cruel, brutal, ruthless, inhuman. 5. clumsy, lumbering, clodhopping; stolid, bovine, lumpish; sluggish, phlegmatic, lethargic, torpid, lifeless, spiritless. 6. sober, somber, staid, sedate, solemn; grim, grim-faced, grim-visaged, stone-faced, frowning, unsmilng. —n. 17. Theater. villain, antagonist, Inf. bad guy, Sl. baddie.

heavey-handed, adj. 1. oppressive, harsh, hard, severe; iron-fisted, iron-handed, despotic, tyrannical, autocratic, overwhelming; relentless, inexorable, implacable, remorseless, merciless, unmerciful, pitiless; cruel, brutal, ruthless, inhuman.

heavey-hearted, adj. sad, sorrowful, mournful, disconsolate, inconsolable, grief-stricken, cheerless, joyless, heartick; forlorn, miserable, wretched, woebegone, bowed-down, crushed, broken; depressed, dejected, downhearted, gloomy, morose, melancholy; downcast, chafed, cast down, long-faced, Inf. down-in-the-mouth.

heaveyweight, adj. 1. weighty, thick, bulky, hefty; durable, longlasting. —n. 2. Informal. notable, dignitary, personage, Inf. V.I.P., Inf. bigwig, Sl. big shot, Sl. biggie, Sl. big gun, Sl. big wheel, Sl. heavy, Sl. high-muck-a-muck. 3. Informal. intellectual, scholar, theorist, thinker, savant, bibliophile, man of letters, aesthete, pundit, highbrow, Inf. egghead, Inf. highbrow.

heckle, v. 1. badger, annoy, provoke, taunt, bait, tease, bedevil, plague; harass, hector, harry, torment, pester, bother, Sl. hassle, Sl. bug; irritate, peeve, nettle, chafe, vex, Inf. aggravate, Chiefly U.S. rile, Inf. needle, Sl. razz; hoot, catcall, jeer, gibe, mock, boo; fluster, ruffle, discompose, discomfit, disturb, disquiet, exasperate; give trouble, make trouble for, make it hard for, give a hard time to, interrupt, disrupt, upset.

hectic, adj. 1. feverish, frenetic, frenzied, fitful, furious; rabid, delirious, raging, raving; excited, passionate, heated; confused, boisterous, rambunctious, rampageous, riotous; uproarious, wild, mad, unruly, rampant; tumultuous, turbulent, tempestuous, raging, stormy. 2. febrile, hot, burning, feverish; inflamed, flushed, felt, heartfelt, Archaic. homefelt; overpowering, overwhelming, overcoming, overmastering. 7. burdensome, onerous, oppressive, hard, harsh, severe; distressing, grievous, baneful, baleful; intolerable, unbearable, backbreaking. 8. trying, difficult, troublesome, bothersome, worrisome; irksome, vexatious, wearisome, tiresome. 9. broad, blunt, thick, coarse. 10. weighted, weighed-down, laden, heavy-laden, loaded, loaded-down, taxed; encumbered, cumbered, burdened; strained, overloaded, overburdened, over-taxed, overtaxed. 11. fraught, charged; momentous, decisive, pivotal. 12. depressed, dejected, downhearted, gloomy, morose, melancholy, downcast, sad, mournful; disconsolate, inconsolable, grief-stricken, cheerless, joyless, heartick, heavy-hearted; cast down, chafed, long-faced, Inf. down-in-the-mouth. 13. dull, boring, uninteresting, tedious, dry, dry-as-dust, Sl. dead; tasteless, bland, insipid, jejune, flat, Sl. for the birds, Sl. blah, Sl. nothing; uneventful, humdrum, monotonous, run-of-the-mill, prosaic. 14. cloudy, overcast, gray; lowering, leaden, dark, darkened; dreary, dismal, bleak, Scot. and North Eng. dowie, Literary. drear. 15. clumsy, lumbering, clodhopping; stolid, bovine, lumpish; sluggish, phlegmatic, lethargic, torpid, lifeless, spiritless. 16. sober, somber, staid, sedate, solemn; grim, grim-faced, grim-visaged, stone-faced, frowning, unsmilng. —n. 17. Theater. villain, antagonist, Inf. bad guy, Sl. baddie.
fevered, pyretic, Pathol. pyrexic; feverous, warm, glowing, fiery, red, flaming.

3. consumptive, degenerative, phthisic, phthisical, wasting; tuberculous, marasmic, malarial.

hector, n. 1. bully, bullyboy, bucko, rowdy, ruffian, tough, Inf. tough guy, coercer; intimidator, brow-beater; oppressor, tyrant, terror.

2. brag, boast, trumpet, blow one's own trumpet, SI. ride, SI. or

4. badger, bait, torment, bedevil, plague; terrorize; often

3. confine, fence in, cage in; hedge in

Often

hedge in

off

or

—v. 3. bully, bullyrag, coerce,

2. braggart, brag, braggadocio, boaster, gascon, fan-jacket; obstruct, block, curb, get in the way.

or

Often

3. confine, fence in, cage in; hedge in

hedge in

off

or

—v. 2.

bushes, weir, toot one's own horn, sing one's own praises; bluster, cow, browbeat, huff, beat down, buffalo. SI.

windbag, blowhard, SI.

roister, puff, SI.

strong-arm; threaten, menace; intimidate, mouth; roisterer, swaggerer.

Inf.

fian, tough, tough guy, coercer; intimidator, brow-

out both sides of one's mouth, Inf.

doubletalk, palter, weasel, use weasel words, indefinite

or

secure

self, shield oneself, protect oneself, insure

constrain, repress; collar, bridle, fetter, put one in a

or

up, pen in, imprison, close in, cramp, crowd, hem

off, isolate; blockade, barricade, fortify.

3. Often hedge in or about

confine, fence in, cage in or up, pen in, imprison, close in, cramp, crowd, hem in, inhibit; restrict, limit, restrain, hinder, straiten, constrain, repress; collar, bridle, fetter, put one in a bind, tie one's hands, tie down, put one in a straight jacket; obstruct, block, curb, get in the way.

4. compensate for, make allowances for, make

or

up, put heels on, mend, patch, repair,

9. down at the heels

vulnerability, weakness, soft un-

care, caution, solicitude, prudence; thought, care, attention, notice, observation, ear; consid-

n. 2.

attention, notice, observation, ear; consid-

3. conclusion, tail end, fag end, rind, crust; remnant, spur.

Anim.

hock, (of some animals) hock, Anat. halluc, (of birds) spur.

2. lift, heelpiece, heeltap, spike, wedgie.

3. conclusion, tail end, fag end, rind, crust; remnant, remainder, leftovers, stump, butt, rump.

4. Usu. Naut. or Aeronaut. cant, tilt, angle, slant, inclination; sheering, veering, tipping; yaw, deviation, shift.

5. Achilles' heel vulnerability, weakness, soft underbelly; sore spot, imperfection, defect; nemesis, undoing, downfall.

6. down at the heels shabby, slipshod, run-down, slovenly, seedy, dowdy; out at the elbows, impoverished, poor, destitute, down and out.

7. take one's heels flee, escape, run away or off, take flight, Inf. headdaddle, Inf. hightail, Inf. show a clean pair of heels, SI. fly the coop, SI. split.

—v. 8. follow closely, dog, bedog, hound, prowl after, pursue, chase, shadow, trail, track, trace, Inf. tag or tag after, Inf. tail.

9. (all of shoes) put heels on, mend, patch, repair, cobble.

10. (all of gamecocks) arm with spurs, spur, fit with gaffs; equip, accouter, furnish, ready.

11. dance, caper, leap, prance, frisk, frolic, gambol, cut a caper, cavort, antic; jump, spring, capriole, curvet; Dressage. caracole, Dressage. wheel.

12. Naut. incline, cant, tilt, lean, list, careen, tip; yaw, jib, shift, deviate; wear, haul off, veer, sheer, swerve, turn aside.

heeled, adj. wealthy, rich, affluent, prosperous, flush, well-off, well-to-do, moneyed, worth a great deal, Inf. made of money, Inf. rolling in money or dough, Inf. loaded, Inf. in the dough or money or chips, Inf. well-heeled, Sl. filthy-rich; comfortable, easy, fat, Inf. on Easy Street, Inf. high on the hog, Inf. in clover, Inf. on velvet, Inf. well-situated, Inf. well-fixed, Brit. Inf.
1. weight, weightiness, ponderousness, gravity; size, volume, mass, substance, bulk, bulkiness, largeness, bigness, amplitude, amleness.

—v. 2. weigh, weight, balance, weigh in the balance.

2. lift, lift up, boost up, raise, raise up, hike, hike up; heave, throw up, upthrow, cast up, upcast; hoist, hoist up, jerk up, Scot. and North Eng. heeze or heize.

hefty, adj. 1. heavy, weighty, bulky, substantial, dense, ample; big, large, huge, gigantic, titanic, enormous, massive, ponderous, ponderable, burdensome, prodigious, mammoth, mighty, colossal, immense; unwieldy, cumbersome, awkward, clumsy, unmanageable, inconvenient.

2. muscular, brawny, strapping, well-muscled, full-muscled, powerfully-built, broad-shouldered, Derog. muscle-bound; stalwart, rugged, husky, solid, well-knit; powerful, potent, mighty.

hegemony, n. supremacy, primacy, preeminence, upper or whip hand, sway, domination; control, rule, command, mastery, domination; reign, sovereignty, suzerainty, empery, (in India) raj; kingship, lordship, mastership, leadership, seignority; authority, jurisdiction, power, Inf. say or say-so.

hegira, n. exodus, migration; deliverance, delivery, rescue, freedom; escape, flight, departure, Archaic. scape.

height, n. 1. heightiness, altitude, elevation, loftiness, extent or distance upward; stature, tallness, length.

2. Often heights a. hill, mound, elevation, eminence, mountain; overlook, plateau, scenic outlook; promontory, headland, bluff, cliff, precipice, overhang, projection, prominence. b. top, mountain-top, hilltop, highest part, head; apex, summit, vertex, apogee, crest, pinnacle, peak, spire, tip, tiptop.

3. maximum, ceiling, limit, utmost, uttermost, extreme, extremity; high point, acme, zenith, climax, culminating, crowning point, capper, Latin. ne plus ultra; meridian, sublimity, supremacy, perfection, consummation.

heighten, v. 1. elevate, raise, lift up, uplift, raise, vault, glorify, deify, idolize, idealize, put on a pedestal.

2. increase, augment, add to, supplement, build up, reinforce, strengthen; improve, ameliorate, mend, enhance, enrich, add color to, embellish, dress up, exaggerate; amplify, magnify, intensify, deepen; enlarge, make bigger or larger, make greater, Chiefly Literary. greater, aggravize; expand, extend, spread, spread out; widen, thicken, broaden; lengthen, prolong, protract, stretch or stretch out, fill out, pad.

heinous, adj. 1. atrocious, grievous, nefarious, villainous, iniquitous, diabolic, profligate, sinister, forbidding, satanic, devilish, infernal, hellish, wicked; peccant, sinful, immoral, Archiac. felonious, Archiac. facinorous; infamous, odious, base, flagitious, infamous, baleful, malefic, venomous, flagrant, black, evil, Obs. pernicious, bad, wrong; monstrous, horrid, horridly, ghastly, shocking, ugly.

2. abominable, abhorrent, execrable, odious, loathsome, detestable, invidious, despicable, hateful, awful, terrible, dire, ill; accursed, cursed, damned, damnable; offensive, repugnant, revolting, repulsive, foulsome; noisome, distasteful, obnoxious, nauseating, nauseous, sickening, nasty, rotten; unbearable, unendurable, insufferable, intolerable; objectionable, annoying.

3. reprehensible, culpable, censurable, blameworthy, deplorable, regrettable, lamentable; contemptible, outrageous, scandalous; shameful, disgraceful, intolerable, unmentionable, uncommendable, unpraiseworthy; mean, base, low, beggarly, shabby, scurvy, Brit. Inf. beastly.

heir, n. 1. inheritor, heritor, heir apparent, heir at law, heiress, heriress, inheritrix; coheir, coheiress, joint heir, Law. parceren; successor, Inf. next in line, follower; beneficiary, recipient, receiver, devisee, legatee, Law. reversoner; Both Law. executor, donee.

2. descendant, scion, offspring; children, progeny, brood, spawn, issue, seed, posterity, future generations.

helix, n. spiral, screw, thread, corkscrew, whorl, twist, volute, coil, loop, ring, circumvolution; curl, curlicue, ringlet, tendril.


2. torment, misery, suffering, affliction, anguish, agony, dolor, passion; wretchedness, despair, woe, bale, desolation; torture, rack, pang, throe; holocaust, horror, nightmare; punishment, condemnation, punishment, retribution.

3. censure, criticism, disapprobation, objection; upbraiding, scolding, castigation, reproachment; invective, vituperation, objuration.

4. powers of evil, powers of darkness, devils, demons, fiends, fallen angels, apostate angels; evil spirits, demonkind, demoniac forces, hosts of hell.


6. catch hell Slang. be scolded, be reprimanded, be reproached, be chided; Inf. get yelled at, Inf. catch the dickens, Sl. get.

7. hell of a Slang. a. very bad, disagreeable, unpleasant, terrible, horrible, awful. b. extraordinary, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, exceptional, great, grand. c. very, extremely, excessively, exceedingly, remarkably, quite, utterly.

8. raise hell Slang. a. revel, romp, riot, carouse, party, Inf. raise the roof, Sl. raise Cain. b. object, protest, complain, remonstrate, expostulate, disapprove, deplore; grumble, growl, groan, grous.

hellbent, adj. dogged, set on, persistent. See determined.

Hellenic, adj. Hellenistic, Grecian, Greek, Athenian, Attic; Golden-Age, Periclean, classical; elegant, exquisite, well-proportioned, balanced, ordered, cultured; refined, pure, chaste, simple, clean; tight, spare, lean.

hellish, adj. 1. diabolical, fiendish, ghoulish, hell-born, infernal; demonic, demoniac, demonical, devilish, satanic, Mephistophilian.

2. inhuman, barbarous, barbaric, savage, Tartarian, Hunnish, Vandalic; brutal, brutalish, murderous, slaughterous, bloodthirsty, sanguinary, sadistic, bestial, ogreish; terrible, harsh, fell, truculent; ferocious, ruthless, vicious, feral, ferine; pitiless, merciless, heartless, unkind, unfeeling, cruel, hard-hearted, stony-hearted, cold-hearted; unrelenting, relentless, remorseless, inexorable.

3. wicked, iniquitous, evil, sinful, odious, Obs. scelerous; impious, unholy, undgodly, godless; base, vile, sinister, dire, dark, dreadful, baleful, black; black-hearted, corrupted, depraved, Archiac. facinorous; profiligate, immoral, dissolute, vitiated, perverted, perverse; pestilential, malevolent, malignant, malign, maleficient, malefic, venomous; nefarious, flagitious, unpeachable, villainous, heinous; damnable, abominable, execrable, horrible, horrid, horrendous, miserable; hideous, monstrous, atrocious, accursed; hateful, detestable, infamous, despicable, loathsome, abhorrent.

helm,  n. 1. wheel, tiller, rudder, automatic pilot, Fig. reins.  
2. throne, seat of authority, Inf.

helmet,  n. 1. helmet, headpiece, headgear, head armor, hard hat; (of motorcycling and car racing) Sl.

help,  v. 1. help, assit, bestead, accommodate, oblige, abet, befriended; contribute, join in, Inf.
pitch in, Inf. chip in, lend a hand, lend oneself to, play or do one's part, boost, give a boost to, give a lift to; (all usu. negative) lift a finger, lift a hand, raise a finger, raise a hand; (all usually foll. by with) collaborate, cooperate, conspire, connive, coact, combine, join, unite, synergize, side, go or go along, team up, take part, Inf. hitch horses, join forces; support, back, second, uphold, maintain, sustain, endorse, smile upon, concur, Inf. go to bat for, Inf. stick up for, Inf. stick by, stand by.

2. save, rescue, deliver, retrieve, redeem, extricate, bring off or through, come to the rescue, take in tow, form a lifeline, pull back from the brink, pull out of the fire; free, release, emancipate, liberate, unshackle, unchain, unfasten, manumit, ransom, reprieve, disenfranchise, set free, let loose, let out, break out, Inf. bust out.

3. facilitate, ease, make easier, expedite, cut through red tape; speed, speed up, accelerate, hasten, quicken, build up, buoy up; meliorate, ameliorate, alleviate, revivify, invigorate, reinvigorate; encourage, embolden, stimulate, urge; promote, further, advantage; subserve, stand in good stead, be useful or profitable to, Inf. come in handy.

4. meliorate, ameliorate, improve, better, profit, prosper, benefit, avail, advantage, subserve, stand in good stead, be useful or profitable to, Inf. come in handy.

5. (usu. preceded by can or cannot) avoid, abstain, shun, eschew, refrain from, stay away from, turn away from, turn one's back upon, keep from, get away from, escape, break loose; dodge, evade, circumvent, get around, keep clear of; resist, forbear, let alone, let pass, let slip, put off, help oneself, help out; stop, cease, halt, break the habit.

6. diversify, vary, alter, alternate, break up, variegate; change, transform, convert, metamorphose, modulate, make different; moderate, temper, modify.

7. nurse, doctor, minister, nurture, tend, nourish; remedy, restore, mend, cure, make whole, bring through or round; revive, rejuvenate, recondition, rehabilitate, set on one's feet; inspire, inspirit, vivify, revitalize, invigorate, reinvigorate; encourage, embolden, enhearten, hearten, buck up, pluck up, bear up, build up, buoy up; meliorate, ameliorate, alleviate, mitigate, palliate, salve; comfort, soothe, solace, console, succor; reassure, assure, calm, allay, put at ease, quiet one's fears.

8. stop, halt, arrest, prevent, deny, repel, repulse, avert, thwart, balk, check, hold in check, keep within bounds, keep back, hold back, hold at bay, turn aside, ward off, fend off, stave off, stand against, hold out against, bear up against, stem or turn or breast the tide; hinder, stall, slow, slow down, deflect, curb; counteract, counteract, counterbalance, counterpoise, contravene, neutralize; correct, rectify, redress, adjust, fix, square, amend, right, set right or straight.

9. take, appropriate, expropriate, arrogate, impress, annex, commandeer, dispossess, usurp, take possession of, lay hold of, take for oneself, possess oneself of, Sl. boost, Sl. walk off or away with; steal, pirate, plagiarize, Euph. borrow, Sl. lift, Sl. pinch; make use of, make free with, take liberties with.

10. so help me (used as a mild oath) on my honor, on my word, on my word of honor, I swear, I swear to God, Inf. swear to God.

—n. 11. aid, assistance, use, utility, avail, service, subvention, benefit, facilitation, helping hand, lift, boost; relief, succor, championship, protection, friendship; encouragement, abetment, abetting, collaboration, cooperation; support, patronage, backing, promotion, advocacy, countenance, care, uplifting, sustenance, favor, blessing, grace, sponsorship, auspices, good offices, kind regard; fostering, furtherance, advancement, advance, advantage, welfare; maintenance, ministry, ministration, restoration; boon, good deed, kind deed, good turn; gift, subsidy, contribution, donation; kindness, beneficence, benevolence, benefaction, humanitarianism, altruism, philanthropy, charity, alms giving.

12. aid, aider, assistant, attendant. See helper (defs. 1-3).

13. supporter, advocate, adviser, patron, sympathizer, patronizer, backer, champion, endorser, upholder, sanctioner, approver; follower, partisan, adherent, disciple; agent, promoter, furtherer, advance, favoror; subsidizer, underwriter, maintainer, sustainer, benefactor, benefactress, benefiter, Inf. fairy godmother, friend in deed; comforter, succorer, good Samaritan, ministering angel, friend in need.

14. employee, hand, man, girl, apprentice, hired helper or hand, hirering, help, helping hand, worker, workman, workhand, workingman, laborer, wage worker, day laborer, (esp. in Mexico) peon, Hist. retainer; personnel, staff, force, work force, crew, Inf. gang, Inf. team.

15. servant, domestic, domestic servant, factotum, maid, maidservant, handmaid or handmaiden, butler, valet, (in the British army) batman; menial, inferior, underling, Sl. stooge; tenant farmer, farm laborer, migrant, migratory worker.

16. remedy, cure, relief, corrective, correction, restorative, preventive, preventer, prevention; way, means, resource, step, shift, resort, measure, working proposition; artifice, device, contrivance, expedient, stopgap, makeshift, subterfuge.

helper,  n. 1. aid or aide, assistant, attendant, subsidary, adjuvant, coadjutant, coadjutor, coadjutress or coadjutrix, adjunct, adjuvant, adulator, Obs. adjuitor; acolyte, deputy, auxiliary, ancilla, second, man Friday, gal Friday, henchman, right hand, right-hand man, Sl. gopher.

2. partner, comrade, ally, colleague, associate, con companion, yokelfellow or yokemate, companion, helmsman, Obs. helpmate, co-worker, co-aid, copartner; consort, confere, sidekick, crony, friend, Inf. buddy, Chiefly Brit. mate.

3. cooperator, collaborator, contributor, participator, participant; confederate, conniver, conspiser, conspirator, fellow conspirator, abettor, accomplice, accessory, or Chiefly Law. accessory, Law. principal, Law. accessory before or after the fact, Law. partiecrs criminales, partner in crime, Sl. gun moll or moll.

4. worker, workingman, laborer, hand, help, helping hand, apprentice; servant, maid, handmaid or hand-
helpful, adj. 1. useful, of use, practical, pragmatic, utilitarian, beneficial, advantageous, propitious, favorable, valuable, profitable, constructive, commodious, instrumental, conducive, contributory, contributive; serviceable, servicing, of service, aidful, aiding, obiling, accommodative, accommodating, helping, available, at-hand, handy, convenient, well-disposed, well-affected; auxiliary, ancillary, subsidiary, accessory, attendant, adjuvant, adjunct, subservient, available, at-hand, handy, convenient, well-disposed, supportive, advocate, adviser, patron, patronizer, promoter, furtherer, advancing, favorer, financier, funder, subsidizer, underwriter, angel, Inf. stake, Inf. grub stake, SI. stock, SI. stockholder; benefactor, benefactress, bene-fiter, friend in need, Inf. fairy godmother; comforter, succorer, good Samaritan, ministering angel, friend in need.

helpful, n. 1. helper, helperless, weak, faint, feeble, infirm, helpmate, pell-mell, hurry-scurry, har-adv. charitable, philanthropic, adjutory, Obs., Rare, well-affected; auxiliary, ancillary, subsidiary, accessory, attendant, adjuvant, adjunct, subservient, Obs. adjutory, Obs., Rare, adjutorious.

helpless, adj. 1. weak, faint, feeble, infirm, Rare. imbecile; dependant, invalid, disabled, lame, crippled, hobbed, prostrate, laid-up, flat on one's back, laid-out, paralyzed, palsied, incurable; exhausted, debilitated, enervated, devitalized, worn-out, effete, spent, at the end of one's rope or tether, SI. wasted, SI. blown away.

2. outcast, abandoned, forsaken, neglected, done for; alone, forlorn, naked, desolate, destitute, adrift, guideless, friendless, fatherless, defenseless, resourceless, aidless, unaided.

3. impotent, powerless, strengthless, weaponless; un-guarded, unprotected, unsupported, unfortified, unsupported, unfortified, open to attack, over a barrel.

4. confused, confounded, perplexed, bewildered, befuddled, baffled, mystified, nonplussed, baffled, confusedly, chaotically, aimlessly, unsystematically, place; here, there, and everywhere.

5. border, edge, skirt, verge; frame, bound, margin, marginate.

—n. 4. fringe, trimming, edging, bordering; ruff, ruffle, flounce, furbelow; frill, valance, orphrey, pur-fle.

5. border, perimeter, periphery, edge, rim, verge, skirt; circumference, circuit, compass, ambit, margin, frame, outline, confine; brink, brim, brow; bound, limit, bourn, pale, extremity.

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helpmate, n. 1. aid or aide, assistant; companion. See helper (def. 1).

2. spouse, husband or wife, mate, partner, consort, common-law wife or husband, Inf. better half; married man or woman, bridegroom, groom, Inf. hubbie. Sl. old man, Archaic. good man; married woman, wedded wife, bride, housewife, woman, lady, matron, Amer. Ind. squaw, wife of one's bosom, Law. feme, Law. feme covert, concubine, Inf. missis or missus, Inf. little woman. Hum. rib, Sl. old lady or woman, Scot. Inf. wifey, Archaic. goodwife or goodby; All Rhyming Slang. storm and strife, struggle and strife, and strife and strife, worry and strife, Rare. war and strife, Duchess of Fife, drum and file, Hum. or Derog. joy of my life, Obs. bit of tripe, Obs. carving knife; (girl) mother of pearl, (missis) cheese and kisses, (missis) plates and dishes.

helter-skelter, adv. 1. pell-mell, hurry-scurry, har-um-scarum, wildly; headlong, headfirst, head over heels; rashly, recklessly, precipitately, unwarily, care-lessly, heedlessly, injudiciously, thoughtlessly; impetuously, impulsively, hastily, hurriedly.

2. confusedly, chaotically, aimlessly, unsystematically, methodically, erratically, haphazardly, irregularly, unevenly; tosps-turdy, higgledy-piggledy, hagger-mugger, arsy-varsy, Inf. willy-nilly, Inf. every which way; in confusion, in disorder, in disarray, in a jumble, in a tumble, in a muddle, in a mess, all over the place; everywhere, there, and everywhere.

3. confusion, disorder, turmoil, moil, chaos, pandemonium, bedlam, hagger-mugger.

—adj. 4. confused, chaotic, muddled, jumbled, hagger-mugger, higgledy-piggledy, tosps-turdy, Sl. arsy-varsy.

5. disorderly, disordered, disarranged, deranged; unorganized, disorganized, unmethodological, unsystematic; irregular, indiscriminate, haphazard, random, aimless, pell-mell, hit-or-miss.

hem, v. 1.Usu. hem in circumscribe, surround, encircle, circle, encompass, environ; gird, engird, girdle, belt; circuit, trap; close in, shut in, hedge in, pen in, keep within bounds, demarcate.

2. fringe, befringe, trim; bind; purfle, purl.

3. border, edge, skirt, verge, frame, bound, margin, marginine.

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he-man, n. powerhouse, brute, a real man, muscle man, Inf. bruiser, Sl. hunk, Sl. jock, Brit. Sl. bucko; Titan, Goliath, Samson; Hercules, Atlas, Tarzan, Man Mountain Dean.

hence, adv. therefore, thus, ergo; consequently, consequently, inferentially, subsequently; inevitably, naturally, accordingly, logically; wherefore, whence, thence.

henceforth, adv. henceforward, from now on, from this day on, hereafter, hereinafter; in time to come, later on, subsequently, tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.

henchman, n. 1. underling, subordinate, second banana, lackey, flunky, Sl. gofer, U.S. ward heeler, tool; hang-on, camp follower, parasite, spinger; bootlicker, licksplite, yes-man, toady, scyphont; Sl. hit man, gun slinger, Sl. gunslung, hired killer or gun; trigger-man, hatchet man, torpedo, assassin; mobster, mafioso, Sl. mafioso; thug, hoodlum, gangster, Ku Kluxer, Ku Klux Klanner; racketeer, goon, Sl. scab, bullyboy, tough, roughneck; weasel, worm.

2. attendant, aide, counselor, advisor, privy councilor, liege; confidante, member of the kitchen cabinet, right-hand man, good right arm; friend, ally, sidekick, pal, partner, Sl. pard, Little John, man Friday, Tonto, colleague; champion, supporter, backer; disciple, follower, votary, acolyte.

henpeck, v. browbeat, bully, hector; lord it over, dominate, keep on a tight rein, keep at one's beck and call; treat like dirt, cut up, emasculate, castrate; nag, Sl. jaw, chide, rebuke, scold; criticize, find fault, niggle, carp, cavil; complain, grouse, grumble, mumble, mutter, whine, yammer.

henpecked, adj. bullied, browbeaten, dominated, subjugated, led around by the nose, on a leash; spineless, acquiescent, having no mind of one's own, cringing, cowering; like Casper Milquetoast, timid, meek, Mittyish, docile; spaniel-like.

herald, n. 1. messenger, envoy, runner, advance-
man, avant-courier, courier, scout, Mil. point man, front rider.
2. precursor, predecessor, pioneer, forerunner, harbringer; sign, omen, portent, augury; indication, symptom, signal, ground waves, feeling in one's bones or in the air, gut feeling, intuition, anticipation; premonition, foreboding, forewarning, warning light, handwriting on the wall; prediction, prophecy, prognostication, auspice, augury.
3. crier, town crier, bearer of tidings, announcer, reporter, broadcaster, proclaimer, trumpeter, extoller.
—v. 4. give tidings of, harbringer, announce, proclaim, trumpet, ballyhoo, beat the drum, promulgate, declare openly, call out, Scot. and North Eng. kithe; blur, broadcast, air, make known, advertise, publish, print, publicize, bill; post, display, blazon, circulate; circulate, distribute, propagate, propagandize, spread, spread by word of mouth, disseminate.
5. tell, state, inform, notify, give notice, apprise, signal; usher in, lead, lead the way, pave the way, prepare the way for.
6. indicate, show, signify, mean, promise, bode; presage, prognosticate, portend, foreshow, foreshadow, foretoken, forebode, augur; forecast, predict, prophesy.

heraldry. n. 1. blazonry, emblazonry.
2. coat of arms, Heraldry. arms, escutcheon, scutcheon, Brit. hatchment; symbol, design, emblazonment, ensign, emblem; crest, badge, insignia, regalia, regale, device.
3. pomp, circumstance, pageantry, ceremony, Inf. to-do; splendor, glitter, flourish, display, showing off.
herculan. adj. 1. arduous, laborious, operose, onerous, toilsome, strenuous, uphill; difficult, hard, rough, tough; formidable, S. wicked, S. hairy.
2. mighty, powerful, all-powerful, Literary. puissant; brawny, strapping, muscular, well-muscled.
3. huge, massive, enormous, gigantic, colossal, vast, immense, mammoth, S. whopping, S. walloping.
4. courageous, brave, valiant, valorous, heroic.

herd1. n. 1. flock, drove, pack, bunch, cluster.
2. Disparaging. throng, crowd, multitude, host, horde, crush, press, mass.
3. the herd the hoi polloi, the masses, the many, the commonality, the great unwashed; rabble, ruck, rout, riffraff.
—v. 4. flock, assemble, congregate, gather, foregather, collect, muster, come together.
5. wrangle, round up, corral, cage.

herd2. n. 1. herder, drover, Chiefly Brit. herdsman. See herder.
—v. 2. tend, guard, protect, watch, watch over, shepherd, ride herd on; drive, drive, punch cattle; spur, goad, prick, whip, lash.

herder. n. herd, shepherd, cowherd, Chiefly Brit. herdsman, drover, cattle-herder, Chiefly Brit. grazier, Brit. cowman, Obs. neatherd; cowboy, cowpoke, cow-puncher, cow hand, Southwestern U.S. vaquero, gauchoso.

here. adv. 1. this place, this spot, in this location, inside, herein; hither, to here, to this place.
2. now, then, there; at this point, at this juncture, at this time, at this point in time.
3. here and now immediately, without delay, quickly, at this very moment, Fr. tout de suite, (in pidgin English) chop chop, right away.
—n. 4. this world, this place, the present, this life, this day and age.
hereafter. adv. 1. later, subsequently, then, by and by, presently, after this, after a time or while, afterwards, in the course or process of time, in the fullness of time, in due time or course; ultimately, finally, eventually; hence, henceforth, from this time on.
2. in the next life, beyond the grave, in heaven, in paradise; perpetually, continually, eternally, forever.
—n. 3. afterworld, afterlife, future world, future life, life after death, the beyond, the sweet by-and-by; heaven, Zion, the New Jerusalem, the heavenly city, the city of God, the celestial city; our Father's house, Abraham's bosom, the final home; Elysium, Elysian Fields, Islands of the Blessed, Valhalla, happy hunting grounds, paradise; immortality, perpetuity, deathlessness, eternity.
4. later life, the rest of life, subsequent life, ensuing years, remaining years, the future.

hereditary. adj. 1. inheritable, hereditary, hereditable, transmissible, passable, transmittable; genetic, genetic, generic, in the genes or blood, obtained by heredity, Biol. genic; congenital, innate, inborn, inherent, native, natural, natural-born, connate, connatural, generate, constitutional, intrinsic.
2. ancestral, lineal, genealogical, genealogic, racial, tribal; family, in the family, maternal, paternal, patrimonial; inherited, passed down or on, transmitted, transferred; willed, bequeathed, left, obtained through inheritance, Law. devised; traditional, customary, age-old, ancient.

heresy. n. 1. heterodoxy, unorthodoxy, heterodox belief; nonconformity, free thought, free thinking, iconoclasm; dissent, dissension, recusancy, infidelity, disloyalty.
2. apostasy, conversion, superstition, delusion; paganism, idolatry, idol worship; disbelief, unbelief, misbelief, skepticism; irreligion, impiety, agnosticism, atheism.

heretic. n. 1. dissenter, nonconformist, seceder; renouncer, abjurer, repudiator, rejecter; deserter, renegade, apostate, recreant, defector, traitor; bolter, turncoat, retractor, recantor; tergiversator, straggler.
2. nonbeliever, disbeliever, unbeliever, denier, atheist; irreligionist, infidel, iconoclast.
3. skeptic, doubter, Pyrrhonist, nihilist, nullifidian; agnostic, freethinker, rationalist, materialist, positivist; heathen, pagan, idolater, idolist.

—adj. 4. heretical, iconoclastic. See heretical.

heretical. adj. 1. unorthodox, heterodox, heretic, iconoclastic; agnostic, freethinking, rationalistic, materialistic, positivistic; skeptical, doubting, Pyrrhonistic, nihilistic, heathen, pagan, idolatrous.
2. backsliding, renouncing, repudiating; apostatizing, tergiversating.
3. disbelief, unbelief, nonbelieving, incredulous, atheistic; infidel, infidelic, Obs. unfaithful; impious, irreligious, irreverent.

heretofore. adv. formerly, previously, aforetime, before this time, Archaic. beforetime; in times past, in past ages, in days of yore; long ago, earlier, until now, hitherto.

heritage. n. 1. portion, share, birthright, lot; background, past, history; ancestry, ancestral line, dynasty; lineage, family, descent, birth, extraction, derivation, filiation; heredity, bloodline, pedigree, strain, stock, race.
2. due, deserts, measure, worth; promise, prospect, expectation; reward, compensation, recompense, re-
merman; punishment, retribution, nemesis, Inf. what's coming to one.

3. Law. inheritance, legacy, bequest, endowment. See inheritance (def. 1).

hermaphrodite, n. 1. androgyne, epicene, intersex, sex-intergrade, pseudohermaphrodite, gynandroid, Biol. gynandromorph; transsexual, bisexual, Sl. bi. sex, unisexual.

—adj. 2. androgynous, epicine, hermaphroditic, pseudohermaphrodite, intersexual, Biol. gynandromorphic, Bot. gynandrous, Bot. monocious; transsexual, bisexual, unisexual.

hermit, n. 1. anchorite, anchoress, eremite, recluse, solitary, Islam. marabout, Islam. santon, Obs. beadsman; nun, anchoress, ancreis, hermitess, Obs. hermitress; troglodyte, cave dweller, incluse; stylite, pillar-lord, pillar-saint; ascetic, celibate, monk, monastic, holy man.

2. loner, isolate, isolato, solitudinarian, Inf. introvert, Inf. lone wolf.

hermitage, n. 1. retreat, refuge, haven, shelter, asylum, resort, sanctuary, sanctum sanctorum, arbor, covert, hideaway, tree, hollow, bowlder, bower.

2. cloister, monastery, abbey, priory, friary, convent, nunnery, cenobry.

3. cabin, cottage, cot, hut, hovel, shack, shanty; villa, lodge; den, lair, cave, grotto, hibernaculum, hibernacle.

hero, n. 1. champion, paladin, knight; conqueror, conquering hero, victor, master of the hour or day; stalwart, gallant, valiant, cavalier, chevalier, a man, brave man, man of courage or mettle; brave, warrior, soldier, fighter, fighting man, fearless or dauntless soldier, intrepid warrior; lion, tiger, bulldog, gamecock, fighting cock.

2. ideal, ideal specimen, ego ideal, ideal, acme, apogee, apotheosis, cyonres, highest or perfect type, (in Nazi doctrine) Aryan or Arian; model, exemplar, shining example, paragon, phoenix.

3. luminary, notable, dignitary, great man, personage, person of note or consequence, figure, public figure, social lion, Inf. sedatebody, Inf. name or big name, Inf. hero, Inf. hero cat, Inf. Mr. Big, Inf. top dog, Inf. Grand Poohah, Sl. heavy, Sl. big cheese, Fr. Sl. grand fromage; celebrity, star, superstar, idol, matinee idol, popular idol, popular figure, Sl. pop star, Sl. pop heroine.

4. protagonist, principal, principal character or role, leading lady or woman, lead actress, premiere, jeune premier; diva, prima donna, prima ballerina, premiere; danseuse.

5. immortal, godess, deity, divinity; demigoddess, inferior deity, minor or lesser deity, godling, godkin, godlet; warrior-queen, Amazon, female warrior.

heroism, n. 1. courage, bravery, valor, valorousness, valiancy, valiance, prowess, stout-heartedness, li- onheartedness, iron-heartedness, great-heartedness, high-heartedness; virility, manliness, manfulness, manhood, gallantry, chivalry, chivalrousness; nobleness, selflessness, selflessness, altruism; intrepidity, intrepidness, fearlessness, dauntless, awelessness, dreadlessness; boldness, bold-spirituality, high-spirituality, daring, derring-do, audacity, audaciousness, recklessness.

2. fortitude, endurance, tenacity, determination, will, will power, the power of the will; firmness, resolu-
tion, resoluteness, indomitableness, indomita-
bility, invincibility, invincibility, unconquerableness, unconquernableness, staunchness, staunchness, steadfastness, stalwartness, stoutness, sturdiness, hardiness, hardness, bulldog courage; mettle, mettlesomeness, pluck, pluckiness, backbone, pith, marrow, spirit, gameness, nerve, Sl. chutzpah, gumption, heart, stout heart, stamina, toughness, grit, true grit, U.S. Inf. sand, Inf. starch, Inf. spunk, Inf. spunkiness, Sl. guts, Sl. gutsiness, Sl. moxie.

hero worship, n. 1. adulation, worship, adoration, idolization, delification, apotheosis; exaltation, glorification, exaltation.

2. reverence, veneration, awe, deep respect, high es-
teeem; admiration, idealization, putting on a pedestal.

hesitancy, n. 1. pause, break, stop, stopping, stop-
hesitant, adj. pause, wait, delay; indecision, indecisiveness, irresolution, irresoluteness, indetermination, determinacy, uncertainty; doubt, doubtfulness, dubiousness, misgiving, qualm; unsettledness, fluctuation, vacillation, alternation, wavering, faltering, shilly-shally; evasion, avoidance, dodging, skirtsing, equivocation.

hesitate, v. hesitation, hesitance; cessation, ceasing, inaction, inactivity; discontinuance, interruption, suspension, suspense, postponement, deferment, deferral, abeyance, prorogation; delay, wait, stall, stalling, drag, dragging, lag, lagging, procrastination, punctuation; waiting period, waiting game, holding pattern, status quo.

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hideaway, n. 1. hideout, hiding place, covert, coverture, cover, mew; nest, lair, den, cave, hole, dugout, abri; retreat, hospice, hermitage, cloister, ashram; shelter, refuge, asylum, haven, sanctuary, sanctum sanctorum, safety zone.
—adj. 2. hidden, concealed, disguised, camouflaged, covered-up.

hidebound, adj. 1. narrow-minded, closed-minded, illiberal, intolerant; rigid, rigorous, stiff, firm, fixed, rooted, settled, creedbound; obstinate, obdurate, inexorable, unyielding, uncompromising, intractable.
2. ultraconservative, orthodox, fundamentalist, opposed to change; prudish, priggish, puritanical, prim, proper, stiff-necked, sanctimonious.

hideous, adj. very ugly, grotesque, monstrous, ogreish, hideous, adj.

hieroglyph, symbol, figure, ideogram, ideograph, rune, stenograph.

hieroglyphics, n. hieroglyphic or (def. 1).

hierarchy, n. 1. system of layers or levels or strata, ranking, Inf. pecking or peck order; caste system, homogeneous grouping; separation, segregation, apartness; Fig. ladder, Fig. totem pole.
2. ecclesiastical government, hierocracy, theocracy, episcopacy, prelacy, clericalism; (collectively) ecclesiastics, bishops, archbishops, cardinals, church dignitaries, prelates, priests, ecclesiastics, bishops, archbishops, cardinals, church dignitaries, prelates, priests, clergyman, ecclesiastic, minister, priest, preacher, parson.
3. officialdom, ruling body, upper class, elite, men at the top, inner circle, in-crowd, the high and the mighty, Inf. higher-ups, Inf. heavyweights, Inf. bigwigs.

hieratic, adj. priestly, sacerdotal, hieratical; clerical, ministerial, pastoral, ecclesiastical, churchly; sacred, divine, holy, consecrated.

hieroglyphic, 1. hieroglyph, symbol, figure, ideogram, ideograph, rune, stenograph.
2. Usu. hieroglyphics hieroglyphic or hieratic writing, demotic writing.

hieroglyphics code, cipher, cryptograph, cryptoogram, shorthand.

hieroglyphy, n. sacred literature, religious lore, Scripture, hagiography, hagiology; theology, divinity.

hierophant, n. 1. (in reference to sacred mysteries) expounder, expositor, explicator, explainer, interpreter, revealer, teacher.
2. divine, theologian, hierologist; exegete, Biblical scholar, textualist, Talmudist, Talmudic scholar; canonist, decretist.
3. clergyman, ecclesiastic, minister, priest, preacher, parson.

higgle, v. bargain, hagggle, palter, dicker. See hagggle (def. 1).

high, adj. 1. lofty, tall, elevated, steep, soaring, towering.
2. intensified, intense, potent; sharp, strong, forcible, of great force, violent, vigorous; of great number, of great degree, extreme, far advanced, remote, Music.

3. expensive, exorbitant, costly, dear, high-priced, of great price, Inf. stiff, Inf. steep.
4. exalted, eminent, prominent, significant, important, influential, distinguished, notable; conspicuous, preeminent, august, ranking, rank-bearing, noble, ruling, powerful.
5. chief, dominant, leading, main, major; prime, primary, principal, cardinal, first; uppermost, foremost, capital.
6. grave, serious, earnest, weighty, heavy, deep, momentous, telling, far-reaching; urgent, pressing, crucial, essential, vital, critical, crying, desperate.
7. haughty, lofty, arrogant. See high-and-mighty.
8. elated, ecstatic, transported, rhapsodic, enraptured, merry, jolly, gay, happy, in high spirits, exultant, gleeful, mirthful; hilarious, joyous, jovial, jocose, playful, light-hearted; happy as a king, happy as a goat in a can factory, happy as a clam at high tide, happy as a lark, happy as can be, in high feather, happy as a child on Christmas morning, overjoyed; Inf. intoxicated, Inf. drug-affected, Sl. turned on, Sl. tripping, Sl. grooving.
9. rich, grand, extravagant, luxurious, lavish; sybaritic, intemperate, prodigal, wasteful, marked by conspicuous consumption.

high-and-mighty, adj. 1. haughty, arrogant, excessively proud, self-important, presumptuous, fastidious, proud, vainglorious, overconfident, overweening; conceived, snobbish, Inf. stuck-up, Inf. uppish, Inf. uppity, on one's high horse; pompous, egotistic, lofty, Inf. toplofty; condescending, disdainful, supercilious, cavalier, contemptuous, scornful.
2. affected, showy, flashy, ostentatious, 3. imperious, overbearing, domineering, high-handed; dictatorial, despotic, authoritative, dogmatic, magisterial.

4. brazen, impudent, insolent, defiant, rude, audacious, impertinent; swaggering, blustering, Inf. pushy, bumptious, self-assertive, self-assured, self-assuming.
5. excessive, exaggerated, intemperate, extravagant; high-flown, Inf. highfalutin, preposterous, unconscionable, disproportionate; unreasonable, undue, unfounded, uncalled-for, unwarranted.

highbinder, n. 1. swindler, sharper, sharpie, bilker, shark, diddler, chiseler, cheat, confidence man, Sl. con man, Sl. flimflam man; crook, bandit, desperado, outlaw, bad guy, criminal, felon.
2. malfeasant, bribe-taker, misfeasor; corrupt official or politician, abuser; malefactor, offender, Brit. SI. bad hat.

highborn, adj. aristocratic, patrician, blue-blooded, silk-stocking; noble, well-born, genteel, genteel; royal, princely, kingly, titled; (all of animals) thoroughbred, pedigreed, purebred, highbred.

high-class, adj. superior, top-flight, A-one, first-rate, tiptop, tops, Inf. super; above-average, upper-class, above-the-milling-throng; luxurious, deluxe, elegant, sumptuous, posh.

high-flown, adj. grandiloquent, grandiose, magniloquent, extravagant, lofty, vaulting, high-sounding, Johnsonian, Ossianic, sonorous, sesquipedalian; bombastic, bombastical, inflated, swollen, bloated, flatulent, turgid, plethoric; overdrawn, overdone, exaggerated, hyperbolic, Inf. too-too; pretentious, affected, pompous, condescending, Inf. highfalutin, Inf. la-di-da, Inf. high-hat; euphuistic, flowery, florid, ornate, ostentatious, showy, flashy, flamboyant.

high-handed, adj. arbitrary, despotic, tyrannical, autocratic, dictatorial; peremptory, imperious, lordly,
highland, n. 1. plateau, tableland, butte, mesa, bluff, headland, promontory; ridge, razorback, hogback, spine, crest, chine.

2. Highlands mountains, peaks, heights, uplands, hill country.

highlight, v. 1. feature, spotlight, play up, set off, give prominence to, bring to the fore, bring into relief, Inf. headline; emphasize, stress, lay stress or emphasis upon, give emphasis to, punctuate, accent, accentuate; underscore, underline, italicize, point up, call attention to, mark; intensify, strengthen, deepen, heighten.

2. light, light up, lighten, illuminate; shine light upon, shed light upon, cast or throw light upon; floodlight, flood or bathe with light.

3. Photography: touch up, spot, spot out.

4. Also, high light feature, outstanding feature, distinctive feature; high spot, high point, memorable part, best part, cream, cream of the crop.

highly, adv. 1. very, very much, well, Inf. plenty, Inf. very well, quite; greatly, vastly, immensely, tremendously, hugely; exceedingly, extremely, supremely, extraordinarily; considerably, eminently, incomparably, preeminently.

2. appreciatively, approvingly, favorably, with esteem or praise or approbation, respectfully, deferentially.

high-minded, adj. lofty, noble, honorable, admirable; good, worthy, pure, upright, righteous, saintly, spiritual; conscientious, scrupulous, principled, ethical, moral; honest, truthful, aboveboard, disinterested, dispassionate; sincere, honest, candid; dignified, distinguished, distinguished, impressive, imposing; honorable, venerable, revered; noted, eminent, famous, well-known, celebrated, esteemed.

high-powered, adj. energetic, dynamic, galvanic, electric; capable, effective, efficient, efficacious; enterprising, industrious, eager; vigorous, active, aggressive, attacking, go-ahead, hustling, pushing, persistent.

high-pressure, adj. vigorous, active, energetic. See high-powered (defs. 1, 2).

high-priced, adj. expensive, costly, dear, high, Inf. steep, Inf. stiff; exorbitant, excessive, unreasonably, exorbitantly.

highroad, n. 1. main road, thoroughfare, main street, Inf. drag, Brit. Sl. toby; thoroughway, artery, avenue, boulevard, strip, concourse; route, highway, turnpike, pike, tollroad, state highway; freeway, Brit. clearway, expressway, parkway, causeway; U.S. Inf. interstate; speedway, (in Germany) autobahn, superhighway.

2. easy or certain way, beaten track or path, well-traveled road.

high school, n. secondary school, senior high school, Inf. senior high, Brit. grammar school, (in France) lycée; preparatory school, Inf. prep school, U.S. private school, Brit. public school; day school, boarding school, academy, seminary, institute, finishing school; classical school, Latin school, (in Germany) gymnasium; junior high school, Inf. junior high.

high-sounding, adj. grandiloquent, magniloquent, grandiose, high-flown. See high-flown.

high-spirited, adj. 1. energetic, lively, spirited, Sl. go-go, full of life, animated, vibrant, vital; dynamic, vigorous, electric; active, alive, full of energy, Inf. full of pep, Inf. peppy, Inf. snappy, full of vim and vigor.

2. courageous, brave, bold, bold-minded, daring, dashing, mellificent, adventurous; intrepid, fearless, dauntless, dreadless, nervy, Sl. gutsy, unafraid, unblenching, unbranded, unadorned, unalarmed, undismayed, unappalled.

high-strung, adj. nervous, tense, all wound up, restless, feverish, febrile, excited, worked-up, wrought-up, Sl. jittery, skittish; hyperactive, hyper; sensitive, passionate, moody, overreacting, easily frightened, excited; irritable, snappish, peevish, intolerant, testy, touchy, irascible; quick, impatient, on edge, agitated; neurotic, unquiet, uneasy, afraid, timid, timorous, tremulous.

high-toned, adj. 1. high-minded, respectable, reputable, ethical, moral, uncorrupt; straightforward, aboveboard, disinterested, impassioned, truthful, candid; dignified, distinguished, distinguished, impressive, imposing; honorable, venerable, revered; noted, eminent, famous, well-known, celebrated, esteemed.

2. elegant, high-class, Sl. classy, Sl. tony; suave, urbane, sophisticated, cosmopolitan.

3. affected, insincere, unnatural; assumed, adopted, put on; empty, hollow, shallow; pretentious, ostentatious, high-flown, Inf. high-hat, Inf. highfalutin; mannered, studied, Inf. la-di-da, Inf. too-too.

highway, n. main road, highroad, thoroughfare, public road, roadway; street, terrace, circle, row; drive, avenue, boulevard, strip, Inf. drag; turnpike, pike, tollroad, state highway, U.S. Inf. interstate; freeway, Brit. clearway, expressway, parkway, causeway, throughway; speedway, (in Germany) autobahn, superhighway; artery, channel, canal, waterway, seaway.

highwayman, n. footpad, U.S. road agent, highway robber, bandit, brigand, Inf. hold-up man, Sl. stick-up man, mugger, robber, Sp. bandolero.

hijack, v. commandeer, seize, steal, skyjack; kidnap, abduct; mug, rob at gunpoint, U.S. Inf. hold up, Sl. stick up.

hijacker, n. skyjacker, air or sky pirate, Sl. commando, kidnapper, abductor.

hike, v. 1. walk, march, Sl. hoof it, Inf. leg it, trap, trudge, plod, trek; traipe, walk through or around, wander, ramble, rove, roam, range.

2. Often hike up hitch up, jerk or pull up, raise, move up, lift, jack up.

3. increase, raise, Inf. jack up, boost, augment, add to.

—n. 4. walk, march, trek; stroll, ramble, turn, air; excursion, outing, trip, jaunt.

5. increase, rise, boost, augmentation, added increase.

hilarious, adj. 1. gay, cheerful, cheery, in good or high spirits; jovial, jocund, jolly, mirthful, laughing; buoyant, Inf. upbeat, optimistic, sunny, beamish; smiling, happy, happy as a lark, felicitous, joyful, joyous; jubilant, gleeful, elated, exhilarated, exuberant, thrilled, excited, enthused, animated, vivacious, sparkling, effervescent, bubbling, lively; playful, sportive, larking, frolicsome; boisterous, rowdy, rowdiness, noisy, vociferous, Sl. hell-raising, rabble-rousing.

2. very funny, highly amusing, humorous, entertaining, side-splitting, Sl. hysterical, All Slang. a riot, a gas, a scream.

hilarity, n. gaiety, gayness, mirth, mirthfulness,
hill, n. 1. elevation, eminence, promontory, mount, rise, foothill; bluff, highland, moor, down, Archaic. holt; Western U.S., Canada, butte, South African. kop; Geol. drumin, tor.
2. incline, acclivity, slope, Scot. and North Eng. brae, rise; grade, gradient, climb, ramp, hillside, upgrade.
3. heap, pile, stack, mound, drift; molehill, anthill, termite hill.
hilltop, n. hummock, hump, swell, knoll, knob, termite hill.
hilt, n. 1. haft, handle, grasp, hold, helve, shaft.
2. to the hilt completely, fully, wholly, entirely, heart and soul, root and branch, from top to toe, from first to last; totally, without reserve; Inf. all the way. Inf. no holds barred, to the bitter end, to the nth degree.
hind, adj. rear, back, posterior, hinder, Rare. posterior, Nat. gluteal, Nat. Zool. caudal, Bot. posticus; hindmost, last, rearmost, aftermost, Nat. utmost, terminal, final.
hinder1, v. 1. hamper, impede, interfere, interrupt; frustrate, thwart, foil, balk, Inf. short-circuit; handicap, encumber, clog or stretch the wheels; retard, set back, delay, defer, postpone, slow down, forestall; filibuster, stalemate, deadlock; baffle, stymie, confuse.
2. limit, circumscribe; curb, inhibit, restrain, hold back, rein in, bridle, Sl. put a crimp in; shackle, fetter, bind hand and foot; smother, choke, silence, muzzle, gag; constrict, control, trap, cage, pinion, clip one's wings.
3. stop, check, arrest, abort; prevent, deter, preclude, obstruct, block, stand in the way; prohibit, forbid, taboo, bar, disallow; oppose, cross, contravene, counteract, fly in the face of, turn one's face against.
hinder2, adj. See hind.
hindmost, adj. last, furthest behind, nearest the rear, rearmost, aftermost, final, terminal, Obs. hindmostest, Nat. utmost, endmost, most remote, furthest, farthest, ultimate.
hindrance, n. 1. impediment, obstacle, obstruction, Archaic. remora, oppilation, interference, Law. estoppel; barrier, stop, stopper, block, stumbling block, barricade; curb, check, balk, catch, hitch, snag, difficulty; encumbrance, handicap; retardation, delay, postponement, stoppage.
2. restriction, stricture, limitation, inhibition; constraint, restraint, repression; forbiddance, prohibition, interdiction, injunction, proscription, preclusion, ban, embargo, veto, taboo.
hinge, n. 1. joint, articulation, knee, elbow; condition, rule, principle, premise, basis, foundation.
—v. 2. turn, center, pivot, rotate or revolve around; depend, hang, rest; bud from, arise from, spring from, emanate from, issue from, come from, ensue from.
hinge, v. 1. plang, clue, tip, inking, Sl. tip-off, cue; suggestion, idea, Inf. flea or bug in one's ear; intimation, implication, imputation, inscription, innuendo; omen, foreshadowing, warning; signal, sign, Inf. high sign, reminder, memorandum, whisper; denotation, allusion, connotation.
2. suspicion, soupcon, trace, tinge; touch, speck, sprinkling, dash; flavor, taste, sniff, scent.
—v. 3. intimate, suggest, Inf. give to understand, imply, insinuate, Inf. put a bug or flea in one's ear; clue, Inf. tip off, cue, prompt; jog one's memory, sign, Inf. give a high sign, wink; breathe, whisper; connote, allude, advert, refer, signify, indicate.
hip, n. haunch, loin, pelvis, innominate bones, lumbar region; rump, posterior, (of a horse) crupper, croup, buttocks, Sl. butt, breech, hindquarters, Sl. behind, Sl. arse, Sl. ass, bottom.
hip, adj. Slang. informed, knowledgeable, Sl. savvy, knowing, Sl. up on, Sl. tuned in; smart, sharp, clever, bright, intelligent, brainy, Inf. having lots of gray matter, having a good head on one's shoulders; discerning, perspicacious, perceptive, astute, shrewd, sagacious, canny; aware, wide-awake, alert, on the qui vive, Sl. wise to, Sl. in on; worldly-wise, experienced, educated, having savoir-faire; sophisticated, worldly, cosmopolitan, Inf. knowing one's way around, Sl. cool, Sl. in, Sl. with it.
hire, v. 1. engage, employ, retain, secure the services of, contract with; enlist, appoint, sign on, take on, Inf. take on board.
2. lease, sublease, let, sublet; rent, rent out, hack, charter, get, secure; (usu. of oneself) hire out, ship out, loan.
3. bribe, suborn, oil, graft, buy off, Sl. pay off, cross or grease [s.o.'s] palm; rig, Inf. fix, Sl. square.
—n. 4. compensation, pay, salary, wage, Brit. Sl. get, emolument, remuneration, earnings; payment, Hist. scot, fee, stipend, honorarium; recompense, requit, reward, deserts.
5. cost, charge, price; quotation, estimate, amount, figure; rent, rental, dockage; fare, toll; freight, freightage, haulage, cartage, porterage, ferriage.
hireling, n. employee, hired hand, servant, factotum, wage slave, slave, menial, minion, hack, tool, instrument, victim, puppet, henchman, flunky, toady; mercenary, hired soldier, adventurer. See also help (defs. 14, 15).
hirse, adj. hairy, shaggy, crinite, comose; fuzzy, lindy, fleecy, furry; bearded, whiskered, unshaven. See hairy.
hiss, n. 1. hissing, sibilation, sibilance, buzz, fizzle, whiz, whistle, wheeze, whisper.
2. derision, mockery, outcry, clamor, hue and cry; cheer; mock, taunt, scoff, fleer, sneer, flout, twit, hiss off the stage platform; Inf. zip.
—v. 3. sibilate, rasp, whiz, wheeze, whistle, whiffle; fizzle, fizzle, sizzle; disdain, cry down, express disapproval, laugh to scorn, hiss off the stage, Inf. give the raspberry or Bronx cheer; mock, taunt, scoff, fleece, sneer, flout, twit, fling, gibe, Inf. zip.

historic, adj. 1. well-known, well-remembered. Unforgettable, famous, famed, notable, noted, noteworthy, known far and wide; renowned, celebrated, eminent, illustrious, distinguished, solemn, marked, impressive, great, prominent, important; crucial, critical, significant, momentous, eventful, salient, consequential; remarkable, extraordinary, rare, special, unusual,
uncommon, signal, red-letter, particular; outstanding, conspicuous, noticeable, striking, stirring, vivid.

2. historical, memorable, treasured. See historical.

historical, adj. 1. true, authentic, real, actual, factual, verifiable, reliable; archival, recorded, documented, chronicled, supported by facts, confirmed, storied, remembered, memorable, commemorated.
2. traditional, former, past, prior; obsolete, bygone, uncommon, signal, fast, last, notable, particular; outstanding, conspicuous, noticeable, striking, stirring, vivid.

history, n. 1. story, account, depiction, portrayal, summary, recapitulation, delineation, exposition, retelling, relation; report, news, information, intelligence; anecdote, incident, series of incidents, events, episodes; tale, drama, romance, legend, saga, epic, yarn.
2. experiences, fortunes, adventures, confessions, memoirs, biography, autobiography, life, life story, psychohistory.
3. record, public record, facts; chronicle, calendar, almanac, yearbook, annual; journal, diary, daybook, log; annals, chronology, genealogy, archives; register, registry, pocket, roster, schedule, minutes, proceedings, transactions; ana, memorabilia, memories, nostalgia, tradition.
4. the past, yesterday, yesteryear, former times, the good old days, old, bygone, ancient, extinct, of another era or time, ancient, extinct.
5. reach, touch, gain, attain, achieve; arrive at or in, land in; make, appear in; make a bull's eye, send to the mark, fell, drop, sink, bring down, shoot, SL. blast, slap, zap.
6. affect, have an effect on, influence, make an impact or impression on, impinge upon, leave a mark on.
7. solicit, demand, ask for, request, petition; appeal, seek, entreat, plea, beg; implore, beseech, supplicate.
8. come upon, light upon, happen or chance upon, meet with, find, discover, uncover, unearth, ferret out, dig up, learn of or about; detect, descry, notice, esp, perceive, discern, INF. spot, SL. pick up; pitch on or upon, think of, get into one's head, come up with, dream up, hatch, concoct.
9. suit, fit, befit; dovetail with, square with, tally with, meet, correspond with, coincide with; blend in with, harmonize with, jibe with, agree with; accord, please, appeal to, delight, gratify, tickle.

—n. 10. collision, impact, crash, clash, bang, bump, thud, thump; blow, bastinado, punch, box, knockout, Both Boxing. left, right, Scotch, dunt, Scotch and North Eng. paik, INF. wallop, INF. whomp, Both Brit. Dial. yowl, INF. biff, INF. whack, U.S. SL. biff, SL. bob; buff, cuff, strike, hit, thwack, slap, smack, INF. whack, INF. clout.
11. attack, assualm, abuse, vituperation, revilement, belaboring; criticism, strict, castigation, animadversion, INF. knock, INF. slam; censuring, condemnation, reprehension; vilification, aspersion, traduce, calumcation, calumny, obloquy, slur, slap in the face; maligning, defamation, denigration, slander, libel, INF. backbiting; scorn, derision, insult, ridicule, sneer, scoff, jeer, SL. put down; mockery, satire, lampoon, pasquinade.

historian, n. 1. drama, dramatic representation, dramatization, dramaturgy, theatricals, theatricalism, histrionism, thespianism; acting, playing, performing, playing, enacting, enactment; overlaying, SL. ham acting, SL. hamming or hamming up.
2. affectation, pretension, show, false show, sham; posture, masquerade, facade, front, false front, display; humbug, hypocrisy, fakery, bluff, posing, feign, pretending, making believe; veneer, gloss, lip service or homage.

hit, v. 1. strike, smite, thwack, slap, smack, Australian. ding; cuff, buffet, knock, punch, box, sandbag, Scot. dunt, Scot. and North Eng. paik, INF. clout, INF. slug, INF. whack, INF. knock [s.o.'s] block off, INF. wallop, INF. crown, SL. conk, Dial. hit [s.o.] upside the head, SL. bash, SL. plug, U.S. SL. biff, SL. bob; SL. belt, SL. sock, beat, batter, pound, lay on, pommel, pummel, pelt, SL. paste, SL. lay into, SL. let [s.o.] have it, Arch. beat, batter, bash; trash, flag, lash, switch, birch, scourge, flagellate, whip, whipsnipe, curry, strap, thresh, flail, cowhide, spank, Brit. Dial. yerk, INF. tan [s.o.'s] hide, INF. trim, INF. thump, INF. lace, INF. lambsate, INF. whale, SL. whomp; cudgel, fustigate, bludgeon, bate, cane, bastinado, club, hammer, sledge hammer; tap, rap, fillip.
2. collide with, impact, crash against, smash into, dash against, jolt, jar, bang into or against; bump, knock into, clap together, percuss, run into, meet head-on, impinge upon or against.
3. reach, touch, gain, attain, achieve; arrive at or in, land in; make, appear in; make a bull's eye, send to the mark, fell, drop, sink, bring down, shoot, SL. blast, SL. zap.
4. drive, bat, propel.
5. affect, have an effect on, influence, make an impact or impression on, impinge upon, leave a mark on.
6. Often hit out assault, attack, revile, vituperate, lash out, belabor, rail against, inveigh against, argue or debate against, dispute; criticize, carp, find fault with, castigate, INF. knock, INF. light into, SL. blast; censure, disapprove of, condemn; vilify, aspere, malign, slander, defame, slur, traduce, calumniate, backbite; decry, denounced, denigrate, berate, disparage, depreciate, deprecate, run or put down, belittle, minimize.
7. solicit, demand, ask for, request, petition; appeal, seek, entreat, plea, beg; implore, beseech, supplicate.
8. come upon, light upon, happen or chance upon, meet with, find, discover, uncover, unearth, ferret out, dig up, learn of or about; detect, descry, notice, esp, perceive, discern, INF. spot, SL. pick up; pitch on or upon, think of, get into one's head, come up with, dream up, hatch, concoct.
9. suit, fit, befit; dovetail with, square with, tally with, meet, correspond with, coincide with; blend in with, harmonize with, jibe with, agree with; accord, please, appeal to, delight, gratify, tickle.

hitherto, adv. previously, until now, up to this time,
of late, latterly, to this day, to the present day, thus far; formerly, no longer, before, before this, before or ever now, heretofore, already; in time past, in the past, years ago, long ago, some time ago, some time back, Inf. way back, in ancient times, anciently, of old, in olden times, once upon a time.

hit-or-miss, adj. 1. careless, neglectful, neglective, negligent, neglecting, remiss; inattentive, heedless, unheed, undervaluing, disregardful, disregardant, regardless, lackadaisical, easygoing, half-hearted, apathetic.

2. haphazard, lax, loose, perfunctory, perfunctorious, cursory, offhand; irregular, uneven, random, disorganized, orderless, casual, undirected, aimless.

hive, n. 1. beehee, apiary, bee tree, waps's or hornet's nest, vespary.

2. swarm, cloud, flight.

hoar, n. frost, hoarfrost, rime, rime frost, glaze, glaze ice, silver frost, silver thaw, verglass, Jack Frost.

hoard, n. 1. store, stock, stockpile, supply, provi-sion; garner, harvest, gathering, gleanings; fund, quantity, reservoir, profusion, abundance, wealth, treasure, holdings, savings, Inf. loot.

2. collection, accumulation, heap, pile, mass, cumulation; amassment, assemblage; aggregation, concentration, agglomeration, conglomerate.

—v. 3. accumulate, collect, heap up, pile, roll up, stack up; assemble, mass, aggregate, bring together, congregate; amass, cumulate, agglomerate.

4. store up, stock up, lay by, lay up, lay in, garner; —v. 3. accumulate, collect, heap up, pile, roll up, stack up; assemble, mass, aggregate, bring together, congregate; amass, cumulate, agglomerate.

honeydew, n. 1. bough or bough, 2. Elderly, old, grown old, old as the hills, at an advanced age, aged, ancient; venerable, time-honored, well-advanced age, gray-haired, white-haired.

2. elderly, old, grown old, as the hills, at an advanced age, aged, ancient; venerable, time-honored, well-advanced age, gray-haired, white-haired.

honeycomb, n. 1. bough or bough, 2. Elderly, old, grown old, as the hills, at an advanced age, aged, ancient; venerable, time-honored, well-advanced age, gray-haired, white-haired.

2. elderly, old, grown old, as the hills, at an advanced age, aged, ancient; venerable, time-honored, well-advanced age, gray-haired, white-haired.

hobby, n. avocation, sideline, side interest; pastime, diversion, recreation, relaxation, divertissement, enter-tainment; amusement, fun, play, sport, game; Inf. cup of tea, Sl. thing, Sl. bag.

hobgoblin, n. 1. bogy, evil spirit, demon, devil, ghou; boogeyman, bugbear, bugaboo; ghost, Inf. spook, specter, apparition, phantom.

2. hob, goblin, (in German folklore) kobold, devilkin, imp, Irish Folklore. leprechaun, pixy, puck, sprite, elf; brownie, bad fairy; (in Scandinavian folklore) troll, gnome, dwarf, pygmy.

hobnob, v. fraternize, mingle, mix, rub elbows with; socialize, Sl. club or party with; keep company with, consort, associate, go around with, Inf. pal around with, Inf. hang around with, Sl. hang out with.

hobo, n. 1. tramp, vagrant, beachcomber, vaga-bond, derelict, Dial. bawky, street Arab; Inf. bum, Sl. vag. St. bo, Sl. stiff, Sl. bindle stiff, Sl. canvas back.


hocus, v. 1. trick, practice trickery or deception upon, deceive, hoodwink, jockey; dupe, gull, take in, cozen, befool, Archaic. chouse; humbug, Inf. flimflam, Inf. practice upon; cheat, bilk, swindle, defraud, palm off, job, victimize, diddle; hoax, betray, Inf. sell out, play false; mislead, bluff, beguile, delude, impose upon, mystify, bamboozle, pull the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes; fake, counterfeit, dissemble, dissimulate, sham, pretend, Brit. Inf. gammon; bait, lure, entice, inveigle, ensnare, snare, entangle, entrap, trap, decent; circumvent, outwit, outmaneuvre, overreach, evade.

2. drug, narcotize, Sl. dope or dope up; stupefy, deaden, dull, blunt; anesthetize, numb, benumb, paralyze, render insensible or incompetent; corrupt, adulterate, treat, alter, contaminate, doctor, falsify.

hocus-pocus, n. 1. mumbo jumbo, abracadabra, open sesame, magic word, magic formula; incantation, chant, invocation, conjuration, conjuring, evoca-tion.

2. juggler's trick, jugglery, sleight of hand, legerdemain, prestidigitation, Brit. hanky-panky; feint, deception of the eye, trompe l'oeil, Inf. dodge, fetch; magic, conjuring, conjuration.

3. trickery, hokey-pokey, chicanery, deception, deceit, artifice, shrewdness, hanky-panky; stratagem, stratagem, finesse, ruse, shift, maneuver, circumven-tion; trap, scheme, intrigue, plan, contrivance, complot, conspiracy; trick, hoax, humbug, sham, delusion, pretense; prank, jape, sport, game; Inf. rip-off; Sl. scam, Sl. gyp.

—v. 3. trick, fool, deceive, delude, beguile, dupe, hoodwink, humbug, take in, put one over on [s.o.], pull a fast one, pull the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes, Inf. bamboozle, Sl. snow, Sl. hornswoggle; mislead, mis-guide, misdirect, Sl. give [s.o.] a bum steer; gull, cozen, defraud, cheat, swindle.

hobble, v. 1. limp, hitch, walk lamely; shuffle, shamble, drag one's feet; halt, pause, hesitate; toddler, dodge, falter, move unsteadily; totter, stagger, weave, reel.

2. hopple, trammel, fetter, shackle, trammel; bridle, bit, curb, hame, harness, rein, restrain, keep or hold back.

—n. 4. limp, claudication, hunch, jerk, uneven gait, toddler; shuffle, shamble, halting, pausing, hesitation; doddering, tottering, staggering, weaving, reeling.

3. strap, thong, line, leash, tether, rope, tie, bond; fetters, shackles, trammel, gvy, chain; bridle, bit, curb, bit, snaffle bit.

hobby, n. avocation, sideline, side interest; pastime, diversion, recreation, relaxation, divertissement, enter-tainment; amusement, fun, play, sport, game; Inf. cup of tea, Sl. thing, Sl. bag.
hold

1. raise, lift, elevate, heave, move up; set up; thrust up, raise aloft, upright, uplift, rear, erect, escalate; boost, upheave, upcast, upthrow, upthrust; pull up, hike up, pick up, jerk up; crane, jack up, take up, winch, bear up; raise up, upraise, weigh, whip.

2. crane, winch, tackle, halyard, davit; windlass, capstan, gin, pulley; elevator, lift, dumbwaiter; jack, jackscrew, booster, lifter.

hoity-toity, adj. disdainful, assuming, arrogant, proud; snobbish, conceited, Inf. uppity, self-important. See haughty.

hoist, v. 1. raise, lift, elevate, heave, move up; set up; thrust up, raise aloft, upright, uplift, rear, erect, escalate; boost, upheave, upcast, upthrow, upthrust; pull up, hike up, pick up, jerk up; crane, jack up, take up, winch, bear up; raise up, upraise, weigh, whip.

—n. 2. crane, winch, tackle, halyard, davit; windlass, capstan, gin, pulley; elevator, lift, dumbwaiter; jack, jackscrew, booster, lifter.

hobble, v. hobble, tie up, truss up, tie hand and foot; manacle, enchain, handcuff, hamstring; restraint, shackles, gyle, fetter, shackle, shackle, grasp, fetter, strap; lash, leash, bind, tether, manacle, enchain, handcuff, hamstring; restrain, possessive, greedy, acquisitive, avaricious, covetous.

3. filthy, dirty, foul, unclean, unwashed, slimy, monopile, corner, tie up; have it all to oneself, take it all, Sl. bogart.

hold, v. 1. grasp, clutch, clasp, seize, keep fast, grip; have, palm, retain, Inf. latch onto, clench, clinch; hug, embrace, Brit. Dial. clip; keep, have and hold, harbor; cherish, treasure, fondle, Arch. bosom.

2. reserve, set aside, put aside, set by, lay aside, lay up; retain, preserve, save, put away for a rainy day.

3. bear, carry, take, shoulder; sustain, support, bolster, hold up, keep up, uphold, bear up; prop, brace, buttress, shore.

4. keep, maintain, engross, occupy, absorb, immerse, involve, engage; hold one's attention, monopolize one's attention, engage one's mind or thoughts; arrest, enthral, spellbind, keep spellbound, fascinate.

5. detain, hold up, confine, impound, hold in custody; keep under constraint, lock up, coop up, put behind bars, imprison, incarcerate, Sl. throw in the clink.

6. engage in, carry on, join in; bring together, gather, muster; preside over, direct, administer, conduct, run, prosecute, officiate at; observe, celebrate, mark.

7. hinder, restrain, hold back, check, impede, bar; suppress, squeal, put down; curb, hold down, hold in; control; hold up, stop, retard, delay, clog, Inf. bottle up, bottleneck, slow down, tie up.

8. occupy, be in, Sl. hold down, fill, be incumbent; own, possess, have, enjoy, control, command, boast.

9. contain, accommodate, compose, comprise, bear, comprehend; have a capacity for; retain, carry, take.

10. think, believe, maintain, harbor, opin, affirm, propound; embrace, espouse, advocate, put faith in; swear by, go with, Inf. bank on, bet on, be sure of.

11. consider, regard, deem, esteem, judge, acknowledge; conjecture, gather, conceive, surmise; fancy, guess, estimate, allow; reckon, see, suppose, suspect, daresay.

12. defend, fend off, turn aside, stand seige, stave off; secure, cover, guard, protect, fortify, safeguard, garri-

son; resist, repel, repulse, hold off, keep at bay; stone-wall, thwart, block, blockade, shut out.

13. point, aim, direct, train, level, peg, address, turn to.

14. bind, force, oblige, compel, coerce, expect of; bear upon, make incumbent upon, make responsible for, make answerable to.

15. remain, stay, persist, last, endure, obtain; continue, go on, carry on, go through; adhere to, stick to, uphold, follow; stay with, Inf. see through, follow through, keep up.

16. adhere, cling, stick, cleave, hang on, hold on; hug, embrace, hold tight, hold fast, cohere, freeze to; stick like a leech, cling like a winkle, cling like a burr, stick like wax, stick like a wet shirt.

be in force, remain valid, be the case, be true, prove out; hold up, hold good, square with the facts, stand up, Inf. wash, Inf. hold water, stand the test.

Chiefly Brit. admass, rank and file; rag, tag, and bobtail; Latin. hoc genus omne; grass roots, Inf. the silent majority, the man in the street, Jocular. booisboisie, U.S. Middle America, Main Street USA; the vulgar herd, the great unwashed, the rabble, the mob, King Mob, the crowd.
holder, n.

1. holder, holding, n. milker, exploiter, moneymonger, holdout.

2. holder, n. leftover, member of the previous administration, relic, remnant; charter member, old war horse, veteran, old stag, Inf. old-timer.

hold back a. keep back, retain possession of, not use. b. withhold, refuse, deny, suppress, stifle, not disclose, Inf. take the fifth.

hold forth a. extend, offer, hold out, proffer, tender, submit, put forth; propose, advance, broach, volunteer. b. harangue, lecture, sermonize, discourse, preach; orate, declaim, perorate, prelect; electioneer, soapbox, Inf. stump.

hold off defer, postpone, hold over, suspend, put off; put aside, hang up, lay over, stay over.

hold on keep going, continue, perpetuate, abide; stay on, carry on, hold one's course, hold steady.

hold out last, persist, carry on, persevere, go ahead; stand firm, stick to one's guns, mean business, stand pat, hang on; fight to the end, fight to the last man, go down fighting, never say die.

hold up a. display, exhibit, show, flaunt, dangle before one's eyes; wave, brandish, unfurl, unroll; show off, Inf. trot out, expose, call into notice, lay open. b. U.S. Informal rob, Sl. stick up, U.S. sl. heist, Sl. jack up, Sl. knock over, Sl. hit, Sl. roll.

—n. 25. grasp, grip, gripe, clasps, clutch, clench, clinch; iron grip, tight grip, firm hold; embrace, hug, bear hug, purchase, leverage, fulcrumage; footing, foot hold, teetohold, stand, stance, perch, Fr. point d'appui.

26. handle, haft, helve, grip; handstaff, crop, snath; clutch, shaft, bar, Shank, rounce; rail, railing, bannister, crook.

27. support, mount, mounting, setting, backing, bearing, bushing.

28. influence, power, sway, force, Inf. clout, effect; charm, charisma, magnetism; mastery, dominance, dominion, control, ascendency.

29. pause, delay, hold, detention, wait, slowdown, break; leak, fault, flaw, nick, notch.

—v. 8. perforate, puncture, spike, pierce, stab, puncture, stick; cut, rent, gash. split; drill, bore, tunnel, excavate, burrow.

9. hole up a. hibernate, lie dormant, sleep, retire. b. Slang. hide, hide out, lie low, conceal oneself.

holiday, n. 1. vacation, day off, time off, breathing space or spell, respite, recess; furlough, leave, leave of absence, sabbatical.

2. gala day, red-letter day, banner day, field day; occasion, event, birthday, anniversary, jubilee; carnival, fair, kermis, Mardi gras; fete, gala, Inf. do, Sl. jamboree; junket, frollic, spree, whirl, lark, treat.

3. festival, saint's day, holy day, feast day, Rom. Cath. Ch. holy day of obligation, (in ancient Rome) feria; rite, ritual, ceremony, celebration, observance, keeping; remembrance, memorialization, commemoration.

—adj. 4. festal, festival, in holiday spirits, Inf. Christmassy; festive, convivial, joyous, merry, mirthful, gleeful, gay, sportive, fun-making, rollicking, good-time.

5. commemorative, memorial, in honor of.

holler-than-thou, adj. sanctimonious, self-righteous, pharisaic, pharisaical, tartuffian, pietistic, pietistical; unctuous, smug, self-satisfied, Inf. uppity, Inf. upsh, haughty, snobbish.

holiness, n. sanctity, sanctitude, saintliness, godliness; sacredness, divinity, divinity; religion, spirituality, devoutness, piety, religiousness, reverence; righteousness, goodness, virtue, virtuousness, purity, chastity, grace.

holler, Informal. shout, cry out, hallow; hurrah, huzzah, cheer, whoop; bellow, roar, thunder, bawl, howl, yowl; yell, scream, shriek, squall, yammer, clamor.

hollow, adj. 1. empty, unfilled, hollowed, not solid, not dense, excavated, drained, vacant, blank; depressed, concave, dented, indented, caved in, Inf. stoved in; incurred, incurring, incurvate, cupped, cup-shaped, alveolate, alveolated; dipping, sunk, sunken, cavernous.

2. muffled, dull, lt. sordo, deep, not resonant, flat, toneless, dead, sepulchral.

3. valueless, useless, inefficacious, unavailing, of no use or avail, bootless, fruitless; gainless, profitless, unprofitable, worthless, too dear, not worth it, Pyrrhic; meaningless, unmeaning, senseless, without sense, insignificant, unsignificative, trivial.

4. insincere, hypocritical, artful, cunning, wily, tricky, sophistic; feigned, sham, counterfeit, artificial, spurious, made-up, fabricated; false, mendacious, lying, dissembling, truthless, untruthful, uncandid, un-
true; deceptive, two-faced, Inf. fork-tongued.
5. hungry, starved, half-starved, famished, half-famished, ravenous, perishing from hunger.
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6. hole, pigeonhole, cubby, cubbyhole, nook, cranny, niche, recess; cavity, concavity, concave, indentation, dent, dimple; dip, depression, hollow, sink, pot-hole, crater; pit, well, basin, bowl, valley, dale, bottom, glen, gorge, ravine.
—v. 7. scoop out, gouge out, dig out, excavate; furrow, groove, channel, dredge; dish, indent, dent, depress, dint.

holocaust, n. 1. fire, firestorm, incendiarism, malicious burning; destruction, demolition, cataclysm, catastrophe, upheaval, havoc; ruin, devastation, ruin, destruction, demolition, cataclysm, holocaust, bleeved, blest, sanctified, hallowed, adj. n. Holy Ghost, See n. homage, respect, high regard, deference, honor.
1. n. 6. hole, pigeonhole, cubby, cubbyhole, nook, catastrophe, upheaval, havoc; ravage, devastation, ruin, icious burning; destruction, demolition, cataclysm, hole, crater; pit, well, basin, bowl, valley, dale, bottom, glen, gorge, ravine.

blessed, blest, sanctified, hallowed, adj. n. Holy Ghost, See n. homage, respect, high regard, deference, honor, 2. godly, pious, piétistic, reverent, God-fearing, devotional, faithful, believing; righteous, moral, scient, sanctum, sanctum sanctorum, port in a storm, S. scold; almshouse, poorhouse, charitable institution, eleemosynary institution; shelter for the homeless or afflicted, orphanage; hospital, state hospital, clinic, sanitorium, sanatorium, asylum, institution, lazaretto, Fr. hôtel Dieu; insane asylum, lunatic asylum, mental institution, mental hospital, madhouse, bedlam, Fr. maison de santé, Derog. Sl. nuthouse, Derog. Sl. crazyhouse, Derog. Sl. bughouse, Derog. Sl. booby hatch, Derog. Sl. funny farm, Derog. Sl. loony bin; rest home, retirement home, nursing home, convalescent home, old-age home.

3. awesome, awe-inspiring, frightening, fearful, inf. 2. obeisance, courtesy, greeting, salute, salutation, bowing, curtsying, salaam, presenting arms, recognition; kneeling, bending the knee, prostration.

4. habitat, natural habitat, environment, native or natural environment, element, natural element, home-ground,-inf. stomping or stamping ground, Inf. home front; territory, ground, zone, range, sphere, domain, area; region, locality, local.

5. shelter, retreat, refuge, haven, hospice, port, haven, safe haven, bower, due, protection, shelter, sanctuary; nest, lair, den, hole, cave, burrow; spot, place, haunt, rendezvous, meeting place or spot, Inf. hang-out, Inf. watering hole, Chiefly Brit. local.

6. habitat, natural habitat, environment, native or natural environment, element, natural element, home-ground, Inf. stomping or stamping ground, Inf. home front; territory, ground, zone, range, sphere, domain, realm; area, vicinity, region, locale, locality.

7. mew, cover, covert, coverture, hideout, hiding place, hideaway, sanctuary; nest, lair, den, hole, cave, burrow; spot, place, haunt, rendezvous, meeting place or spot, Inf. hang-out, Inf. watering hole, Chiefly Brit. local.

8. birthplace, homeplace, hometown, Obs. home-stall; village, hamlet, township, town, city; land, homelnd, fatherland, motherland, native land, country, native country, native soil.

9. destination, goal, bourn; terminus, terminal point, finish, end, journey's end, end of the road, end of the line, last stop; grave, cemetery, plot in a storm, S. scold; home territory, ground, zone, range, sphere, domain, inf. hang-out, Inf. watering hole, Chiefly Brit. local.

10. Baseball, homeplate, the plate, homebase.

11. at home a. in, present, available. b. used to, familiar with, in one's own or proper element, on home territory or ground, in smooth water; cool, poised, composed, relaxed, easy, at ease, unexposed, untroubled, undisturbed, untroubled, unexposed, unplagued, unmoled, serene, sedate, placid, tranquil, quiet, peaceful, at peace, complacent, unexcitable, unperturbable. c. proficient, able, capable, competent, good at, qualified, endowed; skillful, skilled, dex-torous, expert, adroit, proficient, masterly; well-informed, well-versed, well-briefed, well-read, current, up on, in the know, Inf. in on, Sl. hip, Brit. Sl. suss.

—adj. 12. domestic, domiciliary, internal, interior; native, natural, natal, vernacular, indigenous, aboriginal, autochthonous, autochthonal, autochthonic; homegrown, home-raised, homebred, homegrown, home-raised, bred, home-bred, native grown; familiar, acclimated, accustomed, one's own; established, rooted, fixed, ingrained.

13. direct, to the point, close, effective, piercing, penetrating, home-reaching, deep-felt, poignant, intimate; deep, profound, pregnant, highly significant; neat, clear, summary, terse, curt, acute, keen, emphatic, decided, pointed; caustic, astringent, trench-
ant, incisive, sharp, stinging, biting, cutting, barred, razor-edged, knife-edged; rough, harsh, severe.

—adv. 14. homeward, homewards, homeward bound, to or toward or at one's home or abode; indoors, within doors, in the house, inside, in.

15. deep, to the heart, to the core or innermost core, to the quick, to the mark, to the heart, to the vital center or seat, to the innermost feeling or sensibility, Inf. where it hurts, Inf. in the breadbasket, Inf. right here.

16. effectively, with telling effect, decidedly, completely, entirely; deeply, profoundly, indelibly; closely, directly, neatly, clearly; summarily, curtly, tersely, acutely, keenly, emphatically, pointedly; caustically,STRINGENTLY, trenchantly, incisively, sharply, stingingly, cuttingly, bitingly, with a vengeance, with force; roughly, harshly, severely.

17. bring home to a. emphasize, lay emphasis on, give emphasis to, stress, lay stress on; feature, accent, accentuate, underscore, underline, highlight; press home, drive home, hammer away, pound away, harp on b. clarify, make clear, clear up, shed light on, make manifest, manifest, illuminate, elucidate, make plain, make explicit; expose, lay open, bring to light, unfold, unmask, unveil.

18. write home about Informal. note, make note of, take note of, speak of, talk about, carry on about, go on about, rave or rave about on; mention, report, describe, tell, state, remark, remark on, comment on, pass comment on.

—v. 19. live, live at, reside at, abide, Arenchic. bide, dwell, tenant, stay, stay at, remain, sojourn.

20. domicile, domicil, domiciliate, establish oneself, take up residence, take up one's abode, make one's home, inhabit, occupy, settle, locate, ensconce, Inf. hang up one's hat; take or strike root, plant oneself, anchor, come to anchor, drop anchor, moor; nest, nestle, roam, perch, squat, burrow, hive.

21. house, shelter, give shelter to, lodge, provide with lodging or lodgings or lodgement, put up, take in, roof, provide with a roof; quarter, provide quarters for, billet, bed, bunk, berth, have as a guest, lodging, lodger.

22. direct, guide, steer, maneuver, navigate, head, point at or turn upon.

23. home in, home in on, zero in on, pinpoint, position, lead, pilot; fix, fix on, set, determine, sight, sight on, roof, provide with a roof; quarter, provide quarters or lodging for, billet, bed, bunk, berth, have as a guest, lodging, lodger.

24. common, commonplace, ordinary, usual, familiar, nothing out of the ordinary, everyday, workday, workaday, household-variety, garden-variety; nonde script, prosaic, matter-of-fact, Inf. no big thing.

5. friendly, amicable, amiable, congenial, cordial, social, sociable; cheerful, affable, hearty, backslapping; hospitable, neighborly, welcoming, open-armed.

homedome, adj. 1. home-manufactured, home-produced, home-worked, home-wrought, produced or manufactured locally, locally produced, locally-manufactured, made locally, locally-made; homespun, home-woven, home-loomed.

2. domestic; domiciliary, internal, interior; native, natural, natal, indigenous, vernacular, aboriginal, autochthonous, autochthonal, autochthonic; home-grown, home-raised, native-grown, native-raised, home-born.


hommaker, n. home economist, family manager; (all of a home) manager, administrator, overseer, treasurer; factotum, handywoman, housekeeper, hausfrau, cook, Inf. chief cook and bottle washer; housewife, matron, mistress, lady or woman of the house, Chiefly Scot. goodwill, Scot. Inf. wifey, Inf. missis.

Homeric, adj. heroic, epic; grand, imposing, impressive, magnificent; mighty, colossal, monumental, towering, titanic.

hospemspun, adj. 1. home-woven, home-loomed; homemaker, home-manufactured, home-produced, home-worked, home-wrought; self-made, hand-made, hand-crafted; hand-knitted, hand-woven, hand-stitched.

2. plain, simple, modest, unpretentious, unpertaining, unaffected, unassuming, normal, informal; homey, homely, homelike, homish, homebred, down-home, (usually of thought or philosophy) cracker-barrel, Scot. raploch, Yiddish. heimish, Inf. folksy; rustic, rural, bucolic, bucolical; inurbane, backwoods, provincial, countrified or countryfied, country-bred, country-born, upcountry, from the sticks, yokelish, SI. hickish, SI. rube, SI. hayseed; homey, homely, homelike, homish, down-home, homespun, (usu. of thought or philosophy) cracker-barrel, Scot. raploch, Yiddish. heimish, Inf. folksy; rustic, rural, bucolic, bucolical; inurbane, backwoods,
provincial, countrified or countryfied, country-bred, country-born, upcountry, from the sticks, yokelish, SL. hitchick, SL. rube, SL. hayseed.

3. unpolished, unsophisticated, unrefined. See homestead (def. 2).

homestead, n. 1. estate, country estate, manor, country manor, country seat, house and grounds, house and lot, Brit. Dial. toft; desmesne, Law. messuage.
2. farm, farmstead, grange, farmplace, Archaic. farmhold, Brit. farmery, Brit. croft, Brit. homecroft, Scot. and North Eng. steadying; ranch, rancho.
3. home, home sweet home, abode, place where one hangs his hat, Scot. and North Eng. bigging; hearth, hearth and home, hearthstone, fireplace, fireside, chimney corner, Brit. Dial. ingle, Brit. Dial. ingleside,Chiefly Brit. inglenook; homestead, dwell- ing place, dwelling, dwelling home, residence, residency, habitation, Scot. howff; retreat, refuge, hermitage, hospice, shelter, sanctum, sanctum sanctorum.
—v. 4. settle, occupy, inhabit, populate, people, colonize, establish.

homesteader, n. settler, colonist, colonial, colonizer; squatter, nester; pioneer, sooner; frontiersman, trail blazer, trailbreaker, pathfinder; backwoodsman, woodsmans, backsettler.

homeward, homewards adv. homewardly, home- ward bound, home, to or toward at one's home, back home, to one's family or native land or home- land.

homicidal, adj. murderous, death-dealing, killing, lethal, mortal, deadly; cruel, brutal, blood-thirsty, bloody-minded, sanguinary, bloody, bloodstained; ferocious, violent, wild, berserk, amuck, maniacal. See also murderous (def. 1).

homicide, n. 1. murder, manslaughter, slaying, killing, murder, bloody or foul killing or slaying, murder most foul, assassination, (in India) thugs, SL. hit; patricide, matricide, parricide, fratricide, sororicide, uxori- cide, infanticide, regicide, vaticide. See also murder (def. 1).
2. murderer, killer, slayer, manslayer, man-killer, cutthroat, thug; assassin, liquidator, bravo, sniper, gunman, silencer, dispenser; All Sl. gun, hired gun, hit man, triggerman, torpedo, hatchet man. See also murderer (defs. 1, 2).

homily, n. 1. sermon, preachment, lecture, har- rangue, screed; parable; lesson, instruction, teaching, talk.
2. discourse, address, speech, oration, declamation, Rhet. apostrophe, salute, valedictory; treatise, study, thesis, dissertation, descent, essay.

homogeneity, n. identicalness, identity, sameness, oneness; uniformity, regularity, constancy; consistency, consonancy, accordance, agreement; similarity, similitude, likeness, resemblance, semblance; comparability, comparability, analogousness; equivalence, parity, correspondence, correlation, parallelism.

homogeneous, adj. 1. identical, the same, one and the same, all one, all alike, alike of a piece; uniform, regular, constant, unvaried, unvarying; consistent, consonant, accordant; homogenetic.
2. similar, like, comparable, corresponding, corre- spondent, correlative, parallel, analogous; cognate, connotational, allied, connected, akin.

homogenize, v. emulsify, blend, compound, combine, coalesce, fuse, merge; standardize, equalize, stereotype, make uniform, Fig. boil down.

homologous, adj. similar, like, comparable, analogous, corresponding, correspondent, parallel; relative; cognate, connotational, allied, connected, akin; uniform, regular, constant, consistent, consonant, accordant.

homosexual, adj. 1. homoerotic, homophile, sexually inverted, Inf. gay, Inf. bent; All Sl. kinky, fruity, left-handed; All Derog. queer, faggy, flitty, limp-wristed; effeminate, Sl. swishy, camp, campy; lesbian, tribadic, sapphic, SL. butch.
—n. 2. homosexualist, homophile, third sex, in- vert; All Sl. queen, limp-wrist, camp, three-dollar bill, Brit. ginger, Brit. ginger beer, Brit. poof, Brit. poofeter; All Derog. homo, homo, queer, fagget, fig, fruit, fit, fairy, pansy, nance, auntie; pederast, pathic, cata- mite, Sl. punk, Sl. chicken, Sl. gunsel; transvestite, drag queen; lesbian, sapphist, tribade, Sl. butch, SL. femme, Derog. dyke, Derog. bull dyke, Archaic. fricatrice.

homosexuality, n. homosexualism, homoeroticism, sexual inversion, homosexs, Derog. faggotry, Derog. faggism, Inf. gayness; lesbianism, sapphism, tribadism or trinary.

homunculus, n. 1. midget, dwarf, little man, pyg- maniky, chin, fingerling, dapperling, cock-spar- row, hop-o'-my-thumb, Tom Thumb, Lilliputian, Chiefly Scot. wee fellow or lad or one, Obs. pigwigian, Archaic. dandiprat; shrimp, runt, pee-pee, squirt, pipsqueak, half-pint, Inf. shorty; imp, elf, fairy, sprite, goblin, (in German Folklore) kobold, Irish Folklore. leprechaun, Chiefly Brit. little person.
2. fetus, embryo, zygote, oospore.

home, n. 1. homestead, gristmill, grinding wheel, emery wheel or rasp, file, nail file, razor strap, abrasive.
—v. 2. whet, grind, rasp, file, abrade; sharpen, edge, put an edge on.

honest, adj. 1. upright, upstanding, incorruptible, uncorrupt, uncorrupted; ethical, moral, principled, high-principled, high-minded; truthful, veracious, ve- ridical, truth-telling, truth-speaking, truth-dealing, truth-loving; trustworthy, Inf. trustworthy, to be trusted, responsible, reliable, dependable, tried and true, to be depended or relied upon, to be counted on, as good as one's word, honest as the day is long; loyal, faithful, staunch, steadfast, true, truehearted, true-blue.
2. honorable, worthy, right, decent, good, Sl. white; just, fair, impartial, equitable, objective, balanced, disinterested, dispassionate, even, even-handed, Inf. level; straightforward, square, fair and square, square-dealing, plain-dealing, square-shotting, straightforward; unbiased, nonbiased, unprejudiced, nonprejudiced, nonprejudicial, unprepossessed, unjaundiced, openminded; uninfluenced, unbound, unbribed, un- swayed.
3. legitimate, valid, sound; rightful, proper, lawful, licit, legal.
4. open, open and sincere, open-hearted, ingenuous, card-carrying, Inf. sure-enough; inartificial, unsyn-

hospice, shelter, sanctum, sanctum sanctorum.
honestly, ad\v. 1. uprightly, upstandingly, incorruptibly, uncorrectly, uncorrectedly; ethnically, morally, high-mindedly; truthfully, trustworthy, Inf. trustily, responsibly, reliably, dependably; loyally, faithfully, staunchly, steadfastly.
2. honorably, worthily, right, decently, well; justly, fairly, impartially, equitably, objectively, disinterestedly, passionately, even, even-handedly, squarely, fair and square.
3. legitimately, soundly, validly; rightfully, properly, lawfully, licitly, legally.
4. open-heartedly, ingenuously, guilelessly, artlessly, sincerely, genuinely; overtly, openly, aboveboard, in open sight, in the open, out in the open, in full view, in plain view, in public, in public view, publicly, for all to see; up front, out front, on the table.
5. candidly, frankly, forthrightly, straightforwardly, to one's face, man to man, heart to heart, from the heart; explicitly, unequivocally, plainly, in plain words or English, with no nonsense, all joking aside; outspokenly, boldly, boldly, unrestrainedly, unreservedly, unabashedly; bluntly, bluntly, briskly, brashly, tactlessly.

honestly, n. 1. uprightness, rectitude, probity, honor, integrity; justice, justness, fairness, impartiality, equity, equitableness, objectivity, objectiveness, disinterestedness, evenness, evenhandedness, Inf. levelness; straightforwardness, square dealing, plain dealing, square shooting, straight shooting; open-mindedness, freedom from bias or prejudice.
2. truthfulness, veracity, veraciousness, truth-telling, truth-speaking, truth-loving, truth-dealing; candor, candidness, frankness, forthrightness, straightforwardness, calling a spade a spade, Inf. calling it as one sees it, Sl. telling it like it is; plainness, plain-spokenness, plain-speaking, downrightness, outrightness, explicitness, unequivocality; outspokenness, free-spokenness, free-speaking, nonrecence, freeness, boldness, unreserve, unrestrained, unconstraint, uninhibitedness, unashamedness; bluntness, bluntness, brusqueness, brashness, tactlessness.
3. openness, open-heartedness, ingenuousness, guilelessness, artlessness, sincerity, earnestness, genuineness, uncovertitiousness, undeceitfulness.

honey, n. 1. nectar, syrup, molasses, Brit. treacle, sorghum.
2. flattery, praise, compliment, music to one's ears; syrupiness, sweetness, cajolery, cajolability, flummery, bluff, blarney; delight, pleasure, bliss, rapture, ecstasy.
3. (often cap.) sugar, sweetie, honeyhunch, honey-bun, dear, darling, sweetheart.
4. Informal. peach, gem, jewel, pearl.

honeycomb, n. 1. comb, honey cells, cellular structure; labyrinth, maze; sieve, perforation, stiffer, strainer.
—\v. 2. perforate, pit, riddle, Fine Arts. cribble;
3. respectable, reputable, creditable, estimable, meritorious, highly respectable, straight-armed; law-abiding, law-loving; virtuous, righteous, uprightness; chaste, sinless, spotless, pure, immaculate, unblemished, unstartled, unspotted, unsullied, untarnished, undefined, unsmirked.

4. worthy, right, decent, good, Sl. white; just, fair, impartial, equitable, objective, balanced, disinterested; dispassionate, even, evenhanded. Infl. level; straight, square, fair and square, square-dealing, plain-dealing, square-shooting, straight-shooting; unbiased, nonbiased, unprejudiced, nonprejudiced, nonprejudiced, unjaundiced, open-minded; uninfluenced, unbought, unbribed, unswayed.

5. open and open-hearted, ingenuous, guileless, artless, genuine, sincere, undeceptive, unceasing, undeviating, unfeigned, unfeigning, undissembling, undissembling; aboveboard, open and aboveboard, up front, out front, up and up, on the up and up, on the level, no-nonsense.

**honorarium, n.** reward, recompense, remuneration, compensation; fee, salary, pay, payment, emolument; altarge, token acknowledgment, token of appreciation. Infl. Infl. and something; tip, gratuity, dooceur. Fr. pourboire, Ger. Trinkgeld, cumshaw, (in India and Turkey) bakshesh; bonus, extra, gift, present.

**honorary, adj.** honorific, honorific, honorific, honorific, honorific; title only, nominal; ex officio.

**hood, n.** cowl, capuche, mantilla, veil, coif, wimple, headdress; hoof, head scarf, fascinator, kerchief, head covering, rain bonnet or hat, southwester; bonnet, capote, calash, cap, hat.

**hoodoo, n.** 1. bad luck, evil, vexation, bane, afflication, torment, harm, misfortune, calamity, trouble.

2. voodoo, conjure, rootwork; black magic, evil eye, evil star; jinx, hex, juju, fetish; bogey, bugbear, bugaboo, hobo, hobgoblin, imp, evil spirit.

—v. 3. vex, trouble, beset, annoy, harass, distress, **Inf. jinx**; curse, plague, blight, scourge, injure, harm, destroy, doom.

**hoodlum, n.** 1. gangster, mobster, racketeer, mafia, desperado, terrorist; murderer, killer, slayer, spy, assassin; stranger, cutthroat, garrotter; gunman, All U.S. Sl. gun, hired gun, hit man, triggerman, hatchet man, torpedo.

2. burglar, robber, thief, stealer; bandit, hold-up man, Sl. stick-up man, armed robber, shoplifter, purse-snatcher, cutpurse, pickpocket; criminal, felon, convict, Sl. jailbird.

3. rowdy, ruffian, tough, **Inf. toughie**, thug, mugger, Sl. hood, Sl. yap, Infl. plugugly, Infl. goon; hooligan, Chiefly Brit. rough, Infl. roughneck, Infl. badly, Sl. bad actor, Sl. gunsel, Sl. mug, Australian Sl. larrikin, Brit. Hool. Moblock, (in Harris) apache.

4. brute, bully, brawler, barbarian; savage, vandal, yahoolo, Sl. ugly customer; scoundrel, knave, wretch, Archaic, caififf; blackguard, villain, hellhund, fiend; rascal, rascapcellion, scam, imp.

5. **hook, n.** 1. scythe, sickle; falchion, cutlass, scimitar, saber.

2. snap, trap, snare, spring, noose.

3. crook, angle, dogleg, hairpin turn, horseshoe, loop; curve, curvature, arc, arc, twist, tortuosity; bend, bending, flexion, flexure, inflexion.

4. holdfast, fastening, clap, catch, clasp, snap, hook and eye, fastener; pin, buckle, agraffe; clamp, vise, brace.

5. by hook or by crook somehow or other, no matter how, by any means, in one way or another, somehow, someway.

6. **hook, line, and sinker Informal.** entirely, completely, through and through, wholly, thoroughly.

7. off the hook Slang. a. exonerated, cleared, let off, vindicated, acquitted. b. under no obligation, uncommitted, unpledged, not bound.

—v. 8. ensnare, enmesh, entrap, snare, catch, catch hold of; seize, capture, nab, collar, noose, fasten, clasp, grip.

9. trick, hoodwink, bamboozle, beguile; dupe, hoax, inveigle, take in, gull; put one over, get around.

10. angle off, shoot off at an angle, bear off; meaner, zigzag, wind, wind in and out, sinuate, bend, crook, flex, bow, twist, curve.

11. **hook up a.** hitch, harness, moor, picket; fasten, bolt, confine, confine, pin, tie, bind, chain, link, couple, concatenate; lace, string, tether; attach, annex, affix. b. assemble, put together, piece by piece, together, lay together.

**hooked, adj.** 1. aquiline, falcate, falciform, hooked, Sl. hood, Sl. yap, Infl. plugugly, Infl. goon; hooligan, Chiefly Brit. rough, Infl. roughneck, Infl. badly, Sl. bad actor, Sl. gunsel, Sl. mug, Australian Sl. larrikin, Brit. Hool. Moblock, (in Harris) apache.

2. deride, cry down, express disapproval, laugh to scorn, hiss, jeer, fleer, scoff, snort, hiss and boo; point the finger of scorn at, point at, give the rasp on, mock, revile.

3. connection, connecting, conjunction, conjoining, coupling; combination, junction, unification, accouplment, joiand, tie-up, link, linking, joining, splicing.

4. alliance, coalition, entente, union, federation, confederation.

**hoolligan, n.** ruffian, rowdy, hoodlum, Infl. roughneck. See ruffian (def. 1).

**hook, n.** 1. ring, band, wheel, cordon, annulus; bracelet, circlet, armlet, collar; All Basketball, basket, Infl. ring, rim.

2. hoop skirt, crinoline, farthingale, hoop petticoat.

—v. 3. circle, surround, encircle, ring; belt, girdle, link, connect, couple; fasten, wrap, envelop, embrace.

**hoot, v.** 1. bellow, bawl, caterwaul, yowl, yelp; clamor, shout, roar, chorus, Infl. holler.

2. deride, cry down, express disapproval, laugh to scorn, hoot off the stage or platform; catcall, boo, hiss, jeer, fleer, scoff, snort, hiss and boo; point the finger of scorn at, point at, Sl. razz, Sl. give the raspberry or Bronx cheer; flout, ridicule, gibe, twist, taunt, mock, revile.
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1. jump, leap, jump or leap over, leapfrog, v. 1. jump, leap, vault, bound, buck, buckjump, skip, romp, spring.
2. a. jump, vault, bound, buck, buckjump, skip, romp, spring.
3. Informal. trip, quick trip, jaunt, junket; flight, short flight, leg, whistle stop.

hope, n. 1. expectation, desire, longing, want, fancy, wish; eagerness, craving, yearning, hankering, longing, Inf. yen, S. letch; aspiration, ambition, dream, daydream, hopefulness.
2. promise, prospect, assurance, security, expectation, confidence, anticipation, optimism, assumption; reliance, trust, faith, conviction.
—v. 3. expect, desire, believe, hold, doubt not; assume, deem likely, suppose, surmise, suspect.
4. anticipate, foresee, contemplate, look forward to, count upon, reckon on, aspire, watch for; be hopeful, have faith, hope against hope; rest assured, trust, believe, have heart, feel confident, be reassured, look on the bright or sunny side.
5. hope for, wish, have an eye to, have one's heart set on, have a fancy for; desire, be bent upon, aspire to, dream of; languish for, yearn for, hanker for, crave, pine for, hunger or thirst for, pant for.

hopeful, adj. 1. expectant, full of hope, anticipative, anticipating, looking forward to; optimistic, assured, confident, Inf. bullish. 2. promising, raising one's hopes, looking up, up-beat; encouraging, inspiring, heartening, fortified, vivifying, eating; auspicious, of good omen, favorable, propitious, assuring, reassuring; fair, pleasant, bright, rosy, roseate, gladdening.

hopeless, adj. 1. beyond hope, despair of, lost, irredeemable; beyond recovery, irrecoverable, irreparable, past cure, incurable, irremediable, remediless; beyond repair, irreparable, irretrievable, irremediable; serious, grave, fatal, deadly.
2. desperate, reckless, rash, precipitate, impetuous; ill-conceived, headlong, breakneck, madcap, foolhardy, harebrained; incautious, imprudent, indiscriminate, injudicious; dangerous, risky, hazardous, death-defying, daring, bold; frantic, mad, violent, wild, passionate, frenzied, frenetic; last-ditch, do-or-die.
3. despairing, despondent, disconsolate, inconsolable, comfortless, suicidal; dejected, depressed, melancholy, forlorn, downcast, Inf. down, wretched, miserable, broken-hearted, heartbroken; grief-stricken; cheerless, sad, plaintive, woeful, woebegone, rueful, sorrowful, dolorous, doleful, mournful, lugubrious, funereal; discouraged, disheartened, daunted, intimidated; concerned, worried, anxious.
4. impossible, futile, useless, vain; worthless, pointless, empty, idle; ineffective, unavailing, unattainable, unachievable, unobtainable, unfeasible.
5. inadequate, incompetent, inferior, poor, Sl. no good, Sl. lousy; unteachable, unmanageable, untractable; unserviceable, unusable; a lost cause.

hobble, v. hobble, tether, fetter. See hobble.

horde, n. 1. crowd, mob, mass, throng, large group, gathering, multitude, host; concomn, confluent, lot, entourage, caravan, procession, cavalcade.
2. nomadic group, tribe, troop, legion, company, band; moving pack, herd, swarm, flock.

horizon, n. skyline, Astron. azimuth, range of vision, field of view, field of vision, vista, view; offering, prospect, outlook.
2. scope, limit of perception, range of knowledge, realm, compass, confines.

horizontal, adj. flat, plane, level, Math. homoloidal, flush, supine, prone; flat as a pancake, flat as a flounder, flat as an ironing board, smooth as glass, flat as a millpond.

horn, n. 1. cornu, antler, projection; crest, tuft, plume, topnot, coxcomb; spike, spine, quill,feeler, tentacle, (in aphids) cornicle.
2. corn, callous, calloused or toughened or hardened skin.
3. cornucopia, horn of plenty, conch, cornet, pirouette, cone, funnel, pyramid.
4. (of saddles) pommel, nubble, nub, knob, handle, protuberance.
5. Music. musical instrument, brass instrument, wind instrument; trumpet, cornet, bugle; French horn, English horn, hand horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, helicon, sousaphone, bass.
6. honker, klaxon, siren, alarm; buzzier, sounder, noisemaker; bullhorn, foghorn, megaphone, loudspeaker.

horny, adj. 1. congenial, ceratoid, horn-like, horn; callous, calloused, tough, toughened, thick-skinned, hard, hardened, indurate, indurated; bony, bonelike, ossified.
2. horned, cornet, cornuted, cornicate; antlered, bicorn, bicornuate, bicornous, biconical, biconical.
3. horn-shaped, cornucopian, cornal, conical, cone-shaped, funnel-shaped; crescent-shaped, crescentlike, crescentoid, crescentic.

horrendous, adj. horrible, dreadful, awful. See horrible (def. 1).

horrible, adj. 1. dreadful, awful, horrid, horrendous; horrifying, terrifying, terrible, frightful, frightening, Inf. scary, appalling, harrowing; hideous, ghastly, grisly, gruesome, ghoulish, macabre, blood-curdling, unspeakable.
2. disgusting, sickening, nauseating, revolting, repulsive, repulsive; loathsome, abominable, abhorrent, detestable, hateful, despicable, odious, obnoxious, contemptible, contemptible, contemptible, vile, foul, reprehensible; atrocious, outrageous, heinous, villainous, monstrous.
3. deplorable, lamentable, regrettable, woeful, rueful; pitiful, piteous, pitiable, pathetic.

horrid, adj. horrible, horrendous, horrifying, dreadful. See horrible (def. 1).

horrify, v. 1. shock, startle, astound, stun, stupefy, paralyze, petrify; appall, consternate, daunt, unnerve, abash, floor; disturb, distress, harrow, agitate, dismaya, outrage, scandalize, shock, Sl. gross out; disgust, nauseate, sicken, Inf. turn one's stomach; offend, repel, repulse, Sl. turn [s.o.] off, Inf. put [s.o.] off.
2. terrify, frighten, frighten out of one's wits, scare, scare to death, panic, throw into a panic, Sl. curl one's hair, Inf. make one's hair stand on end, make one's blood run cold, Inf. scare stiff; alarm, startle, Inf. make [s.o.] jump out of his skin; Inf. scare the living daylights out of [s.o.]; terrorize, intimidate, Sl. freak [s.o.] out.

horror, n. 1. fear, fearfulness, dread, fright, Inf. funk; terror, panic, alarm, perturbation, trepidation,
horseplay, n. 1. horseman, hoss, pony, critter, n. SI. 

hosanna, n. shout of praise, hallelujah, allelujah; practicality, judgment, soundness. See horticulture, arboriculture.

host, n. 1. multitude, lot, crowd, throng, crush, mess, horde, mob, rabble; drove, bevy, herd, pack, flock, swarm, gaggle, school, shoal; army, legion, tribe, band, troop, company, group, body, assemblage, assembly, congregation, aggregation, array.

hostage, n. pawn, gage, prisoner; security, surety, leverage.

hostel, n. hostelry, hospice, youth hostel, youth hotel, caravansary, khan; inn, motor lodge, motel, hotel, tourist or guest home, pension, boarding house, lodging, lodgment, shelter, resting place.

hostile, adj. 1. antagonistic, opposed, adverse, contrary, oppugnant; anti, against, SI. agin, down on; inimical, unfavorable, unpropitious, inauspicious.

2. aggressive, warlike, belligerent, bellicose; combative, contentious, militant, warring, fighting; bickering, quarreling, wrangling, clashing; discordant, fractious, factious.

3. unfriendly, unkind, unsympathetic, inhospitable, cold, unsociable; malicious, mean, ugly, malevolent.

hostility, n. 1. antagonism, animus, ill will, ill feeling, grudge, spite, contempt; enmity, hatred, hate, dislike, disaffection, odium; malevolence, malice, meanness; bitterness, anger, wrath, dudgeon, rancor; ranking, bad blood, contumely.

2. opposition, contraposition, contradiction, clash, antipathy, oppugnancy; resistance, unwillingness, contrariness, contrariety, recalcitrance.

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4. hostilities war, warfare, fighting, conflict, militancy; contention, strife, aggression; state of war, state of siege; battles, sieges, raids, bloodshed, struggles, action.

hot, adj. 1. heated, warm, calecent; fiery, piping hot, red hot; burning, flaming, blazing, scorching, roasting, searing, toasting, baking, ovenlike; scalding, parching, sweltry, sweltering, blistering.

2. feverish, febrile, flushed, feverous, fevered, red; burning, flaming, blazing, scorching, roasting, searing; scalding, parching, sweltery, sweltering, blistering.

3. peppery, sharp, piquant, acrid; biting, tart, stinging, astringent, burning.

4. ardent, fervent, fervid, zealous, enthusiastic; vehement, passionate, impetuous, spirited; excited, animated, agitated, inflamed, impassioned, kindled; angry, furious, irate, enraged, infuriated; wrathful, splenetic, choleric, hot-tempered; seething, raging, fuming.

5. eager, keen, assiduous, earnest, sedulous; anxious, intent, SI. gung-ho, desirous; enterprising, industrious, hustling.

6. lustful, lascivious, salacious, lecherous, libidinous, lubricious, Archaic. lickeries; animalistic, bestial, carnal, sensual, voluptuous, goatherd; prurient, wanton, concupiscent, ruttish; priapic, randy, SI.
horny, sex-crazy, sex-crazed, sex-mad, sex-hungry.
7. violent, furious, vigorous, fierce, ferocious, savage; intense, forcible, strong, strenuous; stormy, tempestuous, turbulent, tumultuous; uproarious, boisterous, rampant.
8. new, fresh, recent, late, latest; brand-new, Inf. spanning new, just out, just released, just issued, Inf. hot off the griddle, Inf. hot off the presses.
9. popular, in demand, sought after, in vogue, well-liked, well-loved, in high esteem; successful, marketable, commercial, salable.
10. disposed, of the mind, given to, in the mood, Inf. up for; eager for, keen on, Inf. game for, Sl. psyched for, Sl. all hopped up about, Sl. all worked up about.
11. electric, electrified, electrically powered, high-powered, galvanic, high-tension, low-tension.

hotbed, n. nest, cradle, nidus, nursery, womb; breed.

hothouse, n. greenhouse, conservatory.

hotel, n. inn, motel, motor inn, motor hotel, tavern, n. hotel, adj. 1. over protected, protected, sheltered, shielded; pampered, spoon-fed, indulged, smothered, defended; pampered, coddled; smothering, stultifying, oppressive.

hot-blooded, adj. 1. excitable, edgy, skittish, restless, restive, fitful; impetuous, impulsive, temperamental, quixotic.
2. adventurous, exciting, venturesome, heady; adventurously, dougthy, audacious, bold.
3. ardent, passionate, fiery, heated, impassioned; virile, lusty, vigorous, spirited; sensual, carnal, voluptuous, prurient; randy, priapic, Sl. horny, sex-hungry, sex-crazy, itching, Scot. and North Eng. cadgy.

hotheaded, adj. 1. rash, impetuous, headlong, wild, foolhardy, precipitate, reckless; unruly, unbridled, unmanageable; helter-skelter, temerarious, breakneck, madcap, daredevil.
2. hot-tempered, quick to anger, Sl. short-fused, short-tempered, hot, quick; combustible, explosive, inflammable, volcanic.

hothouse, n. 1. greenhouse, Brit. glasshouse, conservatory.

—and adj. 2. delicate, fragile, dainty, frail; feeble, weak, strengthless, unsteady, brittle, breakable, perishable.
3. overprotected, protected, sheltered, shielded, smothered, defended; pampered, spoony-fed, indulged, spoiled, coddled; smothering, stupefying, oppressive, suppressive.
4. artificial, unnatural, man-made; imitation, simulated.

hounds, n. hunting dog, Southern U.S. Dial. hound dog, bird dog, bloodhound, bird dog, harrier, beagle, pointer, setter, retriever, greyhound, staghound, foxhound, boarhound, Russian wolfhound; spaniel, terrier, dachshund, mastiff, police dog, sheep dog, St. Bernard, Newfoundland.

2. dog, canine, pup, puppy, whelp, bitch, Inf. bow-wow, Inf. pooh, cur, mongrel, Inf. mutt, pariah dog; house dog, watchdog, fancy dog, lap dog.

3. Informal. mean fellow, scoundrel, villain, Inf. rat; rogue, knave, cad, blackguard, Inf. scalawag, black sheep, Brit. Sl. rotter, miscreant, Inf. wrong 'un, rascal, roué, rake, debauchee, Brit. Sl. bounder.
4. Informal. devotee, addict, fanatic, extreme enthusiast, fan, infatuate, faddist, Inf. bug, Inf. nut.

—and v. 5. pursue, dog, follow, stalk, chase, trail, hunt, Inf. tail, heel, follow on the heels of, shadow, go after, fly after.
6. pursue unremittingly, persecute, bully, Inf. lean on; browbeat, Inf. bulldoze, Inf. buffalo, harass; nag, pester, annoy, tag after, keep after, hang on the skirts of, hang on the coat tails of.
7. urge, urge on, Inf. egg on, incite, move, motivate, prompt, provoke to action; push, propel, impel, spur, prick, goad, prod, lash, whip, bring pressure to bear on, force.

hour, n. sixty minutes; the time, the time of day, the specific time, a particular time, an appointed time, time slot, customary or usual time, critical time.

house, n. 1. dwelling, residence, home, abode, homestead, household; domicile, dwelling house, lodgings, quarters, Chiefly Brit. Inf. diggings or digs; mansion, castle, palace, manor house; villa, chateau, chalet, country seat, hall; hacienda, plantation, farmstead, grange; townhouse, condominium, suite, apartment house, apartment, Inf. pad, tenement, flat, Chiefly Brit. maisonette; inn, hotel, motel, hostel, hospice; cabin, cottage, bower, log house, bungalow, hut, shanty, shack, lean-to, hovel.
2. household, home, family circle, domestic establishment, menage, home roof, homestead; hearth, chimney corner, Brit. Dial. ingleside, Chiefly Brit. inglenook; fraternity, fraternity members.
3. family, family tree, lineage, kindred, ancestors; ancestry, derivation, extraction, pedigree, descent, blood, race, strain, stock, root, people; clan, Rom. Hist., Anthropol. gens, Irish., Anthropol. sept; nation, dynasty.
4. public building, theater, concert hall, auditorium; church, temple, synagogue.
5. congregation, audience, listeners, spectators, public, gathering, assembly.
6. legislative body, advisory or deliberative group, congress, council assembly, legislature, (in Anglo-Saxon England) gemot; lower chamber, Commons; (of a legislative body) quorum.
7. business firm, commercial establishment, company, stock, business, corporation; partnership, co-partnership; shop, store, enterprise, undertaking.

—and v. 8. lodge, quarter, furnish with housing, enclose, board, put up, billet, bed, roof; dwell, reside, abide, remain, continue, live, room, bunk, tenant.
9. shelter, harbor, take in, befriend, care for, maintain, sustain, foster.
10. accommodate, contain, have room for, have capacity for, have space for.
11. remove from exposure, safeguard, secure, make fast, preserve; guard, shield, encase, sheathe; protect, look after, tend.

housebreaker, n. burglar, robber, thief; Inf. second-story man, Sl. cracksman, Brit. picklock, Raffles; sneak thief, cat burglar, prowler; thief, purloiner, pilferer, filcher, Inf. crook, Sl. yegg or yeggman; criminal, gangster, felon.

household, n. 1. family, family circle, domestic establishment, menage, home roof, homestead; hearth, chimney corner, Brit. Dial. ingleside, Chiefly Brit. inglenook.

—and adj. 2. ordinary, usual, common, everyday, average, typical; regular, routine, ritual, repeated, established, standard, conventional; plain, run-of-the-mill, garden-variety; domestic, homespun, workaday.

householder, n. 1. landowner, property owner, lord of the manor, landlord, landlady, master, mistress, host, hostess; proprietor, proprietor, innkeeper, hotel keeper.

2. family head, patriarch, matriarch, father, master, paterfamilias, elder.

housekeeper, n. housewife, matron, mistress, home economist; maid, chief maid, female servant, cleaning lady, Inf. help.
housewife, n. homemaker, hausfrau, housekeeper, home economist, family manager, SL. chief cook and bottle washer; wife, mate, consort, Inf. better half.

housing, n. 1. shelter, protection, covering; abode, dwelling, house, home, roof; domicile, lodging, lodging, quarters, Chiefly Brit. Inf. diggings or digs; stopping place, stopover; accommodations, residence, habitation. 2. provision of housing, quartering, boarding, billeting, harboring, accommodation.

hover, v. hang suspended, hang over, ride in the air, hang in the air; fly, be wafted, float. 1. shed, open shed, tool shed, work shed, crib; coop, chicken coop, cattle shed; pen, corral, enclosure.

housewife, n. homemaker, hausfrau, housekeeper, home economist, family manager, SL. chief cook and bottle washer; wife, mate, consort, Inf. better half.

hub, n. 1. nave, pivot, axis, Biol. centrosome. 2. center, center of activity, focal point, focus, point of convergence, middle; core, heart, navel, nucleus, backbone.

hubbub, n. uproar, din, brouhaha, clamor, blare, noise; racket, clatter, shivaree, charivari, Northeastern U.S. callithump; commotion, chaos, confusion, pandemonium, bedlam, upheaval, disorder; tumult, turmoil, turbulence, hullabaloo, Inf. boffery; disturbance, agitation, stir, unrest, disquiet; excitement, pother, bustle, fuss, ado, Inf. to-do, Inf. foofarow, Inf. stew, Sl. hoo-ha, Sl. flap; melee, hurly-burly, fracas, rumpus, Inf. ruckus, Inf. shindy.

huckster, n. 1. hawk, peddler, cheap-jack, vendor, salesman; pitchman, Barker, dealer, concessionaire; traveling salesman, door-to-door salesman, Fuller Brush man, colporteur; merchant, dealer, sutler; bargain, haggler, haggler.

hovel, n. 1. hole, hole in the ground, dump, sty, pigsty, pigpen, tumbledown shack, wretched hut; hut, hutch, shack, shanty, Brit. bothy; cottage, cot, bungalow, bower, cabin, Brit. DIAL. cot, Scot. but-and-then.

hover, v. 1. hang suspended, hang over, ride in the air, hang in the air; fly, be wafted, float. 2. wait nearby, linger near, stay near, stand guard, hang in the air; fly, be wafted, float. 1. shed, open shed, tool shed, work shed, crib; coop, chicken coop, cattle shed; pen, corral, enclosure.

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huffy. **adj.** 1. irritable, touchy, cranky, huffy.

hug, **v.** 1. embrace, take into one's arms, squeeze, clasp to one's bosom, enfold; hold in one's arms, caress, cuddle, snuggle, lie together.

hull, **n.** 1. Bot. n. hull, adj. unwieldy, cumbersome, cumbrous, awkward, gross, bulky, clumsy, ungainly, ungraceful, lumberly, lumpish; unmanageable, incommodious, difficult to handle, ill-proportioned; massive, ponderous, weighty, overgrown, towering; uncouth, loutish, graceless, inelegant.

hum, **v.** 1. drone, murmur, throb, buzz, purr, whirl, zoom; sing, croon, whisper.

human, **adj.** 1. humane, kindly, sensitive, accessible, down-to-earth, earthy; vulnerable, flesh and blood, weak, defenseless, unguarded; faulty, errant, erring.

humanize, **v.** 1. hum, humanity, human race, people, humankind, humane.

humble, **adj.** 1. humble, subdue, dulcify, chasten, humble, subdue, dulcify, chasten, humanize, human race, people, humankind, humane.
2. meek, mild, submissive, obsequious, servile, sub-
servient, subsidiary, slavish, broken in spirit, unamb-
tious, unresisting; manageable, docile, acquiescent,
obeidient, adaptable, tractable, duteful, consentient;
broken, resigned, subdued, sedate, tame.

3. unassuming, plain, common, commonplace, 
ordinary, humdrum; simple, poor, pleblian, proletari-
at, earth-born, of low birth, low in rank, of low rank,
low-ranking, unequal, inferior, baseborn, of low 
or mean parentage; homely, homespun, unrefined, vul-
gar, ill-bred, underbred, lowbred, uncouth, unfin,
shabby, scruffy, scruffy; mean, low, ignoble, inglori-
ous, base, infamous, ignominious, contemptible, sor-
did, despicable.

4. inconsequential, of little or small importance, in-
significant, small, minute, little, obscure, un-
distinguished, trivial, paltry, petty, puny, trifling, ped-
dling, piddling, Inf. measly, Sl. small potatoes, Inf.
small time.

5. polite, respectful, gracious; deferential, obliging,
complaisant, compliant, agreeable, biddable; hesitant,
diffident, timid, timorous, shy, bashful, demure, meek-spirited.

6. godly, reverential; apologetic, regretful, remorse-
ful, rueful, penitent, penitential, contrite, compunc-
tious, expiatory, supplicatory; content, tolerant, en-
during, stoic, stoical; calm, gentle, peaceful, peace-
able, placid, passive.

—v. 1. humiliate, mortify, bring down, Inf. take or 
bring down a notch or peg, Sl. put down, make [s.o.
] eat humble pie, Inf. make [s.o.] eat crow, Inf. make
[s.o.] eat his words, (of oneself) Inf. swallow one’s
pride, pull down, bring low, chasten, subdue; disgrace,
shame, dishonor, put to shame; abuse, debase, de-
grade, vitiate, lower, demote, downgrade.

8. demean, belittle, disparage, deprecate, depreciate,
decry, deflate, derogate.

9. snub, rebuke, put in one’s place, scorn, spurn,
slap in the face, pin [s.o.] ears back, rebuff, reprove,
chide, scold; deny, deprecate, repel, reject; overlook,
neglect, Inf. cast into the shade, set aside, Inf. cold
shoulder, disregard, omit, slight, (of oneself) Inf. take
a back seat.

10. crush, break, destroy, defeat utterly, rout, con-
quered, drive into the background, obliterate, smash,
conquer, vanquish, bring to one’s knees, tread or trample under
foot.

11. confuse, abash, perplex, bewilder, confound,
nonplus, dumbfound; disconcert, discompose, discounten-
ance, put out of countenance; intimidate, daunt, 
cow, browbeat; embarrass, put to the blush.

12. slur, asperse, impute, libel, slander, defile, scandalize,
smear, smear, besmirch, stain, tarnish, brand, stigmatize.

humbled, adj. 1. crushed, broken, destroyed, 
routed, discomfited, overwhelmed, obliterated, smashed,
conquered, vanquished.

2. belittled, disparaged, depreciated, derogated, de-
flated, decréd; reduced, lowered, depressed, devalued,
depreciated.

3. humiliated, mortified, meekened, chastened, sub-
dued, made to eat humble pie; shamed, disgraced, dis-
honored, reproached; discredited, disfavored, Sl. in the
doghouse; debased, abased, degraded, vitiated.

4. insulted, affronted, abused, ill-treated, mal-
treated, slighted; outraged, scandalized.

5. slurred, aspersed, libeled, slandered, denigrated,
defamed; smirched, besmirched, smeared, stained, tar-
nished, branded, stigmatized.

humbug, n. 1. hoax, fraud, wise, ruse, sham, Ar-
chic; chouze; deception, delusion, imposition, impos-
ture, artifice, pretense, humbuggery; dissimulation,
representation, falsehood, lie, fabrication, fiction,
dodge, blind, feint, shift, Inf. song and dance, Inf.
story; swindle, cheat, trickery, trick, confidence game,
Sl. con game, Inf. flimflam, Sl. rip-off.

2. impostor, fake, fraud, empiric, charlatan,
mountebank, humbugger, Inf. quack, Inf. phony,
Australian. bunyip; pretender, feigner, malingerer,
masquerader, deceiver, dissemler, inveigler, wolf in
sheep’s clothing; trickster, bamboozler, swindler,
cheater, chiseler, bilker, didder, sharpie, shark, fast
talker, crook, confidence man, Sl. con man, Sl. flim-
flam man. See cheat (def. 1).

3. flummery, trumpery, stuff, Inf. hokum, Sl. bull,
Sl. applesauce, Sl. eyewash; nonsense, bunkum or
buncombe, baloney, Inf. bosh, U.S. Sl. blah, Sl. bunk,
Brit. Inf. gammon, Brit. Sl. tosh; rubbish, trash,
hogwash, Inf. truck, Inf. rot, Sl. tripe, Sl. garbage,
Sl. crap, Sl. crook, Dial. culch. See nonsense (def. 2).

—v. 4. delude, mislead, bamboozle, Sl. hornswo
gull, pull the wool over [s.o.’s] eyes, take [s.o.] in, cul-
ly, cozen, bluff, Inf. buffalo; trick, hoodwink, dupe,
gull, fool, chouse; feign, sham, malinger, pretend, dis-
ssemble, misrepresent; cheat, swindle, defraud, fleece,
rock, rook, take advantage of, Inf. diddle, Inf. do, Inf.
quickly, Sl. flimflam. See cheat (def. 1).

humdinger. n. Slang. Inf. beaut, Sl. lulu, Sl. lolla-
palooza, Inf. dilly, Sl. doozy, Inf. rip-snorter, Sl. cok,
Sl. pip; Sl. something, Sl. something else or some-
thing else again, Sl. hot stuff, Inf. knockout, Sl.
winner; Sl. daisy, Inf. dandy, Inf. honey, Sl. dream.

humdrum, adj. uneventful, monotonous, repeti-
tious, routine, unvaried, undiversified, unvarying, un-
changing, undeviating; dull, tedious, tiresome, boring,
boresome, wearisome; prosaic, prosy, matter-of-fact,
uninteresting, ho-hum, Sl. dead, dry, dry-as-dust, un-
extciting, uninspiring: mediocre, second-rate, half-
baked, so-so, fair, fair to middling; Inf. O.K., all
right, Sl. no big deal, Sl. no biggie, Sl. nothing great.
Inf. nothing to write home about, Sl. nothing or
nothing special; ordinary, run-of-the-mill, common,
commonplace, everyday, household, familiar; banal,
platitudinous, hackneyed, trite, stock, set; tasteless,
bland, insipid, jejune, flat, vapid, U.S. Sl. blah, Sl.
for the birds.

humid, adj. muggy, Inf. close, sticky, clammy, moist,
damp; sultry, sweltering, sudorific, diaphoretic;
steamy, dank, soggy, watery, wetish, dewy; foggy,
vaporous, vaporific, misty, drizzly, dripping, rainy.

humidity, n. 1. humidity, dampness, moisture, 
dew, damp, wetness, wateriness, sogginess; mugginess,
slowness, slackness, dankness, clamminess; steam,
mist, fog, vapor.

—v. 2. relative humidity, absolute humidity, dew point.

humiliate. v. humble, mortify, bring down. See hum-
ble (defs. 7-12).

humiliated, adj. 1. mortified, humbled, meekened,
made to eat humble pie; shamed, disgraced, dishonored,
reproached; discredited, disfavored, Sl. in the dog-
house; debased, degraded, abased, vitiated.

2. belittled, disparaged, depreciated, derogated, de-
flated, decréd; reduced, lowered, depressed, devalued,
depreciated.

3. insulted, affronted, abused, ill-treated, maltreat-
ted, slighted; outraged, scandalized.

4. slurred, aspersed, libeled, slandered, denigrated,
defamed; smirched, besmirched, smeared, stained, tar-
nished, branded, stigmatized.

5. crushed, broken, destroyed, routed, discomfited,
overwhelmed, obliterated, smashed, conquered, van-
quished.

humiliating, adj. 1. mortifying, humiliating; disgrace-
humiliation

humor, comedy, funniness, facetiousness,

1. humiliation

2. adhibit, derogatory, deprecatory, disparaging, deprecatory.

3. base, vile, odious, oppressive, infamous, ignominious, scurrilous; degrading, demoralizing, abjective.

humiliation, n. 1. mortification, humble pie, humbled pride; disgrace, shame, dishonor, reproach, disrepute, disreputation, ill repute, bad repute, discredit, disfavor, obloquy, loss of face; degradation, debasement, self-abasement, vitiation, downfall, fall, depression, reduction, deprecation, devaluation; belittlement, derogation, distraction, depreciation, deflation, disparagement, Inf. put-down.

2. odium, opprobrium, execration, infamy, ignominy; scarcity, scarcity, scurrility.

3. humbling, mortifying, belittling; shaming, disgracing, dishonoring, putting to shame; crushing, breaking, smashing, overwhelming, vanquishing, conquering.

4. humbleness, meekness, lowliness, abjection, submission, resignation.

5. indignity, insult, affront, slight, discourtesy, contumely; abuse, outrage, ill-treatment, maltreatment.

6. impeachment, indictment, renunciation, recrimination, reproof; slur, imputation, vilification, slander, libel, smear, smirch, blot, scandal, brand, stigma.

humility, n. 1. humbleness, meekness, modesty; meekness, meekness, meekness; obsolete, obscurity, lowliness, lowliness of spirit or heart or mind, inferiority; obedience, submission, resignation; self-abasement, self-abasement, mortification.

2. modesty, unpretentiousness, unpretentiousness, unpretentiousness, freedom from pride or arrogance, reserve, restraint.

3. timidity, timidity, diffidence, meekness of heart or mind or spirit, confusion, hesitation; shyness, bashfulness, demureness.

4. godliness, reverence; penitence, supplication, contrition; contentment, toleration, forbearance, endurance, stoicism, clemency; gentleness, peacefulness, peaceableness, passiveness, placidity.

hummock, n. hammock, hillock, knoll, rise, hump, mogul, bump; mound, elevation, Brit. barrow. See hillock.

humor, n. 1. comedy, funniness, facetiousness, drollery; wit, ready wit, Wittiness, Attic wit, dry wit; gallows humor, black comedy; jocularity, wagghiness, banter, raillery, badinage, persiflage, repartee, ridicule; witicism, bon mot, gag, pleasantry, jest, jest, jest; Inf. joke, joke, joke; SL chestnut, SL bromide, wheee, Joe Millerism, pun, wordplay, play on words, spoonerism, malapropism; ampligory, nonsense, nonsense rhyme, doggerel, limerick, merri- nesse, playness, good spirit; Inf. laughs; ridiculousness, ludicrousness; SL shenanigans, buffoonery, tomfoolery, horseplay; trick, prank, practical joke.

2. temper, mood, frame of mind; vein, spirit, heart, soul; temperament; disposition, nature, character, attitude; tendency, bent, inclination, leaning, propensity; stripe, cast, mold, set of one's jib.

3. whim, caprice, fancy, whimsy; sportive, playful.

4. godliness, reverence; penitence, supplication, contrition; contentment, tolerance, forbearance, endurance, stoicism, clemency; gentleness, peacefulness, peaceableness, passiveness, placidity.

5. adapt, accommodate, stretch a point, make excuses for, make provision for; give in, concede, yield, acquiesce, oblige, relent; permit, tolerate, suffer, allow.

humorist, n. comedy writer, Inf. gag writer, cartoonist, caricaturist, lampoonist, parodist; joker, comic, comedian, comedienne, Inf. standup comic, clown, slapstick artist; harlequin, punch, punchinello, scararamouche, fool, jester; droll fellow, funny person, banterer, Inf. wisecracker, punster; cutup, zany, madcap, antic; Fr. farceur, mummer, mime, mimic.

humorous, adj. 1. funny, comic, laughable, ridiculous, farcical, ludicrous, absurd; rib-tickling, side-splitting, screamingly funny; witty, clever, sharp, sarcastic, ironical, satirical.

2. droll, facetious, jocose, jocular, jovial, jolly, merry; lively, amusing, Inf. cute, waggish, devilish, roguish, prankish, arch, mischievous; sportive, playful.

hump, n. 1. protuberance, prominence, (of a bone) tuberosity, projection, protrusion, bulge, convexity, hunch; nodule, node, knob, mass, lump, bump; swelling, swell, intumescence, tumefaction, dilation, enlarging.

2. hummock, hillock, knoll, monitile. See hillock.

3. over the hump out of the woods, over the worst of it, in the clear; safe, secure, on the way up, on the road to recovery.

—v. 4. hunch, arch. See hunch (def. 1).

humpback, n. See hunchback.

humpbacked, adj. See hunchbacked.

humus, n. soil, earth, dirt, ground, sod, clod, Archaic glebe; loam, clay, marl, mold, dust, gumbo, till, adobe.

hunch, v. 1. thrust out, arch, vault, curve, hump, crook; incurve, turn, curl, flex, bend, embow; bunch up, curl up, tuck, fold up.

2. shove, push, jostle, elbow, shoulder; poke, jog, press, plunge, nudge; bump, buffet, jounce; squeeze, wedge, slice, Chiefly Dial. scrouge; push through, drive through, buldoze, ram, butt.

3. lunge forward, thrust, foin, pass, cut, cut and thrust; rush, charge, propel.

4. stoop, crouch, Dial. scrooch, Dial. scrouch; bend, squat, gringle; get down, hunker.

—n. 5. hump, hump, protuberance, gibbosity. See hump (def. 1).

6. push, shove, jog, jolt, jostle; thrust, blow, buffet; nudge, poke, stroke, joggle; butt, bent, boost; propulsion, impulse, impulse.

hunchback, n. 1. humpback, crookback, camel back, Med. kyphosis, Quasimodo, Fr. bossu.

2. crooked back, hunchback, round shoulders, stoop shoulders, Vet. Pathol. sway-back, Pathol. scoliosis, gibbosity, stoop, hump; deformation, malformation, misshape.

hunchbacked, adj. humpbacked, crookbacked, camel-back, back, hunchbacked, crookback, Pathol. scoliotic; humped, stooped, Med. kyphotic, gibbous, stoop-shouldered; misshapen, deformed, malformed, misbegotten.

hundred, n. 1. centum, Welsh: centef, 100, C; century, centennial, century, centenium.


hunger, n. 1. hungriness, appetite, appetite, appetite, stomach, taste; tapeworm, Pathol. bulimia, canine appetite, Inf. sweet tooth; ravenousness, Edacity, voraciousness.
hunt, v. chase, give chase, run down
huntsman, n. pursuing, chasing, sporting, coursing.

hunting, n. Informal, 1. n. hunk, adj. hungry,
4. want, long for, pine for, yearn for, hunger, craving, thirst, coveting, want; yearning, longing, after, lust after, pant after, desire, gasp for. be dying for, burn for, die for; covet, crave, thirst one's chops.
cacoethes. or search search for, quest or out acarpous, fallow; spare,
3. poor, barren, sterile, Bot.
hankering; Inf. gobbling, grasping; eager, hungering, greedy, avaricious, voracious, rapacious; devouring, 2. desirous, wishful, wistful, longing, yearning, pining; 4. search, forage, rummage, ransacking; quest, treasure for, look for, go in search or hawk, pigstick; stalk, still-hunt, track, trail, follow, or tracking down, hunting down; pursuing, following, trailing, Inf. tailing.

hence, v. hurrying, hurry.

hunger, n. hungrier, 4. want, long for, pine for, yearn for, Inf. starve, be ravenous, Inf. lick one's chops.
4. want, long for, pine for, yearn for, Inf. hanker for, have a yen for; itch for, ache for, be hurting for, be dying for, burn for, die for; covet, crave, thirst after, lust after, pant after, desire, gasp for.
hungry, adj. 1. starving, famishing, craving, esurient, appetitive; hungering, ravening, ravenous, sharp-set; famished, starved, peckish; half-starved, half-famished, hungry as a bear, growling.
2. desirous, wishful, wistful, longing, yearning, pining; solicitous, desiderative, needing, wanting; covetous, greedy, avaricious, voracious, rapacious; devouring, gorging, grasping; eager, hungering, Inf. hankering; keen on, bent on, set on, itching to, aching to, dying to, faint to, Inf. spoiling for; desiring, libidinous, lusting, lustful.
3. poor, barren, sterile, Bot. acarpous, fallow; spare,
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hurry, n. 1. Informal. chunk, large piece, block, square; portion, serving, share, Inf. whack, part; cut, slice, wedge, chop, slab, rasher, Brit. Dial. colllop; mass, lump, clump, clod; mound, Inf. gob, dollop, blob.
2. Adonis, god; he-man, Inf. bruiser, muscle-man.
hunt, v. 1. chase, give chase, run down or after, make after, pursue, course, Brit. cheesy, (in India) shikar, follow close or hot on one's heels; hound, dog, hawk, pigstick; stalk, still-hunt, track, trail, follow, shadow, haunt, Inf. tail; track down, hunt down, trace out, search out, seek out; ferret out, drive out, chase out, put to flight.
2. Often hunt up or out search or seek for, quest for, go in search or quest for, treasure-hunt, look for, seek or seek for; dig for, dive for, fish or fish for, try to find, forage for, scrounge around, rummage through; ransack, go through, take apart, dismantle, turn everything upside down or inside out; leave no stone unturned, search thoroughly, rake, scour, look high and low, look all over or everywhere; explore, delve into, investigate, study, research, Inf. check out, look examine, go over with a fine-tooth comb; ask around, query, question, inquire into, look into, pry into; search out, nose out, sniff out, find out.

—v. 3. pursue, chase, chasing, hunting, sport,sporting, course, coursing, (in India) shikan, Brit. cheesy, Arabic. venery; hawking, falconry, Chiefly Brit. beagling, fox hunting; stalking, still hunt, tracking or tracking down, hunting down, pursuing, following, trailing, Inf. tailing.

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hurried, adj. 1. rushed, driven, pressed for time; expeditious, urgent, pressing; hustling, bustling, flurrying, darting, scurrying, scuttling; feverish, frantic, frenetic, hectic.
2. hasty, cursory, superficial, shallow, perfunctory, passing, offhand; slapdash, lax, loose, slack; rash, reckless, careless, heedless, thoughtless; precipitate, headlong, breakneck.
hurry, v. 1. move quickly, hasten, lose no time, rush, make haste, Scot. swish, Scot. whirry, Literary. haste; race, scurry, skip, spurt, whiz, run, sprint; press on, push on, ride hard, canter, trot, gallop, lope, clape spurs to one's horse; shoot, tear, fly, fly on the wings of the wind, outstrip the wind, wing one's way, take wings to flight; scour, hunt; hustle, scamper, scuttle, trip, flit; flee, hotfoot, footfoot it, hightail, hightail it, Inf. skedaddle, be on the run, beat a retreat; whip off, whip away, dash off, dash off, run like mad, Sl. get cracking, Sl. get one's rear in gear, Sl. shake a leg, Sl. go like a cat out of hell, go or run wide open, go all out, go at full blast, Inf. go like a shot, Sl. go hellbent for leather, Inf. go like greased lightning; hustle, speed up, put on more speed, step on the gas, Sl. step on it, Sl. burn up the road, cover ground; bound, spring, jump,
hurry-scurry

1. haste, rush, precipitation; confusion, agitation, disquietude, perturbation, fidgetiness, dither, jitters, Inf. strew, Inf. sweat, Inf. cold sweat; flurry, flutter, fuss, furor, ruffle, turmoil, commotion; stir, whirl, pother, Dial. freeze, ferment; scurry, scampering, dash; harum-scarum, hurry-scurry, pell-mell, helter-skelter, bustle, ado, hubbub; impatience, eagerness, anxiety, urgency.

2. velocity, speed, rapidity, dispatch, celerity, quickness, expedition, promptitude, hastiness.

hurry-scurry, n. 1. haste, rush, precipitation; confusion, disorder; agitation, perturbation, disquietude, fidgetiness, dither, jitters, Inf. strew, Inf. sweat, Inf. cold sweat; flurry, flutter, fuss, furor, ruffle, turbulence, commotion; stir, whirl, pother, Dial. freeze, ferment; scurry, scampering, dash; harum-scarum, hurry-scurry, pell-mell, helter-skelter, bustle, ado, hubbub; impatience, eagerness, anxiety, urgency.

2. hurriedly, hastily, precipitately; confusion, disorderly, headlong, harum-scarum, helter-skelter, pell-mell, head over heels, holus-bolus, Inf. slam-bang; rashly, carelessly, heedlessly, recklessly, riotously, tumultuously, turbulently, agitatedly.

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2. hurriedly, hastily, precipitately; fling, hurl, heave, pitch, cast, lay on, drub, cudgel, club, bludgeon, hammer, blackjack, baste, Inf. lambaste, bastinado; sandbag, buffet, box, punch, strike, smite, hit.

3. whip, thrash, Inf. lace, flog, flail, flagellant; strap, belt, cane, birch; spank, Archaic. swinge, trounce; chastise, punish.

4. abuse, maltreat, ill-treat, ill-use, misuse, do violence to; manhandle, maul, mangle, mutilate, Sl. lay into, main, scar; lame, cripple, becramp, hamstring; disable, incapacitate, debilitate.

5. pain, torment, anguish, agonize, torture, rack, cruciate; aggrieve, grieve, sorrow, sadden, despond, dishearten, depress; scathe, cut to the quick, cut to the heart, wound the feelings; insult, affront, give offense, give umbrage; snap at, assail, bite the hand that feeds one.

6. harrow, distress, discommodate, afflict; faze, shake, unstring, discompose.

7. spoil, harm, impair, disqualify, unfit; mar, damage, vitiate, Law. damnify; blemish, blight, blunt, dull, crack, craze; break, break up, break apart, fragmentize, burst; smash, smash to smithereens, shatter; devastate, lay waste, make waste, desolate; pillage, ravage, despoil.

8. corrupt, subvert, canker, debase, pervert, warp, prostitute, degrade; defile, deflower, contaminator, taint, pollute, infect; alley, adulterate, tamper with, doctor; weaken, enfeeble, Archaic. extenuate, debilitate, devitalize, exhaust, sap, sap the strength of, spend.

9. pain, soreness, ache, aching, discomfort, malaise; throb, throbbing, twinge, pinch; sting, gripe, nip, pang, shock, crick, stitch; sore, scratch, cut, laceration; malady, illness, disease; wound, trauma, blow, shock.

10. injury, harm, impairment, vitiation, damage, scathe; abuse, misuse, ill-usage, maltreatment, ill treatment; oppression, cruelty, brutality, persecution, molestation; evil, wrong, bad, badness; foul play, bad turn, ill turn, ill service, disservice.

11. torture, torment, agony; misery, woe; Archaic. bale, dolor, anguish, affliction; distress, trouble, bother, botherment, pother.

12. block, impediment, reversal, setback, comedown, detremor, loss; plight, strait, predicament, sea of troubles; ordeal, trial, tribulation, infliction; burden, cross, crown of thorns, load, bitter pill; cares, pressure, stress, strain; adversity, accident, mishap; bad fortune, bad luck, bad times, hard times, evil days; malediction, bane, curse, anathema.

13. destruction, breakage, breaking; devastation, laying waste, desolation, labeification.

14. corruption, subversion, adulteration, perversion; defilement, pollution, contamination; canker, blight, cancer, blast, plague, infestation.

15. injured, wounded; aching, bruised, pierced, stung, gripped, pinched, chafed, galled, burned; tortured, tormented, agonized, excruciated.

16. aggrieved, grieved, pained, suffering, sorrowful, sad, rueful, mournful; heart-ache, heartbreak, broken-hearted, heart-stricken, heavy-hearty, heavy-laden; weary, careworn, dejected, cheerless, comfortless; woeful, woebegone, wretched, gloomy, dismal, morose; melancholy, unhappy, infeliculous.

17. chastened, embittered, ashamed, shamed; sorry, regretful, regretting, remorseful, repentent.

18. shocked, appalled, horrified; offended, annoyed, displeased, piqued, miffed; resentful, resenting, bitter, rancorous, virulent.

19. unwell, indisposed, ailing, unsound, diseased; feeble, enfeebled, unsteady, lame, crippled, failing, declining, deteriorating, deteriorated.

20. damaged, impaired, broken, out of repair, in repair, Sl. out of whack; worn, dilapidated, ruined, wasted, Sl. totaled.

hurtful, adj. 1. injurious, harmful, detrimental, inimical, deleterious, damaging, endamaging, mischievous; destructive, baneful, pernicious, noxious, ominous, disastrous, ruinous.

2. impairing, marred, spoiling, blighting, wounding, vitiating, undermining; bursting, breaking, shattering, cracking, defacing, scarring; laming, crippling, becrippling, maiming, mangling, mutilating.

3. corrupting, subverting, contaminating, polluting, tainting; infecting, defiling, perverting, prostituting; sapping, weakening, deteriorating, degenerating, crumbling.

hurtle, v. 1. rush, rush headlong, cascade, plunge, tumble; tear, Inf. go hellbent for leather, Inf. go lickety-split, stir up a duststorm; scramble, Inf. make tracks, Inf. zip, steam, Inf. beat feet, scurry, hustle; lie, hasten, go in haste, hurry, accelerate, put one's foot on the floor.

2. precipitate, propel, impel; fling, hurl, heave, pitch, cast, dash; thrust, push, Inf. gun.

—n. 3. collision, smash-up; clatter, rattle, banging.
husband, n. 1. married man, benedict, groom, bridegroom, common-law husband; spouse, mate, consort, Inf. the other half; Inf. old man, Inf. hubby, Inf. dad, Inf. bed warmer, Inf. roommate; lord and master, head of the house or household, ruler of the roost, breadwinner.

2. manager, overseer, conservator, custodian.

—v. 3. conserve, preserve, save, put by, save for a rainy day, economize, count the pennies; retain, reserve, put aside, store, stow, garner, hoard; manage, oversee, maintain, watch over.

husbandry, n. 1. farming, agriculture, agronomy, agronomics, farm management, agribusiness, geoponics; tillage, tillth, tillling; cultivation, horticulture, gardening, olericulture, viticulture, forestry, silviculture.

2. frugality, thriftiness, careful management, good housekeeping, conservation; economy, economizing, conserving, saving; sparingness, frugality.

hush, interj. 1. silence, be or keep quiet, quiet down, be or keep still, shush, sh, not another word, hold your tongue, Inf. shut up, Inf. shut your mouth, Inf. pipe down, Inf. clam up, Sl. shut your face, Sl. stow it, Sl. can it, Sl. button your lip, Sl. put the lid on it.

—v. 2. fall silent, quiet down, Chiefly Brit. quieten, Inf. pipe down, Archaic. whist.

3. silence, shush, still, soft-pedal; mute, muzzle, stifle, gag, Inf. put the lid on, Sl. put the kibosh on.

4. Usu. hush up suppress, smother, squash, quash, squeal, Fig. fig, keep secret or dark, Inf. cover up.

5. calm, calm down, mollify, dulcify, tranquillize, lull, relax, soothe, compose; allay, assuage, placate, pacify, appease.

—n. 6. quiet, quietness, silence, soundlessness, still, stillness, lull, rest, Chiefly Irish. whist.

hush money, n. bribe, boodle, sop, payoff, Inf. payola, Sl. palm oil, Sl. grease, Sl. soap; extortion, blackmail; protection.

husk, n. 1. hull, shell, covering, coating, coat, tegument, integument, capsule, pod, case, pericarp; chaff, bran, scale, bract, shock, Bot. glume, Bot. lemma, Bot. tegman.

2. rind, skin, peel, peeling, paring; cornhusk, husk, legume, peapod, peascod.

husky, adj. 1. brawny, beefy, strapping, sturdy, well-built; burlly, stout, thickset, heavyset, stocky; muscular, hefty, able-bodied, rugged, athletic, solid; hardy, manly, virile, tough, powerful, strong, big and strong.

2. hoarse, coarse, gruff, rough, roupy, dry; throaty, thick, guttural.

hussy, n. 1. vamp, seductress, temptress, Fr. femme fatale, Jezebel; Delliah; demimondaine, loose woman, strumpet, trollop, wench, jade, baggage, Sl. chippy, Sl. broad, Sl. piece, Chiefly Brit. Sl. tart.

2. malapert, minx, queen, brazenface, boldface, Inf. saucebox.

hustle, n. 1. hurry, rush, make time, make haste, move in double time, go like a bat out of hell, move along at a good clip; run, dash, sprint, dart, zip, bolt, make tracks; fly, whiz, whisk, breeze, go like the wind; scramble, scamper, scurry, scoot, scuttle; hustle, stir, fuss, flutter, flit, commove, U.S. Inf. rustle.

2. shove, buffet, push, press forward; jostle, justle, jolt, jar, jounce, jog, joggle; bump, elbow, shoulder, poke, nudge, butt, bunt.

3. prompt, urge, goad, drive, propel, egg on, induce, motivate; prod, prick, spur, whip, lash; energize, animate, actuate; accelerate, expedite, hasten, speed up, spurt, step up, Sl. step on it, Sl. pour it on, Archaic. dispatch.

4. pressure, compel, impel, force, coerce, give [s.o.] a hard sell, Inf. put the squeeze on; harass, hound, badger, pester, nag.

5. activity, action, doings, busyness, stir, motion, movement; dispatch, expeditiousness, briskness, robustness, alacrity, celerity, fleetness, rapidity, swiftness, speediness, quickness; rushing, hurrying, scurry, hurry-scurry, haste; fuss, flurry, fluster, pother, ado, Inf. to-do, Sometimes Facetious. do; splutter, agitation, restlessness, commotion, tumult, hurly-burly, hubbub.

6. shoving, buffeting, pushing, pressing forward; jolting, jouncing, jarring, jostling, jogging, jiggling; bumping, shouldering, elbowing, poking, nudging.


2. Slang, windider, cheat, defrauder, filmlam man, Inf. bilker, Sl. chiseler; sharp, sharper, shark, confidence man, Inf. con man or artist, Inf. bunco artist.

3. Slang. prostitute, streetwalker, call girl, Sl. hooker.

4. speeder, flier, racer, runner; All Inf. hummer, scorchcr, heel-driver, speed demon, speed merchant.

hut, n. 1. shed, shack, shanty, hutch, Brit. bothy; cottage, cot, bungalow, bower, cabin, log cabin, blockhouse, Brit. Dial. cote, Scot. but-and-ben; hole, hovel, dump, sty, pigsty, pigpen, tumbledown shack, wretched hut, mean dwelling.

—v. 2. quarter, provide quarters for, bed, bunk, berth; house, shelter, give shelter to, lodge, provide lodging or lodgings or lodgment for, put up, have as a guest or lodger, roof, provide with a roof.

3. lodge oneself, take refuge, seek protection, take cover.

hutch, n. 1. pen, animal pen, coop, enclosed coop, fold, confines, cage; compound, farmyard, barnyard, stockade, corral, paddock, pound, dog pound, kennel; sty, pigsty, pigpen, chicken yard, chicken coop, sheep fold.

2. hut, cabin, cottage, cot, log, wigwam, wickup, teepee, igloo, adobe, sod house, bunkhouse; lean-to, shed, booth, stall, shack, shanty.

3. box, caddie, cage, cellaret; chest, cupboard, cabinet; crate, storage bin, depository, coffer, crypt, vault, locker, safe.

huzzah, interj. hurrah, hurray, rah. See hurrah (defs. 1, 2).

hyaline, adj. glassy, glasslike, made of glass; clear, clear-as-glass, crystalline, crystal-clear, hyaline; transparent, translucent, lucid, vitrious, vitreal, vitrean; diaphanous, diaphane, sheer, gauzy, gossamer, gossamer.

hybrid, n. 1. crossbreed, mixed breed, mongrel; half-breed, half-blood, Sp. mestizo, mulatto, quadroon, quintroon, octoroon, Inf. high yellow, Eurasian; mule, degenerate breed, deteriorated breed.

2. mix, mixture, conglomerate, composite, compound, combination, Inf. combo; miscellany, Fr. mélange, medley, mess, Inf. mix; hash, hodgepodge, jumble, patchwork, potpourri, Noah's ark.

—adj. 3. mutated, modified, altered, changed, metamorphosed, transmuted; varied, merged, combined, married.

4. variegated, heterogeneous, intermingled, com mingled; impure, contaminated, alloyed, bastard, degenerate, derivative; mongrel, half-blooded, half-bred, half-bred, half-caste, half-and-half.
hydraulics, n. hydrodynamics, hydromechanics, hydros-tatics, hydrokinetics, fluviology.

hydrous, adj. watery, containing water, aqueous, aquatic, lymphatic, balneal; wet, moist, hydrated, liquid; juicy, succulent, sappy.

hygiene, n. 1. hygiennics, sanitation, disinfection, sanitary measures, Med. regimen, regime, preventive medicine, public health. 2. cleanliness, cleansing, washing, bathing, douching; oral hygiene, tooth brushing, tooth cleaning, flossing.

hygienic, adj. sanitary, clean, cleanly; disininfected, sterile, germ-free, aseptic; harmless, uninjurious, innoxious, pure, unpolluted; wholesome, salubrious.

hyemeal, adj. 1. nuptial, bridal, marriage, marital, married, wedded, connubial; conjugal, spousal, husbandly, wifely. 2. n. wedding march or song, epithalium, epiphalm.

hymn, n. 1. psalm, paean, alleluia, hallelujah, glorla, doxology, spiritual, religious song, hymn tune, Eccles. cantus firmus; chant, plainsong, plainchant, Gregorian chant, Eccles. antiphon, Eccles. responsory, Eccles. litany, Eccles. introit, canticle, chorale, choral, Music. cantata, Music. motet; anthem, national anthem, state song, song of praise, song, melody, tune, air, composition; ode, poem, verse, (in ancient Greece) chorus.

—v. 2. psalm, doxologize, carol, sing the praises of; chant, intone, cantillate, descant, Archaic. deacon; praise, laud, extoll, glorify, extol, celebrate.

hyperbole, n. exaggeration, overstatement, magnification, maximization, enlargement, expansion, inflation, swelling; enhancement, deepening, heightening, intensification; stretch of the imagination or the truth, excess, instance of overkill.

hypercritical, adj. 1. overcritical, overabusive, over-censorious; trenchant, defamatory, calumnious, de-nunciatory; cutting, maledictory, scurrilous, derogatory. 2. rigorous, exacting, pedantic, fussy; overparticular, hypercorrect, overscrupulous; severe, puritanical, fastidious, over-rigorous, overrigorous.

hypersensitive, adj. oversensitive, hypersusceptible, over-susceptible, Med. hyperalgesic, allergic; Pathol. hyperergic, Pathol. hyperalgesic, Pathol. hyperesthetic, Pathol. hypergeusesthetic; hyperexcitable, hyperreactional, hyper-reactive, over-reactive, high strung, skittish, startlish; neurotic, hyperneurotic, volcanic, explosive, volatile, combustible, hyperirritable, hot-tempered, high-met- tled, waspish.

hypothesis, n. 1. trance, spell, mesmeric or hypnotic sleep, somnolence, somnambulism, somnolence; narco-hypnosis, animal hypnosis, autohypnosis; insensibility, numbness, stupor, Pathol. catalepsy, daze; sleep, slumber, Pathol. sopor, coma, deep sleep, narcosis, unconsciousness; drowsiness, languor, sleepiness, lethargy. 2. mesmerism, hypnology. See hypnotism (def. 1).

hypnotic, adj. 1. mesmerizing, mesmeric, fascinating, spellbinding, gripping, arresting, entralling, en-trancing; engrossing, absorbing, engaging, holding. 2. soporific, somniferous, sleep-inducing, sleep-producing, somnifacient, soporiferous, somnolent; sedative, calming, stupefactive, numbing.

—v. hypnotized, mesmerized, stupefied, drugged, Sl. doped, numbed, narcotized; calmed, sedated, anesthe-tized; entranced, spellbound, under the magic influ- ence, Sl. under.

—n. 4. anesthetic, gas, anesthesia; sedative, tran-qulizer, depressant, calming, soother, Sl. downer; soporific, sleeping pill, somnifacient, sleeping draft, Sl. sleeper, sleep-bringer, opiate, barbiturate, Sl. goof-ball; All Sl. knockout drugs, Mickey Finn, blue, blue devil, blue angel.

hypothesis, n. 1. mesmerism, hypnology, hypnotic suggestion, autosuggestion; od, odyle, magnetism. 2. hypnosis, somnambulism. See hypnosis (def. 1).

hypnotist, n. hypnotizer, mesmerist, mesmerizer, Mesmer, Rasputin, Svengali; charmer, spellbinder, enchanter, enchantress.

hypnotize, v. 1. stupefy, put to sleep, drug, Sl. dope, narcotize, benumb, put under; calm, sedate, anesthetize, Sl. knock out. 2. entrance, cast a spell over, captivate, fascinate, charm, spellbinder; enthral, ensorcell, bewitch, witch, enchant, enrapture, transport, carry away. 3. engage, engross, involve, rivet, hold, absorb; hold one’s attention, monopolize one’s attention, engage one’s thoughts.

hypochondria, n. 1. imagined ill-health, valetudinarism, anxiety, neurosis, psychoneurosis. 2. depression, melancholy, Psychia try. melancholia, Psychi atr y. hypochondriasis, despondency, doldrums, dejection, low spirits, megrims, the blues, Archaic. hyp.

hypochondriac, adj. 1. melancholy, melancholic, melancholically, depressed, dejected, dispirited, under-wanded, undone, cheerless; valetudinary, hypochondriacal, malingering, anxious, worried, neurotic, psycho-neurotic, preoccupied, obsessed.

—n. 2. melancholician, mope, malingering, Inf. worywart, Inf. big baby.

hypocrisy, n. 1. false goodness, pietism, sancti-mony, sanctimoniousness, Tartuffery, pharisaism, Relig. formalism; cant, lip-service, mouth-honor; sophistry, speciousness; false profession, pretense, pretex; pretension, pretending, faking, feigning, shamming, malingering.

2. falseness, untruthfulness, deceptiveness, dishonesty, insincerity, mealy-mouthedness, trickiness, charlatan-ry, quackery, fraud; deceit, deception, dissimulation, duplicity; guile, chicanery, double-dealing, ambidext-erity, two-facedness; deceitfulness, underhandedness, indirection, mendacity; affectation, false front, croco-dile tears, Judas kiss; dissembling, disguising, covering up.

hypocrat, n. 1. pharisee, pietist, tartuffe, religionist, Holy Willie, Relig. formalist; canter, lip server.

2. faker, impostor, whitened sepulcher, deceiver, Inf. phony, saint abroad and a devil at home, mountebank, charlatan, quack, empiric, Australian. bunyip; feigner, pretended, dissembler, malingering, imitator; cheat, deceiver, swindler, confidence man, Inf. con man; in-former, traitor, Judas; wolf in sheep’s clothing, ass in lion’s skin.

hypocritical, adj. 1. insincere, disingenuous, deceit-ful, deceptive, crocodilean, untruthful, hollow, lying, false, mendacious, mealy-mouthed; dishonest, under-handed, untrustworthy; perfidious, treacherous, traitor-ous, faithless, Punic, treasonable; double-dealing, guileful, two-faced, double-faced, Janus-faced; smooth-spoken, smooth-tongued, slippery; dissem-bling, dissimulating, pretending, feigning, faking; af-fected, pretentious, assuming, mannered, unnatural.

2. pharisaical, pharisaic, sanctimonious, pietistic, uncouctuous; canting, lip-serving; puritanical, self-right-eous.

2. premise, antecedent, ground, basis, foundation, starting point.


**hypothesize**, v. postulate, post, predicate, theorize, hypothecate; offer, submit, put forward, extend; conjecture, guess, surmise, assume, presume, suppose, presuppose; infer, deduce, conclude, find.

**hypothetical**, adj. 1. supposed, assumed, presumed, reputed, putative, inferred; guessed, conjectured, surmised, suspected, imagined; debatable, questionable, doubtful, problematic, uncertain, undetermined.

2. conjectural, speculative, speculatory, postulatory; suppositional, suppositive, presumptive, notional; theoretical, academic, supposititious, drawing-board.

**hysteria**, n. 1. outburst, burst, eruption, explosion, flare-up; fit, seizure, convulsion, spasm, paroxysm, hysterics.

2. delirium, frenzy, madness, craze, furor, fury, *Sl.* screaming-memies.

**hysterical**, adj. 1. mad, maddened, crazed, delirious, rabid, possessed, beside oneself, carried away, foaming or frothing at the mouth, out of one's wits, irrational; raving, raging, seething, convulsive, in hysterics, distracted, wild-eyed; frantic, frenetic, frenzied, wild; berserk, uncontrollable, unrestrainable.

2. (all to an extreme degree) excitable, emotional, highly emotional, explosive, eruptive, volcanic.

ice, n. 1. frozen water, frost, hoarfrost, rime; sleet, hail; icicle, iceberg, floe, glacier; (all in drinks) ice cubes, crushed ice, Inf. rocks. 2. sherbet, Italian ice, ice milk, ice cream, Trademark. Popsicle.

icy, adj. 1. frozen, frore, frosty, rimy, sleety, glacial, ice-bound; glazed, glassy, slippery, slick. 2. freezing, gelid, arctic, ice-cold. See ice-cold (def. 1). 3. passionless, unemotional, distant, ice-cold. See ice-cold (def. 2).

idea, n. 1. conception, concept, conceptualization, construct; thought, abstraction. 2. understanding, perception, apprehension, awareness, notion, inkling; observation, impression, inference, assumption, surmise, guess, suspicion. 3. opinion, view, viewpoint, position, sentiment, mind, feeling; belief, credence, conviction, persuasion; creed, doctrine, philosophy, outlook; tenets, principles, teachings.

ideal, n. 1. model, standard of perfection, standard of excellence, beau ideal, Latin, ne plus ultra; acme, height, pinnacle, peak; pink, paragon, nonpareil, nonsuch, flower, phoenician. 2. prototype, archetype, model, exemplar, example, paradigm; original, pattern, type, precedent, design, copy, die, mold, matrix, mint, text. 3. aim, goal, objective; target, butt, mark; end, destination; purpose, design. —adj. 4. perfect, consummate, complete; exemplary, model; supreme, absolute; faultless, excellent. 5. abstract, unreal, unsubstantial, imaginary, visionary, fancied, idealistic; intellectual, mental, psychological, spiritual, metaphysical. 6. imaginative, fanciful, illusory, shadowy, fictitious, notional, fabulous, fantastic, chimerial; mythical, mythological, legendary, romantic, Utopian; whimsical, figmental, dreamy, cloud-built, fairylike; extravagant, preposterous, high-flown, not practical, impracticable, ivory-towered. 7. advantageous, excellent, best.

idealism, n. 1. pursuit of noble ideals, perfectionism, ideals.

idealistic, adj. 1. pursuit of noble ideals, perfectionism, ideality. 2. idealistic philosophy, transcendentalism, metaphysics; immateriality, spiritualism. 3. romanticism, utopianism, quixotism; castle-building, dreaming; rose-colored glasses.

idealist, n. 1. pursuer of ideals, perfectionist; metaphysicist, philosopher, transcendentalist, spiritualist, ideologist.
2. visionary, romanticist, Don Quixote, dreamer, castle-builder, stargazer; optimist, Pollyanna, Pangloss.

idealist, adj. utopian, perfectionistic, idealistic; optimistic, visionary, dreaming, starry-eyed; romantic, quixotic, castle-building; unrealistic, impractical, im
tactic, infeasible.

ideality, n. 1. unreality, intangibility, impalpability
2. idealization, invention, conception, imagination; fancy; poetic frenzy, inspiration; flight of fancy, stretch of the imagination.

idealization, n. exaltation, glorification, magnifica
3. identification, recognition, detection, dis

3. associate, relate, regard as the same; connect, ally, equate, couple, parallel, draw a parallel to; feel with, sympa
3. as in idea, in thought, as conceived, as originally in

idealistic, adj. conceptual, idealistic, cognitive; mental, of the mind, notional, abstract, intangible; theoretical, hypothetical, suppositional, conjunctural.

dential, adj. 1. same, identical, one and the same, uni

3. similar, alike, like, much the same; synonymous, close, approximate, analogous, near; conational, cognate, agreeing, homogeneous.

unique, individuality, singularity, uniqueness, differentness.

identity, n. 1. oneness, sameness, unity, selfsame-
2. oneself, itself, self, selfhood, selfness, ego; individuality, person, personality, name; particularity, singularity, uniqueness, differentness. 3. resemblance, likeness, alikeness, similarity, simili-
tude, semblance; closeness, approximation, nearness; synonymy, analog, accordance, consimilarity.

ideogram, n. ideograph, hieroglyph, hieroglyph, symbol, figure; gramamolgue, stenograph.

ideology, n. doctrine, teachings, dogma, tenets, doxy; creed, credo, canons, articles of faith, gospel; theory, thesis, principles, postulates, axioms, beliefs, opinions, convictions.

idiocy, n. 1. imbecility, moronism, moronity, re-
tation, Psycho
dy. dementia; All SI. balminess, bugginess, screwi
4. asininity, foolishness, silliness, infantilism, na

3. allergy, hypersensitivity, sensitivity, intolerance; all things being equal.

idiometry, n. idiolect, idiolect; accent, brogue, patois.

idiot, n. idiocrasy, mannerism, affecta
3. allergy, hypersensitivity, sensitivity, intolerance; all things being equal.

idiom, n. 1. expression, location, phrase, set phrase; turn of phrase or expression, phrasing, wording.

idiology, n. doctrine, teachings, dogma, tenets, doxy; creed, credo, canons, articles of faith, gospel; theory, thesis, principles, postulates, axioms, beliefs, opinions, convictions.

idiocy, n. 1. imbecility, moronism, moronity, re-tardation, Psychiatry. amentia; senility, anility, dot-age; simple-mindedness, shallowness, feeble-minded-

3. associate, relate, regard as the same; connect, ally, equate, couple, parallel, draw a parallel to; feel with, sympa-thize, know what it’s like, walk in another’s shoes, see through another’s eyes.
idiotic, adj. 1. asinine, anserine, foolish, idiomatic; silly, absurd, inane, fatuous; senseless, nonsensical, crackbrained, Scot. doiled, Sl. cockeyed, Scot. and North Eng. glaikit; ridiculous, laughable, risible, derisible, ludicrous, Sl. for the birds; childish, puerile, immature.

2. stupid, Inf. dumb, Inf. doepy, Inf. moronic, empty-headed, unintelligent, imbecile, oxilic; dull, inexpressive, expressionless; addlepated, addleheaded, addlebrained, muddled, muddledheaded; dull-witted, Sl. dimwitted, slow-witted, half-witted, witless, unwitty, fat-witted; mindless, Rare. insulse, brainless, fatuous; dense, thick, bovine, obtuse, Boeotian, stolid, oaf, blockhead; clodhopper, lumpish, blunt; doltish, blockish, aslise, blockheaded, dunderheaded, noodleheaded; boneheaded, wooden-headed, thickheaded, thickskulled; obstinate, stubborn, intractable, mulish, obdurate, unyielding.

3. crazy, crazed, Sl. bughouse, Sl. kooky, Inf. potty, Sl. nuts, Inf. nutty, daft, Inf. daffy; insane, mad, demented, lunatic, deranged; of unsound mind, Latin. non compos mentis; unbalanced, touched, Inf. half-baked, unhinged; not all there, not quite right, not right upstairs, Inf. mental, Inf. cracked; out of one's head, out of one's mind, mad as a hatter, mad as a March hare; maniacal, wild, raging, hysterical, frenzied, delirious, berserk; All Sl. balmy, dippy, batty, cuckoo, buggy, screwy, wacky, goofy, loony.

4. simple-minded, simple, Sl. bird-brained, weak-minded, weak-headed, feeble-minded; harebrained, giddy, mercural, reckless; absent-minded, scattered, confused, bemused; featherbrained, featherheaded, featherbrained, rattlebrained, light-minded, light-headed; empty, void, vacant, vacant, blank, unoccupied.

5. dazed, moon-struck, possessed, infatuated; peculiar, strange, odd, eccentric, pixilated; irrational, illogical, unreasonable; unreasoning, unthinking, insensate, incogitant, thoughtless.

6. frivolous, fiddling, vain, foolish, valueless, trashy, wasteful, prodigal, superfluous, unnecessary, unneeded, purposeless; fruitless, abortive, unproductive, useless, unserviceable, unprofitable, ill-gained, profitless; useless, unavailing, of no avail, unsuccessful, ineffective, ineffectual, bootless.

-idly, adv. 1. inactive, unoccupied, at leisure, doing nothing; unemployed, workless, out of work, not working, jobless, out of a job, Inf. collecting, on the dole, on welfare; vagrant, Inf. on the bum.

2. unfilled, vacant, vacant, empty, not in use, unused; not in operation, not operating, not utilized, still, dormant; fallow, uncultiwated, untilled.

3. lazy, listless, lethargic, languid; indolent, loitering, loafing; dawdling, laggard, slothful, sluggish, shiftless, drosh, do-nothing, inert, supine, stretched out, recumbent; torpid, heavy, leaden.

4. unimportant, trivial, trifling, shallow, depthless, superficial; false, fictitious, insignificant, meaningless, unmeaning; senseless, nonsensical, inane, Inf. dumb, absurd, fatuous, fatuitous.

5. baseless, groundless, unreasonable; fallacious, illogical, Logical. paralogistic, unsound, inconclusive; inconsequential, a waste of time.

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-loiter, slouch, move idly, saunter, dawdle, lag, Inf. lollygag; putter, potter, dabble; wait, delay, procrastinate, dillydally; drowse, doze, nap, snooze.

9. work slowly, operate in low gear, coast, drift.

idleness, n. 1. occupation, unemployment, idle hands, idle hours, time on one's hands; leisure, ease, Chiefly Literary. idlesse, spare time, free time, Inf. time to burn, Inf. dudgeon time, command time; vacation, recess, Inf. letup.

2. inerter, inertia, inactivity, inaction, laziness, indolence, slothfulness; hibernation, vegetation, torpor, languor, lethargy, lassitude, sluggishness.

3. loafing, loitering, shrinking, malingering, Sl. goofing off; dawdling, Fr. flanerie, dillydallying, procrastination, shiftlessness.

idal, n. 1. icon, effigy, image, likeness, fetish, (in China) joss, (in India) Juggernaut or Jagnath; gravem image, false god, Baal.

2. sacred cow, favorite, darling; pet, jewel, fondling, apple of one's eye; cynosure, luminary, celebrity, star, super, superstar, matinee idol, Sl. pop hero or star; lion, social lion; hero, heroine, folk hero.

3. vision, dream, fancy; hallucination, illusion, phantasmas, mirage, vapor, delusion; phantasm, phantom, shadow, specter, chimera, bubble.

4. fallacy, false notion, mistaken notion, misconception, misbelief, misapprehension, misjudgment, miscalculation.

idolater, n. 1. fetishist, idolatist, iconodule, iconolater.

2. devotee, votary, follower, Inf. fan, Inf. buff; worship, idolizer, fanatic, groupie, Sl. nut, Sl. freak, Sl. bug.

idolatrous, adj. 1. idol-worshiping, idolatrous, icon-worshiping, fetishistic; heretical, unorthodox, pagan, heathen.

2. adulatory, adoring, worshiping, worshipful, idolizing, deifying, lionizing; fulsome, uncritical, uncen- sorious, unreproachful; awestruck, awed, in awe; reverent, reverential, venerative.

idolatrav, n. 1. idolism, idolization, idolatry, idol-worship, idolatry, idolatization, idolatrism, idolization, idolatrism, idolatrization, deifying, lionizing; fulsome, uncritical, uncen- sorious, unreproachful; awestruck, awed, in awe; reverent, reverential, venerative.

2. hero worship, adulation, adoration, breathless adoration; deification, apotheosis; glorification, exaltation, exotilment, idolizing, lionizing.

idolize, v. adulate, adore, worship, worship the ground [s.o.] walks on, hero-worship, idolatize; exalt, glorify, magnify, lionize, put on a pedestal; deify, apotheosize; honor, revere, reverence, venerate.

idyll, n. 1. pastoral, bucolic, eclogue, georgic, Virgilian verse.

2. wonderful or pleasant time, honeymoon, moment of bliss or joy, day in the country, getting away from it all; Garden of Eden, paradise, heaven on earth, Shang- ri-la.

if, conj. provided, providing, on condition, in case, granting, supposing; though, although, yet, for all that; whether, whether or not.

ifty, adj. Informal. 1. questionable, uncertain, doubtful, dubious, undecided, unsettled, up in the air, unresolved, indeterminate; problematical, arguable,
ignite

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indeterminable, moot.
2. tentative, unsure, provisional; dependent, contingent.
3. perplexing, confusing, thorny, knotty, involved,
intricate, tricky, many-faceted.
ignite, v. 1 . set on fire, light, Inf. put the match to,
illuminate, kindle, enkindle; set fire to, conflagrate, inflame, touch off; fire, burn, blow up; relight, rekindle,
relume, relumine; Both Chem. heat intensely, roast.
2. catch fire, take fire, conflagrate, flare up, fire up,
blaze, flame, glow, smolder, incandesce.
ignoble, adj. 1 . mean, petty, small, shabby; base,
vile, low, low-down; degraded, debased, abased, disgraceful, shameful; dishonorable, ignominious, infamous; contemptible, despicable, abject, paltry, deplorable; execrable, detestable, abominable, abhorrent;
scurvy, rotten, SI. cruddy, Inf. lousy; vulgar, indecent,
crude, coarse, boorish, loutish, obnoxious; depraved,
gross, bad; sneaky, dastardly, weaselly, wormy.
2. inferior, substandard, below par, not measuring
up; worthless, no good, SI. n.g., bastardly; sleazy, Inf.
junky, Inf. crummy, SI. crappy.
3. lowborn, untitled, baseborn, of humble birth; proletarian, lowly, humble, plebeian; peasant, rude, uncouth, crude; common, U.S. rednecked, sorry, scrubby.
ignominious, adj. 1. shameful, contemptible, disreputable, disgraceful, despicable, dishonorable; scandalous, outrageous, wicked, abominable, heinous,
atrocious; discreditable, ignoble, inglorious; unworthy, indecorous, undignified, Latin, infra dignitatum,
infra dig.
2. hateful, vile, scurvy, disgusting, offensive, revolting; shabby, mean, paltry, dirty, scrubby; base, low,
abject, humiliating, degrading, mortifying.
ignominy, n. 1 . dishonor, disgrace, shame, disrepute, discredit, disfavor, ill repute; obloquy, opprobrium, infamy, disapprobation; odium, stain, blot, stigma, brand, badge of infamy; debasement, degradation, abjection.
2. wickedness, improbity, villainy, base conduct, depravity, degeneracy, turpitude, derogation; dishonesty, bad faith, fraudulence, double-dealing, deception;
infidelity, betrayal, disloyalty, faithlessness, treachery,
perfidy; foul play, roguery, knavery, rascality.
ignoramus, n. fool, blockhead, bonehead, lowbrow,
dumbbell, dunce, Inf. numskull; simpleton, dolt, dullard, scatterbrain, featherbrain, novice, greenhorn,
plebe, beginner, amateur, dabbler; bungler, blunderer,
fumbler, Inf. duffer.
ignorance, n. unawareness, unenlightenment, unconsciousness, benightedness, darkness, blindness, nescience, want or lack of knowledge; illiteracy, illiterateness, lack of education or learning; innocence, simplicity, inexperience, greenness; bewilderment, perplexity, confusion; denseness, thickness, stolidness,
dumbness, stupidity, empty-headedness.
ignorant, adj. 1 . illiterate, unlettered, uneducated,
uninstructed, untaught, unschooled, untutored, unlearned; green, wide-eyed, innocent, inexperienced.
2. unaware, unacquainted, unconversant, unapprised, uninformed, uninitiated, unenlightened, unread; unconscious, blind, unwitting, unknowing; benighted, nescient, in the dark, knowing nothing, SI.
out of it.
3. uncultivated, rude, crude; superficial, shallow,
sciolistic, unscholarly, half-baked, SI. half-assed; dense,
obtuse, thick, slow, empty-headed, Inf. dumb.
ignore, v. 1 . disregard, cut, pass over or by, Inf.
give [s.t.] a miss or the go-by; snub, pay no heed to, be
inattentive to, brush aside, slight, pretend not to see,

ill-at-ease

look right through or past [s.o.], cold-shoulder, SI.
give [s.o.] the brush or brush-off, SI. brush [s.o.] off;
set aside, fly in the face of, shrug off or away, push
aside, write off, turn one's back on, close or shut one's
eyes to, blink, wink at; turn a blind eye on, be blind to,
fail to notice, turn a deaf ear to, not trouble oneself
with, bury or hide or have one's head in the sand, be
inattentive to.
2. omit, not take into account, overlook, neglect,
leave out, skip.
ilk, n. kind, sort, kidney, type, brand, breed; make,
cast, cut, mold, form; grain, feather, tone, color,
stripe, stamp; character, makeup, composition; family, class, genre, category.
ill, adj. 1. sick, sickly, sickened, ailing; unhealthy,
unsound, unwell, SI. off one's feed, poorly; afflicted,
diseased, morbid, poisoned, nauseated, strung out; in
a bad way, on the sick list, Inf. under the weather, Inf.
out of sorts, not up to snuff, Inf. on the blink; feverish, aching, sore; weak, weakly, feeble, infirm, wasting
away; indisposed, laid up, bedridden, confined; disordered, out of order, out of commission; invalided, valetudinarian.
2. evil, wicked, sinful, iniquitous, nefarious; bad,
low, mean; wrong, corrupt, depraved, degenerate, immoral.
3. objectionable, unsatisfactory, deficient, insufficient, unacceptable; unskillful, inexpert, faulty, poor.
4. hostile, antagonistic, belligerent, bellicose; unfriendly, unkindly, unkind; irascible, cross, fractious,
snappish, snappy, irritable; cantankerous, crabby,
crabbed, sullen.
5. unfavorable, adverse, unlucky, unpropitious, inauspicious, unpromising, infelicitous; pernicious,
harmful, injurious, nocuous, hurtful; detrimental, deleterious, baleful, fell; destructive, ruinous, calamitous,
damaging.
—n. 6. evil, harm, mischief, injury, hurt, Archaic.
bale, pain; trouble, misfortune, affliction, grievance,
misery, suffering, woe; destruction, damage, ruin; disaster, calamity, catastrophe, debacle, cataclysm.
7. illness, sickness, ailment, malady, disease; disorder, infirmity, indisposition; infection, contagion.
—adv. 8. wickedly, evilly, malignantly, banefully,
hurtfully, harmfully, mischievously.
9. objectionably, unsatisfactorily, insufficiently,
poorly, badly, faultily, improperly.
10. hostilely, antagonistically, belligerently, inimically.
11. unfortunately, adversely, unluckily, unfavorably, unpropitiously, inauspiciously.
ill-advised, adj. 1 . imprudent, incautious, indiscreet, inappropriate, unseemly, unsuitable, irresponsible, foolish; injudicious, ill-judged, inexpedient, unwise, ill-considered, ill-suited, impolitic, unadvised,
unadvisable; misguided, miscounseled, wrong-headed,
perverse.
2. impetuous, impulsive, hasty, over-hasty, shortsighted, heedless, unheeding; foolhardy, headlong,
brakeneck, hazardous; rash, hot-headed, brash, unwary, unguarded; uncircumspect, thoughtless, careless, reckless, harebrained, madcap, temerarious, wild;
spontaneous, unpremeditated, sudden, abrupt, precipitate.
ill-at-ease, adj. uncomfortable, uneasy, unquiet, disquieted, anxious, distressed, troubled; nervous, SI.
antsy, Inf. on pins and needles, on tenterhooks; fearful, afraid, distrustful, apprehensive, watchful, guarded; self-conscious, awkward, faltering, unsure, uncertain.


ill-bred, adj. ill-mannered, bad-mannered, unmanly, rude, impolite, uncivil, unceremonious, discourteous, disrespectful, misbehaved; indelicate, uncourtly, ungentlemanly, unladylike; brazen, bold, hoydenish, Scot. randy; brazen, barefaced, insolent, impudent, insulting, impertinent, pert, saucy, fresh; blunt, surly, sullen, bearish, gruff; inconconsiderate, insensitive, tactless, Scot. and North Eng. mislared; abrupt, blunt, brusque, curt, clipped, short; rough, crude, boorish, churlish, loutish, vulgar, coarse.

ill-disposed, adj. 1. antagonistic, opposed, adverse, averse, contrary, oppugnant; anti, against, Sl. agin, down on.
2. hostile, antipathetic, unfriendly, unsympathetic, inhospitable, cold, unsociable; belligerent, bellicose, pugnacious; combative, contentious, bickering, quarreling, wrangling, challenging; discordant, fractious, factious.

illegal, adj. unlawful, illegitimate, Sl. illegit, lawless, criminal; unconstitutional, illicit, unlicensed, unauthorized, wildcat, unofficial, unsanctioned, unwarrented; contraband, black-market, under-the-counter, under the table; prohibited, banned, outlawed, proscribed, interdicted; forbidden, Fr. défendu, Ger. verboten.

ill-gotten, adj. unreadable, indecipherable, undecipherable, unintelligible, clear as mud; hieroglyphic, Fr. défendu, Ger. verboten; illegible, adj. unreadable, indecipherable, undecipherable, unintelligible, clear as mud; hieroglyphic, hieroglyphical, hard to read; scrawled, scrawly, scribbled, Sl. scribbly, squiggly.

illiterate, adj. 1. unreasoning, unreasonable, irrational; ill-starred, unreasoning, unreasonable, irrational; ill-sounding, dissonant, discordant, absonant, adj. ill-sounding, dissonant, discordant, absonant; ill-favored, ugly, ugly-looking, unsightly.
2. offensive, objectionable, obnoxious, rude, nasty, unkind; unpleasant, disagreeable, distasteful, disgusting, Sl. gross, repulsive, repellent; coarse, crude, off-color, in bad taste, tasteless.

ill humor, n. bad mood, temper, humor, huff,iff, miff, pet, fume, pique, Inf. stew, Archaic. pucker; rage, passion; touchiness, testiness, thin-skinnedness, fretfulness, petulance; irritability, curttness, tartness, sharpness; ill temper, irascibility, waspishness, peevishness, spleen, bile, choler; crossness, crabbedness, crabiness, crankiness, grumpiness; moodiness, sulkiness, gloominess, sullenness, moroseness; bitterness, acerbity, asperity, sorrness, churlishness, surliness.

ill-natured, adj. 1. unkindly, unamiable, unfriendly, uncomonadating; quarrelsome, contentious, fractious, captious; hostile, antagonistic, inimical, ill-willed; spiteful, malicious, malevolent, hateful.
2. (all of reading or writing) inaccuracy, incorrectness, soreness, unpleasant, disagreeable, distasteful, disgust

ill-naturedness, n. 1. ignorance, unenlightenment, nescience, lack of education, illiterateness.
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ill-tempered, adj. ill-humored, cross, irascible, choleric, splenetic; crabby, crabbed, cranky, grouchy, grumpy, cantankerous, crotchety, crusty; irritable, touchy, testy, thin-skinned, wapish, peevish, petulant; moody, sulky, sullen, dour, gloomy,ullen, sullen, morose; bitter, acrimonious, acerbic, sour, caustic, tart, churlish, surly; huffy, huffy; in a pique, piqued, Archaic in a pucker, Inf. in a stew, in a fume; angry, irate, in high dudgeon, wrathful, raging, fuming, furious, worked up.

2. unkindly, unamiable, unfriendly. See ill-humored (def. 2).

ill-timed, adj. ill-opportune, untimely, mistimed, inconvenient, inexpedient; inauspicious, unprompted, unfavorable, unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky; illomened, ill-fated, ill-starred, doomed.

ill-treat, v. abuse, maltreat, harm. See mistreat.

illuminate, v. 1. light up, light, lighten, brighten; illuminate, Archaic illumine, Obs. enlumine; radiate, radiate, cast light upon, shine, beam, stream; make flare or flame, burn, glow, incandesce, phosphoresce; shimmer, sparkle, scintillate, glitter, gleam; flash, flicker, fulgurate, coruscate; make resplendent or illustrious.

2. clarify, elucidate, explain, make plain, explicate, interpret, decipher, literalize, render intelligible; cast light on, bring sight to; open the eyes of. See illuminate (defs. 1-3).

illumination, n. 1. lighting up, lighting, luminescence; luminosity, radiation, shining, beam, beam, gleam; irradiation, glowing, fluorescence, incandescence, phosphorescence.

2. lightness, luminosity, radiance, shine, effulgence; reflection, glimmer, glitter, twinkle, sparkle, shimmer.

3. enlightenment, edification, awareness, insight, understanding; education, learning, wisdom, sapience; appraisal, information, knowledge.

4. light, beam, ray, shaft of light, illuminant, source of light; lamp, lamplight, chandelier, electrolier, gas light, bulb, candle, taper, candelabrum; sunshine, star, shining star, blaze, fire.

5. decoration, adornment, ornamentation, embellishment, trim, dressing, garnish, emblazonment, enhancement; design, illustration, drawing, sketch, picture.

illumine, v. light up, light, brighten; clarify, elucidate, shed or cast light on; enlighten, give insight to, open the eyes of. See illuminate (defs. 1-3).

illumination, n. 1. fantasy, hallucination, mirage, phantasmagoria, vapor, pipe dream, delusion; phantasms, shadow, specter, chimera, phantom, will-o'-thethis, aberration, haunt, fear, haunting fear, nightmarish, train of thought, fancy, figment, maggot; flight, flight of fancy, notion, vagary, conceit, imagining, crazy notion or idea, Inf. screwball or wacky idea.

2. fallacy, false notion, misconception, misbelief, misapprehension, misjudgment, miscalculation.

illusory, adj. 1. deceptive, misleading, beguiling, tricky; delusive, delusory, illusive, illusionary; false, falacious, erroneous, mistaken; untrue, unfactual, wrong, all wrong; specious, seeming.

2. unreal, imaginary, imagined, fancied, nonexistent, all in the mind, all in one's head; fanciful, notional, quixotic, idealistic; chimerical, dreamy, dreamlike, airbuilt, cloud-built.

illustrate, v. 1. exemplify, give an example, instance, give an instance or case, cite a case in point, tell a story or anecdote about, Rare. example; clarify, clear up or make clear, illuminate, shed light on, make understandable, render intelligible; explain, explicate, describe, elucidate, footnote, comment upon; demonstrate, exhibit, present, run through, show [s.o.] how to do [s.t.].

2. decorate, adorn, embellish, ornament, trim, garnish; illuminate, emblazon, brighten up, dress up; draw, sketch, diagram, make designs or pictures, do artwork.

illustration, n. 1. drawing, sketch, diagram, line drawing, black and white, pen and ink; design, artwork, vignette, frontispiece; depiction, depiction, representation, portrayal, portrait, photograph, figure, cartoon, caricature.

2. example, exemplification, case, typical case, case in point, instance, typical instance, Inf. for instance, anecdote; specimen, sample, exemplar, representative, epitome, exponent, Archaic. ensample; comparison, analogy, similar case.

3. explanation, exposition, definition, interpretation, exegesis, commentary, note; clarification, elucidation, illumination; exposition, delineation, outline, demonstration.

illustrative, adj. exemplary, exemplifying, typical, sample, representative, epigraphic, epigraphical, model; explanatory, elucidative, explicative, expository, commentarial; descriptive, expressive, interpretive, exegetic; diagrammatic, delineative, pictorial, graphic.

illusory, adj. 1. renowned, well-known, prominent, famous, famed, popular, well-liked, Inf. name; eminent, preeminent, noted, notable, esteemed, respected, venerable, distinguished, Archaic. eximious.

2. celebrated, acclaimed, touted, much-touted, exalted, honored; glorious, lustrous, brilliant, radiant, shining; great, grand, big-time.

ill will, n. animosity, hostility, inimicalness, invidiousness, abhorrence, aversion; enmity, opposition, enmity; antagonism, malevolence, malignity, malice; enmity, animus, bad blood, loathing, hatred, hate, detestation; anger, pique, umbrage, resentment, grudge; acrimony, bitterness, virulence, spleen, gall; unfriend-
lineness; dislike; no love lost.

image, n. 1. likeness, representation, resemblance, simulacrum; effigy, figure, figurine, straw man, scarecrow, doll; idol, icon, fetish, joss, graven image, false god; photograph, Inf. photo, picture, snapshot, Inf. snap; portrait, portrayal, painting; sculpture, bust, statue, statuette, bronze, clay model.

2. idea, concept, conception, notion, fancy, thought, impression, perception, apprehension, opinion; picture, vision, mental picture or impression, Psychol. recept, Psychoanal. image.

3. appearance, guise, aspect; form, shape; frame, cast, mold, build, cut, stamp, turn.

4. counterpart, parallel, coordinate, correspondent, complement, pendant, mate, fellow; double, Doppelgänger, alter ego, other self; match, twin, living or very image, chip off the old block, or spit and image Inf. ganger, alter ego, other self; match, twin, living or very image; copy, duplicate, reproduction, replica, facsimile, ectype; clone.

5. symbol, emblem, token; insignia, device, badge, banner; mark, earmark, hallmark.

6. type, archetype, representative, example, specimen; embodiment, incarnation, materialization.

imagery, n. 1. visualization, envisioning, imagination, imagining, picturing, calling to the mind’s eye, objectification.

2. figurative language, figurativeness, nonliteralness, word painting; metaphors, similes, allusions, figures of speech, word pictures or paintings.

imaginable, adj. conceivable, thinkable, supposeable; believable, credible; possible, within the bounds of possibility, Latin. in posse; within reach; probable, likely, in or on the cards.

imaginary, adj. fictitious, unreal, fancied, fanciful, fantastic; illusory, dreamy, visionary, shadowy, chimerical; mythical, legendary, mythological; figuramental, fictive, notional, abstract; quixotic, utopian, romantic, idealistic; extravagant, wild, high-flown, prepos terous; cloud-built, air-drawn, unsubstantial; phantasmal, phantasmic, spectral, ghostly; phantasmagorial, phantasmagoric, nightmarish, Kafkaesque.

imagitation, n. 1. imaginative faculty, imaging power, creative power; imaginativeness; fancy, mind’s eye, castle-building, dreaming, reverie, daydream; originality, creativity, resourcefulness, inventiveness.

2. mental image, concept, conception, conceptualization, idea, notion; perception, thought, impression, reflection; fancy, conceit, vagary, whim; myth, figure, legend; romance, vision, dream, illusion; shadow, chimera, phantom, delusion, bugbear; man in the moon, castle in Spain, castle in the air, Atlantis, Utopia, fairyland.

imaginative, adj. 1. creative, inventive, original; fertile, productive, constructive, ingenious, clever, resourceful, innovative; intellectual, ideal, romantic, poetic; quixotic, visionary, dreamy.

2. fanciful, whimsical, notional, imaginary; legendary, mythical, mythological; fictitious, unreal, fabulous, fantastical, figuramental; shadowy, chimerical.

imagine, v. 1. envision, image, picture, Inf. feature; dream, dream up, Inf. see things; conjure up, conceive, idealize, visualize, envisage, indulge in reverie, rhAPSODize.

2. think, believe, fancy, opine, apprehend; assume, presume, suppose, U.S. Dial. reckon; conclude, judge, infer, deduce; hypothesize, theorize, guess, conjecture.

imbecile, n. 1. retardate, incompetent, mental defective; half-wit, simpleton, moron, dullard, Inf. mental midget, Sl. dingbat.

—adj. 2. feeble-minded, half-witted, simple, wit less, defective, deficient, mindless, vacant; dull, slow, muddleheaded.

3. silly, absurd, fatuous, foolish, giddy, asinine, senseless, inane, addlepated, flighty, crazy, stupid, Inf. wacky.

imbecility, n. 1. feeble-mindedness, mental defectiveness, mental retardation, incompetency, dulness, Psychiatry. amentia; feebleness, weakness, incapability, unfitness, ineptitude, disability.

2. silliness, absurdity, fatuity, foolishness, asininity, inanity, senselessness, brainlessness, flightiness, nonsense, folly, craziness.

imbibe, v. 1. drink, quaff, sip, sup, Archaic. bib, Inf. swig, Inf. belt, Inf. pull; drain, wash down, toss off; gulp, swallow, Sl. guzzle or guzzle down, Sl. swill or swill down; (all of alcoholic beverages) tipple, tope, bose, Inf. boozee, nip, Archaic. dram; All Inf. gargle, wet or moisten one’s whistle, take a drop, Sl. chug, Sl. chug-a-lug, lap, lap up, commune with the spirits, drown one’s sorrows; All Sl. hit the sauce or bottle or boozie, tie one on, scoop a few, knock a few back, liquor up, souse, dip the beak, bend or crook or exercise or raise an elbow.

2. absorb, suck up, draw up or in, take up or in, osmose; sponge, sponge up, soak up, blot out, sop up; eat, ingest, ingurgitate, gulp down, gobble up or down.

3. learn, acquire, gain, pick up, digest; assimilate, get by osmosis, gain or glean knowledge, Inf. get hold of.

imbroglio, n. 1. complication, complexity, perplexity, problem; difficulty, entanglement, involvement; confusion, uncertainty, quandary; muddle, mess, botch, jumble, hodgepodge; trouble, Inf. hot water, scrape; dilemma, predicament, plight, Inf. pickle, Inf. fix, Inf. stew; corner, tight spot, Sl. box, bind, double bind, catch-22, vicious circle, strait, Inf. squeeze, pinch; impasse, standstill, stalemate, deadlock, stymie.

2. disagreement, conflict, opposition, strife; controversy, contention, altercation, argument, quarrel, Sl. mix-up, dispute, disputation.

3. commotion, disturbance, turmoil; fracas, row, donnybrook; bedlam, chaos, babel.

4. labyrinth, maze, jungle, wilderness; network, complex, complicity, complexity; web, webwork, tangle, tangled skein, sleave; bafflement, riddle, puzzle, knot, Gordian knot.

imbue, v. 1. drench, soak, bathe, steep, infuse, tincture, penetrate, impregnate; saturate, imbue, permeate, souse, drown, inundate; douse, wash, wet; immerse, immerge, dip, dunk, submerge, submerge.

2. stain, taint, sully, defile.

imbrue, v. 1. impregnate, fill with, inject with; indoctrinate, inculcate, implant; impress, instill, ingrain.

2. inspire, inflame, arouse; fire, charge, stir, stimulate; affect, infect, influence.

3. imbrue, drench, infuse, tincture, penetrate, permeate. See imbrue (def. 1).

imitate, v. 1. pattern or model after, do like, emulate, parallel; copy, copycat, follow as an example, take after, walk in the footsteps of, tread in the steps of, tear or take a page from [s.o.’s] book, follow suit, match.

2. mimic, ape, monkey, parrot, repeat, reflect, mirror, echo; impersonate, Sl. make like, mock, parody, take off, caricature, burlesque; simulate, assume, represent, take on, affect.

3. duplicate, reproduce, make a copy, replicate, Trademark. Xerox, clone.

4. counterfeit, forge, fake, sham; plagiarize, Sl. lift.
imitation, n. 1. imitating, mimicking, mimicry, Zool. mimicry, apery, monkeying; impersonation, mocking, parody, take-off, caricature, burlesque, travesty.
2. simulation, representation, replica, repetition, duplication, copy, facsimile; semblance, adaptation.
3. counterfeit, forgery, fake, sham; plagiarism, paraphrase; brummagem, tinsel, fraud.
—adj. 4. imitative, simulated, synthetic. See imitative (def. 2).

imitative, adj. 1. mimic, Archaic. mimetical, mimetic, apish, parrot-like; derivative, secondary, unoriginal; copied, plagiarized.
2. counterfeit, forged, fraudulent, imitation, fake, Inf. phony; not genuine, bogus, spurious, spurious, bastardly.
3. pretended, feigned, simulated, make-believe, phony; not genuine, bogus, spurious, spurious; assumed, put-on, pseudo; specious, meretricious, theatrical.

imitator, n. copier, copyist, Inf. copycat, follower, shadow, epigone; mimic, imitator, monkey, ape, parrot, echo; feign, pretend, counterfeit, forger, plagiarist.

immaculate, adj. 1. spotless, unstained, stainless, refined, unsoiled, untarnished, unsullied; white, sunny, snow-white, speckless; washed, laundered, fresh, starched; spick-and-span, neat, tidy, clean, natty, spruce.
2. virgin, untouched, untainted, unspoiled; unadulterated, pristine, uncontaminated, unpolluted; disinfected, sanitized, hygienic, aseptic, sterile.
3. pure, undefiled, unblemished, unfouled; unadulterated, pristine, uncontaminated, unpolished; disinfected, sanitized, hygienic, aseptic, sterile.

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immediately, adv. 1. instantly, at once, right away, forthwith, without delay, instant, Jocular. immediately if not sooner; this instant, this very moment or minute, now, Sl. pronto; directly, Inf. right off the bat, straightforward, straightaway, straight off, presently, Archaic. anon; promptly, speedily, summarily, quick; Inf. lickety-split, posthaste, Inf. before you can say 'Jack Robinson;' suddenly, abruptly, Music: subito, pulso, on the spot, of the moment, on a moment's notice; instantaneously, in the same breath, in the wink of an eye, in the twinkling of an eye, Inf. in a jiffy, in a tick; in a moment, at the drop of a hat, on the spot, at a blow, in double time, in double quick time.
2. closely, nearly, in the vicinity, in the neighborhood, in the area; close to, fast by, at close range, at close quarters, in propinquity; next door, alongside, at one's door, under one's nose.

immemorial, adj. time-honored, ancestral, traditional, customary; ancient, age-old, dateless, Archaic. olden, archaic; long-standing, fixed, rooted, inverteate, habitual; established, enduring, lasting, living, permanent; unchangeable, immutable, unchanging.

immeasurable, adj. limitless, boundless, illimitable, unlimited, unbound, uncircumscribed, shoreless; incalculable, measureless, unfathomable, fathomless, undeterminable, indeterminate; vast, extensive, immense, great, as far as the eye can see; innumerable, countless, untold, uncounted, numberless; endless, interminable, never-ending, inexhaustible, infinite.

immense, adj. 1. vast, extensive, broad, wide, expansive, Archaic. vasty, Archaic. immense; voluminous, bulky, capacious, massive; huge, enormous, large, big, prodigious; great, towering, staggering, great big, stupendous, tremendous, St. humongous, Sl. giant; titan, cyclopean, Atlantean, Brobdingnagian; colossal, mammoth, gigantic, monstrous, monumental, jumbo; elephantine, hippopotamic, leviathan, behemoth, dinosaurian, megatherian.
2. immeasurable, boundless, illimitable, unlimited, uncircumscribed, unbound, limitless, shoreless; endless, interminable, infinite, inexhaustible, never-ending; incalculable, measureless, fathomless, unfathomable, indeterminate, indeterminate.

immensity, n. 1. vastness, immenseness, spaciousness, Archaic. vastitude, Archaic. immenseness; hugeness, enormity, enormousness, gigantism; greatness, bigness, largeness, monstrousness; fullness, bulkiness, massiveness, sizableness; voluminosity, capaciousness.
2. boundlessness, infinity, infinitude, infinite space, endlessness; abyss, abyss, maw, gulf, chasm; void, depths, stretches; immeasurability, illimitability, interminability, never-endingness.
3. expanse, breadth, latitude, width; extent, measure, sweep, reach, compass; volume, magnitude, amplitude.

immerse, v. 1. immerse, plunge, dive, dip; sub-
immersion, n. 1. immersion, immersing, plunging, diving, dipping; submersion, submerging, ducking, dunking, sinking; soaking, steeping, swashing, sloshing; bathing, dousing, drenching, soaking, imbuement, imbing, saturating, saturating; flooding, inundation, inundating, drowning.

2. baptism, christening, Archaic. dip; cleanse, purify, lustrate.

3. embed, bury, inhumē, Obs. inter.

4. engage, occupy, hold, take up, involve; absorb, engross, preoccupy, monopolize, engulf, consume; enthral, fascinate, captivate, spellbind, mesmerize; whelm, overwhelm; attract, allure, draw.

immersion, n. 1. immigration, immigrant, immigrant.

2. excessive, inordinate, overmoderate, exorbitant, unreasonable, overindulgence, drunkenness; excess, excessiveness, inordinateness, Obs. inordinacy; extremeness, extravagance, exorbitancy, licentiousness, prurience, salaciousness, goatishness, lasciviousness, lecherousness, lechery.

3. immediate, close, close by, nearby, nigh, proximate, close at hand, wind; overhanging, projecting, lowering; threatening, momentary, immediate.

4. engage, occupy, hold, take up, involve; absorb, engross, preoccupy, monopolize, engulf, consume; enthral, fascinate, captivate, spellbind, mesmerize; whelm, overwhelm; attract, allure, draw.

Immigrant, n. 1. nonnative, naturalized citizen, Chiefly Brit. incomer; alien, outsider, outlander, tramontane, barbarian; illegal alien, Often Disparaging. wetback; migrant, migrator, emigrant, expatriate.

2. entrant, arrival, newcomer, new kid or boy or girl, new kid on the block or in town.

Immigrate, v. migrate, change one's place of residence, move, resettle, emigrate; enter the country, cross the border; change one's citizenship, start a new life, put down new roots.

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2. commemorate, memorialize, celebrate, solemnize; glorify, canonize, beautify, enthrone, ennable; signalize, exult, salute, extol, elevate, acclaim, compliment, laud, pay tribute, make forever famous.

immovable, adj. 1. stable, set, fast, fixed, secure, riveted, moored, anchored, planted, grounded; immobile, stationary, static, frozen, stiff, rigid.

motionless, unmoving, at a standstill, stock-still, dead-still, still as a statue, statuelike.

unalterable, unchangeable, immutable, permanent; irrevocable, irreversible, irrefutable, incontrovertible, settled; constant, changeless, unchanging, invariable, unvarying.

emotionless, unmoriotional, unfeeling, impassive, unresponsive, unsympathetic; cold, cool, frigid, icy; cold-blooded, cold-hearted, heartless.

steadfast, staunch, steady, unflinching, unbending, unbowing, unwavering; resolute, firm, determined, stubborn, dogged, obdurate, adamantine, adamantine, tenacious; inflexible, uncompromising, irreconcilable, not to be moved, Inf. hard-core, Inf. hard-shell; inexorable, implacable, relentless.

immun., v. inoculate, protected, safe, not subject to, not liable to, unsusceptible, insusceptible, innocent, unvulnerable, unaffected, untouched; exempt, free, freed, scot-free, released, absolved, excused, dismissed from, relieved of, Inf. off the hook; excepted, spared, excluded, left out, passed by or over.

immunity, n. 1. insusceptibility, inoculation, protection, safety.

2. exemption, immunity, indemnity; freedom, protection, safeguard, guard, over, hand over, part with, fork over, shell out; entrust, lend, consign, relegate.

immunize, v. 1. inoculate, give [s.o.] his shots, Med. vaccine; protect, shield, safeguard, guard, keep, preserve.

2. neutralize, offset, counteract, counterbalance, counteract; cancel out, undo, nullify, negate.

immure, v. enclose, inclose, wall up or in, close up or in; pen or pen in, coop or coop up, cage, encage; shut up or in, impound, confine, put into confinement; hold captive, hold, keep in custody, detain; imprison, put in prison, jail, put in jail, put behind bars, embark, lock up, incarcerate; Inf. send up the river, Sl. throw into the jug or clink, Naut. throw into the brig, Sl. throw into the coop, Sl. throw into the can or cooler.

immutable, adj. 1. changeless, unchangeable, invariable, unalterable, incommutable, irreversible, inflexible; undeviating, unaltering, unwavering, steadfast, reliable, steady; firm, fast, fixed, constant, durable, solid, stable, permanent.

2. enduring, abiding, lasting, persisting; indestructible, unbreakable, infrangible, imperishable, perdurable, inextinguishable, indissoluble; perpetual, unaging, incorruptible, undecaying, amaranthine, perennial, Bot. (of leaves) indeciduous, (of trees) evergreen; deathless, undying, immortal, eternal, Archaic. eternally everlasting.

imp, n. 1. devilkin, little devil, demon, evil spirit, hobgoblin, bogey, bogeyman, Obs. bugbear; hob, goblin, (in German folklore) kobold, Irish Folklore. leprechaun, pixy, puck, sprite, elf, brownie, fairy, fay; (in Scandinavian folklore) troll, gnome, dwarf, pygmy.

2. rascal, urchin, gamin; prankster, Inf. cut-up, mischief-maker, troublemaker.

impact, n. 1. collision, crash, clash, striking, bump; slam, bang, knock, thump, whack, thwack, blow, stroke, punch, smack, slap, Inf. clip, smash.

2. concussion, shock, force, full force, brunt; pressure, impetus, momentum, energy.

3. influence, bearing, effect; results, repercussions, consequences.

—v. 4. pack in, ram down, force in or down, compress, condense; push in, press in, shove in, wedge in, cram in, stuff in, jam in, squeeze in, fit in.

congest, throng, fill, fill up, crowd, overcrowd, overfill, overstuff, fill to overflowing, fill to the brim.

6. collide with, bump into, run into, bang into, smash into, slam into, dash against; hit, strike, smack, knock, thump, whack, thwack, punch, Inf. clip, slap.

7. Usu. impact on affect, influence, alter, change; work upon, impress, act on, bear on, relate to, impinge on.

impair, v. weaken, lessen, erenate, water down, attenuate; vitiate, debase, adulterate, pollute, corrupt; debilitate, enfeeble, sap, undermine; wear down or out of repair, cripple, disable, crush, shatter, damage, injure, harm; hurt; spoil, mar, blemish, deface, disfigure.

impale, v. transfix, pierce, stab, prick, stick; puncture, perforate, bore; pink, spear, spike, spic; run through, gut, disembowel, eviscerate.

impalpable, adj. 1. intangible, imperceptible, insubstantial, unreal, unworldly, dreamlike; light, airy, ethereal, shadowy, cloudy, wispy; evanescent, fleeting.

2. subtle, obscure, vague, tenuous; unclear, ambiguous, blurred, fuzzy, clouded, veiled; mysterious, esoteric, misconceived, recondite.

impart, v. tell, relate, pass on, communicate, transmit, publish, report, proclaim; apprise, make known, disclose, uncover, reveal, divulge, Inf. break; inform, confide, mention, hint, hint at, intimate, suggest.

2. bestow, grant, cede, confer, render; deal, appor tion, allot, allocate, assign, award; dispense, distribute, give, present, contribute, donate; deliver, hand over, hand out, part with, fork over, shell out; entrust, lend, consign, relegate.

impartial, adj. unbiased, unprejudiced, unbigoted; uncolored, disinterested, dispassionate, detached, objective; neutral, without favoritism, uninfluenced, incorrupt, aboveboard, punctilious, legal, by the rules; equitable, even, even-handed, fair, fair-minded, just, true, Inf. square, unwarped.

Impartiality, n. equity, fairness, justice, justness, fair play, even-handedness; objectivity, dispassion, disinterest, disinterestedness, neutrality.

impassable, adj. 1. impenetrable, impervious, impassable; unpassable, untraversable, inaccessible; washed-out, pathless.

impasse, n. 1. deadlock, stalemate, standstill; halt, stop, stoppage, full stop, dead stop, quietus, cessation; stand, stay, check, checkmate, mate, block, blockade; stand-off, tie, draw.

2. dilemma, perplexity, nonplus; predicament, hole, Inf. over, exasperation, Inf. fix, corner; bind, double bind, catch-22; dead end, blind alley, cul-de-sac.

impassioned, adj. 1. passionate, impassionate, ardent, vehement, zealous; overzealous, overeager, overanxious, Inf. gung-ho; fervent, fervid, fervent; earnest, eager, animated, enthusiastic, Inf. enthused, Inf. psyched or psychéd up; excited, sparkling, glowing, lively, alive, full of life, vivacious, Inf. bright-eyed and
bushy-tailed; enlivened, inspired, inspirited, invigorated,
edgarized, energized, enerticed, vivified, vitalized; vigorous,
forceful, dynamic, high-powered.

2. stimulated, aroused, burning, Inf. hot, Inf. turned
on; inflamed, infatuat ed, lusting after, Sl. hot for, Sl.
licking after, mad about, Inf. wild about; desirous,
intense, amorous, sensual, sexual, erotic.

emotional, emotive, temperamental, high-strung;
excitable, spirited, high-spirited; volatile, volcanic;
flamboyant, hot-blooded, inflammable, kindled, kindled;
agitated, nervous, tense, fretful; disturbed, perturbed,
shaken, stirred up, worked up; heated, white-hot,
inflamed, flaming, flared up, flaring; irate, wrathful,
writh, wrenched, very angry; enraged, raging, fuming,
influrient, infuriate, furious; overwrought, dis-
traught, upset, feverish, hysterical, not rational, violent;
ranting, raving, foaming at the mouth, rabid, fanati-
cal, frenzied; frantic, crazed, Pathol. delirious, mad,
Inf. wild.

impassive, adj. 1. apathetic, emotionless, unemo-
tional, impassible, insensitive; stolid, phlegmatic, sto-
cial, imperturbable, unexcitable; unconcerned, noncha-
lant, reserved, reticent, taciturn; indifferent, uncaring,
Sl. blish, unmoved, unflappable, dispassionate, pas-
stonless; cool, cold, frigid, Inf. like a cold fish, with ice
water in one's veins; cold-blooded, Stony-hearted,
with a heart of stone, having a lump of coal for a heart.
2. calm, serene, peaceful, tranquil, placid, calm,
impassive, untroubled, cool, cold, frigid,
like a stone. Prevent, discourage, obstruction, difficulty,
objection, discouragement, difficulty, drawback, dis-
advantage; delay, hang-up, snag, bottleneck, red tape;
termination, setback, drag; load, burden, deadweight.
3. hardness, dullness, callousness, obdurate-
ness; thick skin, hard shell.

impatience, n. 1. apathy, indifference, unconcern,
dispassion, impassibility; insensitivity, imperturbabil-
ty, nonchalance, casualness, stoicism, stolidity; re-
serve, reticence, silence; cold shoulder, coldness, cool-
ness, iciness, frigidity.
2. calmsness, serenity, tranquility, placidity, composure,
unruffled, composed, collected, content, drifting
along.
3. unconscious, insensitive, insensate; impervious,
deaf and blind to, zombie-like, half-alive; hardened,
indurated, callous, thick-skinned.

impasse, v. obstruct, block, contravene, hinder,
thwart, balk, inhibit, frustrate, foil, confound, bar;
unauthorized, obturate, impede, impede, block;
blockage, trappings, gear; baggage, luggage, appur-
tenance, apparatus, appurtenances.

impeach, v. 1. accuse, charge, indict, Law. arraign,
Law. impeach, incriminate, criminate, re criminate,
Rare. impeal; denounce, implicate, inculpate; blame,
hold [s.o.] accountable or responsible, lay at [s.o.'s]
door, point the finger at [s.o.]; (all in reference to cul-
pability) allege, ascribe, attribute, assigns, impute, lay.
2. challenge, question, call into question, impugn,
assail, revile, attack; discredit, impair, deprecate, dis-
parage, belittle, Sl. badmouth; stigmatize, brand, slur,
asperse, cast aspersions on, malign, slander, defame,
vilify; inveigh against, rail against, declaim against,
furnishmate against.

impeccable, adj. 1. faultless, correct, perfect, ideal,
flawless; immaculate, spotless, unspotted, stainless,
unblemished, clean, clear; complete, finished, absolute.
2. irrepresensible, unerring, virtuous, upright, exem-
plary, aboveboard, unimpeachable, above suspicion,
Fr. sans peur et sans reproche; blameless, inculpable,
impeccant, incorruptible, pure, blameless, guiltless,
defiled, pure as the driven snow.

impeccuous, adj. penniless, out of money, cleaned
out, insolvent, bankrupt, Inf. broke, Inf. flat, Inf.
flat-broke; embarrassed, Inf. pinched, Inf. short, Sl.
hard up, Sl. strapped, out of pocket, without a penny
or a nickel to one's name, without a sou; poor, poor as
a church mouse, poor as Job's turkey, impoverished,
poverty-stricken, destitute, down and out, unable to
make ends meet, unable to keep the wolf from the door,
needy, indigent, necessitous, penurious.

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unauthorized, obturate, impede, impede, block;
blockage, trappings, gear; baggage, luggage, appur-
tenance, apparatus, appurtenances.
imperative, 1. imperceptive, imperceptible,
adj. impenitent, unrepentant, unrepenting, irrepent-
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dull, dense, thick, obtuse, stupid, senseless;
4. obligation, duty, charge, responsibility, liability,
esoteric, abstruse, abstract; mystic, mystical, occult,
cipherable, undecipherable; profound, deep, recondite,
beyond comprehension, unpierceable, unpierced, holeproof.
3. deficient, insufficient, inadequate; mediocre, in-
different, middling, below par, so-so, mean, average,
fair, moderate, ordinary; inferior, crude, rough, bad,
inexpert.
imperfection, n. 1. defect, flaw, fault, blemish; snag,
catch, tear, rent, run, Chiefly Brit. ladder; cut, scratch,
crack, break; spot, taint, stain; deformity, disfigure-
ment, malformation.
2. imperfection, defectiveness, faultiness, weakness,
infirmity, frailty; inadequacy, inferiority, unsoundness,
deficiency, drawback; incompleteness, immaturity;
shortcoming, foible, weak point, liability, limitation,
failing; omission, transgression, misdeed, error, of-
fense, vice, wrong, sinfulness, badness.
imperial, adj. 1. sovereign, regal, royal, monarch-
al, imperatorial; kingly, kinglike, queenly, queenlike,
principally.
2. supreme, absolute, dominant, predominant, pre-
eminent, paramount, chief, ruling.
3. commanding, mandating, imperative, prescriptive,
authoritative; imperious, peremptory, overbearing,
domineering, lordly, magisterial, masterful; authori-
tarian, dogmatic, despotic, dictatorial, tyrannical,
arbitrarily.
4. majestic, magnificent, splendid, grand, lofty, im-
posing, stately.
imperialism, n. 1. sovereignty, empire, empery,
emperorship, royalty, majesty; kingship, kinship,
queenship, queenhood; the throne, the crown, the
scepter, the purple.
2. monarchism, royalism; expansionism, colonialism,
neocolonialism, the white man’s burden.
imperil, v. endanger, expose to danger, jeopardize,
put in jeopardy, compromise, Sl. put on the spot,
Sl. lay on the line; hazard, risk, gamble, gamble with,
tempt fate or providence, take a chance, play with fire,
sail too near the wind, Inf. press or push one’s luck,
 expose, lay open, bare.
imperious, adj. 1. peremptory, overbearing, over-
weening, domineering, high-handed, hands-on, Inf.
bossy; commanding, lordly, high-and-mighty, magis-
terial, masterful; bumptious, assertive, heavy-handed;
authoritarian, dogmatic, arbitrary, despotic, dictatori-
al, tyrannical.
2. urgent, exigent, compelling, pressing, imperative,
high-priority, high-pressure; necessary, vital, indispen-
sable, essential, of the essence; requisite, required,
called-for, in demand, needful, needed; necessary, vital, indispensable, essential, of the essence; compelling, pressing, urgent, exigent, high-
priority, high-pressure.
impersonal, adj. 1. unnoticable, unapparent,
subtle, slight, gradual; inappreciable, inconsiderable,
inaexpressible, indifferent, momentary; minute, minuscule;
insignificance.
2. invisible, unseeable, inexpressible, imperceptible,
indiscernible, inindiscernible; ill-defined, indistinct,
indemnity, obscure, vague, unclear, shadowy; faint, in-
audible, muffled, muffled.
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imperceptive, adj. unperceptive, undiscerning, im-
perceptible; blind, purblind, blind as a bat; oblivious,
insensible, unconscious; incomprehending, unappre-
hending, dull, dim, obtuse, slow, slow-witted, dull-witt-
ted, dim-witted, thick-witted.
imperfect, adj. 1. faulty, defective, inoperative,
unserviceable, out of order, out of commission, Inf.
on the blink, Inf. on the fritz, Inf. out of kilter, Sl. out
of whack, Sl. gone kerflooie, Sl. kaput, Scot. stickit,
Sl. on the bum; broken, disfigured, injured, flawed,
deformed, mutilated, decrepit, lame, crippled; weak,
frail, feeble.
2. incomplete, not entire, partial, unfinished, in-
choate; undeveloped, immature, premature, rudimen-
tary, abortive.
3. deficient, insufficient, inadequate; mediocre, in-
heretically sealed; closed, shut, sealed, locked; solid,
hard, rock-hard, adamantine; impermeable, unporous,
nonporous, watertight, waterproof; punctureproof,
imperforable, unperforable, imperforate, imperfo-
rated, unperceivable, unpierced, holeproof.
3. command, commandment, order, dictate,
authoritative; imperious, peremptory, overbearing,
domineering, lordly, magisterial, masterful; authori-
tarian, dogmatic, despotic, dictatorial, tyrannical.
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3. command, commandment, order, dictate,
bidding, behest, Inf. word, Inf. say-so; direction, in-
junction, instruction, precept, prescription, mandate.
4. obligation, duty, charge, responsibility, liability,
onus, burden.
5. dire necessity, urgent need, urgency, exigency,
matter of life and death.
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terial, masterful; bumptious, assertive, heavy-handed;
authoritarian, dogmatic, arbitrary, despotic, dictatori-
al, tyrannical.
2. urgent, exigent, compelling, pressing, imperative,
high-priority, high-pressure; necessary, vital, indispen-
sable, essential, of the essence; requisite, required,
called-for, in demand, needful, needed.
imperishable, adj. indestructible, inextinguishable,
indissoluble, infrangible, unbreakable; indelible, iner-
cidable; immutable, unalterable, unchangeable, change-
less, incommutable; unfading, undecaying, incorrupti-
ble, amaranthine, perennial, (of leaves) Bot. in-
deciduous, (of trees) Bot. evergreen; enduring, lasting,
abiding, everlasting, eternal, Archai. eternal, immortal.
impermanent, adj. transitory, transient, temporary,
temporal, fly-by-night; momentary, short-lived, ephem-
ereal, evanescent, volatile, passing, fleeting, fading, flit-
ting; mortal, perishable, corruptible, unendurable,
nonpermanent; mutable, changeable, changeful, alter-
able, variable, permutable, inconstant; unstable, un-
fixed, unsteady, unsettled.
impeable, adj. 1. impenetrate, impassable, im-
pervious, imperviable, inaccessible; jungly, jungled,
overgrown; trackless, pathless, wayless, unto:loaded,
Obs. invious.
2. proof, resistant, tight, airtight, snug, compact,
hermetic, hermetically sealed; closed, shut, sealed,
locked; solid, hard, rock-hard, adamantine; unporous,
nonporous, watertight, waterproof.
impersonal, adj. 1. detached, disinterested, dispas-
sionate, objective, nonsubjective, fair, even-handed,
impersonate

v. imitate, pretend to be, mimic, ape, Sl. make like, monkey, parrot, repeat, reflect, mirror, echo; simulate, assume, represent, take on, affect; mock, parody, take off, caricature, burlesque.

impersonate, n. personation, mocking, imitating, impersonation, personation, mocking, imitating, n.

impersonation, v. imitate, pretend to be, mimic, ape, Sl. make like, monkey, parrot, repeat, reflect, mirror, echo; simulate, assume, represent, take on, affect; mock, parody, take off, caricature, burlesque.

impersonation, n. personation, mocking, imitating, impersonation, personation, mocking, imitating, n.

impertinent, adj. 1. insolence, impudence, audacity, effrontery, presumption, presumptuousness; boldness, brazenness, freshness, brashness, pertness, sauciness, shamelessness,Inf. cheekiness, Inf. sassiness, Inf. brassiness; impoliteness, unmanners, ill-manneredness, incivility, rudeness; bumpishness, cockiness, forwardness, chutzpah; meddliness, intrusiveness, unfussiness, officiousness.

2. All Inf. brass, sass, face, cheek, back talk, guff, crust, sauce; All Sl. gall, nerve, mouth, lip.

3. malapert, minx, hussy, boldface, brazenface, whipsnapper, upstart, Inf. saucebox, Inf. smart aleck, Inf. smarty pants, Sl. wise guy, Sl. smart or wise ass.

4. irrelevance, immateriality, inapprropriateness, inappropriateness, inconsequence; unrelatedness, unconnectedness; absurdity, ludicrousness, ridiculosity.

imperturbable, adj. inexorable, unflappable, even-tempered, easy-going; self-controlled, steady, poised, balanced; calm, collected, composed, self-possessed, cool, Inf. cool as a cucumber, Inf. together; nonchalant, at ease, unruffled, untroubled, unsayed, unperturbed, undisturbed, unexcited, unmoved; sedate, tranquil, serene, placid, peaceful, dispassionate.

impervious, adj. 1. impassable, impenetrable, im permeable, inaccessible, imperviable; jungly, jungled, overgrown; trackless, pathless, wayless, untrodden.

2. proof, resistant, tight, airtight, snug, compact, overgrown; trackless, pathless, wayless, untrodden.

3. impermeable, inaccessible, impervious; enduring, lasting, abiding, everlasting, eternal, immortal, deathless, un dying.

4. callous, calloused, thickskinned, insensitive, un feeling, hard, heart-hardened, hardened, inured, inurate, stony, flinty, steely; cold-hearted, cold-blooded, cold, frigid, frosty, icy, unsympathetic, unresponsive; un influenceable, unwayable, unmovable; unpliable, in flexible, inflexible, unbending, obdurate, unpersuadable; unreceptive, unnamable, closed to.

impetuosity, n. 1. hasty, quick, abrupt, swift; pre cipitate, headlong, careless, slapdash; eager, energetic, dashing, buckish, spirited, lively.

2. impulsive, spontaneous, unreflective, thoughtless, unreasoned, unreflecting, offhand, spur-of-the-moment, ill-conceived; mercurial, fickle, capricious; overhasty, rash, reckless, madcap, temerarious; brash, heedless, incautious, head, foolhardy, excitable, impatient, hot-blooded, Inf. quick on the trigger, Inf. trigger happy; hotheaded, fiery, ardent, passionate, overzealous; burning, fervid, per fervid.

3. violent, forceful, powerful, vigorous, raging; rampant, unrestrained, uncontrolled, unbridled, wild, un governed; unretainable, ungovernable, uncontrollable, unruly; intractable, headstrong, willful, stubborn, obstinate.

impetus, n. 1. instigation, action, moving force, spark, stimulus, stimulation, incentive, motivation, inducement, inspiration, encouragement, influence; urging, pressing, spurring, pricking, whipping, lashing, goading; spur, prick, whip, lash, goad.

2. momentum, propulsion, continuing motion, energy, thrust, impelling force, drive, push.

impious, adj. 1. ungodliness, godlessness, irreligion; apostasy, recidivism, backsliding; atheism, agnosticism, paganism, heathenism.

2. irreverence, disrespect, disrespectfulness, lack of respect; insolence, impertinence, mockery, scoffing, derision; ridicule, insult, jeering, sneering, smirking.

3. sin, sinfulness, wickedness, vice, wrong, wrongdoing, malpractice; corruption, evildoing, transgression, offense, trespass; sacrilege, abomination, desecration, befoulment, defilement; cursing, swearing, foul language, blasphemy, profanity, taking the Lord's name in vain.

impinge, v. 1. encroach, infringe, intrude, invade, trespass, Inf. horn in, usurp.

2. strike, hit, dash, run against, knock against, butt against, bump against, collide with; jolt, push, prod, shove, come into conflict with.

3. affect, impress, touch, touch upon, influence, exert influence, relate to, have a relation to, bear upon, have to do with, Inf. tie in with, pertain to.

impious, adj. 1. irreverent, irreligious, indecent, ungodly; pharaica, canting, pietistical, sanctimonious, hypocritical; blasphemous, sacrilegious, desecrative; unrighteous, iniquitous, sinful, wicked, satanic, diabolic; perverted, repellent, immoral, iniquitous, impure.

impish, adj. mischievous, full of mischief, mischief making, prankish; imp-like, pixyish, puckish, elfish, elfin; devilish, trouble-making, unruly, unmanageable, difficult to handle, intractable, perverse, obnoxious, annoying, Inf. pesky, insufferable.

implacability, n. mercilessness, pitilessness, lack of compassion, lack of sympathy, hard-heartedness, heart lessness, rigidity, firmness, hardness, inexorability, relentlessness; unforgiveness, grudge-holding, lack of forgiveness, revenge-seeking, vengefulness.

implacable, adj. unappeasable, not to be appeased,
implant, v. 1. instill, insinuate, inject, inculcate, introduce, inoculate, indoctrinate; train, teach, impart, impress. 2. influence, inspire, impregnate, imbue, imbrue, move.

implausible, adj. incredible, unbelievable, hard to believe, unimaginable, inconceivable, unheard of; improbable, unlikely, doubtful, dubious; questionable, debatable, disputable, equivocal; indefinite, conjectural, unfounded, precarious, unreasonable.

implement, n. 1. tool, utensil, appliance, instrument, apparatus, mechanism, contrivance, device, Inf. contraption, invention, gadget, hickey, Sl. gimmick; engine, motor, machine. 2. piece of equipment or gear, article of clothing.

implement, v. 1. implore, beseech, entreat, obsecure, plead, Brit. Inf. pray, pray, crave; ask, request, seek; call upon, invoke, pray to; petition, solicit, supplicate, obtain, adjure, conjure, Rare: sue; urge, press, importune, insist, demand. 2. signify, express, mean, import, denote, connote, betoken.

imply, v. 1. involve, entail, presuppose, suppose, presume, assume, include, depend on, point to. 2. signify, express, mean, import, denote, connote, betoken.

imposible, adj. rude, discourteous, uncivil, unceremonious, unmannerly, bad-mannered, ill-bred, disrespectful, misbehaved; indeclicate, uncourtly, ungalant, indecorous, ungracious; ungentlemanly, unladylike, brash, bold, huydenish, Scot. randy; brazen; barefaced, insolent; impudent, insulting, importent, per, saucy, fresh; bluff, surly, sullen, bearish, gruff; inconsiderate, tactless, Scot. and North Eng. misplaced; abrupt, blunt, brusque, curt, clipped, short; rough, crude, boorish, churlish, lusty, vulgar, coarse.

import, n. 1. introduce, bring into the country, merchandise from abroad, importation, non-native commodity, foreign commodity, foreign-made article, n. foreign, import, merchandise, importation, non-domestic commodity. 2. signify, express, mean, import, denote, suggest, allude, drive at.

import, v. 1. introduce, bring into the country, present, carry. 2. convey, portend, mean, denote; purport, signify, symbolize, betoken, mark, indicate; connote, imply, intimate, suggest, allude, drive at.

importance, n. 1. consequence, matter, value, account, concern, Archaic: concernment; moment, weight, weightiness, substance, greatness, magnitude, force; gravity, graveness, heaviness, seriousness, solemnity; priority, precedence, press, urgency, emergenness.
important

2. distinction, prominence, prestige, eminence, high standing, high position or rank; regard, esteem, notability, note, mark, merit, high caliber; influence, sway, power, powerfulness; self-importance, superiority, pomposity, grandeur.

important, adj. 1. significant, portentous, of great import; consequential, of great consequence, critical, decisive, material; momentous, weighty, heavy, ponderous, pregnant, carrying great weight, of substance; serious, grave, solemn, sober; crucial, urgent, emergent, exigent, pressing, importunate, imperative, taking priority or precedence, requiring immediate attention.

2. Usu. important to mattering, carrying weight, meaning a lot, of import; of concern or interest, of account, counting; valuable, necessary, essential, vital, life-sustaining.

3. salient, prominent, outstanding, noticeable, conspicuous; notable, noteworthy, of note, signal; worthy, meritorious, of merit, remarkable.

4. major, main, principal, prime, primary, leading; large, great, big, sizeable, substantive, substantial; considerable, inestimable, immeasurable, invaluable.

5. influential, of influence, well-connected, with connections, impressive; effective, powerful, of power; mighty, formidable, imposing, commanding.

6. eminent, superior, high-ranking, high-level, toplofty, toploftiness, highfalutin. Inf.

cited, boastful, inflated, puffed up; pretentious, pompous, toplofty.

7. self-important, vainglorious, egotistical, conceited, boastful, inflated, puff ed up; pretentious, pompous, grandiose, grand, majestic, haughty, condescending, Inf. toploftiness, Inf. highfalutin.

importunate, adj. 1. pressing, urgent, instant, crying, exigent, demanding, exacting; claiming, clamorous, insistent, dunning, entreating, soliciting, supplicant; supplicatory, supplicant, imploratory, impetrate, precative, invocatory, on bended knee.

2. pertinacious, persistent, dogged, unremitting, continuous; adamant, undismayed, unshakable, sedulous.

3. troublesome, annoying, vexatious; bothersome, pesky, harassing, tormenting.

importune, v. 1. beset, ply, dun, tax, besiege, press, push; set upon, urge, call upon, insist, Inf. work on; plead, appeal to, clamor for, cry for; supplicate, beseech, entreat, implore, beg, sue, petition, solicit; pray, appeal, adjure, entreat, apostrophize, implore, importune, destitute, make oneself at the feet of.

2. coax, wheedle, cajole, inveigle; pester, vex, plague, harass, badger, hound, SL. hassle, SL. bug.

importunity, n. 1. insistence, stress, contention, emphasis; pressing, urging, dunning, plying, taxing; coaxing, cajolery, wheedling, blandishment; entreaty, supplication, prayer, beseechment, imploration; obsecration, impetration, adoration, obtestation; plea, cry, call, appeal, Eccles. rogation, urgency, instance, persistence.

2. importunities solicitations, demands, requests, requisitions, petitions, suits, overtures, addresses.

impose, v. 1. lay on, set, put on, place, enjoin; levy, assess, charge, burden; encumber, superpose, saddle with; prescribe, dictate, mark out, inflict, direct, command, decree, bid, call upon; demand, require, ask, exact, tax, U.S. doom.

2. obstruct, thrust upon, take advantage of, presume upon; interfere, intervene, interrupt, interpose, insinuate; interlude; intrude, impose upon, put out, wear out; wedlock, condescend, trouble, bother, inconvenience; put upon, foist upon, break upon, in cut, in barge in, SL. butt in, SL. horn in, SL. crash, SL. crash the gates.

3. impose on or upon a. misuse, misapply, misappropriate; take advantage, exploit, prostitute, pervert, profane. b. pass off, palm off, practice upon, foist off, fob off; put over, hoodwink, pull the wool over the eyes, con; cheat, defraud, bilk, gyp, Inf. flimflam, swindle, SL. diddle, SL. daddle; deceive, dupe, hoax, bamboozle, SL. hornswouggle, take in, mislead; double-cross, trick, cross up, do.

imposing, adj. 1. dignified, majestic, lofty, grand, august, stately. See impressive (def. 1).

2. towering, monumental, enormous, mountainous, immense, stupendous, tremendous; huge, gigantic, titanic, mighty.

imposition, n. 1. infliction, laying on, application, superposition, charging, burdening, loading, placement; levying, assessment, prescription, enactment.

2. charge, task, burden, duty; tax, load, onus, encumbrance; requirement, injunction, ultimatum; impost, levy, toll, tithe, surtax, U.S. doomage, rating; assessment, tariff, cess, tribute, fine, penalty.

3. obstruction, interloping, intrusion, interposition, interposion, insinuation; interference, interposition, interruption; presumption, undue advantage or liberty.

4. imposition, deception, delusion, deceit, dissimulation; fraud, fake, swindle, cheat, trick, stratagem; hoax, humbug, gammon.

5. imposition of hands laying on of hands, confirmation, ordination.

impossible, adj. 1. illogical, self-contradictory, incompatible, absurd, preposterous, ridiculous; out of the question, not possible, hopeless, SL. no go, not to be thought of.

2. unthinkable, unimaginable, unbelievable, incredible, inconceivable; beyond conception, beyond the bounds of possibility, contrary to reason, beyond the realm of reason.

3. unsolvable, insolvable, insoluble, unworkable; unperformable, incomparable, incurable; impracticable, unrealizable, unachievable, infeasible, unviable; insurmountable, insuperable, impossible, un navigable, beyond one's power, too much for; unapproachable, inaccessible, unobtainable; unavailable, unacquirable, not to be had; unreachable, out of reach, ungettable, beyond one's grasp.

4. inadmissible, unacceptable, untenable, objectionable, exceptional; unprovable, unverifiable; uncertain, unconfirmed, uncertain, unascertainable.

import, n. tax, taxation, tribute, duty, excise, toll, custom, levy. Brit. rates; customs duty, customs tax, tariff.

impostor, n. 1. deceiver, bamboozler, hoodwinker, trickster, petitfogger; misleader, bluff, bluff, Inf. fourflusher, deluder, duper, cheat, cheater, Inf. gyp or gypser, swindler, Archaic. chouser, chiseler, Inf. diddler, defrauder, bilker; exploiter, confidence man, SL. con man, SL. rip-off artist, SL. flimflam man, smooth or fast talker; sharper, sharpie, shark.

2. masquerader, humbug, wolf in sheep's clothing, dissembler, hypocrite, pharisee; pretender, fake, Inf. faker, fraud, sham, phony; charlatan, quack, mountebank, Inf. hys ter.

imposition, n. 1. imposition, exploitation, swindle, swindling, defraudation, bunco, misrepresentation; hoax, trick, artifice, wile, ruse; deception, duplicity, double-dealing, sharper, grifting, cheating, trickery, cozenage, chicanery, knavery; confidence game, Inf. con game, Inf. flimflam game, Inf. ripoff, SL. rip.

2. deception, humbug, pretense, delusion, fraud, sham; charlatanry, charlatanism, quackery.

impotence, n. 1. powerlessness, helplessness, weak
ness, feebleness, frailty, infirmity, impuissance; exhaustion, enfeeblement, prostration, demoralization; enervation, debilitation, disablement; decrepitude, senility, senescence, valetudinarianism, superannuation.

1. ineffectiveness, ineffectualness, inefficacy, inadequacy, inefficiency, incompetence, ineptness; uselessness, inutility, worthlessness, valuelessness, meritlessness, nugacity; futility, bootlessness, unavailingness, idleness; unprofitfulness, profitlessness, nonsuccess, failure, defeat.

2. sterility, infertility, childlessness, unproductiveness, infecundity, Med. agenesis, effeminateness.

impotent, adj. 1. powerless, helpless, weak, feeble, frail, infirm, impuissant; exhausted, worn out, enfeebled, spent, all in, done for; prostrate, shattered, demoralized; enervated, nerveless, debilitated; disabled, decrepit, crippled, paralytic, palsied; senile, senescent, valetudinary, superannuated.

2. ineffective, ineffectual, inefficient, incompetent, inadequate, inept, inoperative; worthless, valueless, meritless, nugatory; futile, vain, idle, bootless, useless, unavailing; unproductive, unyielding, unprofitable, profitless, gainless, unremunerative, unpaying; unsuccessful, to no avail, to no purpose, for naught.

3. barren, sterile, Bot. acarpous, unprolific, infecund, infertile, Med. agenetic, abortive, effete, unfruitful, fruitless.

impound, v. (all usu. of animals) pen, pen in, impotent, 1. adj.

impoverished, poverty-stricken, destitute, reduce to poverty, pauperize, 1. impoverish.

impracticability, n. impractical, adj.

impracticable, adj. unfeasible, impossible, unachievable, unattainable, unobtainable, out of the question.

impresario, n. manager, director, producer, administrator; conductor, maestro, choirmaster, concert master, precentor, coryphaeus; ballet master.

impress', v. 1. move, sway, bend, influence; persuade, win over, bring round; touch, reach, go to one's heart; get under one's skin; affect deeply, stir, disturb, bother, trouble; grab, galvanize, electrify, strike, overwhelm, overpower, bedazzle.

impress, v. execute, anathematize, send to perdition, curse, Sl. put the whammy on, Inf. jinx; damn, denounce, denunciate, condemn; blaspheme, slander.

imprecation, n. curse, maladiction, ban, anathema, Archaic. malison, execration; evil eye, Sl. whammy, hoodoo, jinx; denunciation, condemnation, damning, proscription; blasphemy, slander, abuse, threat.

imprecatory, adj. execratory, maledictory, denunciatory, damning, proscriptive; threatening, menacing, warning; blasphemous, slanderous.

imprecise, adj. inexact, approximate; incorrect, not right, untrue, inaccurate, wide-of-the-mark, off; ambiguous, inexplicit, indistinct, indefinite, vague, ill-defined; hazy, cloudy, wavy, fuzzy, fuzzy around the edges; Inf. muzzy, blurred; disorderly, inchoate, confused, careless.

impregnable, adj. 1. invulnerable, indestructible, undoestroyable, imperishable, nonperishable, Obs., Rare. imperible; invincible, unconquerable, impeneetrable, inviolable, inexpugnable; unassailable, unattackable, insuperable, undefeatable, unbeatable; formidable, powerful, mighty, tenable, secure, safe, sure and sound; stout, strong, sturdy, solid, stable, staunch, staunch; indomitable, redoubtable, unyielding.

imprehensive, v. 1. insinuate, make pregnant, get with child or young, Sl. knock up; fertilize, fructify, make fruitful, fecundate; beget, create, procreate, engender, generate.

impoverish, v. 1. reduce to poverty, pauperize, beggar; ruin, Dial. ruinate, break, bankrupt, destroy financially.

2. exhaust, use up, deplete, drain, sap, take all one's strength; wear out, tire out, fatigue, Inf. do in, Sl. do a number on, Sl. waste; weaken, enervate, enfeeble.

impoverty, v. 1. to possess of, seize, commandeer, expropriate, claim, Scot. point, Law. dis- train; avail oneself of, make free with, help oneself to.

impress, v. 1. move, sway, bend, influence; persuade, win over, bring round; touch, reach, go to one's heart; get under one's skin; affect deeply, stir, disturb, bother, trouble; grab, galvanize, electrify, strike, overwhelm, overpower, bedazzle.

2. fix deeply, establish, ground, instill, plant, install.

3. urge, prevail upon, spur, prompt, induce; empe- rhize, oblige, constrain, compel, coerce; wheedle, ca-

impenetrable, adj. unpermeable, impassable, intangible, indemonstrable, indiscernible, impermeable, impervious, imperviousness, impermeability, inability; flexibility, pliability, plasticity, malleability, moldability, fictileness, clayiness. See im-
impressible, adj. See impressionable.

impressibility, n. See impressionability.

impression, n. 1. strong effect, influence, sway, hold, power, control.
2. feeling, sensation, sense; intuition, inking, vague feeling, Inf. funny feeling, suspicion, Inf. hunch; consciousness, awareness, sentence, sensibility, perception; remembrance, recollection; sentiment, fancy, notion, idea, thought, conception, belief.
3. mark, figure, brand, indentation, impress, Archaic. impressure.
4. impersonation, imitation, mimicry, parody, takeoff.

impressionable, adj. susceptible, persuadable, yielding, receptive, susceptible; impressible, soft, pliable, plastic, malleable; flexible, fickle, moldable; young, undeveloped, unflaged, callow, inexperienced, innocent, open, tender; responsive, alive to, sensitive, sentient, sensible, feeling, intuitive, perceptive.

impressionability, n. susceptibility, persuadability, yieldingness; receptiveness, receptivity, susceptiveness, responsiveness; youth, callowness, inexperience, innocence, openness, tenderness; sensitivity, sensibility, feeling, intuition, perception; impressibility, softness, pliability, plasticity, malleability, flexibility; fitchiness, claysiness, moldability.

improbable, adj. unlikely, highly unlikely, not probable or likely, doubtful, dubious, questionable, Inf. fishy; implausible, impractical, unrealistic, incredible, unbelievable; inconceivable, unthinkable, out of the question, ridiculous, absurd, crazy, impossible.

improbity, n. dishonesty, fraud, falseness, disingenuousness, breach of faith, faithlessness; malpractice, misconduct, bad conduct, scandal; crookedness, Law. malfeasance, wrongdoing; maliciousness, perverseness, unrighteousness, wickedness, baseness, knavery, roguery, miscreancy.

impromptu, adj. 1. unprepared, unpremeditated, unrehearsed, unprompted; extemporized, extemporaneous, extemporary, extemporary, ad-lib, Sl. off-the-cuff, offhand; improvised, makeshift, jury-rigged.
2. spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment, the last-minute, impulsive, impetuous.

improper, adj. 1. incorrect, false, erroneous, mistaken, wrong, inexact, inaccurate, faulty, amiss, off base, off the mark; unsound, untrue, inapplicable.
2. unseemly, unbecoming, indecorous; undainty, ungentelemanly, ungenteel, impolite; unrefined, unpolished, indelicate, indecorous; impolite, imprudent, indiscreet, tactless, injudicious; untoward, Inf. out-of-the-way, Inf. off-key, out-of-bounds, out-of-line, out-of-order.
3. indecent, risqué, off-color; offensive, obscene, lewd, smutty; immoral, corrupt, sinful, wicked, reprehensible; illicit, illegitimate, unlawful.
4. inappropriate, inapt, inapprise, unmeet, unfitting, unbecoming; unwarranted, uncalled-for, out of place, out of keeping; inopportune, ill-timed, unseasonable, untimely, unbecoming; unfavorable, inconvenient, uncongenial, unlike; unsuitable, unsuited, unfit, ill-adapted, incompatible; inexpedient, inadvisable, impractical, inapplicable, unfeasible.
5. abnormal, irregular, unusual.

impropriety, n. incorrectness, nonconformity, indecorum, indecorousness, bad taste; unseemliness, imprudence, immodesty; inappropriateness, incongruity, unsuitability, unsuitableness.

improve, v. 1. amend, better, ameliorate, meliorate, make better; straighten out, reform, rehabilitate, set right, put right, redress, redeem; humanize, civilize, cultivate, modernize, elevate, ennoble, correct, rectify, restore, cure, heal, regenerate; repair, fix up, spruce up, give a face-lift to; brush up, refurbish, furnish, embellish, rub up, vamp up; lift, uplift, upgrade; remodel, reorganize, redo, recast, remodel, reconstruct, rearrange.
2. rework, revamp, redact, emendate; emend, polish, doctor; revise, rewrite, enhance, enrich; refine, purify, cleanse, clean, purge; perfect, develop, elaborate, finish, mature, mellow.
3. make good use of, put to good use, turn to account, take advantage of, avail oneself of; profit, gain, benefit.
4. become better, recuperate, convalesce, gain strength, grow better; advance, promote, further; forward; mend, gain, heal, come along, make headway; recover, rally, revive, get better; pick up, brighten up, perk up, come around, turn the corner.

improvement, n. 1. amelioration, melioration, betterment, bettering; correction, rectification, restoration; reformation, reform, rehabilitation, regeneration; civilization, cultivation, humanization, modernization, elevation; reconditioning, refurbishment, renovation, refreshment; repair, repair, overhaul, overhauling, face-lift; remodeling, reorganization, rearrangement, reconstruction.
2. revision, revise, rewriting, rewrite; redaction, emendation, revamping; enhancement, enrichment, edification; development, elaboration, perfection, maturation, refinement, purification, purgation, purge, cleansing, cleaning, polishing.
3. change, change for the better, progression, mending, healing, recuperation, convalescence, restitution; swing, Inf. pickup, recovery, Inf. up, rise, the road to recovery, Inf. comeback; advancement, promotion, furtherance, addition, advance.

improvidence, n. 1. thoughtlessness, imprudence, unmindfulness, unthinkingness; inadvertence, unwarniness, unwatchfulness, unvigilance; heedlessness, carelessness, incaution, disregardfulness, inattention, inattentiveness, oversight; neglect, negligence, dereliction; recklessness, rashness, rashness, precipitancy, temerariousness, temerity.
2. thoughtlessness, unthoughtfulness, unprovision, pecuniary, unfrugality; short-sightedness, indiscernment, injudiciousness; prodigality, extravagance, lavishness, profuseness, wastefulness, dissipation, squandering; shiftlessness, recklessness, lackadaisicalness; slackness, laxity, laxness, remissness.

improvident, adj. 1. incautious, unwise, imprudent, unobservant, unwatchful, unalert, unvigilant; heedless, careless, reckless, precipitate, temerarious, rash, headlong; thoughtless, unthinking, mindless, incautious, disregardful; inattentive, inadvertent, regardless, Inf. asleep on the job, Inf. asleep at the switch.

improvisation, n. 1. extemporizing, ad-libbing; making up, doing, making the best of it.
2. impromptu, extemporization, extempore remark, ad lib; spontaneousness, impulsive ness, impetuousness; impulse, flash, brainstorm.

improvises, v. 1. extemporize, ad-lib, Sl. wing it, Inf. play by ear, rise to the occasion, ride with the waves, fake it.
improvised, adj. unprepared, unpremeditated, ad hoc, on-the-spot, off-the-cuff, ad-lib, S.I. off-the-cuff, on-the-spot; make-shift, jury-rigged, ad-libbed.

imprudence, n. indiscretion, inconsiderateness, thoughtlessness, irresponsibility; inexpedience, inconsiderate, imprudent, imprudence, indiscretion, inconsiderateness, thoughtlessness, heedless, short-sighted, heedlessness.

imprudent, adj. 1. indiscreet, inconsiderate, thoughtless, irresponsible, incautious, foolish; injudicious, ill-judged, inexpeditious, unwise, ill-advised, ill-considered, ill-suited, impolitic; guided, wrong-headed, perverse.

impetuous, adj. spontaneous, extemporaneous, impulsive, hasty, over-hasty, thoughtless, irresponsible, impolitic, indiscreet, inconsiderate, imprudent, impertinence, insolence, audacity, audacity, impudence, indiscretion, inconsiderateness, thoughtlessness, irresponsibility; inexpedience, imprudence, indiscretion, inconsiderateness, thoughtlessness, heedless, short-sighted, heedlessness.

impious, adj. inaccurate, inaccurate, incorrect, mistaken, wrong, incorrect, incorrect, incorrect, inaccurate, inaccurate, incorrect, incorrect, incorrect, incorrect, incorrect, incorrect, incorrect, inaccurate, inaccurate, incorrect, incorrect, incorrect, incorrect, inaccurate, inaccurate, incorrect, incorrect, inaccurate, inaccurate, incorrect, incorrect, inaccurate, inaccura...
inadequate, adj. 1. insufficient, too little, not enough, found wanting; mediocre, inferior, unsatisfactory, displeasing, disappointing, no good, not good enough, inconmensurate, unsuitable; imperfect, defective, flawed, faulty, incomplete, deficient, lacking, wanting, needing, missing, partial, short or short of. Inf. shy; meager, scanty, skimpy, skimpy, bare, scant; scarce, sparse, in short supply, at a premium.

2. inapt, inept, incompetent, incapable, unable, undesirable, impossible, untenable; impractical, unfeasible, inexpedient; impertinent, inapprise, inapplicable, immaterial, inconsequent; irrelevant, beside the point, beside the mark, beside the question, nothing to do with the case, not in issue.

inadvernent, adj. 1. inattentive, unheedful, heedless, unheeding, unobservant, unobserving, disregardful, regardless.

2. inconsiderate, thoughtless, unthinking, unreasoning, unreflecting, absent-minded; careless, uncircumspect, unwary; slack, lax, loose; negligent, neglectful, derelict.

3. unintentional, unpremeditated, undesigned, unplanned, unstudied, uncalculated, indecipherable, accidental, chance; unwitting, unconscious, involuntary, reflex, automatic, Sl. gut.

inadvertsently, adv. 1. inattentively, unheedfully, heedless, disregardsfully; thoughtlessly, unthinkingly, inconsiderately; careless, unwarily, unguardedly, off-guard, in an unguarded moment; negligently, negligently, remissly, loosely, laxly, slightly

2. accidentally, unintentionally, undesignedly, without design, by accident, by mistake; involuntary, unwittingly, unconsciously, automatically.

inadvisable, adj. ill-advised, unrecommended, inexpedient, unwise, foolish, unsagacious, unreasonable, irrational, unintelligent, imprudent, inguificious, impolitic; unnecessarily, indiscreet, improper, uncircumspect; undesirable, objectionable, inappropriate, unfit, unsuitable, unsatisfactory, ineligible.

2. inopportune, inconvenient, discommodious, impractical, useless, unprofitable, unbeneficial, disadvantageous, bad.

inalienable, adj. unforfeitable, untransferable, not to be conveyed, unconsignable, unsalable, unnegotiable; positive, absolute, inherent; unchallengeable, Law. imprescriptible, inviolable, sacrosanct, indefeasible. not to be annulled, not to be made void, permanent.

inamorata, n. lover, ladylove, love, beloved, Inf. flame; sweetheart, darling, angel; fiancée, betrothed, girl friend; paramour, mistress, concubine; intimate, Fr. intime, friend.

inamorato, n. lover, swain, amorist, gallant; suitor, wooer, pursuer, admirer, adorer; beau, sweetheart, spark, Inf. flame, love, beloved, Romeo; fiancé, betrothed, young man, boy friend; paramour, intimate, Fr. intime, friend, It. cicisbeo.

inane, adj. 1. silly, absurd, pointless, fatuous, foolish; ridiculous, ludicrous, laughable; senseless, nonsensical, Scot. and North Eng. glaikit, cockeyed; unreasonable, irrational, illogical; preposterous, extravagant, excessive; amphiographic, poppycockish, Sl. cockamamie, Inf. puffiling; childish, puerile, immature; assinine, idiotic, Inf. moronic, imbecile; crazy, crazed, Sl. kooky, Scot. doiled, mad; daft, Inf. daffy, crack-brained, Inf. nutty; All Slang. balmy, dippy, batty, cuckoo, buggy, screwy, wacky, goofy, loony.

2. dull, inexpressive, expressionless, stupid, witless, Inf. dopey, empty-headed; unthinking, unreasonable, incongruent, thoughtless; unintelligent, unintellectual; vapid, insipid, banal, bland.

inanimate, adj. 1. lifeless, examine, inert, dead; inorganic, vegetable, mineral.

2. spiritless, soulless, vapid, apathetic; sluggish, phlegmatic; listless, torpid, torpescence; dull, flat, heavy, low, low-level, inactivity, not moving, dormant, stagnant, quiescent, abeyant; still, at rest, resting, immobile, unshaking, stationary, statuelike, dead still, perfectly still, like stone.

inanimation, n. 1. starvation, extreme hunger, extreme malnutrition; fasting, Psychiatry. anorexia, Psychiatry. anorexia nervosa.

2. lack of vigor, lethargy, listlessness, languor, languidness, torpor, torpitude; emptiness, vacuity, vacuousness.

inanit, n. silliness, absurdity, absurdness, pointlessness, fatuousness, foolishness, Archaic. insipience, folly; tomfoolery, foolery, fooling, clownery; senselessness, nonsense, nonsensicalness, nonsensicality, meaninglessness; poppycock, amphigory, bosh, drivel, gibberish, balderdash; unreasonable, irrationality, illogicality, illogicality; inappropriateness, ineptness, ineptitude, improperness, impropriety, incongruousness, incongruity, inconsistence, inconsistency; preposterousness, extravagance, excessiveness.

2. ridiculous, ridiculousness, laughableness, ludicrousness; comicality, comicalness, funniness, humor, humorousness, drolliness; asininity, idiocy, idioticalness, Inf. moronism, Inf. moronity, imbecility; craziness, Sl. kookiness, madness, daftness, Inf. nuttiness; All Slang. balminess, bugginess, screwiness, goofiness, wackiness, looniness.

3. dullness, inexpressiveness, stupidity, witlessness, fatuity, Inf. sloppiness, empty-headedness; unintelligence, unintellectuality, thoughtlessness; emptiness, voidness, vacancy, vacuousness, blankness; vapidity, insipidness, banality, blandness.

4. triviality, triflingness, pettiness; unimportance, inconsequentiality, immateriality, insconsiderableness, insignificance; superficiality, shallowness, frothinness, frivolousness; paltriness, meagerness.

inapplicable, adj. 1. unsuitable, unsuited, unfitting, unfit; unapt, inapt, inappropriate.

2. irrelevant, ungermane, onergermane, inapposite,
inapposite, impertinent, beside the point or question, off the mark, Inf. off base; nonrelated, nonrelational, unrelated, irrelevant, nonrelate, non-connected; inconsequent, inconsistent, nothing to do with the case or matter at hand, off the subject, out of keeping; alien, foreign, extraneous, superfluous.

inapposite, adj. 1. irrelevant, ungermane, nongermane, inapplicable, impertinent, beside the point or question, off the mark, Inf. off base. See inapplicable.

2. unsuitable, unsuited, unsuit, inapt, inappropriate, out of place.

inappreciable, adj. 1. imperceptible, unperceptible, microscopic, infinitesimal, minuscule; minute, wee, slight, tiny, diminutive, Inf. teeny, All Btik, teeny-teensy, teentsy-weentsy, litty-bitty, itsy-bitsy.

2. insignificant, unimportant, of little or no import; unportentous, unmomentous, consequential, of no matter or concern; negligible, natory, not worth worrying or thinking about; petty, paltry, trifling, trivial, piddling, insubstantial, unsustantial.

inappropriate, adj. 1. unsuitable, unfitting, unbecoming, meet, inapt, inapposite; unsuited, unfit, ill-adapted, incompatible, uncongenial, incommodious; incongruous, inconsistent, out of keeping, out of character; disproportionate, inequitable, unfair, unjust.

2. inexpedient, disadvantageous, inadvisable; impractical, inapplicable, useless, no good, unfeasible; inopportune, unequitable, untimely, infelicitous; irrelevant, nongermane, impertinent; unwarranted, uncalled-for, out of place.

3. unseemly, uneccentric, improper; unladylike, ungentlemanly, ungentle, impolite; impolitic, imprudent, indiscriminate, tactless, injudicious; untoward, Inf. out-of-the-way, Inf. off-key, out-of-bounds, out-of-line, out-of-order.

inapt, adj. 1. unsuited, unsuited, unfitting, unfit, inappropriate, unapt, out of place; inapposite; unsuited, unfit, ill-adapted, incompatible, uncongenial, incommodious; incongruous, inconsistent, out of keeping, alien, foreign.

2. inept, incapable, incompetent, unadept; unadroit, maladroit, undexterous, undeft, unskillful, left-handed, Inf. all thumbs, Inf. butterfingers, clumsy, awkward, ungraceful, graceless, ungainly, like a bull in a china shop; oafish, clodhod, lumbering, heavy-footed, heavy-handed, Inf. klutzy, stiff, wooden, stodgy, stolid, unweildy.

inaptitude, n. 1. ineptness, ineptitude, unfitness, incapacity, unsuitability, unadaptedness, incompetence, incompetency, incapability, incapableness, incapacity, inability, lack of ability; illegibility, unqualifedness, unpreparedness.

2. unskillfulness, unadroitness, maladroitness, undexterity, left-handedness; clumsiness, awkwardness, ungracefulness, gracelessness, oafishness, cloddishness, heavy-footedness, heavy-handedness.

inarticulate, adj. 1. mumbled, muttered, muffled, blurred, indistinct; thick, garbled, husky, throaty, guttural, harsh, growled, lisped, lisping, stammering, stuttering.

2. nonvocal, wordless, unspoken, aphonie; dumb, silent, speechless, mute, voiceless, mum, soundless; tongue-tied, reticent, taciturn.

inattentiveness, n. 1. inattentiveness, preoccupation, distraction, detachment, forgetfulness, absent-mindedness, inadvertence, oversight; daydreaming, mental wandering, wool-gathering, nodding, ocassion, reverie, staring into space, inapplication, brown study, apathy.

2. carelessness, neglect, negligence, remissness, slackness; thoughtlessness, heedlessness, offhandedness, unmindfulness, disregard, unconcern, indifference, inconsideration, rudeness.

inattentive, adj. 1. heedless, unmindful, neglectful, unheeding, careless, inconsiderate, negligent, remiss; unobserving, unwatchful, unaware, undiscerning.

2. wandering, daydreaming, musing, vague, dreamy, listless, supine, drowsy, sleepy, nodding, ocassion; abstracted, preoccupied, engrossed or lost in thought or reverie, rapt, lost, absent, deaf, blind, staring into space; off in a world of one's own, with one's head in the clouds, in the clouds, a million miles away; oblivious, detached, distracted, faraway, off guard, caught off guard, absent-minded, forgetful; in a brown study, in a blue funk, indifferent, apathetic.

inaudible, adj. imperceptible, out of earshot or hearing, impossible to hear, not heard; indistinct, faint, muted, soft, gentle, quiet, dull, low; muffled, stifled, unclear, hard to hear, hard to make out; whispered, mumbled, mumbled, murred; mute, still, silent, noiseless.

inaugurate, v. 1. initiate, begin, start, commence, Inf. kick off; break ground, ring up the curtain on, get the show on the road, get underway; launch, Inf. get off the ground, start off, forward; set out on, start out, enter into, take the first step; get going, set sail, hit the road or trail, be off.

2. induct, install, instate, Rare. auspice; introduce, bring in, lead in, usher in, inaugurate, invest, chair, establish; crown, enthrone; frock, Eccles. ordain, consecrate.

inauguration, n. 1. initiation, beginning, outset, start, commencement, Inf. kickoff; breaking ground, getting underway.

2. induction, installation, instatement; introduction, bringing in, ushering in; inauguration, investiture, chairing, establishment; coronation, crowning, enthronement; frocking, Eccles. ordination, Eccles. ordainment, consecration.

inauspicious, adj. unpropitious, unpromising, hostile, dark, gloomy, threatening, lowering; unfortunate, unlucky, infelicitous, unhappy; ominous, ill-boding, portentous, sinister, menacing, of bad omen, ill-starred, ill-omened, ill-fated, doomed.

inborn, adj. innate, inherent, Archaic. ingenerate, native; inbred, congenital, connate, connatural; natural, organic, constitutional, structural; inherited, hereditary, in the blood, in the family, in the genes.

incalculable, adj. 1. measureless, immeasurable, fathomless, unfathomable; inestimable, incomputable, uncountable, not to be reckoned; innumerable, countless, untold, uncounted, numberless, sumless, without number; unmeasured, indeterminate, undetermined; endless, infinite, inexhaustible, no end of, without end, bottomless; multitudinous, very great, enormous, immense, vast.

2. unpredictable, undeterminable, unforeseeable, undivinable; chance, fortuitous, adventitious, accidental, haphazard; Inf. fluky, Inf. dicey, Inf. chancy, coincidental, epiphenomenal, noncausal, casual.

3. uncertain, unsure, unaccountable, unmotivated, inexplicable, inexplicable, puzzling, enigmatic, paradoxical.

incandescence, n. phosphorescence, fluorescence, illumination, irradiation, trichophosphorescence; nitidity, luminescence, luminosity, triluminescence; sheen, glow, splendor, luster; brilliance, brightness, effulgence, radiance, iriscentness, resplendence, refugence, Archaic. fulgor; shine, fire, flame, blazer, flash, fulguration, beam, ray; twinkle, twinkling, sparkle,
sparkling; coruscation, scintillation, glistening, shim-
mint, glint, glance; gleam, glitter, glimmer, flicker, Ar-
chic.

incandescent, adj. 1. alight, lit, lighted, illumin-
ating, lambent, radiant; sunny, sunshine, shining, beaming, beamy; fulgid, glittering, rutilant; fulgent, effulgent, refulgent; luminous, luminescent, lumi-
niferous, luciferous; sparkling, twinkling, flashing, gleaming, agilem; scintillating, scintillant, corus-
cating.

2. phosphorescent, glowing, aglow, white hot, can-
dent; intensely hot, red hot, volcanic; ablaze, blazing, afire, on fire, fiery; aflame, in flames, flaming, con-
flagrant, flaring; burning, parching, torrid, oppres-
sively hot, Archic; calid; heated, thermal, warming, calcin.

3. bright, brilliant, splendid, splen-
drous; radiant, dazzling, vivid, intense; shining, lucid, lucent, Archic; relucuent; lustrous, nitid, glossy, sheen-
y, sheenful, shiny; gleaming, glaring, glassy, polished, burnished.

4. brilliant, bright, intelligent, intellectual, cerebral, brainy; gifted, precocious, talented, apt; expert, profi-
cient, accomplished, masterful; inventive, resourceful, ingenious; adroit, dexterous, skillful, deft, handy; lucid, perceptive, perceptive, perspicacious, discerning; quick, clever, alert, keen, sharp, aware; observant, clear-eyed, farsighted, sagacious, shrewd; astute, pene-
trating, acute, subtle; nimble-witted, keen-witted, sharp-witted, quick-witted; enlightened, enlightening, luminous.

5. excited, exhilarated, enlivened, inspired; animated, enthusiastic, Inf. pyched or psyched up, eager; zealous, ardent, vehement, impassioned, pas-
sionate; fervent, fervid, perfervid; stimulated, arous-
ed, Inf. hot, intensely desirous.

cantation, n. 1. chant, chanting, invocation, conjuration, summoning; magic formula,ocus-pocus, mumbo-jumbo, magic word, abracadabra, open sesa-
me; jinx, hex, adverse influence.

2. spell, charm, rune, Scot. cantrip, enchantment, bewitchment, bedevilment; trance, hypnosis, hyp-
notism, mesmerism; fascination, rapture.

3. magic, sorcery, witchcraft, witchery, wizardry, wonderworking; necromancy, thaumaturgy, theurgy; black magic, black art, voodoo, hoodoo, obism or obes-
iah; deviltry or devily, demonicology, demon-
olatry, diabolism; supernaturalism, shamanism, mys-
ticism, spiritualism, occultism, psychomancy, fetish-
ism; ritual, rite,apotropism, magical ceremony, voo-
doosm, exorcism.

4. wordiness, verbosity, prolixity, prolixness, ver-
biage, verbalism; diffuseness, profuseness, effusion, effusiveness, gushing; obfuscation, padding, redu-
dancy, superfluous words, repetition.

incapability, n. 1. inability, incapacity, incapable-
ness; incompetence, inefficacy, inefficent, inef-
icacy; inadequacy, insufficiency, unproficiency; un-
fitness, ineptitude, ineptness, unqualification, dis-
qualification, disablement, unaptness.

2. impotence, powerlessness, forcelessness, im-
puissance; helplessness, defenselessness, prostration, decrepitude, weakness, feebleness.

incapable adj. 1. unable, incompetent, ineffi-
cient, ineffective, inefficacious; unproficient, inade-
quate, insufficient; unfit, unqualified, unfitting, un-
suitable; inept, unapt, unskilled, unequal to, not up to, not up to par, not making the grade, Inf. not cutting the mustard, Inf. not up to snuff.

2. powerless, impotent, impuissant, unvirele, force-
less; helpless, defenseless, prostrate, on one's back, decrepit, feeble, weak.

3. incapable of a. unable to, cannot, can't; un-
qualified for, disqualified for, lacking the ability to, lacking the skill or know-how to, not knowing how to.

b. not open to, not admitting, resistant, ill-disposed, impervious; not susceptible, not disposed, not likely, not inclined, not liable, not prone.

incapacitate, v. 1. disable, debilitate, unfit, indis-
pose, inactivate, deactivate; neutralize, disarm, de-
millitarize; devitalize, enfeeble, extenuate, weaken, enervate, exhaust; cripple, paralyze, lame, maim, ham-
string, Inf. hrogate; prostrate, cramp, hock; impair, mar, ruin, damage, break; undermine, sabotage, treat; emasculate, unman, effeminate, geld, castrate, neuter, spay, cauponize, sterilize, vasectomy.

2. disqualify, invalidate, disenable, disable; clip the wings of, tie the hands of, take the wind out of one's sails, draw the teeth of, break the back of, put a spoke in one's wheel; put out of action, put out of commission, put out of gear, Sl. put out of whack, take out of action, Inf. sideline, lay up, hospitalize.

incapacity, n. 1. incapability, inability, unfitness, incom-
potence; inaptitude, unaptitude, ineptitude, un-
qualification, unproportion, inadequacy; disability, infirmity, handicap, decrepitude, senility, weakness, feebleness; exhaustion, enervation, enfeeblement, pro-
stration, helplessness; impotence, impuissance, power-
lessness, forcelessness; disqualification, disablement, invalidation.

2. unintelligence, brainlessness, witlessness, igno-
rance; ignorance, stupidity, mental deficiency, idiocy, imbecility, half-wittedness.

incarcerate, v. 1. imprison, emprison, confine, jail, impound, intern, hold captive, Sl. jug; lock up, bolt in, clap up, put under lock and key, Archic. engaol.

2. enclose, hem in, hedge in, keep in, shut in; corral, pen in, rail in, fence in; coop up, immure, cage, en-
cage, cloister; wall in, box up, mew up, shut away; constrict, restrict, trammel, check; constrain, restrain, bind, tie.

incarnate, adj. 1. embodied, corporeal, corporeal, bod-
ly, fleshly, carnal, somatic, physical; earthly, material, substantial, tangible, palpable, concrete, real, true, actual.

2. personified, typified; signifying, symbolic, emble-
matic, manifest; manifested, made manifest, mani-
fest, revealed, demonstrated.

3. flesh-colored, incarnadine, pale pink; crimson, red.

—v. 4. concretize, substantialize, substantiate, reify, actualize, embody, incorporate, corporealize, materialize.

5. typify, personify, represent, signify, symbolize.

incarnation, n. 1. materiality, corporeality, sub-
stantiality, physicalness, bodiliness, concreteness, flesh and blood; earthiness, fleshliness, tangibility, palpability, actuality, realness.

2. embodiment, avatar, corporealization, materiali-
zation, substantiation, personification, concretization, reification.

incautious, adj. 1. unwary, unwatchful, unvigil-
ant, unalert; off guard, unguarded, Inf. asleep on the job, Inf. not on the job, Inf. asleep at the switch or wheel, distracted; unmindful, thoughtless, unthinking, inattentive, inattentive, inadvertent, nonobservant, disregardful.

2. unwise, imprudent, injudicious, indiscreet, impro-
vident; circumspect, careless, heedless, unheed-
ing; impetuous, impulsive, hasty, over-hasty; rash, hotheaded, brash, foolhardy, headlong, precipitate, breakneck; reckless, harebrained, madcap, temerari-
ous, wild.

incendiary, adj. 1. combustible, flammable, burn-
incense

able, ignitable.
2. inflammatory, inflating, enraging, maddening, incensing, angering; aggravating, outraging, exasperating; inciting, instigating, fomenting.
3. provocative, arousing, exciting, stimulating, piquing; stirring, thrilling, electrifying; fiery, blazing, ardent, hot, smoldering.
—n. 4. arsonist, building-burner, fire-setter, firebug, S.I. torch, pyromaniac.
5. agitator, instigator, inciter, Fr. agent provocateur; rebel, insurgent, mutineer, revolutionary, Tom Paine, firebrand; troublemaker, mischief-maker, rabble-rouser, organizer, ringleader.

incense\(^\text{1}\), n. 1. perfume, aroma, fragrance, bouquet, redolence, balm, odoriferousness, sweet scent.
2. homage, respect, reverence; obeisance, deference, veneration, worship; adulation, adoration, admiration; honor, tribute, acknowledgment, appreciation.
3. v. 1. anger, raise [s.o.'s] ire, run afoul of [s.o.], get [s.o.'s] back or hakles up, Inf. get [s.o.'s] Irish or dander up, Inf. burn [s.o.] up, S.I. tee [s.o.] off, S.I. tick [s.o.] off; enrage, madden, infuriate, make [s.o.'s] blood boil, Inf. make [s.o.] see red; provoke, arouse, rouse, inflame, enflame, agitate, fire up, work up, whip up, stir up, wind up; displease.
2. vex, pique, irritate, peev, nettle, chafe, irk, annoy, Chiefly U.S. rile, Inf. aggravate, Inf. miff, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain, Inf. get under [s.o.'s] skin, Inf. get in [s.o.'s] hair, S.I. bug; exasperate, ruffle, roil, put out, get, S.I. get [s.o.] goat.
3. embitter, exacerbate, gall, rankle, envenom; insult, offend, affront.

incensed, adj. wrathful, wroth, irate, furious, very angry; enraged, raging, fuming, infuriated, Rare, infuriate, furious; inflamed, flaming, flaring, flared up, bled, overwrought, heated, red-hot, white-hot; distraught, overwrought, get [s.o.'s] goat, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain, get in [s.o.'s] hair, Inf. hackles up, Inf. rous, Inf. firebrand; troublemaker, mischief-maker, rabble-rouser, organizer, ringleader.

incentive, n. inducement, impetus, incitement; stimulus, stimulant, goad, spur, impulse; provocation, exhortation, encouragement, inspiration, persuasion; motivation, carrot-and-stick or reward-and-punishment ploy; reason, good reason, reason why, Inf. what for; ground, cause, enticement, lure, bait, Inf. come on; occasion, purpose, object, excuse.

inception, n. beginning, commencement, exordium; start, starting point, dawn, alpha, first, outset; opening, debut, onset, outbreak, conception; inauguration, initiation, installment; origin, source, derivation, root, provenance.

incertitude, n. 1. uncertainty, uns sureness, doubtfulness, doubt, dubitation, hesitancy, hesitation; ambivalence, indecision, indecisiveness, undecidedness, irresoluteness, inconclusiveness, lack of certainty, Psychol. ambidexterity; unassuredness, lack of assurance or confidence, self-doubt.
2. insecurity, insecurities, instability, unsteadiness, shakiness, inconstancy; indefiniteness, dubiosity, dubiousness, dubi- ousness, ambiguity, vagueness, haziness, fogginess, unlikeness, open question.

incessant, adj. 1. ceaseless, unceasing, nonstop, constant, uninterrupted; continual, continuous, ongo- ing, unbroken; unremitting, unintermitting, relentless, persistent; recurrent, repeated, frequent, habitual.
2. unending, endless, never-ending, interminable, Sisyphean; eternal, perpetual, everlasting, lasting, enduring, perennial, permanent.

incusteous, adj. 1. adulterous, adulterate, fornica- tory, copulative; carnal, bestial, abusive; lecherous, lustful, lascivious, licentious, libidinous, concupiscent, prurient.
2. taboo, forbidden, banned, outside one's moral code, illicit, unlawful, illegal, criminal; immoral, corrupt, depraved, degenerate.
3. nepotistic, nepotistical, within the family; partisan, partial, biased.

inc ho ate, adj. 1. incipient, beginning, just begun, commencing, Archaic inchoative; inceptive, in augural, original, initial; nascent, newborn, a-borning, embryonic, embryonal, germinal, genetic; early, primitive, primal, prime, primordial, primigenial; elementary, rudimentary, rudimental, basal, preparatory, fundamental, basic.
2. developing, undeveloped, immature, drawing-board, in the planning or blueprint stage; imperfect, incomplete, unfinished.
3. unorganized, disorganized, unordered, out of order; incoherent, loose, disconnected, illogical, nonsensical; discursive, rambling, all over the place.

incidence, n. 1. rate, frequency, prevalence, commonness, common occurrence, oftenness; range, scope, extent, compass, area; direction, course, line, aim; drift, tendency, trend, bearing, tenor, set.
2. realization, materialization, eventuality, coming to pass or be; event, occurrence, occasion, circumstance; happening, befalling, affecting; fact, phenomenon, experience.
3. relation, relationship, connection, tie, Inf. tie-in, hook-up, bond, link, linkage; association, affiliation, union, alliance.

incident, n. 1. event, occurrence, occasion, circumstance; happening, proceeding, transaction; concern, matter, phenomenon; fact; experience, adventure.
2. (all of stories, narratives, plays, etc.) episode, passage, chapter, piece of action; act, scene.
3. eventuality, contingency, juncture, conjunction; minuita, small detail, minor detail, incidental; particular, item, detail, point; aspect, facet, factor, regard, respect.
4. confrontation, encounter; affair, border incident; brush, scrap, fray, flare-up, crisis, emergency.
5. Chiefly British. bomb run, bombing mission, bombing raid; air raid, air strike, air attack.
—adj. 6. likely, probable, possible; occurring, happen ing, taking place, going on, on, under way; in the cards, in the air, in the wind, afloat, afoot, on, in hand.
7. pertaining, appertaining, belonging, relating, referring; related, relevant, pertinent, germane, material, applicable, applying, apposite, apropos, to the point.
8. conjoined, attached, connected, joined, linked, coupled, tied, knotted; affiliated, associated, allied; contingent, circumstantial, conditional, provisional, dependent, accompanying; accidental, occasional; additional, supplementary, supplemental.

incidental, adj. 1. chance, fortuitous, serendipitous, Inf. fluky; indiscriminate, random, haphazard, casual, hit or miss, careless, leaving much to chance; occasional, accidental; contingent, conditional, circumstantial, provisional, dependent, accompanying; odd, extra, spare-time, part-time; adSCRIPTious; subsidiary, subordinate, secondary, accessory.
2. negligible, unimportant, of little or small importance, of no great importance, inconsequential, of little consequence, insignificant, incomconsiderable, inappreciable; extrinsic, extraneous, external, nonessential, unessential, inessential, adventitious;
parenthetical, by-the-way.

3. meager, paltry, puny; petty, trivial, trifling; little, small, minute, Sl. dinky; Inf. small-time, Sl. two-bit, Sl. small potatoes.

—n. 4. incident, event, occurrence, occasion, circumstance; eventuality, contingency, juncture, conjuncture.

incidentally, adv. 1. casually, randomly, haphazardly; fortuitously, by chance, perchance, as it chanced, as luck would have it, by a piece of luck, by a fluke.

2. by the way, by the by, parenthetically, by way of parenthesis; in passing, en passant; speaking of, while on the subject, apropos or apropos of.

incinerate, v. burn, parch, bake, overbake, over-incinerate, incidentally, adv.

1. incisively, adj. 1. trenchancy, acidity, acridity, incisiveness, n.

2. incision, n. deep cut, slit, slash, gash; split, crack, cleft; furrow, groove, notch, nick, scratch.

incisive, adj. 2. engraving, grave, Archaic. insculpt, etch, carve, sculp, sculpture.

incised, adj. 1. cut, or cut into, make an incision, slit or slit open, gash; notch, nick, scratch, score, groove, furrow.

2. engravings, grave, Archaic. insculpt, etch, carve, Literary. carven, sculpted, sculptured.

incidence, n. 3. degree of slope, angle, bevel, cant, inclining, Biol. tropism; tendency, tendency, bearing, verging, gravitation, drift; proneness, subjectability, aptness, likeliness, susceptibility, weakness, openness; disposition, mind-set, Pathol. diathesis, idiosyncrasy, idiocrasy, Archaic. crasis, grain; temperament, temper, mind, humor, vein.

2. penchant, predilection, partiality; prejudice, tendentiousness, bias, preference; affinity, attraction, sympathy, fancy, liking, fondness, affection, love, ardor, fervor, zeal, passion; desire, longing, wishing, hankering, craving, itch, avidity; appetite, appetency, relish, taste; voracity, pruriency, con-pupulence, lust.

3. obliquity, obliqueness, angle, miter, bevel, cant, diagonal; grade, slope, pitch, slant, ramp, hill, bank, incline, inclined plane; acclivity, rise, ascent; declivity, declination, descent, fall, drop, dip, sag, downgrade; divergence, digression, swing, swerve, veer, turn, angling, fork, Both U.S. Facetious. zig, zag; list, listing, heel, heeling, Naut. careen, careening.

4. incident, event, occurrence, occasion, circumstance; eventuality, contingency, juncture, con-juncture.
inclined, rise, descend, fall, drop, dig, sag; swerve, swing, veer, turn, curve, fork, Both U.S. Facetious. zig, zag; list, heel, Naut. careen.
3. approximate, near, approach, Archaic. nigh; verge, gravitate, drift; (all followed by towards) lean, bend, bear.
4. (of persons) Usu. incline to dispose, predispose, prejudice, bias; influence, affect.
5. (of the head, body, etc.) bow, nod, lower, cast down; kneel, genuflect, curtsy; salaam, bend down, stoop.
—n. 6. slope, slant, pitch, grade, ramp, hill, bank, inclined plane, inclination; acclivity, rise, ascent; declivity, declination, descent, fall, drop, dip, down-grade.
inclined, adj. 1. (usu. followed by to) disposed, tending, Archaic. propense, of a mind; prone, apt, liable, likely, susceptible, open; predisposed, given, partial, prejudiced, biased; attracted, sympathetic, keen, willing, eager, Archaic. fain, zealous, ardent, fervent, avid.
2. leaning, bending, tilting, gravitating, verging, bearing.
3. oblique, angular, angled, mitered, beveled, cantic, diagonal; graded, sloping, sloped, shelving, aslant, slanting, slanted; pitching, pitched, banked, steep, precipitous; acclivitous, acclivous, rising, ascending; declivitous, declinational, descending, falling, dropping, dipping, sagging; swerving, turning, angling, Both U.S. Facetious. zigging, zagging; listing, heeling, Naut. careening.
include, v. 1. enclose, incorporate, comprise, comprehend, embrace, embody, hold; admit, take in, cover.
2. involve, refer to, take into account, count, number, reckon or number among; append, subjoin, subsume.
3. categorize, classify, group, arrange, place; tabulate, index, file, list, catalog, register.
inclusive, adj. 1. enclosing, embracing, incorporating, embodying, comprehending, comprising, surrounding, encircling, taking in; from start to finish, from beginning to end, up and down, without exception.
2. comprehensive, extensive, wide, full; all-embracing, all-encompassing, blanket, umbrella; sweeping, general, across-the-board; broad, compendious, catch-all.
incongruous, adj. 1. (all in reference to one's identity) concealed, undisclosed, unidentified, unrecognized; clandestine, sub rosa, under the rose, secretive, mysterious; disguised, masked, veiled, camouflaged, sailing under false colors; shielded, sheltered, protected, secreted; unrevealed, Latin. in pectore, It. in petto.
—adv. 2. under an assumed name, under cover, on the sly, mysteriously, privately, confidentially, clandestinely; discreetly, quietly, with circumcision, without fanfare, out of the limelight, secretly, on the q.t., under wraps.
—n. 3. masquerader, domino, mystery man, woman of mystery, confidential agent, secret agent, double agent; recluses, Inf. clam.
4. concealment, secrecy, privacy, circumcision, discretion, seclusion, obscurity, secretiveness.
5. disguise, masquerade, camouflage, mask, screen, smokescreen, false identity, cover, act, sham, blink, charade; assumed name, alias, pseudonym, nom de plume, pen name.
incomprehensible, adj. 1. impenetrable, incomprehensible, inapprehensible, past or beyond comprehension, beyond understanding, unknowable, incognoscible, incrustable, unfathomable, indecipherable, undecipherable; mystic, mystical, cabalistic, supernatural; occult, cryptic, perdu, secret, hidden, concealed; mysterious, arcane, inexplicable, unexplainable, insolvable, insoluble, unaccountable, Obs. inextricable; puzzling, enigmatic, enigmatical.
2. unperceiveable, imperceivable, unobservable; undistinguishable, indistinguishable, unnoticed, unrecognizable.
incomprehensible, adj. 1. unaware, unconscious, ignorant, unknowledgeable, enlivened, uninitiated; unknowing, unsuspecting, innocent, unprepared, off guard, napping; inadvertent, unintended, heedless, thoughtless, careless.
incoherence, n. 1. unconnectedness, disjointedness, disconnectedness, brokenness, incoherency; rambling, wandering, straying, discursiveness, digression, deviation; illogicalness, irrationality, irrationalness, wildness, confusion, mix-up, muddle, scramble, jumble; unintelligibility, unintelligenleness, inarticulateness, mumbling, muttered, murmuring.
2. difference, discrepancy, inconsistency, contradiction; incongruousness, incongruity, inharmoniousness, incompatibility, incompatibility; discord, disharmony, dissonance, discordancy, inconsonance; disagreement, difference of opinion, variance, clashing, opposition, contrariness.
incoherent, adj. 1. illogical, unconnected, disjointed, disconnected, broken; rambling, aimless, wandering, straying, discursive, digressive, devastating; irrational, wild, confused, mixed-up, muddled, addled, scrambled, jumbled; unintelligible, inarticulate, mumbling, muttered, murmured.
2. loose, unattached, detached, broken off.
3. different, incompatible, inharmonious, incongruous, incongruent, inconsonant, discordant, dissolvent; disparate, disagreeing, differing, inconsistent, contradictory, clashing, variant, at odds, opposing, opposite, contrary.
incomestable, adj. uninflammable, flameproof, fireproof, unburnable, uninflammable, asbestos, wet-down; flame retardant or resistant.
income, n. 1. returns, revenue, incomes, receipts, gross; annuity, pension, subsidy, allowance; profits, gain, yield, interest; winnings, Sl. velvet, Sl. take, proceeds, net, Sl. clean-up, pickings, Sl. gravy.
2. wages, salary, pay, Brit. Sl. get; emolument, compensation, payment, hire, remuneration, consideration, competence; stipend, fee, honorarium; perquisites, Inf. perks, fringe benefits, benefits, Inf. fringes, Inf. extras.
3. recompense, reward, Archaic. meed, Literary. guerdon, deserts.
incomensurable, adj. 1. incomparable, utterly unlike, dissimilar, like apples and oranges; inconsonant, inharmonious, discrepant.
2. unsuitable, unfit, unapt; disproportionate, incongruent, inconsonant, discordant, dissolvent; disparate, disagreeing, differing, inconsistent, contradictory, clashing, variant, at odds, opposing, opposite, contrary.
incommensurate, adj. unequal, disproportional, insufficient, inadequate, not enough, too little; extreme, excessive, extravagant, inordinate.
incommode, v. inconvenience, discomfort, incommodate, put out, trouble; unsettle, disturb, bother, Sl. bug, Sl. hassle; impose upon, encroach upon, burden.
incommodious, adj. 1. inconvenient, unhandy, unsuitable, disadvantageous; bothersome, irksome.
2. cramped, restricted, Obs. incapacitous, unroomy, boxy, cell-like; narrow, confined, tiny, Inf. teeny, lacking elbow-room.
incommunicable, adj. 1. unreveable, unimpartable, noncommunicable; confidential, top-secret, eyes-only, private, personal, privy.
2. inexpressible, unutterable, unmentionable, unspoken, untranslatable; indescribable, ineffable, undefinable.
3. noninfectious, noncontagious, nontransmissible, not catching.

incommunicative, adj. quiet, closed-mouthed, uncommunicative, silent, mum, mute, dumb, SI. buttoned-up; noncommittal, evasive; brief, of few words, laconic, terse, curt, short; unsociable, shy, reserved, reticent, taciturn.

incomparable, adj. superior, superlative, beyond compare; Supreme, exceeding, unequaled, outshining, surpassing, excelling, perfect, incomparable, nonpareil; unparalleled, unrivaled, unapproachable, unsurpassed; transcendent, surpassing, unmatchable.

incompatibility, n. incongruity, disparity, dissimilitude; contrariety, variance, discordancy, inharmoniousness, disharmony, dissonance, inconsistency, discrepancy; disagreement, quartet, wrangle, discord, dispute, dissension, conflict, dissidence; difference, misunderstanding, controversy; uncongeniality, divergence, disunion, division, diversity, irreconcilability; antagonism, antipathy, hostility, bad blood.

incompatible, adj. 1. unsuitable, unsuited, mismatched, poorly matched, ill-assorted; inappropriate, out of place, becoming, incongruous, uncomplementary.
2. contrary, opposed, discordant, inconsonant, inharmonious, jarring, clashing, factious, dissentient, contradictory, inconsistent; opposite, antipathetic, diametrically opposed, at opposite poles, on opposite sides of the fence, like night and day; ungenial, unamicable, unsympathetic, unaccommodating, disagreeing, like cats and dogs, irreconcilable; antagonistic, adverse, hostile.

incompetence, n. unfitness, weakness, feebleness, failure; incompetency, inability, incapability, unqualification, unsuitability, inadequacy, insufficiency, deficiency, incapacity, disability, impotence, uselessness; inefficiency, ineffectiveness, ineptitude; awkwardness, clumsiness, SI. klutziness; ignorance, benightedness, stupidity.

incompetent, adj. 1. unfit, unqualified, incapable, unable; inefficient, ineffectual, ineffective; inade- quate, insufficient, deficient, unequal, unapt, unsuitable, lacking qualifications, useless.
2. inept, awkward, bungling, clumsy, maladroit, gauche, stumbling, fumbling, floundering, having two left feet, SI. klutz; unskillful, inexpert, unskilled, unhandy, all thumbs; ignorant, benighted, stupid, SI. out of it.

—n. 3. simper, dud, dolt, SI. dimwit; idiot, imbecile, moron, retardate.

incomplete, adj. 1. unfinished, unaccomplished, not completed, unexecuted, imperfect, inchoate, undeveloped, immature, abortive; inexact, incompletely, fragmentary, partial, crude, rough, sketchy.
2. deficient, lacking, defective; not total, not entire, failing, wanting; shortened, curtailed, abridged, ex- purgated, bowdlerized; inaccurate, garbled, broken, mutilated, defaced, distorted; mangled, butchered, maimed, hashed; truncated, docked.

incomprehensible, adj. 1. unintelligible, incomprehensible, inapprehensible, indecipherable, undecipherable, ununderstandable, Greek to one; incoherent, incanticate, jumbled, muddled.

inconsequent, adj. 1. fragmentary, in bits and pieces, discontinuous, out of sequence; disconnected,
detached, apart.
2. inconsistent, not following, incongruous, inconsonant, incompatible, inconformable; illogical, unreasonable, reasonless, contrary to reason.
3. irrelevant, inapplicable, inapposite, inapt, impertinent, inmaterial, neither here nor there; beside the point, beside the mark, beside the question, off the subject, off base or way off base, adrift, Sl. at sea, Sl. in left field; not at issue, nothing to do with the case.
4. inappropriate, unsuitable, unfit, unfitting, improper, unseemly, unbecoming, out of keeping, out of line, out of step.
5. inconsequential, trivial, Sl. small-time. See *inconsequential* (def. 1).

**inconsequential**

1. insignificant, incon siderable, inappreciable, negligible, unimportant, of minor importance, of little or no account, no great shakes; trivial, trifling, petty, niggling; small, dinky, puny, piddling, Sl. small-time, Sl. two-bit.
2. inconsistent, illogical; irrelevant, inapplicable. See *inconsequent* (defs. 2, 3).

**inconsiderable**

inconspicuous,
unnoticeable, half-visible, indiscernible, indefinite; unobtrusive, unimposing, low-profile; modest, unostentatious, unassuming, low-key.

**inconstant**, adj. 1. thoughtless, unthinking, unmindful, heedless, inad ventient, inattentive, unobservant, regardless, undis cerning, careless, uncircumspect; tactless, insensitive, unsolicitous, rude, boorish.
2. rash, reckless, precipitate, headlong, head over heels; overhasty; unwise, injudicious, imprudent, impol itic, indiscreet; ill-considered, ill-advised, ill-gauged, ill-judged, ill-contrived, misguided.

**inconsistency**, n. 1. inharmoniousness, inconsonance, dissonance, discordancy, absonance; incompatibility, inconformability, incongruity; discrepancy, divergence, disagreement, difference, dissimilarity, dissimilitude.
2. inconsequence, incoherence, uncohesiveness, garbledness, confusion; contrariety, contrast, contradistinction; illogicalness, unreasonableableness, reasonlessness.
3. inconsistency, instability, unsteadiness, changeableness, mutability; capriciousness, fickleness, flightiness, erraticism, mercurialness.
4. contradiction, self-contradiction, paradox, oxymoron.

**inconsistent**, adj. 1. self-contradictory, paradoxical, oxymoronic; contradictory, contrary, conflicting; illogical, unreasonable, reasonless, contrary to reason, without rhyme or reason; incoherent, uncohesive, confused, garbled.
2. inharmonious, inconsonant, discordant, dissonant, absonant, clashing, jarring; incompatible, inconformable, incongruous, out of keeping, out of line, out of step; discrepant, divergent, disagreeing, different, dissimilar; at variance, at odds, at cross-purposes, in conflict.
3. inconsistent, unstable, unsteady, changeable, mutable; capricious, fickle, erratic, mercurial, volatile.

**inconsolable**, adj. disconsolate, comfortless, heartbroken, broken-hearted, heartseck, sick at heart, soul-sick, sick to one's soul; forlorn, desolate, despairing, cheerless, joyless, hopeless, woebegone, wretched, miserable; overwhelmed, overcome, undone, stricken, crushed, bow-edown, prostrate with grief, Inf. broken-up, Inf. torn-up.

**inconspicuous**, adj. unnoticeable, half-visible, indis tinct, indefinite; unobtrusive, unimposing, low-profile; modest, unostentatious, unassuming, low-key, mutable, permutable; unstable, unsteady, unsettled, un fixed; fickle, capricious, moody, volatile, mercurial, flighty, giddy; erratic, irregular, unmethodical, fitful, spasmodic, desultory, stop-and-go, come-and-go; uncertain, unsure, indecisive, irresolute, indefinite, vacillating, fluctuating, wavering, blowing hot and cold.

**incontestable**, adj. indisputable, incontrovertible, undeniable, irrefragable, irrefutable, unquestionable, beyond question, admitting no question or doubt, indubitable, beyond a shadow of a doubt, apodictic; Law. peremptory, unappealable; conclusive, decisive, definite, definitive, solid, fixed, final, impregnable, ininvincible, unassailable, insuperable, undefeatable; certain, sure, Inf. for-sure, absolute, positive.

**incontinence**, n. 1. licentiousness, libertinism, debauchery, dissoluteness, doxy, vita, dissipation, profligacy, profligateness; lechery, lewdness, Pathol. satyrisis, goatishness, Pathol. nymphomania; concupiscence, lust, prurience, prurience; lustfulness, libido, libido, salaciousness, salacity, salaciousness; promiscuity, wantonness, abandon, lawlessness, unrestraint.
2. lack of bladder or bowel control; Med. enuresis, bed-wetting.

**incontinent**, adj. 1. unrestrained, unbridled, unchecked, uncurbed, uncontrolled; unimpeded, unceasing, incessant, unending, nonstop, constant, continual, continuous, unbroken.
2. licentious, lascivious, libertine, debauched, dissolute, dissipated, rakish, rakehell; lecherous, lubricous, satyric, satirical, satyrite, goatish, Sl. horny, Archaic. lickerish; concupiscent, prurient, lustful, libido, libido, salacious; rutish, beastly, bestial, swinish; obscene, lewd, Fescennine, Cyprian, indecent, dirty, foul, indelicate; loose, wanton, wild, profigate, abandoned; promiscuous, whorist, of easy virtue, unchaste, impure; coarse, crude, gross.
3. lacking bladder or bowel control; (of children) not toilet-trained; Med. enuretic, bed-wetting.

**incontrovertible**, adj. incontestable, indisputable, undeniable, unquestionable, indubitable, apodictic; conclusive, decisive, definitive, solid, certain, sure, absolute, positive. See also *incontestable*.

**inconvenience**, n. 1. awkwardness, clumbersomeness, unfitness, onerousness; unhandiness, inopportuneness, inappropriateness, untimeliness, unreasonableableness; disadvantageousness, troublesomeness, Inf. wortriment.
2. trouble, bother, annoyance, pain; nuisance, Sl. pain in the neck, disturbance, Sl. drag, bore; disadvantage, discomfort, setback; encumbrance, burden, Albatross around one's neck, millstone around one's neck, monkey on one's back; stumbling block, impediment, hindrance, roadblock.

—v. 3. to accommodate, to comfort, comfort, to compose, put out, cumber, trouble, make [s.o.] go out of his way, untangle, put off, disturb, bother, worry, Sl. bug, Sl. hassle; impose upon, encroach upon, interfere; impede, hinder, distract, annoy, burden, weigh on.

**inconvenient**, adj. awkward, burdensome, annoying, troublesome, Sl. pesky, unsettling, bothersome, distracting; disadvantageous, incommodious, inopportune; ill-timed, untimely, unreasonableableness, coming at the wrong time and wrong place; inexpedient, unsuited, unfit, inappropriate, out-of-place.

**incorporate**

v. 1. file incorporation papers, concentrate, federate, confederate, organize, affiliate, associate.
2. merge, coalesce, integrate; fuse, blend, amalgamate; unite, combine, join, conjoin, link; consolidate, unify, compact.
3. embody, incarnate, personify; exemplify, express,
incorruptible, adj. 1. unfailingly loyal, upright, honest, pure, uncorrupted; steadfast, incorruptible, uncorruptible, uncorrupt, uncorrupted; not to yield to temptation, not to succumb to temptation, not to be tempted, not to be tempted by evil.

2. indissoluble, undissolvable, not bio-degradable; indestructible, imperishable, undying, deathless, immortal; eternal, everlasting, amaranthine, unfading; enduring, perpetual, constant, endless, unending, continuing, on-going.

increase, v. 1. enlarge, make larger, make greater, Chiefly Literary, greatly, aggravate; magnify, amplify, enhance, deepen, heighten; widen, thicken, broaden; lengthen, prolong, protract; expand, extend, spread out, stretch out, branch out; inflate, distend, puff out, dilate; wax, swell.

2. augment, supplement, add to, superadd to; accrue, accumulate, cumulate, amass, pile up, heap up.

3. elevate, raise, boost, exalt; rise, ascend, mount, skyrocket; burgeon, shoot up, flourish.

4. escalate, step up, give a boost to; U.S. SI. soup up, S.I. hop up, S.L. jazz up; accelerate, snowball, mushroom; intensify, concentrate; exaggerate, maximize, make much of, make much of, of overstate; exacerbate, aggravate.

5. strengthen, reinforce, build up; improve, advance, further; grow, develop, mature.

6. propagate, reproduce, produce, breed; procreate, beget, engender, generate, bring into being; fruitify, be fruitful, be prolific, proliferate; germinate, sprout, pullulate.

—in. 7. enlargement, aggravizement, expansion, extension; magnification, amplification, enhancement, deepening, heightening; widening, thickening, broadening; spreading out, stretching out, branching out; lengthening, prolongation, protraction; inflation, dissemination, dilution, dilution; waxing, swelling.

8. augmentation, supplement, addition, increment, accession, access; accrual, accrue, accumulation, cumulation, amassing, piling up, heaping up.

9. elevation, raise, boost, rise; mounting, ascending, skyrocketing; upsurge, upswing, shooting up, upturn, step-up; burgeoning, flourishing.

10. escalation, acceleration, intensification, concentration; exaggeration, maximization, overstatement; exacerbation, aggravation.

11. strengthening, reinforcement, build-up; improvement, advancement, upgrading, Inf. pickup; growth, development, maturation.

12. profit, gain, S.L. velvet, rake-off, S.L. clean-up, bonus, prize, booty, advantage, graft; product, result, harvest, return, yield, produce.

13. propagation, reproduction, breeding; procreation, begetting, engendering, generation.

increscible, adj. 1. extraordinary, superhuman, fantastic, miraculous, seemingly impossible; fabulous, great, prodigious, tremendous, marvelous, wonderful, awe-inspiring; astounding, astonishing, amazing.

2. unbelievable, hard to believe, unreal, unrealistic; fictitious, mythical, legendary; highly unlikely or improbable, unlikely, improbable; doubtful, dubious, questionable, Inf. fishy, suspect, suspicious, funny, strange; inconceivable, unimaginable, unthinkable, preposterous; crazy, ridiculous, absurd, S.L. cockamamie.

increscibility, n. 1. incredulity, disbelief, unbelief; distrust, mistrust, suspicion, suspicousness; skepticism, doubt, doubtfulness, dubiety, dubiousness.

2. incredulous, adj. unbelieving, disbeliefing; distrustful, distrustfully, mistrustful, mistrusting, suspicious; skeptical, doubtful, dubious, doubting, cynical.

increment, n. 1. addition, accretion, accession, access; augmentation, supplement, annex, annexion, appendix, appendage, addendum, adjunct; accrual, accumulation, cumulation, multiplication, doubling, redoubling, trebling, tripling, quadrupling.
inculpable, adj. blameless, guiltless, moral, virtuous; upright, unencumbered, irreproachable, unimpeachable, above suspicion, like Caesar’s wife; innocent, innocent as a newborn babe, stainless, spotless.

incriminate, v. charge, accuse, indict. Law. impute, criminate, recriminate, impeach, Rare. implead; blame, Sl. pin or stick [s.t.] on [s.o.]. hold [s.o.] accountable or responsible, lay at [s.o.’s] door, point the finger at [s.o.]. (all in reference to culpability) allege, ascribe, attribute, assign, impute, lay.

incrust, v. 1. overlay, face, veneer; tile, pave, tar, or hold [s.o.] accountable or responsible, lay at [s.o.’s] door, point the finger at [s.o.]; (all in reference to culpability) allege, ascribe, attribute, assign, impute, lay.

incrustation, n. 1. crust, hard coating, incrustant, scab, covering; casing, shell, hull, husk, rind, skin, bark, Bot. cortex.

incubate, v. 1. (all of eggs) sit on or upon, brood, hatch; put or keep in an incubator.

incubus, n. 1. demon, fiend, evil spirit, devil, caecidemon; ghooul, vampire, werewolf; lycantherpe, Fr. loup garou; goblin, hobgoblin, gremlin; banshee.

incurred, adj. hopelessly, past or beyond hope, affording no hope, beyond recall, terminal; unhealable, inoperable, immedicable, irremediable, cureless.

incurious, adj. uninquiring, uninquiring; uninterested, disinterested, unconcerned, apathetic, indifferent, impassive, dispassionate, bored; nonchalant, blasé, pockocurante; careless, heedless, inattentive, inadvertent, unmindful, regardless; carefree, insouciant, Fr. sans souci.

incursion, n. 1. raid, foray, sortie; attack, assault, onslaught, onset; invasion.

indebted, adj. obligated, obliged, beholden, owing, bound, bounden; liable, accountable, answerable, responsible.

indecent, adj. improper, impropriety, indecomity, indecorousness; gaucheness, gaucherie, uncouthness, crassness, boorishness, rudeness, ill-breeding, unmannerness, ill-manneredness, uncivility, civility, ungentlemanliness; inappropriateness, unsuitability, unsuitableness, unseeminleness, unacceptability, unacceptableness.

indebtedness, n. 1. debts, liabilities; Accounting. debit, deficit, due, score; default, arrears, arrearage; insolvency, bankruptcy, failure.

incur, v. 1. enter into, fall into, in fall in with.

incurable, adj. incurable, past or beyond hope, affording no hope, beyond recall, terminal; unhealable, inoperable, immedicable, irremediable, cureless.

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incriminate, v. charge, accuse, indict. Law. impute, criminate, recriminate, impeach, Rare. implead; blame, Sl. pin or stick [s.t.] on [s.o.]. hold [s.o.] accountable or responsible, lay at [s.o.’s] door, point the finger at [s.o.]; (all in reference to culpability) allege, ascribe, attribute, assign, impute, lay.

incrust, v. 1. overlay, face, veneer; tile, pave, tar, cement; cover, line, coat, paint, wallpaper, whitewash, stucco, plaster; plate, enamel, lacquer, japan, varnish, glaze.

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incrustation, n. 1. crust, hard coating, incrustant, scab, covering; casing, shell, hull, husk, rind, skin, bark, Bot. cortex.

incubate, v. 1. (all of eggs) sit on or upon, brood, hatch; put or keep in an incubator.

incubus, n. 1. demon, fiend, evil spirit, devil, caecidemon; ghooul, vampire, werewolf; lycantherpe, Fr. loup garou; goblin, hobgoblin, gremlin; banshee.

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ological, S1. raunchy; lecherous, lubricous, goatish, lustful, libidinous, concepunt, carnal, sexy, sensual, Archaic. lickisher; licentious, lascivious, Cyprian, prurient, wanton, loose, libertine, promiscuous, Paphian, unchaste; immoral, degenerate, dissolve, dissipated, debauched, rakish, prolifigate, depraved, perverted.

3. improper, indecorous, unacceptable; inappropriate, unsuitable, unfitting, unaesthetic, unbecoming, unappropriateness, unsuitableness, unfittingness, indecorous-

ness; inelegance, indelicacy, tastlessness, bad taste; impoliteness, incivility, ungentlemanliness, rudeness, ill or bad manners, unmanliness, ill breeding; crudeness, coarseness, grossness, crassness, vulgarity, gaucherie.

2. faux pas, gaffe, social blunder, indiscretion, slip in conduct, mistake in conduct or etiquette or propriety, breach of etiquette or manners; transgression, delerection, misconduct, misdeed; false step, wrong step, misstep, trip, stumble, bad move, wrong move, false move; offense, peccadillo, oversight, omission; slip, lapse, lapsus; mistake or, blunder, botch, bungle, Inf. slip-up, S1. boo-boo, S1. boner, S1. goof.

indeed, adv. 1. truly, in fact, in truth, precisely, very, Archaic. farsooth, Archaic. pardi; surely, certainly, assuredly, Archaic. certes; I assure you, on my honor, by my troth, upon my word, on my oath, I swear; of course, by all means, Brit. Hear! Hear! amen, naturally, as you say, as you wish; to be sure, quite, absolutely, positively, just so, Brit. rather; as a matter of fact, in point of fact, to tell the truth, all joking aside, in all seriousness, seriously, strictly speaking, in effect.

2. yes, aye, yea, Inf. yeah, Inf. yep; yes sir, yes ma’am, affirmative. Inf. yes sirree, Inf. yes indeedy; all right, alright, OK, Inf. righto, Inf. roger; very well, good, good enough, fine.

—interj. 3. really, you don’t say, you’re kidding, is it so, Fr. n’est-ce pas; egad, gad, gounds, gad so, what, what ho, my word, S1. for crying out loud; good lord, by jove, by George, by Jiminy, my stars, oh my, Archaic. marry; holy Moses, holy Christmas, holy mackerel, holy cow, holy smoke, God bless me, heavens and earth, my stars; my goodness, how graceful, goodness gracious, well, good heavens, dear me, good night, S1. heavens to Betsy; cheese and crackers, Inf. golly, Inf. gee, S1. geez, S1. geewhiz.

4. mercy, S1. land sakes alive, S1. shiver me timbers, S1. well I’ll be blowed, S1. blow me down, S1. well I’ll be a monkey’s uncle, S1. I’ll be jiggered; what on earth, well I’ll be blowed, S1. blow me down, S1. well I’ll be blowed, S1. blow me down, S1. well I’ll be jiggered; what on earth, well I’ll be blowed, S1. blow me down, S1. well I’ll be jiggered; what on earth, well I’ll be blowed, S1. blow me down, S1. well I’ll be jiggered; what on earth, well I’ll be blowed, S1. blow me down, S1. well I’ll be jiggered; what on earth, well I’ll be, can you beat that; imagine, fancy, fancy that, well I never, do tell; what in the world, did you ever, I declare, as I live and breathe, the deuce you say, I’ll be, can you beat that; I imagine, fancy, fancy that, well I never, do tell; what do you know, will wonders never cease, what do you know about that, Latin. mirabile dictu, Fr. sacré bleu.

indefatigable, adj. tireless, untiring, inexhaustible; on the go, on the move, astir, bustling; unsleeping, un-
cloudy, opaque, obfuscated, delitescent, veiled.

3. vague, doubtful, confused, confusing, uncertain; unfixed, unspecified, inexplicit, loose, lax, unsettled, Inf. iffy; ambiguous, equivocal, Inf. neither fish nor fowl; questionable, inconclusive, evasive; puzzling, problematic, problematical, mysterious, abstruse, condite, enigmatic; cryptic, abstract, oracular, mystic, transcendental, occult.

4. undecided, wishy-washy, hesitant, hesitating; vacillating, wavering, inconstant, fluctuating, shilly-shallying, on the fence.

**indelible**, adj. inerasable, ineradicable, unexpiable, unobliterable, uncancelable; permanent, ingrained, indestructible, enduring, unfading; imperishable, inextinguishable, insoluble, indissoluble; firm; fresh, green, unfortgiven, vivid; unforgettable, memorable, haunting, stamped on one's memory.

**indelicacy**, n. vulgarity, coarseness, roughness; bad form, manners, unmanliness, boorishness, churlishness; inurbane, inegal, incompanionability, incivility; impropriety, unseemliness, unbecomingness, indecorum, bad taste, tastelness; unrefinement, barbarism, ungentlemanliness, loutishness; immodesty, indecency, immorality, impudence, shamelessness; ribaldry, bawdiness, bawdy, obscene, smuttiness, suggestiveness.

**indemnification**, n. compensation, compensation, quittance, indemnity; makes, amends, atone, repair, compensation, repARATION, retrenchment.

**indemnify**, v. 1. compensate, make good, satisfy; reimburse, remunerate, pay, repay, reward, return, pay back; expiate, require, make restitution, make amends, atone, Inf. make it up to; retaliate, reckon with, take revenge on, take vengeance on, punish.

2. insure, underwrite, warrant, guarantee; counter-sign, set one's seal to, endorse, certify, answer for, stand behind; assure, make certain, secure, make secure, give security to, guard.

**indemnity**, n. 1. insurance, underwriting, warrant, guarantee, endorsement, certification, assurance; protection, safekeeping, preservation, conservation, protectorship, guardianship, custody, care, auspices, charge.

2. Compensation, consideration, remuneration, reimbursement, return, reward; payment, reimbursement, restoration, return, tit for tat, measure for measure, Latin. quid pro quo; retribution, requital, retaliation, repayment, recompense; revenge, reprise, retribution, vengeance, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, Inf. comeuppance, just deserts, due reward, punishment.

**indestructible**, adj. deathless, undying; imperishable, inextinguishable, indissoluble, infrangible, unbreakable; indecipherable, ineradicable, immutable, unalterable, incommutable, changeless, unchanged; unfading, incorruptible, uncorrupting, amaranthine, perennial, (of leaves) Bot. indecious, (of trees) evergreen.

2. enduring, abiding, lasting; constant, firm, fixed, stable, durable, steady, permanent; endless, unceasing, immortal, eternal, Archaic. eternally, everlasting.

**indeterminate**, adj. 1. undetermined, unmeasured, uncounted, uncalculated, indefinite, unknown; uncertain, unsure, unsettled, undecided; unestablished, undefined, unset, unfixed; uncategorized, borderline, neither fish nor fowl.

2. undeterminable, undistinguishable, unclear, vague, nebulous, obscure; ambiguous, equivocal, im-
precise, inexact, inexplicit; ill-defined, dim, hazy, clouded, cloudy, misty; fogged, foggy, blurred, blurry, confused, muddy, clear as mud.

index, n. 1. catalog, directory, guide, key, Obs. table of contents.
   2. sign, mark, token, indication, indicant, clue, hint. 3. index finger, forefinger, first finger, pointer; Print: fist, hand.

indicate, v. 1. denote, show, bespeak, betoken, signal, mark, be a sign of; signify, connote, suggest, imply; mean, add up to.
   2. point out, point to, designate; specify, particularize.
   3. show, register, exhibit, display, present, demonstrate, manifest, evince, evidence; make known, reveal, disclose, tell, express, state.

indication, n. 1. sign, token, symptom, signal, foreshadowing; omen, augury, portent, foretoken, forewarning; signification, denotation, showing, be speaking, connotation, implication; hint, hinting, suggestion, allusion, mention.
   2. manifestation, spark, flash, glimmer, trace, vestige; trail, track, spoor, footprint, mark, evidence.
   3. sign, signpost, signboard, billboard; guidepost, marker, trail marker, blaze, cairn; milepost, mile marker, milestone, landmark.

indicative, adj. Uso. indicative of indicator, indicating, pointing to, Obs. indicant; suggestive, suggesting, symptomatic, symptomatical, diagnostic; denotative, denoting, representative, representing, typical, characteristic; symbolic, emblematic, connotative, connotating, significative, significant, meaningful; telling, revealing, expressive, demonstrative, showing.

indict, v. accuse, charge, Law. arraign, Law. impute; bring to trial, bring to justice, put on trial, Law. prosecute; incriminate, criminate, recriminate, impeach, Rare. implead; denounce, implicate, charge the defendant, Law. (of an innocent person) Inf. frame, inculpate, inform against; cite, summon, serve with a summons or with papers.

indictable, adj. 1. chargeable, arraignable, accusable, Rare. implicable; citable, summonable, open to summons or subpoena, citable, accountable, answerable; incriminatory, inculpable, blameworthy, imputable, impeachable; triable, open to prosecution, Law. prosecutable.
   2. unlawful, illegal, illicit, criminal, felonious; unjustifiable, unwarrantable, inexcusable, unpardonable, unforgivable.

indictment, n. 1. accusation, charge, Law. gravamen, Law. true bill, Law. plaint, Law. complaint; citation, summons, Law. arraignment; incrimination, crimination, recrimination, denunciation; implication, inculpation, blaming, accusing; (all in reference to wrongdoing) imputation, attribution, ascription, asignment, allegation.
   2. reproach, slur, innuendo, insinuation, animadversion, criticism; censure, rebuke, reproof, reprehension.

indifference, n. 1. apathy, disinterest, disinterestedness, uninterestedness, unconcern, lack of interest or concern, aloofness, distance, insouciance; nonchalance, pocuscurtanism, lukewarmness, lukewarmth, coolness, frigidity, frigidity; impassiveness, impassibility, impassibleness, dispassion, dispassionateness, passionlessness, unemotionalness, emotionlessness; listlessness, phlegmaticness; insensibility, insensitivity; lack of sympathy or compassion, callousness; stoicalness, Stoicism, stoniness.
   2. unimportance, immateriality, irrelevance; insignificance, inconsequence, inconsequentness, triviality, trivialness, pettiness, meanness, paltriness.
   3. mediocrity, moderateness, passableness; average- ness, ordinariness, commonplace.

indifferent, adj. 1. apathetic, apathetical, unconcerned, uninterested, distant, aloof, removed, Laodican, insouciant; impassive, impassible, dispassionate, passionless, unemotional, emotionless, unexcited, uncaring, careless, nonchalant, pococurant, perfunctory, Archaic. impassionate; lukewarm, cool, cold, frigid, icy; listless, phlegmatic, dull, dead; insensible, insensate, unfeeling, unsympathetic, uncompassionate, inconsiderate, callous; unsusceptible, impenetrable, unimpressible, unreachable, stoical, stolid, Spartan, stony.
   2. neutral, impartial, disinterested, unbiased, unprejudiced, nondiscriminatory, nondiscriminative, unbigoted; objective, nonsubjective, detached, not personally involved; equitable, even-handed, fair, fair-minded, just, Inf. square.
   3. mediocrity, middling, moderate, medium; fair, so-so, not bad, Inf. O.K., such as it is; passable, reasonable, acceptable, adequate, sufficient; average, modest, ordinary, commonplace, lightweight, Inf. not so hot.
   4. unimportant, immaterial, irrelevant, neither here nor there; insignificant, inconsequential, inconsequence, of no consequence, minor, of no matter; trivial, trifling, inappreciable, slight, petty, mean.
   5. unessential, unnecessary, unneeded, expendable; unrequired, nonobligatory, exemptible.

indigence, n. poverty, penury, destitution, impecuniousness, impecuniosity, beggary, pennilessness, needlessness; insolvency, bankruptcy, liquidation; distress, straits, difficulties, indebtedness; pauperism, pauperage, pauperdom, mendicancy, mendicity; hand-to-mouth existence, starvation, hunger; insufficiency, scantiness, threadbareness, privation, deprivation, want, lack, need.

indigene, n. native, inhabitant, inhabitant, dweller, citizen, local; countryman, patriot, Yiddish. landsman; aborigine, aboriginal, autochthon, Australian Inf. boong, primitive.

indigenous, adj. 1. native, endemic, endemic, original, aboriginal, autochthonous, autochthonal, autochthonian, indigenous, native, natural, natural-born, innate, congenital, hereditary, inherited, in the blood, in the family.
   2. inveterate, rooted, deep-rooted, planted, implanted, fixed, infixed, ineradicable; permanent, inseparable, built-in; ingrained, in the grain, inwrought.

indigent, adj. 1. poverty-stricken, impoverished, penurious, impecunious, beggarly, pauperized, destitute, poor, needy, necessitous, barefoot, ragged, bad off, badly off; beggarly, mendicant; pinched, straitened, distressed, Inf. strapped, Inf. up against it, Inf. on one's uppers, Inf. hard up; financially embarrassed, out of cash, penniless, Inf. short, Brit. skint, Inf. broke, Inf. dead broke, Inf. flat broke, Inf. stone broke; unable to make both ends meet, poor as Job's turkey, unable to keep the wolf from the door; bankrupt, ruined, wiped out, Inf. on the rocks, insolvent, overdrawn, in the red; down and out, out at the elbows, down at the heels, seedy.
   2. lacking, wanting, in need; deprived, deficient, bereft, devoid, destitute of; without, sans, helpless, stranded, high and dry.
   —n. 3. pauper, poor person, have-not, ragamuffin, tatterdemalion, hobo, Sl. bindle stff; beggar, cadger, Inf. panhandler, mendicant, beadsman, almsman, Scot. gaberlunzie.

indigestible, adj. heavy, disagreeing, hard to swallow, hard to stomach, unassimilable, undigestible, in-
digestion; distasteful, unpalatable, sickening, nauseating, nauseous, obnoxious, offensive, repulsive, revolt-
ing.

**indigestion**

**n.** upset stomach, gastric or stomach distress, dyspepsia, hyperacidity; queasiness, nausea, nauseousness; heartburn, brash, waterbrash, Pathol. pyrosis, Pathol. cardialgia.

**indignant**

**adj.** irate, ireful, incensed, angry, angered, wrathful, wroth, Inf. mad, Inf. sore, Sl. teed-off, Sl. ticked-off, Sl. hot, Sl. hot under the collar; in a tart, in a pet, in a high dudgeon, in a huff, Inf. huffy, resentful; annoyed, irritated, peevish, piqued, irked, exasperated, provoked, Chiefly U.S. riled, Inf. ast, grated, Inf. miffed.

**indignation**

**n.** resentment, offense, umbrage, pique, righteous anger; anger, ire, wrath, dudgeon, high dudgeon; displeasure, disapproversal, disapprobation, disapprobrium, dissatisfaction, disgruntlement, unhappiness; irritation, annoyance, vexation, exasperation, Inf. aggravation; gall, bile, spleen, choler, ran-
cor; virulence, acrimony, asperity, acerbity, exacerba-
tion, bitterness.

**indignity**

**n.** affront, insult, Archaic. insultation, outrage, slap in the face; abuse, mistreatment, injury, wound, sting, blow; discourtesy, slight, snub, Inf. fine how-do-you-do; aspersion, cut, Sl. put-down.

**indirect**

**adj.** 1. roundabout, out-of-the-way, oblique, ambiguous, circuitous, circumambient; di-
vergent, deviant, deviative; erratic, wandering, meandering, roving, winding, curving, tortuous, zigzag; cir-
cumlocutory, discursive, digressive, long-drawn-out.

2. incidental, accidental, circumstantial; contingent, collateral, secondary, subordinate; implied, implicit, understood, tacit, unexpressed, inferential.

3. devious, dishonest, crooked, Inf. shady, lefthand-
end, backhand, backhandled; deceitful, fraudulent, guileful, insidious, sharp, slippery, shifty, tricky; furtive, surreptitious, clandestine, covert, undercover, un-
derhand, sneaky, back-door; secretive, evasive, un-
straightforward.

**indiscernible**

**adj.** 1. imperceptible, imperceivable, indistinguishable, unnoticed, unapparent, subtle, slight, gradual; inappreciable, inconsiderable, inconsequential; minute, minuscule; microscopic, in-
finesimal.

2. invisible, unseen, unperceivable; ill-defined, in-
distinct, indefinite, obscure, vague, unclear, shadowy, nebulous, cloudy.

**indiscerning**

**adj.** 1. imprudent, injudicious, impoli-
tic, improvident, ill-advised, ill-considered, ill-
gaged, ill-contrived, unwise; hasty, rash, brash, reckless, temerarious, impulsive, impetuous, auda-
cious; headlong, head-over-heels, precipitate, break-
neck, harum-scarum; foolhardy, foolish, harebrained, wild, madcap; heedless, careless, uncautious, unwary, unchary, uncircumspect; thoughtless, unthinking, un-
reflecting, mindless, witless, inadvertent; inconsider-
ate, insensitive, tactless, untautful.

2. indelicate, indecent, improper, inappropriate, unseemly, unbecoming.

**indiscretion**

**n.** imprudence, providence, in-
judiciousness, impolicy, inexpediency; hastiness, rash-
ness, brashness, recklessness, temerity, impulsiveness, impetuosity, audacity; folly, foolishness, foolish-
headness; heedless, careless, unwariness, unchari-
ness; thoughtlessness, mindlessness, willlessness, un-
wittingness, unthinkfulness, inadvertence; inconsider-
ateness, insensitivity, tactlessness.

2. indecency, immodesty, shamelessness, brazeness, boldness; indecorum, indecorous-
ness, impropriety, improverness, inappropriateness,

unseemliness, unbecomingness.

3. faux pas, gaffe, social blunder, slip in conduct, mistake in conduct or etiquette or propriety, breach of etiquette or manners; transgression, dereliction, mis-
conduct, misleading; false step, wrong step, misstep, stumble, trip, bad move, wrong move, false move; of-
fense, peccadillo, slip, lapse; mistake, error, blunder, botch, bungle, Inf. slip-up, Sl. boo-boo, Sl. boner.

**indiscriminate**

**adj.** 1. unselective, unparticular, uncritical, undifferentiating, indiscriminating, indis-
criminative, promiscuous; wholesale, extensive, broad, wide, sweeping.

2. haphazard, random, casual, hit-or-miss, unme-
thedral, methodless, unsystematic, systemless; unor-
dered, orderless, disordered, unorganized, unar-
ranged; erratic, desultory, fitful, spasmodic, stop-and-
go, come-and-go.

3. mixed, jumbled, scrambled, thrown-together; in-
cohherent, confused, harum-scarum, higgledy-piggledy;

motley, medley, miscellaneous, diverse, diversified, varied, manifold.

**indispensable**

**adj.** 1. vital, essential, of the es-
ence, important, of the utmost importance; impe-

tative, urgent, exigent, instant, pressing, compelling, high-priority, high-pressure, life-and-death or life-or-
dearth; necessary, needed, needful, called-for, in de-
mand, requisite, required; fundamental, elementary, rudimentary, basic, bedrock, material, substantive, Inf. square-one.

2. inescapable, unavoidable, ineludible, ineluctable, in-

cerain; for certain, sure, for sure, sure as death, sure as death and taxes, inevitable, inevitable; mandatory, compulsory, obligatory, prescriptive, binding.

—**n.** 3. requirement, requisite, necessity, essential, must, must-item, Inf. must-have.

**indispose**

**v.** 1. incapacitate, disable, debilitate, unfit, inactivate; disqualified, invalid, disenable; put out of action, put out of commission, put out of gear, Sl. put out of whack, Inf. sideline, lay up, hospitalize; devastize, enfeebles, extenuate, weaken, enervate, ex-
hast; cripple, paralyze, lame, maim, Inf. hogtie.

2. sicken, nauseate, disgust, turn one's stomach, dis-

ergize.

3. disline, be averse or unwilling; dischasten, dis-
mock, throw cold water on; throw a wet blanket over,

put a damper on; discourage, dishearten, dispirit.

**indisposed**

**adj.** 1. sick, sickly, sickened, ill, ail-
ing, valetudinarian; unhealthy, unsound, unwell, squamish, queasy; in a bad way, on the sick list, Inf. under the weather, Inf. out of sorts, not up to snuff, Inf. on the blink; laid up, bedridden, confined, hospi-
tialized; out of order, out of commission, incapacitated, disabled.

2. adverse, unwilling, disinclined; hesitant, reluctant, re-

sistant; renitent, recalcitrant, obdurate, restless;

loath, averse, hostile, inimical, not in favor of, dis-
liking.

**indisposition**

**n.** 1. sickness, sickliness, illness, un-
healthiness; invalidism, valetudinarianism; exhaus-
tion, enervation, enfeeblement, prostration; disability, infirmity, decrepitude, weakness, feebleness; disorder, complaint, malady; nausea, indigestion, common cold, headache, migraine.

2. disinclination, unwillingness, averseness, loath-

ess, indisposedness; reluctance, hesitance, hesitation; opposition, recalcitrance, recalcitrancy, resistance, re-
nitence.

**indisputable**

**adj.** 1. incontestable, incontrovert-
ible, undeniable, irrefragable, irrefutable, unquestion-
able, beyond question, beyond dispute, indubitable, beyond a shadow of a doubt, apodictic; conclusive, de
individualistic, definitive, solid, fixed, final; certain, sure, absolute, positive, definite.
2. evident, self-evident, obvious, unmistakable, patent, plain, Intf. plain as the nose on one's face, clear, clear-cut, crystal-clear, manifest, apparent.

indissoluble, adj. 1. undissolvable, insoluble, inseparable, incommutatable, changeless, unchangeable; indefeasible; indestructible, imperishable, unending, lasting.
2. firm, fixed, fast, constant, solid, stable, durable, permanent; unwavering, unfaltering, steadfast, steady; abiding, enduring, lasting.
3. binding, obligatory, irrevocable, imperative, mandatory, compulsory, requisite, Law. peremptory.
indistinct, adj. 1. fuzzy, filmy, misty, blurred, vague, obscure, murky, Archaic. caliginous; muddy, incomprehensible, confused, doubtful, uncertain, indeterminate, nebulous, clouded.
2. faint, dim, weak, feeble, imperceptible, faraway, indefinite, indistinguishable, shadowy, crepuscular.
indistinguishable, adj. 1. identical, one, same, self-same, twin, joint, corresponding; balanced, equal, equivalent, comparable; kindred, similar, alike, like two peas in a pod; coinciding, coincident, synonymous, simultaneous, collateral.
2. indiscernible, imperceptible, unnoticeable, hard to make out, indefinite, obscure, unseen, shrouded, camouflaged, invisible.
indite, v. compose, draft, frame, couch, formulate; write, write down or out, pen, commit to paper; dictate, transcribe, tape, record; dash out, scrawl, scribble; type, typewrite, pound out; redo, revise, edit, redact.
individual, adj. 1. single, sole, lone, separate, solitary; distinct, peculiar, defined, complete; alone, exclusive, detached, isolated, restricted.
2. particular, characteristic, personal, private, proper, custom; typical, representative, express, inherent, intrinsic, internal, specific.
3. special, especial, distinguished, select; different, distinct, singular, unique; original, unconventional, uncommon, unusual; rare, unparalleled, unequalled, unmatched; strange, outstanding, extraordinary, curious; odd, outlandish, bizarre, freakish.
4. person, entity, creature, human, human being; being, personage, soul, living soul, spirit, mortal; one, someone, body, somebody; personality, character, party, head, hand.
5. free spirit, nonconformist, maverick, loner, lone wolf; deviator, eccentric, original, one of a kind, exception, rare bird, rara avis; queer duck, crackpot, crank, flake; curiosity, rarity, peculiarity, Sl. weird, Sl. oddball, Sl. screwball; bohemian, beatnik, hippy, yippie, longhair, freak.
individualistic, adj. 1. individual, distinctive, distinguishing, distinct, original, uncommon, novel; separate, unallied, nonpartisan, uncommitted; personal, intrinsic, inherent, characteristic, marked, typical; private, exclusive, intimate; particular, definite, limited, specific.
2. independent, free-thinking, unconstrained, unorthodox; special, unique, rare, extraordinary, bizarre, unconventional; idiosyncratic, peculiar, eccentric, singular, strange, odd, conspicuous, Sl. oddball, Sl. weird.

individuality, n. 1. distinctness, separateness, difference, definiteness, distinction, particularity, originality, uniqueness.
2. integrity, completeness, unity, wholeness, vitality.
3. identity, personality, self, ego; character, make-up, essence, nature, traits; disposition, temperament, stripe, spirit, humor.
4. variation, peculiarity, singularity, characteristic, feature, trait; trick, mannerism, idiosyncrasy, quirk.
individuate, v. 1. make individual, make distinct, call by name; classify; distinguish, define, separate, characterize, differentiate, set apart, mark off.
2. mention, specify, designate, name, mention, mark, notice; indicate, point out, denote, pick out; consider, select, single out, point up.

indivisible, adj. undividable, indiscernible, inseparable, unseparable, impalpable, impalpable, not divisible or separable; indissoluble, insoluble, unbreakable, infrangible.
indocile, adj. unsubmitting, intractable, stubborn, obstinate, pig-headed, mulish, obdurate, headstrong, willful, self-willed, opinionated; cross-grained, perverse, contrary, forward, resistant, opposed, restive, balking; refractory, recalcitrant, disobedient, rebellious, contumacious; unmanageable, un govorable, uncontrollable, unruly, bad, incorrigible, unteachable; unyielding, unyielding, rigid, inflexible, immovable, unpersuadable, unalterable, changeless, inexorable; impervious, uninfluenced, unaffected, unmoved, unpersuaded, untouched.

indoeinate, v. indoctrinate, instruct, teach, school, educate, prepare, qualify; (all of learning) give, impart, imbue, impregnate, infect, infuse, inspire, charge, spark, fire; enlighten, initiate, introduce, give the basics, ground; familiarize with, break in, habituate, get [s.o.] used to; discipline, train, exercise, drill, beat [s.t.] into [s.o.'s] head, pound [s.t.] into [s.o.'s] head, get [s.t.] through [s.o.'].s head; inculcate, impart, infuse, implant, inject, impress on or upon, instill, implant, ingrain; brainwash, propagandize, persuade, proselytize, convert.

indocination, n. indoctrination, instruction, teaching, learning, book learning, schooling, education; tutelage, tutoring, guidance, preparation, qualification; enlightenment, initiation, introduction, grounding, familiarization, habituation; discipline, training, exercise, practice, drill; inculcation, instillation, infusion, implantment, ingrain; brainwashing, propaganda, propagandism, persuasion, proselytism, conversion.

indolence, n. laziness, idleness, otiose, otioussness, fainéance, faineaney, shiftlessness; procrastination, dilatoriness, slothfulness, sluggardliness, laggardness; slowness, slow-motion, heaviness, loginess, sluggishness, lethargy, slackness, languidity, languor; lackadaisicalness, listlessness, dullness, apathy, indifference, impossiveness, passiveness, unresponsiveness; drowsiness, sleepiness, soporiferousness, stagnation, stagnancy, stagnation, inaction, inactivity, inactiveness, inertia, inertia, inertness; dormancy, passivity, passiveness, supineness, torpor, torpidity, tor-ridness, stupor, stupefaction.

indolent, adj. lazy, idle, otiose; fainéant, do-nothing, shiftless; procrastinative, dilatory, drowsy, slothful, sluggardly, laggard; slow, slow-moving, heavy, leaden, logy, sluggish, lethargic, slack, languid; lackadaisical, listless, dull, apathetic, indifferent, impassive, unresponsive; drowsy, sleepy, soporific, somnolent, comatose; stagnant, inactive, inert, dormant, passive, resting, supine, torpid.
indomitable, adj. 1. invincible, unconquerable, in-
vulnerable, impregnable, impenetrable, inviolable, in-
superable, unassailable, insurmountable, undefeat-
able, unbeatable, insuppressible; stout, stout-hearted, 
stalwart, Obs. stalworth, steadfast, doughty, hardy, 
solid, stable, tough, staunch, staunch, cast-iron, Inf.
hard as rock. Inf. tough as nails; firm, resolute, deter-
dined, resolved, intransigent, inflexible, adamantly, 
dadamantine; defiant, unyielding, unflinching, unwa-
vering, unwavering, unyielding; persevering, unper-
renting, irresistible, indefatigable, tireless, untiring, 
wearless, unwavering, unflagging.

2. courageous, brave, valiant, valorous, heroic, 
heroical, hero-like, lionhearted, ironhearted, great-hearted, 
high-hearted; virile, manly, manful; intrepid, fearless, 
auntless, aweless, dreadless, unafraid, undaunted, 
unblenching, unblenched, un dismayed, unappalled, 
alarmed; bold, bold—spirited, high—spirited, daring, 
audacious; plucky, mettlesome, nervy, gritty, spirited, 
red—blooded, Inf. spunky, Sl. gutsy.

indubitable, adj. beyond doubt, beyond a shadow of 
conclusion, beyond doubt, beyond question, beyond 
dispute, unquestionable, undeniable, indisputable, 
irrefragable, irrefutable, incontrovertible, apodictic; certain, sure, Inf. for—sure, absolute, positive, definite.

induce, v. 1. persuade, convince, talk into, intro-
vail on, sway, get; influence, inspire, rouse, encourage, 
stimulate; propel, impel, provoke, instigate, incite; 
prompt, actuate, move, drive, motivate, put up to; 
urge, goad, spur, prod, prod, egg on, nudge; entice, inveigle, 
lure, seduce, win over, enlist; coax, wheedle, cajole, Inf.
butter up.

2. cause, produce, bring on or about, effect; make, 
create, generate; occasion, develop, originate, lead to.

inducement, n. 1. persuasion, influence, inspira-
tion, encouragement; convincing, getting, urging, prod-
ding, prompting, instigating, actuating.

2. incentive, stimulus, incitement, impetus, provoca-
tion; motive, reason, wherefore, Sl. what for; cause; 
attraction, lure, Sl. come on, enticement; spur, goad.

induct, v. 1. introduce, initiate, install, instate, 
establish; chair, invest, inaugurate; crown, enthrones,
fr. Eccles. ordain, consecrate; bring in, lead in, usher in.

2. U.S. draft, levy, conscript, enlist, enroll, sign up, 
register, matriculate.

induction, n. 1. initiation, installation, instate-
ment, introduction; chairing, investiture, inaugura-
tion; coronation, crowning, enthronement, frikning, 
Eccles. ordination, Eccles. ordainment, consecration.

2. selective service, draft, levy, conscript, enlist, 
enroll, sign up; coronation, crowning, enthronement, 
frock, ordain, consecrate; bring in, lead in, usher in.

3. presentation, bringing forward, production; reve-
lation, disclosure, exposure; offering, showing, exhibit, 
exhibition; manifestation, appearance.

4. prelude, introduction, foreword, preface, pre-
amble, prologue.

indulge, v. 1. live hard, live high, be intemperate, 
be excessive, splurge, run riot, Inf. go whole hog; sow 
one's wild oats, Sl. paint the town red, Sl. go to town; 
plunge into dissipation, go on a spree, hit the booze, 
Sl. go off the wagon; carouse, regale, wine and dine; 
luxuriate, Inf. live it up, Inf. live high off the hog.

2. satisfy, gratify, relieve, appease, satiate, fulfill; 
yield to, give way to, treat oneself to.

3. oblige, humor, favor, go along with, comply with; 
submit to, give in, sit down to, attend, make available; 
to the convenience of, minister to, pander to; serve, do 
for, do service for, work for; bear with, give in to; al-
low, permit, suffer, tolerate, brook, endure.

4. pamper, cocker, coddle, spoil, cater to, baby; pet, 
fondle, cosset, care, cajole, wheedle, cox, flatter; 
curry favor, Inf. bootlick, fawn, toady to, Inf. butter up, 
Inf. sweet-talk, Inf. soft-soap, Sl. suck up to.

5. indulge in give oneself up to, give loose rein to, 
give license to, wallow in, revel in.

indulgence, n. 1. self—gratification, dissipation, 
intemperance, intemperateness, immorality, immor-
monousness, prodigality, extravagance, profligaten-
ness, unrestraint, excess; voluptuousness, sensuality, 
yarbitiosity, epicureanism; dissolution, licentiousness; 
amoralism, debauchery, crassness, crassness, crassness; 
irebrity, drunkenness, intoxication; fast living, high liv-
ing, free living, fastness; carousal, revelry, riotousness, 
saturnalia, spree, orgy, debauch.

2. satisfaction, gratification, appeasement, satiation, 
fulfillment, relief.

3. favor, courtesy, kindness, good will; allowance, 
permission, sufferance; tolerance, tolerance, endur-
ance, Obs. patience, forbearance, forgiveness, excuse; 
leniency, lenity, liberality; clemency, mercy, quarter; 
privilege, grant, license.

4. obliging, humouring, favoring, fostering; going 
along with, complying with; waiting on or upon, at-
tending; following with favoring; pandering to, serving, working for; 
pampering, coddling, spoiling, catering to, baby-
ing; petting, fondling, caressing.

5. considerateness, humanity, hospitality; gentleness, 
tenderness, fondness, mildness; compassion, empathy, 
sympathy, charity.

indulgent, adj. 1. permissive, lenient, liberal, lax, 
eyoung; tolerant, allowing, permitting, suffering; endur-
Aes, for bearing, forgiving, excusing, sparing; 
merciful, compassionate, clement; conciliatory, plac-
tory, placating; amiable, amicable, compliant, geni-
al, agreeable, well—disposed; inclined, Archaic. 
propense, disposed, predisposed, favorably disposed; wil-
ving. Archaic. fain, in the mood, minded.

2. obliging, humouring, favoring, fostering; pamper-
ing, coddling, spoiling, catering, petting, fondling, ca-
ressing; considerate, humane, hospitable, courteous, 
kind, patient; empathetic, sympathetic, charitable, 
generous, unselfish; benevolent, benign, pleasing, 
pleasant, gracious; gentle, fond, tender, mild, easygo-
ing, pacific, tender—hearted.

3. self—gratifying, dissipating, intemperate, immode-
rately; prodigal, extravagant, profligate, unrestrained, 
unbridled, excessive, inordinate; voluptuous, sensual, 
luxurious, sybaritic, epicurean, carnal; riotous, fast, 
wild, carousing; dissolute, dissipated, licentious, de-
bauched, lascivious, wanton, lustful, concupiscent, le-
harden; salacious, lecherous, goatish; animalistic, 
luxurious, sybaritic, epicurean; dissoluteness, licentious-
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saturnalia, spree, orgy, debauch.

4. satisfying, gratifying, appeasing, satiating, fulfilling, 
relieving; yielding, complying, acquiescing.

5. indulging, gratifying, appeasing, satiating, fulfilling, 
relieving; yielding, complying, acquiescing.
induration, n. 1. hardening, petrifaction, ossification; sclerosis, cornification, vitrification.
2. hardness, stiffness, rigidity, resistance, intractability; toughness, firmness, grittiness, callousness.
3. obdurancy, obstinacy, stubbornness, recusancy; remorselessness, coldness, frigidity, unfeelingness, impenitence, uncontrition, unrepentance; inflexibility, unyieldingness, inelasticity.

industrialist, n. producer, manufacturer, constructor, or builder; magnate, tycoon, baron, boss, capitalist.

inf. guzzler, swiller, soaker, sponge, lovepot; exhilarate, invigorate, stimulate, animate, inspirit; hardening, petrifaction, ossification.

industrious, adj. hard-working, energetic, dynamic, eager-beaver, busy as a bee; busy, bustling, hustling, on the go, on the move; at work, in harness, hard at it, astir, active, up and doing, up and coming; vigorous, aggressive, go-ahead, forceful, intense; laborious, opere, diligent, assiduous, sedulous, studious, intent; plodding, unflagging, indefatigable, tireless, unduroppe, unsleeping; persistent, pertinacious, constant, earnest, patient; workmanlike, busineslike, enterprising.

industry, n. 1. manufacturing, production, construction, making, fabrication; establishment, trade, manufacture, commerce.
2. business, field, line, craft, métier; trade, art, handicraft.
3. labor, work, toil, efforts; activity, undertaking, task, chore, duty, service; employment, job, occupation, vocation, pursuit, profession.
4. diligence, assiduity, sedulity, painstaking; application, attention, concentration, intentness; effort, devotion, devotedness, laboriousness, industriousness; workaholism, the Protestant ethic, Stakhanovism; industriousness, indefatigability, tirelessness, labor, earnestness, determination, perseverance, persistence.

inebriate, v. 1. intoxicate, besot, make drunk, Inf. light-up, Inf. put under the table; stupefy, addle, fuddle, befuddle, muddle; All SI. plaster, pollute, sour, stew, crock, swack, pickle, stone, sozzle, buzz-up, liquor-up, likker-up.
2. exhilarate, invigorate, stimulate; charm, infatuate, captivate, fascinate.
3. drunk, drunkard, sot, soak, tosspot, toper, drunk as a lord, drunk as a skunk or owl; merry, happy, gay, jolly; maudlin.

ineffectual, adj. ineffective, ineffectual, ineffective, ineffectual, ineffective, inefficacious.

inefliccious, adj. ineffective, ineffectual, incapable, inadequate, inefficient, incompetent, inept; useless, inutile, worthless, valueless, meritless, nugatory.

ineffective, adj. ineffective, inefficient, unskilful; incompetent, unfit, inept, unapt, not up to par or snuff; incapable, unable, lacking in ability; worthless, useless, inutil, unserviceable.

ineffable, adj. inexpressible, beyond words, ineffable.

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inefficacy, ineffectual, ineffectualness, inefficaciousness; incapacity, inability, inadequacy, ineffectiveness, incompetence, ineptitude; uselessness, inutility, worthlessness, valuelessness, meritlessness, nugacity.

1. futility, bootlessness, fruitlessness, abortiveness, barrenness, sterility; unprofitableness, profitlessness, nonsuccess, failure, defeat.

2. weakness, feebleness, powerlessness, lameness, ef-feteness, impotence.

inefficient, adj. 1. incompetent, inept, inapt, unadapted, unadjusted, unaccommodating, unresponsive, uncooperative, intolerant, stubborn, uncompromising; callous, tough; Inf. stiff as nails, Inf. stiff as a ramrod, Inf. set in one's ways, old-fashioned. See ineffectual.

2. unadaptable, unadjustable, unaccommodating, unavailable, married, wed. See ineffectual.

inelegant, 1. inflexible, unflexible, unbendable, unpliant, irresistible, indiscernible, flabby; stiff, rigid, hard, unyielding, unretractable; firm, tense, unmanageable, unlimber, Inf. stiff as a poker, Inf. out of condition.

inequity, adj. 1. unjust, unfair, partial, not equitable; biased, prejudiced, closed-minded, narrow-minded, intolerant, bigoted, one-sided, partisan; wrongful, wrong, bad, iniquitous; unlawful, illegitimate, illegal; unjustifiable, indefensible, unwarrantable, unreasonable.

inequality, n. 1. unfairness, unfair or unjust treatment, injustice; mistreatment, maltreatment, abuse, injury, hurt; grievance, imposition, infringement or encroachment on one's rights; wrongdoing, foul play, dirty trick, villainy, Law. tort.

2. discrimination, partiality, favoritism, one-sidedness, bias, prejudice, bigotry.

inert, adj. 1. inactive, lifeless, inanimate; immovable, immobile, motionless; stationary, unmoving, fixed, rooted, riveted; still, stock-still, Chiefly Literary. stilly, quiet, quiescent.

2. comatose, unconscious; knocked out, out cold, Inf. out like a light, passed out, dead to the world.

3. dull, sluggish, passive, sedentary, lethargic, phlegmatic, stagnant; sleepy, somnolent, slumberous, torpid, torpescence; indolent, idle, slothful, lazy, supine, otiose; listless, languid, lackadaisical.

inertia, n. 1. activity, inaction, inactiveness, idleness, unemployment; stagnation, inanition, stasis, motionlessness, immobility.

2. sluggishness, dullness, heaviness, langor, lethargy, lassitude, listlessness, torpor, passivity; sloth, laziness, indolence, inexactness, do-nothingness, fainéance.

inescapable, adj. unavoidable, ineluctable, ineludible, inexorable, ineradicable; inalterable, uncontrollable; fated, destined, predestined; certain, sure, Inf. for sure, sure as death, sure as death and taxes, not to be avoided.

inestimable, adj. 1. incalculable, incomputable, not to be reckoned; innumerable, countless, untold, endless, infinite; immeasurable, measureless, unmeasured, fathomless, fathomless; multitudinous, manifold, voluminous, very great; prodigious, unlimited, boundless, vast, immense.

2. priceless, precious, invaluable, worth its weight in gold, worth a king's ransom; rare, peerless, matchless, unparalleled, inimitable; superlative, superexcellent, excellent, Archaic: eximious; prime, tip-top, Inf. crack.

inevitable, adj. inescapable, inexorable, irrevocable, unchangeable; automatic, mechanical, involuntary; destined, Inf. in the cards, bound to happen, Inf. in the bag, out of one's hands; authoritative, ordained, unequivocal, absolute, conclusive, infallible, undisputed; unquestionable, indisputable, undeniable, indubitable, incontestable, apodictic, irrefutable, incontrovertible. See inescapable.

inexact, adj. inaccurate, incorrect, faulty, false, wrong, erroneous, fallacious, in error; off, off-base, not right, wide of the mark; imprecise, indistinct, indefinite; loose, fuzzy, muddled, Inf. muzzy, Inf. out of line.

inexusable, adj. unjustifiable, indefensible, unwarrantable, excusable, unpardonable, irremissible, unforgivable, inexpiable, unatoneable; blameworthy, reprehensible, censurable, reproachable, reprovable, condemnable; blameful, discreditable, disreputable, ignoble, shameful, immoral, wrongful; wicked, nefarious, iniquitous, flagitious.

inexhaustible, adj. 1. unlimited, limitless, illimit-
able, unaltered, unalterable, not to be changed; immutable, invariable, unchangeable; unyielding, immovable, unchangeable; inflexible, unalterable; unyielding, immoveable, obdurate, adamantine; inflexible, unyielding, unchangeable.

2. indestructible, tireless, untiring, unwearying, weariless; unflagging, unaltering, unceasing; unwearying, unflagging, unremitting, persevering.

inexorable, adj. 1. inescapable, ineluctable, unavoidable, destined, fated; unalterable, binding, irrevocable.

2. unyielding, immovable, obdurate, adamantine; inflexible, unalterable, inflexible; immovable, obdurate, adamantine; inalterable, binding, irrevocable.

inexpressible, adj. 1. ineffable, beyond words, incommunicable, indescribable, unspeakable, unutterable, undefinable, nondescript, nameless, unnamable.

2. strange, marvelous, wondrous, wonderful, Sl. something else; amazing, astonishing, stupendous, prodigious, incredible, unheard of.

inexpressive, adj. 1. expressionless, blank, dead, deadpan, poker-faced, inscrutable; emotionless, unemotional, unemotional, impassive, cold, stony; unanimated, unlively, immobile, motionless, inactive, passive, lifeless, inert.

2. dull, flat, boring, unexciting, devoid of expression; meaningless, empty, void, vacuous.

inexplicable, adj. 1. inexplicable, unexplainable, unanswerable; indefinable, inexplicable, unanswerable; inexplicable, undefinable, incalculable; copious, bountiful, lavish, abundant, ample.

2. indefatigable, tireless, untiring, unwearying, weariless; unflagging, unaltering, persevering.

infancy, n. callowness, immaturity, greenness, verdancy; unsophistication, naiveté, innocence; rawness, untrainedness, ignorance; unskillfulness, inexperience, inexperience.

inexpressive, adj. knotty, entangled, tangled, raveled, Sl. screwed-up; intricate, involved, convoluted, complicated, complex; maze-like, labyrinthine; perplexing, baffling, Sl. mind-blowing, mystifying, bewildering, puzzling.

infallibility, n. unerringness, faultlessness, accuracy, rightness; certainty, certitude, surety; assurance, undeniable, incontestability, irrefutability, reliability; dead or absolute certainty, All Sl. sure thing, sure bet, cinch, lead-pipe cinch.

infallible, adj. unerring, inerrant, invariable, unerring; flawless, impeccable, faultless, perfect; positive, solid, sound, Sl. absolutely OK; believable, credible.

2. dependable, trustworthy, foolproof, Inf. sure-fire, reliable; certain, sure, Inf. sure as shooting, right, right as rain; incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, irrefutable; unquestionable, unequivocal, indubitable, undeniable.

infamous, adj. disreputable, ignominious, having a bad name, ill repute, discreditable, dishonorable; scandalous, notorious, obloquious, disgraceful, shameful, flagrant, stigmatized.

2. detestable, loathsome, contemptible, desppicable, abhorrent, abominable; reprehensible, low, low-down, base, mean, petty, vile, abject, wormy; execrable, outrageous, ignoble, wretched, paltry; nefarious, wicked, villainous, heinous, flagitious, iniquitous; corrupt, depraved, Sl. yutz, Sl. putzy, rotten, scurvy, Sl. cruddy; knavish, sinister, odious, obnoxious, atrocious, bad, revolting.

infamy, n. 1. ignominy, obloquy, opprobrium, disrepute, ill repute, notoriety; shame, disgrace, dishonor, discredit; stigma, stain, blot, blot on the escutcheon, badge of infamy.

2. wickedness, improbity, villainy, baseness, meanness, pettiness; depravity, degeneracy, turpitude, corruption; knavery, roguey, rascality; dishonesty, double-dealing, deception, foul play, Sl. dirty tricks, Sl. low blow, treachery, perfidy; infidelity, disloyalty, faithlessness, back-stabbing.

infancy, n. 1. babyhood, early childhood, the cradle, the nursery.

2. start, commencement, beginning, origin, onset,
infant, n. 1. baby, babe, newborn babe, bambino, toddler, (Amer. Ind.) papoose, neonate; suckling, nurpling, weanling, foundling.
2. beginner, novice, neophyte, tyro, amateur, neophyte, round greenhorn, tenderfoot, newcomer; new boy; student, pupil, freshman, Inf. frosh or freshman, learner, initiate, apprentice, trainee; recruit, raw recruit, abecedarian, catechumen.
3. ingénue, unsophisticate, innocent, simple soul, child, mere child, babe in the woods, lamb.

infanticide, n. 1. (all of a child) murder, homicide, slaying, killing.
2. (all of a child) murderer, killer, slayer.

infantile, adj. 1. babyish, childish, Rare, childly, puerile, infantine, infant; immature, juvenile, adolescent.
2. newborn, newly born, unburst, unopened, wet behind the ears; in the cradle, in swaddling clothes, in diapers, in napkins, at the breast, on the bottle.
3. beginning, initial, introductory, incipient, introductory; formative, creative, natal, nascent, incunabular.
4. stultify, besot, befool, make a fool
infatuate, v. 1. stultify, besot, befoul, make a fool of, Sn. make a monkey of for.
2. enamor, endear, win or (esp. of Scot, troops) Jocks.

infatuation, n. 1. craze, mania, passion, furor, rage; fascination, Sn. puppy love, Inf. calf love.
2. fan, buff, SI. buff, fan, freak, SI. fan,
3. fanatic, zealot, devotee, enthusiast, aficianado, energumen, Inf. fan, inf. buff, Sn. nut, Sl. bug, Sl. freak, Sl. hound, Sl. fiend, Sl. demon, Sl. sucker for.
infatuated, adj. 1. enamored, taken with, Inf. smitten, Inf. sweet on, Sl. stuck on; in love, hopelessly in love, head over heels in love, Inf. keen about, Inf. mad about, Inf. crazy about, Inf. wild about, Sl. nuts about; charmed, fascinated, captivated, intrigued, beguiled, bewitched, spellbound, mesmerized, hypnotized; possessed, obsessed, fixated, preoccupied, gripped, held, Sl. hung up.
2. fond, overfond, affectionate, overaffectionate, doting, loving.

infatuation, n. 1. stultification; captivation, allurement, beguilement, ensorcelment, mesmerization, hypnotization.
2. foolishness, besottedness, self-deception, self-deversion, blindness; dotage, fondness; fanaticism, overzealousness, overeagerness, overenthusiasm.
3. liking, passing fancy; Inf. crush; love, Inf. puppy love, Inf. calf love.
4. craze, mania, passion, furor, rage; fascination, Sl. bug; obsession, preoccupation, fixation, complex, monomania, Sl. hang up.

infeasible, adj. impracticable, impractical, unfeasible; unworkable, inoperable, undoable, unperformable, unnegotiable; impossible, not possible, out of the question; unattainable, unachievable, beyond one; insuperable, insurmountable; improbable, unlikely, hardly possible, doubtful, dubious, questionable.

inflict, v. 1. contaminate, affect, poison, empoison, venemous, toxicate; ulcerate, canker; taint, spoil, blight, mar, impair.
2. corrupt, pollute, vitiate, pervert; debauch, defile, debase, degrade, deflower, ravish; foul, befoul, besmirk.
3. imbue, infuse, inform, infect; influence, impress, affect, touch, leaven; excite, inflame, enkindle, enflame, inspire; animate, stimulate, provoke, quicken, excite, inflame, enkindle.

infection, n. 1. contamination, taint, poisoning, spoilage.
2. contagion, virus, bacillus, germ, bacteria; poison, miasma, venom, toxin; toxicity, virulence, septicity.
3. disease, epidemic, plague, bubonic plague, Black Death, pandemic; pestilence, pest, murrain, pox, scourge.
4. corruption, pollution, vitiation, perversion; defilement, debauchment, debasement, degradation, deflowering, ravishment; fouling, befouling, besmirchment.
5. influence, inspiration, infusion, enlivenment, afblatus; impulse, stimulation, animation, provocation, excitation, suscitation.
infectious, adj. communicable, contagious, catching, spreading, infective, transmissible, transferable.
2. pestilent, baneful, malign, pestiferous, morbific, morbid, nosie, Sn. Dyal. plague, germ-laden, zy-otic, inoculable; poisonous, venomous, deadly, toxic, mephitic; noxious, virulent, septic, miasmatic; epidemic, endemic, pandemic, epizootic.
3. habit-forming, inducive, addictive, irresistible, compelling.
infect, v. 1. deduce, reason, conclude, come to or reach or arrive at; draw a conclusion, derive, obtain or get an answer; calculate, put two and two together, Inf. figure, Sl. dope out; gather, construe, understand, Arch. collect; presume, assume.
infection, n. 1. unhappiness, sadness, melancholy, woe, dole, wretchedness, misery, gloom; hopelessness, despair, desolation, despondency; sorrow, chagrin, affliction, pain; tribulation, mortification, remorse, regret.
2. misfortune, bad luck, adversity, no luck; suffering, hardship, ill fortune, depression, hard times, bad times; travails, trials, troubles.
3. curse, blight, misfortune, bane, scourge, infliction, cup; ill wind, cold wind, blast, draught.
4. inapt, inappropriate, unfitting, unfit, unsuitable, unapt, inappropriate, unfitting, unsuitable, inapplicable, inconsistent, incongruous, irrelevant; malapropos, ill-chosen, gauche, awkward, wrong, out of place; unavoidable, ill-advised, inexpedient, amiss.
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take for granted, suppose, opine, think, believe, Inf. Chiefly Midland and Southern U. S. reckoned; speculate, surmise, suspect, imagine; conjecture, theorize, hypothesize; estimate, judge, guess, Sl. guesstimate, jump to a conclusion.

2. (of facts, circumstances, statements) indicate, point to, signify, be a sign or symptom of; evidence, demonstrate, show, tell, bespeak, mark, designate; foreshadow, prefigure, adumbrate, lead to, be the first step in.

3. imply, intimate, insinuate, hint at, suggest; allude to, refer to, advert to.

inference, n. 1. reasoning, logic, ratiocination, deductive or inductive thinking, Both. Logic. induction, deduction. 2. deduction, conclusion, illusion, corollary, derivation, answer; what it all adds up to; presumption, assumption, supposition, understanding, construe, impression, belief; estimate, calculation, finding, determination, judgment, opinion, guess, suspicion, reckoning, Sl. guesstimate; surmise, speculation, probability, likelihood, conjecture, hypothesis, theory, Rare. surmise.

3. implication, intimation, insinuation, hint, clue, suggestion; allusion, reference.

inferior, adj. 1. inferior to lower than, less than, below, under, subordinate to.

2. lower, subordinate, secondary, junior, second-fiddle; subsidiary, ancillary, tributary, Law. puise; second-class, small-time, one-horse, bush, bush-league, Sl. two bit, Sl. small potatoes, Sl. mickey mouse; minor, insignificant, unimportant, petty, puny, small, paltry; lowly, humble, subservient, servile, menial.

3. bad, awful, terrible, wretched, grubstreet, Inf. lousy, Sl. crappy; slipshod, shoddy, sleazy, miserable; poor, mean, base, low, rank; lesser, second-rate, low grade, cheap, dimestore, bargain-basement, Inf. junky, U. S. Sl. cheesy, Brit. Sl. humpy; lightweight, amateurish, unprofessional, incompetent, not up to par or snuff; mediocre, middling, moderate, so-so, indifferent, passable, tolerable, Inf. O.K.

inferiority, n. 1. subordination, secondary or junior status or standing, second fiddle; lowness, subservience, servility, pettiness, paltriness, unimportance, insignificance.

2. lowness, meanness, baseness, rankness, shoddiness, sleaziness, cheapness, lower or inferior quality, Inf. junkiness, U. S. Sl. cheesiness; badness, awfulness, terribleness, wretchedness, Inf. lousiness; amateurishness, unprofessionalness, incompetency, not up to par or snuff; mediocre, middling, moderate, so-so, indifferent, passable, tolerable, Inf. O.K.

infinite, adj. 1. unlimited, limitless, without limit, illimitable, unbounded, boundless; inexhaustible, endless, unending, innumerable, countless, untold, unmeasured, uncountable, numberless, myriad, without number, sumless; unmeasured, indeterminate, undetermined, indefinite; undeterminable, indeterminable, in calculable, inestimable, uncountable, measureless, immeasurable, unmeasurable, fathomless, unfathomable.

3. perfect, whole, complete, total; omnipotent, all-powerful, all-encompassing, all-embracing.

4. eternal, everlasting, enduring, perpetual, undying, immortal, deathless; permanent, perdurable, un fading, imperishable, amaranthine, perennial; constant, unceasing, ceaseless, nonstop, unremitting, continuous, continual, ongoing, unbroken, uninterrupted, incessant, never-ending.

infinitesimal, adj. 1. minute, tiny, very small, minuscule, microscopic, atomic, imperceptible; wee; little, diminutive, miniature; mini, midget, Lilliputian, pygmyish, dwarfish.

2. inappreciable, insignificant, inconsiderable, negligible; slight, puny, paltry, mere, meager, scanty, exiguous; piddling, petty, trifling, Inf. picayune.

infinity, n. 1. infinitude, infiniteness, unlimitedness, limitlessness, illimitability, limitlessness; unboundedness, boundlessness, bottomlessness, inexthaustibility, inexhaustible; enormouness, greatness, hugeness, prodigiousness, immensity, immense-ness, vastness.

2. innumerable, innumerable, unmeasured, indeterminateness, indefiniteness; undeterminable, in calculability, in calculability, inestimability, inestimability, measurelessness, unmeasurableness, fathomlessness.

3. perfection, perfectness, wholeness, completeness, totality, omnipotence.
infirm

adj. 1. feeble, enfeebled, weak, frail, fragile, debilitated, drooping, withered, wasted, worn, worn-out, enervated, exhausted, helpless, powerless, played out, spent; decrepit, impotent, failing, senile, anile, old-fashioned, wפרil, childish, in one's second childhood, dotty, Infl. crooked, Infl. cracked; unhealthy, in poor health, in declining health, on the decline, reduced to skin and bones, skeleton-like; ailing, sick, sickly, Infl. poorly, ill, unwell, indisposed, Infl. under the weather, Infl. off one's feet, taken ill, Inf. laid up, Inf. in a bad way, in danger, Inf. laid low, prostrate; confined, bedridden, invalided. Brit. in hospital; crippled, lame, halt; hurt, injured, suffering, wounded.

2. unstable, faltering, trembling, doddering, wavering, vacillating, inconstant, fickle, unsteady, changeable, irresolute; undetermined, indecisive, undecided, pliable, easily led, gullible, naive.

3. rickety, tottering, unsteady, substantial, shaky, precarious, insecure, unsound; rotten, decayed, seedy, deteriorated, the worse for wear, on its last legs, tumbledown, jerry-built, flimsy.

infirmity, n. 1. hospital, hospice, clinic, sick bay, or college hospital; sanitarium, sanatorium, nursing home, rest home, home, asylum, Fr. maison de santé; pest house, lazaretto, leprosarium; health resort, spa, watering place, baths, springs, hot springs, thermas, pump room.

2. dispensary, dispensary, pharmacy, Brit. chemist's shop, apothecary's shop, drugstore.

inflation, n. 1. furing, igniting, kindling, torching, lighting, burning, burning up or down, setting afame or alight or on fire, setting fire to, putting to the torch; combustion, ignition, deflagration, Rare. accendibility.

2. excitable, nervous, high-strung, inflammatory, frantic, furious, frenzied; testy, edgy, short, irascible, irritable, choleric, cantankerous, temperamental, short-tempered, short-fused, hot-headed; tempestuous, vehement, wrathful; spirited, passionate, fiery, fervid; impetuous, impulsive, precipitate, precipitative, impatient, hasty.

3. fire, blaze, heat, flame, bonfire, Brit. Dial. ingle; conflagration, holocaust. Obs. flagration, wildfire, forest fire, ring or sea of fire, wall or sheet of flames.

4. anger, ire, animosity, irritation, exacerbation, vexation, Infl. dander; wrath, rage, violence, hot blood; explosion, outburst, ebullition, paroxysm, tantrum, fit; pet, fume, tiff; turbulence, ferment, storm, Archaic. pucker, fire and fury, vials of wrath; virulence, acerbity, choleric, bile, gall, bad blood.

5. All Pathology. redness, rash, efflorescence, eruption, disturbed function, suppuration, hyperemia, erysipelas, phlogosis, exanthema; fever, heat, calenture; swelling, pain, tenderness.

inflammatory, adj. 1. passionate, spirited, fiery, fervent, fervid; incendiary, enflaming, inflaming, flaming, burning, scorching, red-hot; ebullient, explosive, volcanic; wrathful, tempestuous, vehement, violent, raging, frantic, frenzied; inciting, incitative, instigative, actuating, provoking, provocative, fomenting, rabble-rousing, demagogic, riotous; rebellious, revolutionary, insurgent, mutinous, dissident, seditious, restive, recalcitrant, refractory; lawless, anarchic.

2. excitable, nervous, high-strung, testy, edgy, short, temperamental, short-tempered, short-fused, hot-headed; irascible, irritable, cantankerous, virulent, acerb, choleric.

inflatable, v. 1. dilate, distend, overdistend, Obs. inflate, aerate; swell, blow, puff out, blow up, bump up, tumeify; expand, overexpand, stretch, stretch out, outstretch; spread, spread out, outspread; grow, wax, fill out, fatten.

2. inflate, enlarge, make larger, make bigger, make greater. Chiefly Literary. greater; widen, thick, broaden; extend, overextend, lengthen, prolong, pro-
inflated, adj. 1. distended, overdistended, dilated, Obs. sufflated; swollen, bloated, puffed out, blown, tumefied,uffy, ballooning; expanded, overexpanded, stretched, stretched out; increased, enlarged, extended, overextended.

2. escalated, stepped-up, SL jazzed-up, accelerated; raised, elevated, advanced; exaggerated, overstated, overstressed, overdrawn; magnified, amplified, deepened, heightened; intensified, aggravated, worsened.

3. conceived, puffed-up, egotistic, proud, boastful; self-important, cocky, smug, modestly self-satisfied; narcissistic, vain; arrogant, haughty, condescending, Inf. tooting, cock-a-hoop, elated.

4. bombastic, high-flown, Inf. highfalutin, orotund, Inf. rhetorical; turgid, flatulent, tumid, overblown; grandiloquent, magniloquent, altiloquent.

inflation, n. 1. false prosperity, overenlarged currency; runaway prices, high prices, stiff prices, steep prices; stagflation.

2. conceit, conceitiedness, egotism, pride, vainglory, vaingloriousness; narcissism, self-love, self-admiration, self-esteem, egocentrism, vanity; self-glorification, self-laudation, self-praise, self-applause; arrogance, haughtiness, self-importance; self-complacency, condescension; pretension, pretentiousness, affected manner, airs, ostentation.

3. bombast, orotundity, fustian, extravagance, rant; pretentiousness, pomposity, pomposity, stuffiness; turgidity, flatulence, tumor, tumidity; grandiloquent manner; cock-a-hoop, elated.

4. distension, dilatation, dilation, Obs. sufflation; swelling, puffiness, intumescence, tumefaction, blowling up, bloatedness; expansion, stretching, spreading; growth, spread, swell.

5. increase, enlargement, agrandizement; widening, thickening, broadening; extension, lengthening, prolongation, protraction; addition, accretion, increment, accession, access; augmentation, supplement, annexation, annex; development, enhancement, intensification, exaggeration.

inflect, v. 1. curve, bend, turn, loop, round, bow, flex; hook, crook; arch, vault; reflect, reflex; incurve, incurvate; retroflex, recurve, decurve, bend back.

2. modulate, intonate, intone, vocalize, phonate; (all of the voice) vary, alter, diversify, change; accent, accentuate, stress, emphasize; moderate, temper, tone, tone down.


inflection, n. 1. modulation, phrasing, suspension; pronunciation, articulation, enunciation, utterance, vocalization, voice, voicing, phonation; elocution, diction, dialect, speech pattern, manner of speaking, mode of expression; delivery, presentation, attack, force of utterance.

2. pitch pattern, intonation pattern or contour; pitch, tone, frequency, timbre, tonality, tone quality, coloring; tune, melody, lift, swing, jingle, flow, harmonic flow, rhythmic flow; resonance, sonority, sonorousness; tonelessness.

3. accent, accentuation, emphasis, stress, syllable stress; cadence, beat, rhythm, tempo, pulse, throb; pulsation, cadency, rhythmicity.

4. Grammar. affix, suffix, prefix; conjugation, declension; accession, syntax, word order; paradigm; derivation, word formation, pattern of formation.

5. bend, curve, turn, turning, veer, swerve, meander, hairpin turn or bend, S-turn, U-turn; bow, arc; angle, crook, hook; deflection, flex, flexure, confluence; curvature, curvation, curvy, deviation.

inflexibility, n. 1. rigidity, stiffness, unbendability, unadjustability, unyieldingness, firmness, tense- ness, unmoveability, unliability; hardness, petrifaction, fossilization, crystallization, vitrification, flintiness.

2. immovability, unadaptability, unresponsiveness, uncompliance; stubbornness, mulishness, obstinacy, intractability, obdurateness, unkindness, intolerance, adamantine; implacability, implacability, unappeasability, uncapable, unmovable, unmoveable, unmoveable; venegefulness, revengefulness, inexperience, reluctance, mercilessness, mercilessness, pitilessness, uncompassion, hard-heartedness, heartlessness, meekness.

3. unalterability, arbitrariness, unchangeability, unvariability; hard-and-fastness, rigor, resoluteness, steadfastness, perseverance, pertinacity, persistence, doggedness, grit, determination, resolve, tenacity, tenaciousness, Inf. stick-to-it-ness, staying power, indefatigability, firmness, decision, Inf. backbone, strength of mind, strength of will, indomitableness.

inflexible, adj. 1. rigid, stiff, unbendable, unadjustable, firm, tense, unmoveable, unlikelihood, Inf. stiff as a poker, Inf. out of condition.

2. immovable, Inf. hard as nails, Inf. stiff as a ramrod; unadaptable, unaccommodating, unresponsive, uncompliant; stubborn, obstinate, intractable, obdurate, unbending, intolerant; adamant, relentless, implacable, unappeasable, unmoveable, not to be pacified, unmovable, irreconcilable, unforgiving, grudge-holding, vengeful, revengeful, merciless, merciless, pitiless, unpitying, uncompassionate, uncompromising, unsympathetic, hardhearted, heartless, cruel.

3. unchangeable, unvarying, hard and fast, ironclad; undeviating, resolve, steadfast, persevering, resolved, determined, tenacious, decided, firm, indomitable: Inf. set in one's ways, very conservativeness, Inf. old-pooish, refractory, perverse.

inflict, v. impose on, visit upon, cause to suffer; administer, minister, serve out, deal out, lay on; wreak, execute, perpetrate; bring to bear, put upon, force on.

infliction, n. 1. imposition, perpetration, administration; punishment, castigation, chastening, chastisement; penalty, requital, retribution, nemesis.

2. trouble, worry, affliction, suffering, hurt; irritation, annoyance, vexation; torture, torment, trial, tribulation, ordeal; load, burden, curse, bitter pill, crown of thorns; scourge, plague, visitation, disaster, calamity.

influence, n. 1. power, potency, force, strength, pressure; effect, impact, weight, clout; control, sway, mastery, hold; guidance, leadership, direction, reign, rule; domination, authority, ascendency, prevalence, predominance, supremacy.

2. good offices, connections, SL pull, St. drag; importance, favor, prestige, standing, footing, Obs.
influential
adj. powerful, potent, Literary. puissant, strong, forceful, forcible; effective, effectual, efficacious, telling, cogent; moving, arousing, instigating, persuasive; controlling, leading, guiding, directing; authoritative, dominant, predominant; weighty, carrying a lot of weight, substantial; recognized, significant, important, reputable, prestigious.

influenza, grippe, flu; Asian flu, Hong Kong flu,
1. irregularity, unusualness, eccent
inform, apprise, advise, notify, let know, tell, infuse, inform,
v. influx, influent; inflow, inrush, ingress; invasion, n.

infrequent, 1. rare, seldom, seldom met, sel
infrequency, n.

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infused, infusing, infused, us
influence, n.

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informant, n. informant, apprizer, adviser, notifier, te
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savage, unstrained, uncontrollable; ranting, raving. Scot: redwood, storming, foaming at the mouth, rabid, fanatical, frenzied; frantic, crazed, mad, Pathol. der. Inf. Outbreak of one's mind, beside oneself.

infuse, v. 1. saturate, imbue, permeate, souse, drown, inundate, pervade; immerse, immerse, dip, dunk, submerse, submerge, drench; soak, bathe, steep, tincture, tinge, macerate, fortify, season, flavor, Inf. lace.

1. inculcate, instill, inflix, implant, ingrain, fill, impregnate, penetrate; teach, train, instruct, enlighten, inform, guide; indoctrinate, beat or hammer into, drill, prime, ground; preach, propagandize, insinuate; influence, infect, affect, bias, incline; initiate, inspire, breathe into, inflame, arouse; fire, charge, stir, stimulate, animate.

infusion, n. 1. saturation, permeation, immersion, submersion, submergence; soaking, steeping, infusing, macerating; bath, plunge, dip, soak.

1. coloring, tincture, tinge, shade, stain, flavor.

2. injuration, irri- tation, penetration; instruction, introduction, indoctrination; insinuation, infiltration; inoculation, injection, transfusion.

ingathering, n. 1. gathering, garnering, collecting, accumulating, amassing, bringing in, taking in, scraping together.

2. collection, amassment, accumulation, garner; harvest, crop, yield, fruit, produce, production; gleanings, pickings, cleanup, aftermath, windfall, boon; receipts, receipts.

3. furnishing, endowment, endowment; clothe, cloak, at- rear, invest.
ingrate

1. charming, winning, winsome, n.
inhabitant, bide, reside, live, live at, abide, v.
Archaic, n.
ingredient, element, component, constituent, ingratitude, n.
unthankfulness, thanklessness, unthankful, thankless, wretch,

1. entrance, entry, entry way, entrée, entrance, right side of, get on the good or right side of, Fig.

1. v. enter, right of entry.

1. inherit, v.
1. belong intrinsically, be inherent, be inborn, inbred, innate, ingenerate, inborn, inhabited, inhabitant, habitant; indweller, incumbent, innate; tenant, lodger, boarder, roomer, paying guest, Sl. crasher; renter, lessee, leaseholder.

1. settler, homesteader, colonist, squatter, cottager, cotter, Scot. cotter or cottar; village, townsmen, burgler, burgess, oppidan.

1. native, aborigine, aboriginal, autochthon, indigen.

inhalation, n.
1. breathing, inspiration, insufflation, inhalation, taking in, sucking in, suction, aspiration; sniff, sniffle, snuffle; gasp, gulp.

2. puff, Inf. drag, Sl. toke, (of drug use) Sl. hit, (of drug use) Sl. toot, (of drug use) Sl. snort.

inhale, v.
1. breathe in, draw in, suck in, inspire, inbreath; sniff, sniffle, snuffle, sniff; gasp, gulp.

2. take in, puff, Inf. drag, Sl. toke, (of drug use) Sl. take or have a toot, (of drug use) Sl. snore, (of drug use) Sl. take a hit.

inharmous, adj.
1. discordant, cacophonous, dissonant, absonant, inharmonic, unharmonious; unmelodious, unmusical, tuneless, atonal; out of tune, out of step, out of key, off beat, off key, pitch flat; harsh, jarring, jangling, raucous, strident.

2. disagreeable, uncongenial, incompatible, irreconcilable, negative; disputatious, quarrelsome, dissentient, fractious, clashing, litigious; conflicting, contradictory, controversial, antagonistic, antipathetic.

inharmounousness, n.
1. discordance, dissonance, cacophonity, disharmony, absence, discord; unmelodiousness, unmusicality, tunelessness, atonality; cat's concert, Dutch concert, caterwauling, racket; jangling, raucousness, harshness, marrowbones and cleavers.

2. disagreeableness, discordancy, uncongeniality, incompatibility, irreconciliability; disagreement, argumentation, dissidence, variance, discord, disunion, divergence, clash, antagonism, opposition, conflict, faction, controversy.

inhere, v.
1. belong intrinsically, be inherent, be immanent, be part of; belong, stay, reside; fall, inhabit, occupy, abode, dwell.

2. form, compose, make, make up, compose.
Inf. comprise, certain, relate, connect, correspond.

inherent, adj.
1. inborn, inbred, innate, ingenerate; immanent, indwelling, inherent, indigenous, intrinsic; permanent, inseparable, built-in.

2. native, natural, natural-born; congenital, hereditary, inherited, in the blood, in the family; ingrained, engrained, inwrought, enwrought, Obs. inhering, Obs. infixed.

3. characteristic, subjective, constitutional, idiosyncratic.

4. essential, basic, rooted, deep-rooted, radical, organic, fundamental, substantial.

inherit, v.
1. come into, fall or become heir to, Inf. come by; acquire, get, receive, come in for; be willed, be left, be bequeathed, be transferred, Law. be devised; be passed on or down to, be turned or given over to, devolve on.

2. (usu. of an office, title or position) accede to, succeed to, enter upon; assume, take on or over, accept; attain, arrive at, reach; come to, rise to, be promoted to, be elevated to, graduate to.

inheritance, n.
1. legacy, bequest, endowment, heirdom, heirship, Archaic. heritage, gift, donation; dot, dowry, Law. dower, Law. jointure; estate, patrimony, Law. hereditament, property, possessions; portion, share, birthright, lot.

2. (usu. of an office, title or position) succession, assumption, taking on or over; entering upon, arrival at, advent to; elevation, promotion, rise, com-

ocupant, occupier, denizen, household, address, Archaic. inhabitant, habitant; indweller, incumbent, inmate; tenant, lodger, boarder, roomer, paying guest, Sl. crasher; renter, lessee, leaseholder.
inhuman, adj. 1. pitiless, merciless, heartless, unkind, inhumane; unfeeling, uncompassionate, unsympathetic; cruel, hard-hearted, stony-hearted, marble-hearted, cold-blooded; cold, callous, insensitive, hardened, obdurate.

2. barbarous, barbaric, savage, hellish, Tartarian, Hunnish, Vandalic; brutal, brutish, murderous, slaughterous, bloodthirsty; sadistic, bestial, animalistic, cannibalistic, fiendish, ghoulish, ogreish; diabolical, satanic, demonic, demoniac, devilish; terrible, harsh, grim, hard, severe; ferocious, ruthless, vicious, fell, cruel; wolfish, lupine, fierce, feral, ferine; tyrannical, Draconian, inquisitorial, oppressive; unrelenting, relentless, remorseless, implacable, inexorable, grinding; rancorous, venomous, envenomed, malicious, malignant, maleficient, malignant, malefic.

3. nonhuman, androidal, robotlike, automatonic, machine-like.

inhumanity, n. cruelty, cruelness, brutality, brutishness; barbarity, barbarousness, ferocity, fierceness, savagery, savageness, truculence; atrocity, murderousness, bloodthirstiness, cold-bloodedness; viciousness, malevolence, malignance, malevolence, ill will, unkindness, spite, malignity, venom; acrimony, bitterness, sharpness, harshness, severity, severeness, grimness; ruthlessness, hard-heartedness, pitilessness, mercilessness, heartlessness, relentlessness, remorselessness, implacability, inexactability, sadism, masochism; fiendishness, devilry, diablerie.

inhospitable, adj. 1. unfriendly, cold, cold-blooded, unsociable, unsociable; reclusive, antisocial, antisocialistic, hostile, inimical; ill-disposed, unsympathetic, unselfish, unreasonable, closed, closed-minded, narrow, narrow-minded, intolerant; unpleasant, disagreeable, rude, uncivil, unpolite, impolite, discourteous, ill-mannered; ungracious, unconsidered, unamiable, unneighborly, unkind, unkindly, inconsiderate, unaccommodating, unobliging.

2. (all of a region, climate, etc.) unfavorable, uninviting, barren, bare, empty; forlorn, desolate, solitary, isolated, lonely, deserted, uninhabited, uninhabitable, wild; desert, dry, arid, droughty; poor, infertile, infertile; barren, barren; dry, desolate, barren, arid, droughty, poor, infertile, infertile, unfruitful, sterile.

inhospitality, n. inhospitableness, unfriendliness, coldness, coldness, aloofness, unsociability, unsociability, unselfishness, unsociability, asociality; hostility, inimicalness, incivility; ill-disposedness, unselfishness, unselfishness, close-mindedness, narrow-mindedness, intolerance; unpleasantness, disagreeableness, rudeness, incivility, uncivilness, impoliteness, discourtesy, discourtesy, uncomplacency, mercilessness, heartlessness; relentlessness, remorselessness, implacability, inexorability; sadism, masochism; fiendishness, devilry, diablerie.

inhume, v. 1. repress, suppress, hold back; curb, constraint, rein in, harness, bridie, hold in leash; control, coerce, compel, govern, restrict, Inf. cramp one's style; impede, hinder; interfere; muzzle, smother, gag; check, arrest, abort, stop; prevent, obstruct, bar.

2. forbid, prohibit, interdict; veto, ban, proscribe, taboo, disallow.

inhibition, n. 1. restraint, repression, restriction, stricture; curb, constraint, coercion, control; check, arrest, stop, preclusion; obstruction, impediment, hindrance, oppilation, blockage; encumbrance, handicap; interference, intervention, interposition, obtrusion.

2. Psychol. mental block, Sl. hang-up.

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grave, mark, *Archaic* character.

—n. 3. *initials* monogram; mark, mark of signature, cross, Christcross, crisscross, X.

*initiate*, v. 1. begin, commence, start, start off, start the ball rolling, *Inf.* kick off, set off, trigger, actuate, instigate, set in motion, ring up the curtain on; open, pioneer, take the first step, take the initiative, take the lead, take the plunge, make a start, break the ice, lead off, lead the way, blaze the trail; institute, inaugurate, found, establish, set up, organize, originate, break ground, lay the first stone, lay the foundation; introduce, launch, broach, usher in; create, beget, engender, father, conceive, give birth to, give rise to, sow the seeds of.

2. teach, instruct, tutor, coach, break in, prime, familiarize with; train, drill, exercise, practice; prepare, ready; indoctrinate, inculcate, infuse, imbue, instill, implant, infix, drum in, hammer or pound in.

3. induct, install, instate, invest, ordain; enlist, enroll, sign up, sign on.

—n. 4. beginner, novice, novitiate, neophyte, tyro, amateur, rookie, greenhorn, tenderfoot, newcomer, new boy, pledge; student, pupil, learner, apprentice, trainee, fledgling, freshman, *Inf.* frosh or froshie; recruit, raw recruit, abecedarian, catechumen.

5. member, member in good standing, card-carrying member, card-carrier; associate, fellow, one of us, insider, eponent, enrolee, enlistee.

*initiation*, n. 1. admission, admittance, acceptance, reception; enlistment, enrollment, induction; installation, inauguration, instatement, introduction; ordination, investiture; baptism.

2. ceremony, function, celebration, ritual, rite, rite of passage; service, observance, formality, solemnity; commencement, graduation.

3. actuation, instigation, creation, inception, beginning; institution, establishment, origination, organization, foundation; instruction, indoctrination, inculcation, implantation, imbuenment, infusion.

4. debut, first or opening appearance, premiere, *Inf.* coming out.


*initiatory*, adj. initial, introductory, initiating, initiating, inaugural; elementary, fundamental, foundational, rudimentary, rudimentary; creative, formative, drawing-board; incipient, incomplete, beginning, commencing, starting, opening.

*inject*, v. 1. introduce, intromit, insinuate, insert, interject; intrude, force in, ram in, thrust in, stick in, drive in, foist in, work in, worm in, squeeze in, edge in, drag in, lug in.

2. instill, infux, implant, inspire, fire the imagination; infuse, imbue, impregnate, steep.

3. *(all of drug use)* *All Sl.* shoot, shoot up, crank, fix, mainline, pop, skin-pop.

*injection*, n. 1. introduction, insertion, interjection, insinuation, intromission; intrusion; instillation, infux, implantation; infusion, imbuenment, impregnation; *(all of drug use)* *All Sl.* mainlining, shooting-up, cranking, fixing, popping or skin-popping.


injurious, adj. 1. harmful, hurtful, pernicious, baneful, deleterious, damaging; disadvantageous, detrimental, unfavorable; fell, dire, ruinous, destructive, dispiriting, calamitous; vicious, malignant, malign, malevolent, maleficit; corrosive, corrupting, corrosive, corroding; virulent, noxious, noisome; unsanitary, unhealthy, insalubrious, unwholesome, unsanitary, unclean, bad for.

2. wrongful, prejudicial, unjust, unfair, inequitable, partial, partisan, interested, undesirous; unbalanced, unequal, uneven, one-sided; biased, warped, influenced, swayed.

3. abusive, harsh, scurrilous, withering, caustic; contemptuous, insulting, offensive, sarcastic, cutting; derogatory, depreciatory, detraetory, disparaging, belittling; derogatory, derogatory, derogatory, vilipendatory, scandalous; slanderous, libelous, calumniatory, false, misrepresentative; imputative, aspersive, insinuating.

injury, n. 1. hurt, harm, damage, impairment, detriment, loss; mischief, trouble, disadvantage, prejudice; misfortune, adversity, affliction, bane; ruin, ruination, havoc, destruction, perfidy; defacement, disfigurement, deformation, mutilation.


3. injustice, grievance, dissatisfaction, *Sl.* raw deal, *Sl.* bum rap; abuse, maltreatment, ill treatment, ill usage,
ill handling; wrong, violation, offense, evil, ill, iniquity, foul play; misdeed, misdemeanor, misfeasance, malfeasance, malefaction, Law. tort; outrage, enormity, atrocity, scandal; insult, affront, indignity, humiliation, slap in the face, aspersion, imputation, Sl. put-down; slander, libel, calumny, misrepresentation, lie, falsehood.

injustice, n. 1. inequitableness, unfairness, unjustness, unrighteousness, obliquity; inequality, disparity, unevenness; discrimination, favoritism, partiality, leaning, prepossession, one-sidedness, bias, prejudice, bigotry.

2. inequity, unfairness, unfair or unjust treatment; mistreatment, maltreatment, abuse, hurt, injury; grievance, imposition, infringement, or encroachment on one's rights; oppression, persecution, tyranny; wrong, offense, violence, crime; wrongdoing, foul play, dirty trick, villainy, Law. tort; iniquity, evil, sin, transgression.

inking, n. 1. hint, clue, whisper; intimation, insinuation, innuendo; suggestion, inference, implication.

2. suspicion, idea, notion, vague idea or notion, some insight into or understanding of, glimmering, soupçon, trace, whiff, glimpse.


1. cove, nook, bay, fjord, arm, armlet, 1. interior, internal, upcountry, upriver, backwoods; 2. backwater, inlands, upcountry, upriver, backwoods; midland, midlands, hinterland, heartland.

ink, adj. 1. black, pitch-black, pitchy, coal-black; ebony, ebony, raven, sable; jet, jetty, nigritudo, atra, atramentum; dark, swarthy, swart, nigrescent.

2. inked, ink-stained, blackened, sooty, smoky, charcoally, fuliginous; stained, dirty, dingy, soiled, sullied, grimey, begrimed; smudgy, smudged, smeared, smeared, be-smirched.

inland, adj. 1. interior, internal, upcountry, upriver, inshore, backwoods.

—n. 2. inlands, upcountry, upriver, backwoods; midland, midlands, hinterland, heartland.

inlay, v. line, interlard, set in, work in; inset, insert, encase, encastrate, implant, bed in; tile, tessellate, damascene, checker, parquet.

inlet, n. 1. cove, nook, bay, fjord, arm, armlet, arm of the sea, bight; firth, frith, bayou, Scot. loch, Brit. creek, reach; strait, channel, narrow, narrows, sound, Scot. kyle.

2. entry, entrance, ingress, access, opening; path, door, doorway, way, entranceway, vestibule, portal.

inmate, n. 1. patient, valetudinary, bedlamite; case, subject.

2. prisoner, captive, convict, U.S. Sl. jailbird, Brit. Sl. gaolbird, Sl. con, Sl. bird.

innomé, adj. innermost, innate, intrinsic; basic, intuitive. See INNOMÉ (defs. 1-7).

inn, n. 1. lodging, hotel, motel, Fr. auberge, hostelry, hostel, hospice; tourist court, motor court, rooming house, pension, boardinghouse, guest house; caravansary, khan, serai; resthouse; Sl. flophouse, bunkhouse, Brit. Sl. doss-house, Brit. Sl. kip, Brit. ordinary.

2. cafe, tavern, bar, saloon, alehouse, Inf. pub., Brit. Inf. local, Brit. public house; cabaret, bistro, roadhouse, gin mill, grog shop, dram shop, toddy shop, honky-tonk; barroom, Chiefly Brit. taproom, speak-easy, beerhall, Scot., Irish Eng. shebeen.

innate, adj. 1. inborn, inbred, native, natural, natural-born, ingenerrate; congenital, hereditary, inheritted, in the blood, in the family; intrinsic, inherent, in-

digenuous, indwelling, immanent; ingrained, engrained, inwrought, enwrought.

2. innermost, farthest inward, Scot., Irish. benmost, deep within.

3. essential, quintessential, basic, organic, radical, constitutional, fundamental.

4. instinctive, intuitive, impulsive, involuntary, spontaneous; visceral, intestinal, Sl. gut.

inner, adj. 1. inside, within, interior; inward, internal; inmost, innermost, Scot., Irish. benmost.

2. private, privy, nonpublic, intimate, personal, confidential; restricted, reserved, privileged; secret, veiled, hidden, occult, esoteric.

3. mental, spiritual, psychic, psychological, non-physical, metaphysical.

innermost, adj. 1. inmost, farthest inward, Scot., Irish. benmost, deep within.

2. innate, intrinsic, inherent, indigenous, indwelling, immanent; ingrained, engrained, inwrought, enwrought.

3. essential, basic, radical, organic, constitutional, fundamental; pithy, substantial, meaty, quintessential.

4. private, privy, personal, intimate, confidential; restricted, reserved, privileged; esoteric, secret, occult, veiled, hidden, enclosed, obscure.

5. instinctive, intuitive, impulsive, involuntary, spontaneous; visceral, intestinal, Sl. gut.

6. intense, heartfelt, moving, stirring, overpowering.

7. profound, deep, detailed, penetrating.

—n. 8. inmost part, interior part, Both pl. recesses, penetralia.

9. center, middle, nucleus; gist, heart, core, marrow, pith.

10. depths, hold, womb, bowels, belly; abyss, chasm, cavity, gulf.

innkeeper, n. hotelkeeper, hotelman, hostel, Fr. auberge, innholder, Brit. victualer; keeper, boneyard, host.

innocence, n. 1. sinlessness, virtue, virtuousness, sanctity, probity; immaculateness, faultlessness, flawlessness, impeccability; stainlessness, spotlessness, cleanliness; chastity, purity, incorruption, incorruptibility, righteousness, uprightness; virginity, virginity, modesty.

2. guiltlessness, blamelessness, inculpability; clean hands, clear conscience, clear mind; unimpeachability, irreproachability, irreprehensibility.

3. simplicity, ingenuousness, artlessness, guilelessness, artlessness; innocence, virtue, virtuousness, sanctity, probity; immaculateness, faultlessness, flawlessness, impeccability; stainlessness, spotlessness, cleanliness; chastity, purity, incorruption, incorruptibility, righteousness, uprightness; virginity, virginity, modesty.

4. harmlessness, innocuousness, playfulness, safety, innocence, inoffensiveness, hurtlessness, unhurtfulness, innocuousness, unobjectionableness.

innocent, adj. 1. pure, sinless, virtuous, unfallen; immaculate, faultless, flawless, spotless, impeccable, chaste, virginal, vestal, moral, decent; righteous, sterling.

2. guiltless, blameless, clear, inculpable; above suspicion, clean-handed; irreproachable, unblameworthy, unimpeachable, irreprehensible.

3. harmless, innocuous, safe, playful; innocuous, harmless, inoffensive.

4. simple, ingenuous, childlike, natural, unaffected, unartificial; unsophisticated, artless, guileless, undesigned; candid, open, frank, sincere, honest; naive, unsuspicuous, confiding, trusting, trustful, credul-
lous; inexperienced, worldly, unhardened, shockable, green, wet behind the ears.

—inopportune,

adj. inconvenient, ill-timed, unseasonable, coming at the wrong time and wrong place; unsuited, unsuitable, unfit, inappropriate, inapt, infelicitous, unseemly, out-of-place, malapropos, Inf. off-key, out-of-bounds, out-of-line, out-of-order.

2. ill-advised, inadvisable, disadvantageous, inexpedient; impolitic, imprudent, indiscriminate, tactless, injudicious.

3. insauspicious, unfavorable, untoward, unpropitious; unlucky, ill-starred, unfortunate.

inordinate, adj. excessive, immorally, extravagantly, beyond all bounds; unrestrained, unlimited, intemperate; unreasonable, disproportionate, undue, uncalculated, unwarranted, unneeded, needless, unnecessary; exorbitant, extreme, too much, unconscionable, outrageous, preposterous; superabundant, overabundant, copious, profuse, plethora, overfull; adscititious, supplemental, additional; redundant, superfluous, oversufficient, Inf. too much, Inf. a bit much.

2. irregular, erratic, fitful, variable, unregulated; unconventional, anomalous, unusual, abnormal, aberrant.

innocuous, adj. 1. harmless, innocent, uncontaminated, unhurtful, harmless, uninhurtful, safe, unharmed, safe, safe from harm, free from harm; Med. immunization, giving [s.o.] his shots, vaccination.

2. innocent, uncorrupt, unsullied, unimpeachable; Med. vaccination, give [s.o.] his shots, Med. vaccinate; protect, shield, safeguard.

3. uncorrupt, unsoiled, unsoiled, unblotched, unblemished; Med. vaccination, give [s.o.] his shots, Med. vaccinate; protect, shield, safeguard.

4. harmless, unobjectionable, above suspicion; unblameworthy, irreproachable, irreproachable.

5. dull, uninspiring, uninteresting, dry, dry-as-dust; Med. vaccination, give [s.o.] his shots, Med. vaccinate; protect, shield, safeguard.

innovate, v. Often innovate on or in make changes, introduce new blood, modernize, revolutionize; change, alter, transform, metamorphose; remodel, reconstruct, restore, renovate, renovate; coin, neologize, neotize.

innovation, n. novelty, new measure, Rare. modernism, Inf. wrinkle, new wrinkle; change, alteration, transformation, metamorphosis; modernization, renovation, remodeling, reconstructing, restyling; coin, neotize, neologize, neology, neologism.

innuendo, n. insinuation, implication, allusion, suggestion, hint, clue, imputation, reference, reflection, stricture, left-handed compliment, animadversion, criticism, aspersion.

innumerable, adj. many, very many, myriad, untold, Inf. umpteen, Sl. skaty-eight, Sl. forty-'leven, Inf. more than one could shake a stick at, more than one can count; numberless, unnumbered, countless, infinite, incomputable, incalculable.

inoculate, v. 1. immunize, give [s.o.] his shots, Med. vaccinate; protect, shield, safeguard.

2. indoctrinate, teach, instruct, train; of ideas) instill, infix, implant, inculcate, infiltrate, imbue, impregnate.

inoculation, n. 1. immunization, Med. vaccination, injection, shot; protection, shield, safeguard.

2. indoctrination, teaching, instruction, training; of ideas) inculcation, implanting, instilling, inforcing, ingraining, infusion, imburement, impregnation.

inoffensive, adj. harmless, innocent, innocent; unoffending, nonprovocative, quiet, unobjectionable.

See innocuous (defs. 1, 2).

inoperative, adj. 1. not operative, not in operation, not in effect, not in force.

2. ineffectual, ineffective, inefficient, inadequate, inefficient; useless, inutile, valueless, meritless, nugatory.

3. futile, unavailing, bootless, fruitless, unproductive, abortive, barren, sterile, fallow, unproductive, infecund; unprofitable, profitless, unremunerative, unpaying, unrewarding, gainerless; unsuccessful, to no purpose, no avail, for naught.

4. unserviceable, collapsed, shattered, given way, broken, not functioning, out of order, out of commission; Inf. on the blink, Inf. on the fritz, Inf. out of kilter, Sl. out of whack, Sl. gone kerflooie, Sl. kaput, Sl. on the bum.

5. legally ineffectual, legally unenforceable, not binding, nonviolate, invalid, null, void and void, annulled, nullified; set aside, quashed, vitiated, vacated, disestablished; canceled, discharged; repealed, revoked, rescinded, abolished, reversed, abrogated; rescinded, repudiated, disclaimed, disavowed.

inopportune, adj. 1. inconvenient, ill-timed, unseasonable, coming at the wrong time and wrong place; unsuited, unsuitable, unfit, inappropriate, inapt, infelicitous, unseemly, out-of-place, malapropos, Inf. off-key, out-of-bounds, out-of-line, out-of-order.

2. ill-advised, inadvisable, disadvantageous, inexpedient; impolitic, imprudent, indiscriminate, tactless, injudicious.

3. insauspicious, unfavorable, untoward, unpriopitious; unlucky, ill-starred, unfortunate.

inordinate, adj. excessive, immorally, extravagantly, beyond all bounds; unrestrained, unlimited, intemperate; unreasonable, disproportionate, undue, uncalculated, unwarranted, unneeded, needless, unnecessary; exorbitant, extreme, too much, unconscionable, outrageous, preposterous; superabundant, overabundant, copious, profuse, plethora, overfull; adscititious, supplemental, additional; redundant, superfluous, oversufficient, Inf. too much, Inf. a bit much.

2. irregular, erratic, fitful, variable, unregulated; unconventional, anomalous, unusual, abnormal, aberrant.

inorganic, adj. 1. inanimate, lifeless; Farming chemical, man-made, artificial, hydroponic.

2. extraneous, adventitious, extrinsic; unessential, nonessential, irrelevant, alien, foreign.

inquietude, n. restlessness, unrest, restiveness, uneasiness, skittishness; jumpiness, nervousness, jitters, fidgets, Sl. antiness, formication, edginess, irritation; impatience, dissatisfaction, anxiety, apprehension; discontent, discomfort, disquiet, disquietude, troubled soul, troubled heart; discomfort, malaise, anxiety, anguish.

inquire, v. 1. ask, question, query, quiz; examine, interrogate, Inf. grill, cross-examine, catechize.

2. study, scrutinize, scan, inspect, examine, sound, fathom; search, seek out, probe, dig out, dig, delve, unearth; research, investigate, look into, explore, track down, ferret out, Inf. nose out; reconnoiter, scout, spy out; test, analyze, assay.

inquiring, adj. asking, questioning, quizzing, interrogating; scrutinizing, exploring, investigating; digging, probing, delving, unearthing; wondering, musing, pondering, skeptical, doubting. See inquisitive (def. 1).

inquiry, n. 1. investigation, inquest, exploration, probe; search, quest, research, pursuit; scrutiny, study, examination, audit, test; review, survey, inspection, analysis, autopsy.

2. Interrogation, query, question; questioning, cross-examination, catechizing, inquisition.

inquisition, n. 1. inquiry, inquest, assize, hearing, trial.

2. Interrogation, third degree, grilling, Sl. rubber hose, Sl. beating it out.

3. investigation, examination, research. See inquiry (defs. 1, 2).

inquisitive, adj. 1. inquiring, questioning, probing, investigating; curious, eager, eager for knowledge, interested, burning with curiosity, dying to know.

2. prying, snoopy, nosy, meddlesome; intrusive, impertinent, persistent; spying, peeping, eavesdropping.

—inroad, n. encroachment, trespassing, Chiefly Brit. poaching, infringement, infiltration, interpretation; forced entry, break-in; invasion, intrusion, irruption; incursion; raid, foray, predation, plunder, pillage; aggression, attack, assault, onset, onslaught; drive, charge, offensive, rush, sally, sortie.

insalubrious, adj. unsalubrious, unhealthy, unhealthful, bad for one's health; foul, dirty, unclean,
not fit to eat or drink, unsanitary, insanitary, unhygienic, unsanitized; unwholesome, jejune, in nutritious, un nutritious, nutritive, non nutritious, non nutritive; harmful, hurtful, detrimental, damaging, injurious, noxious, deleterious, noisome, destructive; pestilential, pestilent, pestiferous, mephitic, infectious, septic; toxic, poisonous, virulent, venomous, envenomed; deadly, fatal, lethal, pernicious.

ins and outs, n. 1. physical features, windings, turns, twists, bends, curves; nooks, crannies, recesses, corners.
2. intricacies, tricks of the trade, loopholes, rules of the game, one's way around; patterns, ways, habits, customs; features, characteristics, traits, particularities, peculiarities, idiosyncrasies; particulars, details, specifics.

insane, adj. 1. crazy, crazed, mad, demented, lunatic, deranged; of unsound mind, Latin, non compos mentis; psychotic, schizophrenic, Sl. schizo; daft, Inf. daffy, unbalanced, touched, Inf. unglued, Inf. half-baked, Brit. Sl. bonkers, unhinged, distracted; eccentric, flighty, odd, idiosyncratic, offbeat, queer, bizarre, Chiefly Brit. Inf. petty, Inf. dotty, Inf. crackpot; brainsick, Sl. kooky, Sl. meshuga; All Sl. balmy, dippy, batty, bats, cuckoo, buggy, bughouse, bugs, screwy, wacky, wacko, goofy, loony, squirrely, bananas, nuts, nutty, nutty as a fruitcake, Section Eight.
2. out of one's head, out of one's mind, off one's trolley, off one's chump; Brit. SI. All SI. SI.
out of one's tree, Inf.
3. unhealthy, unhealthful, unwholesome; insalubrious, dull-witted; harebrained, light-minded, light-headed, ungloved, Inf. daffy, Unbalanced, touched, Inf. psychotic, schizophrenic, Inf. schizo; daft, Inf. insane,
4. absurd, silly, inane, fatuous, crackbrained, foolish, infatuated, asinine; out of one's gourd, out of one's head, off one's rocker, out of one's tree, Brit. Sl. off one's chump; All Sl. have bats in one's belfry, have a few buttons missing, have a few loose screws.
5. maniacal, hysterical, maddening, Archaic. wood, delirious, fractious, frenzied, frenetic; ranting, raving, storming, foaming at the mouth, convulsing; overwrought, distraught, upset, worked-up, wrought-up, stirred-up; exasperated, provoked; beside oneself, at one's wit's end; out of control, uncontrollable, unrestrainable, corybantic, Inf. haywire, berserk, rabid, wild; violent, stormy, fierce, tumultuous, turbulent.
6. absurd, silly, insane, fatuous, crackbrained, foolish; irrational, wild-eyed, illogical, unreasonable; senseless, nonsensical, pointless; ridiculous, laughable, risible, derisible, ludicrous, Sl. for the birds; asinine, anserine, idiotic, Inf. moronic, imbecilic; childish, puerile, immature.
7. stupid, simple-minded, bird-brained, feeble-minded, dull-witted; harebrained, light-minded, light-headed, giddy, rambling, drifting, wandering, incoherent; scatterbrained, absent-minded, confused; muddled, muddledpate, bemused.
8. impractical, unjustified, unsensible; unfounded, groundless, unsound; preposterous, extravagant, excessive; inappropriate, inept, improper, incongruous, inconsistent; imprudent, indiscreet; unwise, ill-considered, ill-suited, ill-advised; short-sighted, careless, unwary, irresponsible; reckless, rash, harum-scarum; unsafe, dangerous, perilous.

insanitary, adj. 1. unhygienic, unsanitary, unsanitized, unclean; dirty, dirtied, filthy; impure, contaminated, polluted, foul, feculent; infective, infected, germy, septic, bacteria-infested, bacterial, disease-causing.
2. unhealthy, unhealthful, unwholesome; insalubrious, unsalubrious, bad for one's health; noxious, deleterious, injurious to one's health.

insanity, n. 1. lunacy, derangement, madness, Psychiatry, dementia, dementedness, insaneness; distraction, disorientation, unbalance, unsoundness; mental illness, loss of reason, unsound mind, diseased mind; craziness, Sl. kookiness, Inf. nuttiness, daftness, brain sickness; eccentricity, oddness, queerness; All Sl. balminess, bugginess, screwiness, wackiness, goofiness.
2. psychosis, neurosis, psychoneurosis; schizophrenia, Psychiatry. dementia praecox, monomania, automatism, dipsomania, pyromania, delusion of grandeur; senility, anilin, dotage, Psychiatry. amentia; Psychol. kleptomania, Psychol. split personality; All Psychiatry. melanchoia, hypochondria, paranoia, mania, lysis, sophobia, fugue, alienation, delusion.
3. frenzy, franticness, furor, delirium, phrenitis, anoesis, hysteria; Pathol. delirium tremens, blue devils, Sl. the horrors, Sl. jimmies; ranting, raving, storming, foaming at the mouth; storminess, fierceness, tumult, tumultuousness, turbulence, violence.
4. absurdity, absurdness, silliness, insanity, fatuousness, sottagility, foolishness, folly; irrationality, illogic, illogicality, illogicalness, unreasonable; senselessness, nonsenseness, nonsensicality, Obs. morology, pointlessness; ridiculousness, ridiculosity, ludicrousness; asininity, imbecility, idiocy, Inf. moronism, Inf. moronity; light-headedness, harebrainedness; childishness, puerility, immaturity.
5. impracticality, unsensiblyness, preposterousness, unreasonable; unreasonable; inappropriateness, impropriety, ineptitude, ineptness, incongruity, inconsistency; imprudence, indiscretion; irresponsibility, carelessness, unwariness, foolishness, recklessness.

insatiable, adj. 1. insatiate, unappeasable, unquenchable, omniporous; greedy, desirous, capricious, avaricious, avid, esurient; hungry, craving, grasping, exacting, extortionate, acquisitive, Sl. grabby, predacious, rapacious.
2. voracious, ravenous, ravening, devouring, glutinous, gormandizing, cormorant, devouring, glutting, gormandizing, cormorant, edacious; openmouthed, hogghish, piggish, porcine, swinish, gross; unsatisfied, unsated, famished, dry, thirst, thirsty, parched, arid.

inscribe, v. engrave, enscribble, imprint; impress, stamp, blaze, brand, mark, put a mark or seal on; write or print on, letter, pen, write down, put in writing, set down, Rare. scribe.
2. autograph, give [s.o.] one's autograph, sign, put or John Hancock, John Henry, endorsement, stroke or John Hancock on, endorse, dock one's John Henry in, on, or 
3. enroll, enlist, register, poll, enter one's name on the roll, put [s.o.] on the list, sign [s.o.] up, Archaic. list; catalogue, inventory, record, tally, Bookkeeping. post.

inscription, n. 1. epigraph, engraving, epitaph, legend, quotation, words; dedication, address, message, line, note, notation, entry, Inf. memorandum, Inf. memo; autograph, signature, hand, mark, John Hancock, John Henry, endorsement, stroke or dash of the pen.
2. engrossment, engraving, inscribing, writing, handwriting, penmanship, calligraphy.

inscrutable, adj. impenetrable, incomprehensible, undecipherable; hidden, concealed, secret, cryptic, perdur, occult; poker-faced, deadpan, sphinxlike.
2. mysterious. arcane, inexplicable, unexplainable, insoluble, insoluble, unaccountable, Obs. inextricable; puzzling, baffling, enigmatic, enigmatical; unanswerable, unanswerable, unrecognizable, indecipherable, inscrutable, past or beyond comprehension, beyond understanding.
inscrutableness, n. impenetrability, impenetrableness, incomprehensibility, incomprehensibleness, inscrutability; poker face, dead pan, sphinx, Mona Lisa smile; mysteriousness, mystery, inexplicability, inexplicable, unexplainableness, insolvability, insolvableness; darkness, obscurity, obscureness, dimness, vagueness, nebulosity; uncertainty, ambigidity; unfathomableness, unknowableness, unknowablility, indecipherableness, indecipherableness; impassivity, expressionlessness, expressionlessness.

insect, n. 1. bug, mite, vermin, hexapod, arachnid, arthropod, ephemerata; fly, housefly, face fly, blowfly, bluebottle fly, fruit fly, may fly, vinegar fly, tsetse fly; gnat, flea, no-see-um, earwig, water bug; mosquito, wasp, tick, bedbug, weevil, beetle, stinkbug, locust, grasshopper, termite, cockroach, silverfish; ant, pismire, Chiefly Dial. emmet, spider, cricket, bee, moth, butterfly, dragonfly, ladybug.

2. cur, wretch, pariah; All Inf. grub, creep, worm, mutt, jerk, schmuck; All Inf. pantywaist, jellyfish, milquetoast, Caspar Milquetoast, Walter Mitty.

insecticide, n. bug spray, insect powder, poison, contact poison, fumigant, chemosterilant; pesticide, miticide, acaricide, vermicide, anthelmintic; roach powder, roach paste, Inf. bug bomb, Inf. bugstrip.

insure, adj. 1. unsafe, unsound, unstable, untrustworthy, unreliable; precarious, dangerous, perilous, hazardous, tickish, risky, chancy, slippery, hanging by a thread, SI. hairy.

2. vulnerable, open, susceptible, assailable, unprotected, defenseless, exposed, unsheltered, unhued, ill-protected, unguarded; endangered, in danger, expugnable, not out of the woods, between the devil and the deep blue sea.

3. infirm, shaky, wobbly, unsteady, decrepit, tottering, teetering, teetery.

4. diffident, uncertain, doubtful, dubious, undecided, not sure; dismayed, disconcerted, lacking confidence, not confident, unsure, timid; apprehensive, restive, shaken, unnerved, wrung; tremulous, fearful, uneasy, skittish, jumpy, nervous.

insolvency, n. 1. instability, weakness, frailty, precariousness, danger, jeopardy, hazard, peril, risk, riskiness, chancefulness, chanciness.

2. vulnerability, susceptibility, assailableness, defenselessness; exposure, openness to attack, imperilment.

3. self-doubt, diffidence, timidity, timorousness, apprehension, faintheartedness; bashfulness, shyness, bashabash, embarrassment, sheepishness; lack of self-confidence, reluctance, hesitancy, doubtfulness, backwardness; self-consciousness, constraint, uncertainty, incertitude, doubt, misgiving, hesitation, dubiousness, dubiety; irresolution, wariness, leeriness, fear, anxiety.

insensitive, adj. 1. unfeeling, sensationless, numb, insensitive, insentient, unpervceiving, unconscious, comatos, anesthetized, Inf. out, Inf. completely out, Inf. zonked.

2. inanimate, lifeless, exanimate, inert, dead; inorganic, vegetable, mineral.

3. insensitive, insensible, impassive, unperspicacious, unperceiving, insensible, thick-skinned, pachydermatic, casehardened; emotionless, impassibility, impassibility; inattentiveness, absent-mindedness, indifference, insouciance, nonchalance; disregard, half-heartedness, indifference; dulness, lethargy, languidness, sluggishness; phlegm, phlegmatacleness, phlegmaticness; heaviness, leadenness, torpidity.

insensible, adj. 1. unconsciousness, insentience, insensitiveness, insensitivity; coma, stupor, narcosis, anesthetization, hypnosis.

2. imperviousness, hardness, callousness, toughness, cold-bloodedness, ruthlessness; apathy, coolness, passiveness, emotionlessness, impassibility, impassibility; inattentiveness, absent-mindedness, indifference, insouciance, nonchalance; disregard, half-heartedness, indifference; dulness, lethargy, languidness, sluggishness; phlegm, phlegmatacleness, phlegmaticness; heaviness, leadenness, torpidity.

insoluble, adj. 1. inseparable, insusceptible, immune, proof, impervious, unadaptable, unimpressionable, unreactive, nonreactive, nonallergic.

2. unknowing; uncultivated, uncultured, unrefined, low-brow, Philistine, unenlightened, unconversant, unsophisticated, undiscerning, undiscriminating.

3. unknowing, inappreciative, incongruous, unknowing; uncultivated, uncultured, unrefined, low-brow, Philistine, unenlightened, unconversant, unsophisticated, undiscerning, undiscriminating.

4. imperceptible, incongruous, inconceivable, indiscernible, indistinguishable, incomprehensible; indiscernible, unclear, unrecognized, blurred, ill-defined, vague, mysterious, obscure, uncertain, confusing.

5. apathetic, cool, passionless, emotionless; impassible, insensitive, detached, inattentive, absent-minded, Inf. out to lunch; dispassionate, indifferent, uninterested, insouciant, Fr. sans souci, nonchalant; disinterested, half-hearted, lukewarm, indifferent; dull, lethargic, languid, sluggish, phlegmatic; heavy, leaden, torpid.

insensitive, adj. 1. tough, callous, insentient, unfeeling; numb, anesthetized, dead, deadened.

2. insusceptible, immune, proof, impervious, unadaptable, unimpressionable, unreactive, nonreactive, nonallergic.

3. unknowing; uncultivated, uncultured, unrefined, low-brow, Philistine, unenlightened, unconversant, unsophisticated, undiscerning, undiscriminating.

4. insensitive, inappreciative, incongruous, unknowing; uncultivated, uncultured, unrefined, low-brow, Philistine, unenlightened, unconversant, unsophisticated, undiscerning, undiscriminating.

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insentient, adj. 1. inanimate, lifeless, exanimate, inert, dead; inorganic, vegetable, mineral; insensitive, numb, anesthetized, deadened, unfeeling, insensitive, unperceiving, unconscious, comatos, Inf. knocked out, Inf. out, Inf. completely out, Inf. zonked.

insurable, adj. 1. unseparable, insusceptible, immutable, unpartible, indivisible, undividable, indiscreetible; indissoluble, indisolvable, insoluble, unsoluble; unbreakable, infrangible.

2.Usu. inseparables concomitants, salt and pep
per, bread and butter, horse and carriage, gin and tonic.

3. *Usu. inseparables* constant companions, shadows, best friends, *U.S. Inf.* bosom buddies, a pair, a couple; twins, Siamese twins, Chang and Eng; Damon and Pythias, David and Jonathan, Romulus and Remus, Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello, Tweedledee and Tweedledum.

**insert, v.** 1. put in or into, inset, inlay, set or place in; tuck in, pop in, slide in, slip in; work in or into, press in, push in, thrust in, force in, drive in, wedge in, sandwich in, jam in, cram or stuff in, ram in or up, stick in or up; *(all of words, phrases, etc.*) parenthesize, interline, interlineate, margin, add in, write in.

2. introduce, indoctrinate, inoculate, imbue, infect, impregnate; instill, infuse, insinuate, inculcate; infix, implant, imbed, ingrain.

3. inject, interject, interpolate, interpose, intercalate; intervene, intercede, interfere, come between; interrupt, intrude, break in on.

—**n.** 4. inset, extra page or leaf; printed paper, notice, bulletin, announcement; circular, advertisement, ad.

**inside, prep.** 1. on the inner side, on the inner part, within, inside of; prior to, before.

—**adv.** 2. indoors, in the house, in the building; off the streets.

3. instinctively, intuitively, impulsively; emotionally, visceraally, intestinally; involuntarily, spontaneously; immediately.

4. naturally, basically, fundamentally, inherently, inately, intrinsically.

—**n.** 5. interior, interior part; inner part, inner space, inner side, inner surface.


7. contents, parts, elements, components, constituents.

8. select group, select circle, exclusive group, exclusive circle, chosen group, chosen circle, *Inf.* in crowd, *Sociol.* ingroup.

9. **inside out, a.** reversed, backward, back in front.

b. perfectly, completely, thoroughly, *All Inf.* backward and forward, backwards and forwards, from A to Z.

—**adj.** 10. interior, inner, internal; on the inside, in the inside; indoor, intramural, *Latin.* *intra muros.*

11. inmost, innermost, *Scot., Irish.* *bennemost.*

12. innate, intrinsic, indwelling, immanent, innate, inherent, indigenous; ingrained, engrained, inwrought, enwrought.

13. fundamental, elemental, radical, basic, organic, constitutional; pithy, substantial, meaty, essential, quintessential; central; nuclear.

14. private, privy, intimate, personal, nonpublic, confidential; restricted, reserved, privileged; esoteric, secret, occult, veiled, hidden, enclosed, obscure.

**insidious, adj.** guileful, artful, arch, crafty, cunning, Machiavellian; subtle, sly, feline, wily, snaky, foxy, *Sl.* crazy like a fox, *Scot. and North Eng.* pawky; deceitful, tricky, crooked, dishonest, underhanded, *Inf.* left-handed; false, false-hearted, double-dealing, two-faced, Janus-faced; shifty, slippery, shady, smooth, slick; disingenuous, insincerity, scheming, plotting, designing, calculating, contriving; perfidious, treacherous, traitorous, Punic, treasonable.

**insight,** n. 1. intuition, perception, *Psychol.* apperception, perception, sensitivity, flair; apprehension, *Obs.* skill, cognition, comprehension; perspicacity, keenness, acuteness, sharpness, acuity; acumen, perceptiveness, perspicaciousness, penetration; discernment, discrimination, distinguishing; cleverness, astuteness, shrewdness, ingenuity, ingeniousness.

2. intelligence, knowledge, profundity, depth; sagacity, sagaciousness, wisdom; foresightedness, farsightedness, long-headedness; divination, clairvoyance; mother wit, wit, esprit; sense, common sense, good sense, judgment; prudence; brains, smartness, brightness; clearheadedness, clear-sightdness, clear vision.


2. mark of distinction, trademark, earmark, tab; identification, label; indication, signal; trait, characteristic, distinction, diagnostic.

**insignificance,** n. 1. unimportance, inconsequence, inconsequentiality, immateriality, irrelevance; paltriness, pettiness, meanness, smallness; triviality, worthlessness, emptiness, nothingness, nullity; matter of indifference, trifling matter, no great matter, mere nothing; nothing worth mentioning, nothing worth speaking of, nothing to speak of, nothing to boast of, nothing to write home about, *Inf.* no great shakes, nothing particular.

2. cipher, nonentity, *Inf.* picayune, *Inf.* small potatoes, *small fry,* *Chiefsly Brit.* *Sl.* small beer, insigrificance; flash in the pan, nine days' wonder; trumpery, trifles, bagatelle, froth, feather, farthing; drop in the bucket.

**insignificant, adj.** 1. unimportant, of minor importance, of little or no import, negligible, nugatory, incon siderable, inconsequential, of no consequence; inapplicable, irrelevant, immaterial, unessential; unportentious, unmomentous, of no matter or concern; of little or no account, of no moment, of no great weight; *Inf.* no great shakes, not worth mentioning, not worth speaking of, not worth thinking or worrying about, not worth a rap or a straw; trivial, trifling, paltry, petty, niggling; small, minor, puny, dinky, pid dling, *Inf.* picayune, insubstantial, unsubstantial; trite, *Sl.* mickey-mouse.


3. contemptible, despicable, vile, abject, base, low, mean, scurvty, sorry.

**insincerity,** n. 1. disingenuousness, unkindness, unfrankness, mealy-mouthedness; artificiality, *Inf.* phoniness, dissembling, dissimulation, cant, lip service,
mouth honor, Inf. hokum, flattery, smooth talk; deceitfulness, dishonesty, underhandedness, crookedness, trickiness; faithlessness, bad faith, betrayal, Judas kiss, disloyalty, perfidy, treachery, foul play; false- ness, false-heartedness, double-dealing, duplicity, hypocrisy, mendacity, lying, untruthfulness, hollowness, emptiness; artfulness, insidiousness, guilefulness, cunning, craftiness, slyness, williness, foxiness; shift-iness, slipperiness, smoothness, slickness.

2. deceit, trick, stratagem, ruse, artifice, pretense; contrivance, wile, misrepresentation, distortion, exaggeration; sham, hoax, imposture, Inf. filmflam, Inf. flimflam.

insinuate, v. 1. intimate, suggest, infer, imply, hint, Inf. give to understand, Inf. put a bug in [s.o.'s] ear; clue, Inf. tip off, cue, prompt; whisper, breathe; allude to, advert, refer, indicate.

2. (all artfully) infuse, inject, interject, instill, implant; introduce, inculcate, impress.

3. worm or work or weasel one's way into favor, curry favor with; flatter, Inf. soft-soap, Inf. butter up, fawn on, trickle to, pander to, jolly, humor.

insipid, adj. 1. flat, uninteresting, unentertaining, inexpressive, unimaginative, colorless, jejune, Sl. blah; unanimated, spiritless, zestless, sapless, tame, lifeless, empty, Sl. dead, Sl. nothing; pointless, impotent, weak, feeble, anemic, limp, namby-pamby, Dial. limp-sy; dry, dry-as-dust, prosaic, prosy, matter-of-fact, arid, barren, sterile; dull, boring, boresome, monoto- nous, humid, tedious, tiresome, wearisome; stale, tired, tiresome; banal, platitudinous, over- worked; indistinctive, run-of-the-mill, ordinary, commonplace, average.

2. tasteless, flavorless, bland, vapid, Fr. fade', Inf. tasteless, flavorless, unsavory, unappetizing, unpalatable.

3. or weasel one's way into favor, curry favor with; flatter, Inf. soft-soap, Inf. butter up, fawn on, trickle to, pander to, jolly, humor.

insipidity, n. 1. flatness, uninterestingness, jejuneness, jejunit, colorlessness, inexpressiveness, unimaginativeness, lack of imagination or expression, insipidness; lifelessness, saplessness, spiritlessness, zestlessness, lack of vitality or animation, tameness, emptiness, Sl. deadness, Sl. nothingness; pointlessness, impotence, weakness, feebleness, anaemia, limpnass, dryness, prosaicness, prosiness, aridity, barrenness, stockiness, emptiness, duneness, monotonousness, monotony, tediousness, tiresomeness, wearisomeness; staleness, tiredness, triteness, banality, platitude, platitudinousness; indistinctiveness, ordinarness, commonplaceness.

2. tastelessness, flavorlessness, unsavoriness, blandness, vapidity, vapidness; thinness, wateriness, washiness, wispy-washiness.

insist, v. 1. be emphatic, be firm, be resolute, hold, be pertinacious; emphasize, stress, lay stress or emphasis on, give emphasis to; underline, underscore, point out, call attention to, mark, bring home, press home; harp on, dwell on.

2. assert, allege, vow, aver, vouch, predicate, swear, assure; maintain, uphold, contend, aver, propound; profess, pronounce, claim, testify, proclaim, declare.

3. demand, call for, require, command; request, solicit, entreat, importune, talk [s.o.] into; urge, persuade, exhort, advise, counsel, suggest, admonish, re- monstrate, expostulate.

insistence, n. 1. emphasis, stress, pressure, importance, underlining, underscoring, insisting; perseverance, persistence, insistency, determination, singleness of purpose, Inf. stick-to-it-iveness, pertinacity, tenacity, tenaciousness, obstinacy.

2. assertion, allegation, vow, assurance, affirmation, averment; profession, pronouncement, claim, proclamation, declaration.

3. demand, requirement, command; request, solicitation, entreaty, importuning; urging, goading, prodding, spurring; persuasion, exhortation, advice, counsel; admonition, remonstration, expostulation.

4. dogmatism, imperativefulness, peremptoriness, positiveness; bigotry, intolerance, close-mindedness; arrogance, imperiousness.

insistent, adj. 1. persistent, tenacious, pertinacious, importunate, unflattering; unrelenting, uncompromising, unyielding, obstinate, stubborn; iterative, repeated, repetitive, recurrent, incessant, inexorable, refusing to take "no" for an answer.

2. determined, resolute, purposeful, strong-minded, strong-willed; earnest, intense, intense; certain, assured, sure, positive, definitive; decided, explicit, expressive.

3. urgent, pressing, compelling; forceful, forcible, high-pressure, pressuring, coercive.

4. emphatic, stressed, emphasized, accentuated, underlined, underscored; affirmative, assertive, assured, confident, reassuring.

5. dogmatic, doctrinaire, opinionated; peremptory, imperative, absolute; outspoken, mouthy, loudmouthed.

insobriety, n. 1. drunkenness, intoxication, inebriety, inebriation, intemperance, sotness, sottishness, insobriety, vividness, vivacity, vitality; alcoholism, chronic alcoholism, dipsomania, habitual drunkenness, bibulousness, bibulosity, bibacity, bibaciousness, crupulence, crupulosity, crupulousness.

2. drink, drinking, heavy or serious or problem drinking; imbibing, tippling, binging, bitation, bibbing, bibbling, Rare. bibbing, Inf. boozing, Inf. swilling, Sl. hitting the bottle or sauce or booze, Brit. Sl. bevyng.

insolence, n. 1. impertinence, impudence, audacity, effrontery, presumption, presumptuousness; boldness, brazenness, brashness, pertness, freshness, shamelessness, Inf. cheekiness, Inf. sassiness, Inf. brassiness; impoliteness, disrespect, contemptuousness, unman- nerliness, ill-manneredness, insouciance, rudeness, bumptiousness, cockiness, cocksureness, self-assertiveness or self-assertion, chutzpah, forwardness, meddlesomeness, intrusiveness, officiousness.

2. All Inf. brass, sass, cheek, guff, back talk, sauce, face, crust; All Sl. gall, nerve, lip, mouth, Brit. side.

insolent, adj. 1. impertinent, impudent, audacious, presumptuous, out-of-line, out-of-keeping; bold, bold-faced, brazen, brazen-faced, pert, fresh, saucy, shameless, Inf. flip, Inf. cheeky, Inf. sassy, Inf. brassy, Sl. wise, Sl. mouthy, Sl. smart-mouth; impolite, ill-mannered, unmannery, uncivil, ill-bred, crude, coarse, vulgar, rude; disrespectful, contemptuous, disdainful, scornful; bumptious, coxsure, cocky, arrogant, forward, meddlesome, intrusive, interfering, officious.

—n. 2. malapert, brazenface, whippersnapper, jackanapes, upstart, mussy, hussy, Inf. saucebox, Inf. smart aleck, Inf. smarty pants, Sl. wise guy, Sl. wise or smart ass.

insoluble, adj. 1. indissoluble, undissoluble, indis- solvable, unsolvable, unsoluble, infusible, unthaw- able, Archaic. irresoluble.

2. insolvable, unsolvable, inexplicable, unexplainable, inextricable; puzzling, enigmatic, enigmatical, baffling, bewildering, perplexing, confounding, mystifying.

3. impenetrable, incomprehensible, incomprehensible, inapprehensible, past or beyond comprehension, beyond understanding, unknowable, incognizable, in- cogniscible, incutatable, unfaithomable, indecipherable, undecipherable, undiscouerable.

4. hard, difficult, over one's head, Inf. tough; com-
plex, complicated, perplexed, *Inf.* tricky; intricate, involved, labyrinthine, Byzantine, tangled, knotty, crabbed.

5. mysterious, arcane, cryptic, perdu; oracular, sphingine, sphinxian, sphinxlike; mystic, mystical, cabalistic, transcendental, supernatural, preternatural.

**insolvency**, n. bankruptcy, inability to pay, indebtedness, liquation, failure, default, nonpayment; pauperism, pauperage, beggary, pennilessness, mendacity, mendicancy; destitution, impemuniosity, poverty, impoverishment, penury, indignation, straits.


**insomnia**, n. sleeplessness, insomnolence, wakefulness, restlessness, flightiness, *Lat.* *pervigilium*.

**insouciance**, n. carefree, untroubled, unworried, unconcerned; listlessness, ennui, languor, weariness, apathy, *Fr.* *sans souci*; carelessness, unconcern; heedlessness, laxity, laxness, pococurante; unburdening, relief, alleviation, assuagement; salve, soothing, palliation, mitigation; aid, assistance, support, sustenance, nourishment; strength, strengthening, buttressing, bracing, reinforcement; fortification, building up, restoration.

4. revelation, communication, suggestion, explanation; divulging, divulgence, impartation, impartment, disclosure; illumination, enlightenment, awareness, disposability, insightfulness; instruction, teaching, indoctrination, indoctrination, education, guide.


**inspire**, v. 1. animate, invigorate, energize, vivify, vitalize, exhilarate; reanimate, revive, revivify, revitalize, rejuvenate; awaken, waken, stir, rally, rouse, arouse; stimulate, inspire, quicken, whet; excite, thrill, enthuse, exalt.

2. produce, bring on or about, cause, effect; influence, affect, impress, act on; change, alter, transform, modify.

3. hearten, enhearten, take heart, cheer or cheer up; brighten, warm, give a lift to, uplift, encourage; *Inf.* pep up, perk up, buoy up; give a shot in the arm, boost one’s spirits; assure, reassure, confirm, comfort, solace; improve, ameliorate, mollify, aid, assist, support, sustain; strengthen, buttress, brace, reinforce; embolden, nerve, fortify; build up, nourish, restore.

4. reveal, communicate, suggest, enlighten, make aware, disabuse; give insight to, open the eyes of, shed or cast light on, bring out of the wilderness; make known to, tell, explain, divulge, impart; instruct, teach, indoctrinate, educate, guide; familiarize with, acquaint, interest.

5. give rise to, prompt, instigate, incite, exhort, impel, spur, goad; touch off, inflame, set on fire, ignite; kindle, enkindle, fire or fire up, *Inf.* light a fire under, *Inf.* spark, *Inf.* sparkplug.

6. inhale, breathe in, inhale, insufflate, respire, draw breath, draw in, suck in, gasp; snuff, sniffle, snuffle, sniff, *Sl.* snort, Brit. Sl. toot.

**inspired**, adj. animated, enlivened, exhilarated, invigorated; inspired; affiliated, energized, vivified, vitalized; reanimated, revived, revivified, revitalized, rejuvenated; enthused, stimulated, aroused, excited; enkindled, kindled, *Inf.* sparked, inflamed, fired up; stirred up, aroused, awake, active, quick, bright; elated, exalted, heartened, enheartened.

**inspirer**, v. enliven, animate, quicken, vivify; excite, arouse, stir, *Sl.* goose, *Sl.* give [s.o.] some get-up-and-go; stimulate, embolden, hearten, steel; brighten, sharpen; encourage, cheer, gladden; invigorate, refresh; galvanize, incite, kindle, inflame, fire.

**instability**, n. impermanence, unsteadiness, endurance; shakiness, flimsiness, unsubstantiality, fickleness; sleaziness, unsafeness, unsoundness; weakness, frailty, precariousness, *Sl.* chanciness, uncertainty; insecurity, vulnerability, susceptibility, defenseslessness.

2. vacillation, wobble, wavering; capriciousness, inconsistency, volatility; fluctuation, flightiness, instability, irresolution, indecision, turgidversation.


**install**, v. 1. put in, place, locate, situate, emplace, station; fix, set, embed, lodge, insert, plant.

2. install, introduce, initiate; install, establish, chair, inaugurate; crown, enthrone; bring in, lead in, usher in; *Frock*; *Eccles.* ordain, consecrate.

**installation**, n. 1. placement, placing, lodgment, positioning, location, stationing, emplacement, fixation.
2. installment, investiture, chairing, inauguration, solemnization; initiation, introduction, induction, bringing in, ushering in; consecration, crowning, enthronement; frocking. Eccles. ordination, Eccles. ordainment, consecration.

3. Military, post, base, station, camp, establishment, settlement; lodgings, quarters, accommodations.

**installment**, n. 1. partial payment, earnest, deposit, advance payment.

2. part, portion, segment, section, chapter, act, scene.

**instance**, n. 1. example, case, precedent; case in point, specific, Inf. for instance; typical situation, representative case, illustration, exemplification; quotation, citation.

2. for instance as an example, for example.

**instant**, n. 1. moment, minute, twinkling, flash, jiffy, breath, trice, crack, burst, flick, Inf. whipstitch, flash of lightning, twinkling of an eye, Fr. coup d’œil.

2. present time, this very minute, this very hour, this instant.

—adj. 3. immediate, sudden, abrupt, direct, instantaneous; prompt, quick, expeditious; rapid, swift, fast, smart, hasty, speedy, on-the-spot.

4. urgent, pressing, critical, earnest, crying, exigent, momentary; sudden, abrupt, hasty, speedy.

**instantaneously**, adv. immediately, instantly, at once, abruptly, suddenly; now, on the instant, on the moment, right away, forthwith; in a trice, in a jiffy, in no time, in less than no time, in a fraction of a second; directly, without delay, Archaic. anon, straightaway; quick as thought, quick as greased lightning, like a shot, like a thunderbolt, Sl. like mad, Sl. like a bat out of hell, in the twinkling of an eye, before you can say “Jack Robinson,” before you can turn around, before the ink is dry; urgently, Sl. pronto, in the same breath, at one jump, posthaste, apace, fast, Inf. lickety-split, full-tilt, at full blast, in high gear, as fast as one’s legs can carry one.

**instigate**, v. 1. instigate, activate, provoke, initiate, generate, start, Inf. start something, look for trouble; poke, prod, prick, thrust, goad, prompt, spur, egg on; stimulate, animate, whet, invigorate, motivate, inspire, inspirit, rally, awaken, vivify, bestir, enliven, liven up, jolt, jog; encourage, abet, embolden, nerve, build up, buck up; induce, impel, constrain, press, push, move, force; persuade, incline, dispose, lobby, predispose, influence, prevail upon, coax, ply, sway, talk into; tempt, inveigle, beguile, entice, wheedle, lure, allure, Obs. allect.

2. foment, agitate, exciting, arousing, rousing, whipping up, working up, stirring up, wind up, inflaming, enflaming, firing up, kindling, enkindling, touching off, Inf. psych up.

**instigation**, n. 1. inciting, actuating, provoking, poking, prodding, pricking, thrusting, goading, prompting, spurring, egging on; stimulating, motivating, spiring, rallying, awakening, vivifying, bestirring, encouraging, abetting, emboldening, inducing, impelling, conjuring, pressing, moving, forcing; persuading, inclining, predisposing, influencing, luring, coaxing, plying, swaying; tempting, inveigling, beguiling, enticing, wheedling, luring.

2. fomenting, agitating, exciting, arousing, rousing, whipping up, working up, stirring up, winding up, inflaming, enflaming, firing up, kindling, enkindling, touching off, Inf. psyching up.

3. incitement, initiation, actuation, provocation, initiation, stimulation, animation, infection, invigoration, motivation, inspiration, vivification; induce- ment, impulse; persuasion, inclination, predisposal, influence; temptation, inveiglement, beguilement, al- lure, Obs. allurement; fomentation, Inf. agitation.

4. fomentation, agitation, excitement, Rare. sussitation, perturbation; demagoguery, sensationalism, rabble-rousing, soap-box oratory.

5. incentive, stimulus, provocative, fillip, motive; press, goad, spur, prick, prod, jolt, jog, poke, thrust; impulse, urge, drive, push, itch, desire; dictate, call.

**instill**, v. 1. infuse, saturate, permeate, infuse, imbue, absorb, instill, implant, engrain, ingraine, fill, impregnate, penetrate, transfuse, inject.

2. teach, educate, school, tutor, train, instruct, enlighten, inform, guide, guide step by step; indoc- trinate, drill, prime, ground, qualify, bring along, coach, exercise; preach, propagandize, insinuate, sow the seeds of, lead along the path.

3. influence, infect, affect, bias, incline; initiate, inspire, breathe into, show the way, inflame, arouse; fire, charge, stir, stimulate, animate.

**instillation**, n. 1. infusion, transfusion, insertion; saturation, permeation, infiltration, immersion, sub- mersion, steeping; dissemination, unfolding, revelation, familiarization; inculation, implantation, impregnation, penetration.

2. instruction, teaching, edification, education, tute- lage, schooling; preparation, introduction, training; indoctrination, persuasion, propaganda, proselytism, insinuation.

**instinct**

1. n. 1. impulse, inclination, tendency, leaning, propensity, proclivity, penchant; propensity, proclivity, predisposition.

2. talent, gift, ability, capacity, aptitude; flair, instinct with

3. influence, infect, affect, bias, incline; initiate, inspire, breathe into, show the way, inflame, arouse; fire, charge, stir, stimulate, animate.

**instinctive**, adj. 1. born, inbred, innate, ingenerate; incarnate, inherent, indigenous, instinctive, intuitive, intuitional, untought, involuntarily, unpremeditated, noninferior.

2. impulsive, automatic, immediate, spontaneous, direct, on-the-spot; emotional, visceral, intestinal, Inf. seat of the pants, Inf. played by ear, Sl. gut.

3. native, natural, natural-born; congenital, hereditary, inherited, in the blood, in the family; subjective, constitutional, idiosyncratic; ingrained, engrained, inwrought, enwrought.

**institute**, v. 1. found, establish, start, give rise to, create, originate, bring into being, bring about; set up, organize, develop.

2. inaugurate, break ground, lay the foundation, lay the first stone; introduce, launch, broach, usher in; in- itiate, actuate, instigate, set in motion, start the ball rolling, take the first step, take the initiative, take the plunge, make a start, break the ice; open, pioneer, lead
off; beget, engender, father, conceive, give birth to, sow the seeds of, produce, occasion, bring on.

3. begin, commence, get [s.t.] going, start [s.t.] off, get [s.t.] under way, put [s.t.] into operation.

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4. society, association, alliance, league, union, guild, consortium, organization, affiliation.

5. academy, seminar, school, college, university, educational establishment, conservatory, polytechnic; learned association or institution, athenaeum, fellowship of artists or scientists, research center, foundation, developmental organization, Inf. think tank.

6. training center, preparatory school, Inf. prep school, private school, Brit. public school, boarding school, day school, finishing school; classical school, Latin school, (in Germany) gymnasiu.

institution, n. 1. establishment, formation, organization, constitution; construction, erection; creation, commencement, start, origin, foundation, founding, beginning, inception, initiation, installation, appointment, ordinance; introduction, inauguration, confirmation, certification, authorization, enactment.

2. rule, custom, principle, practice, code, tradition, usage; order, custom, principle, practice, code, tradition, commencement, start, origin, foundation, founding, beginning, inception, initiation, installation, appointment, ordinance; introduction, inauguration, confirmation, certification, authorization, enactment.

3. notify, inform, brief; mention, point out, tell, describe, demonstrate; acquaint with, familiarize with, introduce to, apprise of; promulgate, make known, broadcast, announce, publish; propagate, disseminate, spread, propagate.

instruct, v. 1. direct, command, order; prescribe, enjoin, bid, charge; dictate, decree, mandate, ordain, appoint; demand, require, tell; urge, importune.

2. teach, tutor, school, educate, enlighten, edify; question, catechize, drill, beat into, cram; indoctrinate, incultate, instill, infuse; train, coach, initiate, ground, prepare, ready; counsel, advise, guide, preach, lecture, moralize, sermonize; admonish, reprimand, warn.

3. notify, inform, brief; mention, point out, tell, describe, demonstrate; acquaint with, familiarize with, introduce to, apprise of; promulgate, make known, broadcast, announce, publish; propagate, disseminate, spread, propagate.

instructive, adj. informative, informational, instructional, how-to, propaedeutic; educational, educative, academic, school; didactic, moralistic, homiletic, Inf. preachy, doctrinal; cultural, humanistic, scientific, broadening, edifying, uplifting.

instructor, n. 1. teacher, trainer, coach; educator, pedagogue, educationist, Educ. methodologist; schoolteacher, schoolmaster, Chiefly Scot. dominie, schoolmistress, schoolmarm, instructor; professor, doctor, master, tutor, fellow, Brit. don, preceptor, lector, lecturer, Brit. reader; schoolman, scholastic, academician, academe, gownsman.

2. mentor, counselor, advisor; guide, cicerone, docent; explain, explainer, expositor, expounder; interpreter, (in the Orient) dragoman; annotator, glosser.

3. indoctrinator, inculcator, informer, informant; demonstrator; exponent, propagator, propagandist, missionary, apostle; preacher, moralizer, sermonizer; mystagogue, catechist, catechizer, Hinduism, guru.

instrument, n. 1. tool, implement, utensil, appliance, apparatus; machine, automation, robot; device, contrivance, invention, contraption, gadget; aid, convenience, time-saver, Archaic. convenience.

2. agency, mechanism, instrumentality; means, way, ways and means, wherewithal; power, moving force, principle, elements; catalyst, mover, prime mover, cause, causer, effector, Chem. reagent, Gram. causative; producer, doer, accomplisher, actor, executor, perpetrator.

3. legal document, paper, contract, pact, concordat, cartel, written agreement, charter, muniment, deed, title, warrant, grant.

4. agent, intermediary, medium, middleman, go-between, broker, Chiefly Brit. factor, Sl. ten percentor; assistant, aide, helper, girl Friday, right-hand man, Sl. go-between; subordinate, deputy, acolyte, auxiliary, second; pawn, puppet, creature, jackal, cat's paw; flunky, lackey, handmaid, servant, minion; dummy, dupe, Sl. stooge.

instrumental, adj. helpful, of help, assistant, of assistance, ministrant, ministerial; useful, of use, serviceable, of service, Obs. utile; contributory, contributive, accessory, ancillary, supportive; catalytic, causative, effective, effectual, efficacious; conducive, beneficial, advantageous, good for; valuable, important, significant, of prime importance, primary; necessary, essential, indispensable.

instrumentality, n. 1. helpfulness, helping hand, assistance, aid, ministry; conduciveness, contributiveness, help, support, patronage, advocacy, backing; aegis, auspices, good offices.

2. usefulness, utility, serviceability, serviceableness; service, action, intervention, mediation, good word; effectiveness, effectuality, efficacy, efficaciousness, avail; power, influence, Sl. pull, Sl. clout, Sl. drag; value, importance, significance, indispensability, indispensableness.

3. means, way, vehicle, expedient, wherewithal, resource; strategy, system, method, manner, mode, Latin. modus operandi; agency, instrument, device, mechanism, machine, machinery; catalyst, mover, prime mover, mode, manner, method, aye, help, stepping stone, way up the ladder; key, passkey, password, way in, door opener, password, open sesame, magic words.

insubordinate, adj. 1. unsubordinate, defiant, rebellious; insurrectional, mutinous, revolting, seditious, insurgent, riotous, revolutionary; anarchistic, lawless.

2. disobedient, refractory, recalcitrant, contumacious; undutiful, complying, noncomplying, uncomppliant, noncompliant, noncooperative, uncooperative, nonconforming; cross-grained, perverse, contrary, forward, opposed, resistive, balking, dissentient, recusant.
insubordination, n. 1. defiance, defiantness, rebelliousness, mutinousness, insurrectionalism, revolutionariness, seditionariness, insurrection, riot. 2. rebelling, insurrection, mutiny, revolt, uprising, revolution, sedition, insurgency; riot, disorder, disturbance, disruption, outbreak; strike, picketing, protest, protest march, demonstration, sit-in; (all of laws) violation, breach, break or breaking, infringement, transgression. 3. disobedience, refractoriness, recalcitrance, contumaciousness, contumacy, contumacy; undutifulness, noncompliance, noncooperation, uncooperativeness, nonconformity; cross-grainedness, perverseness, contrariness, frowardness, opposition, restiveness, dissension, recusancy, resistance; stubbornness, obstinateness, obstinancy, pig-headedness, mulishness, obsturderness, headstrongness, willfulness, waywardness; intractability, intractableness, unsubmissiveness, submission, indolency, disorderliness, unruliness, badness; incorrigibility, incorrigibleness, unmanageableness, ungovernableness, ungovernability.

insubstantial, adj. 1. unsubstantial, slight, flimsy, tenuous, thin, watery, watered-down; poor, weak, feeble, frail, fragile; delicate, dainty, light, fine, ethereal, gauzy, gossamer, cobwebby. 2. insignificant, unimportant, of little or no import, negligible, nugatory, inconsiderable, inconsequential; trivial, trifling, petty, niggling, minor, piddling, Inf. picayune; paltry, meager, mere, scant, small, puny, dinky. 3. unreal, illusory, illusive, false, delusive, hallucinatory, phantom, phantasmal, spectral, ghostly; intangible, impalpable, immaterial, incorporeal, spiritual; visionary, imaginary, imagined, chimerical, dreamy, fanciful; airy, vaporous, wild, idle, empty; fantastic, make-believe, made-up, fictitious.

insufferable, adj. intolerable, unbearable, unendurable, unportable; impossible, too much, too much to bear, too much to endure; enough, too much, enough to drive one mad, enough to try the patience of Job, all that one can stand; painful, excruciating, agonizing, affective; dreadful, harrowing, grim, grievous, tortured.

insufficient, n. 1. deficiency, inadequacy, inadequateness, insufficiency, insufficientness; scarcity, dearth, exiguity, paucity, scantiness, scantsness, meagerness, none to spare, stint, lack, want, short supply, need, wantage; falling short, shortcoming, shortage, deficit, short measure, short allowance; poverty, destitution, indigence, penuriousness, penilessness, beggary, pauperism.

2. imperfection, defectiveness, incompleteness, unsatisfactoriness; incompetence, incapability, inability, unqualification.

insufficient, adj. 1. deficient, inadequate, lacking, wanting, needful, in short supply, at a premium; meager, scant, scarce, scanty, exiguous, spare, lean; too little, too small, not enough, too little too late; in want of, short of, shy of, short, minus, missing, catalectic; penurious, impoverished, inspecunious, poverty-stricken, penniless, destitute, poor.

2. incomplete, imperfect, unsatisfactory; incompetent, unequal to, incapable, unqualified, unable; incommensurate, unequal, uneven, unbalanced; undermanned, understaffed, underpowered.

insular, adj. 1. archipelagic, islet, circumfluous, seagirt. 2. detached, isolated, alone, separate; unattached, distinct, apart, segregated, insulated; self-sufficient, separative, free-standing.

3. exclusive, illiberal, narrow-minded, narrow, parochial, provincial; restricted, limited, circumscribed.

insulate, v. 1. cover, wrap, enwrap, enshave; wind around, bind about, enclose, envelop, shield.

2. pad, stuff, cushion, cork, plug; seal, stanch, bung, block; make soundproof, make heatproof, make fireproof.

3. segregate, isolate, separate, engage; sequester, sequestrate, quarantine, keep apart, zone; detach, divide, disjoin, part, sever, divorce; set apart, exclude, dissociate.

insulation, n. 1. stuffing, padding, cushioning, cushion, packing, wadding, cork; seal, sealant, bunging; soundproofing, heatproofing, fireproofing.

2. separation, isolation, segregation, disengagement; sequesteration, quarantine, keeping apart, exclusion; detachment, disjunction, parting, division, disconnection, severance, disunion, setting apart, dissociation.

insult, v. 1. affront, slight, SL put down, SL cut up, give offense to, disoblige; call names, SL rank out, flying dirt at, slap in the face, point at; denounce, decry, disparage, discredit, vilipend, depreciate, minimize; disdain, contemn, slight, put down, cut up, put—5. affront, slight, slur, dig, barb, Inf. incense, inflame, exasperate, tease, kick in the pants, aggravate, anger; vex, provoke, Inf. kick in the pants, aggravate, incense, inflame, exasperate, tease, Inf. rag, distress, fret; pique, Inf. miff, chafe, disunite, Inf. put [s.o.'s] off, give [s.o.] the cold shoulder, look coldly upon, keep at arm's length; overlook, disregard, ignore, pass by, push aside, neglect, coldness, indifference; wound, blow, inoffence, chagrin, disgrace, degrade; offend, injure, hurt, damage, harm the feelings of, ail, ill-treat, smart, wound, damage.

2. irritate, nettles, chafe, gall, Chiefly U.S. rile, disturb; annoy, make [s.o.'].s blood boil, raise [s.o.'s] dander, anger; vex, provoke, Inf. kick in the pants, aggravate, incense, inflame, exasperate, tease, Inf. rag, distress, fret; pique, Inf. miff, chafe, disunite, Inf. put [s.o.]. off, give [s.o.] the cold shoulder, look coldly upon, keep at arm's length; overlook, disregard, ignore, pass by, push aside, neglect, coldness, indifference; wound, blow, inoffence, chagrin, disgrace, degrade; offend, injure, hurt, damage, harm the feelings of, ill-treat, smart, wound, damage.

3. irritating, nettling, chafing, gall, provocation, kick in the pants, annoyance; short answer, rebuff, hard words, tartness, Chiefly U.S. cold-shoulder, look coldly upon, keep at arm's length; overlook, disregard, ignore, pass by, push aside, neglect, coldness, indifference; wound, blow, inoffence, chagrin, disgrace, degrade; offend, injure, hurt, damage, harm the feelings of, ill-treat, smart, wound, damage.

4. snub, turn one's back upon, give the cold shoulder to, Inf. cold-shoulder, look coldly upon, keep at arm's length; overlook, disregard, ignore, pass by, push aside, show the door to; exclude, keep out.

—n. 5. affront, slight, slur, dig, barb, SL cut down, slap in the face; abuse, contumely, contempt, disdain, scorn, disparagement; derision, ridicule, sarcasm, mockery, scoffing, sneering; flout, give, jeer, taunt, fling, quip; hoot, hiss, catcall, sibilation; vilification, impugnation, tradegery, aspersion, calumny, obloquy; maligning, defamation, denigration, slander, libel, Inf. backbite; gibbet, drag through the mud; humiliate, belittle, put to shame, shame, chagrin, disgrace, degrade; offend, injure, hurt, damage, harm the feelings of, ill-treat, smart, wound, damage.

6. rudeness, disrespect, ill-treatment; offense, indignity, discourtesy, uncourteousness, incivility, dishonesty, outrage; shame, disgrace, ignominy, degradation, humiliation, abasement, mortification; snub, cold shoulder, neglect, coldness, indifference; wound, blow, injury; provocation, kick in the pants, vexation, irritation, annoyance; short answer, rebuff, hard words, tartness,
acirty, acrimony. insulting, adj. 1. offensive, slighting, Archaic. affrontive, disobliging, outrageous; disparaging, denouncing, derogatory, denunciative, discreditable, depreciating; disdainful, contemptuous, contempting, contemnible, supercilious, contumelious, scolding, florid; scornful, derisive, jeering, ridicule, mocking, scoffing, twitting, gibing, taunting, fleering; hissing, booing, calling.
2. abusive, vilifying, vituperative, impugnable, traduc- ing, slurring, callous; blasphemous, scurrilous, irreverent, sarcastic; profane, ribald, foulmouthed, obscene, vulgar, maligning, defamatory, denigrating, slanderous, libellous; injurious, harmful, damaging, invalidous; vexatious, provoking, aggravating, incensed, inflammatory, exasperating, teasing, distressing; irritating, chafing, disturbing, annoying, displeasing.
3. rude, impolite, disrespectful, discourteous, uncourt- eous, uncivil, incivility, dishonorable; imperious, insolent, flippant, impudent, fresh, saucy, bold, Archaic. malapert; ill-tempered, ill-bred, ill-behaving, ungentle- manly, unladylike, unrefined; unmannerly, ungracious, ungalant, rustic, boorish, churlish; surly, bad-tempered, ill-tempered; obnoxious, objectionable, odious.
4. snobby, cold, cool, icy, arrogant, haughty, exclu- sive; indifferent, aloof, neglectful; humiliating, belit- ting; shameful, disgraceful, opprobrious, degrading, ignominious; blunt, gruff, brusque, harsh, acrimonious; caustic, cutting, trenchant; overwhelming, obtrusive.
supportable, adj. 1. insurmountable, overwhelming, overpowering, overcoming, overcoming, over- matching; oppressive, burdensome, backbreaking, crushing, demoralizing, defeating.
2. invincible, unconquerable, inviolable, inap- parent, inescapable, inaccessible, unapproachable, impos- sable; impregnable, invulnerable, indestructible, undestroyable, imperishable, nonperishable, Obs., Rare. imperishable; unassailable, unattackable, formidable, powerful, mighty; indomitable, redoubtable, unyield- ing, undefeatable, unbeatable; tenable, secure, safe, safe and sound; stout, sturdy, strong, solid, stable, staunch, stanch.
supportable, adj. 1. unbearable, intolerable. See insufferable.
2. indefensible, untenable, unmaintainable, unargu- able, undefendable; implausable, weak, flawed, spe- cious, disputable, doubtful.
insuppressible, adj. indomitable, irrepressible, un- stoppable, inextinguishable, unquenchable; uncon- trollable, ungovernable, unmanageable, intractable, incorrigible, refractory, recalcitrant, contumacious; obstreperous, unruly, restive, wild, fractious, out of control, out of control.
supportable, adj. 1. secure, security, indemnity, guar- anty, guarantee, warranty, warrant, bond, Brit. assurance; contract, covenant, promise, pledge, word.
2. precaution, foresight, forethought, providence, provision; safeguard, preventive measure or step.
sure, v. guarantee, guaranty, warrant, bond, underwrite; protect, guard, safeguard, secure; ensure, as- sure, make sure, make certain.
surrogate, n. 1. substitute, substitute, indemnity, guar- anty, guarantee, warranty, warrant, bond, Brit. assurance; contract, covenant, promise, pledge, word.
2. precaution, foresight, forethought, providence, provision; safeguard, preventive measure or step.
surprise, n. assure, conquest, overthrow, takeover.
surprise, v. integrate, articulate, unite, combine, amalgamate, consolidate; blend, homogenize, merge with, melt into; mingle, commingle, cohere.
surprise, v. integrate, abolish Jim Crow, end discrimina- tion, balance racially; open up, open to all, assimilate.
surprise, n. integrate, articulation, unification; unifica-
integrity, n. 1. uprightness, honesty, probity, rectitude; truthfulness, veracity, candidness, sincerity, forthrightness; trustworthiness, faithfulness; justness, fairness, Inf. square shooting; honor, goodness, decency, moral fiber; conscientiousness, scrupulousness, principle, virtue; courage, intestinal fortitude, Sl. guts, backbone.
2. unity, oneness, wholeness, entirety, completeness, totality.
3. soundness, intactness, perfection, flawlessness, mint condition.

integument, n. 1. skin, crust, peeling, rind, husk, shell, pericarp, Dail. cod, hide, shell; bull, bark; membrane, pellicle, involucre, involucrum, tegument, V. Zool. cortex, Bot. perigonium, Biol. investment.
2. cover, coating, case, casing, wrapping, wrapper, cloak, sheath, sheathing, envelope, Pharm. capsule; enclosure, container, bag, sack, pocket, Midland U.S. and Scot. poke.

intellect, n. 1. reason, cognition, rationality, consciousness, comprehension, understanding, thought, sense, common sense; apprehension, intuition, perception, percipience, insight; brain, head, skull, piece, cerebrum; Inf. noggin.
2. aptitude, intelligence, intellectuality, mind, mentality; brains, brainpower, braininess, wit, parts, Inf. gray matter, Sl. smarts, Gk. Philos. nous.
3. genius, intellectual, Inf. brain, Inf. an Einstein, mastermind, mental giant, thinker.

intellection, n. 1. cognition, comprehending, reasoning, thinking, understanding, learning, apprehending, perceiving, analyzing.
2. conception, concept, thought, idea.

intellectual, adj. 1. mental, cognitive, cerebral; abstract, metaphysical, transcendental.
2. intelligent, brainy, profound, gifted, well-endowed, talented; cognoscitive, academic, educated, well-instructed, well-schooled; erudite, knowledgeable, versed, well-read, smart, knowing, Fr. au fait; astute, shrewd, Sl. savvy, keen, long-headed, hard-headed, subtle; ace, topflight, top-drawer, first-rate, Inf. topnotch, Inf. crack, Sl. crackerjack, Sl. on the ball, Inf. whiz-bang, Brit. Sl. whizzo.
3. ingenious, apt, clever, adroit, deft, sharp, smart-witted, sharp as a tack; agile, quick, quick-witted, ready; sagacious, wise, wise, sapient, socratic; rational, logical, reasonable, commonsensical, having a good head on one's shoulders; judicious, prudent, sensible; able, capable, competent.
3. rational, conscious, higher order; sane, lucid.

intelligentsia, n. intellectuals, literati, Sl. or Fr. brains, philosophers, savants, academics, learned, mental giants, think tank, brain trust, masters; illuminati, the enlightened, aesthetes, connoisseurs, (all sometimes disparaging) highbrows, Inf. upper crust; bohemians, free spirits, free thinkers.

intelligibility, n. understandability, understandableness, comprehensibility, comprehensibleness, penetrability; perceptibility, discernibility, apprehensibility, deci-pherability, legibility; lucidity, lucidness, luminousness, luminosity, perspicuity, clarity, clearness, plainness, plain language or speaking; explicitness, preciseness, precision, exactness, definiteness, clear-cutness, unambiguousness, unambiguity, lack of ambiguity; apparentness, evidentness, obviousness, manifestness.

intelligible, adj. understandable, comprehensible, cognizable, cogniscible, fathomable, penetrable, knowable; perceptible, discernible, appreciable, appreciable, legible, decipherable; clear, crystal clear, clear as day, lucid, luminous, perspicuous, pellucid, translucent; simple, plain, plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face; explicit, precise, definite, clear-cut, unambiguous, unobscure, transparent, transparent, apparent, obvious, evident, manifest.

intemperate, adj. 1. drunken, sottish, Inf. boozy, Sl. pifficated, Sl. pie-eyed; alcoholic, dipsomaniacal,
bribious, inebriated; intoxicating, inebriated, Rare. inebrious; winebibbing, oenomaniacal, Sl. wino; Bachechanial. See also drunk.

1. licentious, libertine, loose, wanton, wild; dissolute, dissipate, profligate, abounded, promiscuous; lascivious, debauched, lecherous, satyrical; lustful, libidinous, salacious; coarse, gross, crude.

2. glutinous, gormandizing, swinish, pigish, pigornian. See also 3. earnest, eager, animated, enthusiastic, excited; ardent, determined, resolve, mean business.

3. plan, propose, design, calculate, devise, scheme: prospective, future, expected; coming, forthcoming, approaching, at hand.

4. immoderate, excessive, inordinate, extortionate; excessive, extravagant; exorbitant, unreasonable, unwarrented, uncalled-for, undue; preposterous, outrageous, unconscionable.

5. unbridled, unrestrained, unlimited, uncurbed, uncontrolled; incontinent, free-living, Saturnalian, self-indulgent; lavish, prodigal, profligate, squandering, dissipative.

6. torrid, tropical, oppressively hot, sweltering, stifling.

**intend**, v. 1. have in mind, have at heart, have in view; mean, purpose; contemplate, think of, talk of dream of, project, expect; have a mind to, aspire to aim at, drive at, labor for, pursue.

2. plan, propose, design, calculate, devise, scheme; determine, resolve, mean business.

**intended**, adj. 1. purpose, planned, designed, devised, contrived, calculated; deliberate, intentional, purposeful, mean, willful, volitional, voluntary; premeditated, studious, considered, weighed; preconcerted, prearranged, predesigned, preplanned, preplotted, prevised, preconceived.

2. prospective, future, expected; coming, forthcoming, approaching, at hand.

intense, adj. 1. acute, strong, fierce, severe, harsh; pointed, sharp, keen, cutting, incisive, trenchant, piercing, wounding; caustic, stinging, smarting, acrimonious, acid, mordant; sarcastic, satirical, biting, pique; violent, vehement, angry, rancorous, wrathful; malevolent, cruel, malicious, spiteful; waspish, hostile, inveterate.

2. grievous, distressing, harrowing, affective; grave, serious, critical; heartbreaking, shocking, heartrending; harmful, hurtful, injurious, invidious; painful, excruciating, agonizing, racking, cruel, torturous; violent, vehement, angry, rancorous, wrathful; malevolent, cruel, malicious, spiteful; waspish, hostile, inimical.

3. earnest, eager, animated, enthusiastic, excited; ardent, zealous, Inf. gung ho, impassioned, passionate; fervent, fervid, fervid, frenzied, frantic, crazed, mad, Inf. wild; strenuous, energetic, vigorous, rigorous; brisk, dynamic, high-powered, forceful, strong, mighty, potent, resolute; violent, extreme, drastic, excessive; diligent, hard-working, devoted, studious; industrious, busy, active; persevering, sedulous, assiduous, resolute, determined; ambitious, aspiring, up-and-coming, enterprising, pushing, Inf. pushy, aggressive.

4. emotional, emotive, temperamental, high-strung; nervous, tense, excitable, touchy, testy, peppy; spirited, high-spirited, volatile, fiery, hot-headed; heated, feverish, white-hot, inflamed, volcanic; overwrought, upset, hysterical, not rational, head-strong, stubborn; impetuous, impatient, impulsive, hasty; sensitive, feeling, sentient, demonstrative, responsive; sensuous, warm, sentimental, deep-feeling; poignant, touching, moving; transported, rapt, enraptured, rapturous, ecstatic.

**intensity**, v. 1. sharpen, heighten, deepen, thicken; strengthen, concentrate, Inf. beef up, reinforce; magnify, enhance, enrich; exaggerate, make much of, overstate, overstress, overcharge.

2. aggravate, exacerbate, worsen; accelerate, snowball, mushroom; inflame, add insult to injury, add fuel to the fire or flames, Inf. rub it in, pour oil on the fire.

3. escalate, step up; tone up, give a boost to, U.S. Sl. soup up, Sl. hop up, Sl. jazz up; stimulate, whet, pique; warm up, build up; increase, raise, augment, extend.

intensity, n. 1. high degree, excess, extremity, immoderation, inordinateness, extravagance, magnitude.

2. strength, power, potency. Literary. puissance; vigor, force, energy, determination, vehemence; emotion, Inf. ginger, pep; excitement, enthusiasm, eagerness, earnestness, keenness, concentration, intention; fervor, ardor, fervency, warmth, glow, fire, heat; devotion, devotedness, zeal, feverishness, passion, fanaticism.

intent', n. purpose, goal, design, plan, meaning, intention. See intention.

intent', adj. 1. steadfast, fixed, concentrating, focused; attentive, observing, watching, heedful, regardful, mindful, alert; occupied with, engrossed in, wrapped up in, absorbed in; rapt, enraptured, taken up with; contemplative, reflective; painstaking, persevering, diligent, sedulous, assiduous, studious.

2. firm, resolute, set on, bent on, determined, Inf. boud and determined, decided, purposeful; ambitious, aspiring; earnest, sincere, sincere, in earnest, Inf. for real; thoughtful, solemn, grave; devoted, dedicated, committed, wholehearted; intense, fervent, fervid, perfervid, vehement, heated, ardent, zealous, agog, passionate, impersonated; avid, enthusiastic, Inf. gung ho, Inf. rah-rah, eager, keen.

intention, n. 1. purpose, goal, aim, intent; end, end in view or mind, object, objective, target, mark, destination, bourne; wish, ambition, aim, ideal.

2. design, plan, proposal, project, undertaking; contemplation, idea; decision, determination, resolve, resolution; direction, inclination, bent, set.

3. meaning, significance, purport; implication, denotation; upshot, gist.

intentional, adj. deliberate, purposive, purposeful, mean, willful, volitional, voluntary; designed, devised, contrived, Obs. consulted, Obs. intrigued, schemed, calculated, plotted, planned, intended; premeditated, preconceived, preconceptional, aforethought, predetermine, predetermined, prepose; meditated, studious, studied, considered, weighed; preconcerted, prearranged, predesigned, preplanned, preplotted, prevised, preconceived.

inter, v. bury, inhum, Archaic. inearth, inurn, consign to the grave, ensepulcher, sepulcher; lay away, Inf. put six feet under, consign to the grave, Dial. funeralize.

intercede, v. mediate, negotiate, intermediate, arbitrate, moderate; interfere, step in, intervene; reconcile, propitiate, appease, make peace, pacify, meet halfway; act for, represent, involve with, act in one's behalf, use one's good offices; umpire, referee, judge.

2. plead for, sue for, petition for, pray for, plea for; entreat, entreaty, adjure, implore, supplicate, solicit.

3. deliberate, purpose, goal, design, plan, meaning, intention. See intention.

intercept, v. 1. stop on the way, seize in passage, cut off; expropriate, impound, confiscate, commandeer, wrest from, dispossess, possess oneself of; run away with, catch, Football. kick off.

2. interrupt, check passage, interfere, obstruct; block, hinder, impede; stop, put a stop to,
intercession

**n.**
1. mediation, agency, good offices, mediation; intermediation, intervention, insertion, intercession, intercourse; negotiation, arbitration, parley; reconciliation, propitiation, pacification, appeasement.
2. entrey, supplication, prayer, orison, imploration, obestation, interpellation; suit, petition, plea, bid, invocation, beseechment, solicitation.

**intercessor**

*n.* intermediary, middleman, go-between, intermediate, intermediate, *Sl.* connection; mediator, negotiator, arbitrator, moderator, umpire, referee, judge, Sl. ump, Sl. ref; interceder, intervenor, internuncio, interagent; peacemaker, reconciler, propitiator, appeaser, pacificator, marriage counselor.

**interchange**

*v.* 1. substitute, counterexchange, replace, supplant, supersede, transfer; transpose, change, change places, switch; permute, commute, shuffle, (chess) castle; convert, change money.
2. exchange, trade, trade off, swap, swap, barter, give and take, bandy, truck; reciprocate, return, return the compliment, rejoi, respond, pay back, require.
3. alternate, vary, intermit, rotate; seessaw, take turns, come and go.
4. exchange, trade, trading, swap, swap, barter, commerce; reciprocation, reciprocity, give and take, mutualty, interplay, cross fire; transposal, transposition, metathesis, change, switch, commutation, permutation, shuffle; measure for measure, an eye for an eye, tit for tat, quid pro quo, (chess) castling, (tennis) rally, battledore and shuttlecock; substitution, replacement, supplanting, transference, transferal, supersession.
5. alteration, variation, rotation; intermittence, intermittency, change, switch, mutation, interplay, cross fire; transposal, transposition, metathesis, exchange, trading, barter; reciprocation, return, return.
6. alteration, variation, rotation; intermittence, intermittency, interchangeably, exchangeably, mutually, reciprocally, commutably, permutably, returnable, reciprocative, reciprocal, mutual.

**interchangeable**

*adj.* exchangeable, transposable, *Rhett.* metathetical, synonymous; comparative, comparable, equivalent, equal, even, corresponding; standard, uniform; changeable, convertible, commutably, permutable, returnable, reciprocative, reciprocal, mutual.

**intercourse**

2. interchange, reciprocity, exchange, interplay, give and take; communication, connection, liaison, contact, congress, union; correspondence, communion, intercommunication; speaking, talking, conversation, speech, discourse; interlocution, colloquy, Sl. rapping.
3. coitus, coition, sexual relations, sexual union or congress; mating, *Archaic.* venery, copulation, carnal knowledge, Sl. hombre; love-making, act of love, intimacy.

**interdict**

*n.* 1. prohibition, proscription, interdiction, outlawry, forbiddance, *Latin.* interdictum; disallowance, injunction, restraint, restraining order, preclusion, exclusion; ban, embargo, veto, countermand, taboo; suppression, repression, censorship.
2. interdict, prohibition, disallow, ban, veto, rule out; countermand, subrogate, inhibit, shut out; restrict, restrain, bar, stop, issue an injunction; outlaw, proscribe, taboo, preclude, exclude; impede, prevent, obstruct, hinder; repress, suppress, censor.

**interest**

*n.* 1. engrossment, engagement, absorption, undivided attention; attentiveness, adverrence, heed, concernment; concern, regard, attention, consideration, scrutiny, notice, study; curiosity, inquisitiveness, itch, interestness.
2. concern, consequence, moment, substantive, weight, significance, utility, import; importance, gravity, seriousness, solemnity; urgency, priority, primacy.
3. care, concern, affair, business, matter of concern or interest; pastime, hobby, amusement, diversion, avocation; cup of tea, Sl. kick, Sl. trip, Sl. bag, Sl. thing, Sl. bug.
4. share, stake, stock, equity; part, portion, piece, cut, bit, slice, half; right, title, license, claim, grant.
5. increase, increment, return, usury, dividend, premium; percentage, profit, gain, *Inf.* take; net, clean profit, neat profit.
6. partiality, partisanship, one-sidedness, undetachment; involvement, unneutrality, undispassionateness; leaning, preference, favoritism, discrimination.
7. benefit, bension, profit, service, avail, use; advantage, value, worth, behalf, behoof, self-interest, self-gain.
8. in the interest of in behalf of, in the name of, by proxy for, for the sake of, on the part of, in favor of, in aid of; to the advantage of, for the benefit of, in the furtherance of, to the advancement of.
9. engage, engross, grip, rivet, absorb; fascinate, captivate, hold, hold the attention of, focus the attention of; attract, magnetize, mesmerize, hypnotize, catch the eye, draw the attention.
10. excite, infect, kindle, enkindle, arouse, quicken, whet; incite, provoke, enliven, instigate, spur, goad, animate.
11. concern, involve, respect, regard, bear upon, apply to; relate to, pertain to, correspond to, answer to, have to do with; affect, touch, strike.
12. induce, influence, sway, persuade, prompt, move; enlist, engage, impress, press, urge; incline, dispose, lead, lure, tempt; prevail upon, draw over, win over, talk into, bring over.

**interested**

*adj.* 1. concerned, involved, a party to, included, implicated, in on.
2. partisan, partial, one-sided, warped, swayed; participatory, undetached, nonobjective, undispassionate; prejudiced, biased, colored, influenced, jaundiced.
3. engaged, engrossed, absorbed, preoccupied, intent on; rapt, held, fixed, riveted, gripped, under the way; attracted, excited, piqued, tickled, fascinated, captivated; curious, inquisitive, quizzical, open-eyed, wide-eyed, agog, open-mouthed, agape.
4. selfish, self-interested, self-seeking, nepotistic, egocentric, self-centered.

**interesting**

*adj.* engaging, engrossing, absorbing, riveting, gripping, fixing; provocative, stimulating, provoking, intriguing, thought-provoking; amusing, entertaining, diverting; exciting, tantalizing, tempting, inviting; fascinating, captivating, charming, spellbinding, enchanting; attractive, taking, catching.

**interfere**

*v.* 1. Often interfere with hamper, hinder, impede, encumber, act as a drag; obstruct, block, dam up, barricade; inhibit, restrain, cramp, handicap, trammel, put a crimp in; frustrate, thwart, foil, balk, cut the ground from under one; brake, check, arrest, abort, put a stop to; cripple, clip the wings of; sabotage, throw out of gear.
2. Often interfere with or in meddle, intrude, interrupt; intercede, interpose, intervene; horn in, butt in, thrust in, put in one's oar; *Inf.* kibitz, put one's two cents in.
3. clash, collide, conflict, be at variance; oppose, be
interference

1. impediment, obstacle, obstruction, hindrance; difficulty, block, stumbling block, hitch, snag, clog, setback; opposition, Inf. flak, head wind; encumbrance, handicap, dead weight, impediment; drag, load, burden; check, brake, damper, wet blanket; tether, tramnel.

2. meddling, intrusion, interception; intervention, intercession, interception; butting in, horning in, Inf. kibitzing; meddlesomeness.

interim

1. meantime, meanwhile, intervening time, interlude, interspace, parenthesis, interval, while; interruption, interregnum, pause, interception, break, respite, recess.

—adj. 2. temporary, provisional, substitutive, substitutional, substitutionary; improvised, makeshift, stopgap, emergency.

interior

1. inside, internal, on the inside, within; inside-out, inside-in.

2. inner, inmost, innermost, Scot., Irish, the inside; inward, further toward the center.

3. innate, intrinsic, indwelling, immanent, intimate, inherent, indigenous; ingrained, engrafted, inwrought, enwrought.

4. instinctive, intuitive, impulsive, involuntary, spontaneous, Sl. gut; intense, heartfelt, moving, stirring, overpowering; intestinal, visceral, abdominal, splanchic; gastric, stomachic, stomachal, stomachical, Anat. cellae, ventral, ventricular.

5. inland, landlocked, non-coastal, non-border.

6. domestic, civil, civic, local.

7. mental, spiritual, psychic, psychological; non-physical, metaphysical.

—n. 8. the inside, inside part, inner part, inner space, inner side, inner surface, internal part.

9. pith, substance, gist, crux, core, heart, marrow, meat, essence, quintessence; center, middle, nucleus; basis, base, foundation, constitution.

10. depths, hold, womb, recesses, penetration; abyss, chasm, cavity, gulf.

11. vital organ, body organ; intestines, intestinal cavity, colon, colonic cavity, Inf. innards; abdomen, belly, stomach, Inf. tummy, Sl. breadbasket, Scot. and North Eng. wame.

12. inner life, nonphysical self, soul, spirit, psyche.

13. midland, hinterland, upcountry; backwoods, U.S. Inf. the sticks.

interject

v. interpose, intercalate, introduce, insert, inject, put in; instill, infuse, insinuate, inculcate; infuse, implant, imbed, ingrain; mix in, intermix, intermingle, interlard, intersperse or scatter throughout; (all of words, phrases, etc.) parenthesize, interline, interlineate, margin, add in, write in.

interjection

1. interpolation, interposition, intercalation, introduction, insertion, injection; instillation, instillation, infusion, inculcation, infuxion, implantation, imbedding, ingraining; intermixture, intermingling, interlarding, interspersion, Exp. Brit. interspersal; (all of words, phrases, etc.) parenthesizing, interlining, interlineation, margining, adding in, writing in.

2. exclamation, ejaculation; utterance, remark, statement, Gram. parenthesis, Gram. apposition.

interface

v. crisscross, zigzag, weave, lace; interweave, intermingle, combine, interlink, interlock, fit together; intertwist, twist together, entwist, entwine, braid, plait, pleat, fold across; intertwine, entangle, enmesh, ensnarl, ensnare; mat, tie, knot.

2. mingle, commingle, scramble, interlard; blend, mix, commix, intermix; compound, combine.

3. diversify, change, variegate, alternate, substitute, shuffle; interchange, commute, switch; alter, modify, vary; restyle, reconstruct, remodel, transfigure, transform.

interlard

v. diversify, vary, change; variegate, color, spice up, dress up; intermix, intermingle, interfere, put in, mix in; intersperse, sprinkle, pepper.

2. interject, interolate, interpose, intercalate; interweave, intertwine, intertwist, interlace.

interlink

v. link, join, unite, connect; mesh, interlace, interweave, intertwine; dovetail, splice.

interlocation

n. conversation, dialogue, colloquy; discussion, confabulation, Inf. confab, converse, discourse, communication; conference, parlory, Inf. pow-wow, interlude; chitchat, chat, talk; chatter, palaver, Sl. schmooze, gossip, tête-à-tête.

interlocutor

n. announcer, master of ceremonies, mistress of ceremonies, M.C., emcee; humorist, stand-up comic, straight man, foil.

2. converter, chatterer, questioner, interrogator, quiz master.

interloper

n. trespasser, encroacher, poacher, invader, marplot; meddler, Yiddish. cooleff, Sl. butinsky, interferer, Paul Pry.

interlude

n. interruption, recess, pause, pause that refreshes, respite; interval, entr’acte; truce, ceasefire; interregnum.

2. intermezzo, divertissement, divertimento; diversion, farcetta, curtain raiser; entertainment, charade, spectacle, tableau, masque, harlequinade, burlesque, vaudeville, pantomime.

intermeddle

v. meddle, interfere, pry, Inf. snoop, Inf. butt in, stick one’s nose in, Inf. kibitz, mind someone else’s business; interpose, intrude, obtrude, interfere; intervene; interfere; encroach, insinuate, invade, trespass; Inf. horn in, Inf. cut in, Inf. muscle in, Inf. worm in, Inf. edge in.

intermediary

adj. 1. intermediate, in-between, mediial.

—n. 2. mean, medium, median, median strip.

3. go-between, mediator, intermediator, intercessor, interceder, interventer; broker, agent, interagent, medium, middleman, jobber, wholesaler, dealer, distributor; connection, contact, Inf. front, Inf. front man, lobbyist; moderator, arbiter, arbitrator, negotiator, third or disinterested party, umpire, referee, interlocutor, peacemaker, make-peace; instrument, tool, factor, steward, proctor, spokesman, advocate, consumer advocate, Sl. Nader-raider, champion, patron; spokesman, Inf. mouthpiece, attorney, solicitor, friend at court, ombudsman, ombudswoman; diplomat, diplomatic agent, plenipotentiary, ambassador, envoy, emissary, minister, charged d’affaires, legate, nuncio, interuncio.

4. pimp, pander or panderer, procurer, procurress, Archiac. bawd, madam.

intermediate

adj. 1. in-between, intervening, intermediary, intervenient, interposed, inserted, interfering; halfway, medial, median, in the middle; transitional, temporary, interregnal.

—n. 2. See intermediary (def. 3).

v. 3. intervene, mediate, arbitrate. See intervene (def. 1).

interment

n. burial, burying, entombment, infusion, sepulture, inurnment; funeral, exequies, obsequies, rites or ceremonies.

interminable

adj. 1. unending, endless, unceasing, incessant, ceaseless; constant, nonstop, unremitting, recurring; continuous, continual, uninterrupted, unbroken, without end, never-ending, everlasting,
intermingle, v. mingle, commingle, mix, commix, intermix, blend; compound, combine, confound; unite, fuse, amalgamate, incorporate; interweave, interlace, intertwine, interfuse, interfuse.

intermission, n. interim, interval, interlude, entr’acte, intermittence, interregnum; rest, pause, respite, lull, recess, Inf. breather, time-out; break, interruption, delay, holdup; suspension, remission, letup; pen- dency, abeyance, quiescence, latency, dormancy; (all temporary) stop, halt, arrest, breaking off, stay, standstill, cessation, cease, interruption, discontinuance, discontinuation, desistance.

intermit, v. 1. (all temporarily) discontinue, suspend, end, halt, arrest, terminate, put an end to, have done with, stop, cease, quit, leave off, finish, conclude.

intermittent, adj. fitful, spasmodic, irregular, sporadic, random, Pathol. arrhythmic; recurring, recurrent, remittent, on-again off-again, on-and-off, hot-and-cold, alternate, alternating; serial, periodic, cyclical, cyclical, seasonal; rhythmic, pulsating, punctuated; discontinuous, broken, interrupted, broken off, disconnected.

intern, v. 1. restrict, confine, enclose, pen in or up, cage in or up, encage; shut in or up, imprison, lock up, put behind bars.

internal, adj. inside, inner, inward.

international, adj. world-wide, cosmopolitan, global, universal; general, ecumenical, nonsectarian, nondenominational.

intermezzo, n. (in reference to conflict or struggle) familial, family, domestic, civil, intestine, internal, in-house, intergroup, intramural.

interplay, n. interaction, meshing, interweaving; reciprocal influence or action or play; reciprocally, give-and-take.

interpolate, v. intercalate, insert, interline; inject, stick in, throw in, work in, put in, parenthesize, add; introduce, insinuate, interlard, sandwich, jam in, interrupt, intervene; alter, doctor, revise, emend, edit, rewrite.

interpolation, n. intercalation, insert, insertion, interlining, injection, insinuation; prefix, marginalia, scholium, footnote, annotation; kicker, tag, tag line; addition, addendum, adjunct, supplement; appendix, rider, codicil; suffix, postscript, postfix; interruption, parenthetical remark, aside, ad lib.

interpose, v. 1. interject, intercalate, interjuxtapose; introduce, insert, insinuate, inject, implant; interlay, sandwich; foist in, work in, drag in, lug in, work in, squeeze in, edge in, thrust in, throw in, toss in.

1. intrude, obtrude, interfere, butt in, in, horn in, cut in, squeeze in, edge in, thrust in, throw in, tossed in.

2. intrude, obstruct, interfering; meddlesome, meddling, meddling, officious, prying, Inf. nosy, Inf. snoopy, Inf. kibitzing.

3. intervene, intercede, step in, come between; mediate, intermediate, negotiate, bring to terms; arbitrate, moderate, referee, umpire, judge, adjudicate.

interposing, adj. 1. intermediate, interjacent, intercalary, intervenient, interjunctional; medial, mesial.

2. intrusive, obtrusive, interfering; meddlesome, meddling, meddling, officious, prying, Inf. nosy, Inf. snoopy, Inf. kibitzing.

3. interventional, intercessory, mediating, mediati
interrogate, v. question, put to the question, query, ask, inquire, inquire of, make inquiry; pose a question, demand an answer; examine, investigate, probe, interrogate; catechize, quiz, test, inquisition, pick [s.o.'s] brains; Inf. grill, pump, third-degree, put [s.o.] through the third degree, put [s.o.] through the wringer, cross-examine, cross-question, Inf. roast, Inf. put the pressure on, Sl. go or work over, Sl. put the screws to.

interrogation, n. 1. examination, investigation, interpellation, inquisition; cross-examination, cross-questioning, third degree, grilling, pumping, Sl. the grill; catechizing, quizzing, testing.
2. question, query, inquiry, Archaic demand; issue, topic, problem, pose, moot point, controversial point, bone of contention; question before the house; burning question.

interrogative, adj. questioning, inquiring, interrogatory; inquisitorial, investigative, catechistic; inquisitive, puzzling, curious.

interrupt, v. 1. suspend, intermit, discontinue, lay aside; stop, put a stop to, halt, cease, end, terminate, bring to a stand or standstill, abort, cancel, drop, Inf. scrub; break off, sever, dissemble, dissolve, disunite, disjoin; desist, refrain, leave off, Inf. lay off.
2. interfere, intrude, obtrude, interpose; talk out of turn, cut short, cut in, break in, barge in, Inf. butt in, Inf. horn in, Inf. muscle in, Inf. chisel in, Inf. chip in, Inf. chime in. Inf. put in one's two cents' worth.

interruption, n. 1. suspension, discontinuance, intermission, abeyance; cessation, stop, stoppage, stopping, stay, halt; cancellation, interruption, severance, sunderance, discontinuation, division, disunion, dissolution.
2. intrusion, obstruction, interference, interloping, imposition, injection, insinuation, interjection.
3. interval, interim, interlude, interregnum; pause, recess, rest, respite, lull, Inf. letup; truce, ceasefire, armistice; Sports. half time or half-time interruption; gap, break, breath, fissure, hiatus, lacuna.

intersect, v. 1. bisect, halve, divide, divide in half, cut in two, dichotomize, Obs. dimidiate; split, cleave, sunder, cut down the middle.
2. intercross, cross, crisscross, crosscut, cut across, decussate; meet, join, unite, connect, converge, come together.

intersection, n. 1. junction, interchange, crossroads; traffic circle, rotary, Brit. roundabout; cloverleaf.
2. juncture, nexus, connexus, point of union or contact; connection; focus, focal point, focalization; coalescence, confluence, convergence; network, web.

interspace, n. 1. interstice, space, gap, lacuna, slot, mesh; crevice, crevasse, cranney, groove, sulcus, stria, Archaic scissure; split, clef, fissure, crack, chap, check, rift, breach, scission, separation, rupture, fracture; slit, gash, scotch, rent, cut; hole, cavity, opening, aperture.
2. interim, meantime, meanwhile, interval, interlude, interregnum, intervening period or time; intermission, entr'acte, break, hiatus, interruption, parenthesis; pause, break, breather, breathing spell, lull, respite, rest, recess, interphase, Biol. interkinesis.

intersperse, v. 1. sprinkle, pepper, dot, permeate; scatter among, strewn among, bestrew, distribute or disburse among, spread among, disperse through, broadcast throughout.
2. interpose, interpolated, insert, interject, intercalate, wedge in; interspace with, alternate with, switch off, place or put in between or among, diversify, varigate, vary; interfuse, incorporate, interweave, intertwine, interwind, interwork, work in; intermingle, intermix, mix in or up, combine, interblend, blend in, fold in.

intersite, n. 1. interspace, space, gap. See interspace (def. 1).
2. interlude, interim, interval. See interspace (def. 2).

intertexture, n. 1. intertwining, interweaving, interlacement, interdigitation; intersection, decussation, Anat. anastomosis.
2. network, reticulation, transverseness, web, mesh, meshwork, net, tissue, plexus, spider's web, Optics. reticle; twill, twill weave, plait, wicker, wickerwork; coil, convolution, skien; lattice, latticework, trellis, Chiefly Brit. wattle, grill, fretwork, tracery, filigree.

intertwine, v. twine or twist together, coil, convolute: two; entwine, interwind, interweave, weave, wreath, braid, plait, plait; link, join, couple, unite, connect; interlace, bind, tie together, merge, dovetail, mesh, splice.

interval, n. 1. interlude, interim, interregnum, meantime, meanwhile, in-between time.
2. intermission, entr'acte, break, hiatus, interruption, parenthesis; interphase, Biol. interkinesis, Both. Geol. interstadate, interstadiatal; pause, break, breathing spell, time-out, half time, seventh inning stretch, rest, vacation; lull, respite, Inf. letup, Austral. spell; cessation, discontinuance, stoppage, stop, halt.
3. interstice, interspace, space, some room, distance between; gap, lacuna, mesh, slot, slit, crack, some daylight aperture, hole, opening, void, empty space.

intervene, v. 1. arbitrate, mediate, negotiate, arbitrate, mediate, negotiate, bar, mediate, negotiate, bar, intervene, cross-examine, cross-question, grill, pump, third-degree, put [s.o.] through the wringer; gap, break, breath, fissure, hiatus, lacuna.
2. intermediary, intercessory, conciliatory, pacificatory; propitiatory, reconciliatory, medulatory.
3. intrusive, interfering, encroaching, interloping, coming between; incidental, parenthetical, stray, obtrusive, betwixt and between, importunate.

intervening, adj. 1. intermediate, interjacent, intervening, between, interpolated, interposed, intercalary, interjunctural, intercurrent, meantime.
2. intermediary, intercessory, conciliatory, pacificatory, propitiatory, reconciliatory, medulatory.
3. intrusive, interfering, encroaching, interloping, coming between; incidental, parenthetical, stray, obtrusive, betwixt and between, importunate.

intervention, n. 1. mediation, intercession, negotiation, arbitration, peacemaking, ministry, good offices.
2. intrusion, obstruction, interference, infringement, overstepping, infraction, inroad, incursion; interval, interruption, hiatus, disjunction, break, pause, discontinuation, respite.
3. interjacenture, intercurrent, insertion, interjection, interpolation, intercalation, insinuation, interpenetration, interspersion.

interview, n. 1. conference, discussion, parlay, palaver, Fr. pourparler, Inf. powwow; consultation, audience, confabulation, Inf. confab, exchange; talk, discourse, meeting, dialogue, duologue, tête-à-tête; colloquy, interchange, intercourse, commerce, communion.
3. question, examine, sound out, consult, confer with, bombard with questions; inquire, ask, query,
probe, quiz, fish for, pry into, Inf. pump; evaluate, look into, scrutinize, investigate, make inquiry into, subject to examination, ferret out, nose out; interrogate, Inf. grill, put through the third degree, cross-examine, put in the hot-seat or the spotlight, put through the wringer.

interweave, v. 1. weave, interlace, intertwine, interdigitate; intertwist, twine, entwine, wreath; braid, plait, plait; intersect, decussate, cross, crisscross, twist. 2. intertwine, associate, mix, combine, mesh, mingle; weave in and out, inweave, integrate, consolidate, amalgamate, splice, interlink; blend, incorporate, fuse, hide, tuck in, Inf. bury, Inf. slip in.

intestinal, adj. enteric, Med. Obs. alvine, abdominal, ventral, Anat. celiac, splanchic, visceral, Sl. gut; colonic, duodenal, stomatich, gastric.

intestine, n. 1. Often intestines alimentary canal, bowel, bowels, colon, colons, (of swine) chitterlings, (of animals) entrails, small intestine, large intestine; viscera, body organs, internal organs, insides, inwards, Inf. innards, Inf. gizzard, Sl. guts; vital parts, vital organs, vitals.

2. domestic, civic, local; native, native-born, homebred, home-born, home-raised, homemade; internal, in-house, intramural, Latin.intra muros.

3. close association, deep understanding; knowledge, give to understand, insinuate, put a bug in Inf. buddy, pal; teammate, co-Eng. copemate, chum, crony, marrow; comrade, Obs. mastery, comprehension, grasp, handle, hold, prompt; jog one's memory, signal, Inf. psych, Inf. SI. worker, fellow worker, 5/. benchmate, benchie; 3. privacy, seclusion, isolation, solitude, retreat.

intimacy, n. 1. warmth, feeling, caring, affection, tenderness, endearment, fondness; love, amorousness, sexual intimacy, love-making; closeness, nearness, nearnesses and dearness, familiarity, confidentiality; amity, chumminess, friendliness, brotherliness, sisterliness; fast friendship, friendship, comradeship, fellowship, brotherhood, fraternity, fraternization.

2. close association, deep understanding; knowledge, mastery, comprehension, grasp, handle, hold, Sl. fix; acquaintance, conversance, personal knowledge, first-hand knowledge, experience.

3. privacy, seclusion, isolation, solitude, retreat.

intimate¹, adj. 1. close, dear, familiar, Scot. pack, confidential, bosom; clubby, chummy, hob-and-nob, hand and glove, Inf. thick, Inf. thick as thieves, Sl. buddy-buddy, Sl. palsy-walsy; friendly, neighborly, amicable, sociable; companionly, comradely, brotherly, fraternal.

2. warm, cozy, comfortable, Inf. comfy, snug, Fr. intime; small, numerically limited or restricted, tête-à-tête, person-to-person, face-to-face.

3. personal, private, privy, secret, confidential; own, exclusive, special, especial, peculiar.

4. sexual, carnal, fleshly; amorous, amatory, erotic, passionate; adulterous, fornicatory; unchaste, impure, immoral.

5. experiential, firsthand, immediate, direct, personal, first person.

6. detailed, deep, thorough, exacting, penetrating, incisive.

7. innermost, inmost, inner, internal, interior, inward; intrinsic, inherent, deep-seated.

—n. 8. confidant, Inf. bosom buddy, roommate, bunkmate, Sl. bunkie; lover, bedfellow, pillow partner, soul mate, familiar, Fr. intime.

9. close friend, Achates, sidekick, constant companion, shadow, alter ego, other self, Scot. and North Eng. marrow; comrade, Obs. copemate, chum, crony, Fr. copain, U.S. Inf. buddy, Inf. pal; teammate, co-worker, fellow worker, Sl. benchmate, Sl. benchie; colleague, confere, associate, consociate, compeer, peer, mate.

intimates, v. imply, suggest, infer, hint, drop a hint, Inf. give to understand, insinuate, Inf. put a bug in [s.o.'s] ear; clue, give an inkling of, Inf. tip off, cue, prompt; jog one's memory, signal, Inf. give a high

sign, wink; breathe, whisper; allude to, advert, refer, indicate.

intimately, adv. 1. warmly, affectionately, tenderly, lovingly, fondly; closely, dearly, familiarly, confidingly, fraternally, inseparably; personally, privately, confidentially, secretly, privily.

2. sexually, carnally; amorous, amatorially, erotically, passionately.

3. thoroughly, completely, fully, through and through, in detail; fundamentally, deeply, to the core.

intimation, n. implication, suggestion, hint, insinuation, inference, innuendo; inkling, clue, cue; allusion, reference, indication; whisper.

intimidate, v. 1. overawe, awe, cow, subdue, daunt; domineer, bully, bullyrag, browbeat, buffalo, push around; terrify, petrify, frighten, affright, scare; dismay, alarm, abash.

2. tyrannize, terrorize, threaten, coerce, compel, Inf. (often used jocularly) twist [s.o.'s] arm, bullydoze; extort, pressure, Inf. rough up, Inf. lean on, Inf. bear down on.

3. dishearten, deter, discourage, dispirit, Inf. psyg out, Inf. one-up.

intimidation, n. 1. intimidating, daunting, overriding; bullying, browbeating, threatening; tyranny, terrorism, reign of terror; coercion, pressure, Inf. arm-twisting; extortion, the badger game; mastery, one-upmanship.

2. fright, affright, terror, dread, fear, funk, abject funk; alarm, dismay, trepidation, flutter, tremor, disquietude.

into, prep. 1. Slang. interested in, involved in, steeped in, in tune with; knowledgeable about, versed in, at home with, familiar with, conversant with, Sl. up on; taken by, enamored of, infatuated with, Sl. turned on by.

2. be into Slang. like, Sl. dig, Sl. get off on; care about, identify with, relate to, sympathize with, empathize with.

intolerable, adj. 1. insufferable, unbearable, endurance, insupportable; impossible, more than flesh and blood can bear, not to be borne; enough, too much, enough to drive one mad, enough to try the patience of Job, all that one can stand; painful, excruciating, agonizing, afflictive; dreadful, narrowing, grim, grievous, torturous.

2. excessive, immoderate, beyond all bounds; unreasonable, disproportionate, undue, inordinate, uncalled-for, unwarranted, unneeded, needless, unnecessary; extreme, outrageous, preposterous, monstrous, rank, egregious.

intolerance, n. bigotry, discrimination, want of forbearance; narrow-mindedness, narrowness, illiberality; prejudice, partiality, bias, one-sidedness; dogmatism, fanaticism, opinionativeness, zealotry, chauvinism, jingoism, monomania.

intolerant, adj. 1. unfearing, unsympathetic, unindulgent, intolerating; inhospitable, inconsiderate, unfairly, disobliging; uncharitable, misanthropic, unindulgent, untolerating; inhospitable, inconsiderate, grievous, torturous.

intonation, n. 1. pitch pattern, intonation pattern or contour; speech pattern, manner of speaking, mode of expression; pitch, tone, frequency; timbre, tonality,
intoxicant, Archaic. adj. alcoholic, intoxicating, 1. inebriated, inebriate, inebrious, 1. intoxicate, Inf. v. 1. speak, utter, say, articulate, voice, give voice; pronounce, enunciate, mouth; accentuate; aspirate, whisper, murmur; emit, deliver. 2. chant, Obs. chant, cantillate; singsong, chime, drawl; sing, croon, carol; warble, lilt, trill; chirp, chirrup, twitter, pipe, whistle; hum. 3. intonate, modulate, inflect, vocalize, phonate.

intoxicant, adj. 1. alcoholic, intoxicating, Archaic. intoxicative, inebriant, inebriating, inebriative.

intoxicate, 2. exciting, breath-taking, thrilling, heady, stirring, intoxicate; drunk, Archaic, come, overpower, overwhelm, send one's head spinning, 4. drug, narcotic, SI. sundowner; the bottle, the opener; nightcap, SI. Inf. U.S. Inf. blue ruin; SI. hard stuff, 5/. likker, Inf. demon rum, SI. hooch, SI. sauce, SI. medicine; crock, crocked, cocked to piss, Brit. SI. bevyng.

intoxication, adj. 1. intractable, n. 1. disobedient, refractory, fractious, recalcitrant, rebelliousness, rebellion, insubordination, defiance, defiancy, rescusancy, uncompliableness, indomitability, indomitableness, unmanageability, ungovernability, ungovernableness, wildness, unruliness, rowdiness, rowdyishness, disorderliness; difficult, impossibility, impossibilities, incorrigibility, incorrigibleness, badness.

intoxication, adj. 1. indocile, submissive, uncompliant, intractable, uncooperative, uncomforming, nonconforming: stubborn, obstinate, obstinacy, perversion, pig-headedness, mulishness, obdurate, headstrong, willfulness, disorderliness; cross-grainedness, perverseness, perversity, contrariness, frowardness, resistance, opposition, restiveness, balking.

intoxication, n. 1. drunkenness, inebriety, inebriety, inebriation, intemperance, sottedness, besottedness, tipsiness; alcoholism, chronic alcoholism, dipsomania, habitual drunkenness, bibulousness, bibulosity, bibacity, bibaciousness, crapple, crappleyness, crappleiness, crapple,
intransigent, adj. 1. uncompromising, irrecog-nizable, implacable, unappeasable, inexorable; unrelenting, relentless, unmerciful, pitiless, hard-hearted, unfeeling; impervious, uninfluenced, unaffected, unmoved, un-persuaded, untouched. 2. unyielding, unbending, hard-line, strict, rigid, in-flexible, cast-iron, hard-and-fast; immovable, un-movable, unpersuadable, unalterable, unchangeable; firm, hard, hard as a rock, tough, hardened, hard-core, confirmed, inveterate, die-hard; stubborn, obsti-nate, pervicacious, pig-headed, mulish, obdurate, hard-headed, headstrong, willful, strong-willed; dog-ged, tenacious, persistent, insistent, pertinacious; determined, resolved, resolute, steadfast, hard-set.

intrepid, adj. 1. fearless, dauntless, unafraid, dread-less, aweless, Spartan, nery, St. gutsy, St. ballys, un-blemching, unblemished, undaunted, undismayed, un-appalled, unalarmed; bold, bold-spirited, high-spiri-ted, daring, daring, adventurous, audacious, rash, reckless; brave, courageous, valiant, valorous, heroic, hero-like, stout-hearted, lionhearted, iron-hearted, great-hearted; virile, manly, manful, gallant, chival-rous, chivalric, tall in the saddle. 2. firm, resolute, indomitable, unconquerable, invin-cible, staunch, stanch, steadfast, stalwart, Archaic. stalworth, doughty, sturdy, hardy; unflinching, un-shrinking, unyielding, unwavering, unva-riating, unaltering, unadulterated; met-tlesome, plucky, gritty, game, tough, spirited, red-blooded. Inf. spunky.

intrepidity, n. 1. fearlessness, dauntlessness, awe-lessness, dreadlessness, intrepidity; boldness, bold-spiritedness, high-spiritedness, daring, daring-do, au-daacity, audaciousness, temerity, rashness, recklessness; courage, bravery, valor, valorousness, valiancy, vali-nce, heroism, hero-like, stout-heartedness, lionheartedness, iron-heartedness, great-heartedness, high-heartedness; virility, manliness, manful-ness, manhood, gallantry, chivalry, chivalrousness. 2. fortitude, endurance, tenacity, determination, will, will power; firmness, resolution, resoluteness, in-domitable, indomitableness, invincible, invincibility, stanchness, staunchness, steadfastness, stalwartness, sang-froid, doughtiness, sturdiness, hardiness, hardihood, bulldog courage; mettle, pluck, pluckiness, spirit, backbone, gumption, blood, heart, nerve, grit, U.S. sand, Inf. starch, Inf. spunk, St. cojones, St. guts, St. moxie.

intricacy, n. intricateness, complexity, complexness, knottiness; perplexity, knot, puzzle, enigma, puzzle, riddle, conundrum; labyrinth, maze, anfractuosity, tortuosity; snarl, knot, Gordian knot, tangled web, web.

intricate, adj. 1. tangled, entangled, raveled, twisted, knotty, convoluted, involute, mazelike, labyrinthine; anfractuous, sinuous, tortuous; circuitous, round-about, winding, serpentine; jumbled up, chaotic; Byzantine, rococo, ornate. 2. complex, complicated, kaleidoscopic, daedal; perplexing, mystifying, puzzling, enigmatic; arduous, diffi-cult, thwarting, trying, tough, Inf. tough to figure, Inf. nasty; craved, obscure, unfathomable.

intrigue, v. 1. interest, attract, absorb, appeal to, fascinate, pull, draw, rivet one’s attention; stimulate, arouse, pique, stir, excite, tickle, titillate; beguile, divert, charm, captivate, carry away, seduce. 2. puzzle, baffle; worry, perturb, concern, disturb, bother. 3. finagle, wangle, contrive, machine, manipulate, finesse; scheme, plot, conspire, compplot, cabal; devise, hatch up, concoct, maneuver; frame, stoop to con-quer, get the better of, seize the opportunity. 4. have an affair, keep trysts, carry on, take a mistress; philander, play Lothario, St. swing, St. run or play or fool around, St. cheat. —n. 5. finagling, wangling, contriving; machina-tion, manipulation, Machiavellianism; plot, conspir-acy, compplot, cabal; scheme, maneuver, trickery, sub-terfuge, guile, craftiness; dirty trick, racket, duplicity, double-dealing, deception, dodge; stratagem, ruse, vile, cunning, artifice, expedient. 6. amour, liaison, affair; adultery, lascivious car-riage, lasciviousness, lewdness; cheating, Inf. hanky-panky; tryst, assignation.

intriguer, n. intrigant, finagler, wrangler, manipulator, machinator; plotter, schemer, Machiavelli, con- spirator; snake, snake in the grass, St. baddie, St. yutz, not nice person, trickster, someone who can’t be trusted as far as you can throw him or throw a piano; sly boots, St. cutie, St. sharpie, charmer, charm school graduate, seducer, fast shuffler, fast dealer.

intriguing, adj. 1. interesting, attractive, absorbing, appealing, fascinating; stimulating, arousing, stirring, exciting; beguiling, diverting, charming, captivating, seductive; engaging, inviting, winning. 2. sly, wily, devious, Machiavellian; crafty, tricky, cunning, foxy; subtle, St. slick, slippery; circuitous, tortuous, crooked, sinister; designing, cunning, de-ceptive.

intrinsic, adj. 1. indwelling, immanent, inherent, indigenous; inborn, innbred, innate, con-natural, natural, natural-born, native, ingenerate; congenital, hereditary, inherited, in the blood, in the family. 2. inveterate, rooted, deep-rooted, planted, implanted, fixed, infixed, ineradicable; permanent, inseparable, built-in; engrained, inwrought, enwrought, in the grain. 3. true, real, genuine, authentic, actual, honest; es-sential, basic, organic, radical, constitutional, funda-mental, substantial.

introduce, v. 1. (of persons) acquaint, get [s.o.] ac- quainted, make known to each other, bring together, put on speaking terms; present formally, make intro-duction. 2. present, announce, present to an audience, bring in; usher in, ring in, harbinger, herald. 3. originate, start, begin, inaugurate, launch, break ground; instigate, set in motion, take the first step toward, start the ball rolling on, bring into use; create, beget, engender, father, conceive of, give birth to, bring into being, coin; institute, pioneer, found, establish, actuate, set up. 4. propose, suggest, mention, broach, bring up, bring before the public, bring to [s.o.’s] attention, bring into notice; advocate, advance, promote, speak for or in favor of. 5. prefix, precede, prelude, premise, lead into, make introductory remarks or comments; open, commence, start off, begin, lead off; explain, give an explanation of, give an exposition on, give the background on, acquaint [s.o.] with the subject. 6. insert, interject, inject, interpose, interpolate, intercalate, put or place or set into, bring into; incorporate, interfuse, interweave, intertwine, interwind, interwork, in blend or fold in; insinuate, infuse, instill, implant, embed.

introduction, n. 1. acquaintance, acquaintedness, acquaintancehip; knowledge, familiarity, awareness. 2. presentation, announcement, heralding, harbinger. 3. foreword, preface, preamble, prelude, prologue, prolegomenon, proem, preliminary, prelim., Gk. pro-
introductory

logos, Inf. intro; opening, lead, commencement, beginning, start; exposition, explanation, explicitation, opening or introductory remarks or comments.

4. fundamentals, groundwork, rudiments, basics; elementary course, primer, basal text; survey, overview, insight, look, glimpse.

5. insertion, interjection, injection, interposition, intercalation; incorporation, interfusion, interspersed, interworking; insinuation, infusion, instillation, implantation, embedment.

introductory, adj. 1. prefatory, preludial, preludicial, preliminary, precursory, antecedent, preceding; leading, lead off or in; inauguratory, introductory, inaugural, beginning, initial, starting.

2. preparatory, explanatory, expostional, background; elementary, fundamental, basic, rudimentary; primary, first level, first grade, embryonic, incipient.

introspect, v. look into oneself, examine one’s mind or conscience, search one’s heart; consult one’s pillow; ponder, muse, meditate, contemplate; reflect, brood, ruminate, speculate, deliberate.


introspective, adj. reflecting, musing, pondering, ruminative, meditative, deliberative; contemplative, speculative, reflective, thoughtful; engrossed, lost in thought, rapt, absorbed, concentrating, abstracted; immersed or plunged in thought, occupied, preoccupied.

introvert, n. self-inspector, self-counselor, self-scrutinizer, self-observer; broader, muser, ponderer; shy person, bashful person, timid person, wallflower.

intrude, v. 1. obtrude, break in, interfere, intervene, intrude, interpose, insinuate; meddle, pry, Inf. snoop. Inf. kibitz, poke one’s nose into; busbody, have one’s finger in every pie, have one’s nose in every door; impose upon, interloot, thrust upon, force upon, foist upon; storm in, burst in, barge in, cut in, worm in, irrupt; discommode, inconvenience, intrude, impose upon, interlope, thrust upon, force upon.

2. encroach, infiltrate, invade, poach; infringe, impinge, encroach, overstep, transgress, trespass, overrun, overrun.

intruder, n. 1. meddler, intermeddler, interloper, interferer; busybody, Inf. snoop, pryer; back-seat driver, Inf. kibitzer, Sl. yenta, Sl. buttinsky, cuckoo.

2. invader, raider, attacker, aggressor, encroacher, infiltrator; squatter, poacher, trespasser, stowaway, gate-crasher, crasher, uninvited guest, unwelcome guest.

3. parvenu, upstart, newcomer, incomer, outsider.

intrusion, n. 1. obtrusion, interloping, meddling, intermeddling; imposition, interposition, interpositional, insinuation, interference, interruption.

2. encroachment, invasion, infringement, impingement, poaching; incursion, inroad, irruption, illapse, influx, ingress; overstepping, transgression, trespass, overrunning; aggression, attack, overture.

3. presumption, presumptuousness, obtrusiveness, meddlesomeness; officiousness, impertinence, forwardness.

intrusive, adj. 1. intruding, interruptive, obtrusive, invasive; irruptive, ingressive, incursive, incoming; interfering, meddling, meddlesome, inquisitive, Inf. nosy, Inf. sneepy, prying; distracting, disturbing, importantate.

2. annoying, bothersome, irksome, worrisome, troublesome, irritating, vexatious; officious, presumptuous, impertinent, forward, pushing.

intuit, v. 1. sense, feel, realize, discover, become aware of, know, feel in one’s bones, Inf. have a hunch, Inf. have a sneaking suspicion.

2. perceive, grasp, understand; see, comprehend, apprehend; ken, fathom, take in.

intuition, n. 1. discernment, perception, perspicacity, perspicacity, sagacity; apprehension, comprehension, understanding; grasp, mental hold.

2. insight, clairvoyance, divination; instinct, prompting, sixth sense; foreknowledge, precognition, prescience.

3. intimation, hint, clue; inkling, glimmer, glimmering, a feeling in one’s bones, Inf. hunch. Both pl. vibrations, Sl. vibes; qualm, suspicion, misgiving; boding, foreboding, forewarning, premonition, omen, augury, portent.

4. telepathy, extrasensory perception, ESP, clairvoyance, second sight.

intuitive, adj. 1. instinctive, involuntary, intuitionistic, unaught, unpremeditated, noninferential; impulsive, automatic, immediate, spontaneous, direct, on the spot; emotional, visceral, intestinal, Inf. seat-of-the-pants, Inf. played by ear; Sl. gut; inborn, inbred, innate, ingenereate; immanent, indwelling, inherent, inductive, intrinsic.

2. perceptive, insightful, clairvoyant, presentient, knowing; discerning, perceptive, discriminating.

intumesce, v. swell, tumefy, become tumid, Obs. inursate; distend, inflate, bloat, puff out, blow up, bubble up, dome; produde, bulge, bag, belly; fill out, fatten; expand, extend, spread, spread out, outspread, stretch, stretch out; enlarge, make larger, increase, grow, magnify, augment.

intumescent, adj. swelling, bloating, tumefaction, turgescence, turgidness, turgidity; distention, inflation, expansion, extension, spread; enlargement, increase, amplification, widening, thickening, broadening, dilution, dilatation.

2. protuberance, protrusion, projection, growth, bulge, ex crescence, tumor, tuberosity.

inundate, v. 1. flood, overflow, deluge, over run, pour over; submerge, drown, cover, engulf, bury; drench, saturate, soak; surge, swell, stream forth, pour forth, disembogue, debouch.

2. over, overwhelm, overpower, overspread, overburden, sate, glut, choke, fill [s.o.] up to his ears; bog down, mire down, swamp.

inundation, n. 1. flood, deluge, flash flood, alluviation, freshet, Brit. spate; overflow, spillover, torrent, cataact; tidal wave, high tides, roller, breaker, tsunami; cloudburst, downpour, drenching rain; gullywasher, Inf. gullywhumper, monsoon.

2. outpouring, overflowing, flow, stream, tide, flush, wave, cascade; plenteousness, Obs. galore, profusion; overabundance, superabundance, plethora, excess, nimiety; superfluity, surplus, Sl. enough to choke a horse; All Inf. tons, barrels, heaps.

inurbane, adj. indelicate, uncourteously, ungal lant, indelicate, ungracious, ungenteel, unladylike; ill-bred, ill-mannered, bad-mannered, unmannered, rude, ill-bred, ill-mannered, uncourteous, discourteous, disrespectful, misbehaved; brazen, bold, boheydenly, Scot. randy; brazen, barefaced, insolent, impudent, insulting,
inurbanity, n. incivility, unmanners, bad manners, rudeness, impoliteness, uncerveneousness, discourtesy, discourteousness, disrespectfulness, misbehavior; indelicacy, uncourtliness, ungraciousness, ungentlemanliness, unladyliness, roughness, crudeness, bumptiousness, coarseness, vulgarity, coarseness, tactlessness, brashness, boldness, brazeness, barefacedness; insolence, impudence, impertinence, pertness, sauciness, freshness.
inure, v. harden, indurate, toughen, season, temper, anneal; accustomed, familiarize, make used to; habituate, naturalize; adapt, acclimate, acclimatize, get used to.
inurn, v. bury, inter, inhume, sepulcher, lay away.
inutile, adj. 1. useless, of no use, of no service; useless, of no use, of no service; valueless, worthless, meritless, good-for-nothing, not worth a straw; futile, purposeless, idle, vain, inane; to no purpose, to no avail, for naught; fruitless, unproductive, profligate, unprofitable, gainless.
inutility, n. uselessness, inefficacy, ineffectuality, inefficaciousness, inefficacy, fruitlessness; pouring water into a sieve, carrying coals to Newcastle, casting pearls before swine, beating the air, kicking against the pricks, baying the moon; futility, inanity, purposelessness; valuelessness, worthlessness, meritlessness.
inurbanity, n. invasiveness, invasiveness, invasiveness, invasiveness, invasiveness, invasiveness, invasiveness.
invasion, v. invade, inveterate, invade, invade, invade, invade, invade.
invalid, adj. 1. indefensible, unjustified, unjustifiable, unsustainable, unwarantable, unwarranted, unsubstantiated, untenable, unfounded, ill-founded, unproved, unscientific, groundless, baseless; illogical, irrelevant, unreasonable, irrational, incoherent, absurd, preposterous; fabricated, invented, trumped-up, far-fetched; faulty, false, fallacious, untrue, spurious, wrong, incorrect, erroneous, defective, imperfect, unsound, impaired; unsatisfactory, unacceptable, inadequate, insufficient, deficient, inappropriate, unsuited; inconsistent, incongruous, inconsequent, contradictory; changed, altered, distorted, corrupt.
2. weak, inefficacious, inefficacious, powerless, impotent, vulnerable, unconvincing, lame, vague, flimsy, vain, idle, futile, unavailing, useless, nugatory, worthless, good-for-nothing; insipid, uninteresting, pointless, vapid; diluted, watered, attenuated; wishy-washy, namby-pamby, milk-and-water, wavering, vacillating, hesitant, indecisive.
3. legally invalid, legally unenforceable, not binding, nonenforceable, non-appealing; null, void, null and void, annulled, nullified; set aside, quashed, vitiated, vacated, disenacted, disestablished; cancelled, discharged; repealed, revoked, rescinded, abolished, reversed, abrogated; renounced, repudiated, disclaimed, disavowed.
invalid, v. disprove, refute, disprove, refute, disprove, refute, disprove; invalidation, disproof, disproving, disproof, disproof, disproof, disproof.
invalidation, n. refutation, disproving, disproof, refutation, rebuttal; disputation, denial, opposition; contradiction, negation; overturn, overthrow, subversion; expose, reprove, unmask; discredit, disparage, demean, debase; discredit, discredit, disprove, disprove; disprove; disprove; disprove; disprove.
3. void, void, declare null and void, render null and void, nullify, disannul, annul; quash, vitiate, vacate, disestablish; cancel, discharge; set aside, supersede; cease, Law; nol-pros, stop, discontinue, break off; countermand, counterorder, override, overrule; veto, negate.
4. revoke, rescind, abrogate, reverse, repeal, Rare, disenact, abolish, re-tract, withdraw, take back, undo, unmake, recall; renounce, relinquish, repudiate, abjure, forswear, abnegate; disavow, disclaim, disown, deny; unsay, go back on one's word, eat one's words, back-pedal, reneg.
5. terminate, dissolve, put an end to, bring to an end, do away with; discard, dismiss, get rid of, cast aside, throw out.
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invalidism, n. 1. sickness, infirmity, illness, valutudinarism, invalidity; weakening, weakness, feebleness, enfeeblement, frailty, frailness, helplessness; debilitation, debility, devitalization, decrepitude; exhaustion, prostration; disease, morbidity.

2. indisposition, confinement, hospitalization, disablement, incapacitation; retirement, supernannuation; senescence, dosage, senility, decrepitude.

invalidity, n. 1. unenableness, inconclusiveness, unscientificness; illogicalness, illogicality, irrelevance, unreasonableableness, senselessness, irrationality, incoherence; absurdity; falseness, falsity, fallacy, fallaciousness, erroneousness; speciousness, sophism, Logic.

2. weakness, weak point, ineffectualness, inefficacy; powerlessness, impotence, vulnerability; unconvincingness, lameness, vagueness, obscurity, futileness; uselessness, nugacity, worthlessness; insipidity, pointlessness, vapidity; attenuation, dilution, indecisiveness, hesitancy, vacillation.

3. voidness, nullity, emptiness, invalidation. See invalidation (defs. 3-5).

invaluable, adj. 1. precious, valuable, incalculably valuable, inestimably valuable, priceless, beyond price; dear, expensive, penny, high, high-priced, Inf. worth a pretty penny, Inf. worth its weight in gold, Inf. worth a king's ransom.

2. excellent, superexcellent, superlative, Inf. super; rare, golden, unusual, exceptional, extraordinary, unparalleled, unequalled, inimitable, matchless, peerless, unique, one of a kind; exquisite, superfine, capital, Inf. first-class, first-rate, Inf. top-drawer.

3. useful, very useful, nonexpendable, essential, requisite, required, needful, imperative, indispensable.

invariable, adj. 1. unchangeable, changeless, unchanging, constant, static, fixed, firm, fast, solid, steady, stable; permanent, abiding, enduring; immutable, unalterable, unmodifiable, untransformable, nonconvertible, incommutable, irreversible.

2. invariant, unvarying, unvaried; uniform, regular, always the same, unbroken, all of a piece, homogeneous; even, symmetrical, smooth, level; stereotypical, clichéd, undeviating, monotonous, dreary; systematic, methodical, reliable, dependable, unvacillating, uncircumsitiduous, unfluctuating, unwavering, certain, sure.

3. recurrent, repeated, frequent, habitual; unremitting, relentless, persistent, perpetual, endless, never-ending, interminable, Sisyphian, ceaseless, incessant, unceasing.

invariability, n. 1. unchangeability, unchangeableness, unchangingness, changelessness, immutability; firmness, fastness, fixedness, solidity, steadiness, stability, permanence, permanency, incorruptibility, irreversibility; constancy, reliability, dependability, regularity, certainty, indubitability; incontrovertibility, incontestability, irrefutability.

2. frequency, habit, habitualness; persistence, relentless, relentless, interminableness, inminableness, ceaselessness, incession, monotony, routine; uniformity, sameness, regularity, symmetry, symmetricalness; smoothness, levelness, evenness.

invariably, adv. 1. always, every time, at all times, on every occasion, without exception; constantly, regularly, repeatedly; continually, incessantly, uninteruptedly; day in, day out; inevitably, unfailingly, inevitably, surely, certainly.

2. perpetually, everlastinglly, endlessly, unceasingly, ceaselessly, interminably.

invasion, n. 1. hostile ingress, frontier violation, irruption, aggression, attack, foray, assault, assailment, raid, drive, offensive, blitzkrieg.

2. incursion, intrusion, infiltration, infringement, inroad, encroachment; violation, transgression, infraction, breach, trespass.

invasive, adj. 1. invading, irruptive, offensive, attacking, incursive, besetting.

2. intrusive, intruding, interfering, interposing, obtrusive, Inf. pushy; interruptive, intervening, interloping, encroaching, insinuative; prying, Inf. nosy, disreputable, meddling, overly curious, supercurious.

infective, n. 1. diatribe, tirade, philippic, denunciation; disparagement, discrediting, depreciation, depreciation, insinuation, belittlement, ridicule, malapropism, fulmination, fulmination, contumely, berating, upbraiding, scolding, tongue-lashing; castigation, chastisement, reprimand, admonition, rebuke, reproval, slap in the face, Inf. rap on the knuckles.

2. vituperation, railing, assailing, reviling, belaboring; curse, execration, impugnation, malediction, anathematization; condemnation, censure, accusation, charge, blame, inculpation, incrimination, crimination, implication, Obs., Rare. accostus, impeachment, indictment.

3. ribaldry, sordidness, bilgingness, profanity, abuse, Archaic. badwry; obscenity, vulgarity, vulgarity, sordidness, obsceneness, obscenity, lewdness, cursing, swearsword, swearword, oath, dirty word, four-letter word, U.S. Inf. cuss; vilification, impugnation, traducement, aspersion, calumination, calumnies, obloquy, slur, defamation, denigration, slander, libel.

—inj. 4. vituperative, dammatory, execratory, animadversional; denunciatory, denunciative, disparaging, depreciatory, deprecating, depreciatory, depreciating, derogatory, derogative, belittling; fulminatory, objurgatory, objurgative, contumelious.

5. abusive, insulting, affronting, offensive, injurious; calumnious, calumnious, aspersive, slurring, maligning, defamation, denigrating, slanderous, libelous.

injig, v. 1. protest, remonstrate, complain about, object to, decry, denounce, censure, criticize, disparage; depreciate, deprecate, discredit, belittle, minimize, run or put down, Inf. knock.

2. rail against, vituperate, revile, oppugn, assail, attack, abuse, belabor, lash, Inf. sail into, Inf. jump down [s.o.'s] throat, Archaic. clapperclaw; scold, rate, slate, harangue, rant, tongue-lash, curse, execrate, impecrete, anathematize, upbraid, objurgate, excurgiate, lambaste, clay, fulminate against, Inf. spout off at; berate, castigate, chastise, reproach, rebuke, reprove, Inf. dress down, Sl. strafe; vilify, traduce, asperse, calumniate, impugn, slur, malign, defame, denigrate, slander, libel, backbite, bespatter.

injiggle. v. 1. Usu. invent into ensnare, emmense, entangle, catch, Sl. rope in, Sl. suck in, bamboozle, delude; persuade, talk into, convince, induce, move; entice, lure, allure, decoy, tempt, beguile, seduce, tantalize, pique, Archaic. trepan; wheedle, cajole, Inf. sweet-talk, coax, blandish, Sl. soft-soap, flatter.

2. Usu. inveigle from or away win, obtain, acquire, procure, get, get one's hands on, secure.

injigler, n. tempter, beguiler, seducer, persuader; bamboozler, swindler, deluder; wheedler, cajoler, coaxer, blandisher.

invent, v. 1. originate, discover, create, compose, excogitate; think up, Sl. dope out, hit upon; devise, contrive, work up, work out, plan, plan out; design, draft, frame, coin, mint, shape, form, construct, fashion; patent, license, register.
invention

n. 1. origin, creation, composition, discovery; fabrication, conception, construction, production; device, contrivance, instrument, mechanism, contraption, gadget, Inf. thingumajig, Inf. thingamabob; expedient, step, measure, maneuver, stratagem, deviseal, excogitation, plan, design, formulation; bright idea, coup, master stroke, Inf. trump card.

2. imagination, creativity, artistry, originality, ingenuity, resourcefulness, inventiveness; inspiration; verge, genius, cleverness, adeptness, adroitness, skillfulness.

3. fantasy, daydream, reverie, vision, illusion; whim, romanticism, romance, myth, ideality.

4. figment, fiction, fable, yarn, tall tale or story, fish story, cock-and-bull story, Inf. song and dance; falsehood; lie, fib, untruth, prevarication, mendacity, untruthfulness; forgery, fake, counterfeit, shams, falsification, minting, coinage.

inventive, adj. 1. creative, imaginative, origina- tory, visionary, inspired; conceiving, devising, contriving, composing, shaping, making; talented, artistic, endowed, gifted; original, fanciful, ingenious, resourceful; clever, quick, sharp, able, adept, adroit; skilled, skillful, deft, expert.

2. imaginary, fictitious, fictive, invented; fancied, dreamed up, illusory.

inventor, n. creator, author, originator, coiner, generator, initiator, prime mover, father; contriver, de viser, planner; discoverer, framor, maker, designer; builder, organizer, establisher, institutor; artist, craftsman, architect, producer.

inventory, n. 1. list, listing, tally, enumeration, numeration, census, poll, statistics; table, index, portfolio, directory, ledger, calendar, schedule; roster, register, account, description, record, rota, roll, statement; slate, bill, menu, sheet, score, price list, check-list.

2. stock, goods, items, merchandise, wares, store, produce, provisions, dry goods; assets, effects, commodities, assortment, contents, ingredients.

inveracity, n. 1. untruthfulness, mendacity, falsehood, fallaciousness, dissembling; deception, deceitfulness, insincerity, dissimulation, duplicity, equivocation.

2. untruth, falsehood, lie, fib, prevarication; fabrication, fiction, invention, deceit.

inversion, n. 1. reversal, transposition, transposal, reversion, turning back, retroflexion; retroversion, palindromy, Rare] ananymous, anastrophe, hyperbaton, hypallage, hysteror erson, chiasmus.
invidious, adj. 1. antagonistic, inimical, hostile.
2. ingrained, implanted, deep-seated, deep-rooted; die-hard, dyed-in-the-wool.

invigorant, adj. 1. invigorating, bracing, tonic, cordial, stimulant.
2. stimulating, animating, enlivening.

inveterate, adj. 1. unconquerable, invulnerable, impermeable, invincible, indestructible, unassailable, unattackable, insurmountable.
2. invested, vested, endowment, empowerment, enablement. See inveterate (def. 1).

invicta, adj. 1. inalienable, inviolate, untouchable; sacred, sacrosanct, holy.
2. invulnerable, impregnable, impenetrable, invincible, indomitable, unconquerable; unassailable, unattackable, insurmountable.

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2. invulnerable, impregnable, impenetrable, invincible, indomitable, unconquerable; unassailable, unattackable, insurmountable.
3. incorruptible, uncorrupt, honest, upstanding, righteous, virtuous; faithful, loyal, constant, steadfast, true, true-blue; reliable, dependable, trustworthy, Inf. trusty, tried and true, as good as one's word.

inviolability, n. 1. inviolability, invulnerability, indisputability, indistinguishability, unseeability.
2. invulnerability, imperviousness, unapparentness; inappreciability, impalpability, imponderability, intangibility.
3. incorruptibility, uncorruptness, honesty, uprightness; integrity, trust, trustworthiness, Inf. trusty, tried and true, as good as one's word.

inviting, adj. 1. inviting, tempting, tantalizing, appetizing.
2. attractive, magnetic, appealing, nice, charming, winsome, winning, engaging; fascinating, enchanting, entrancing, bewitching, captivating, enrapturing, ravishing, irresistible.
3. favorable, propitious, promising, bright, good,
invocation, n. entreaty, adjuration, imperitiation, imploration, imploringness, solicitation, soliciting; request, prayer, praying, orison, plea, pleading, intercession; supplication, beseechment, beseeching, obtestation, obscuration; petition, petitioning, suit, appeal; calling upon, summoning, summons; conjuration, evocation, calling up by incantation.

invoice, n. 1. itemization, particularization, description; detailing; list; inventory, enumeration, numera-

involve, v. 1. call for, pray for, request; supplicate, implore, entreat, adjure, obtest; solicit, beseech, obsercate, imprecate, impetrate; beg, importune, cry for, beg a boon.

involuntary, adj. 1. independent, automatic, spontaneous, uncontrolled, reflex, mechanical, conditioned.

involvement, n. 1. involvement, entanglement, tanglement, convolution; enmeshment, embarrassment, circumscription.

involuntary, adj. 2. unconscious, instinctive, impulsive, subliminal, Sl. gut; unthinking, unwitting, blind; unintentional, unde-}

invocable, adj. uninvincible, unconquerable, impregnable, impregnables, inpenetrable, inpenetra-

invulnerable, adj. invulnerable, indestructible, indestruct-}

irascible, adj. irascible, irritable, touchy, thin-skinned, testy, temperamental, peremptory, peremptory, per-

irascibility, n. testiness, touchiness, thin-skinnedness, irritability, edginess, hastiness, short fuse; chol-

irascible, adj. testy, touchy, thin-skinned, irritable,
edgy, Sl. upright, hasty; choleric, peppy, quick-tempered, short-tempered, Inf. short-fused, Inf. trigger-happy; cross, surly, churlish, snappy, snappish, waspish, petulant, peevish, huffy, huffish, capitious, furious, rare; cranky, grouchly, crabbed, crabby, gruff, sour, moody, crotchety; splenetic, spleenful, bilious, dyspeptic, ill-tempered, Australian. crook, bad-tempered, ill-natured, ill-humored; cantankerous, querulous, quarrelsome, contentious; angry, belligerent, up in arms, pugnacious, bellicose; volatile, volanic, explosive, hot-tempered, hot-headed, fiery, inflammable.

irate. adj. 1. wrathful, wroth, very angry, irreful, incensed; enraged, raging, fuming, infuriated, Rare, infuriate, furious; inflamed, flaming, flaring, flared up, heated, red-hot, white-hot; distraught, overwrought, upset, Feverish, hysterical, not rational; violent, unrestrained, uncontrollable; ranting, raving, storming, foaming at the mouth, rabid, fanatical, frenzied; frantic, crazed, Pathol. delirious, mad, Inf. wild, out of one’s mind, beside oneself.

2. peeved, annoyed, vexed, irritated; piqued, chafed, galled, riled, nettled, Inf. fit to be tied; offended, affronted, displeased, indignant; worked up, stirred up, kindled, enkindled; passionate, impassioned, impassionate, overexcited.

3. irritable, surly, peevish; testy, choleric, touchy, huffy, peppy; splenetic, spleenful, bilious, cranky, ill-tempered, bad-tempered; irascible, quick-tempered, short-tempered, Inf. short-fused; quarrelsome, contentious, belligerent, pugnacious, bellicose; volatile, volanic, explosive, hot-tempered, hot-headed, fiery, inflammable.

ire, n. 1. anger, dudgeon, high dudgeon, Scot. birse, Inf. Irish, Inf. dander, wrath, passion, hot blood, hot temper, vials of wrath; rage, fury.

2. choler, bile, spleen, gall, ill or bad humor, ill or bad temper, ill or bad feeling; embitterment, bitterness, resentment, bitter resentment, exacerbation, hard feelings; enmity, animosity, ill will, bad blood; virulence, acrimony, acerbity.

3. exasperation, irritation, annoyance, vexation, Inf. aggravation; displeasure, dissatisfaction, discontentment, disapproval, disapprobation.

ireful. adj. 1. wrathful, enraged, furious, infuriated, Rare. infuriate, maddened; angry, irate; irritated, annoyed, vexed, peeved, Inf. aggravated; exasperated, fed up.

2. irritable, irascible, petulant, short-tempered, ill-tempered, bad-tempered; testy, edgy, touchy, grouchy, peevish, crabby; snappish, bearish, currish; surly, tempred, bad-tempered; testy, edgy, touchy, grouchy, crabby, huffy, huffish, captious, fractious, rare; cranky, grouchly, crabbed, crabby, gruff, sour, moody, crotchety; splenetic, spleenful, bilious, dyspeptic, ill-tempered, Australian. crook, bad-tempered, ill-natured, ill-humored; cantankerous, querulous, quarrelsome, contentious; angry, belligerent, up in arms, pugnacious, bellicose; volatile, volanic, explosive, hot-tempered, hot-headed, fiery, inflammable.

iron, n. 1. pig iron, cast iron, wrought iron, steel.

2. flatiron, electric iron, steam iron, sadiron, mangle.

3. irons fetters, chains, shackles, gyves, bilboes, trammels; bonds, pinions; manacles, handcuffs, cuffs, Sl. bracelets, Brit. Sl. darbies; hampers, clog, governor, restraint, constraint.

—adj. 4. ironlike, ferrous, ferruginous, Chem. feric, chalybeate.

5. stern, harsh, severe, unfeeling, cruel; stark, grim, inexorable; ironclad, rigid, unbending, inflexible, adamant, obdurate, stubborn, obstinate, tenacious.

6. hard, firm, unyielding, resolved, determined, decided; indomitable, invincible, powerful; heroic, stalwart, mighty, strong, vigorous, robust, Literary. puissant; stout, hearty, sturdy.


8. iron out straighten out, solve, resolve; finalize, perfect, get rid of the wrinkles or bugs; reconcile, harmonize, smooth over.

ironic, adj. 1. figurative, nonliteral, double-edged; contradictory, paradoxical, irreconcilable, incongruous, jarring; unexpected, unforeseen, unanticipated, surprising; serendipitous, happenstential, coincidental; bewildering, puzzling, mysterious, irrational, unexplainable.

2. mocking, ridiculing, derisive, derisory, scornful, sardonic, Rabelaisian, ironical; cynical, satirical, burlesque; contemptuous, contumelious, disparaging, sneering, disdainful, supercilious, haughty, arrogant; taunting, teasing, chaffing, quizzical, gibing, jeering, scoffing; critical, captious, carping, censorious, fault-finding.

3. caustic, sarcastic, mordant, mordacious, acrimonious, bitter, acid, acidulous, acid, pungent; trenchant, cutting, incisive, slashing, scathing; keen, pointed, sharp, sharp-tongued; penetrating, piercing, stinging, prickling, nipping, biting; spiteful, virulent, malicious, malignant, venomous, vicious, malevolent, malignant; insulting, excoriating, denouncing, berating, abusive, scurrilous, offensive, vituperative.
ironworks, n. smithy, smithery, forrier, forge, stithy, blacksmith’s workshop, foundry.

irony, n. 1. incongruity, incongruousness, absurdity, illogicality; contrariety, contradiction, paradox, enigma; double entendre, *Rhet.* enantiom. 2. derision, ridicule, sarcasm, scorn, mockery, cynicism, *Rhet.* asteism; satire, lampoon, burlesque, parody, travesty, farce, perisflage; skit, squib, caricature, mimicry; taunt, fleer, gibes, jeer, flout, scoff, sneer, wipe, quip, nip; railly, banter, badinage, chaff.

3. contempt, disparagement, disdain, superciliousness; criticism, censure, hit, fling. *Inf.* flak, rub, dig; acrimony, acrimoniousness, causticity, asperity, mordancy, acridity, acridty, pungency, venomousness, venom.

irradiate, v. 1. illuminate, light up, light, brighten; illumine, *Archaic.* illust; cast light upon, shine, beam; shimmer, sparkle, scintillate, glitter, gleam, coruscate; make resplendent or illustrious.

2. enlighten, inform, make aware, give insight to; open the eyes of; instruct, teach, indoctrinate, educate, guide; communicate, initiate, introduce, edify, inculcate; tutor, nurture, prepare, prime, counsel, advise; stimulate, inspire, animate, exalt, elevate; instill, impart, light the torch.

3. treat with radiation, x-ray, expose.

irradiation, n. 1. illumination, brightness, brilliance, brilliancy, splendor, refugence, luminousness; radiation, luminescence, phosphorescence, luminosity; glow, shimmer, coruscation.

2. enlightenment, advancement, edification, perception, insight, elucidation, refinement.

3. beam, ray, infrared ultraviolet rays, radiance, radiant heat; x-ray treatment.

irrational, adj. 1. illogical, meaningless, preposterous, extravagant, unreasonable; incredible, inconceivable, unimaginable, unthinkable; invalid, unsound, irrationality; madness, wildness, daftness, 5/. kookiness; peculiar, unusual, anomalous, Inf. wild, insane, demented, daft, Inf. kooky, Sl. wacky, Sl. cuckoo; peculiar, unusual, anomalous, strange, odd; empty-headed, harebrained, unintelligent, dull-witted, Inf. dumb; vacuous, muddled, muddled-headed, addledbrained, half-witted, senseless, confused, bumbled; addlepated, brainless; funny, laughable, risible, derisable, humorous, droll, comical, farcical.

irrationality, n. 1. illogic, illogicality, meaninglessness, extravagance, preposterousness; incredibleness, inconceivableness, unimaginableness, unbelievableness, implausibility, untenableness, questionableness.

2. lack of judgment, stupidity, brainlessness, unsoundness, injudiciousness; incoherence, aberrancy, oddness, lunacy, craziness, insanity, *Psychiatry.* dementia.

3. absurdity, ridiculousness, ridiculousness, silliness, foolishness, folly, childishness, tomfoolery, absurdness; ludicrousness, nonsensical, senselessness; amphi- gory, bosh, poppycock, drivel, gibberish, balderdash, fiddle-faddle; babble, twaddle, prattle; pointlessness, inanity, fatuity, fatuousness; asininity, idiocy, imbecility; madness, wildness, daftness, Sl. kookiness; peculiarity, unusualness, strangeness; empty-headedness, unintelligence, Inf. dumbness, dullness; humor, hilarity, hysteric.

irreclaimable, adj. unreclaimable, irredeemable, unredemptable, irreformable, unformative, incorrigible, reprobate, beyond or past help; irrecoverable, unregainable, unrecoverable, irretrievable, unsalvageable, unsalvageable, lost; incurable, immedicable, unmedicable, incurable, cureless, terminal, unredeemed, irremediable, remediless; unrestorable, irrepairable, unfixable, uncorrectable, unrectifiable; irreversible, indefeasible, irreversible, irrevocable, unrevocable, unrepeatable; hopeless, beyond or past hope, a lost cause.

irreconcilable, adj. 1. irresolvable, unsolvable, irresolvable, unfixable, irreparable, unadjustable.

2. incompatible, unsuitable, ill-suited, mismatched; incongruous, discordant, at odds or variance, conflicting, opposite, opposing, contrary, clashing.

3. implacable, inexorable, intransigent, uncompromising, unyielding, unbending; hardline, strict, rigid, inflexible, cast-iron, hard-and-fast.

irrecoverable, adj. unrecoverable, unregainable, irretrievable, irrevocable, unreclaimable, irredeemable, unredemptable, lost; unrestorable, irreparable, unfixable, uncorrectable, unrectifiable. See irreclaimable.

irredeemable, adj. 1. unredeemable, unreclaimable, uncorrectable. See irreclaimable.

2. incontrovertible, uncontrovertible, indisputable, undisputable, uncontestable, undeniable, unquestionable.

irreducible, adj. 1. not reducible, rock-bottom.

2. unchangeable, immutable, incommutable, unalterable, intransmutable.

irrefutable, adj. 1. incontrovertible, incontestable, indisputable, irredeemable, unquestionable, beyond question, admitting no question or doubt, indubitable, beyond a shadow of a doubt, apodictic; conclusive, decisive, definite, definitive, solid, fixed, final; impregnable, invincible, unassailable, incontestable, undefeatable, unbeatable; certain, sure, Inf. for-sure, absolute, positive.

2. evident, manifest, apparent, obvious, patent, palpable, express; clear, clear-cut, plain, plain as day, plain as the nose on your face, *Fr.* en évidence; proven, demonstrated.

irregular, adj. 1. asymmetric, unsymmetrical, unequal; uneven, unlevel, rough, jagged, rugged, craggy, broken, hilly, knotty; lumpy, bumpy; pitted, holey; crooked, circuitous, roundabout, tortuous, devious, twisting, turning, curving, bending, swerving.

2. unmethodical, immethodical, methodless, inconsistent, desultory, unsystematic, systemless, unparliamentary, inconstant, erratic, eccentric, capricious, orderless, variable, changeable, mutable; rambling, wandering, straying, roving; disarranged, disordered, confused, unsettled; spasmodic, fitful, uncertain, aperiodic, unpunctual, disconnected, stop-and-go, come and go.

3. unusual, exceptional, unusual, uncommon, unorthodox, unconventional.

4. lawless, unruly, disorderly, wild, turbulent; improper, indecent, immoral, licentious, lascivious, lewd, promiscuous, lax, Inf. loose; wanton, depraved, degenerate, dissolve, dissipated; inordinate, intemperate, excessive, extravagant.

5. flawed, marked, imperfect, blemished, spotted, smudged, soiled, damaged, torn.

6. Military. (all of troops) guerrilla, partisan, underground, resistance.
irregularity, n. 1. asymmetry, lack of symmetry, unequality, unevenness, roughness, jagginess, ruggedness, cragginess; lumpiness, bunchedness, humpiness, crookedness, circuitousness, circuity, roundaboutness, tortuousness, deviousness.
2. methodicalness, immethodicalness, methodlessness, inconsistency, desultoriness, unsystematicalness, systemlessness, inconstancy, erraticism, eccentricity, capriciousness, caprice, orderlessness, variability, variation, changeableness, changeability, fickleness, mutability, mutableness; disorderliness, confusion, disarrangement, unsettledness; spasmodicalness, fitfulness, uncertainty, unpunctuality, disconnectedness.
3. oddness, strangeness, queerness, curiosity, bizarreness, freakishness; singularity, singularity, exceptionality, unusualness, uncommonness, uncommonality, unconventionalness.
4. anomaly, aberration, perversion, Rare: anomalism; abnormality, abnormality, monster, monstrosity, mutant, freak, heteroclite, malformation, miscreation, abortion, deformity; oddity, peculiarity, curiosity, rarity.
5. deviation, aberrance, divergence, digression; lacklessness, unruliness, disorderliness, wildness, turbulence, impropriety, indecency, immorality, licentiousness, lasciviousness, lewdness, promiscuity, promiscuousness, Inf.: looseness, laxity; wantonness, depravity, degeneracy, dissolution, dissipation; irregularity, intemperance, excessiveness, extravaganza.
irregularly, adv. 1. intermittently, periodically, off and on, hot and cold, by turns, at intervals, at irregular intervals.
2. methodically, methodlessly, unsystematically, systemlessly, desultorily, erratically; fitfully, spasmodically, unevenly, jerkily, uncertainly, disconnectedly, aperiodically, unpunctually, by fits and starts, by jerks, by snatches.
irrelevant, adj. inapposite, nongermane, impertinent, inapplicable, inmaterial, foreign, alien, unrelated, unintended, extraneous, gratuitous, unessential, insignificant; beside the point, neither here nor there, beside the question, beside the mark, nothing to do with it, Inf. off base, not to the point, Inf. off the beam, Inf. off the wall; unwarranted, out of place, un-called-for, inappropriate, malapropos; inconsistent, illogical, inconsistent, self-contradictory, incongruous.
irreligion, n. 1. atheism, godlessness, ungodliness, irreligion, n. intermittently, periodically, off intervals.
irremediable, adj. remediless, incurable, cureless, past cure; beyond hope, hopeless, unamenable, immitigable, beyond redress or relief, over-the-hill; incorrigible, irreformable, irredeemable; ruined, irreparable, undone. See irremissible.
irremissible, adj. unpardonable, inexpiable, inatoneable, unforgivable, irredeemable; inexcusable, reprehensible.
irreparable, adj. ruined, irreclaimable, irreversible, irrevocable, unchangeable; past mending, beyond recall, irrevocable, irrecoverable; ready to go, ready for the ride, done for, on its last legs, at the end of the line, gone, gone-gone-and-doubly-gone, finished.
irreplaceable, adj. 1. unique, rare, one of a kind, one and only; priceless, valuable, invaluable, inestimable, precious, worth its weight in gold.
2. indispensable, unexpendable, vital, essential; necessary, requisite, needed, unforgoable.
irrepressible, adj. 1. unrestrainable, uncontrollable, insuppressible, ungovernable, unmanageable, intractable; unconstrained, unrestrained, free, unabridged, unbound, loose; uninhibited, unsuppressed, unreserved, unchecked.
2. cheerful, lively, ebullient, effervescent, spirited, buoyant; animated, alive, vivacious, sprightly, spry, alacritous.
irresistible, adj. 1. unconquerable, invincible, in domitable; unquenchable, irreplaceable, insuppressible; overpowering, overwhelming, overwhelming, irresistible, knockdown; strong, powerful, mighty, puissant, potent; compelling, forceful, forcible, urgent, emphatic, imperative.
2. unavoidable, inevitable, ineluctable, inescapable, unpreventable; inexorable, unstoppable, relentless, remorseless, inflexible, certain, sure.
3. tempting, tantalizing, enticing, seductive, alluring, inviting; intriguing, captivating, charming, fascinating.
4. lovely, adorable, endearing, enchanting; cute, lovely, huggable, squeezeable, cuddly, cuddlesome, kissable.
irresolute, adj. 1. doubtful, dubious, uncertain, shifting, unreliable; undecided, indecisive, undetermined, unresolved, wishy-washy, hesitant,ickle, Sl. candy-assed; infirm, vacillating, wavering, faltering, oscillating, shuffling, flickering, fitful, alternating; inconstant, unstable, double-minded, of two minds, inconsistent, changeable, variable; half-hearted, indiferent, lukewarm, passive, apathetic, lackadaisical; unsteadfast, unsteady, unsevering, unsteady.
2. squeamish, cowardly, fainthearted, yellow, pusillanimous; weak, frail, feeble, faint; spineless, weak-
irresolution

**irresolution, n. 1.** involution, vacillation, indecision, decisiveness, uncertainty, doubt, dubiety; hesitancy, hesitance, hesitation, changability, irresoluteness, fickleness, faintheartedness, indecision, instability, variability, unrestedness, unsteadfastness; half-heartedness, indeterminacy, lukewarmness, lackadaisicalness, apathy, passivity.

2. faintheartedness, squeamishness, cowardice, pusillanimity, yellow-streak, poltroonery; timidity, timorousness, treacherousness, fearfulness, weakness, frailty, feebleness, faintheartedness; submissiveness, softness, pliancy, yieldingness.

**irrespective, adj.** Usu. irrespective of without regard to, regardless of, ignoring, discounting; apart from, independent, separate, distinct; in spite of, despite, notwithstanding.

**irresponsible, adj.** 1. untrustworthy, unreliable, devil-may-care; unaccountable, unanswerable, fly-by-night; lawless, unruly, unrestrained, reckless, rash, harum-scarum.

2. capricious, erratic, flighty, mercurial, featherbrained; light-minded, frivolous, Inf. no-account, trifling; inconstant, changeable, fickle, giddy, volatile; unreliable, unstable, vacillating, wavering, mutable, fluctuating, variable, irresolute, infirm of purpose; half-hearted, undecided, uncommitted, unsettled, arbitrary, foot-loose and fancy-free; thoughtless, inconconsiderate, self-centered.

**irresponsive, adj.** 1. uncommunicative, reticent, reserved, secretive, taciturn, unconversable, quiet; silent, mum, mute, close-mouthed.

2. indifferent, unconcerned, unresponsive, uninterested, incurious, uninquisitive; aloof, removed, detached, withdrawn.

3. apathetic, impassive, unemotional, unfeeling, dispassionate, insentient, insensible; cool, cold, frigid, icy; phlegmatic, lethargic, listless, languid, dull.

**irritant, n.** 1. irritative, bothersome, pestering; nettlesome, adj.

2. inflamed, red, chafed, smarting, burning, hurting, pained, plagued.

**irritate, v.** vex, provoke, annoy, irk, irritability, n.

**irritation, n.** 1. testiness, petulance, snappishness, irascibility, touchiness, promptness, irritability, fieriness, inflammability; peevishness, wapishness, raspiness, fretfulness, edginess, nervousness.

2. grouchiness, crankiness, grumpiness, cantankerousness, annoyance, irritability, weariness, bearishness, bearishness, crotchets, crotchety, churlish, churlishness, churlishness, churlishness, crotchets, crotchets, crotchets, crotchets, gruffness, gruffness, spleen, choler, moodiness, ill humour, ill temper; crossness, crustiness, sharpness, asperity, tartness, acerbity; resentfulness, fractiousness, captiousness, querulousness, contentiousness.

**irritable, adj.** 1. testy, touchy, snappish, petulant, irascible, prickly; excitable, fiery, inflammable, hasty, quick, trigger-happy; high-strung, hot-tempered, hot-blooded, thin-skinned, quick-tempered; peevish, huffy, waspish, raspy, peppery, fretful, fussy, edgy, on edge.

2. grumpy, cranky, grouchy, crotchety, churlish, bearish; gruff, cantankerous, impatient, crabby; spleen, crotchets, crotchets, gruffness; spleen, choler, moodiness, ill humour, ill temper; crossness, crustiness, sharpness, asperity, tartness, acerbity, resentfulness, resentful, captious, currious, shrewish, vixenish.

**irritant, adj.** 1. bothersome, pestering; nettlesome, irritating. See irritating.

—n. 2. nuisance, bother, pest, annoyance, bur, thorn in the side or flesh, pea in the shoe, salt in the wound, Inf. headache, Inf. pain, skin in the neck or rear, Sl. hassle; trouble, problem, affliction; trial, ordeal, tribulation, weight, load, burden, heavy load or burden; bore, carp, grumble, groan, bear, trouble, problem, irritation, irritation, irritation, irritation; sore spot, sore point, Inf. touchy subject or matter; mortification, humiliation, skeleton in the closet.

**irritate, v.** vex, provoke, pique, annoy, irk, peevish, nettlesome, chafe, set one's teeth on edge, irritate, get, get [s.o.'s] goat; set one's teeth on edge, irritate, get, get [s.o.'s] goat; set one's teeth on edge, get under [s.o.'s] skin, peeve, nettle, chafe, get on [s.o.'s] nerves, tread on [s.o.'s] toes, go against the grain, Chiefly U.S. rile, Inf. aggravate, Inf. miff, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain, Inf. rub [s.o.] the wrong way, Inf. the wrong way, Inf. get under [s.o.'s] skin, Inf. get in [s.o.'s] hair; exasperate, ruffle, disturb, disrupt, compose, composition, put out, put off, Inf. try [s.o.'s] patience, Inf. put [s.o.]'s nose out of joint, get, Sl. get [s.o.]'s goat; set one's teeth on edge, stick in one's craw or crop, Inf. grate or grate on one's nerves.

2. bother, pester, harry, harass, Sl. bug, Sl. hassle, Sl. drive [s.o.] nuts or crazy or bananas, Sl. drive [s.o.] up the wall; hound, dog, nag, pick on, pick at, Sl. ride, Inf. give [s.o.] a hard or bad time; bedevil, torment, tease, taunt, tweak, mock, Inf. needle; trouble, plague, fret, worry, Scot. thraw, Scot. fash.

3. anger, incense, raise [s.o.'s] ire or hackles, get [s.o.'s] back up, Inf. get [s.o.]'s Irish or dander up, Inf. burn [s.o.] up, Sl. tick [s.o.] off, Sl. tee [s.o.] off.

4. agitate, inflame, enflame, kindle, fire, fire up, stir up, work up, wind up; incite, ignite, touch off.

**irritated, adj.** 1. annoyed, piqued, bothered, vexed, nettled, riled; tormented, harassed, pestered, pinned, plagued.

2. inflamed, red, chafed, smarting, burning, hurting, tingling; raw, tender, sore, sensitive, hypersensitive, Med. algetic.
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**itch, v.**
1. tingle, prickle, tickle, sting; crawl.
2. handker, crave, yearn, Inf. yen, pine for, long for; desire, want, wish; hunger, thirst, set one's heart on, die to, pant to, lust.
3. annoy, irritate, Sl. give the willies or creeps, pester; bother, Sl. drive cuckoo or up the wall, exasperate, exacerbate, irk, harass.

**itchy, adj.**
1. itch, longing, want, wish; hunger, thirst, set one's heart on, die to, pant to, lust.
2. desirous, longing, hankering, yearning, thirsting, hungry, craving.
3. restless, rev olting, impatient, Sl. antsy, fidgety, breathless; eager, avid, keen, burning, fervid, Sl. hot to trot, Sl. rarin' to go; edgy, nervous, Inf. in a dither.
4. acquisitive, avaricious, greedy, grasping, covetous; desire, want, wish; hunger, thirst, set one's heart on, die to, pant to, lust.

**itinerary, n.**
1. wandering, roaming, roving, rambling, wayfaring, drifting, gallivanting, gad, gadding, Dial. traping, Australian. swagging, Australian. waltzing ma idlia, Sl. bum ming; nomadism, peripateticism, vagabondism, hoboism, vagrancy; wanderlust, Sl. itchy feet.
itinerant, adj. 1. itinerating, traveling, journeying, wayfaring, peregrinating, peripatetic; roving, roaming, wandering, rambling; galavanting, flitting, gadding, jetting; thumbing, backpacking.

2. unsettled, nomadic, gypsy, vagrant, migratory; living in one's hat, living out of a suitcase, having itchy feet, having sand in one's shoe; travelweary, wayworn, weather-beaten.

—n. 3. minister, missionary, circuit rider; judge, circuit court judge; traveling salesman, door-to-door salesman, drummer; migratory or migrant worker, Inf. dust cropper, Inf. Okie, Usually Disparaging, dust cropper, campaigner, Inf. whistle-stopper; tramp, hob, vagrant, vagabond, beachcomber; circuit player, Inf. ski bum, Inf. tennis bum, Inf. gypsy pilot; nomad, kuchi, gypsy, bohemian, wanderer.

4. traveler, wayfarer, voyager, peregrinator, peripatetic; rambler, rover, roamer, adventurer, landloper, explorer, soldier of fortune; pilgrim, trekker, hiker, backpacker; tourist, globe-trotter, jetsetter, world traveler, Sl. W.T.; excursionist, sightseer; gadabout, bird of passage.

itinerary, n. 1. travel plan, timetable, schedule, Inf. sked; agenda, program, docket, calendar, flight plan, Inf. game plan, Inf. battle plan, Inf. plan of attack; arrangements, preparations, provisions, projection, prospectus, outline, line-up.

2. route, map, course, plot, circuit, progress, passage, career, line or path of travel, way, track, lane, beaten path; grand tour, Ger. Wanderjahr.

3. log, logbook, journal, diary, record; chart, daybook.

ivory-towered, adj. 1. aloof, retiring, distant, remote, removed, withdrawn, detached, in the clouds; cloistered, secluded, sequestered, retired, sheltered, far from the madding crowd.

2. impractical, unfeasible, unrealizable, academic, theoretical; quixotic, visionary, idealistic.
jab, v. 1. poke, thrust, prod, dig, nudge, elbow, bump, tap, chuck, flick, Sl. goose; stab, lunge, stroke, bayonet, plunge. 2. punch, box, swipe, rap, whack, smack, hook, cuff; belt, thump, thwack, Sl. sock, Sl. bath, Sl. slug, Sl. clip; Inf. biff, Inf. bonk, Inf. whop, Inf. plunk. —n. 3. poke, prod, dig, nudge, thrust; tap, flick, chuck, Sl. goose; lunge, stab, stroke. 4. rabbit punch, uppercut, hook, shot; rap, punch, swipe, smack, whack, thwack; cuff, belt, Inf. biff, Inf. plunk, Inf. bonk, Inf. whop; Sl. sock, Sl. slug, Sl. bath.

jabber, v. 1. chatter, prattle, cackle, gibber, Sl. gibber-jabber; jargon; babble, prate, tattle, twaddle, Brit. twattle; patter, gabble, blather, drivel; mutter, mumble, splutter, sputter; stammer, stutter; chit-chat, chatter-chatter, chaffer, bally words; gossip, buzz, talk idly, Sl. shoot the breeze, Sl. gas, Inf. gab, Sl. bull; palaver, clack, clatter, rattle, Sl. run on or off at the mouth; gush, blab, Inf. spout; be loquacious or talkative, ramble, maunter. —n. 2. gibberish, chatter, Jabberwocky, prattle, cackle, gibber; babble, babblement, prate, tattle, twaddle, Brit. twattle; patter, gabble, blather, drivel; jargon, gobbledygook, nonsense, hocus-pocus, mumbo jumbo, abracadabra, open sesame; babbling, Fr. bavardage; humbug, flummery, bunk, rubbish, Inf. rot, Sl. garbage, Sl. horsefeathers; balderdash, hogwash, stuff and nonsense, Inf. bosh, fudge, foolishness, rigmarole or rigamarole; poppycock, Inf. fiddle-faddle, Inf. piffle, Inf. gibberish, Inf. flapdoodle, small talk, Anglo-Indian bukh, chit-chat, chitter-chat. gossip, idle talk, Inf. gab, Sl. bull; palaver, cliap-trap, Sl. hot air, Sl. gas.

Jabberwocky, n. nonsense, gibberish, gobbledygook. See jabber (def. 2).

jack, n. 1. lift, lifter, booster, erecter, hoist, tackle; jack-screw, hydraulic jack, hydraulic jack. 2. flag, pennant, standard, banner, banneret, streamer; colors, Latin. vexillum, ensign, merchant flag, swallowtail, pennon. —v. 3. lift, lift up, hoist, boost, move up; heave, thrust up, rear, uptread, erect, raise; uplift, upthrust, upheave, upcast, upthrow; jerk up, hike up, pull up, pick up, haul up, pull. 4. Informal. raise, escalate, up, inflate, push up, drive up; increase, accelerate, augment, extend, make higher.

jack-a-dandy, n. dandy, dude, top, coxcomb, Beau Brummel, Sl. peacock, popinjay, fancy Dan, silk-sock Sam; prettyboy, exquisite, silk-stocking, fashion plate, clotheshorse; zoot suiter, macaroni, sharp dresser, fashionable; blade, gay blade, buck, Chiefly Brit. blood, spark, Sl. swell, Brit. Inf. toff; beau, boulevardier, man-about-town, gallant, ladykiller, ladies' man.

jackal, n. drudge, hack, slave, flunky, fag, drone, minion; lackey, toady, yes man, creature, cat's paw, votary; doormat, carpet knight, Inf. bootlicker, lickspittle, groveler; stooge, follower, tool, dupe, puppet, instrument, henchman; hanger-on, parasite, leech, bloodsucker, sycophant, fawner.

jackanapes, n. 1. whippersnapper, malapert, pop, boldface, brazenface, swaggerer; upstart, wiseacre, weisenheimer, Sl. wise guy, smarty, smart-aleck, smarty-pants. 2. imp, mischief-maker, monkey, hooligan, rascal, bad boy, Fr. enfant terrible, holy terror, brat, bugger; punk, gamin; rapscallion, devil, scamp, Inf. bugger; bad boy, Fr. enfant terrible, Inf. holy terror, brat, spoiled brat.

jacket, n. 1. ass, male donkey, donkey, jack, jackanapes, 1. n. 2. imp, mischief-maker, monkey, hooligan, rascal, bad boy, Fr. enfant terrible, holy terror, brat, bugger; punk, gamin; rapscallion, devil, scamp, Inf. bugger; bad boy, Fr. enfant terrible, Inf. holy terror, brat, spoiled brat.

jacket, n. 1. coat, coatette, pea jacket, macinaw jacket or macinaw, Inf. mac, windbreaker, dreadnought, parka, anorak; cardigan, camisole, sack, jumper; sports coat or jacket, blazer; (in the Renaissance doublet, (in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries) spencer, (in Greece and the Levant) gregos, (formerly of sailors) monkey jacket, Clothing, reeler. 2. casing, case, encasement, sheath, sheathing, envelope; cover, covering, wrap, wrapper, wrapping.
jag

1. projection, spur, snag, tooth, sawtooth;
2. first prize, main prize, prize, award, reward.
3. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jackknife

1. scarcrow, strawman, man of straw, effigy.
2. nonentity, nobody, nothing, cipher, insignificance, little fellow, Inf. little guy, man on the street, John Doe, Inf. small fry, Sl. small fish, Sl. nebbish, Sl. Joe Blow or Joe Doakes.
3. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jackstraw

1. scarecrow, strawman, man of straw, effigy.
2. satiated, sated, slaked, allayed, satisfied; gorged, Inf. have it up to here, 5/. have a snootful.
3. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jaded

1. hack, nag, padnag, crock, rosinante, jade
2. satiated, sated, slaked, allayed, satisfied; gorged, Inf. have it up to here, 5/. have a snootful.
3. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jade

1. n. nephrite, jadeite, jadestone, gemstone.
2. hack, nag, padnag, crock, rosinante, jade
3. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jack

1. n. hack, nag, padnag, crock, rosinante, jade
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3. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

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jail

1. 5/. stir; All Sl. can, cooler, coop, jug, hoochegow, boobyhatch, pokey, Brit. choky, Brit. quod.
2. 5/. stir; All Sl. can, cooler, coop, jug, hoochegow, boobyhatch, pokey, Brit. choky, Brit. quod.
3. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jailbird

1. prisoner, convict, Sl. con, trusty or trustee, Inf. lifer, Sl. lag, Sl. lagger; parolee, Brit. (formerly) ticket-of-leave man; ex-con, Brit. ex-con; recidivist, repeat offender, Inf. chronic crook.
2. prisoner, convict, Sl. con, trusty or trustee, Inf. lifer, Sl. lag, Sl. lagger; parolee, Brit. (formerly) ticket-of-leave man; ex-con, Brit. ex-con; recidivist, repeat offender, Inf. chronic crook.
3. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jailer

1. turnkey, warder, keeper, jailkeeper, Sl. screw, Sl. bull; warden, Brit. governor.
2. turnkey, warder, keeper, jailkeeper, Sl. screw, Sl. bull; warden, Brit. governor.
3. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jalopy

1. wreck, rattletrap, Facetious, flivver, Inf. clunker, Inf. crate, Inf. junk, Sl. bomb, Sl. buggy, Sl. tin lizzie, Sl. bucket of bolts; car, motor- car, vehicle, automobile.
2. wreck, rattletrap, Facetious, flivver, Inf. clunker, Inf. crate, Inf. junk, Sl. bomb, Sl. buggy, Sl. tin lizzie, Sl. bucket of bolts; car, motor- car, vehicle, automobile.
3. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jamp

1. wedge, sandwich, stick in or into, insert; ram, thrust, shove, push, jamb, force in or into; press, squeeze, cram, pack, pack in, shove in, press in, pack tight as sardines; stuff, overstuff, overcrowd, overfill, fill to overflowing, stuff to the gills, fill to the brim.
2. obstruct, block, plug, close up or off; deadlock, prevent motion, gum, Sl. gum the works; hinder, stop, stall, arrest, kill; lock up, stick, freeze up, cease, halt.
3. tie-up, stoppage, slowdown, halt, jamb, bottleneck.
4. crush, mob, rabble; crowd, throng, swarm, horde, herd, pack, flock, sea, mass, legion, army.
5. Inf. predicament, plight, fix, Inf. pickle, Inf. hot or tight spot.

jam

1. preserves, conserves, marmalade, jelly, apple or peach butter, confiture, confection.
2. doorjam, doorpost, doorframe, doorcase; upright, post, pillar, column, Masonry. jambstone.
3. n. festival, fête, carnival, jubilee, celebration; festivity, party, merriment, merrymaking, revelry, revels, charivari, Inf. shivaree, Inf. shindig, Inf. ido, Sl. bash, Sl. wingding; rally, roundup, get-together, gathering, meeting, convention, (in ancient Greece and Rome) symposium.
4. argument, altercation, wrangle, altercation, dispute, Rare, disagreement, disrespect, take issue, argue, contest, contravene, spar, at [s.o.’s] throat; bicker, squabble, spat, tiff, have or, clash, crash, din.
5. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jangle

1. clank, clatter, rattle, jar; clang, clang or, cash, crash, din.
2. wrangle, altercate, quarrel, brawl, broil, feud, be at [s.o.’s] throat; bicker, squabble, spat, tiff, have words; conflict, contend, dispute, Rare, disagree; take issue, argue, contest, contravene, spar, cross swords, lock horns.
3. clank, clatter, rattle, clang, clang or, cash, crash, din.
4. argument, wrangle, alteration, dispute, Rare, disposition, row, Inf. set-to; quarrel, squabble, disput, spat, tiff, have words; conflict, contend, dispute, Rare, disagree; take issue, argue, contest, contravene, spar, cross swords, lock horns.
5. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jank

1. 5/. stir; All Sl. can, cooler, coop, jug, hoochegow, boobyhatch, pokey, Brit. choky, Brit. quod.
2. 5/. stir; All Sl. can, cooler, coop, jug, hoochegow, boobyhatch, pokey, Brit. choky, Brit. quod.
3. hit the jackpot Slang. succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up triumphs, strike it rich, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing.

jar

1. n. punch, topple, jar, either, shake, shudder, heave, heave, throw, toss, fling, hurl, throw, shake, jolt, jar, jar, jar.
2. n. punch, topple, jar, either, shake, shudder, heave, heave, throw, toss, fling, hurl, throw, shake, jolt, jar, jar, jar.
jaundice, 1. Pathol. n. yellow, yellowed, yellowish, jardiniere, flower stand, plant stand; vase, pot, n. Inf. v. jaunt, 1. cant, argot, patois, lingó, slang; 1. Inf. jargon, grasserie, yellowness. amphora. Rom. Antiq. cism, pedantry; cynicism, pessimism, misanthropy, disconception, preconceived judgment, prenotion; predisposed, presumptive; biased, narrow-minded, cynical, pessimistic, misanthropic; disapproving, disproval, disapparaging, overcriticalness, faultfinding; suspicion, doubt, dubiousness, disconfidence, disbelief; skepticism, mistrust, distrust; misgiving, scruple, qualm, hesitation.

—v. 3. prejudice, influence, prepossess; bias, warp, twist, mold, shape, give a bias to; color, tint, tinge, shade, cloud.

jaundiced, adj. 1. yellow, yellowed, yellowish, yellow-faced, yellow-tinted, yellow-skinned; sallow, sickly, pale, wan. 2. prejudiced, prejudging, prejudged, preconceived, predisposed, presumptive; biased, narrow-minded, cynical, pessimistic, misanthropic; disapproving, disapparaging, overly critical; suspicious, doubting, dubious, disbeliefing, skeptical, mistrusting, distrustful, resistant.

jaunt, v. 1. stroll, ramble, promenade, Inf. take a spin, take an outing, take a trip, day-trip; peregrinate, travel, journey, tour. —n. 2. short journey, short haul, short trip, little trip, day trip, short excursion, outing, airing; ramble, stroll, promenade, Inf. spin, short drive; peregrination, trip, vacation, mini-vacation, tour, cruise; U.S. Politics. Disparaging. juncture.

jaunty, adj. 1. bouncy, buoyant, brisk, sprightly, lively, frisky, pert, Inf. chipper, Inf. in fine fettle; easy, relaxed, effortless, elastic, free, free and easy; gay, cheerful, light-hearted, blithe; jolly, jovial, merry, joyful, jolly, jolly.

2. smart, stylish, chic, debonair; becoming, attractive, trim, neat, Inf. natty, Inf. spruce; showy, flashy, colorful, Inf. splashy, Inf. sporty, fancy, flamboyant, gaudy, garish.

javelin, n. spear, shaft, bolt, harpoon, gaff, pike, half-pike, spontoon; asseggai, jereed, eelspear, gig, dart, arrow.

jaw, n. 1. jawbone, maxilla, mandible, jowl; mouthparts, mouth, Sl. mug, Sl. trap, Sl. chops, (of an animal) maw, (of an animal) muzzle. 2. Usu. jaws craggly opening, entrance, ingress, entryway, orifice, aperture.

jawbone, n. 1. jaw, maxilla, mandible. —v. 2. Informal. persuade, talk [s.o.] into, Sl. smooth talk, convince, win over; influence, manipulate, control.

jazz, n. 1. (all of music) Dixieland, ragtime, rag; swing, jive, bop, bebop, big band music, jitterbug music; blues, rhythm and blues, boogie, boogie-woogie; hot jazz, le jazz hot, cool jazz, jazz rock, fusion music; syncopation, improvisation. 2. Slang. liveliness, sprightliness, vivacity, spark, dash, spirit, zest, buoyancy. 3. Slang. nonsense, balderdash, drivel, twaddle, moonshine, poppycock, bosh, Inf. filmflam, Inf. guff, Inf. malarkey; All Sl. bull, baloney, bushwa, crap.

jazzy, adj. Slang. 1. (all of music) swinging, bopping, rocking, jumping, Jazz, hot, Sl. jive. 2. wild, spirited, animated, lively, vivacious, brisk, zestful, buoyant; flashy, fancy, stylish, Inf. nifty, smart, Sl. snazzy.

jealous, adj. 1. begrudging, grudging, resentful, envious, green-eyed, green with envy, yellow, envying; covetous, desirous, itching, yearning, hankering; discontent, malcontent, dissatisfied, displeased, unhappy. 2. suspicious, imagining the worst, distrustful, mistrustful, doubting; insecure, anxious, threatened, vulnerable.

3. heedful, mindful, careful, cautious, wary, chary; precautious, circumspect, prudent, discreet, politic. 4. vigilant, watchful, Argus-eyed, attentive; on the watch, on the alert, on the lookout; guarded, on guard, defensive.

jealousy, n. 1. resentment, ill will, spite, grudge, begrudging, heartburning, bitterness; envy, enviousness, green-eyed monster, heartburn; rivalry, Cupidity. 2. suspicion, distrust, mistrust, doubt, foreboding; insecurity, anxiety, uneasiness, apprehensiveness, vulnerability, lack of confidence, paranoia; discontentment, malcontentedness, dissatisfaction, unhappiness. 3. vigilance, watchfulness, attentiveness, guardedness, defensiveness.

jeans, n. slacks, trousers, pants, overall, blue jeans, Trademark. Levi's, bell-bottoms, Inf. bells, denims, dungarees, corduroys, Inf. cords, chinos, khakis.

jeer, v. 1. scoff at, mock, gib, ridicule, knock, gird at; fleer, laugh at, guy, Australian. chuck, taunt, twit, rag; tease, rally, Inf. roast, banter, chaff, rib, kid, Sl.
razz; flout, scorn, sneer at, disdain, poo-poo; scout, contemn, flout; hiss, boo, hoot at, heckle, catcall, rail at, cry down.

—n. 2. jibe, fleer, raillery, chaff; poke, dig, cut, rub, barb; taunt, quip, wisecrack, thrust, skit; boo, hiss, hoot, catcall, cry, raspberry; derision, mockery, ridicule, sarcasm.

jejune, adj. 1. innutritious, meager, skimpy, thin, slight, diluted; flavorless, tasteless.

2. insipid, uninteresting, St. blah, dull, vapid; flat, empty, arid, dry; tame, lifeless, spiritless, unmanned, wishy-washy; tiresome, boring, tedious, St. draggy, St. yawn-making; prosaic, commonplace, humdrum, trite, ordinary, banal, hackneyed.

3. uninformed, inexperienced, naïve; ignorant, Inf. dumb, St. dopey, wet behind the ears.

4. juvenile, childish, St. kiddish, immature; puerile, silly, innate, senseless, pointless.

jell, v. 1. congeal, jellify, gelatinize, gelatinate.

2. jell, 1. congeal, jellify, gelatinize, gelatinate, 2. congeal, jellify, gelatinize, gelatinate.

2. jam, preserves, conserves.

1. n.

2. v.

5. yank, pull, tug; twist, tweak, twitch.

6. thrust, push, shove; jolt, bump, jog, jounce, bounce, joggle, jostle.

3. the jerks U.S. spasms, convulsions, fit, Pathol. paroxysm; palsy, Pathol. chorea, Pathol. St. Vitus dance; tremors, the shakes, shaking, trembling.

4. Slang. undesirable, St. spas, St. creep, St. fruit, St. nurd, St. yoyo, St. banana, St. drip, St. schlepp, St. schlemiel, St. turkey, St. twit; fool, gull, dupe, incompetent, sillyilly, Inf. silly, Inf. dummy, St. dimwit, St. grump.

—v. 5. yank, pull, tug; twist, tweak, twitch, pluck, twang, nip, pinch.

6. thrust, push, shove; jolt, jog, jounce, jar, joggle, jostle, bump, bounce around; start, jump, lurch.

jerky, adj. 1. spasmodic, palsylike, palsied, uncontrolled, out of control, Pathol. spastic; convulsive, fitful, shaking, tremulous, tremulant.

2. jolly, jouncing, joggling, jogging, stop-and-go; shaky, bumpy, bouncy, rough.

Jerry-built, adj. flimsy, unsubstantial, unsolid, unsound, unstable, weak, frail; defective, faulty, flawed; rickety, ramshackle, tumbledown, gimcrack, junky, cheap, shabby, sorry; slipshod, haphazard, thrown together, carelessly or sloppily built; improvised, do-it-yourself, Rube Goldberg, Rube Goldbergian, Goldbergian.

jest, n. 1. joke, witicism, quip, one-liner, bon mot, St. funny; wisecrack, crack, sally, repartee, riposte; pun, play on words, wordplay, Rhet. paronomasia; practical joke, hoax, prank, leg-pull.

2. raillery, badinage, banter, persiflage, pleasantry, St. put-on, gibes.

—v. 3. joke, tell jokes, crack jokes, crack wise, wisecrack, quip, fool, tease, Inf. josh, Inf. kid, Inf. put [s.o.] on, pull [s.o.]'s leg; make merry with, banter, chaff; jabber, St. scat talk, St. scat sing; pun.

4. deride, scoff, give [s.o.] the business, roast; poke fun at, make fun of, mock, ridicule, satirize, parody; jeer, sneer, snigger.

jester, n. 1. wit, quipster, comic, prankster. See joke (def. 1).

2. fool, court clown, Feste; wearer of the motley, harlequin, Sganarelle, merry-andrew; buffoon, clown, Joey, zany, Pierrot, mime, mummer; pantaloon.

jesting, adj. playful, merry, laughing, frolicsome, rollicking; comic, comical, droll, funny, facetious, tongue-in-cheek, humorous; waggish, roguish, jocund, jocose; witty, fast with the quips, quick-witted, clever, facile-tongued; kidding, joking, spoofing; silly, innate, nonsensical.

Jesus, n. 1. Jesus Christ, Christ, Christ Jesus, Jesus n.

1. Jesus Christ, Christ, Christ Jesus, Jesus n.

2. the Alpha, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End; the Ideal Man, Perfected Humanity, the Perfection, Wonderful, the Light of the World, the Morning Star, the Son of Righteousness; the Word of God, the Incarnate Word, the Word Made Flesh, Logos; the Counsellor, the Mediator, the Intercessor, the Advocate, the Judge; the Great Physician, the Healer, the Comforter, the Good Shepherd, the Man of Sorrows; the Crucified, the Lamb, the Lamb of God, the Offering of the Lord, the Risen; the Vine, the True Vine, the Servant, the Way, the Door, the Truth, the Life, the Way of Life, the Bread of Life.

Jet, n. 1. stream, gush, fountain, spring, rush, flush, spate, Fr. jet d'eau; gusher, geyser, well, Inf. spouter; spout, spur, squirt, spray, spit, Chiefly Dial. spritz.

2. nozzle, spout, sprinkler, tip, sparger, nose, snout; shower head, sprinkler head, rosehead.

3. jet plane, jetliner, turbojet, ramjet; SST, supersonic transport, jumbo jet, 747, 707.

4. shoot, spout, burst, rush, flush; flow, stream, well, spill; surge, leap, burst forth, break forth, erupt; squirt, spray, sparge, spurtle, splutter, spit, Chiefly Dial. spritz.

5. fly, take wing, take to the air, take flight; zoom, soar, zip, break the sound barrier, St. buzz, whoosh, zing.

Jet, adj. black, pitch, pitchy, coal, ebony, ebon,
inky; tar-black, jet-black, pitch-black, jetty; dark, pitch-dark, sooty, raven, sable, sloe, atramentous; black as night, black as the ace of spades, black as a crow, black as midnight.

**jettison, n.** 1. expulsion, ejection, discharge, throwing overboard or away, casting over or away, tossing out, defenestration; disposal, dumping, discarding. *Sl. deep six,* *Sl. the boot,* *Sl. the old heave-ho.*
2. jetsam, flotsam, flotsam and jetsam, castoff, slough, derelict, lagan.
—v. 3. chuck, eject, expel, throw off, throw over or overboard, cast over; discharge, discard, defenestrate, toss out or over, dump. *Sl. deep-six,* *Sl. give the deep six.*

**jiggle, v.** 1. jiggling, jilt, v. reject, cast aside, discarding, ejection, discharge, throw off, throw over, leave, forsake, abandon; *all of a relationship* break up, break off, end, discontinue, terminate, finish, conclude.
2. tinkle, tingling, ting, ringing, din, ding-dong, chime, chiming, tintinnabulation; clink, chink, jangle, clang, clatter, shake, vibrate.
—n. 2. tinkle, tingling, tu, ting, ringing, din, ding-dong, chime, chiming, tintinnabulation; clink, clinking, chink, jangling, clang, clanging, clanger, clanging, clank, clanking.
3. ditty, carol, chorus, chant, catchy tune, tune, melody, song, ballad; rhyme, couplet; Hudibrastic, stanza, crambo; poem, verse, lyric, limerick, doggerel.

**jingoesim, n.** patriotism, superpatriotism, blind patriotism, nationalistic, chauvinism, flag-waving, wrapping oneself in the flag, belief in my country right or wrong, spread-eagleism.

**jinx, n.** 1. curse, hex, spell, charm, incantation, adjuration, invocation, magic formula; black magic, voodoo, hoodoo, juju, evil eye, *St. malocchio,* *Inf. In- chanted sign,* *Sl. whammy,* *Sl. double-whammy,* *Archäic.* wham, woe, imposition, execution, malediction.
2. bad luck, misfortune, calamity, trouble; bad afflatus, scourg, plague, torment; harm, evil days or time; annoyance, vexation.
3. Jonah, bug, bugbear, bugaboo, Inf. albatross; hogoblin, golem, imp, opu, demon, incubus, succubus, devilkin, bargain; Fury, evil genius, witch, witch doctor.
—v. 4. *Inf.* bewitch, curse, hex, witch, becharm, cast a spell on, *Inf.* spook, *Sl.* put or slam the whammy on; demonize, bedevil, possess; plague, blight, scourge, injure, harm, destroy, doom; vex, trouble, beset, annoy, harass, distress, agonize, harrow; confuse, muddle, confound, frustrate; befuddle, rattle, raffie; throw off, put off, trip up, cause to fumble or stumble; mess up, cause trouble, wreck, sabotage, undermine, throw a monkey wrench in the works.

—v. 2. fidget, move by fits and starts, *Scot.* fidge, twitch, jerk; tremble, shake, quiver, quake; fuss, flurry, stew, pace, walk the floor, chew one's nails, look over one's shoulder, jump at every sound.

**jive, n.** 1. *all of a relationship* swing, jazz, bop, bebop, big band music, jitterbug music; boogie, boogie-woogie, rhythm and blues, blues.
—v. 3. jitterbug; *Inf.* hop.

**job, n.** 1. work, undertaking, proceeding, business, matter at hand; task, chore, activity, exercise, performance; project, affair, venture, enterprise, effort, contribution, accomplishment, achievement, role, function, part.
2. charter, charge, duty, office, capacity; assignment, commission, trust, mission, errand; place, station, billet, berth, appointment, sinecure.
3. employment, occupation, livelihood, living, pursu...
suit, vocation, calling, profession, field, métier, area, province, trade, craft.
4. transaction, deal, dealings, Inf. iron in the fire.
5. drudgery, toil, hack work, grind, daily grind.
6. graft, corruption, jobbery. See jobbry.
—v. 7. buy and sell, wholesale, distribute, dispense, consign, apportion, allocate.
8. contract, job out, subcontract, farm out, commissign, consign, sublet, lease, relegate, send out; do odd jobs, hire oneself out, free-lance.
9. swindle, scheme, exploit, manipulate, maneuver, petitfog, machinate, gerrymander, gouge, line one’s pockets, feather one’s nest, Sl. pull wires or strings, Sl. porkbarrel.
jobber, n. 1. wholesaler, wholesale merchant, broker, dealer, consignor, dispenser, supplier, middleman; agent, salesman, representative.
2. pieceworker, wageworker, day laborer or worker, laborer; hired hand, hand, help, workman; handyman, jack-of-all-trades, all-around man, man-of-all-work; migrant, Inf. webback, itinerant, migratory worker; hobo, drudge, hireling, freelancer, Inf. gypsy, Inf. tramp.
3. grafter, swindler, fraud; manipulator, operator, gerrymanderer, wirepuller, stringpuller, wheeler-dealer; schemer, strategist, intriguer, machinator; sharper, petitfogger, carterbagger, graft merchant.
jobbery, n. graft, racket, spoils, Inf. pickings, rake-off, cut, kickback; plunder, loot, booty, swag, boodle, grease, velvet, gray, honey, payola, hush money, pay-off, shake-down; petitfogging, fraudulence, gerrymandering, putting in the fix, pulling wires or strings.
jockey, n. 1. rider, horseback rider, horseman, equestrian, trainer, exercise boy, Inf. jock.
—v. 2. ride, race, run, mount, sit; train, exercise; guide, steer, handle, control.
3. maneuver, manage, negotiate, manipulate; adjust, set right, trim, ease, ease into position; coax, cajole, induce, wheedle, beguile; court, woo, flatter, curry favor, fawn over, dance attendance upon, Inf. soft-soap, ingratiate or insinuate oneself; Inf. butter up, Inf. shine up to, Inf. get on the good side of.
4. trick, deceive, cheat, bamboozle, delude, hoodwink, pull the wool over [s.o.’s] eyes, take in, Sl. con; fool, dupe, hoax, humbug, Brit. Inf. gammon; outwit, outmaneuver, circumvent, get around, put one over on, take for a ride; victimize, exploit, play on or upon, take advantage of, get the better of, get the upper hand, get the inside track, dice, leave in the dust; do, diddle, fleece, rook, gouge, pluck.
jocose, adj. jesting, joking, teasing, Inf. kidding, Inf. funning; rogoush, arch, mischievous; playful, prankish, sportive, clowning; entertaining, diverting, light, Inf. fun, full of fun; witty, quick-witted, nimble-witted, wagish, jovial, droll, facetious, saucy; funny, comical, comic, (of verse) doggerel, risible, humorous, amusing, Inf. boffo; laughable, ludicrous, absurd, farcical, ridiculous, silly; hilarious, hysterical, riotous, side-splitting, Sl. a scream, Sl. a gas; nonsensical, whimsical.
jocosity, n. 1. playfulness, prankishness, sportiveness, clownishness; jocularity, drollery, facetiousness, wit, humor; humorousness, comicalness, amusiness, drollness, delightfulness; laughableness, ludicrousness, absurdity, farcicality, ridiculosity, silliness, whimsicality; hilarity, riotousness, hysteria.
2. jesting, joking, teasing, fooling, Inf. kidding, Inf. funning; joke, jest, jape, gag, quip, Inf. wisecrack, Inf. crack; waggery, witticism, squib, pun, crank; trick, practical joke, prank, antic, shenanigan, mon-
keyshine, folly; entertainment, diversion, amusement, levity, fun.
jocular, adj. wagish, facetious, tongue-in-cheek, droll, witty, quick-witted, nimble-witted, saucy; jesting, joking, entertaining, funny, jocose. See jocose.
jocularity, n. wagishness, drollery, facetiousness, wit, humor; jesting, joking, jocosity. See jocosity.
jocund, adj. cheerful, cheery, gay, sunny, in good or high spirits; blithe, blithesome, light-hearted, lightsome, buoyant, optimistic, positive, Inf. upbeat, beamish; debonair, free and easy, carefree, easygoing, breezy, airy, happy-go-lucky, untroubled; genial, convivial, amiable, good-natured, friendly; jovial, merry, jolly, mirthful, hilarious; riant, laughing, smiling, happy as a lark; happy, glad, blissful, be- atific, pleased, delighted, Inf. tickled pink; joyful, joyous, jubilant, rejoicing, gleeful; exultant, in seventh heaven, elated, overjoyed, thrilled, exhilarated; animated, lively, Inf. chipper, jaunty, vivacious, sprightly, fresh.
jocundity, n. 1. gaiety, cheer, cheerfulness, gladness, gayness, good or high spirits; blitheness, blithelessness, light-heartedness, buoyancy, optimism, good nature; joy, sunshine, delight, pleasure, happiness, felicity, bliss; joyfulness, joyousness, jubilation, jubilancy, exhilaration, exultation, glee, elation; joviality, merriment, jollity, mirth, mirthfulness, hilarity, laughter.
2. animation, liveliness, vivacity, sprightliness, Inf. peppiness; playfulness, sportiveness, zest, enthusiasm, eagerness.
jog, v. 1. jolt, jar, jerk; start, shake, dislodge.
2. nudge, bump, jostle; prod, poke, push, move; tap, flip, flick.
3. joggle, jiggle, bounce, jounce, rattle; roll, sway, bob, wag; rock, lurch, wobble, waggle, wiggle.
4. run, gallop, canter, lope, trot, dogtrot; pad, stumble; walk, waddle.
—n. 5. nudge, push, poke, prod, shake; trot, lope, canter, dogtrot, run.
6. notch, nick, indentation, dent; cleft, slash, gash, furrow, hitch; unite in marriage, join issue; battle, join issue; or do battle, join issue; battle, combat, contest, contend
against, grapple with, close with, fight against, Inf. take on.

8.  adjoin, conjoin, impinge; meet, coincide; butt, torch, reach, extend, kiss; juxtapose, border, meet end to end; border on or upon, verge upon, lean on or upon or against.

**joker, n.**
1. humorist, comic, comedian, Inf. card, Inf. character, funnyman; jester, wag, droll; clown, Joey, mime, zany, *Archaic* antic; buffoon, Inf. cut up, Inf. life of the party; stand-up comic, Milton Berle, Phyllis Diller; quipster, wit, punster, gagman, epigrammist, banterer, wisecracker, Sl. kibitzer; prankster, practical joker, Sl. kidder, spoofer.
2. catch, Sl. catch-22, Sl. hooker, hitch; rub, impediment, drawback, snag, hindrance; pitfall, trap, snare; hidden clause, codicil, rider, fine or small print, *Disparaging*. niggle in the woodpile, something rotten in the state of Denmark, curve ball.

3. trick, hoax, ruse, subterfuge, artifice, gambit; sleight-of-hand, machination, Inf. fast one; expedient, contrivance.
4. chap, guy, fellow, Brit. Sl. cove, Sl. bastard, Sl. mamsel; wiseguy, wiseacre, smart aleck, smarmy.

**jollity, n.**
1. gaiety, gayness, merriness, joy, joyfulness, joyousness, joviality, jocundity, jollification, frolicness, playfulness; jubilancy, jubilation, jubilation, buoyancy, light-heartedness, blitheness, blithesomeness, elation, good mood.
2. jollities merriment, merrymaking, rejoicing, jollification, frolic, fun, Brit. Inf. maflicking, Brit. holiday-making, gay or jolly time; fun and games, sport, romp, spree, escapade, Inf. goings-on, Inf. whoopee, Sl. high jinks, Inf. skylarking, revelly, revels, carousal, wassail, high old time, conviviality, party spirit; festivity, festivities, party, celebration, gala, fete, jubilee, jamboree, charivari, Inf. shivaree, Inf. shindig, Inf. do, Sl. bash, Sl. wing-ding, Sl. blowout.

**jolly, adj.**
1. gay, joyful, joyful, jocund, riant, jubilant, cock-a-hoop; merry, mirthful, gleeful, cheerful, cheery, bright, sunny, happy, glad; buoyant, light-hearted, blithe, blithesome, elated, exuberant, in good or high spirits, *Rare*. heyday; frolicsome, friskiness, playfulness; jubilancy, jubilation, jubilation, buoyancy, light-heartedness, blitheness, blithesomeness, elation, good mood.

2. jollities merriment, merrymaking, rejoicing, jollification, frolic, fun, Brit. Inf. maflicking, Brit. holiday-making, gay or jolly time; fun and games, sport, romp, spree, escapade, Inf. goings-on, Inf. whoopee, Sl. high jinks, Inf. skylarking, revelly, revels, carousal, wassail, high old time, conviviality, party spirit; festivity, festivities, party, celebration, gala, fete, jubilee, jamboree, charivari, Inf. shivaree, Inf. shindig, Inf. do, Sl. bash, Sl. wing-ding, Sl. blowout.
jostle, v. 1. brush against, jog, bump; jolt, jar, shock; joggle, jiggle, jerk, shake, justle; bounce, jounce; strike against, collide, Rare. hurtle, clash, hit against, batter, run against, butt against, lunge against; attack, assault, assail, bombard; charge, rush at, tilt, run into, have at; butt, butt. 2. force, push, shove, thrust, hunch; elbow, hustle, press against; shoulder; prod, poke, goad; herd, drive; rush, impel, urge, propel; boot, kick, punt. 3. disturb, stir, perturb, agitate, unsettle; ruffle, Inf.—n. — 4. compete, rival, strive against, vie, contend, contest; pit oneself against, play against, oppose, take on, face, challenge. — n. 5. push, shove, thrust; bump, brush; jolt, jar, shock, jerk, shake, tussle; bounce, jounce.

jot, v. 1. Usu. jot down write down, mark down, note, note down, set down, put down, take down; make a note of, make a memorandum of; list, make a list; scribble, write hastily or carelessly; tally, register, record, chronicle. — n. 2. bit, little bit, trace, touch, hint, trifle, tinge, suggestion, suspicion, tincture, shadow; spark, scintilla, gleam; mite, speck, smidgen, Inf. smitch, iota, tad, molecule, atom, wit, tittle; dot, point, dab, fleck, speck, freckle; minimum, pitance, modicum, driblet; item, article, particular, detail.

jotting, n. note, Inf. memo, memorandum, message; record, list, tally; excerpt, cutting, clipping, Inf. clip.

jounce, v. 1. bounce, bob, Inf. bobble; joggle, jiggie, jerk, jostle, bump; jolt, jar, shock; quake, vibrate, tremble, move up and down. — n. 2. bounce, bob, bobble; joggle, jiggie, jerk, jostle, bump; jolt, jar, shock; quake, vibration, tremor, trembling.

journal, n. 1. record, chronicle, diary, memoir, Fr. journal intime; dossier, Latin. adversaria, notes, commonplace book; album, scrapbook, record book, memory book; yearbook, almanac, annals, history, chronology, narrative; registry, register, log, logbook, cartulary, catalogue, ledger, roll; schedule, calendar, datebook; notebook, minute book, daybook, Acta, transactions, minutes. 2. newspaper, gazette, daily, tabloid; circular, newsletter, extra, bulldog, Inf. sheet, Inf. rag. 3. periodical, magazine, publication, review, news magazine, slick; quarterly, weekly, fortnightly, monthly; serial, trade organ, house organ.

journalism, n. 1. reporting, writing, editing, re- writing, composition; broadcasting, recording, feature-writing; coverage, correspondence, news. 2. the press, new business, newspaper world, newspaperdom, Fleet Street, fourth estate, print media, publishing industry.

journalist, n. newspaperman, Brit. pressman, newspaper, Archaic. gazetteer, newswriter, newsmonger, newsbough; reporter, Sl. legman, gentleman of the press, newspaper, newsman, correspondent, contributor, stringer, photographer, Brit. paragraphist; broadcaster, anchor man, commentator; columnist, critic, reviewer, diarist, gossip-writer, sob-sister; editor, editorialist, author, scribbler, scribe, Brit. leader writer; reviser, rewrite man, copyman, copywriter, copy editor; publicist, PR person, press agent, flak, ghostwriter, blurb writer, hack, penny-a-liner.

journalistic, adj. editorial, reportorial, publishing, published, printed, press; newspaperish, magazineish.

journalize, v. 1. record, make entries, keep a diary or record or log; enter, set down, jot down, note, scribble down, put into writing; list, register, chronicle, take down, docket, take the minutes. 2. report, publicize, editorialize; comment, write, copy, review, correspond.

journey, n. 1. travel, journeying, wayfaring, itinerancy, globe-trotting; trip, tour, excursion, jaunt, junket, outing; ride, drive, walk, Inf. hop, Inf. spin, (of fish) run; peregrination, wandering, roving, roaming; migration, emigration, transmigration, meander; expedition, campaign, sally, trek, voyage, cruise, safari; odyssey, quest, pilgrimage, hajj. 2. passage, progress, transition, transit, transmigration; movement, way, course, route, march, career. — v. 3. travel, roam, rove, peregrinate, itinerate, wayfare, jaunt; make or take a trip, tour, cruise, sail, fly; range, globe-trot, go abroad, go overseas, see the world, sightsee; trek, hike, march, wend, take the road, take to the road, hit the road; proceed, pass, go hie, Scot. gang, process; meander, ramble, gad, gallivant; divagate, travel the open road, migrate, emigrate, transmigrate, immigrate.

journeyman, n. craftsman, handicraftsman, master craftsman, artisan, artificer, Obs. artist; mechanic, skilled laborer.

journeywork, n. 1. craft, handicraft, skill; profession, trade, occupation; calling, vocation; métier, forte, Sl. thing, Inf. bag, Sl. trip. 2. treadmill, hack work, assembly line, Sl. the pits; drudgery, toil, moil, travail, hard work, slave labor, Sl. dollar-a-day, Brit. fag.

joust, n. 1. tilt, tournament, tourney; contest, encounter, engagement, match, meeting; test, trial. — v. 2. tilt, joust, break a lance with, run a tilt or tilt at.

jovial, adj. jolly, jocose, jocular, jocund, gay, boisterous, merry, mirthful, cheerful, light-hearted, frolicsome, facetious; glad, happy, airy, bright, sunny, breezy, in good or high spirits; joyous, jubilant, cock-a-hoop; lively, sprightly, animated, spirited, chipper; buoyant, vivacious, effervescent, full of life, Inf. full of pep, Inf. full of get up and go; playful, frolicsome, sportive, gamesome; festive, convivial, rollicking, hilarious.

joviality, n. gaiety, gayness, merriness, joy, joyfulness, jollity, jovundity, glee, gleefulness, mirth, mirthfulness, good or high spirits, hilarity, Rare. heyday; frolicsomeness, friskiness, playfulness, sportiveness, gamesomeness; jubilancy, jubilation, buoyancy, light-heartedness, blitheness, elation, sunniness, rosiness, airiness, breeziness.

jowl, n. jaw, chop, muzzle; cheek.

joy, n. 1. delight, pleasure, enjoyment, delectation, gratification; gladness, Archaic. joyance, happiness, felicity, beatitude, blessedness, exaltation, rapture, bliss; seventh heaven, ecstasy, ravishment, transport. 2. peace, peacefulness, serenity, sereneness, tranquility, tranquillity, placidity, placidness, quiet, contentment. 3. excitement, thrill, Sl. kick, Sl. charge, Sl. rush. 4. gaiety, gayness, sunshine, cheerfulness, gladness-
joyful, adj. 1. glad, delighted, pleased, gratified, Inf. tickled or tickled pink; happy, blessed, contented, blissful; jubilant, exultant, gleeful, exhilarated, enthused, excited, animated, sparkling; elated, overjoyed, beside oneself with joy, thrilled, in seventh heaven, Sl. flying high, enraptured, Literary. raptured, rapturous, ravished, transported, carried away.
2. gay, joyous, full of joy, cheerful, sunny, bright, optimistic, upbeat, positive; blithe, blithesome, light-hearted, buoyant, in good or high spirits; jocund, jovial, merry, jolly, mirthful, laughing, riant, smiling, hilarious.
3. gladness, good, pleasing, gratifying, rewarding; heart-warming, cheering, reassuring, comforting, heartening, encouraging, uplifting; delightful, agreeable, pleasant.

joyless, adj. 1. unhappy, dejected, depressed, down, downcast, downhearted; disheartened, spiritless, discouraged, despondent, down in the mouth; sad, melancholy, plaintive, wistful; sorrowful, grief-stricken, afflicted, saddened, heavy-hearted, disconsolate; grievous, dolorous, doleful, mournful, rueful, lugubrious, funereal; morose, gloomy, saturnine, glum, cheerless, sullen; somber, solemn, grave, serious, tragic; miserable, wretched, woeful, woebegone, inconsolable; heartick, heartsore, aching, grieving, mourning, lamenting, weeping, tearful, lachrymose.
2. gloomy, drab, dreary, dull, depressing, dismal; bleak, cold, comfortless, barren, grim, austere; forlorn, desolate, lonely, deserted, empty, abandoned, uninhabiting; dark, somber, sunless, lightless, murky, dingy.

jubilance, n. exultation, triumph; overjoyedness, elation, joy; ecstasy, rhapsody. See jubilation (def. 1).

jubilant, adj. rejoicing, exultant, triumphant, triumphal, on top of the world; overjoyed, elated, exhilarated, thrilled, excited, beside oneself, jumping for joy, in high spirits, flushed, Inf. tickled pink; ecstatic, euphoric, transported, delirious, rhapsodic, rapturous, enraptured, Literary. raptured, ravished, on cloud nine, in seventh heaven, walking on air, in orbit, flying, Elysian, Dial. in hog heaven, Dial. in high cotton; joyful, joyous, blissful, delighted, pleased, happy as a lark or king or clam, happy, glad, gladsome, sunny, bright, blooming, in good spirits, in a good mood, in high or fine feather; gay, jocund, gleeful, cheerful, riant, merry, mirthful, blithe, blithesome, buoyant, light-hearted.

jubilate, v. 1. rejoice, exult, triumph, glory, be on top of the world; crow, sing about, sing with joy or delight, express one's pleasure, clap one's hands over, hug oneself over, jump for joy, skip or dance with joy or delight; delight, joy, beam, be delighted or joyful or glad, be happy as a lark or king or clam; be elated, be in high spirits, be exhilarated, be in transport, be in ecstasy, be in seventh heaven, be on cloud nine, be in orbit, Dial. be in hog heaven, Dial. be in high cotton.
2. celebrate, have a celebration, throw a party, party, make merry, revel, rollick, frolic.

jubilation, n. exultation, triumph, jubilance, jubilancy; overjoyedness, elatedness, elation, exhilaration, excitement, high spirits; ecstasy, euphoria, delirium, rhapsody, rapturousness, rapture, transport, rapture, blissfulness, delight, happiness, gladness, pleasure; gayness, glee, gleefulness, cheer, cheeriness, cheerfulness, merriness, mirth, mirthfulness, blitheness, blithenessomes, buoyancy, light-heartedness.
2. celebration, jubilee, festivity, festivities, fete, carnival, gala, merrymaking, Merriment, rejoicing, victory party; jambooree, charivari, Inf. shivaree, Inf. shindig, Inf. do, Sl. bash, Sl. wing-ding, Sl. blowout.

judge, n. 1. justice, magistrate, judge, adjudicator, arbitrator, U.S. surrogate, Inf. his Honor, Islam. mullah, cadi; justice of the peace, Inf. J.P., circuit judge, Inf. circuit rider; judge of probate, public court judge, Supreme Court judge, Chief Justice; (collectively) judiciary.
2. arbiter, arbitrator, mediator, moderator, censor, umpire, Inf. ump, referee, Inf. ref, linesman.
3. connoisseur, virtuoso, one of the cognoscenti; critic, reviewer, appraiser, evaluator, assessor, Latin. arbitrator elegantiæ.
—v. 4. adjudicate, adjudicate, referee, Inf. ref, umpire, Inf. ump, rule, find, hold, Sports. call; pass sentence, give a verdict, pronounce a verdict, decide, decree.
5. hear evidence, hear arguments, consider, regard, examine; investigate, appraise, diagnose, review, survey, value, assess, size up, weigh, measure, gauge; try, test, Inf. test-drive.
6. think, reckon, conclude, determine, deduce, believe, form an opinion; interpret, gather, figure out, ascertain, perceive, derive, glean; deem, decide, decide upon, make a judgment, resolve; referee, mediate, arbitrate, decide, settle.
7. estimate, make an estimate, guess, surmise, infer, conjecture, suppose, assume, suspect.

judgment, n. 1. decision, judicial decision, opinion, official opinion, adjudication, ruling, finding, verdict, decree, award; apple of discord, determination, resolution, outcome, upshot, result, penalty.
2. punishment, fate, doom, misfortune; condemnation, conviction, damnation, proscription, sentence, Inf. rap; death sentence, death warrant.
3. judging ability, discernment, prudence, wisdom, judiciousness, sagacity, clearheadedness, per- spicacity, sense, good sense, common sense, levelheadedness, Inf. street sense; shrewdness, sharpness of mind, acumen; intelligence, brains, reasoning power, Inf. gray matter; understanding, penetration, perception, grasp; savoir faire, Inf. know-how, discrimination, taste, virtuosity, artistic taste, connoisseurship, aesthetic discernment.
4. All Law. monetary judgment, obligation, debt, judgment debt, damages, Inf. the damage, Inf. tariff.

judicial, adj. 1. judiciary, judicatory, juridical, juridic, juristic, juridictive, legal, forensic.
2. judgelike, magisterial, Rare. magistral.
3. critical, discriminatory, discriminating, differentiating, distinguishing, disjunctive, analytical; discerning, perceptive, perspicacious, perceptive, keen.
4. decreed, sanctioned, ordained, ordered, com-
minded, dictated, pronounced, proclaimed; decided, determined, adjudicated, settled.

Judicious, adj. 1. discreet, prudent, politic, provident, practical, expedient; circumspect, careful, cautious, mindful, heedful, wary; sensible, commonsensical, long-headed; sagacious, wise, sapient, Solomonical, rational, reasonable, logical; well-advised, well-considered, well-judged; discerning, discriminating, judicial. See Judicial (def. 3).

2. shrewd, astute, Sl. savvy, keen, clever, subtle, diplomatic, tactful; calculating, sharp, acute; intelligent, smart, apt, ingenious, bright; knowledgeable, versed, enlightened, aware, knowing, wide awake, far-sighted.

Judo, n. aikido, jujitsu; martial art.

Jug, n. 1. container, vessel, receptacle; bottle, flask; pitcher, carafe, decanter.
2. crock, pot, urn, vase, bowl.

3. Slang. jail. See jail (def. 1).

Juggle, v. 1. fake, alter, change, tamper with, Inf. doctor, Inf. cook; maneuver, manipulate, fix, rig; load, pack, stack, stack the deck; salt, salt the mine, Sl. plant.
2. dudef, deceive, mislead, beguile, dupe, trick, hoax, humbug, take in, put [s.t.] over on [s.o.], pull a fast one on [s.o.], Inf. slip one over on [s.o.], Inf. bamboozle, Sl. snow, Sl.iddle, Sl. hornswoggle; cheat, swindle, defraud, gull, gammon, victimize, fleece, bilk.

Juggler, n. 1. circus artist or performer; magician, illusionist, conjurer, prestidigitator, legerdemainist, sleight-of-hand performer.
2. trickster, deceiver, deluder, beguiler, Inf. con artist, Sl. crook, Inf. con man or artificer, Brit. Sl. magsman; impostor, fraud, fake, Inf. phony, charlatan, mountebank, quack.

Jugglery, n. juggling; magic, prestidigitation, legerdemain, conjuration, sleight of hand, hocus-pocus, mumbo jumbo.

2. trickery, deception, subterfuge, deceit; chicanery, jiggery-pokery; extract, broth, soup, liquor; nectar, must, wine; drink, beverage, potable, liquid refreshment; cold drink, thirst quencher.

3. essence, strength, vitality, vigor, pith, force.

Juicy, adj. 1. succulent, lush, dripping, dribbling, flowing; wet, watery, serous, sappy; damp, moist, spongy.
2. colorful, vivid, picturesque, graphic, vibrant, exciting; suggestive, racy, risqué, spicy; stimulating, stirring, rousing, sensational, thrilling; alluring, inviting, enticing, tempting, tantalizing; captivating, provocative, intriguing, fascinating.

2. leap, spring, vault, hop, skip, caper, bound, buck; leapfrog, frolic, gambol, bound, bounce, slap, slide, slip, tug, pull a fast one on; start before, go before, forego, jump the gun, misstart, get a headstart, get a jump on.

3. increase, raise, hike, Inf. jack up, boost, escalate, elevate, up; advance, accelerate, appreciate, augment, enlarge, extend; surge, rise, mount, ascend.

4. Informal. ambush, attack, assail, blitze; fall on, pounce on, descend on, set upon, swoop down on, come down on; Inf. bushwhack, Inf. mug, Sl. hit.

5. jump at grab, grab at, snatch, swoop up, catch, reach for, jump on; get excited about, be enthusiastic about, be willing, be eager.

6. jump into join, enter into, get into, hop into; interrupt, burst in, Sl. butt in, chime in, interject, intrude, put one’s two cents in.

7. jump off a. spring from, descend, detract, alight, dismount, get down, get off; land, touch down, plop down.

8. a. launch, start, open, begin; set in, embark on, undertake, venture into.

9. —n. 1. leap, spring, vault, hop, skip, caper, bound, buck; leapfrog, frolic, gambol, bound, bounce; high jump, long jump, broad jump, hop, skip and jump, running jump, pole vault; upleap, caracole, curvet, capriole, gambad, leap, sing, dance, Ballet. entrechat, Ballet. jeté.
2. hurdle, obstacle, fence, rail, hedge, barrier, obstruction, handicap, impediment.

3. gap, space, hole, hiatus, breach; interstice, interval, interruption, caesura, elision; fissure, rift, cleft, scissure, slit, rent, rupture.

4. descent, parachuting, sky-dive, Brit. Sl. brolly hop.

5. rise, boost, raise, increase; escalation, inflation, elevation, mounting, upsurge, upsweep; ascent, advance, appreciation, augmentation.

6. start, jolt, jar, jostle, jerk; lurch, shock, bump, blow; shake, twitch, jiggle, quiver.

Jumpy, adj. 1. skittish, fidgety, jittery, fluttery, nervy, edgy, on edge; shaky, quivery, itchy, scratchy, twitching; tremulous, trembling, quivering, aflutter, atremble, all of a twitter.

2. nervous, apprehensive, fretful; excited, anxious, disquieted, Sl. uptight, uneasy, restive; fussing, unquiet, unsteady, unrelaxed, tense; scared, frightened, afraid, flinkey, alarmed, funky; shy, timorous, timid, diffident.

3. saltatory, jerky, spastic, fitful, convulsive, spasmodic, by fits and starts; choppy, bumpy, jiggling, jolting, jarring, rough.

Junction, n. 1. unification, accomplishment, joinder; juxtaposition, collocation; joining, linking, splicing,
uniting, binding, bonding, yoking; connecting, conjoining, coupling; meeting, touching, bordering, edging, butting.

2. union, association, conjugation, conjunction, juncture; congress, congregation, convergence, concentration, concourse, gathering, assemblage; cohesion, coherence, adherence.

3. juncture, intersection, nexus, connexus, point of union or contact; focus, focal point, focalization; coherence, confluence; abutment, abuttal.

4. joint, joiner, articulation, commissure; pivot, hinge, elbow, knee, dovetail joint, rabbot, rabbot joint; linkage, concatenation, coupling, coupler; seam, suture, welt.

5. connection, tie, tie-in, bond, link, Inf. hook-up; alliance, federation, league; conspiracy, cabal, merger, amalgamation, consolidation, incorporation.

6. railroad station, train station, station, main station, terminus, terminal.

7. crossroads, interchange, crossing, Brit. crosspoint.

juncture, n. 1. point, point in time, period, stage; time, moment, minute, hour, day, season; occasion, advent; circumstance, occurrence, event, incident; contingency, eventuality.

2. crisis, crux, crunch; crossroads, turning point, critical moment or point, crucial moment, critical juncture, moment of truth, zero hour; emergency, exigency; predicament, plight, dilemma, quandary, strait, extremity; pinch, rub, scrape, squeeze, push, Inf. hole, Inf. clutch.

3. junction, intersection. See Junction (def. 3).

4. unification, accouplement, joiner. See Junction (def. 1).

5. union, association. See Junction (def. 2).

6. joint, joiner, articulation. See Junction (def. 4).

jungle, n. 1. forest, timberland, tropical or rain forest, wildwood, woods, wilderness, wilds, the bush, Inf. the brush.

2. jumble, heap, mass, agglomeration, bunch, mess, huddle, pile; tangle, tumble, disarray, chaos, confusion; hodgepodge, hotchpotch, mishmash, fare, gallimaufry, hash, confused mixture or medley.

3. inner city, Inf. asphalt jungle, inner-city school, blackboard jungle.

4. law of the jungle survival of the fittest, might makes right, law of club and fang; dog-eat-dog, each man for himself, cutthroat competition; brute force, Hobbesian world.

junior, adj. 1. younger, Law. puisne, inferior, subordinate, subaltern, lower; lesser, minor, second-rate.

—n. 2. subordinate, subaltern, inferior, underling.

junk, n. 1. trash, litter, garbage, rubbish, riffraff, Brit. Dial. raff, chaff, crap, Sl. dreck, Sl. schlock, trash, refuse, Dial. culch, waste, leavings, leftovers, scraps, sweepings; fragments, remnants, fab ends, odd bits, bits and pieces, odds and ends, truck; castoffs, rags, tatters, castaways, rejects, discards; piece of junk, triffe, trinket, gimcrack, gewgaw, bauble.

—v. 2. Informal. throw out or away, discard, dispose of, get rid of, Inf. trash, Sl. can, Sl. put in file 13 or 17, Sl. put in the round or circular file.

—adj. 3. trashy, Sl. junky, Sl. crappy, worthless, Inf. no-good; cheap, shoddy, shabby, poor, inferior, second-class, second-rate.

junket, n. 1. custard, blancmange, pudding, tapioca pudding.

2. excursion, picnic, frolic, spree, outing; drive, ride, airing, walk, stroll, hike, trek; expedition, journey, trip, voyage, tour, sail, cruise, pleasure cruise.

—v. 3. feast, picnic, eat, drink and be merry; entertain, host, regale.

4. go on an excursion or outing, take a trip, go on a cruise.

junta, n. 1. council, assembly, concave, convocation, synod, consistory.

2. cabal, camarilla, junto, self-appointed committee, ring, gang, band, crew, party; faction, clique, coterie, set, Inf. push; union, coalition, combination, league, confederacy.

junto, n. self-appointed committee, cabal, camarilla, junta. See Junta (def. 2).

jurisdiction, n. 1. authority, dominion, domination, administration; sovereignty, prerogative, predominance, rule, reign, hegemony; control, sway, mastery, influence, guidance, leadership; authorization, permit, power, force, sanction.

2. judicature, judiciary.

3. domain, realm, dominion, province, principality, patinate; bailiwick, area, Inf. Inf. lap.

jurisprudence, n. 1. law, science of law, Law. jus, legal philosophy; law-writing, nomology, nomography; Civil Law. court decisions.

2. body of laws, system of law, legal code, corpus juris, Law. digest, Law. equity; common law, statute law, international law, criminal law, Brit. Crown law; canon law, Corpus Juris Canonicum, Codex Juris Canonicorum.

jurist, n. 1. lawyer, attorney, attorney-at-law, solicitor; counsel, counselor, legal advisor, legist; advocate, defense attorney, Inf. mouthpiece; prosecuting attorney, public prosecutor, district attorney, Inf. D.A., attorney general, publicist; criminal lawyer, Inf. shyster, Inf. ambulance chaser, Inf. pettyfogger; notary, notary public, Scot. law agent, Scot. writer to the signet, India. pundit; All Brit. barrister, King's or Queen's Counsel, Inf. K.C., Inf. Q.C., silk, silk gown, junior barrister, junior counsel, sergeant at law, tubman.

2. judge, (collectively) judiciary, justice, judicator, magistrate, justice of the peace, Inf. J.P.; judge advocate, presiding judge, probate judge, police judge, circuit judge, Supreme Court judge, Chief Justice, Inf. His Honor; All Brit. Lord Justice, Lord Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Chief Justice, Lord Chief Justice, Master of the Rolls; his Lordship, his Worship, barmaster, judge of assizes, Inf. beak.

3. arbiter, arbitrator, moderator, umpire, Inf. ump, referee, Inf. ref, linesman.

4. lawwriter,onomologist, codifier; statute maker, legislator.

jury, n. 1. body of jurors, Law. veniremen, twelve just men, Inf. twelve men in a box, panel of peers, Law. country, Law. tales; grand jury, petty jury, coroner's jury, inquest, panel.

2. judges, adjudgers, prize jury, awards committee.

jury-rigged, adj. makeshift, stop-gap, expedient, improvised, temporary, impermanent, provisional, substitute, succedaneous; alternative, emergency, Fr. pis aller.

just, adj. 1. fair, impartial, fair-minded, equitable, even, even-handed; unbiased, objective, disinterested, dispasionate, unprejudiced, open-minded, neutral, tolerant; uninfluenced, unwayed, unbogged, unwarped, undistorted.

2. upright, righteous, honorable, upstanding, noble; ethical, proper, moral, conscionable; principled, high-minded, right-minded, uncorrupt; good, sincere, true, earnest, conscientious, scrupulous; honest, truthful,
veracious, straight, Inf. square, Inf. fair and square; straightforward, candid, open, aboveboard.
3. rightful, right, lawful, legitimate, Inf. kosher, legal, licit; constitutional, statutorily; valid, justified, sound, well-grounded, well-grounded, substantial, solid, firm; justifiable, defensible, warrantable, vindicable, supportable, reasonable; judicious, well-advised, sensible, wise.
4. true, truthful, veracious, honest, authentic, bona fide; correct, factual, actual, literal, true-to-life, true-to-form; accurate, exact, precise, close, faithful, strict; flawless, faultless, perfect, defectless, errorless, inerrant.
5. deserved, merited, earned; rightful, proper, due; well-deserved, (of punishment) condign, fitting, appropriate, apt, suitable, meet.
   —adv. 6. only now, but a moment before, a moment ago; recently, lately, not long ago, a short time ago.
7. exactly, precisely.
8. barely, hardly, scarcely, Dial. scanty, only just; by a narrow margin, Inf. by the skin of one’s teeth, by a hair’s breadth, by a little bit, by an inch.
9. only, merely, solely; but, nothing but, no more than, at most.
10. actually, in reality, really, truly; positively, absolutely, without a doubt, indubitably, certainly, definitely.

justice, n. 1. fairness, fair play, impartiality, impartiality, fair-mindedness, equity, equitability. evenness, even-handedness; prejudicedness, objectivity, objectiveness, disinterestedness, dispassionateness, open-mindedness, neutrality, tolerance.
2. rightness, righteousness, homogeneity, upstandingness, nobility, nobleness; honor, integrity, probity, virtuousness, virtue, rectitude; ethicalness, ethicality, propriety, propriety, propriety, morality, rightness, conscientiousness; high-mindedness, right-mindedness, uncompromisedness; goodness, sincerity, sincerity, truth, earnestness, conscientiousness, scrupulousness; honesty, truthfulness, veracity, sacredness; openness, Inf. straightforwardness, candor, frankness.
3. rightfulness, lawfulness, justice, legitimacy, legitimateness, legality, constitutionality; validity, validity, soundness, substantiability, substantiality, solidity, solidness, firmness; justifiability, justifiability, defensibility, defensibility, warrantability, vindicability, supportability, supportableness; reasonable, reasonability, judiciousness, sensibleness.
4. compensation, recompense, remuneration; return, retribution, nemesis.
5. judgment, adjudication, sentence, Law. award; ruling, decision, decision, determination, finding; opinion, view, feeling.
6. judge, magistrate, judge; arbitrator, arbiter, referee, umpire.

justifiable, adj. 1. warrantable, authorized, legitimate, lawful, just, right, rightful; reasonable, within reason, sensible, sane, acceptable; plausible, credible, believable, undeniable, unquestionable; sound, well-grounded, solidly based, defensible, supportable; sustainable, tenable, maintainable, assertible.
2. excusable, vindicable, absolvable, forgivable, excusable, pardonable.

justification, n. 1. reason, basis, grounds, just cause, authorization, sanction; plea, explanation, defense, substantiation, support; argument, assertion, allegation, Law. derangement; story, rationalization, apology, apologia, excuse, extenuation, palliation, Law. demurrer, Law. rebutter, Law. essoin, U.S. Inf. alibi, Inf. song and dance.
2. warranting, authorizing, legitimation, legitimization, legitimatization, legalizing, legalizing; substantiating, defending, supporting, sustaining, bolstering, backing; maintaining, defending, advocacy, advocating, Obs. advocacy, Obs. vouch; explaining, extenuating, palliating.
3. exculpation, exculpating, proof or declaration of innocence, removal of guilt, freedom from blame; acquittal, acquittance, acquitting, compurgation, clearance, clearing one’s name; release, dismissal, discharge, freedom, liberty, liberation, emancipation, deliverance, delivery, redemption; vindication, vindicating, exonerating, redress, redressing, righting, setting or putting right; absolution, absolving, forgiveness, forgiving, excusing, pardon, pardoning, amnesty.

justificatory, adj. 1. substantive, substantiating, supportive, supporting, upholding, sustaining, justificative, justifying; apologetic, extenuatory, extenuating, mitigative, mitigating, palliative, palliating.
2. exculpatory, exculpating, acquitting, compurgatory; exonerative, exonerating, vindicatory, vindicating, vindicating, vindicating; absolvent, absolving, absolving, excusatory, excusing.

justify, v. 1. warrant, authorize, legitimate, legitimize, legalize; substantiate, give sufficient grounds for, show just cause, give reasons for; explain, tell one’s story, rationalize, apologize, extenuate, palliate, make excuses, Inf. as good as a song and dance, put right, set right, absolve, forgive, excuse, pardon.
2. defend, champion, fight for, plead for, stick up for, stand up for; support, uphold, sustain, bolster up, back, maintain, assert, Law. deraign, advocate, vouch, second, stand by.
3. exculpate, prove or declare innocent, uphold innocence, pronounce or declare not guilty, remove guilt, free from blame; acquit, clear, clear one’s name; release, set free, let go, dismiss, discharge; free, liberate, emancipate, deliver, let out of, let off, Inf. let off the hook, Theol. redeem; vindicate, exonerate, redress, right, set or put right, absolve, forgive, excuse, pardon.

justly, adv. fairly, equitably, equally, impartially, impersonally, passionately, disinterestedly, honestly; accurately, rightly, properly, just so, correctly, faultlessly; deservedly, fairly and squarely, rightly, rightfully, justifiably, properly, lawfully.

justness, n. 1. lawfulness, justice, equity, equitableness, even-handedness; rightness, rightfulness, meetness, properness, what is right; justifiability, justifiability, justifiability.
2. correctness, exactness, accuracy, faithfulness, fidelity; niceness, nicety, exactitude, preciseness, meticulousness, faultlessness.

juvenile, adj. 1. young, minor, underage, teenager, teenaged, in the teens, preteen; fresh, blooming, budding, unfledged, new-fledged.
2. childlike, youthful, Inf. like a kid; boyish, girlish; childish, Inf. kiddish, puerile, jejune; inexperienced, tender, green, wet behind the ears, immature, unripe, callow; baby-faced, beardless, smooth-cheeked, downy-cheeked; juvenescent, pubescent.

juveniles, n. 3. child, young person, teenager, teen, preteen, youth, youngster, minor; kid, beginner, young hopeful, hopeful, Inf. cute kid, Inf. sweet young thing, Dial. young un; girl, schoolgirl, young lady, lass, las-
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sie, mademoiselle, damsel, maiden, maid, slip, sprig, sprite, mite, Inf. chit; tomboy, hoyden, teeny-bopper, jail bait; boy, schoolboy, young man, scion, lad, junior, cadet, cub, stripling, fledgling, sapling, whelp; whippet-snapper, juvenile delinquent, J.D.; brat, urchin, street urchin, puppy, Inf. snip, Inf. minx. juxtapose, v. appose, Rare. juxtaposit, place or set or put side by side, place parallel, place near, bring near; compare, put alongside; pair, partner, match, collocate.
kaleidoscopic, adj. 1. motley, variegated, many-colored, dappled, rainbow-like, many-splendored; changeable, mutable, mobile, variable, alterable; ever-changing, protean, checkered; labile, unstable, unsteady, inconstant; vacillating, wavering, fluctuating, shifting, ever-moving; capricious, erratic.
2. surrealistic, hallucinatory, psychedelic, phantasmagoric, nightmarish, Kafkaesque, Inf. wild, St. far-out.
3. complex, intricate, daedal, complicated, convoluted, topsy-turvy; varied, tumbled, confused, disarranged, disarranged.

kaput, adj. Slang, dead, defunct, expired, passed.

keel, 1. bottom, bottom side, underside; board, centerboard, keelson.
2. barge, raft, float; ship, boat, vessel, bark, craft, hull, bulk, packet, watercraft, Sl. tub, Sl. bucket.
—v. 3. overturn, upset, capsize, overset, tip over, topple over; turn turtle, turn upside down, turn topsy-turvy.
4. keel over faint, swoon, fall in a faint, fall senseless, Inf. pass out, black out, go out like a light.

keen, adj. 1. sharp, razor-sharp, sharpened, edged, sharp-edged, knife-edged, fine-edged, feathered.
2. cogent, penetrating, piercing, incisive, pointed, rapier-like; trenchant, mordant, mordacious, pungent; cutting, biting, stinging, scathing, scorching, withering; satirical, sardonic, mocking, derisive, derisory, insulting; harsh, severe, stringent, rough; unkind, uncharitable, malicious, malevolent, malignant, cruel; virulent, bitter, acrimonious, acid, acid, acerb, rancorous, venomous, envenomed, tart.
3. acute, sensitive, perceptive, perceiving, discerning, discriminating, penetrating, conscious, cognizant, aware, sentient, sensible, comprehending, understanding; sympathetic, responsive, Sl. in tune, Sl. tuned-in.
4. astute, wise, sagacious, sapient; intelligent, smart, bright, Inf. brainy; quick, quick-witted, sharp-witted, smart as a whip, knowing, Inf. nobody's fool, Inf. no dummy, Sl. no dumbbell; shrewd, clever, subtle, crafty, canny, cunning, sly, slick, wily, foxy, Sl. crazy like a fox, Scot. and North Eng. pawky.
5. intent, earnest, diligent, assiduous; enterprising, ambitious, bustling; energetic, vigorous, dynamic, kinetic; animated, lively, spirited, high-spirited, vivacious, lusty, active, Sl. go-go; All Inf. snappy, zippy, peppy, full of pep, full of get up and go.

6. eager, avid, ebullient, enthusiastic, full of enthusiasm, Inf. enthused, ready and willing, Archaic. fain, Sl. gung-ho, Sl. psyched, Sl. turned-on; anxious, agog, all agog, Sl. all hopped up; impatient, champing at the bit, bursting to, itching to, raring to, ardent, fervent, fervid, zealous; impassioned, passionate, feverish, heated, Sl. all fired-up.
7. intense, extreme, excruciating, heavy; poignant, heartfelt, deepfelt, Archaic. homefelt; deep, profound, indelible.

keen², n. 1. keening, lamentation, jeremiad, complaint, Archaic. plaint; moan, groan, wail, ululation, howl, cry.
2. clergy, requiem, monody, threnody; dirge, epicedium, (in Scotland and Ireland) coronach, death song.
—v. 3. lament, mourn, sorrow, grieve; wail, weep, sob, cry, ululate, howl; go into mourning; wear or put on mourning; moan, groan, fret, repine.

keen-eyed, adj. sharp-sighted, quick-sighted, eagle-eyed, hawk-eyed, lynx-eyed; all-seeing, all-observant, not missing a thing, taking it all in; perspicacious, discerning, discriminating, perceptive, perceptive, perceptible, clear-sighted; keen, acute, sharp, sharp as a tack, alert, bright, wide-awake, Sl. on the job, Sl. on the ball; on the watch for, vigilant, Argus-eyed; on the alert, on the qui vive, watchful, on the lookout, on guard; wary, chary, cautious, careful, circumspect, prudent, discreet.

keenness, n. 1. cogency, penetration, incisiveness, pointedness; mordancy, mordaciousness, trenchancy, pungency, cuttingness, bitiness, stinginess, scorchingness; satiricalness, sardonicism, derisiveness, mockery, insultingness; harshness, severity, stringency, roughness; unkindness, uncharitableness, maliciousness, malevolence, malignancy, cruelty; virulence, bitterness, acrimony, acrimoniousness, acridness, acidity, acerbity, rancorousness, venomousness.
2. acuteness, sharpness, sensitivity, discernment, discrimination, perception, perceiving, perspicacity; consciousness, cognizance, awareness, sentience, sensibility, comprehension, understanding; sympathy, empathy, responsiveness.
3. astuteness, wisdom, sagacity, sapience; intelligence, smarts, brightness, Inf. braininess; shrewdness, cleverness, subtlety, caniness, cunning, slyness, williness, foxiness, Scot. and North Eng. pawkniness.

4. intenness, earnestness, diligence, assiduousness; enterprise, aggressiveness, ambitiousness, ambition, hustle; energy, vigor, dynamism, animation, liveliness, spiritedness, high-spiritedness, vivacity, vivaciousness, lustiness, activeness; All Inf. snap-
pine, snap, zippiness, zip, peppiness, pep, get up and go.

5. eagerness, avidness, ebullience, enthusiasm, readiness, willingness; anxiousness, impatience; arder, fervidity, fervency, zeal, zealousness; passion, passionateness, vehemence, heatheadedness.

6. intensity, extremeness, excruciatingness, heaviness; poignancy; deepness, profundity, indelibility.

keep, v. 1. maintain, carry on, continue, stay with, accede; follow, fulfill, carry out, accomplish, effect, obviate, commemorate, memorialize; hallow, solemnize, dedicate; effectuate; complete, achieve, execute, consummate.

2. preserve, maintain, secure, conserve, sustain, keep alive, keep fresh, hold, embrace; maintain in order, keep fixed, keep up; support, uphold, shore up, brace, bolster, prop, stay, ground.

3. restrain, keep down, keep back, hold back, check, hold in check, curb, limit, keep within bounds; arrest, hold in captivity, detain, retain; master, subjugate, control, dominate; prohibit, inhibit, keep from, forbid, interdict, withhold, disallow, restrict, deny; hinder, encumber, dether, hamstring, obstruct, stall, retard, cramp; grasp, clench, clasp, grip, clutch, grip; tie up, shack, chain.

4. furnish, stock, have in stock, carry trade in, store, deal in; have, possess, accumulate, save up, husband, treasure up, amass, hoard up, lay in, garner, pile.

5. associate with, fraternize, accompany, mingle with; keep company with, date, court, go out with, take out; Inf. hang around with, consort with, flock together; row in the same boat, chum, Inf. pal, Inf. pal up with, Inf. pal around with, Inf. buddy up with, Inf. take up with, Inf. gang with, Inf. latch on or onto.

6. have custody of, be responsible for, supervise, superintend, manage; tend, mind, take care of, care for, watch over, look after, keep an eye on; guard, protect, defend, safeguard, shelter, cover, shield.

7. conceal, keep dark, withhold, hide, keep hidden, keep secret, hugger-mugger; hush, hush up, stifle, suppress, muffle, silence, not breathe a word or syllable about; veil, screen, shroud, beshroud, curtain, mask, cloak; obscure, cloud, becloud, befog; camouflage, disguise, enshroud, bury, secrete, cache, shelter, cover, hide one's light under a bushel.

8. observe, obey, abide by, comply with, submit to, conform to, keep faith with, be regulated by; mind, heed, pay attention to; acknowledge, respect, defer to, accede; follow, fulfill, carry out, accomplish, effect, effectuate; complete, achieve, execute, consummate.

9. observe, celebrate, ceremonially, ritualize, commemoratize, memorize, hallow, solemnize, dedicate; signalize.

10. support, maintain, foster, nurture, nourish; provide for, provision, feed, victual; afford, pay for, board, subside.

11. keep at a. persist, persevere, endure, hold out, hold up, keep going, be steadfast, stick, Inf. stick it out; finish, complete, do thoroughly; see it through, hang in there, follow to a conclusion, Sl. stay the distance, die in harness, die at one's post, die with one's boots on, go down trying, go down with flying colors.

b. be resolute, be tenacious, be stubborn, be obstinate, be determined, be pertinacious, be firm, be constant, be unswerving, be aggressive. c. plod, peg, peg away, peg along, plug; drudge, grind, toil, toil, labor, slave, work like a dog or slave. d. keep after, follow, follow up, pursue, go after, trail, shadow, track; keep an eye on, search, for, seek, hunt, look for, quest; prosecute, stay on [s.o.'s] back, run after.

—n. 12. subsistence, maintenance, upkeep, support, livelihood, sustenance, sustainment, sustenance, necessity, necessaries, provision; board and lodging, room and board; nourishment, nurture, nutriment, aliment, rations, fare, diet, regimen, grubstake.

13. inner tower, donjon, dungeon, stronghold, fastness; castle, chateau, citadel; fort, fortress, fortification.

14. for keeps a. seriously, intently, gravely, sincerely, earnestly, soberly, grimly, determinedly, resolutely. b. finally, permanently, resolutely, unequivocally, ultimately, conclusively; once and for all, for good, forever.

keeper, n. 1. jailer, Sl. screw, turnkey, sheriff; guard, warden, doorkeeper, watchman; sentry, sentinel, outpost.

2. guardian, chaperon, (in Spain and Portugal) duenna; escort, bodyguard, convoy; governor, nurse, wet nurse, dry nurse, nursemaid, (in India and the Orient) amah, U.S. mammy; guardian angel; lifeguard.

3. manager, proprietor, owner, entrepreneur; superintend, director, supervisor, administrator, executive; maintenance man, janitor, custodian, caretaker, housekeeper, concierge, steward; curator, conservator; overseer, proctor, procurator.

4. (all of animals) gamekeeper, game warden; cowkeeper, cowboy, cowpuncher, cowgirl, drover, herder, herdman, herdboy, cowherd; swineherd, goatherd, gooseherd, shepherd, shepherdess, sheep rancher; stockman, breeder, trainer; stableman, equerry, groom, ostler, hostler; beekeeper, apiculturist, apist.

keeping, n. 1. agreement, congruity, harmony, conformity; correspondence; accordance, concurrence, accord, consistency; likeness, similarity, uniformity, resemblance, affinity, similitude; proportion, balance, evenness, parallelism; compliance, obedience, assent, concession, consent, acquiescence, acknowledgment, accommodation; performance, observance.

2. protection, safekeeping, safeguard; care, charge, custody; auspices, aegis, patronage; guardianship, trusteeship, Law. ward, tutelage, wardenship, detention, protectorship, protectorate.

3. keep, subsistence, maintenance, upkeep, support. See keep (def. 12).

4. retaining, preserving, reserving, keeping in possession, maintaining; saving, hoarding, amassing, husbanding, storing up, putting by for a rainy day; holding, keeping fast, gripping, embracing, grasping, clutching.

keepsake, n. remembrance, memento, relic, souvenir, favor, token, token of remembrance, token of appreciation.

keg, n. barrel, cask, hoghead, puncheon, butt, tierce, tun, rundlet; vat, tank, tub, firkin; container, vessel.

ken, n. 1. cognition, knowledge, familiarity, acquaintance; perciption, discernment, discrimination; perception, apprehension, comprehension, understanding, appreciation; awareness, consciousness, sentence, sensibility, sensitivity; realization, recognition, notice.

2. purview, field of view, field of view, vision, visibility, view, range of vision, eyeshot, eyesight, sight.

kennel, n. 1. doghouse, doghole; dog pound, dog shelter.

2. lair, den, cave, hole, burrow; shelter, hiding place, haunt.

kerrchief, n. scarf, babushka, headdress, kaffiyeh; neckerchief, muffler, bandana, handkerchief, cloth.

kernel, n. 1. grain, seed, stone, Embryol. germ, nut, nutlet, nutmeat, meat.
ketchup, n. sauce, condiment, seasoning, relish.
kettle, n. 1. pot, stewpot, cauldron, boiler, pan, saucepan, stewpan; vat, tub, crucible; teakettle, coffeepot.
key, n. 1. opener, latchkey; skeleton key, passkey.
keynote, n. 1. keynote, n. 2 key, n. 3 keynote, n. 4 key.
kick, v. 1. Sl. boot, Obs. foot, kick away; Football. punt, drop-kick, place-kick; (all of the foot) strike, hit, tap; propel, push, shove.
kickback, n. informal. percentage, share, cut, commission; bribe, graft, Inf. payola, Inf. plugula, Inf. hush money.
kick off, a. Slang. die, Sl. kick the bucket, Sl. kick, pass away or on, give up the ghost. informal. initiate, start, begin, start the ball rolling, break ground, lay the first stone.
kick out, informal. eject, oust, expel, remove, Sl. give the bum's rush; get rid of, force out, thrust out, push out, Sl. boot out, Inf. throw out or out on one's ear, toss out, turn out; dismiss, discharge, show the door, Sl. give the gate, send packing, send about one's business; fire, Sl. give the boot, give [s.o.] his walking papers or pink slip, Inf. give [s.o.] the ax, Sl. sack, Sl. can, Sl. bounce.
kick up a. kick upward, drive upward, force upward, push upward. b. raise or make a fuss, cause a scene, make a row, create a disturbance, Inf. raise a ruckus, kick up a storm, Sl. raise Cain.
—n. 9. kick, boot; Football. punt, drop kick, place kick; (all of the foot) stroke, blow, hit, tap.
kid, n. 1. doeling, young or baby goat; goat, ibex; doe, nanny goat, nanny, nan, she-goat; buck, ram, bilbo, be- goat.
kidnapping, n. theft, robbery, abduction, kidnapping, the act or crime of forcibly removing another from his home, family, or property.
kiddish adj. Informal. youthful, young, at heart, girlish, boyish, kidlike, childlike, Rare. childly; juvenile, juvenescence, adolescent, puerile, jejune; childish, babyish, infantile, immature.

kiddish v. 1. Informal. tease, badging, chalk, pull [s.o.'s] leg, Inf. josh, Inf. rib, Inf. fun, Sl. put [s.o.] on, Sl. jive; ridicule, make fun of, mock, mimic, make game of, sport, Inf. rag; banter, jest, joke, joke or kid around, be facetious, be frivolous or flippant; trifle with, toy with, play with, make sport of, make light of.

2. Informal. trick, hoax, play a practical joke on; kid or play a trick on, . jive; ridicule, make fun of, mock, mimic, make sport of, toy with, play with, make sport of, make light of.

kiddish killing n. 1. (usu. of persons) abduct, rape, capture, seize, steal, Sl. snatch, hold as hostage, hold for ransom; make off with, lay hold of, lays hands on, carry off, bear away, take away, snatch, pluck; petnap, dognap; (usu. in reference to military service) impress, press, conscript, Naut. shanghai, crimp.

2. commandeer, take over by force, hijack, skyjack, pirate; expropriate, appropriate, misappropriate.

kiddnapping n. 1. abduction, capture, rape, seizure, robbery, theft; man-stealing, child-stealing; petnapping, dognapping; impressment, conscription.

2. commandeering, hijacking, air or sky piracy, skyjacking; expropriation, arrogation, misappropriation.

kiddnapper n. abductor, rapist, thief, robber, crook; petnapper, dognapper; deeregger; skyjacker, hijacker, sky or air pirate.

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kiddney n. 1. urinary organ, (usu. pl.) Archaic. reins.

2. disposition, nature, humor, spirit, temperament, temper, grain, mood; outlook, mind-set, frame of mind; character, make-up, inner man, qualities, constitution.

3. kind, sort, type, brand, name, variety; make, cast, cut, mold, form, style, manner; grain, tone, color; species, genus, breed, brood, genre.

4. kill n. 1. slay, murder, assassinate, poison, do to death, liquidate, erase, blot or wipe out, put an end to, get rid of, put away, put out of the way, silence, carry off, remove, dispatch, finish, finish off, do for, fix, settle, lay out, lay low, Inf. put the kibosh on, Inf. nip in the bud; All Sl. off, hit, zap, waste, croak, eighty-six, take off, rub out, bump off, snuff out, knock off, polish off, give [s.o.] the works or the business; All Euph. send west, take for a ride, put [s.o.] out of his misery.

2. shoot, shoot down, riddle, Sl. blow [s.o.'s] brains out, Sl. pump [s.o.] full of lead; club, beat, batter, pound, hammer, blackjack, brain, Sl. knock or beat [s.o.'s] brains out; choke, strangle, throttle, garroette, stifle, Sl. serag; knife or stab, cut [s.o.'s] throat, jugulate, cut, cut down, bayonet, pierce, lanceinate, run through, put to the sword, impale, spear, lance, Euph. let the daylight in; smoother, suffocate, asphyxiate, burke.

3. execute, put to death, behead, decapitate, guillotine, decollate; hang, gibbet, lynch, Sl. string up, Sl. stretch; stone, lapidate; burn at the stake; electrocute; through, put to the sword, impale, spear, lance, stab, cut [s.o.'s] throat, jugulate, cut, cut down, bayonet, pierce, lanceinate, run through, put to the sword, impale, spear, lance, Euph. let the daylight in; smoother, suffocate, asphyxiate, burke.

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5. immolate, sacrifice, burn; (all of oneself) commit suicide or hara-kari, Inf. overdose, Sl. O.D., Sl. brodie, Sl. take the gas, Sl. take a powder.

6. annihilate, exterminate, obliterate, disperse, reduce to nothing, destroy totally, eradicate, extirpate, abolish, extinguish; massacre, decimate, destroy a great number.

7. neutralize, negate, nullify, deaden, undo, depotentiate; offset, equalize, balance, counterbalance; weaken, dilute, mix, admix, alloy, (of drugs or alcohol) water or water down, (of drugs or alcohol) cut.

8. mar, spoil, despoil, ruin, damage, impair, hurt, harm; detract from, reduce, decrease, diminish.

9. (all of time) pass, while away, beguile, fill, occupy, spend, expend, exhaust, take up, employ, wait through; consume, absorb, use up, eat up, devour, swallow up, guzzle, put in; waste, dissipate, squander, fritter or fool away, lose, throw away, lavish, misspend, misuse, Sl. blow.

10. overwhelm, overpower, overcome completely, stagger, amaze, bedazzle; Sl. break or knock one dead or out, Sl. knock or lay them in the aisles, Sl. break or crack one up; stir, affect, move, transport, impression, touch, influence, incite, stimulate, excite, electrify.

11. irk, gall, vex, displease, annoy, disturb, provoke, irritate, nettie, rile, pique, chafe, ruffle.

12. muffle, deaden, damp, dampen, dull, smother, mute, silence.

13. exhaust, tire, tire out, fog, fag out, Inf. fag. Inf. Exh. fag out, fatigue, wear out, weary, sap; debilitate, weaken, prostrate, enervate, tax, strain, overtax, overrun, wear out, overtax, overtask, overburden.

14. cancel, delete, expunge, remove, cross out, cut out, scratch, excise, withdraw, edit, amend, obliterate, strike or rule out, write off; erase, efface, eradicate, wipe or blot out.

15. veto, vote down, turn down, countermand, defeat, reject, overrule, disallow, prohibit.

16. (all of machinery) stop, cease, discontinue, turn off, shut off, cut off, terminate, stall, pause, brake; pull up.

17. Informal. (usu. of food or drink) consume, devour, absorb, swallow up, drink up, guzzle down, bolt down, gulp down, gobble down; drain, empty, exhaust, deplete, finish, finish off, do in, Sl. eighty-six.

18. deathblow, killing blow, finishing stroke, final assault, Inf. haymaker, Sl. sockdolager, Inf. Sunday punch, Sl. mop-up, Fr. coup de grâce, dispatch, death; finish, end, conclusion, termination.

19. prey, quarry, game, raven, victim, meat, carcass.

killer n. 1. slayer, murderer, manslayer, mankiller, cutthroat, thug, poisoner, strangler, impaler; assassin, liquidator, brave, sniper, gunman, knifer, Euph. silencer, Euph. dispatcher; All Sl. gun; hit man; triggerman, torpedo, hatchet man; executioner, executionist, Sl. Jack Ketch, decapitator, headsman, beheader, lyncher, hangman, garrotter, burker, burkist, Bullfighting matador; butcher, slaughterer, Bluebeard, ripper, mass-murderer, mass slayer, exterminator, annihilator, destroyer; blood-spiller, bloodshedder, bloodletter.

2. homicide, suicide, patricide, matricide, parricide, fratricide, sororicide, uxoricide, infanticide, regicide, vaticide; aborticide, insecticide, fungicide, germicide.

3. Slang. hunter, killer-diller, doozy, dinger, Brit. ripper, cut out a mask, Brit. the bee's knees, mindblower, mindboggler, rip, rip and run, half a hail, honey, lulu, dilly, beaut, beauty; lady's man, lady-killer, playboy, rake.

killing n. 1. murder, slaying, manslaughtering, thug-
kill-joy, kind
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kindle
glee, fatality, death, violent death, bloody or foul murder, murder most foul, foul play, assassination, shooting, strangling, strangulation, garrotting, poisoning; execution, capital punishment, judicial murder; hanging, lynching, Euph. necktie party; decapitation, decollation, guillotining; electrocution, gassing; martyrdom, immolation, crucifixion, impalement, lapidation,stoning, burning, burning at the stake; homicide, suicide, patricide, matricide, parricide, fratricide, sororicide, uxoricide, infanticide, regicide, vaticide; aborticide, insecticide, fungicide, germicide.
2. butchery, massacre, carnage, slaughter, bloodbath, bloodshed, fusillade of blood, effusion of blood, Rare. truncation. Rare. internecion, wholesale or general slaughter; mass murder, mass slaying, mass homicide, mass execution, mass destruction, decimation, liquidation, blotting or wiping out, genocide, pogrom, holocaust, Euph., Hist. Final Solution, extermination, obliteration, organized murder, elimination.
3. coup, stroke of luck or fortune, piece of good luck or good fortune, Inf. smash or big hit, hit, fluke, run of luck, godsend, windfall, bonanza; master stroke, stroke of genius, Fr. coup de maître, feat, achievement; Inf. cleanup, harvest, fortune, profit, take, take-ins, winnings, booty, prize, gain.
—adj. murder, hors de combat, cutthroat, assassinating; death-dealing, lethal, fatal, mortal, mortaliferous, deadly, deathly, Archaic. lethiferous; slaughterous, internecine, savage, barbarous, cruel, brutal, fiendish; cannibalistic, anthropophagous, bloodthirsty, bloody-minded, sanguinary, sanguine, sanguineous, sanguinolent, bloody, gory, bloodstained, ensanguined; ferocious, violent, frenzied, wild, berserk, amok, raging, maniacal; annihilating, exterminating, obliterating, extirpative, extinguishing, eliminating, withering, devastating, decimating, exterminating, destroying.
5. exhausting, debilitating, enervating, prostrating, exhausting, debilitating, exhuasting, eliminating, withering, devastating, decimating, exterminating, destroying.
6. Informal. screaming, hilarious, uproarious, screamingly funny, highly amusing, too funny for words; funny, comic, comical, amusing, quizzical; ludicrous, ridiculous, absurd, nonsensical, outrageous, outlandish, foolish, laughable, risible, farcical; droll, drollish, rich.
kill-joy, n. spoilspoil, damper, Sl. partypooper, wet blanket, grouch, Inf. sourpuss, malcontent; cynic, pessimist, gloom and doomier, Inf. gloomy Gus, Sl. crapehanger; nihilist, negativist, defeatist; worrywart, prophet of doom, Cassandra; scowler, sneerer, snarler, growler, grumbler; critic, complainer, faultfinder, detractor; scoffers, satirist, carver, cavalier, Inf. knocker; skeptic, nullifidian, doubter.
kilt, n. skirt, wraparound, filibeg.
kilter, n. Informal. order, working order, condition, Sl. whack; shape, state, form, alignment, Inf. sync, Brit. Dial. kelter; fetkle, trim, repair, fitness, feather; regularity, array, disposition, course, even tenor.
kimonono, n. robe, gown, dressing gown, peignoir, Fr. robe de chambre, smoking gown, tea gown; bathrobe, housecoat, lounging robe; morning dress, negligee, deshabille, wrapper.
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kint, n. skirt, wraparound, filibeg.
kin, n. 1. relatives, kinsfolk, kith, kith and kin, kindred; relations, connections, distant relatives; family, folks, people, tribe, brood, clan; house, nationality, gentility.
2. kinship, relationship, relation, consanguinity, alliance, connection; blood, blood ties, flesh and blood, family ties; common ancestry, patrilineage, matrilineage, parentage; affiliation, cognation, agnation, enation; proinquity, nearness, closeness; extraction, lineage, descent, stock, breed, strains; ilk, kind, line, sept.
—adj. 3. akin, related, kinred, fraternal, twin; consanguineous, consanguine, cognate, agnate, enate, german, uterine; affiliated, family, allied, affined, affiliated, near, close, propinquitous; of the same family, of the same blood, of the same nature.
kind1, adj. 1. good, benevolent, benign, benignant, beneficent; mild, gentle, tender, Fr. gentil; compassionate, loving, Inf. Christian, humane, decent, noble, human; gracious, generous, charitable, bounteous, giving; lionhearted, big-hearted, altruistic, magnanimous, humanitarian, philanthropic, warm-hearted, kindhearted, tender-hearted, soft-hearted; clement, lenient, temperate, merciful, pitying, pliable, unhardened.
2. considerate, understanding, thoughtful; indulgent, forbearing, forbearant, patient, forgiving; helpful, obliging, accommodating; chivalrous, gallant, courteous; neighborly, friendly, nice, genial, hospitable, affable; kindly, cordial, amiable, amicable, good-natured, well-disposed; well-meant, well-meaning, well-intended, well-intentioned, well-affected; sympathetic, sympathizing, warm, affectionate, commiserating; tactful, diplomatic, delicate, mindful, heedful; motherly, fatherly, maternal, paternal, grandmotherly, grandfatherly; brotherly, fraternal, sisterly, cousinly, avuncular.
kind2, n. 1. class, category, genre, order; group, set, suit, variety; genus, species, phylum, subgenus, subspecies, strain, sept; race, breed, people, folk, clan, family, tribe, brood, ilk, kin, stock, stirps.
2. nature, aspect, character, temperament, disposition, temper, humor, habit; persuasion, bent, leaning, inclination, diathesis; lot, style, manner, cast, mold, strain, move, stir, fillip; evoke, elicit, call forth, sum up, kindle, Inf. kindle or enkindle, touch off, ignite the spark, stir the embers, fuel or stoke.
Obs.
—adj. 1,2). kind.
kinder, adj. warm-hearted, good-natured, good-hearted; good, gentle, nice. See kind (defs. 1, 2).
kinderheartedness, n. goodness, compassion, warmth-heartedness. See kindness (defs. 1, 2).
kindle, v. 1. fire, ignite, torch, deflagrate, burn, burn up or down, set aflame or alight or on fire, set fire to, put to the torch, put or apply a match to, Obs. ascend, Obs. flagrate.
2. incite, provoke, actuate, poke, prod, prick, goad, prompt, spur; encourage, urge, abet, egg on, put up to, incite, stimulate, foment, agitate, suscite, excite, impassion, intensify, arouse, rouse, madden, craze, stir up, wind up, work up, whip up, lash into a fury, Inf. psych up, heat up, Obs. cafey, fire up, inflame, enflame, enkindle, touch off, ignite the spark, stir the embers, stoke or fuel or fan the fire, add fuel to the flames or fire.
3. stimulate, animate, reanimate, whet, invigorate, motivate, inspire, incite, galvanize, electrify, Inf. spark; energize, activate, vivify, rally, revive, enliven, liven up, pep up, awaken, wake up, waken, shake up, jive, gog, mas, drive, press, force, force along, propel, rouse, mobilize, wake up, slap, bash, flog; impel, induce, compel, constrain, move, stir, fillip; evoke, elicit, call forth, sum-
kindly, adj. 1. kindhearted, sympathetic, warm. See kind (defs. 1, 2).
2. pleasant, agreeable, winsome, charming, taking; felicitous, welcome, inviting; fair, nice, pleasurable, dulce; cheerful, warm, refreshing, sweet, enjoyable.
3. favorable, suitable, fit, adaptable, usable; serviceable, beneficial, advantageous, helpful; profitable, worthwhile, edifying; fertile, fecund, productive, prolific.
—adv. 4. considerately, thoughtfully, understandingly, sympathetically, kindheartedly, tender-heartedly, warmly, genially, good-naturedly; deeply, profoundly, from the bottom of one's heart; amiably, amicably, affably, nicely.
5. cordially, hospitably, graciously; heartily, warmly, genially, good-naturedly; deeply, profoundly, from the bottom of one's heart; amiably, amicably, affably, nicely.
6. favorably, agreeably, approvingly, affirmatively, acquiescently, assenting; with liking, well, affectionately, fondly.
7. obligingly, please, pray, Archaic. prythee, Fr. s'il vous plaît, if you please; be so good as to, have the goodness to, be good enough to, for mercy's sake, for goodness sake, for heaven's sake.

king, n. 1. sovereign, monarch, ruler, crowned head, majesty, royal personage, potentate, dynast, Latin rex; Caesar, czar, Ger. Kaiser; prince, prince consort, prince regent, regent; protector, governor, tetrarch; paramount lord, suzerain, overlord, overking; chief, chieftain, high chief.
2. patriarch, dean, doyen, superior, senior; personage, leading light, luminary, star, superstar; director, manager, executive, Inf. mogul, Inf. nabob, Inf. tycoon; chief, boss, Inf. kingpin, Inf. kingfish, Sl. high-muck-a-muck, Sl. his nbs, Sl. himself, Sl. head honcho, Sr. Mr. Big, Sl. top dog, Sl. big shot, Sl. wheel, Sl. big wheel.

kingdom, n. 1. country, land, nation, state, sovereign nation or state; kingdom, empire, realm, dominion, domain, principality, empery, principate; monarchy, duchy, dukedom, earldom, patriciate, province, possession, colony.
2. division, classification, grouping, class, order, category, group, family, genus, kind.
3. sphere of influence, orbit, ambit, bailiwick; home ground or territory, territory, turf, stamping ground, corner.

kingliness, n. regality, imperialism, imperialness, augustness, stateliness, grandeur, eminence, preeminence; loftiness, majesty, excellence, greatness, nobility, nobleness; magnificence, splendid, glamour, sovereignty, supremacy, dominance, dominancy, authority, authoritarianness; dignity, honorableness, gallantry, courtliness.

kingly, adj. 1. regal, royal, sovereign, imperial, basile, of high or noble birth; noble, dignity; proud, proud-hearted, assured, self-assured, poised; imposing, impressive, awe-inspiring, statly, majestic, princely, powerful, authoritative, commanding; strong, mighty, important, absolute; autocratic, tyrannical, despotic, domineering, imperious.
2. grand, distinguished, eminent, celebrated, esteemed; renowned, illustrious, prominent, preeminent; honorable, venerable, revered, respected; aristocratic, blue-blooded, distinguished.
3. splendid, luxurious, sumptuous, opulent, Inf. posh; glamorous, striking, gorgeous; large, palatial, national, nation.
kingship

n. 1. dominion, power, rule, command; ascendancy, supremacy; sway, authority, sovereignty, regency; monarchy, the throne, the crown, the scepter, reign, regime; accession, succession, election.

2. dignity, royalty, augustness, loftiness, eminence, glory, honor, illustriousness; nobility, aristocracy, majesty, regality, noble bearing; honorableness, irreproachableness, high-mindedness, character; fidelity, devotion, steadfastness, staunchness.

kink

n. 1. dominion, power, rule, command, twist, curl, coiled, crimped, adj. relationship, kin, relation, consan-

1. kiosk, summerhouse

1. (in Turkey and Iran) summerhouse, gardenhouse, pavilion, gazebo, pergola, trellis, lattice.

2. arbor, bower, retreat, refuge, shelter, haven, hermitage.

clerk, pinch, stab, stitch, stitch in the side, Inf. charley horse; stiffness, soreness; seizure, spasm, twinge.

3. flaw, imperfection, fault, defect, deformity, glory, honor, illustriousness; nobility, aristocracy, maj-
s. 2. dignity, royalty, augustness, loftiness, eminence, twist, curl, coil, twist, bend, distort, shape, knot, knarl, whirl.

Inf. crazy idea, distortion, deviation, warp.

3. unconventional, unorthodox, out of the way, way-out, far-out, Inf. offbeat; irregular, out of step, out of place, out of line, out of keeping, not done, not kosher, Brit. Inf. not cricket; inconsistent, chimerical, unsteady, wanton, vagrant, errant; vacillating, unreliable, fluctuating.

4. perverted, preverted, warped, unnatural, abnormal, deviative, deviant; depraved, degenerated, degenerated; licentious, lascivious, lewd, suggestive; sadistic, masochistic, S. s-m, homosexual, homosexual, erotic, homophile, Inf. gay, Inf. bent; lesbian, saphic, tribadistic; bisexual, bisexed, Sw. switch-hitting, Inf. AC-DC, amphierotic; heteroclite, heteromorphic; hermaphroditic, epicene, androgynous, transsexual.

kinship

n. 1. relationship, kin, relation, consanguinity, filiation, appearentation; blood, blood ties, family ties, flesh and blood; common ancestry, ancestry, descent, lineage, patrilineage, matrilineage, inheritance, descent, lineage, parentage; cognation, agnation, enation; propinquity, nearness, closeness; extraction, stock, breed, strain, kind, stock, tribe, race, sept.

2. affinity, bearing, association; correspondence, agreement, concordance, accordance; parallelism, equivalence, symmetry, congeniality, harmony.

kinsman

n. relative, kinswoman, relation, consanguinean; clansman, tribesman, fellow countryman, compatriot; next of kin, kissing cousin; cognate, enate, agnate, affine; father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter; uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, cousin; grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter; stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister; great-uncle, granduncle, great-aunt, grand-aunt.

kiosk

n. 1. (in Turkey and Iran) summerhouse, gardenhouse, pavilion, gazebo, pergola, trellis, lattice.

2. arbor, bower, retreat, refuge, shelter, haven, hermitage.
knack, n. talent, aptitude, aptness, forte, gift, genius, endowment; ability, bent, turn for, faculty, capacity, qualification, propensity, readiness, quickness; skill, skillfulness, adroitness, facility, finesse, art; proficiency, competence, dexterity, dexterousness, trick, trick of the trade, Inf. hang.

knapsack, n. backpack, Inf. poke, pocket, pouch, bag, saddlebag, Inf. housewife; kit, war bag, ruck- sack, haversack, Australian. tucker bag, duffel bag, holdall.

knavy, n. 1. scoundrel, blackguard, wretch, dastard, reprobate, cur, dog, Inf. hound, Sl. lowlife, Archaic. cuttiff, Archaic. coistrel; villain, bad boy or man, snake, viper, reptile, snake in the grass, evildoer, fiend, hellhound, miscreant, devil, rogue, cad, churl, louse, bully, ruffian, brute, abuser, Sl. stinker, Sl. rat, Sl. creep, Sl. jerk, Sl. bastard, Sl. SOB, Obs. stinkard; good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well, vagabond, black sheep, Inf. rip, Sl. bum, Chiefly Brit. wasstrel, Chiefly Brit. Sl. rotter, Chiefly Brit. Sl. bounder, Brit. Sl. blighter; rascal, scamp, scalawag, rascality, scapegrace, bad or naughty boy, picaroon, petitfogger, mischief-maker, troublemaker.

2. traitor, renegade, betrayer, Judas, recreant, sneak, Inf. double-crosser, Sl. two-timer; hypocrite, pharisee, deceiver, pretender, dissembler, bluff, bamboozler, Inf. four-flusher; fake, faker, fraud, humbug, masquerader, Mountebank, charlatan, impostor, wolf in sheep's clothing, Inf. quack, Inf. phony, Australian. bunyip; cheat, cheater, trickster, sharper, sharpie, fox, sly fox, shark, Inf. stifter, confidence man, Sl. con man, Sl. filch-flam man; crook, U.S. Sl. chiseler, swindler, bilker, dilller.

knavery, n. 1. rascality, rougery, rougishness, unscrupulousness, baseness, knavishness; villainy, miscrasity, devilry, evildoing, wrongdoing, evil ways, dark and crooked ways; mischief, mischievousness, petitfogger, chicanery, shenanigans, hanky-panky, mess around, Sl. funny business, Sl. monkey business, Sl. monkeyshines.

2. treachery, treason, betrayal, recreance, recreancy, disloyalty; deception, deceit, trickery, fraudulence, fraud, dissimulation, cozenage, dupery; duplicity, double-dealing, talking out of both sides of one's mouth, dishonesty; trickery, guile, wiles, foxiness, craftiness, craft, cunning, artfulness, finesse, hocus-pocus, Inf. razzle-dazzle; cheating, swindling, Inf. dirty pool.

3. trick, stratagem, artifice, pretense, Trojan horse, Obs. cog; whee, subterfuge, misrepresentation, imposition, imposture, imposition, Law. canin; fake, sham, hoax, fraud, humbug, feint, blind; swindle, shuck, Inf. filch- flam, Inf. flam, confidence game or trick, Sl. con game.

knavish, adj. 1. rascally, rasaul, rougish, black- guardly, dastardly; mischievous, naughty, scampish, wanton, base, rotten, stinking, rank, dirty, contemptible, awful, terrible; villainous, nasty, mean, cruel, brutal.

2. unscrupulous, dishonorable, unprincipled, unethical, unrepentable, immoral, depraved, corrupt; dishonest, insincere, disingenuous, untruthful, lying, mendacious, hypocritical; deceitful, deceptive, delusive, misleading, dissembling, dissimulative, beguiling, Sl. double-crossing, Sl. two-timing; treacherous, sneaky, double-dealing, underhanded, cheating, crooked, tortured tricky, trickish, sly, shrewd, sharp, cunning, wily, foxy, artful, insidious, subtle, Archaic. trick; convincing, collusive, designing, scheming, plotting.


knee, n. 1. patellar region, joint, stifle.

2. bring [s.o.] to his knees subjugate, conquer, vanquish, make [s.o.] cry uncle; make [s.o.] crawl, make [s.o.] beg; humiliate, humble, mortify, make [s.o.] eat crow.

kneecap, n. 1. patella, kneecap.

2. kneepad, kneecap, Armor. knee cap, Armor. poleyn, Armor. genouilliere.

kneel, v. get down on one's knees, fall to one's knees; genuflect, bow, bow down, and scrape, salaam, kowtow, prostrate oneself, fall at the feet of, make obeisance; bob, curtsy.

knell, n. 1. death knell, death toll, death or funeral or mourning bell; (all of funeral bells) toll, tolling, Archaic. tolling, sounding, resounding, peal, pealing, ring, ringing, chime, chiming, tintinnabulation.

—v. 2. toll, Archaic. knoll, sound, resound, peal, ring, chime, tintinnabulate; herald, announce, proclaim; call, summon.

knickers, n. knickerbockers, breeches, knee breeches, knee pants, small clothes, Brit. plus fours, trousers; shorts, Inf. cut-offs, Bermuda shorts or bermudas, pedal pushers, clam diggers, knee knockers; jodhpurs, riding breeches; culottes, gauchos.

knickknack, n. gawg, gimcrack, Inf. whimwham, bauble, trinket, doodad, gadget, trifile, kickshaw, brummagem, toy, playingthing; gaud, showy ornament, expensive, pushers, clam diggers, knee knockers; jodhpurs, riding breeches; culottes, gauchos.

knife, n. 1. blade, (collectively) cutlery; jackknife, Swiss Army knife, pocketknife, penknife, switchblade, Sl. shiv; saber, Japanese, aikuchi, sword, Excalibur, cutlass, rapier, foil, épee, bayonet, scimitar, bill, billhook, cold steel, snickersnee; bowie knife, trench knife, dagger, Malay. creese, Malay. kris, dirk, poniard, Fr. poignard; stiletto, stylet, poniard, Malay. kris, dirk, creese, Malay. syr, shar, spear, lance, South Africa. assegai, harpoon.

—v. 2. cut, stab, pierce, Sl. slip a Mickey, pull the rug out from under.

knight, n. 1. cavalryman, equestrian, horseman; soldier, fighter, warrior; gallant, flower of chivalry, knight-errant, Sir Lancelot, Sir Galahad, soldier, fighter, warrior; gallant, flower of chivalry, blue blood; champion, defender, guardian, protector.

knight-errantry, n. idealism, Quixotism, visionary- ness, romanticism, impracticality; rashness, impetuosity, foolishhardiness, heedlessness. See knighthood.

knighthood, n. chivalry, valor, gallantry; courage, bravery, dauntlessness, intrepidity, heroism; temerity, audacity, boldness; nobility, benevolence, generosity, altruism, charity, kindliness, courtesy, gentelmanliness.

knit, v. 1. purl, crochet, hook, knot; weave, interweave, interlace, interthread, intertwine.

2. wrinkle, draw in, gather, fold.

3. draw together, become whole, heal, mend, get well.

knot, n. 1. handle, grip, hold, handbook.

2. protuberance, protuberancy, knob, nub, nodule, button, bulge, bump, swell, lump, tumor; protrusion, projection, tuberosity, prominence, snag; tumescence, swelling; whelk, pimple, pustule, Pathol. papule; outgrowth, excrescence, tubercle; knot, knarl, knur, knurl, gnarl.
3. hill, hillock, hummock, (in South Africa) kopje, Chiefly Brit. barrow, knoll, mound, dune; monticule, mountain, ridge.

knobby, adj. bumpy, lumpy, tumorous, Bot. torose, bumpy, lumpy, tumorous, knobby, knot, hillock, hummock, hill, knoll, n. (in South Africa) buff, SI. U.S. Inf. clout. strike, slap, smack, thwack, right, jab; wallop, whoop, douse, 5/. conk, obloquy, slur, slap in the face. madversion, Inf. All Boxing, 11. blow, bastinado, punch, box, Informal, 13. jure, wound, hurt, bruise; beat up, pound, batter, c.

or a. wander, Inf. crown, 5/. conk, Inf. SI. SI. belt, SI. kopje, render unconscious, flatten, give up the ghost, SI. go west. croak, terminate, conclude, draw to a close, bring to an end, Slang, 7. knock off belabor; harm, damage, bruise, wound, hurt, goof off; take it easy, vegetate, c. mistreat, maltreat, traipse, range, ramble, rove, bat around, kick or Inf. 4. nit-cavil, carp, find fault, peck at, Informal, Scot, Inf. whack, pound, hammer. cose; pimpled, papular; knotty, gnarled, knurled; tuberous, warty, verru-...
know-how

1. expertise, knowledge, expertise, knowledge, expertness, knowledge, expertness, adj. Archaic.
   1. intentionally, with intent, deliberate—adv.
   1. know-it-all,
   1. day, plain as the nose on your face; palpable, patent, exposed, revealed, disclosed, un concealed; luminous, lucid, perspicuous, translucent, pellucid.

knowing, adj. 1. shrewd, smart, sagacious, Archaic, parlous, Sl. savvy; ingenious, clever, canny, subtle, Inf. cute; artful, crafty, cunning, wily, foxy; astute, keen, acute, sharp, sharp-witted, sharp as a tack.
   2. revealing, secretive, Obs. abstruse; privy to, Sl. in the know, Inf. tipped off, Inf. having the low-down.
   3. profound, deep, intelligent, intellectual, erudite, scholarly, literary, lettered, enlightened, cultured, cultivated; learned, knowledgeable, versed, well-read, well-informed, well-posted, well-educated, well-schooled, well-instructed, well-taught; discerning, periscopic, perceptive, peripatetic, apperceptive; sage, wise, sapient, Solomonic, wise, gash; rational, logical, reasonable; judicious, circumspect, prudent, politic, discreet, sensible, sound.
   4. aware, sophisticated, worldly, worldly wise, Sl. wise, Fr. au courant, Sl. hip, Sl. with it, Sl. on the ball.
   5. intentional, intended, deliberate, willful, purposeful, on purpose; design; conscious, cognizant, witting, sensible, meaning.

knowingly, adv. intentionally, with intent, deliberately, willfully, purposefully, on purpose; design, determinedly, calculatedly, studiously, studiously; wittingly, mindfully, consciously, with one's eyes wide open, meaningfully.

know-it-all, n. 1. a fountain of knowledge, mine of information, storehouse, Sl. blow-hard, blusterer, swaggerer, bragart, boaster, ranter, Sl. mouth, Sl. windbag.
   —adj. 2. pretentious, arrogant, inflated, egotistical, epigonal, uncultured, ignorant, conceited; oracular, sententious, blustering, blustering, swaggering, bragging, boastful, ranting, mouthy, talkative.

knowledge, n.
   1. erudition, scholarship, education, schooling, instruction, tuition, learning, letters, book learning; scholastic, smattering.
   2. acquaintance, familiarity, conversance, intimacy; intelligence, sense, understanding, Sl. savvy, appreciation, appreciation, sophistication, expertise, expertness, proficiency, adeptness; experience, know-how, savoir-faire, mastery, experience; proficiency, adeptness, skill, skillfulness, what it takes, U.S. Inf.
   3. awareness, consciousness, Obs. conscience, cognizance, ken; knowingness, certainty, determination, assurance, positiveness; conviction, avowal, affirmation, belief, opinion, judgment; instinct, second sense, foreknowledge, foresight, prescience.
   4. cognition, comprehension, discernment, conception, grasp, Inf. fix; perception, apprehension, intuition, sixth sense, impression; recognition, notion, detection, discovery, lesson; insight, realization, enlightenment, revelation; admission, acknowledgment.
   5. information, facts, data, tidings, word; tidings, news, news, whisper, hint, rumor, Inf. scuttlebutt, talk; intelligence, privity, inside information, Inf. low-down, Sl. dope, tip, Inf. tip-off.
   6. patology, truths, verities, realities, principles, laws; literature, letters, lore, legend; sciences, humanities.

knowledgeable, adj. 1. erudite, punditary, scholarly, academic, educated, well-educated; cultured, learned, Archaic. studied, literate, lettered, versed, well-read, well-informed; intelligent, brainy, sharp, understanding.
   2. aware, appreciative, appreciatory, appreciating, conscious, cognizant, sensible; enlightened, knowing, Sl. wise, Sl. in the know, sophisticated, worldly, worldly-wise, Sl. hip, Sl. with it, Fr. au courant, Sl. on the ball; acquainted, familiar, up, conversant, intimate.
   3. expert, proficient, adept, skilled, skillful; experienced, practiced, accomplished, Inf. knowing the ropes, Sl. savvy, Fr. au fait; capable, able, competent.
   4. perceptive, percepting, discerning, penetrating, perspicacious, insightful; sage, sagacious, sapient, Solomonic, wise, gash; rational, reasonable, logical; judicious, prudent, politic, discreet, sensible; commonsensical, having a good head on one's shoulders.

known, adj. 1. comprehended, cognized, conceived, realized, grasped, Chiefly Scot. kenned; understood, fathomed, penetrated, appreciated; discerned, perceived, apprehended, sensed, received, recognized, seen; possessed, memorized, learned; determined, ascertained, computed, figured, reckoned, estimated.
   2. recognized, familiar, household, famous, well-known, celebrated, noted; prominent, on the map, public, popular, exotic, prevalent, proverbial; notorious, infamous, ill-famed; commonplace, hackneyed, trite, banal, stale.
   3. acknowledged, avowed, confessed, admitted, declared, proclaimed, blazoned, heralded; published, aired, vented, publicized, advertised; exposed, revealed, disclosed, un concealed, discovered, come to light; unsealed, unsealed, uncovered, uncurtained, unshrouded, unveiled, unmasked; unclouded, unobscured, unobscured, undisguised, unscreened, clear, crystal clear, clear as day; clear cut, plain, plain as day, plain as the nose on your face; obvious, evident, manifest, transparent, transpicious; palpable, patent, ostensible.

know-nothing, n. 1. ignoramus, dunce, dolt, fool, thickhead, blockhead, Mortimer Snerd; idiot, moron, imbecile; dupe, gull, greenhorn; All Inf. stupid, knucklehead, muttonhead, woodhead, chump; All Sl. sap, jerk, stupe, numskull, fathead, clodpate, hammerhead, bonehead, dumbbell, dummy, dum-dum, boob, one numb from the neck up or with nothing upstairs.
   2. agnostic, doubter, skeptic, disbeliever, unbeliever, black sheep,Inf. atheist, free-thinker.

knuckle, n.
   1. finger joint, knucklebone; joint, articulation, geniculation; angle, bend, crook, hook.
   2. joint of meat, cut of meat.
   —v. 3. knuckle down Informal. apply oneself, exert oneself, lay oneself out, put oneself out; buckle down, get to work, put one's nose to the grindstone, go at; take the bull by the horns, put one's shoulder to the wheel; launch into, launch upon, fire away; get going, get busy, get into.

knuckle under refer to, be regulated by, be governed by, be subject to; stoop, bend to, bow to, truckle to, humble oneself to, bend the knee to, knuckle to, do [s.o.'s] bidding; yield, surrender, give in, give way to; capitulate, succumb to, fall, raise the white flag, cry or say uncle; resign oneself, acquiesce, throw in the towel, give up the ship, cease the struggle, grin and bear it.

knurled, adj. 1. ridged, notched, corrugated, milled, extruded.
   2. knurly, gnarled, gnarly, knotty, knarred, knarry, nodose; lumpy, bumpy, humpy, nodulous; wary, papillose, tuberous; bossed, embossed, chased, carunculated.
kosher, adj.  1. Informal. genuine, real, Dial. sure-enough, simon-pure, pure, sterling; the real McCoy; bonafide, veritable, Inf. honest-to-goodness, Archaic. authentical, Australian. dinkum.

2. Informal. legitimate, rightful, lawful, just, legal, licit; standard, accepted, approved, conventional, orthodox, according to Hoyle; proper, acceptable, fitting, fit; permitted, allowed, OK’d.

kowtow, v.  1. bow, kneel before, salaam, genuflect; prostrate oneself, fall on one’s knees, lie prone, throw oneself at the feet of; humble oneself to, defer to, stoop, get down.

2. bow and scrape, grovel, truckle to, fawn; lickspittle, lick [s.o.’s] shoes, lick or kiss [s.o.’s] feet, kiss the hem of [s.o.’s] garment, Sl. bootlick; court, pay court to, curry favor, keep time to, dance attendance upon, be at [s.o.’s] beck and call, Uncle Tom, Tom, agree to anything; toady, toady to, Sl. fall all over; Sl. shine up to, play up to, Sl. suck up to, Inf. apple-polish, butter-up, Sl. brown-nose.

kudos, n.  1. praise, extolment, laudation, acclaim, acclamation, Archaic. magnification; approval, approbation, endorsement, sanction, commendation; tribute, credit, recognition, citation; congratulation, Archaic. gratulation, compliment, flattery, puffery, bouquet; applause, cheering, clapping, plaudits, salvo, accolade.

2. glory, honor, dignity; fame, renown, distinction, popularity, popular favor; prestige, notability.
label, n. 1. tag, ticket, Brit. docket, tab, sticker, identification, ID, earmark; stamp, brand, mark, hallmark, plate mark, imprint.
2. epithet, nickname, sobriquet, Inf. pet name; name, denomination, designation, appellation, style, title; description, portrayal, characterization.
3. motto, catch phrase, catchword, slogan.

labor, n. 1. work, employment, job, occupation, living, livelihood, means of support.
2. toil, travail, sweat of one's brow, moil, drudgery, grind, menial work; hard work or toil, hard labor, slavery; exertion, effort, strain, struggle, laboriousness, plodding, Inf. plugging, pegging; industry, industriousness, operoseness, diligence.
3. workers, laborers, workmen, hands, working men or grind, menial work; hard work, toil, hard labor, toilfully, toilfully, toilsome, toilful, difficult, uplaborious.

laboriously, adv. 1. carefully, painstakingly, precisely, exactly, particularly, scrupulously, thoroughly; industriously, diligently, operosenly, earnestly, zealously, energetically; unflaggingly, unflaggingly, unflaggingly, tirelessly, indefatigably; persistent, persevering, pertinacious, doggedly, tenaciously, unrelenting, relentless; assiduously, sedulously, constant, unremittingly, steady; unswerving, undeviating, steadfast, pellucid, Inf. plugging.

laborer, n. worker, hand, workman, toiler, moiler, laborer, white-collar worker, professional, laborious, laborious, laboriously, laboriously.

laboratory, n. lab, proving or testing ground; language lab, photography lab, Inf. photo lab, darkroom; studio, atelier, workshop, workroom, practice room, study.

laborer, n. worker, hand, workman, toiler, moiler, laborer, white-collar worker, professional.

laborious, adj. 1. toilsome, toilful, difficult, uphill, tough, hard, burdensome, hefty, weighty; arduous, strenuous, straining, exertive, vigorous; tiring, tiresome, fatiguing, wearying, wearisome, tedi-ious, weariful, wearing.

laboriously, adv. 1. toilsomely, toilfully, difficultly, uphill, toughly, heavily, laboriously, laboriously, laboriously, laboriously.

labyrinth, n. maze, garden maze, winding path, winding course, circuitous course, workroom, complicated arrangement; convolution, circumference, winding, windings and turnings, meander, meanderings and turnings; Anat. inner ear.
lachrymose, weepy; close
Inf. tearful, teary, adj.
lachrymation, weeping, crying, shedding
n. tearing, ripping, rending; slashing, adj.
v. tear, rend, gash, slash, cut, slice, stab; lacerate, lacing, lace, string, cord, tie; shoelace, shoe—v. 3. thread, string, lace up; tie, truss, sew or stitch together; hitch, fasten, bind, clinch, secure.
4. trim, edge, rim, ribbon; adorn, decorate, ornament, embellishment, adorning; ribbon, braid, braiding, cordon, trim, trimming.
2. cord, tie, string, lacing; shoestring, shoelace, thong, Arch. latchet; lanyard, twine, cording, yarn, cable.
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lace into assait, vituperate, revile, rail against, inveigh against, belabor, Inf. sail into, Inf. jump on, Inf. jump down [s.o.’s] throat, Sl. jump all over, Sl. strafe; scold, tongue-lash, rate, slate, lay into, harangue, rant, at rve, at Arch. clapperclaw; upbraid, objure, excoriate, fulminate against, flay, Inf. dress down, Inf. slam.
6. Often lace into assait, vituperate, revile, rail against, inveigh against, belabor, Inf. sail into, Inf. jump on, Inf. jump down [s.o.’s] throat, Sl. jump all over, Sl. strafe; scold, tongue-lash, rate, slate, lay into, harangue, rant, at rve, at Arch. clapperclaw; upbraid, objure, excoriate, fulminate against, flay, Inf. dress down, Inf. slam.
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lacerate, v. tear, rend, gash, slash, cut, slice, stab; mangle, deface, mutilate, hurt, wound, pain.
lacerated, adj. 1. torn, rent, cut, slit, slashed, gashed, split, jagged, ragged, jaggy, erose; mangled, mutilated, damaged, impaired.
2. wounded, bruised, hurt, injured, harmed; pierced, aching, tortured, tormented, agonized.
laceration, n. 1. tearing, ripping, rending; slashing, gashing, cutting, wounding.
2. tear, rent, rip; gash, slash, cut, scratch; mutilation, wound, gouge, laceration.
lachrymation, n. weeping, crying, shedding or dropping tears; watering, tearing, moistening, overflowing, running; fit of weeping, Inf. a good cry, flood of tears.
lachrymose, adj. 1. tearful, teary, Inf. weepy; close to tears, ready to cry or break down, with tears in the eyes, on the verge of tears, with brimming or overflowing eyes; melting, giving way, ready to burst into tears, breaking down; weeping, crying, sobbing, blubbering, sniveling; lachrymal, lachrymatory.
2. mournful, woeful, distressing, dismaying, dolorous, lugubrious; lamentable, pitiable, piteous, pathetic, touching, moving, affecting, poignant, saddening.
lacing, n. 1. lace, string, cord, tie; shoelace, shoe—string, thong, lanyard, Arch. latchet; twine, cording, cable, yarn.
2. lacework, tatting, filigree; braiding, braid, cordon.
Irish Eng.

1. boy, youth, young man, lad, lacy, lacelike, filigree, filigreed, tatted, crocheted; n.

Chinese lacquer, varnish, japan, shell.

conceal, brief, terse, succinct; summary, laconic, adj.
tasteless, bland, insipid, jejune, lackluster, lacking, caesura, omission; break, rift, crack, fissure;
laddie, laddo; young Fr. garçon, Scot, soon, transparent, translucent, see-through.

underling, inferior; tool, puppet, instrument, creature, pawn, cat's paw, rubber stamp, doormat, footstool, Sl. stove, dupe, gull, patsy; toady, toadator, sycophant, fawner, flatterer, truckler, tuffhunter, wheedler, puffier, backslapper, backscratcher, time-server, Inf. apple-polisher, Sl. brown-nose, Sl. brown-nose, Sl. brownie, Obs., Rare., blander, Archaic. pickthack; parasite, leech, Inf. sponge or sponger, hang-on; yes-man, jackal, spaniel, bootlicker, bootlicker, footlicker, licksplit, lickspit, kowtow, Uncle Tom, Sl. oree; cringer, groveler, sniveler.

lacking, prep. 1. without, wanting, in want of, sans; destitute of, short of; for want of.

—adj. 2. deficient, needing, missing, shy; imperfect, defective, flawed, impure, incomplete, un-finished; inadequate, insufficient, unsatisfactory, mediocre, inferior, unsuitable, incommensurate, incapable, incompetent, not up to par, not up to snuff, unable to measure up, unequal to, unqualified.

lackluster, adj. 1. tasteless, bland, insipid, jejune, lusterless, tarnished, faded, washed-out; deadened, dulled, muted, muffled; shadowy, gloomy, tenebrous, obscure; murky, hazy; smutty, dirty, grimy, soiled, muddy; shabby, seedy, worn, run-down, sloppy, crummy.

3. unresponsive, passionless, indifferent, uncaring; sluggish, phlegmatic, lethargic, torpid, heavy, lifeless; languid, listless, spirits, apathetic; inactive, inert, stagnant; lazy, listless, drowsy.

4. unimaginative, undiscerning, unintelligent, witless, slow-witted, dull-witted; dense, thick-headed, nothing, blah; uneventful, flat, dull, vapid, SI.

ladylove, n. sweetheart, heartthrob, truelove, love of one's life, love, Inf. flame, Fr. amour; darling, belov-

ladder, n. 1. stairs, stairway, stepladder, library steps, folding ladder; companionway, rigging, scaling ladder, fire escape; All Naut. jack ladder, pilot ladder, Jacob's ladder.

2. ascent, upward mobility; hierarchy, scale, stratification, social order or organization, pecking order.

lade, v. 1. load, laden, stevedore, freight, pack, stow; fill or fill up, cram, pack in, pile in.

2. burden, encumber, charge, weigh down, overburden, overload.

3. ladle, dip, scoop up, draw up, lift up. See ladle (def. 2).

laden, adj. burdened, loaded, weighted, encumbered, charged, weighed down, heavy-laden; full, filled, Archaic. fraught, replete; saturated, filled to the gills or brim, full, brimming, filled to overflowing; chockfull, cram-full, stuffed, jammed, packed.

la-di-da, adj. Informal. 1. affected, mannered, unnatural, artificial, foppish, excessively refined; pretentious, show-offish, conceited, snobbish, snobby, Inf. snotty, Inf. snotty.

—n. 2. affected behavior, unnaturalness, artificialness, artificiality, foppishness; pretentiousness, show-offishness, conceitedness, snobbishness, snobbery, Inf. snotiness, Inf. snottiness.

3. dandy, jack-a-dandy, fop, coxcomb, exquisite, Sl. swell.

lading, n. cargo, freight, freighthage, haul, load, burden, charge, weight; shipment, shipload, boatload, wagonload, carload, truckload, Chiefly U.S. carload; contents, merchandise, goods, stuff, baggage, bags, luggage, boxes.

ladle, n. 1. dipper, scoop, spoon; bail, baser, bucket, vessel, container, receptor.

—v. 2. dip, scoop or scoop up, draw up, lift up, raise up; spoon out, dish up or pour out, shovel out, bail out, bail, bucket up or out; (all with a ladle) transfer, convey, carry.

lady, n. 1. gentlewoman, noblewoman, milady, dona, donna, (in India) begum; countess, duchess, marchioness, margravine, archduchess, viscountess, peeress, baroness; princess, maharanee, (in India) ranee, queen, empress, czarina, czarevna, first lady.

2. woman, female, matron, Sl. dame; madame, madam, Mrs., Ms., mistress, Chiefly Scot. good woman, senora, senhora, Ger. Frau, signora, (in India) mem-sahib; young lady, mademoiselle, miss, senhorita, senorita, signorina; young woman, Sl. chick, girl, little miss, Inf. fanny.

3. wife, woman, Inf. little woman, Sl. better half; helpmate, spouse, mate, partner.

—adj. 4. female, feminine, woman.

ladylike, adj. 1. womanlike, womanly, unwomanish, feminine, female.

2. gentlemannered, noble, genteel, aristocratic, high-class, wellborn; refined, cultured, cultivated, polished, finished; dignified, courtly, stately, elegant, queenly; respectable, matronly, matronal, proper, correct, formal, decorous; well-bred, well brought up, well-behaved, well-mannered; mannerly; mild-mannered, gentle, nice, considerate, gracious, well-spoken, polite, courteous, civil, kind.

ladylove, n. sweetheart, heartthrob, truelove, love of one's life, love, Inf. flame, Fr. amour; darling, belov-
lag 636 lamblike

lag, v. 1. loiter, linger, dally, dilly-dally, waste time, protract, put off; hang back, drag one's feet, shuffle, move slowly, inch along, poke, move at a snail's pace; saunter, stroll, U.S. Inf. mosey, take one's time, go leisurely; fall back, fall behind, trail, Inf. bring up the rear.

2. flag, wane, ebb, fall off, diminish, decrease; ease or let up, abate, slacken up or down, decelerate; lose strength, fail, go downhill, falter, flail.

laggard, n. 1. lagger, lingerer, loiterer, loung, loller, dallier, trifler, dawdler; Inf. slowpoke, Sl. poke, snail, sluggish; do-nothing, fainéant, idler, drone, Inf. bum, Inf. lazybones, Sl. slugabed.

—adj. 2. slow, Inf. poky, sluggish, backward; slow-moving, Sl. dragggy, torpid, lethargic; indolent, otoise, slothful, fainéant, idle, lazy.

lagniappe, n. bonus, extra, plus, dividend, fringe benefit, perquisite, Inf. perk, gravy, goody, scoop, dough, fee, Fr. pochard; Trinkgeld, Archaic. vaie, (in Chinese ports) cumshaw, (in India, Turkey, etc.) baksheesh; present, gift, Inf. a little something; reward, honorarium, award, prize.

lagoon, shoal, shallows, Southern U.S. bayou, marsh, Brit. fen, bog, swamp; pool, pond, lake, tarn, Chiefly Brit. Dial. mere; estuary, Dial. creek, inlet, arm, sound, loch, Irish Eng. lough, fjord, Both Chiefly Scot. firth, frith; harbor, cove, bight, basin, gulf.

lair, n. hide, hideout, hideaway, hideout, hiding place, retreat, asylum, inf. den, cave, hollow, burrow, cavern, tunnel, covert, grotto; niche, nook, cranny, nest, recess; aerie, roost; territory, haunt, purlieu, territory, haunt, purlieu, homeground, preserve.

2. hideaway, hideout, hiding place, retreat, asylum, sanctuary, haven, safehold, stronghold; sanctum, sanctum sanctorum, holy of holies, ivory tower; home, lodge, anchorage, snug harbor, harbor, cove; hermitage, cubicle, cell, cloister, mew; study, library, quiet room, place of one's own.

laissez faire, n. free enterprise, free-enterprise system, private enterprise, laissez-faireism; individualism, rugged individualism, free trade, Inf. no holds barred; noninterference, nonintervention, nonrestriction, Fr. laissez-aller; Inf. hands-off policy; decontrol, deregulation; go-slow policy, wait-and-see policy, live-and-let-live policy, do-nothing policy; do-nothings, noninvolvement, indifference.

laissez-faire, adj. permissive, noninterfering, nonrestrictive, lax, relaxed, loose, Inf. hands-off; uninvolvcd, Fr. dégagé, Inf. no strings, Inf. do-nothing, Inf. live-and-let-live.

lalit, n. 1. congregation, parish, worshipers, church members, flock, fold, people.

2. laymen, seculars, secularists, nonecclesiastics.

lake, n. pond, pool, lagoon, tarn, basin, reservoir; oxhead lake, bayou lake, glacial lake, volcanic lake, mountain lake, lakelet, pondlet; water hole, fish pond, mill pond, tidal pond or pool; Scot. loch, Irish. lough, Africa. nyanza, Chiefly Brit. Dial. mere.

lam', v. Slang. Usu. lam out or into; beat, strike, thrash, batter, pound, lay on, pummel, pelt, Sl. paste; flog, lash, switch, birch, scourge; strap, thrust, flail, spank, Inf. tan [s.o.'s] hide, Inf. trim, Inf. thump, Inf. lace, Inf. lambaste, Inf. whale, Sl. whomp; hit, smite, thwack, slap, smack; punch, knock, cuff, buffet, box, sandbag, Inf. clout, Inf. slug, Inf. whack, crown, Sl. conk, Sl. bash, Sl. belt, Sl. sock, U.S. Sl. biff, Sl. bop; malt, manhandle, rough up, Inf. give it to, Sl. knock around or about; Inf. give [s.o.] the business, Sl. give [s.o.] the works, Sl. give [s.o.] what for, Sl. work over, Sl. let [s.o.] have it, Sl. lay into; cudgel, fustigate, bludgeon, baste, can, bastinado, club, hammer, sledge hammer; trounce, Inf. wallop, Inf. whale, Sl. clobber, Sl. pin [s.o.'s] ears back.

lamb, n. Slang. 1. escape, flight, running away, bolting, decampment, Inf. making oneself scarce, Sl. getting the hell out; Sl. disappearing act, Sl. hasty retreat, Sl. scrambling, Sl. skedaddle, Sl. skedaddling, absquatulation; French leave, absence without leave, AWO; break, breakout, jailbreak, prisonbreak, Inf. getaway.

2. on the lam escaping, fleeing, running for cover, on the run, at liberty; escaped, on the loose, fled, flown, at large, scot-free; hiding, going to earth or ground, Inf. holing up, in hiding, hidden out, lying hid, Inf. lying low.

3. take it on the lam escape, flee, get away, make good one's escape, gain one's liberty, slip away, run off or away, run for one's life, take to one's heels, Inf. make tracks, Inf. make a getaway, Inf. cut out or cut and run, Inf. hightail it; get out, break loose, Inf. bail out, Inf. leap over the wall, Inf. jump, Inf. skip, Sl. bust loose; Sl. fly the coop; break out, break jail, escape from prison.

lambkin, n. 1. lambkin, cosset, ewe lamb, yearling, weanling.

2. innocent, ingénue, unsophisticate, simple soul, dove; infant, babe, newborn babe, babe in the woods, child, mere child.

3. dupe, gull, ingénue, unsophisticate, simple soul, weanling.

4. Shove, push, shove, push away, run for one's life, take to one's heels, Inf. bust loose, Inf. or or Inf. or Inf. or lean, Inf. or Inf. or tigate, fustigate.

-Inf. cudgel, bludgeon, pummel, buffet, batter, hammer, cudgel, bludgeon, pummel, buffet, batter, hammer, pummelize, Archaic. belabor; punish, chastise, castigate, fustigate.

lambaste, v. 1. Informal. beat, thrash, drill, mau, beat black and blue, Dial. larrup, Inf. lather, Sl. shellac; whip, horseship, lash, flog, flail, whale, Inf. hide, Inf. tan, Inf. tan [s.o.'s] hide; cane, birch, switch; strike, thump, thwack, bang, Inf. clout, Inf. wallop, Inf. paste, Inf. biff, Sl. whump, Sl. cream; club, cudgel, bludgeon, pummel, buffet, batter, hammer, pulpender, Archaic. belabor; punish, chastise, castigate, fustigate.

2. Informal. censure, excoriate, scath, scathe, flay, Inf. skin alive, Inf. roast; tail at, tongue-lash, Sl. jaw; reprove, rebuke, reprimand, scold, chide, admonish, upbraid; All Inf. call down, dress down, jump on, jump all over, jump down [s.o.'s] throat, get on [s.o.'s] back, rake or haul [s.o.] over the coals; All Sl. bowl out, chew out, give what-for.

lambent, adj. 1. lightly touching, barely touching, hardly touching, playing lightly over or upon; flitting, dancing, skipping, playing; flickering, licing, fluttering, wavering, quivering.

2. glowing, aglow, incandescent, candle, luminous, luminant, suffused.

lambike, adj. 1. meek, mild, gentle, as a lamb, peaceable, pacific, dovelike; passive, submissive, compliant, acquiescent, unresisting; subdued,
chastened, tame, broken; resigned, reconciled, long-suffering, longanamous.

2. innocent, ingenious, artless, guileless, simple; naive, unworlthy, unsophisticated; trustful, trusting, unwary, unsuspicuous, gullible; childlike, childish, infat, infantile, born yesterday, Inf. wet behind the ears.

lame, adj. 1. hamstrung, hobbled, hobbling, limping, halt, Inf. game, (of horses) Vet. Pathol. spavined or Chiefly Scot. spaviet; crippled, maimed, disabled, incapacitated, injured, impaired, damaged, hurt.

-2. weak, feeble, thin, wishy-washy, flimsy, unconvinning; inadequate, insufficient, deficient, wanting, lacking; unsatisfactory, unsatisfying, inferior, mediocre, dispensing, disappointing, no good, not good enough; poor, clumsy, ineffective, ineffectual, inefficacious, of no effect, half-baked, Sl. half-assed.

-v. 3. hamstring, hobble, wing; disable, incapacitate, maim, cripple; injure, hurt, damage.

lament, v. 1. mourn, mourn for, sorrow, gripe, grieve for, feel for, be or feel sorry for, weep for, pity; condole, commiserate, compassionate, sympathize; deplore, bewail, bemoan, moan, groan, Inf. sing or cry the blues; regret, repine, rue, rue the day, Archaic. pine; fret, reproach oneself, Sl. kick oneself, cry over spilt milk.

2. weep, cry, sob, Scot. and North Eng. gleet; keen, ululate, wail, howl; beat one's breast, flagellate oneself, tear one's hair, gnash one's teeth; go into mourning, wear or put on mourning.

—n. 3. lamentation, complaint, Archaic. plaint; moan, groan; keen, wail, ululation, howl; cry, outcry, put on mourning.

4. elegy, requiem, epistle, dirge, epicedium, (in Scotland and Ireland) coronach, (in the Scottish Highlands) pibroch, decent song; death or dead march, funeral march.

lamentable, adj. 1. regrettable, deplorable, rueful, woeful, woebegone, unfortunate; pitiful, pitiable, piteous, to be pitied; sad, doleful, dolorous, sorrowful, distressing, depressing, mournful, grievous, plaintive; sore, sharp, bitter, painful; comfortless, discomforting, uncomfortable; dreary, cheerless, joyless, dismal, lugubrious; miserable, wretched, abject, squallid, stark.

2. Figurative. insufficient, inadequate, unsatisfactory, unsatisfying; poor, meager, scanty, skimpy, scrawny, meagre, skinny, scrawny, beggarly, sorry, slight; paltry, puny, petty, piddling, poky, Inf. measly, Sl. crummy, Sl. lousy, Sl. rotten.

lamentation, n. 1. mourning, grieving, lamenting, groaning, mourning, bemoaning, bewailing; wailing, howling, keening; crying, weeping, sobbing, bawling; commiseration, commiserating, condolence, condoling, consolation, consoling, sympathy, sympathizing.

2. repentance, remorse, contrition, compunction; regret, self-reproach, self-condemnation.

3. lament, complaint. See lament (defs. 3, 4).

lamina, n. 1. cover, covering, covering layer; coat, coating, veneer, overlay, lamella; facing, sheathing, weathering; leaf, leafblade, sheath, outside paneling, stuccowork, adobe, skin, integument, membrane, Anat., Zool. cortex, pellicle, pel, rind, bark; plate, plating, protective covering, mail, coat of mail, chain mail; crust, incrustation, scab; shell, carapace, marine shell, nutshell, pary, covering, shingled, paneled, stuccoed.

2. cut, slice, rasher, shaver, shaving, curl; leaf, leaflet, sheet, foil, petal, scale, flake.

laminated, adj. 1. lamellate, lamelliform, lamellose, laminnerous, lamellar; stratified, stratiform, layered; scaly, flaky, scabby, scurfy, squamous, squamoid, squamate, crusty.

2. membranous, covered, overlaid, coated, plated; carapaced, carapacial, incrusted; veneered, faced, sheathed, shingled, paneled, stuccoed.

lamp, n. 1. illuminant, luminary, luminant, illumination; light, light vessel, lampad; lampl, gas lamp, oil lamp, Carcel lamp, Argand lamp, petane lamp, Hefner lamp; table lamp, floor lamp, bridge lamp, music lamp, piano lamp, night light, picture light, wall-washer; lantern, railroad lantern, magic lantern, Chinese lantern, Japanese lantern, paper lantern, jack-o'-lantern.

2. electric light, incandescent light, fluorescent light, neon light, infra-red light, ultra-violet light; carbon light, vacuum tube, tungsten light, tantalum lamp, vapor lamp, mercury lamp, mercury-arc lamp, arc lamp; flashlight, battery lamp, Brit. electric torch, Brit. Inf. torch, freon tube; spotlight, baby spotlight, Inf. spot, Brit. limelight, Films. pickle, Films. rifle; floodlight, floodlamp, Inf. flood, Films. klieg light, searchlight.

3. signal light, beacon, flare, lighthouse, pilot light, buoy light; traffic light, Inf. stop-and-go, red light, green light; airport landing light, radio-range beacon, navigation light, course light, approach light, obstruction light, fixed light.

4. (all of vehicles) headlight, headlamp, fog light, sidelight, taillight, brake light, directional light, Inf. directional, turn indicator, Inf. signal, emergency light, Inf. flasher.

5. candle, taper, tallow, wax, bayberry candle, rush candle, rushlight; corpse candle, death light.

6. chandelier, globe, light globe, light fixture, candelabra, gas fixture, gasolier; bulb, electric bulb, filament, carbon filament, tungsten filament; tube, vacuum tube, Braun tube, Crookes tube, Geissler tube; burner, gas burner, Argand burner, Bunsen burner; mantle, gas mantle, Welsbach mantle; jet, gas jet.

7. inspiration, inspirer, Hinduism. guru; teacher, mentor, good influence; stimulus, galvanizer, animator, awakener, rouser.

8. Slang. look at, ogle, eye, give [s.o.] the eye.

lampoon, n. 1. satire, squib, pasquin, pasquinade, burlesque, travesty, skit, parody; satirical cartoon, political cartoon, caricature, distorted portrait; malicious attack, virulent attack, near-slander, near-libel; derision, ridicule, mockery, invective, defamation, fullimation.

—v. 2. mock, ridicule, hold up to ridicule, make fun of; pasquinade, burlesque, satirize, parody, do a take-off on; belittle, Inf. run down, Inf. put down; asperse, disparage, hold up to scorn; vilify, malign, Inf. cut [s.o.] up, revile; engage in personalities, fullimate, stigmatize, defame, give a bad name, drag through the mud, hurl dirt on, sully, stain, blot, taint, bespatter.

lance, n. 1. spear, sponto, pike, half-pike, harpoon; javelin, jerrated, assegai, shaft.

2. lancet, surgical knife, knife, scalpel.

—v. 3. cut, cut open, open, slit, incise; puncture, penetrate, spear, lancinate, stab, stick, prick.

lance-shaped, adj. spear-shaped, lanceolate, lanciform.

land, n. 1. earth, ground, terra firma, terra, dry land, solid ground; shore, seashore, coast, seacoast,
coastland, beach, waterside, foreshore; continent, subcontinent, mainland, main island, islet, isthmus, neck, peninsula, cape, foreland; reef, jetty, sandbank, sand bar, shoal, bar, key.

2. soil, dirt, turf, sod, clod, topsoil, subsoil; loam, mud, sand, humus, clay, till, gumbo, mud.

3. field, expanse, stretch, open space or area, campaign; common, green, park, mall, veld, veldt, veld, U.S. campus, Anglo-Indian. maidan.

4. terrain, earth's surface, topography; plain, flats, tundra, moor, heath, Chiefly Brit. moorland; meadow, grassland, pasture, pastureage, savanna, lea, cam- po, pampas, Archaic. mead; glade, glen, grove, dell, weald, copse, copsewood, brake, cannebrake, thicket, covert, boscage, pinery, Southwestern U.S. chaparral, Brit. spinney, Chiefly Brit. coppice, Archaic. bosk, wood, woods, woodland, wildwood, forestland, forest; jungle; plateau, table, tableland, steppe, butte, ledge, shelf, bluff, promontory, precipice, cliff, jetty, headland, palisade; incline, slope, rise, grade, climb, hillside; hill, hillock, mound, bank, embankment, hump, dune, sand dune, knoll, downs, Archaic. down, U.S. horseback; mountain, mount, alp, height, steep, summit, peak, pinnacle; spine, ridge, crest, Dial. knap, Geol. hogback, mountain range, range, chain; bottoms, bottomland, lowland, Brit. Dial. holm, Geog. basin; marsh, marshland, saltmarsh, swamp, swamp- land, lowland, Brit. fen; deavility, decline, descent, downgrade, drop; valley, vale, gorge, ravine, canyon, gulch, chasm, abyss, crevasse; gap, pass, defile.

5. real property or estate, property, acreage, acres; tract, lot, parcel, plot, plat, site, spot, patch, piece of property or land, Brit. Dial. toft; property, place, grounds, yard, lawn, Inf. spread; estate, demesne, plantation, manor, manor farm, country manor or estate, Chiefly Western U.S. ranch, rancho, hacienda, Law. message, Law. hereditament, Law. freehold, allotment, alloid, allot.

6. farm, farmstead, farmplace, grange, Archaic. farm- hold, Brit. farmery, Brit. croft, Brit. homecroft, Brit. glebe land, Scot. and North. Eng. steadying; country- side, provinces, rural districts, U.S. Inf. the sticks, Sl. the boondocks, Sl. the boones; backwoods, hinter- lands, backcountry, wilds, wilderness, brush, bush, Sl. the bushes, Australian. outback; wasteland, waste, barrens, desert.

7. country, nation, homeland, mother country, native land, fatherland, Latin. patria; state, republic, dominion, commonwealth, city-state; ward, precinct, canton, county, shire, parish, township, hundreds, wapentake, tithing, riding, political division; citizenry, citizens, polity, public, population, people, society, community.

8. area, region, district, zone, quarter, section, parts; neighborhood, vicinity, vicinage, environs, Inf. neck of the woods, U.S. block; territory, realm, sphere, hemisphere, domain, province; diocese, bailiwick, do- main, province; principality, patilinate, duchy, duke- dom, chieftdom, kingdom, empire, Archaic. empery. —v. 9. alight, light, hit ground, settle upon, plant oneself upon; touch down, splash down, make a landing, come in for a landing, fall, descend, pancake, belly flop, Aerop. belly land; set down, bring in or down, take in or down, bring in for a landing; anchor, drop anchor, come into port, arrive, reach one's destination, come to a stop, come to rest; debark, disembark, dismount, get off or down, deplane, unship, go ashore.

10. Sometimes land up end up, wind up, get into, find oneself; put, get, take.

11. Informal. catch, capture, apprehend, arrest, take captive or prisoner, take into custody, lasso, Inf. nab, Inf. collar, Inf. pinch, Inf. nail, Inf. corral, Inf. bag, Inf. lay by the heels, tackle; seize, lay hold of, grasp, grab, wrest, snatch, fasten onto; get, obtain, acquire, procure, secure; earn, merit, gain, reap, harvest, win, be given or awarded, (of a bill or motion) carry, carry off, Inf. cop.

landing. n. 1. debarkation, disembarkment, disembarkation, dismounting, deplaning, going ashore, arrival; alighting, lighting, touchdown, splashdown, pancake, belly flop, belly whop, belly whopper, Aerop. three-point landing, Aerop. belly-landing.

2. dock, wharf, pier, quay, jetty, landing, stage, anchorage, mooring, moorings, U.S. slip, embankment, (in India, China, Japan, etc.) bund, port, seaport, harbor; runway, airfield, landing field, Aerop. airstrip, airport, airdrome, Chiefly Brit. aerodrome, Inf. port.

3. Architecture. head or top of the stairs, platform, estrade.

landlady, n. 1. proprietress, proprietrix, lady of the house, the lady or woman in charge, mistress, Chiefly Brit. manageress; concierge. See landlord (defs. 1, 5).

landlord, n. 1. proprietor, proprietary, owner of the building, lessor, Chiefly Brit. letter; absentee land- lord, slumlord; manager, resident manager, the man in charge, master; superintendent, Inf. super.

2. innkeeper, innholder, hotelkeeper, keeper, boni- face, hosteler, host, Fr. hôtelier, Fr. Aubergiste, restaurateur, Brit. viciualer, Brit. Inf. publican, Archaic. taverner.

3. landowner, property owner, owner, property holder, household, man of the house, holder, free- holder, squire, member of the landed gentry, Scot. laird.

landmark, n. 1. guidepost, guide, cairn, milepost, distinctive feature, historic structure, Archaeology. menhir; seamark, beacon, lighthouse, buoy.

2. milestone, turning, critical point, crisis; Rubicon, decisive point; historic or significant event.

3. stake, pale, post, picket, peg, pike, demarcator, marker; boundary line, boundary, border, fence, edging.

—adj. 4. precedent-setting, historic, history-making; significant, monumental, momentous, important.

landscape, n. 1. scene, scenic view, aspect, outlook, prospect, Chiefly Brit. lookout, perspective, vista; rural or country scene, natural scene, countryside, Fr. paysage, It. paesaggio.

2. painting, sketch, picture, depiction, representa- tion; tableau, scenograph, panorama, cyclorama.

lane, n. 1. way, passage, avenue, channel, passage- way, alley, alleyway; by-path, byway, thoroughway, crosscut, short cut; path, pathway, footpath, Brit. footway, towpath, bike path, bikeway; trail, track, walk, walkway, crosswalk.

2. access, approach, ramp, runway, adit, entrance; entry, entryway, driveway, entrée, inlet, ingress; by- road, by-street, side road or street; drive, terrace, cir- cle, row; street, main road, Inf. drag, strip, pavement; thoroughfare, artery, highroad, roadway; highway, turnpike, pike, tollroad, state highway; freeway, ex- pressway, expressway, causeway, thoroughway, U.S. Inf. interstate; speedway, autobahn, superhighway.

language, n. 1. speech, tongue, dialect, paral- lance, idiolect; vernacular, common speech, vulgate, vulgar tongue; mother tongue, native tongue, parent lan- guage, linguistic stock; slang, idiom, vulgarism, collo- quialism, vernacularism, archaisms; patois, pidgin, pidgin English, trade language, lingua franca, Spang- lish; provincialism, regionalism, localism, barbarism; brogue, twang, cockney, isogloss; Americanism, Yan-
keeism: Englishicism, Anglicicism, Britishism, Frenchicism, Gallicism, Fr. Franglais, Canadianism, Scoticism, Irishism, Hibernicism, Yiddishism; artificial language, auxiliary language, Esperanto, Interlingua, interlanguage, idioglossia.

2. communication, intercourse, verbal intercourse, discourse, words; speaking, telling, talking; conversation, interlocution, colloquy, converse, interchange.

3. jargon, Inf. lingo, argot, cant; bureaucratese, journalese, newspaperese, businessese, shoptalk, Washingtonese, Pentagonese, officialese, newswrap, educationese, cinemaese, legalese, medicalise; thieves' Latin, peddler's French, St. Giles Greek, pig Latin; jabber, gibberish, gibber, gobbledygook, empty talk; prattle, mumbo jumbo, palaver, patter, rhyming slang.

4. diction, talk, accent, tone, expression, utterance, word of mouth; rhetoric, style, elocution, grandiloquence; manner, manner of speaking, vein, mode, strain, phrasing, wording, terminology, phraseology, vocabulary, locution.

languid, adj. 1. faint, weak, feeble, poor, unhealthy, frail, anemic, Pathol. atonic; declining, on the decline, fading, sickly, valetudinarian; powerless, strengthless, invalid; flagging, drooping, languishing, weary, tired, exhausted, debilitated; spent, fatigued, worn out, Sl. pooped out, enervated; strained, worn, used, deflated, weather-beaten.

2. slack, listless, lackadaisical, lethargic, languorous; otiose, indolent, idle, lazy, slothful; inactive, inert, inanimate, examine, lifeless; torpid, lentitudinous, slow, drowsy; yawning, nodding, sleepy, somnolent, half-awake, half-asleep, drowsy, dozy; asleep, out, dead to the world, Sl. zonked out, Sl. buzzed out; unconscious, comatose, supine.

3. indifferent, apathetic, spiritless, lukewarm, uninterested; incurious, half-hearted; dulled, leaden, hebetudinous, phlegmatic, lymphatic, heavy.

languor, n. weakness, faintness, feebleness, frailty, enfeebled; debility, Pathol. asthenia, Pathol. adynamia, Pathol. atony; decrepit, infirm, infirmity, sickness, invalidism; strain, eyestrain, fatigue, tiredness, enervation, exhaustion; lassitude, strengthlessness, powerlessness, anemia, Inf. the blaths.

2. sluggishness, languidness, laggardness, Archaic. languishment; torpidity, torpor, Archaic. leunitude, slowness, lethargy, (in the Middle East) kef; indolence, sloth, slothfulness, lotus-eating; inactivity, inertia, inertness, inaction, inanimateness, inanimation, lifelessness; sleepiness, drowsiness, doziness, somnolence.

3. spiritlessness, listlessness, lackadaisicalness; apathy, indifference, uninterestedness, incomitability, incuriousness; boredom, ennui, dullness, hebetude, ohlem; passionlessness, passivity, half-heartedness, unfeelingness, unemotionalness, insensitivity, insensibility, stolidity.

4. stillness, tranquillity, quiescence, calm, lull, windlessness, calm before the storm; silence, din of silence, dead calm, deathlike calm, flat calm.

languorous, adj. languishing, lethargic, spiritless, listless. See languid (defs. 1-3).

lank, adj. 1. long, slender, lean, thin, skinny, attenuate; gaunt, haggard, emaciated, meager, spare, scrawny; scraggy, spindly, spindle-shanked, skeletal, bare-boned, raw-boned, skin-and-bones, twiggy; bony, lanky, gangling, gangly, gawky, Inf. weedy; tall, long-legged, rangy, long-necked, giraffelike, leggy.

2. awkward, un graceful, unainly, oafish, lubberly, clumsy.

lantern, n. lamp, light, dark lantern, Sl. glim, bull's-eye; oil lamp, lampion, hurricane lamp, tornado lamp, safety lamp, miner's lamp; jack-o'-lantern, magic lantern, Japanese lantern, Chinese lantern; barb lantern, kerosene lamp, Coleman lantern, carriage lamp, side light, riding light; gas lamp, gaslight, filament lamp, carbon lamp; police lantern, railroad lantern, search lamp, pilot light, navigation light, signal lamp.

lap', n. 1. seat, knees.

2. security, safeness, comfort, protection, refuge.

3. responsibility, obligation, charge, job, task; bailiwick, turf, neighborhood, territory.

lap', v. 1. wrap, wrap up, wind around, dress; fold up, case, enclothe, clothe; cover, sheathe, circumvest, swathe, swaddle, garb; envelop, enfold, encase, surround, invest.

2. overlap, fringe, margin, marginal, edge, border, hem, skirt; bound, rim, list, marge, line, verge, side.

lap', n. 3. circuit, compass, ambit, circulation, orbit, circle, loop, tour, full circle, round trip, trip, revolution.

lap', v. 1. wash against, beat upon, slap, splash against; slosh, swash, wash, swish, ripple, purr, trill; trickle, drip, dribble; bubble, bubble, bumble, murmur, gurgle, guggle.

2. lick up, tongue, drink up, mouth; sip, nip, sup; swill, swig, tipple, tope; drink off, imbibe, quaff.

lap', n. 3. splash, swash, wash, backlash, swish, splash; ripple, trill, purr, trill, trickle, cat's paw, dabble; bubble, bubble, bubbling.

lap', n. 1. decline, fall, descent, Fr. chute; falling, slipping, backslide, subsidence; drop, sinkage, slump, collapse, Meteorol. katabasis; deterioration, degeneration, worsening, declension; downturn, weakening, turn for the worse; downfall, decline and fall, debacle.

2. slip, error, mistake, Inf. slip-up, blunder, fluff; failure, failing, breach, flaw, sin, wrong; negligence, laxity, dereliction, omission, oversight, inadvertence, Law. nonfeasance; relapse, recidivism, reversion, re-
lapsed adj. big, great, huge, enormous, colossal, past, lost, gone, bygone, no more, ago, lapsed, by-past, over; irrecoverable, dead and buried, forgotten, extinct; passè, late, passed; antiquated, out of date, outdated, outworn, obsolete; old, former, archaic, of other times, pre-war; superannuated, superseded, disused, on the shelf; expired, run out, discontinued, terminated, invalidated, abrogated.

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larder, pantry, chamber, scullery, cuddy; store, storage, storage room, storeroom, supply room; butter, stillroom, cannery, Brit. Dial, fertilizer room.

lardy, adj. oily, greasy, unctuous, oleaginous, buttery, slippery, butyrate; tallowy, suet, Physiol. sebnum; butter, ghee, margarine, oleo; porpoise oil, whale oil, sperm oil, spermaceti, cetaceum, tuna oil, goose grease.

lard n. fat, fatty tissue, animal fat, adipose, blubber, tallow; grease, suet, oil, dripping, Physiol. sebum; butter, ghee, margarine, oleo; porpoise oil, whale oil, sperm oil, spermaceti, cetaceum, tuna oil, goose grease.

laryngeal, adj. vocal, larynx; laryngeal, laryngial, laryngic, laryngological, laryngoscopic, laryngostomy, laryngotomist, laryngoscopic, laryngostomy, laryngotomy, laryngitis, laryngotomy, laryngectomy.

large adj. 1. big, great, enormous, colossal, herculean, mighty, prodigious, gigantic, giant, gigan
tean, monstrous, monumental; stupendous, tremendous, towering, staggering, imposing, mountainous; tall, high, grand, grandiose, great big, Sl. humongous, Sl. giganto; sizable, considerable, goodly, substantial, excessive, titanic, cyclopean, Atlantean, Brobdingnagian; mammoth, jumbo, ponderous, massive, massy, gargantuan, elephantine; leviathan, whale-like, dinosaurian, dinotherian, megatherian; enormous, gigantism, giganticness, colossality, monumentality, prodigiousness; mountainousness, monstrosity, massiveness, mightiness, ponderosity.

large-scale adj. extensive, expansive, wide, large-scale; immense, huge, great, enormous, extraordinary, astonishing, prodigious, prodigious, monumental, stupendous, tremendous, towering, staggering, imposing, mountainous; tall, high, grand, grandiose, great big, Sl. humongous, Sl. giganto; sizable, considerable, goodly, substantially, excessive, titanic, cyclopean, Atlantean, Brobdingnagian; mammoth, jumbo, ponderous, massive, massy, gargantuan, elephantine; leviathan, whale-like, dinosaurian, dinotherian, megatherian; enormous, gigantism, giganticness, colossality, monumentality, prodigiousness; mountainousness, monstrosity, massiveness, mightiness, ponderosity.

largeness, n. bigness, greatness, enormity, enormousness, hugeness, grandiosity, grandeur; magnitude, size, dimension, measure, muchness; mass, bulk, proportion, caliber; sizableness, substantiality, largishness, biggishness, considerableness; tallness, highness, height; tremendousness, stupendousness, excessive, giganticism, giganticness, colossality, monumentality, prodigiousness; mountainousness, monstrosity, massiveness, mightiness, ponderosity.

largely adv. chiefly, generally, mainly, mostly, principally, in general, by and large; above all, eminently, essentially, particularly; in great part, in the main, as a whole, for the most part, on the whole, as a rule.

large-hearted, adj. generous, kindhearted, charitable, bountiful, bounteous, giving, liberal; big-hearted, humane, sympathetic, munificent, beneficent, benignant, benificent, benign, benignant, magnanimous; beneficent, benevolent, benign, benignant, magnanimous, magnanimous, chivalrous, understanding, indulgent, forbearing, forbearing, forgiving, sympathetic; neighborly, friendly, nice, hospitable, genial.

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large-scale adj. 1. extensive, expansive, wide, broad, diffuse; sweeping, far-flung, vast, far-reaching, wide-reaching, wide-ranging, far-flying, wide-sweeping; of great scope, large, sizable, substantial, in large; all-out, wholesale, indiscriminate, liberal.

2. blown-up, enlarged, increased, magnified, inflated;
expanded, widened, extended, broadened.

largess, n. 1. charity, alms-giving, philanthropy, altruism; beneficence, munificence, generosity, bounty, open-handedness, liberality.

2. gift, present, Scot. propine, benefaction, bestowal, donation, donative, contribution, endowment; offering, Eccles. offertory, Eccles. almsgiving, oblation; grant, aid, allowance, allotment, stipend, scholarship, fellowship, subsidy, subvention; inheritance, heritage, Law. dowry, Obs. dowry, Law. acquittal, Law. bequest, Law. bequeathment, Law. legacy, Law. devise; reward, prize, bonus, extra, plus, dividend, perquisite, Inf. perk, fringe benefit; honorarium, fee, pay, gratuity, tip, lagniappe, douceur.

lariat, n. lasso, riata; rope, thong, tether, leash, line.

lark, n. 1. bird, songbird, singer, warbler; skylark, meadowlark, titlark.

2. n. frolic, spree, fling, Sl. buster, romp, gambol, Inf. skylarking, fun, sport, play, game; antic, caper, prank, trick, Sl. monkeybusiness, Inf. shenanigans, mischief, Sl. horsing around.

—v. 2. frolic, romp, rollick, have fun, gambol, disport, play, sport, Inf. skylark; frisk, leap, curvet, cavort, skip about, dance about, jump about; caper, cut capers, play pranks, pull tricks, Inf. pull shenanigans, make mischief, Sl. horse around.

lass, n. 1. lassitude, indolence, laziness, idleness, otiosity, otioseness, fatigue, ennui, weariness, lass, fatigue, weariness.

2. girlfriend, sweetheart, darling, lady love, fiancée, bride, bridegroom, bridegroom's bride, bride's maids, bridesmaid, bridesmaid's maids, maids of honor, miss, spouse.

3. lass, n. last, hindmost, rearmost, aftermost, utmost, extreme, ultra; farthest, outside, topping.

4. lasting, adj. enduring, standing the test of time, go on and on, long-lived, life-long, long-standing; abiding, continuing, persisting; permanent, perdurable.

5. drive, push, propel, bound, whip, flog; prick, poke, stick, rowel, spur, prod, provoke, instigate, incite, actuate; foment, agitate, excite, arouse, rouse, whip up, work up, stir up, wind up, enflame, fire up, kindle, touch off; encourage, urge, egg on, put up to.

6. berate, scold, chide, tongue-lash, rate, harangue, rant, curse, execrate, imprecate, anathematize; upbraid, objurgate, excoriate, Inf. lambaste, flay, fulminate against; castigate, chastise, berate, censure, criticize, reproach, rebuke, reprove, Inf. jump on, Inf. dress down, Inf. slam, Sl. jump all over, Sl. chew out, Inf. bore out, Sl. strafe.

7. Often lash out v. fasten, attach, affix, fix; tie, bind, tether, make fast, hitch, rope, string, belt, strap, lace, leash; secure, join connect.

lass, n. 1. girl, female child, lassie, Inf. filly, maid, Irish Eng. colleen; miss, mademoiselle, young lady, demoiselle, Archaic. damoiselle, damsel; young unmarried woman, Ger. Fräulein, virgin; soubrette, nymph, nymphet, Lolita; minx, hoyden, tomboy, romp.

2. girlfriend, sweetheart, darling, lady love, fiancée; betrothed, inamorata, lover, mistress.

lascivious, adj. 1. lewd, lecherous, licentious, Archaic. lickerish, satyrlic, satyrical, satyrlike, hircine, goatish, rutish, Sl. horny; lustful, randy, Sl. hot or hot for; concupiscient, prurient, libidinous, salacious, lecherous, lascivious, lustful, lascivious; licentious, loose, Cyprian, wanton, abandoned, incontinent; debauched, rakish, rakehell, dissolve, dissipated, profiliolate; promiscuous, whoreson, of easy virtue, Sl. cheap, shameless; depraved, degenerate, perverted, incestuous, amoral, immoral, impure, unchaste, unvirtuous.

2. obscene, lurid, blue, pornographic, Inf. porno, Inf. porn, smutty, Sl. raunchy; indecent, offensive, suggestive, vulgar, coarse, gross, crude; dirty, unclean, foul, filthy, vile; foul-mouthed, dirty-minded; ribald, scurrilous, irreverent; bawdy, Fescennine.

lasciviousness, n. 1. lewdness, lecheriness, lasciviousness, licentiousness, lustfulness, lust, lustfulness, concupiscence, prurience, prurien, licentiousness, lascity, salaciousness; carnality, carnalness, carnalness, carnal, sexual, coprophilic; immodesty, impurity, immodesty, unchasteness, unvirtuous.

2. debauchery, dissoluteness, rakishness, dissipation, profligacy; licentiousness, wantonness, unrestraint, abandon, incontinence, self-indulgence; aphrodisia, sexual desire or passion, Pathol. satyriasis, Pathol. nymphomania; unnatural desire, perversion, incest, incestuousness, perversity, sodomy, buggery, sadism, masochism; Psychiatry. coprophilia.

lash, n. 1. whip, knout, scourge, flagellum, bullwhip, cat-o'-nine-tails, cat, cowhide, rawhide, quirt, garness, coarseness, crudity, crudeness.

2. blow, stroke, bang, hit, smack, rap; knock, buffet, cuff, Inf. wallop, slap, play, back, whack, Inf. bat, Inf. sock, Inf. whoop, Inf. lick, Sl. smackeroo, Sl. zinger; strike, thump, tap, pat, poke, swipe, dab, jab.

3. goad, prod, whip, sting, prick, spur.

—v. 4. thrash, flog, switch, swat, birch, scourge, whip, horsewhip, thrash, flail; Inf. lambaste, Inf. whale, Inf. whomp; smite, thwack, slap, smack.

6. drive, push, propel, bound, whip, flog; prick, poke, stick, rowel, spur, prod, provoke, instigate, incite, actuate; foment, agitate, excite, arouse, rouse, whip up, work up, stir up, wind up, enflame, fire up, kindle, touch off; encourage, urge, egg on, put up to.

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8. flick, flicker, bat, flutter, flap, wag, waggle, whip, switch.

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eternal, Literary, sempiternal, immortal, undying, deathless, imperishable, indestructible, indissoluble, unfading, everlasting, amaranthine, perennial; perpetual, unending, endless, never-ending, ceaseless, unceasing, incessant, unremitting; constant, durable, steady, stable, solid, like the Rock of Gibraltar, fixed, firm, steadfast; immutable, unchangeable, changeless, unalterable, invariable; established, deep-rooted, strong, entrenched; interminable, prolonged, protracted, long-drawn-out, lasting for a year and a day, long, lengthy, day-in-day-out, ongoing; surviving, surviving through thick and thin or for better or worse; extended, boundless, illimitable; dateless, ageless, unaging, evergreen, ever-young, ever-new.

**last-ditch, adj.** desperate, frantic, frenzied, wild; gasping, straining, struggling, struggling mightily, fighting; do-or-die, *Sl.* all-out, down-to-the-wire, *Sl.* down-and-dirty, dug-in, with one's back against the wall; last, last-chance, final; heroic, epic, stout-hearted, lionhearted; reckless, rash, heedless.

**lastly, adv.** finally, concludingly, in conclusion; at last, in the end, after all, on the whole, in fine, all things considered; in last place, bringing up the rear, hindmost, rearmost.

**latch, n.** 1. clasp, hasp, bolt, bar, buckle, lock, padlock, fastening, fastener.
    —v. 2. fasten, secure, close, slam; lock, padlock, bolt.

**late, adj.** 1. tardy, behind, behind time or schedule, not on time, unpunctual; overdue, past due; slow, procrastinative, procrastinatory, dilatory, delaying, cunctation, cunctatory, Rare: cunctative.
    2. prolonged, protracted, extended, drawn-out, lengthened; delayed, stayed, put-off, postponed, belated.
    3. recent, new, fresh, up-to-the-minute, up-to-date, current.
    4. previous, preceding, prior, antecedent; former, *Inf.* ex, old, one-time.
    5. deceased, dead; defunct, nonextant.
    6. of late lately, recently. See lately (def. 1).
    —adv. 7. tardily, unpunctually, slowly, procrastinatively, dilatorily.
    8. at the eleventh hour, at the last minute or moment, at the tail or tag end.
    9. late into the night, until or at all hours, until or at the wee or small hours, until the early hours of the morning, until or at dawn, until or at daybreak, until or at cockcrow.
    10. lately, recently, formerly, previously. See lately (def. 2).

    2. newcomer, arriviste, parvenu, *Fr.* nouveau riche, the newly rich, upstart.

**lately, adv.** 1. of late, recently, in the past few days, in the last couple of weeks, in the past month; not long ago, a little while back, a short time ago; not long since, just last week, just the other day, yesterday.
    2. late, formerly, previously, before this time, heretofore.

**latency, n.** 1. potentiality, possibility; indication, suggestion, implication, hint, insinuation, intimation, undercurrent.
    2. dormancy, quiescence, inertia, inertia, inactivity, inaction, passivity, idleness; lifelessness, motionlessness, immovability, immobility, stillness; slumber, somnolence, sleep, hibernation, estivation; lethargy, torpor, languidness, languor, sluggishness, dullness, stagnancy.
    3. abeyance, postponement, deferment, deferral; suspension, halt, stop, pause, recess, break; interstice, interim, interval, intermission, intermittence, intermittency; delay, wait, waiting period, *Psychoanal.* latency period, *Pathol.* latent period.

**lateness, n.** 1. tardiness, unpunctuality, unpunctualness; slowness, laggardness, lagging, loitering, lingering, tarrying, dallying, dilly-dallying, dawdling, hanging back.
    2. delay, cunctation, procrastination, dilatoriness, procrastinativeness; postponement, putting off, deferment, deferral, prorogation, suspension, holdup, stay; prolongation, protraction, extension, lengthening.

**latent, adj.** 1. dormant, dormant, quiescent, veiled, *Obs.* latent, *Inf.* closet, delitescence; potential, undeveloped, unrealized, possible; unsuspected, unexplained, unapparent, indiscernible, undiscoverable, imperceptible, inconspicuous, unsuspected, unindicated, unintimated, unintended.
    2. secret, cryptic, enigmatic, mysterious, occult, arcane, esoteric, recondite; mystic, mystical, cabalistic, cabalistical, analogical, analogical; cryptographic, cryptographic, figurative, emblematic, emblematical, metaphorical.
    3. implied, implicit, implicated, implicational, implicational, indicated, indicative, meant, hinted at, suggested, suggestive, adumbrative; insinuated, insinuatory, insinuative, insinuating, intimated; inferred, inferential, derived, derivative, concluded, conclusional, construed, constructive; unexpressed, unmentioned, unsaid, unstartled, undeclared, unuttered, unarticulated, unproclaimed; acknowledged, undisclosed, unexposed.
    4. idle, inactive, passive, unstriving; inert, lifeless, motionless, immovable, immobile, unmoving, stationary; still, stock-still, *Chiefly Literary* stilly, becalmed; resting, slumbering, somnolent, somnolent, sleeping, sleepy, hibernating, estivating, (of land) fallow; dull, sluggish, sedimentary, stagnant, lethargic, listless, languid.
    5. inoperative, nonfunctioning, nonperforming, unused; suspended, deferred, postponed, in abeyance; pausing, stopping, breaking, waiting, hesitating, hesitant, delaying, abeyant.

**later, adj.** 1. subsequent, next, following, coming; succeeding, successive, sequent, sequential.
    —adv. 2. subsequently, next, successively, sequentially, in sequel.

**latterly, adv.** 1. late in time, at a later date, at a future time or date, at some point in the future, at a later time, *Inf.* farther down the road; by and by, in the future, hereafter, in time to come, in days to come; in or after a while, in or after a bit, before too long.

**lateral, adj.** sidewise, sideways, sidelong, sideward, sideward, edgeways, edgewise, broadside; oblique, sloping, slanting; aslant, slantwise, slantways; edgeways, edgewise, broadside; abreast, alongside, to one side, beside, by the side of; neck and neck, side by side, cheek to cheek; askant, askant, askew, awry; transversely, crosswise, crossways, athwart, *Naut.* athwartships, across.

**latest, adj.** 1. last, final, ultimate.

    2. most recent, newest, *Inf.* in, current, up-to-date,
lath

laud, v. 1. praise, sound the praises of, sing the praises of, extol, cry up, Inf. crack up, Archaic. magnify, emblazon; encore, root for; approve enthusiastically, hail, commend, sanction, endorse; recommend, promote, say a good word for, put in a good word for; compliment, flatter, puff, boost, swell, lionize, belaud, make much of; applaud, acclaim, cheer, celebrate, congratulate, Archaic. gratulate.
2. eulogize, panegyrize, glorify, bless, exalt, elevate; pay tribute to, pay homage to, honor, crown, worship, adore; reverence, venerate, revere; appreciate, value, esteem, respect, admire.

laudable, adj. praiseworthy, commendable, meritorious, estimable, admirable, Brit. Dial. gratefully; reputable, creditable, respectable, deserving, worthy; sterling, exemplary, excellent, good, noble; honorable, virtuous, righteous, upright, just, right-minded, principled; unimpeachable, irreproachable, blameless.

laudation, n. 1. praise, acclaim, acclamation, exultation, kudos, accolade, Archaic. magnification, citation; approval, approbation, endorsement, sanction, commendation, recommendation, advocacy, espousal; celebration, paean, congratulation, Archaic. gratulation, exultation, triumph, jubilation.
2. tribute, testimonial, credit, recognition; eulogy, eulogium, eulogization, exaltation, glorification, encomium, panegyric; honoring, crowning; homage, reverence, devotion, veneration; blessing, Eccles. benediction, Archaic. benison; honor, glory, repute, celebrity, fame, notoriety; esteem, favor, admiration, adulation; compliment, flattery; appreciation, estimation, respect, regard, affection, love.

laudatory, adj. praising, praiseful, acclamation; panegyrical, eulogizing, eulogistical, encomiastical; approving, approbatory, approbative, commendatory; complimentary, flattering, uncritical, uncensorious; celebrative, celebratory, favorable, positive; glorifying, benedictory.

laugh, v. 1. giggle, snicker, snigger, titter, tee-hee, ha-ha, how-haw, Sl. yuk-yuk; Inf. break up, Inf. crack up, burst out laughing; shake with laughter, be in stitches, Inf. double up; be in stitches, Inf. break up or over, Inf. die; guffaw, Sl. yuk it up, Sl. yuk; chortle, chuckle, cackle; cacknate, roar, shriek.
2. laugh off laugh away or down, ridicule, dismiss, ignore, pay no attention or mind to, overlook, shrug off.
3. laugh at a. deride, scoff at, mock, jeer, ridicule, knock, gird at; Fleer, guy, horselaugh, Australian. chick; make fun of, lampoon, satirize, parody, pasquinade; make sport of, poke fun at, make a fool out of, make the butt of, Sl. make an ass of; tease, rally, Inf. roast, banter, chaff, rib, kid, Sl. razz; flout, scorn, sneer at, disdain, pooh-pooh; hiss, boo, hoot at, heckle, catcall; harass, Sl. put down, abuse. b. reject, scorn, discount, rule out; disbelieve, refuse to accept, ignore, close one’s eyes to.
4. laugh on the other side of one’s face or mouth be dejected, be disheartened, be dispirited, be downcast, be down in the dumps, Sl. be bummed out; be discouraged, be dismayed; get one’s comeuppance, get a taste of one’s own medicine.
5. giggle, snicker, snigger, titter, tee-hee, how-haw, Sl. yuk-yuk, Sl. yuks, horselaugh. Inf. belly laugh; chortle, chuckle, cackle; cachinnation, roar, shriek, scream, screech; laughter, risibility; fit of laughter, peal of laughter, burst of laughter; Both Inf. boff, boffo.

laughable, adj. 1. funny, amusing, comical, risible,
humorous, Inf. boffo; hilarious, hysterical, riotous, uproarious, too funny for words, side-splitting, Sl. a scream, Sl. a gas; entertaining, diverting, Inf. fun; jolly, mirthful, merry, jovial, jocose, jocular, waggish; teasing, joking, jesting, Inf. kidding, Inf. funning, playful, sportive, clownish, clowning.

2. ludicrous, absurd, ridiculous, nonsensical, foolish, Sl. cockeyed; poppycockish, Sl. cockamamie, amphilogoric; crazy, crazed, Sl. kooky, Scot. doiled; daft, Inf. daffy, crackbrained, Inf. nutty.

laughing n. 1. laughter, laugh, risibility; giggle, snicker, snigger, titter. See laugh (def. 5).

—adj. 2. happy, cheerful, cheery, full of cheer, gay, sunny; jovial, merry, jocund, jolly, mirthful; riant, smiling, happy as a lark; joyful, joyous, jubilant, rejoicing, gleeful; exultant, in seventh heaven, elated, overjoyed.

3. giggling, snickering, giggling, tittering; guffawing, Sl. yuukling, chortling, chuckling, cackling; cackhannating, roaring, shrieking.

4. funny, amusing, comical, laughable. See laugh (def. 1).

laughing-stock, n. butt, fool, everybody’s fool, ass, joke, fair game, Inf. goat, Brit. Sl. mug; dupe, gudgeon, Brit. Dial. cul, Archaic. cull, Inf. chump, Sl. sap, Sl. schnook, Sl. schemiel, Sl. boob; greenhorn, sitting duck, easy or soft mark, easy or soft target, Inf. sucker, Inf. cinch, Sl. patsy, Sl. pigeon, U.S. Sl. fall guy, Sl. softie, Sl. soft touch, Sl. push-over; pawn, puppet, tool, instrument, cat’s paw, creature, minion, dummy, Sl. stooge.

laughter n. 1. laugh, laughing, risibility; giggle, snicker, snigger, titter. See laugh (def. 5).

2. laughing, giggling, snickering. See laughing (def. 3).

3. amusement, entertainment, exhilaration; joviality, gaiety, gayness, merriness, joy, joyfulness, joyousness, jollity, jocundity, glee, mirth, mirthfulness, good or high spirits, hilarity, Rare. heyday; elation, sunniness, rosiness, airiness, blitheness, light-heartedness.

4. hurl, cast, throw, toss, dart, shy, chuck, pitch; stove, laid the foundation; introduce, broach, usher in; create, get down to it, wet, get to it.

5. laugh, laughing, risibility; giggle, snicker, snigger, titter; guffawing, Sl. yuukling, chortling, chuckling, cackling; cackhannating, roaring, shrieking.

6. bathe, bath, wash, wash up, clean, clean up, scrub up, cleanse, lather, soap, Brit. Inf. tub, Chiefly Brit. Inf. tub, Chieflly Brit. Dial. cull, Archaic. cad, Inf. chump, Sl. sap, Sl. schnook, Sl. schemiel, Sl. boob; greenhorn, sitting duck, easy or soft mark, easy or soft target, Inf. sucker, Inf. cinch, Sl. patsy, Sl. pigeon, U.S. Sl. fall guy, Sl. softie, Sl. soft touch, Sl. push-over; pawn, puppet, tool, instrument, cat’s paw, creature, minion, dummy, Sl. stooge.

laundry, n. 1. laundry room, lavatory; dry cleaner, cleaner and presser; Chinese laundry.

laureate, adj. honored, recognized, lauded, praised, acclaimed, noted; notable, distinguished, renowned, illustrious, famous, famed, well-known.

laurel, n. 1. evergreen tree; mountain laurel, rhododendron.

2. (all of honor) emblem, badge, mark, sign, token.

3. (all of laurel foliage) branch, stem, twig, wreath, garland.

4. usu. laurels honors, awards, commendations, citations, tributes, honorable mentions; gifts, prizes, trophies, blue ribbons; prizes, praise, kudos, extolment, laudation, acclaim, acclamation, Archaic. magnification; glory, honor, distinction, prestige, notability; fame, renown, illustriousness, celebrity, popularity.

lava, n. 1. molten or fluid rock, Geol. magma, panhoehoe; scoria, Geol. ash, Geol. cinders.

2. igneous rock; granite, rhyolite, obsidian, pumice, andesite, basalt.

lavage, n. wash, washing, cleaning, cleansing, washing, Arch. lavage, bath, bathing, Both Brit. Inf. tub, tubbing. See wash (def. 9).

lavatory, n. 1. bathroom, washroom, wash-up, Inf. lav; restroom, Sl. donnicker, comfort station, powder room, women’s or ladies’ room, girls’ or little girls’ room, men’s room, boys’ or little boys’ room; All Chiefly Brit. water closet, w.c., convenience; toilet, Sl. john, Sl. can, Chiefly Dial. jakes, Naut. head, pot, Ky, Brit. Inf. loo; latrine, privy, cloaca, outhouse, backhouse, stool, Chiefly New England, necessary, Brit. Sl. bog.

2. washtub, washbasin, sink, washstand; washtub, bathtub, tub.

lave, v. 1. bathe, bath, wash, wash up, clean up, scrub up, cleanse, lather, soap, Brit. Inf. tub, Chiefly Brit. Dial. cull, Archaic. cad, Inf. chump, Sl. sap, Sl. schnook, Sl. schemiel, Sl. boob; greenhorn, sitting duck, easy or soft mark, easy or soft target, Inf. sucker, Inf. cinch, Sl. patsy, Sl. pigeon, U.S. Sl. fall guy, Sl. softie, Sl. soft touch, Sl. push-over; pawn, puppet, tool, instrument, cat’s paw, creature, minion, dummy, Sl. stooge.

launch, v. 1. set afloat, float; send off or forth, send, push off; move, actuate, set in motion, set going; propel, impel, push, shove, thrust; spur, prod, prick, goad, poke, urge or drive forward.

2. begin, commence, start, go ahead; embark, set sail, set to or about, turn to, Inf. take off, Inf. kick off; take steps, get going, get a move on, get on the stick, start off, start out, move out, get the show on the road; start in, plunge in, Inf. dive in, Inf. get one’s feet wet, Inf. get down to it, Inf. get to it.

3. initiate, instigate, start the ball rolling, take the first step, take the initiative, make the plunge, make a start, break the ice; institute, inaugurate, found, lay the foundation; introduce, broach, usher in; create, beget, engender, give birth to, give rise to, sow the seeds of.

4. hurl, cast, throw, toss, dart, shy, chuck, pitch; dash, sling, let fly, send; fling, flirt, heave, jerk, cant, shoot, fire; propel, project, jaculate, catapult.

launder, v. wash, wash up or out, scrub, soap; wash and iron, press, do up; clean, clean up, Sl. crumb up, cleanse, purify, delouse; rinse, soak, ret, bleach, blue; bathe, lave, tub; scour, polish; dry clean.

launderer, n. washer, washerman, washerwoman, washman, washwoman, launder, wash lady, wash maid, Fr. blanchisseur, Fr. blanchisseuse, laundress, man or woman; clean man or woman, cleaning lady, cleaning man, domestic; maid, servant, backhouse maid, chambermaid, valet, manservant; mother’s helper, or au pair girl.

laundry, n. 1. wash, washing, dirty clothes, Sl. socks and jocks, Sl. skivies; clothes for the cleaner.

2. laundromat, launderette, Fr. blanchissage; tub of room, laundry room, lavatory; dry cleaner, cleaner and presser; Chinese laundry.

lavish, adj. generous, unstinting, open-handed, bountiful, liberal, big-hearted, great-hearted, unselfish, princely; extravagant, excessive, wasteful, profili gate, squandering, improvident, thriftless, epicurean, sybaritic, unrestrained, wild.

2. profuse, excessive, fulsome, immoderate, exaggerated; in excess, overmuch, superfluous, redundant, Fr. de trop, unnecessary, surplus, unwarranted, inordinate; effusive, overly emotional, grandiloquent, overdone, Inf. a bit much, overwhelming.

3. limitless, unlimited, myriad, unmeasured, plenty, superabundant, copious, ample, abounding, unstinted, wholesale; lavish, opulent, ornate, Byzantine, sumptuous, gorgeous, rich, costly, dear; ostentatious, pretentious, extravagant, wasteful, profili gate, squandering, improvident, thriftless, epicurean, sybaritic, unrestrained, wild.

4. heap, pour, shower, spill, be generous with, be copious, copious, ample, abounding, unstinted, wholesale; lux uriant, opulent, ornate, Byzantine, sumptuous, gorgeous, rich, costly, dear; ostentatious, pretentious, showy, Inf. ritzy, Inf. fancy, Inf. high-falutin; imposing, splendid, Inf. splathy, Inf. swanky, Inf. swank, Inf. spiff, Inf. jazzy, Inf. tooney.

—v. 4. heap, pour, shower, spill, be generous with, bestow, give freely, thrust upon; waste, squander, dissipate, drain, exhaust; Inf. fling away, Inf. throw away, Inf. run through, spend recklessly, Inf. scatter to the winds.

lavishness, n. 1. generosity, bounty, largess, open-handedness, liberality, munificence; hospitality, unselfishness, big-heartedness, great-heartedness.
law, n. 1. principle, regulation, rule, ordinance, bylaw, statute; enactment, act, measure, bill; control, restriction, ban, embargo, prohibition.
2. command, mandate, commandment, directive, order, court order, injunction, decree, edict, dictate, dictum; canon, Both Rom. Cath. Ch. bull, encyclical; pronouncement, pronunciamento, proclamation, declaration, statement, manifesto.
3. constitution, body of laws, set of principles, rules and regulations, bylaws, code, charter.
4. system of law, legal code, corpus juris, Law. digest, Law. equity; common law, statute law, international law, criminal law, Brit. crown law; canon law, Corpus Juris Canonici, Codex Juris Canonici.
5. jurisprudence, science of law. Law. jus, legal
6. bar, legal profession.
7. litigation, legal action, Law. action, proceeding or legal proceeding; Law. prosecution, action or suit at law, lawsuit, Law. cause, Law. case.
8. lawmen, officers or agents of the law, police, Inf. cops, Sl. bulls, Sl. pigs, Sl. the man.
9. moral law, golden rule, rule of conduct, rubric, precept; directive, direction, instruction, guideline, rule of thumb, basic rule; formula, formulary, recipe, method, way; model, canon, standard, criterion, convention, custom, practice; natural law, general truth, universal truth, maxim, axiom, truism, truth or self-evident truth; principle, tenet, doctrine, dogma, belief, opinion, theory; mathematical rule, Math. proposition, Math. corollary.
10. the law Law of Moses, Ten Commandments, Decalogue.
law-breaking, adj. lawful, obedient, obeying, compliant, complying, dutiful, duteous; good, principled, upright, honorable, upstanding.
lawbreaker, n. 1. criminal, felon, misdeemeanor; convict, Sl. jailbird, parloe, ex-convict, Inf. ex-con, recidivist, repeat offender, Inf. chronic crook; transgressor, trespasser, offender, culprit, miscreant; malefactor, evildoer, wrongdoer, sinner; misfeasor, misfeasance; perjurer; Inf. scofflaw.
2. gangster, mobster, racketeer, mafioso, desperado, terrorist; thug, tough, Inf. toughie, mugger, ruffian, Inf. pluggly, rowdy, hoodlum, Sl. hood, Inf. goon, hooligan, Inf. roughneck, Inf. baddy, Sl. bad actor, Sl. guslen, Sl. mug, Australian Sl. larrikin, Brit. Hist. Mohock, (in Paris) apache.
3. assassin, murderer, killer, slayer, sniper; strangler, cutthroat, garrotte; liquidator, Euph. silencer, Euph. dispatcher; gunman, All U.S. Sl. gun, hired gun, hit man, trigger-man, hatchet man, torpedo.
4. bandit, hold-up man, Sl. stick-up man, armed robber; robber, burglar, thief, stealer, Inf. crook, Law. larcener or larcenist; shoplifter, pickpocket, purse-snatcher, cutpurse; embezzler, peculator, Law. defalcator.
5. extortionist, blackmailer; smuggler, runner; forger, counterfeiter; kidnapper, abductor; arsonist, incendiary; rioter, bomb-plant.
lawbreaking, n. offense, violation, contravention, infraction, breach, infringement; misdeemeanor, Law. delict, transgression, fault, misdeed, wrongdoing, Law. malfeasance, Law. misfeasance; Law. felony, capital crime, outrage; moral offense, error, sin, wrong, trespass, Both Rom. Cath. Ch. venial sin, mortal sin; slip, lapse, backsliding; failure, neglect, negligence, delinquency, dereliction, omission, Law. nonfeasance.
lawful, adj. 1. legal, juridical, according to law, de jure, licit, constitutional, permitted or allowed by law permissible, allowable.
2. legitimate, Sl. legit, vested, entitled, rightful, right, just, valid, legally sound; sanctioned, authorized, empowered, charted, licensed, legalized, warranted, commissioned; statutory, statutable, legislative, legis-lated; enacted, prescribed, ordained, ordered, decreed, edicted, mandated; appointed, constituted, designated, named, selected, chosen; approved, recognized, acknowledged, accepted, canonical.
3. judicial, judiciary, judicially, juridical, jurisprudential, juristic, jurisdictional, forensic.
4. law-abiding, obedient, obeying, compliant, complying. See law-abiding.
lawfulness, n. 1. legality, constitutionality; permis-sibility, permissibleness, allowableness.
2. legitimacy, legitimeness, accordance with the law; right, rightfulness, validness, validity, legal soundness.
3. permission, liberty, license, formal consent, sanc-tion; authority, authorization, legalization, warrant, commission; appointment, ordination, decreeing, designation, naming, selection; approval, recognition, acknowledgment, acceptance.
lawless, adj. 1. rebellious, mutinous, insurrectionary, insurgent, seditious, seditionary, revolutionairy, secessionist, riotous, terrorist; defiant, unsubmitting, disobedient, wayward; ungovernable, intractable, uncontrollable, unconformable, noncompliant; refractory, recalcitrant, contumacious; nonconformist, unconventional, nonconforming, eccentric, deviatory, deviative, divergent.
2. unbridled, unrestrained, unchecked, ungoverned; chaotic, rampageous, unruly, lax, loose, disorderly, disorganized, nihilistic, anarchic, anarchical, anarchistic; insubordinate, immoderate, incontinent, self-indulgent; dissipated, licentious, wanton; wild, ramp-ant.
3. illegal, unlawful, illicit, law-breaking; criminal, felonious, larcenous, malefacent, misfeasant, transgressing, offending, violating, violational, violative.
4. dishonest, unprincipled, unscrupulous, Inf. crook-ed, villainous, piratical; nefarious, wicked, iniquitous, flagitious; vile, foul, corrupt, venal, miscreant; reprobate, miscreant, depraved, degenerate, dissolve; knavish, rogueish, rascally, scampish.
lawlessness, n. 1. anarchy, anarchism, chaos; terro-rism, nihilism, violence, destructiveness; reign of ter-ror, ochlocracy, mobocracy, mob rule; rebellion, mutiny, insurrection, sedition, insurgency, revolt, uprising, revolution, riot.
2. crime, criminality, felonious or larcenous conduct, malefeasance, misfeasance, racketeering, piracy; dishonesty, unscrupulousness, unscrupulosity, unprincipledness, Inf. crookedness; illegality, unlawfulness, illicitness.
3. unrestrained, abandon, license, unruleiness, laxity, looseness; disorder, confusion, disarray, disorganization.
4. licentiousness, wantonness, dissipation, proligacy; self-indulgence, intemperance, immoderation, incontinence.
5. disobedience, insubordination, waywardness, in-
tractability, uncontrollability; noncompliance, nonconformity, recalcitrance, contumaciousness.

6. wickedness, iniquity, corruption, venality, bribery; depravity, degeneracy, dissolution; roguery, knavery, rashness.

lawmaker, n. 1. legislator, lawgiver, solon, elder statesman, statesman, politician, politico.

2. Member of Congress, M.C., Member of Parliament, M.P.; senator, congresswoman or congresswoman, legislator, U.S. congresswoman-at-large, representative, Sl. rep., case, different: perfunctory, black; state legislator, state senator, state representative, U.S. assemblyman; councilman, (in most New England states) selectman.

lawn, n. greenward, grassplot, patch of grass, green, grassy land; grass, turf, sod, sward, artificial grass, Trademark. Astroturf; grounds, gardens, grassland, field, meadow, Archaic. mead; greenery, verdure, green vegetation, herbage, pasturage.

lawn, n. linen, cotton cloth; cloth, fabric, material, textile, woven fabric.

lawsuit, n. litigation, contention, dispute, argument, legal argument, disputation; suit at law, legal action or proceedings, legal remedy; action, proceedings, case, cause, bringing of charges, laying of charges, bringing to book; prosecution, arraignment, indictment, allegation, charge, bill of particulars.

lawyer, n. 1. attorney, attorney-at-law, legal advisor, Law. counsel, counselor, counselor-at-law, advocate; officer of the court, member of the bar, legal practitioner, legalist; legist, jurist, jurisprudent, Civil Law. jurisconsult, civilian; pleader, friend of the court, amicus curiae; patent attorney, conveyancer, criminal lawyer, public defender, defense counsel, attorney for the defense; prosecutor, prosecuting attorney, district attorney, Inf. D. A., public prosecutor, attorney general; Sl. shyster, Sl. ambulance chaser, Sl. jailhouse lawyer, Sl. latrine lawyer, Sl. mouthpiece, Inf. pettifogger, Inf. Philadelphia lawyer.

2. agent, factor, deputy, proctor, proxy, substitute, procurator, attorney-in-fact; mediator, intermediator, intercessor, ombudsman, go-between, spokesman, negotiant, arbitrator.


lax, adj. 1. loose, slack, negligent, neglectful; careless, inattentive, inadvertent, unmindful, unhungry, unhungry, nonobservant, disregardful; imprudent, indifferent, indiscreet, uncircumspect; unwary, incautious, off-guard, unguarded, asleep at the switch, unheeding, heedless; unreliable, undependable, insecure, unsound, infirm, unsolid, unstable, unsubstantial, unsteady, desultory.

2. inexact, inaccurate, unprecise, unprecise, imprecision, imprecision; slovenliness, Inf. sloppinesses; vague, indeterminate, bounded, generality, amorphousness, shapelessness, Sl. blobbiness; incoateness, disorder.

3. relaxedness, nonchalance, casualness, ataraxia; listlessness, lack of concern, sloth, ached, insolence, laziness, lethargy, languidness, languor; indiffidence, perfunctoriness, insipidity, vapidity; unconcern, disinterest, disregard, insouciance, unanxiously, pococurantism.

4. gentleness, easiness, leniency, mildness; unstrictness, permissiveness, overpermissiveness, overindulgence, softness, weakness; relaxation, flexibility, pliancy, tolerance, allowance; humoring, pampering, coddling, giving in, catering to.

5. freedom, release, letting go, license, indulgence, freedom, release, letting go, license, indulgence, unrestraint, abandon; loose morals, easy virtue, immorality, promiscuity, improbity, indecency.

6. flaccidity, flaccidness, flabbiness, limpness, rubberiness, flippiness, laxation, yield, Inf. give, plasticity, nonrigidity.

lay, v. 1. put, place, set, rest, Inf. stick, leave, park, plant; set down, seat, settle; incline, lean.

2. drop, floor, lay low, prostrate; fell, knock out or strike down, sink.

3. lodge, submit, present, prefer, bring forward.

4. repose, impute, lay to; attribute, assign, ascribe, designate, insinuate.

5. bet, wager, give odds, gamble; chance, hazard, risk; plunge, play, deposit, put down, stake.

6. impose, apply, inflict; enjoin, prescribe; demand, exact, order.

7. posit, station, locate, site, situate; pitch, camp, establish, set up.

8. cover, spread, overspread, overlay; finish, veneer, varnish.

9. devise, arrange, plan, contrive, make; prepare, work up, plot, schematize.

10. level, flatten, smooth, even, plane.

11. ally, relieve, assuage, ease; alleviate, mitigate, palliate, soften, soothe, salve; calm, still, quiet.

12. aim, direct, shoot, point, sight, angle.

13. Slang. copulate, couple, mate, have sex, have sexual relations, have intercourse; sleep with, lie with, go to bed with, Sl. get in the hay with, Sl. shack up with, Euph. all the way with.

14. lay about one a. lay into, Sl. light into, strike dent, free and easy, untroubled, unconcerned, unworried, happy-go-lucky, insouciant.

5. dissolve, licentious, libertine, lascivious, debauched, wasted; wanton, wild, unbridled, profigate, abandoned, promiscuous, of easy virtue or morals; coarse, gross, crude; degenerate, depraved, corrupt, perverted; wicked, immoral, sinful, peccant, vice-ridden; unregenerate, unredeemable, unprincipled; shameless, disgraceful.

6. hanging, drooping, droopy, bagging, baggy, sagging, floppy, limpy, flabby, soft, flacid, rubbery.

laxative, n. cathartic, purgative, aperient, physic, ipecac, castor oil, ricinus oil, salts, dose of salts; purgation, purge, dose, Med. catharsis.

laxity, n. 1. looseness, slackness, laxness, carelessness, heedlessness, mindlessness, inattention, unmindfulness, absent-mindedness; neglect, negligence, dereliction, remissness, unrigorousness, noninterference, laissez faire, nonrestriction; nonobservance, unwarily, obliviousness, disregard, turning one's head; oversight, overlopping, lapse, failure, default, omission, nonfeasance, Law. laches.

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out, flail. Inf. slug, sock. Sl. give the one-two. Sl. windmill; take the offensive, attack, assault, assail; attack tooth and nail, harangue, harangue set upon, beset, beleaguer, besiege, storm. b. proceed, set out, Inf. get a move on, stir, scramble, bestir oneself; move, Inf. mrogate, start, push on or ahead; go at it, plug away, carry on, keep the ball rolling, keep going, keep busy, fall to with a will.

lay out a. abandon, reject, Inf. leave out in the cold, discard, wash one's hands of; disregard, repudiate, renounce, drop, drop the subject; brush off, shrug off. b. put aside, push aside, cast aside, shunt, dismiss; put out of mind, Inf. pay no mind, forget, ignore; put off, Inf. put on the back burner, Inf. sweep under the rug: postpone, sleep on, delay, defer; shelf, table, pigeonhole, file away, do it manana. c. Inf. stow away, stash, heap; reserve, save, put away, cumulate, amass; garner, collect, treasure; pile, stack, table, pigeonhole, file away, do it manana.

lay away a. lay in, store, stockpile, hoard, accumulate, amass; garner, collect, treasure; pile, stack, stow away, Inf. stash, heap; reserve, save, put away, put or lay aside, set by, preserve, retain; deposit, reposist, shelve; build up a nest egg, save for a rainy day, husband, economize. b. bury, inter, inhuman, entomb, consign to the grave; lay to rest, put to rest, Inf. plant, Sl. put six feet under, Sl. deep-six. c. Inf. lay low, lie low, lay low, go underground; put a dampener on, put a damper on, dampen, quench, cool off, shut down, scotch, nix, rule out, flail, give the one-two, knock out, K.O. or kayo, knock galley-west, put out of action; flatten, strike down, topple, fell; demolish, annihilate, destroy, blitz, kill.

lay out in lavender Slang. tell off, bawl out, yell at, tell a thing or two, tell where to go, give a piece of one's mind, call on the carpet; upbraid, reprove, rebuke, reprimand; scold, admonish, chide, berate, take to task, Inf. give what for, put the fear of God into; tear the hide off, scorch, wither, demolish.

lay over a. postpone, put over, defer, let hang fire, table, lay aside. b. stop, stop over, rest, break, overnight.

lay up ail, ill, fall ill, disable; get the miseries, catch a bug; droop, languish, fail, wilt, weaken, lose strength; take to one's bed.

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lay, adj. 1. laic, nonclerical, nonordained, non-ministerial; profane, nonreligious, nonecclesiastical; mundane, temporal, earthly, worldly, common, ordinary.

lay, n. 1. skin, shell, rind, peel; membrane, Anat., Zool. cortex, lamella, pellicle; integument, tegument, tagem, tegmen; scale, flake, lamina; lamination, laminate.

lay figure, n. 1. artist's model, model, figure, figurine, puppet, doll; image, effigy.

layman, n. laic, parishioner, one of the flock or assembly; nonprofessional, catechumen, dilettante, amateur.

layoff, n. dismissal, discharge, firing, sacking; unemployment, hard times, lean times, depression.

layout, n. 1. arrangement, disposal, spread; plan, design, outline; chart, blueprint, map, sketch, display. 2. collection, set, group, aggregation, Inf. bunch, Inf. bundle; Inf. setup.

layover, n. stopover, stop, stay, stayover, overnight stop or stay; rest, pause, break, interruption, delay.

laze, v. 1. idle, loaf, lounge, do nothing, Inf. layabout; lie around, lounge around, roll around, stand around, hang around or about, loiter around or about, Brit. Dial. loll around, Sl. go off, Sl. sit on one's butt or duff.

laziness, n. 1. idleness, indolence, slothfulness, sloth, finaéance, do-nothingness, otiosity; uninter-
dustriousness, unenterprisingness, unambitiousness, want or lack of ambition or enterprise, nonaggressive-ness; listlessness, Dial. limpness, lackadaisicalness, insouciance, pococurantism; shiftlessness, worthless-ness, good-for-nothingness; slackness, laxity, remiss-ness, negligence, neglectfulness, carelessness.

2. inertia, inactivity, stagnation, torpor, supineness; sluggishness, lumpishness, lethargy, plébey, heav-i-ness, dullness, languidness, languor, hebetudinous-ness, lentitudinousness; somnolence, sleepiness, drowsiness.

lazy. adj. 1. idle, indolent, slothful, faineant, do-nothing, otiose; unindustrious, unenterprising, unam-bitious, nonaggressive; listless, Dial. limpsy, lackadai-sical, insouciant, pococurante, easy-going, free-and-easy, carefree; shiftless, worthless, good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well; slack, lax, remiss, neglectful, negligent, careless.

2. slow-moving, slow-going, creeping, crawling, Inf. poky; lingering, loitering, lagging, dillydallying, dally-ing, laggard, foot-dragging; inert, inactive, stagnant, torpid, supine; sluggish, lumpish, lethargic, phleg-matic, heavy, dull, languid, languorous, hebetudinous, lentitudinous; sleepy, drowsy, somnolent, yawny.

lazybones, n. Informal. lie-abed, slugabed, Inf. lazyboots; Inf. lazylegs; idle, loafer, loungier, loller, fainéant, do-nothing, slouch, sluggard, Inf. goldbricker, Sl. goof-off, Brit. Sl. skiver; laggard, loiterer, llinger; dallier, dillydallyer, dawdler, moper.

lea, n. 1. meadow, meadowland, Archaic. mead; pasture, pastureage, pastureland, Scot. sheiling; plain, prairie, range; grassland, savanna, steppe, pampas, veld, (in South America) campo, (in Spanish America) llano. —adj. 2. fallow, untilled, uncultivated, unson.

leach, v. percolate, lixiviate; filter, filtrate, strain, extract, drain.

lead', v. 1. guide, conduct, marshal, usher, escort, convoy; take the lead, lead the way. See lead (def. 8).

2. precede, antedote, come or go before, come first, go ahead of, go in advance; rate, rank, outrank, have precedence, have priority.

3. influence, affect, weigh with; cause, induce, prompt, move, incline, dispose, predispose; persuade, convince, win over, prevail upon, win over, talk into, wear down, soften up, Inf. con, Inf. sell [s.o.] on; bend, bend to one's will, Inf. lead by the nose, Sl. twist [s.o.'s] arm; counsel, advise, admonish, point out; call forth, bring on, elicit, evoke, provoke, instigate.

4. command, order, prescribe, lay down the law; rule, reign, dominate, predominate, have the ascendancy, have the upper or whip hand, crack the whip, call the shots, Inf. rule the roost, Inf. wear the pants; head, Inf. head up, preside over, hold the reins, be in the driver's seat, take the helm, pilot, Captain, Inf. skipper, quarterback, call the signals; supervise, super-intend, oversee, Inf. boss; direct, govern, manage, regulate, handle, carry on, drive, Inf. run.

5. excel, exceed, surpass, transcend, outstrip, out-run, outdistance, distance, leave behind, steal a march on; eclipse, outshine, overshadow, throw into the shade; outdo, outplay, outperform, outrival, outpoint, outstep, overleap, overcome, best, better, Inf. go one better; cap, top, overtop, tower above, put to shame, Inf. show up, Inf. run rings or circles around.

6. lead off begin, commence, start, go ahead, Inf. jump off, Inf. kick off; take steps, get going, get a move on, get on the stick, start off, start out, move out, get the show on the road; start in, plunge in, Inf. pitch in, Inf. steam in, Inf. dive in, Inf. get one's feet wet, Inf. get down to it, Inf. get to it.

7. lead on mislead, delude, deceive, trick, hoax, dupe, hoodwink, Inf. bamboozle, Inf. put one over on [s.o.]; beckon, invite, draw on, bait, bait the hook; tempt, lure, allure, seduce, beguile, inveigle, entice, charm, tantalize; entrap, trap, ensnare, snare, net; bag; court, pay court to, woo; wheelde, cajole, blandish, barney, Inf. soft-soap.

8. lead the way a. guide, conduct. See lead (def. 1).

b. initiate, instigate, actuate, set off, set in motion, trigger, start the ball rolling, ring up the curtain on; open, pioneer, take the first step, take the initia-tive, take the lead, take the plunge, make a start, break the ice, lead off, blaze the trail; institute, inaugurate, found, establish, set up, organize, originate, break ground, lay the first stone, lay the foundation; introduce, launch, broach, usher in.

9. lead up to a. prepare the way, pave the way, clear the way, open the way; do the groundwork or spadework, smooth the path or road. b. approach, make advances, overture, make an overture or overtures; intimate, insinuate, imply, hint at.

—n. 10. head, lead or front or advance position, first place, Inf. top spot; van, vanguard, cutting edge, spearhead; primacy, preeminence, priority, primacy, supremacy.

11. guide, conductor, cicerone, (in the Orient) dragoman; pointer, index, arrow, direction, signpost, guidepost, milepost or milestone; clue, cue, key, Inf. hot lead, Inf. tip-off; trace, vestige, spoor; hint, intimation, suggestion.

12. example, model, pattern, standard, criterion, precedent.

13. leasch, tether. See leash (def. 1).

14. Theater. a. lead role, starring role, title role, principal part, fat part. b. star, headline, featured player or attraction, feature or headline attraction, drawing card; hero, heroine, protagonist, principal, principal character; male lead, male star, leading man, lead actor, jeune premier; female lead, female star, leading lady or woman, lead actress, premiere, jeune premiere; diva, prima donna, prima ballerina, premiére danseuse.

—adj. 15. main, principal, cardinal, prime, primary, uppermost, most important; supreme, head, first, foremost, headmost, chief, premier, paramount, Inf. boss; ruling, reigning, commanding, controlling, directing, governing, leading.

lead', n. 1. graphite, black lead, plumbago, Chem. plumbum; white lead ore, Mineral. cerussite.

2. weight,inker, bob, plummet, plum bob, plumb line, sounding line, sounding rod, sounding head, sounding bottle, fathomer.

3. shot, ammunition, Inf. ammo.

leadsen, adj. 1. heavy, hefty, weighty, bulky, substantial, dense, ample; ponderous, unwieldy, cumber-some, cumbersome, awkward, unmanageable.

2. stodgy, stiff, starchy, wooden, stilted, labored, turgid; lumbering, plodding, elephantine; dull, boring; uninteresting, tedious, dry, dry-as-dust, Sl. dead; tasteless, bland, insipid, jejune, flat, vapid, Sl. for the birds, Sl. blah, Sl. nothing, Sl. ho-hum; uneventful, humdrum, monotonous, run-of-the-mill, prosaic.

3. gray, greyish, gray-colored; flat, mat, lusterless, lackluster, dingy, muddy; pale, ashen, anemic, bloodless.

4. gloomy, oppressive, dreary, dismal, bleak, Literary. drear, Scot. and North Eng. dowie; cloudy, overcast, hazy, foggy; lowering, dark, darkened.

5. inanimate, lifeless, spiritless; inert, inactive, stagn-ant, static, dormant; sluggish, listless, lethargic, tor-pid, languid, languorous, phlegmatic, hebcatous, lentitudinous; groggy, Sl. dopey.
leader, n. 1. chief, head, doyen, principal, Inf. boss, Inf. bossman, Inf. kingspin, Inf. number one, Inf. Mr. Big. Sl. big cheese, Sl. biggest fish or frog in the pond; director, superior, dean, chairman; manager, overseer, supervisor, superintendent, Inf. super, foreman, headman, Brit. gaffer.

2. sachem, chieftain, warlord, war chief, commander, commandant; ruler, overlord, lord, master, lord and master, paramount, suzerain.

3. pacesetter, pacemaker, trend-setter; mover, prompter, actuator, motivator, encourager, inspirer, firer, spark, Inf. sparkplug; ringleader, bellwether, Sl. the brains.

4. conductor, orchestra conductor, orchestra leader, band leader, bandmaster, concertmaster, Konzertmeister; choirmaster, chorister, precentor, Kapellmeister, Eccles. cantor; coryphaeus; band major, drum major.

5. forerunner, antecedent, precursor, predecessor, foregoer; front or lead runner, outrider, vaunt-courier, avant-courier; advance guard, vanguard, spearhead, cutting edge; point, point man, decoy; pioneer, frontiersman, pathfinder, trail blazer, explorer, scout; innovator, groundbreaker, avant-gardist.

6. loss leader, lead item, Sl. hot item, special feature.

leadership, n. 1. headship,manship, proctorship, government, directorship, superintendency; mastership, lordship, sovereignty; captaincy, chieftainship, kingship,ership, presidency, dictatorship.

2. supremacy, superiority, primacy, hegemony, dominance, domination, mastery; dominion, reign, sovereignty, suzerainty; rule, command, control; influence, sway, power, potency, Literary. puissance, Inf. say or so, say-so, Inf. clout, Sl. muscle.

3. direction, guidance, instruction, advice, counsel, suggestion, recommendation; management, administration, supervision, superintendence, regulation, governance, lead, leading, handling, Inf. running.

leading, adj. 1. chief, cardinal, prime, primary, main, most important, uppermost, topmost, headmost, foremost; supreme, paramount, preeminent, supereminent, toprank, of the first rank, crowning, highest, maximum, sovereign, suzerain; dominant, predominant, prevailing, preponderant, hegemonic; best, greatest, second to none; inimitable, incomparable, beyond compare, in a class by itself, peerless, matchless; unrivaled, unequalled, unapproached, unsurpassed, unexcelled.

2. first, front, frontal, advance, antecedent, anterior; fore, forward, foregoing, heading, precessional; prior, preceding, precedent.

3. ruling, governing, commanding, reigning; directing, directive, guiding, managing, managerial, supervising, supervisory, superintendent, in charge; controlling, regulating, handling, Inf. running.

leadoff, n. start, beginning, commencement, onset, outset, outbreak, dawn; initiation, actuation, instigation, creation, inception; institution, inauguration, introduction, constitution, establishment, origination, organization, foundation; All Inf. kickoff, jump-off, send-off, takeoff, blast-off.

leaf, n. 1. frond, leaflet, foliole, blade, All Bot. bract, bractlet, bracteole; flag, needle, pine needle, pad, lily pad; petal, seed leaf, Bot. cotyledon, Bot. calyx, Bot. sepal.

2. foliage, foliation, foliature; verdure, Bot. vernation, frondescence, flora, vegetation.

3. page, sheet, folio, insert, flyleaf, Print. recto, Print. verso; title page, imprint, table of contents, list of illustrations, index, errata.

4. cover, covering, covering layer, scale, coat, coating; veneer, overlay, lamination, lamella, lamina; layer, cut, slice, rasher, shaving, curl; sheet, foil, petal, flake, council, junta, conclave, assembly, meeting, convention, diet; faction, party, splinter group, clique, ring, Inf. push, Inf. crew, Inf. gang, (in China) tong.

3. group of teams, group of athletic teams; class, category, level of ability, ability group, group of equals, group of peers, equals, coequals, matches, well-matched opponents.

4. in league with leagued, Inf. in cahoots, allied, amalgamated, Inf. hooked up with, Inf. linked up with, Inf. in bed with; cooperating, active, collaborative; Inf. hand in glove with, Inf. shoulder to shoulder with, as one, as one man, Inf. of the same stripe.

leak, n. 1. hole, opening, vent, scoop, drain, mouth, orifice, aperture, egress; puncture, perforation, cut, incision, split, gash, scotch, rent, slit, slot; gap, space, rift, break; fault, flaw, nick, notch; fissure, cleft, crevasse, crevice, cranny, chink, crack, groove.

2. leakage, leaking, seepage, seeping, oozing, outflowing, effusion, effluence, Pathol. defluxion.

—v. 3. escape, exude, ooze, ooze out, drip, dribble, drain, seep; discharge, gush, disembogue, cast forth; emanate, issue forth, emit, pour forth, send forth, send out, eject; void, teem, empty, stream, gush, spurt, flood.

4. divulge, disclose, reveal, make known, tell, impart, inform, relate, utter, declare, break the news;
blurt out, give away, Inf. let on; release, break, report, publish, communicate, broadcast, Archaic. divulgate; come out with, let slip, let the cat out of the bag, spill the beans, blow the lid off, Inf. let it all hang out, Sl. sing, Sl. spill one's guts; expose, uncover, unmask, unveil, bring out, Inf. plant, bring out into the open, lay open, bring to light.

leakproof, adj. waterproof, wetproof, rainproof, moistureproof, floodproof, weatherproof, weather-tight, stormproof; airtight, watertight, sealed, hermetic; impervious, impermeable, nonporous, imperforate.

leaky, adj. 1. porous, perforated, holey, percolative; pervious, permeable, penetrable.
2. damaged, injured, imperfect, defective.
3. effusive, gushing, pouring, overflowing.

lean1, v. 1. incline, bend, angle, bevel, slant, pitch, grade, bank; slouch, slump, bow over; descend, fall, drop, dip, sag; swerve, swing, veer, turn, curve, fork; sway, totter, falter; careen, list, heel, tip.
2. tend, have a tendency, have a propensity, have a proclivity; have a preference for, prefer, show preference for, have as, have as if, would have; see fit, think best, had rather or sooner; have a penchant for, have an affinity for, like, have a liking for, gravitate toward, be disposed to, be prone to, be apt to, be liable to, be likely to, be subject to, be open to.
3. rest against or on, recline on, repose on; be supported by, be sustained by.
4. depend on, rely on, count on, trust in, have faith or on, recline on, repose on; be supported by, be sustained by.
5. lean over backwards, go to bend over backwards, go to.

lean2, adj. 1. (of persons or animals) slender, lank, thin, skinny, attenuate; gaunt, haggard, emaciated, bones, twiggy; bony, lanky, gangling, gangly, Inf. out of one's way, put oneself out, make a special effort; sacrifice, make a sacrifice.
2. barren, unproductive, unyielding, unfruitful, unfruitful, fruitless; exhausted, depleted, worn-out, impoverished; meager, scanty, scarce, sparse, empty, half-famished, half-starved, hungry as a bear.
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leaning, n. 1. proclivity, propensity, inclination, bent, turn, cast; tendency, tending, bearing, gravitation, drift; proneness, subjectability, aptness, liability, likeness, susceptibility, weakness, openness; disposition, mind-set, idiomsynecrasy, idiomsynarxis, Archaic. crisis.
2. penchant, predisposition, predilection, partiality; prejudice, tendentiousness, bias, preference; affinity, attraction, sympathy, fancy, liking, fondness, affection, love, ardor, fervor, zeal, passion; desire, longing, wishing, hangering, craving, lich, avidity, appetite, appetency, relish, taste; voracity, prurience, prurience, lust.

lean-to, n. shack, shed, shanty, hut, hutch; hovel, sty, pen; booth, stall; shelter, building, structure; annex, addition.

leap, v. 1. jump, bound, spring, upspring, run and jump, take off, leave the ground or one's feet; high jump, broad jump, pole vault, steepchase; (of horses) prance, rear up, buck, buckjump; leapfrog, overleap, jump over, overjump, vault, hurdle, cross over, sail over, shoot over, go or pass over, take it over, clear, negotiate.
2. hop, skip, bounce, bob, Inf. hippety-hop; caper, frolic, frisk, cavort, romp, gambol, curvet, capriole, dance around or about.
3. Often leap to rush or hurry to, hurtle, form hastily or quickly, jump to; come to, arrive at, reach; conclude, decide, make up one's mind.
4. surge, increase by leaps and bounds, shoot up, skyrocket, rocket, soar; increase, rise, progress, climb, mount, ascend, appreciate, go up; advance, accelerate, escalate, grow.
—n. 5. jump, bound, spring, vault, running jump, high jump, broad or long jump, pole vault, Ballet. en trechat, Ballet. jeté; (of horses) curvet, capriole, gambado, gambade, buck; hop, skip, bounce, bob; a hop, skip and a jump; caper, frolic, gambol, dance, prance.
6. hurdle, bar, Gymnastics. buck, Gymnastics. horse; obstacle, obstruction, fence, rail, hedge.
7. saltation, abrupt transition, quick change; advance, movement, progression.
8. upsurge, upswing, surge, skyrocketing, rocketing, soaring; increase, rise, elevation, mounting, climbing, ascent; appreciation, augmentation, acceleration, escalation, growth.

leapfrog, v. 1. jump, jump over, overjump, overleap; vault, hurdle, cross over, sail over, shoot over, go or pass over, make it over, clear, negotitate.
2. advance, forward, move [s.t.] or [s.o.] forward, move [s.t.] or [s.o.] to the front of the line or the head of the class, get [s.t.] or [s.o.] up front; push, shove, press [s.t.] or [s.o.] forward, overtake, surpass, outdistance.

learn, v. 1. comprehend, realize, Inf. get into or through one's head; master, grasp, Inf. lay hold of, Inf. catch on to, Inf. latch on to, Inf. get the idea, Inf. get a fix on, Inf. get or have it; cognize, perceive, apprehend, see, see the light, get the picture, Inf. make heads or tails of, Brit. twig.
2. ascertain, determine, detect, trace, hunt down; discover, find out, stumble upon, fall on or upon, hit upon, chance upon, light upon; uncover, bring to light, Sl. get wise to; disinter, exhume, unearth, dig up, root up, worm out, ferret out, fish out.
3. memorize, possess, con, commit to memory, learn by heart, have in one's head, have at one's fingertips.
4. glean, acquire, receive, absorb, assimilate, digest, take in, pick up, drink in, imbibe.
5. Usu. learn of hear of, get word of, get wind of, Sl. get the low-down, Sl. be tipped off; understand, gather.

learned, adj. 1. erudite, punditic, wise, sage, scholarly, knowledgeable, Archaic. intelligent of; cultured, literate, lettered, versed, well-read, well-informed, (usu. disparagingly) know-it-all, Archaic. studied; educated, well-educated, well-schooled, well-instructed, well-tutored, well-trained, well-posted, well-grounded.
2. academic, scholastic, literary; intellectual, studious, profound, deep; bibliophilic, bibliophilic, bibliophagous, bibliphagic; (all sometimes disparagingly) highbrowed, Inf. long-haired, pedantic, bookish.
3. sophisticated, worldly, worldly-wise, Sl. wise, Sl. savvy, knowing, Sl. in the know; enlightened, aware, cognizant, conscious, alive to; acquainted, familiar, conversant, intimate; expert, masterful, masterly, Mr. au fait; proficient, adept, skillful, skilled; experienced, practiced, accomplished, Inf. knowing the ropes.

learner, n. 1. scholar, academician, student, studier, pupil, educatee; schoolchild, schoolgirl, schoolboy, collegian, college girl or woman, coed, college boy or man, sophister; apprentice, Inf. prentice, trainee; disciple, follower, protégé; proselyte, catechu-
leave, 1. quit, depart, go away, take one's leave, take leave; part, part company; leave behind, leave in the lurch, take leave of; discard, jettison, cast away.

lease, n. 1. rental agreement, sublease, sublet; contract, subcontract, agreement.

leather, n. 1. tanned hide skin, chamois, kid, lizardskin, goatskin, capseline, lambskin, sheepskin, pigskin, sealskin, shark's skin; snakeskin, alligator, crocodile, lizard; horsehide, buffalo hide, cowhide, shoe leather; sealskin, shark's skin; snakeskin, alligator, crocodile, lizard; horsehide, buffalo hide, cowhide, shoe leather; rawhide, shagreen; imitation leather, Leatheroid. Trademark. Leatherette, Trademark. Leatheroid.

leathery, adj. leatherlike, coriaceous, leathery.

leave2, n. 1. permission, liberty, allowance, sanction, license, warrant, authorization; exemption, concession, special favor, Rom. Cath. Church dispensation, sufferance, vouchsafement; tolerance, toleration, indulgence, indulgery, grace.

leaves, n. 1. learning, scholarship, wisdom, sapience, education, schooling, instruction, tuition; letters, culture, Archaic literature, book learning, pedantry; knowledge, information, facts, data, lore.

leaven, n. 1. leavening, ferment, barm, pepsin, soda; baking soda, baking powder, yeast, zyme, zymogen; maltase, diastase, invertase, zymase.

leave-taking, n. 1. leave-taking, departure, farewell, good-bye, adieu, valediction, congé; departure, leaving, going, exit, egress; embarkation, sailing, takeoff, oust, start.

leave, v. 1. quit, depart, go away, go along, take one's leave, take leave; part, part company, separate from, go, go out, be off, get off, exit, make an exit, make off, be gone; push off, shove off, Inf. high-tail it, Inf. buzz along, Inf. (both usu. imperative) buzz off, Sl. go fly a kite; Sl. blast off, Sl. breeze off or out, Sl. cut or cut out, Sl. split, Sl. vanamoose, Brit. Sl. beetle off, Brit. Sl. bugger off; evacuate, vacate, pull up stakes, break camp; fly, flee, Inf. skip, flit, Brit. Sl. do a moonlight flit; say good-by, bid farewell, bid adieu, bid Godspeed; withdraw, remove, retreat, take oneself away.

2. embark, entrain, enplane, embus; sail forth, set sail, weigh anchor, hoist anchor, ship out.

3. abandon, quit, desert, forsake; surrender, yield, relinquish, drop, Inf. drop like a hot potato, turn one's back on, wash one's hands of; leave behind, leave in the lurch, take leave of; discard, jettison, cast away.

4. cease, desist, give up, intermit, abandon, drop; Inf. shut up shop, Inf. call it a day, call it quits; surrender, resign, abdicate, Chiefly Scot. demit, renounce, throw up; let go, release.

5. bequeath, bequest, endow with, leave behind, hand down; dossier, assign dossier; devise, will, will to, give by will, bless with; commit, consign, refer.

6. leave out in the cold snub, slight, shun, reject, shoo off, Inf. high-hat; neglect, overlook, ignore, gloss over; let slip, let slide, forget; put aside, Inf. give the go-by, refuse to acknowledge, turn from, turn away from, turn one's back on, disregard; dodge, pass by, by-pass, pass up.

7. leave in the lurch desert, abandon, quit, reject, Inf. cop out on, jilt, forsake, run away from; leave stranded, leave high and dry.

8. leave off stop, desist, cease, halt, discontinue; stay, refrain, restrain, pause, rest; hang fire, hold off, hold back.

9. leave out omit, eliminate, exclude, bar, count out; reject, repudiate, throw out, cut, cut out, cast aside, set aside; pass over, slide over, gloss over, slough over.

leave3, n. 1. waste, wastage, remains, refuse, spoil, offcoursings, scourgings, sweepings, scum; sawdust, shavings, parings, filings, scrapings, rasps, chaff, stubbles; slag, sprue, dross, sordes; (all of skin) shreds, sloughings, scurf, furfur, dandruff.

2. residue, residuum, remainder, rest, balance; remnants, leftover, (both usu. of food) leftovers, orts; oddments, rummage, odds and ends, truck, junk, Inf. crap; rejectaments.

3. ruins, rubble, detritus, debris, litter; cinders, ashes, embers, coals, soot, carbon, smut, Chem. precipitate; lava, Geol. cinder.

4. rubbish, trash, garbage, offal, refuse, swill, slop, riffraff, Brit. Dial. raff; carrion.

5. deposit, alluvium, aluvion, Geol. diluvium or
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1. libertine, wanton, profligate, debaucheer, debaucher, dissipator; rake, roué, rakehell, playboy, Inf. rip, Sl. swinger, fast man; adulterer, fornicator, seducer, Inf. wolf; womanizer, lady-killer, bedthopper, chaser, lover; whoremonger, whoremaster, pimp, gigolo; Don Juan, Lothario, Casanova; rapist, raper, violator, ravisher; satyr, goat, old goat, Sl. dirty old man, pervert, Sl. Flasher, Sl. lech.

lecherous, adj. 1. wanton, profligate, abandoned, incontinent, imtemperate; dissolve, dissipated, rakehell, degenerate, depraved, decadent, dirty-minded; lewd, lascivious, lubricous, Archaic. lickerish, licentious; purrient, libidinous, salacious, carnal, sensual; winnish, hoggish, piggish, beastly, bestial, brutish; satyric, styrical, goatish, hircine, ruttish, Sl. horn; priapic, lustful, randy, Sl. hot.

2. suggestive, erotic, lurid, indecent, offensive; vulgar, gross, crude, coarse, dirty, filthy; obscene, blue, pornographic, Sl. porno, smutty, Sl. raunchy; ribald, bawdy, Fescennine, scurrilous, irreverent.

lechery, n. indulgence, intemperance, incontinence, immoderation, self-indulgence, overindulgence; profligacy, dissipation, dissolution, dissolutely, libertinism, gallantry, debauchery, rakishness; wantonness, unrestrained, abandon, Pathol. satyrasis; whoring, wenching, womanizing, Sl. leching, sex indulgence; lewdness, lasciviousness, lecherousness, lubricity; goatishness, satyrism, ruttishness, randiness, Sl. horniness; lust, lustfulness, libidinousness, salacity, prurience, pruriencey; carnality, carnalism, sensualism, priapism, venery.

lectern n. podium, pulpit, rostrum, bench, dais, stage, platform, soapbox, stump; desk, reading desk or table, (both in an early Christian church) ambo, ambon, Rare. pulpitum; stand, table, holder, tripod, support.

lecturer, n. 1. speaker, talker, addresser, dis- courseur, prelector, lector, reciter, reader; orator, speechmaker, public speaker, spokesman, spokesperson, rhetorician, speechifier, Inf. stumper; declaimer, orator, expounder, exponent, descantor; expositor, explicator, explainer, commentator, commenter, annotator; sermonizer, preacher, moralizer, haranguer.

2. instructor, graduate assistant, laboratory or lab assistant, teaching assistant, tutor, preceptor, Educ. fellow; educator, educationist, pedagogue, teacher, schoolteacher, schoolmaster, schoolmistress, schoolmarm, faculty member, Chiefly Brit. master, Brit. don, Chiefly Scot dominie; professor, schoolman, scholastic, academian, academe, gownsman; indoc- trinator, inculcator, propagandist.

ledge, n. 1. shelf, slab of wood, sill, raised edge, mantel, mantelpiece, hob, Eccles. gradin; shelf of rock, projection, protrusion, overhang.

2. reef, coral reef, ridge, line of rocks, bar, sand bar, sandbank.


leer, n. 1. shelter, protection, cover, refuge.

2. leeward. See leeward (def. 2).

leer, v. 1. glance at sideways, look askance at, look out of the corner of one's eye; look at, eye, watch, follow with the eyes; stare at, ogle, or give the evil eye.

2. give the once-over, undress with the eyes; pickthank.

3. talk, talk to, call on the carpet, take to task, Inf. haul over the coals, Sl. strafe, Sl. chew out, Sl. lay out in lavender, Sl. jump all over, Sl. jump down [s.o.'s] throat, Sl. jaw, Archaic. clapperclaw.

lect, adj. 1. sinister, sinistral, sinistrous; left hand, Naut. port, Naut. larboard; Bot. sinistrorsal.
2. (all of politics) leftwing, liberal, progressive; socialistic, communistic, communalistic, Bolshevik; radical, anarchistic.


4. the Left leftists, left wing, liberals, progressives; socialists, Communists, social reformers; anarchists, Maoists, radicals, P.L.O. members, terrorists, Weathermen.

left-handed, adj. 1. sinistral, sinistromon, sinistrodextral, dextrocinist; sinistrocerebral, sinistrotal, sinistrogyrate, sinistrogyric.

2. ambiguous, double-meaning, paradoxical, doubtful, double, equivocal, questionable; enigmatic, ironical, sardonic, indefinite, indistinct, veiled, cryptic; insulting, disparaging, derisive, mocking, disrespectful; clumsy, backhanded, tactless, graceless, crude, maladroit, gauche.

leftist, n. member of the Left, liberal, radical, socialist, progressive, Bolshevik, Maoist, anarchist, Communist, *Inf.* pinko, P.L.O. member, terrorist, Weatherman; Left sympathizer, fellow traveler.

leftover, n. *Usu. leftovers* 1. residue, residuum, surplus, superfluity, extra, surplus, surplusage, take a walk, go for a walk, *9. stretch one's legs* lack support a valid basis, be full of holes, be undermined; be impotent, be ineffective, be defenseless, be vulnerable.

3. portion, segment, part, stretch; section, sector, stumps; calf, thigh, (usu. pi.) Inf. pin, (defs. 3, 4). *Slang.*

2. waste, wastage, remains, refuse, spoils; offscourings, scourgings, sweepings, scum; sawdust, shavings, parings, filings, scrapings, raslings; chaff, stubbles; slag, spume, dross, sordes.

3. excess, superfluity, extra, surplus, surplusage; oddments, scraps, shards; odds and ends, junk, *Inf.* crap; rejectamenta.

5. not have a leg to stand on lack support or a valid basis, be full of holes, be undermined; be impotent, be ineffective, be defenseless, be vulnerable.

6. on one's or its last legs about to break down, about to die, about to collapse, about to fail; failing, fading fast, dying at death's door.

7. *on [s.o.'s] leg* a. tease, *put [s.o.]* on, banter, chaff, rib, kid, Sl. razz; deride, *Inf.* roast, scoff at, mock, jeer, knock; * SF.* leer, laugh at, make fun of, guy, taunt, gibe, twit, rag; b. deceive, mislead, misinform, misguide; trick, delude, fool, take in, throw dust in [s.o.'s] eyes, pull the wool over [s.o.]*'s* eyes.

8. shake a leg. Slang. hurry, move quickly, hasten, lose no time, rush, make haste; run like mad, Sl. get cracking, *Sl.* get one's rear in gear, Sl. go like a bat out of hell, Sl. go like greased lightning. b. *Slang.* dance, Sl. shake your booties, Sl. *hoof* or hoof it, Sl. boogie, trip the light fantastic, Sl. cut a rug.

9. stretch one's legs take a walk, go for a walk, promenade, go for a stroll; get some exercise, stretch out the kinks.

—v. 10. leg it run or walk quickly, hotfoot, hotfoot it, high-tail it, *Inf.* skedaddle, *Inf.* vanoose.


2. heritage, bequeathment, ancestry; history, past, background.

legal adj. 1. lawful, licit; constitutional, statutory, by the book; permissible, allowable, admissible; sanctionable, approachable, acceptable, warrantable, authoritative, authoritative.


3. judicial, judiciary, juridical, juridical, jurisprudential, juristic, juridistic, forensic.

legality, n. 1. lawfulness, constitutionality, permisibility, admissibility.

2. legaleity, legalism, according with the law; rightfulness, validity, soundness.

legalize, v. 1. legitimize, legitimatize, codify, conform to the law, make acceptable; constitute, institute, formalize, establish, set up; enact, ordain, legislate, pass as law, enter into the books; confirm, ratify, bind.

2. authorize, warrant, license, certify, accredit, validate; invest, empower, enable, entitle, commission, deputate; permit, allow, consent or subscribe to, agree to, voucher; sanction, approve, give one's nod of approval, countenance, accept, *Inf.* O.K.; *Chiefly U.S.* approbate.

legate, n. emissary, agent, envoy, attaché, diplomat, ambassador, plenipotentiary; representative, commissioner, delegate, nun; *Ch. Cath.* vicar; deputy, proxy, substitute; intermediary, go-between, middleman, mediator; messenger, courier, herald.

legatee, n. beneficiary, recipient, receiver, devisee, *Law.* reversioner; *Both Law.* executor, donee; heir, inheritor, heir, heir apparent, heir at law, heirens, heritress, inheritrix; coheir, coheirness, joint heir, *Law.* partener; successor, *Inf.* next in line, follower.

legation, n. 1. embassy, delegation, deputation, representation, staff; ambassadors, envoys, emissaries, delegates, deputes; committee, subcommittee.

2. mission, commission, diplomatic establishment abroad.

legend, n. 1. tale, drama, romance, saga, epic, *Inf.* yarn, myth, tradition, old wives' tale; history, story, adventure, account, depiction, portrayal, representation, interpretation; recital, narrative, narration; fable, apologue, allegory, parable, moral, bestiary; nursery rhyme, fairy tale, ballad, rhyme, song. *2. inscription, dedication, motto, slogan, device; imprint, impression. 3. key, code, cipher, table of symbols.*

legendary, adj. 1. fabled, storied, traditional, mythical, mythic; chimerical, figmental, fanciful, imaginary, fantastic, fantastical, fabulous; heroic, superhuman, supernatural, marvelous, strange; visionary, dreamy, quixotic, extravagant, eidosic, romantic, idealistic, storybook, Cinderellaesque; fictitious, fictional, made-up, make-believe, invented.

2. celebrated, immortal, historical, famous, famed, renowned, well-known, prominent, *Inf.* big-name; illustrious, great, glorious, radiant, lustrous; honored, exalted, acclaimed, much-touted, popular, well-liked.
legerdemain, n. 1. slight of hand, jugglery, juggling, prestidigitation, conjuring, hocus-pocus; magic, trickery, thaumaturgy.

2. deceit, deception, dissimulation, duplicity, dark and crooked ways, evil ways; fraud, cheating, chicanery; treachery, dupery, fraudulence, shenanigan; craft, wiles, finesse, Inf. razzle-dazzle, cozenage, double-dealing; chicaneery, knavery, Inf. hanky-panky, Sl. funny business. Sl. monkey business.

3. trick, stratagem, ruse, Trojan horse, artifice, pretense, Obs. cog; contrivance, subterfuge, misrepresentation; fake, sham, hoax, swindle, shock, feint; imposture, imposition, humbug, Inf. flimflam, Inf. flam; falsehood, fib, untruth, prevarication.

legerdemainist, n. prestidigitator, sleight of hand artist, juggler; magician, trickster, wizard, conjurer; theater artist, theatrical performer, artist, artist.

legibility, n. 1. agility, nimbleness, deftness, dexterity, quickness, light-footedness, spryness, Diat. gainliness; grace, coordination, suppleness, lissomness; alacrity, celerity, quickness, fleetness, fleet-footedness, swiftness, rapidity; liveliness, sprightliness, aliveness, briskness, dapperness.

2. alertness, smartness, cleverness, quick-wittedness, wittiness; originality, brilliance.

leggings, n. 1. chaps, (in Mexico) charaparajos, gambados, gallagaskins, leg harness; gaiter, spats, spatterdashes, puttee, putty, putte; leg wrap, bandage, covering, protection; All Armor. greaves, jambos, jambart, jambear, cuisse, poleyn.

2. snow pants, overalls, heavy or warm pants, woolens; trousers, pants, slacks, breeches; tights, pantyhose, hose, stockings.

legible, n. 1. readability, readableness, decipherability, ease of reading, easiness on the eyes, legible-ness; neatness, cleanliness, tidiness, evenness, regularity, severity, clearness, clarity, lucidity, lucidness, perspicuity, plainness, simplicity; explicitness, precision, exactness, definiteness, distinctness, clear-cutness; discernibility, perceptibility, apprehensibility; coherence, cogency, comprehensibility, intelligibility, intelligibility, understandableness, understandableness, penetrability.

2. vividity, graphicness, boldness, visibility, visible-ness, obviousness, apparentness, evidence, manifest-ness, palpability, patentability.

legible, adj. 1. readable, easy to read, easily read, decipherable, capable of being made out; neat, clean, tidy, even, regular, well-written, sure-handed, carefully printed, painstakingly inscribed, typed; clear, clear as day, plain, plain as day, simple, perspicuous, lucid; distinct, definite, precise, explicit, express, certain.

2. discernible, perceptible, apprehensible, ascertainable, distinguishable, recognizable; coherent, cogent, intelligible, comprehensible, comprehensible, understandable, salient.

legion, n. 1. army, regiment, battalion, company, squadron; troop, corps, phalanx, squad, tribe, band; division, unit, detachment.

2. host, throng, crowd, herd, drudge, Inf. caboodle, Inf. kit and caboodle; mass, pack, gang, mob, rabble; group, bevy, flock, gaggle, swarm, herd, school, shoal; lot, multitude, abundance, plenitude, profusion, myriad, array.

legionary, n. soldier, military man, cavalryman, infantryman, foot soldier; fighting man, warrior, Inf. cannon fodder.

legislate, v. make laws, enact laws, pass laws, formulate laws, establish laws; ordain, put in force, constitute, constitutionalize; authorize, prescribe, fix, set, establish, charter, formulate, formalize, regulate, codify.

2. compel legally, decree, order, make mandatory; necessitate, require, oblige, force, Inf. strong-arm, dragoon; coerce, force upon, cram or force down [s.o.'s] throat.

legislation, n. 1. lawmaking, law enacting, law formulation; codification, regulation, prescription.

2. body of law, law, statutes; corpus juris, code, constitution, canon, ordinances, pandects; act, enactment, rule, ruling; prescription, dictum, bylaw.

legislative, adj. lawmaking, lawgiving, judicial, legislatorial, congressional, senatorial, synodical, parliamentary, jurisdictive.

legislator, n. 1. lawmaker, lawgiver, solon, elder statesman, statesman, politician, politico, Inf. pol.


legislate, n. 1. congress, senate, diet, upper house, lower house; caucus, convention, session, convocation, council, governing body, Inf. graybeards.


legalize, v. 1. legal, licit, lawful, Sl. legit; valid, true, legal, de jure; by law, de jure, legally sound; statutory, legislated, enfranchised; constitutional, decreed, ordained, prescribed, mandated; licensed, chartered, empowered, indefeasible.

2. proper, right, rightful, Inf. O.K., Inf. A-O.K.; going by the rules, according to Hoyle, Inf. kosher; permitted, permissible, within bounds, allowable; sanctioned, warranted, approved; equitable, just, fair, Inf. straight-arrow, on the level, on the up and up, aboveboard; accurate, authoritative, unerring, unerrant, on the straight and narrow; honest, honest as the day is long, true-blue; all wool and a yard wide.

3. logical, reasonable, rational, inf搬到, coherent, holding together, admissible, sound, valid, plausible, credible, believable, reliable.

4. genuine, unspurious, real, Inf. for-real, Inf. the real McCoy; true, authentic, Inf. eighteen-carat; sincere, heartfelt, trustworthy; pure, natural, unsynthetic, unfaked, unadulterated, raw; sound as a dollar.

5. v. legalize, pronounce lawful, justify. See legalizeize.

legalizeize, v. legalizeize, pronounce lawful, legitimize, legititate; justify, vindicate, authorize, sanction, warrant, give the stamp of approval; validate, certify, entitle; legislate, decree, ordain, mandate; license, charter; launder.

legume, n. 1. seed vessel, seedcase, pod, seed pod, capsule, hull, pericarp.

2. lentil, bean, green bean, Fr. haricot vert, soybean, pea, pulse, vetch.

leisure, n. 1. freedom, liberty, disengagement, unrestraint; inactivity, Inf. dolce far niente, inoccupation, unemployment, retirement; free or vacant or spare time, time to burn, time or spare or kill, idle hours; breathing spell, breather, pause, respite, Inf. letup, relief, breathing space; day off, holiday, vacation,
leisurely, adj. 1. leisure, slow, slow-moving, unhurried, deliberate; lingering, Inf. poky, tortoise-like, snail-like; easy, gentle, comfortable, restful, easy-going; peaceful, tranquil, halcyon, serene, pleasant; carefree, relaxed, laid-back, loose, loose as a goose, slack, lax; unconstrained, Fr. dégagé, unfettered.

—adv. 3. slowly, without haste, unhurriedly, deliberately, at a snail’s pace; in one’s own sweet time, in time, eventually, at one’s leisure, at one’s convenience, when one feels like it, mañana; easily, comfortably, Sl. with no sweat.

leitmotif, n. (all recurrent) motif, theme; subject, idea, notion, concept; strain, melody, air; element, phrase; convention, device.

lemon, n. 1. citrus fruit, citron.

2. light yellow, pale yellow, lemon yellow, yellow.

3. Inf. Sl. dog, Inf. bud, bad or rotten apple, Sl. clunker, piece or hunk of junk.

—adj. 4. lemonish, lemonlike, lemony; tangy, tart, sour, acid; lemon-colored, pale-yellow, citrine, light-yellow, lemon-yellow, greenish-yellow, citreous, yellow, yellowish, xanthous.

lend, v. 1. loan, make a loan of, let [s.o.] use, Fr. prêter; lend money, accommodate, advance, give on credit.

2. furnish, provide, impart, give.

3. give freely, contribute, Inf. pitch in, donate, Inf. chip in, put in or out, spend, expend.

4. lend a hand give a hand or helping hand, help or help out, assist, aid, give a leg up.

lender, n. loaner, moneylender, pawnbroker, creditor, credit union; usurer, Shylock, Inf. loan shark.

length, n. 1. linear extent, reach, span, measure, distance lengthwise, Geog. longitude; measurement, dimension, proportion, size, magnitude.

2. duration, length of time.

3. (all of a certain extent) piece, portion, section, measure.

4. lengthiness, length, lengthiness, elongation, protractedness; wordiness, verbosity, verboseness, prolixity, prolixness, tediousness, long-windedness.

5. at length a. completely, in or to the fullest extent, in full, without abridgment, in depth, thoroughly, to the full, to the greatest extent. b. for a long time, for ages or hours, interminably, endlessly, for what seemed like forever. c. after a time, after a long while, finally, at last, at long last.

lengthen, v. make longer, elongate, let down or out; draw out, stretch, extend, prolong, protract, continue; pad, add to, fill out, flesh out, develop, expand, make more complete.

lengthwise, adj. 1. longitudinal, vertical, horizontal.

—adv. 2. lengthways, endways, endwise, longitudinally, vertically, horizontally; along the length, from end to end, from one end to the other, from stem to stern, from head to foot or toe.

lengthy, adj. 1. very long, extensive, (of words or expressions) sesquipedalian; extended, drawn out, dragged out, protracted, long-drawn, long-drawn-out; prolonged, lengthened, elongated, elongate.

2. verbose, wordy, prolix, long-winded, tedious, boring; discursive, digressive, rambling, wandering; diffuse, garrulous, talkative, loquacious, voluble.

lenience, n. indulgence, permissiveness, tolerance, easiness, easy-goingness, condescension; tolerability, leniency, moderation, temperance, temperateness; patience, forbearance, longanimity, long-suffering; magnanimity, forgivingness, charitableness, charity, bigness, big-heartedness, generousness; lenity, mildness, gentleness, clemency, mercy, mercifulness, ruth, ruthlessness, benevolence, humanity, kindness, kindheartedness, softness, soft-heartedness, tenderness, tender-heartedness; compassion, considerateness, consideration, sympathy, commiseration, understanding, pity, fellow feeling.

lenient, adj. indulgent, permissive, tolerant, easy, easy-going, condescending; liberal, moderate, temperate; patient, forbearing, longanamous, long-suffering; forgiving, magnanimous, big, big-hearted, charitable, exorable, placable; mild, clement, merciful, ruthless, benevolent, humane, kind, kindhearted, soft, soft-hearted, tender, tender-hearted; compassionate, considerate, sympathetic, commiserative, understanding, forgiving.

lenitive, adj. 1. palliative, mitigative, mitigating, alleviative, alleviating, relieving, easing; soothing, softening, assuasive, assuaging, mollifying, demulcent, emollient, balmy, balsamic, Archaic. leniant; calmal, sedative, relaxing; lubricative, lubricant, lubricating.

—n. 2. palliative, emollient, anodyne; cream, ointment, salve, liniment, embrocation, balm, lotion, nard, unguent, Pharm. cerate.

lenity, n. mildness, gentleness, clemency, mercy, mercifulness, ruth, ruthlessness, benevolence, humanity, kindness, kindheartedness, softness, soft-heartedness, tender, tender-heartedness; compassion, condescension, consideration, sympathy, commiseration, understanding, pity, fellow feeling; magnanimity, charitableness, bigness, big-heartedness, large-heartedness, great-heartedness, generousness; patience, forbearance, longanimity, long-suffering; liberality, liberalness, moderation, temperance, temperateness; lenience, indulgence, permissiveness, tolerance, easiness, easy-goingness, condescension.

lens, n. 1. eyepiece, Optics. ocular, Optics. objective, Optics. object glass or lens; telescope, field glass, spy glass; magnifier, magnifying glass, glass, hand lens, loupe; monocle, eyeglass.

2. lenses binoculars, opera glasses, lorgnette; eye-glasses, glasses, spectacles, Inf. specs, reading glasses, pince-nez, bifocals, trifocals, Brit. Dial. barnacles, Sl. eyes, Sl. cheaters; contact lenses, Inf. contacts, soft or hard lenses; sunglasses, dark or colored glasses, Inf. sun-specs, Sl. shades.

lenticular, adj. 1. lens-shaped, lenslike.

2. biconvex, convexo-convex, lentoid, bowed, excurved, excursive; bulging, swelling, protuberant, (usu. of the moon) Astron. gibbous.

leonine, adj. lionlike; mighty, powerful, strong; kingly, lordly, imperial; aweless, fearless, courageous, lionhearted.

leper, n. lazar, untouchable; pariah, outcast, social outcast, castaway.

leprechaun, n. elf, grenim, imp, kobold; fairy, fay, sprite, brownie; gnome, dwarf; (all collectively) little people, wee folk, fairy folk, elfin folk.

leprous, adj. scaly, scabby, scabrous, leprose, Bot.
lepidote; morbid, mortified, decayed, diseased.

lesbian, adj. 1. (all of women) homosexual, homosexual; homophile, homosexually, sexually invert, Inf. gay, Inf. bent, Sl. kinky; tribadistic, sapphic; mannish, Sl. butch.

2. erotic, sexual, sensual, carnal; amorous, amatory.

—n. 3. sapphist, tribade, Sl. butch, Sl. femme, Derog. dyke or bull dyke, Archaic. fricatrice.

lesse majesty, n. treason, high treason, petty treason, misprision; insurrection, sedition; iconoclasism.

lessen, v. 1. abate, decrease, diminish, lower, mitigate; reduce, cut down, abate, diminish, lessen, reduce, ease up, diminish, lessen, decrease; b. cease, stop, end, finish, close.

—adj. 2. erotic, sexual, sensual, carnal; amorous, amatory.

—adv. 3. to a smaller extent less, or amount less, or degree less, than.

lessor, n. landlord, landlady, Brit. letter, property owner; mortgagee, lender, moneylender, loaner; creditor, credit man, creditress.

lest, conj. for fear that, in order to avoid or prevent, if, perchance.

let, v. 1. allow, permit, give permission or leave to; grant; authorize, sanction, warrant, entitle, empower, enable, license, commission; vouchsafe, favor, privilege; affranchise, give one his head, give carte blanche, give the green light, give the go-ahead, give [s.o.] a special privilege.

—adj. 2. allow to pass or let go. See let (def. 5).

—prep. 6. minus, subtracting, without, excepting.

lessee, n. tenant, holder, renter; lodger, boarder, roomer; occupant, occupier, dweller.

lesen, v. 1. abate, decrease, diminish, lower, mitigate, bate; subside, ebb, let up, moderate, tail off, intermit, relax, slacken, remit; approach an end, come to a close, wind down, slow down, die down.

2. decline, fall off, taper off, wane, fade away; melt away, deliquesce; dwindle, run low, grow less; weaken, attenuate; fail, languish, waste away, shrivel, wither; decay, crumble, erode.

3. reduce, retrench, cut back, minify, shrink, constrict, contract, narrow; pare, cut, prune, truncate, crop, lop, dock, clip; condense, cut down, compress, epitomize, shorten, abridge, boil down, abbreviate, curtail, cut short.

4. allay, assuage, alleviate, Rare. lenify, palliate, appease, soothe, Archaic. attemper, relieve, ease, soften, cushion, mollify, lighten; quell, slake, deaden, dull, blunt, take the edge off of; modify, moderate, temper, qualify; minimize, exterminate, make light of, soft ped, play down, downplay, attemper, undersate, understate.

5. deduct, subtract, take away, take from; deplete, thin out, decimate.

lesser, adj. smaller, slighter, shorter, narrower, low-
er; inferior, below par, imperfect; commonplace, mediocr, second-rate, less; subordinate, subaltern, junior, secondary, minor.

lesson, n. 1. assignment, homework, exercise, practice, Inf. day's ration; instruction, teaching, studies; lecture, reading, recitation; example, theorem, axiom, truth, proof, dogma; portion, stint, job, duty, obligation, charge, responsibility.

2. didacticism, didactic narrative, preachings, preachment; parable, apologue, essay, moral fable, allegory; sermon, prelection, discourse; precept, maxim, advice, saying, wise saying, proverb, adage, aphorism, epigram, profound saying, pithy saying.

3. correction, lecture, curtain lecture; warning, a sharp hint, caution, caveat, admonition, threat; rap on the knuckles, reproving, chiding, reproval, reproach, rebuke, reprimand, remonstrance, expostulation; slacking, taking to task, talking-to, Sl. call-down; piece of one's mind, tongue-lashing, castigation, Inf. bawling out, upbraiding, Inf. raking over coals, Inf. trimming, Inf. roasting, Inf. slam, Inf. slap; denunciation, censure, chastisement, punishment.

4. All Ecclesiastical. lection, pericope, reading, daily reading, text, Rom. Cath. Ch. epistle.

lessor, n. landlord, landlady, Brit. letter, property owner; mortgagee, lender, moneylender, loaner; creditor, credit man, creditress.

lest, conj. for fear that, in order to avoid or prevent, if, perchance.
on, be more lenient with, be temperate or moderate with, be kind or charitable to; slacken, loosen, relax.

**letch.** *n.* Slang. 1. craving, hankering, longing, yearning. Inf. yen, appetite; hunger, covetousness, greed, inordinate desire, rapacity, cupidity, avarice.

2. liking, strong liking, predilection, preference; affection, feeling, sentiment, leaning, preference, choice, inclination, leaning toward, predisposition.

3. lecher, roué, debauchee, degenerate, pervert, Inf. dirty old man; rake, rakehell, Inf. rip.

**letdown.** *n.* 1. decrease, decline, gradation, gradual loss; wane, ebb, reflux, fall, falling off, slowdown, depreciation, shrinkage; reduction, cutback, cutting down, retrenchment; curtailment, abridgment, shortening, abbreviation, lessening, letting up, mitigation, diminishing, diminution, subsidence, easing off.

2. disillusionment, disappointment, disenchantment; dissatisfaction, discontent; mortification, chagrin, frustration, balk, balkment; regret, rue, sorrow, pain; bitter pill, setback, blow, blow to one's pride, Inf. comeuppance; humbling, Inf. comedown, humiliation, disgrace, shame, shaming.

3. failure, Inf. flop, defeat, collapse; nonfulfillment, nonsuccess; fiasco, Inf. washout, fizzle, flash in the pan, Inf. no-go, shipwreck; miscarriage, abortion.

4. depression, deflation, discouragement, dejection; despondency, blues, unhappiness, Psychi atr y. melancholia, disconsolation, disconsolateness; dispiritedness, low-spiritedness, doldrums, Inf. dips, depressions, downheartedness; dolefulness, gloominess, dolor, sorrow, grief; misery, despair, break, Inf. breakdown; humiliation, disgrace, shame, shaming.

5. letchery, n. debauchery, licentiousness, depravity, Inf. impiety, lust; lechery, licentiousness, lewdness, Inf. licentiousness, obscenity, indecency, impropriety.

6. letup, n. 1. breather, intermission, pause, interlude, interim, break, respite, interval, intermission; rest, relaxation, relief; stoppage, cessation, delay, halt, stop, adjournment.

2. cessation, termination, ending, completion, finish, resolution, conclusion, close, desistence; discontinuance, breaking off, abrogation; ceasing, ending, quitting, desisting, desistance; arrest, halt, stand, standstill, stoppage.

3. interim, pause, interlude, interim, pause,
cease, rest, break. Inf. breather, lull, respite, recess, time out, leaving off; suspension, interruption, discontinuation, abeyance, remission.

level, adj. 1. even, plane, smooth, complanate. Math. homaloidal; flat, flat as a pancake, smooth as glass; flush, straight, true; balanced, right, equalized; symmetrical, proportionate, proportional, proportioned, commensurate, correlative.

2. equal, coequal, equipotent, equipollent; on equal or even terms; on the same footing, on a par with; neither more nor less. Inf. six of one, half dozen of another; much the same.

3. equalable, uniform, identical, regular, consistent; unvarying,unchanging,unfluctuating,invariable; steady, stable, constant.

4. even-tempered, imperturbable, calm, cool, collected, composed, unruffled, smooth; serene, tranquil, peaceful; neutral, uninvolnved, dispassionate. See level-headed (defs. 1, 2).

—n. 5. flat surface, plane; expansive, open or free space, extent of land, field.

6. height, highness, altitude, elevation, loftiness, extent or distance upward.

7. degree, stage, grade, gradation, scale; status, rank, standing, standard; position, station, class, caste; condition, lot, estate.

8. extent, measure, magnitude, amount, fullness; shade, strength, intensity; breadth, width, depth, broadness, width, height, length; capacity, volume, size, gauge.

9. find one's or one's own level find one's niche, find one's groove, fit in.

10. on the level Slang. honest, straight, square, on the up-and-up, up front; open, aboveboard.

—v. 11. flatten, make flat, flat, even out or off, smooth, smooth out, level off or out, plane.

12. raze, tear down, pull down, take down, bring down, break down, throw down, beat down, batter down; cast down, knock down, flat down, hurl down; fell, prostrate, bulldoze; cut down, chop down, hew down, mow down; demolish, destroy, wreck, devastate, desolate, lay waste.

13. equalize, equate, even up, square. Archaic. equal; regularize, symmetrize, harmonize.

14. aim, point, direct, draw, get a bead on, sight.

15. level: put one's cards on the table, tell the truth, hide nothing; be up front, tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, call a spade a spade.

level-headed, adj. 1. reasonable, sensible, commonsense, commonsensical; prudent, cautious, careful, circumspect; wise, sagacious, shrewd, calculating.

2. composed, calm, collected, self-possessed, Inf. together; cool, cool-headed, passionless, impassive, dispassionate; nonchalant, at ease, unruffled, untroubled, unperturbed, undisturbed, unexcited, undismayed; sedate, tranquil, serene, placid; self-controlled, poised, balanced, steady; imperturbable, inexorable, unflappable, even-tempered, easy-going, relaxed; undemonstrative, unemotional, stoical, philosophical.

lever, n. 1. bar, handspike, crow or crowbar, jimmy, Brit. jemmy, pry, purchase; handle, door handle. —v. 2. pry, purchase, raise, lift, hoist, boost; move, force, jam, Jimmy, Brit. jemmy.

leverage, n. 1. pry, lifting power, force, strength; advantage, vantage, edge, upper hand; backing, support, financial backing.

2. influence, weight, Sl. pull, Sl. drag, Inf. clout, purchasing power; authority, say or say-so, control.

leviathan, n. 1. whale, Moby Dick, white whale, beluga, blue whale, sulphur-bottom.


levitate, v. (all in space) lift or lift up, rise, elevate; float, hover, hang, be suspended; plane, glide, fly.

levy, n. 1. lightness, light-heartedness, airiness; frivolity, frivolousness, flippancy, giddiness, trifling, triviality; folly, foolishness, silliness, fatuity, foolery; tomfoolery, asininity, ridiculousness, waggery; jollity, jocularity, jocundity, glee, hilarity, fun.

2. fickleness, variability, inconsistency, inconstancy, changeableness, coquetishness; unreliability, undependability, irresponsibility; flightiness, volatility, mercuriality, skittishness; inattentiveness, unmindfulness, inadvertence.

3. unsubstantiality, lightness, thinness, lack of weight; weightlessness, unheaviness.

levy, n. 1. raising, collecting, collection, gathering; enrollment, induction, call-up, summons; conscription, draft, enlistment, impressment; recruitment, mobilization, muster, assemblage, call to arms, call to colors, rally, round-up, war measures.

2. tax, tariff, toll, custom, excise, surcharge, tribute; impost, assessment, Brit. cess, exactation, taxation; duty, dues, rate, payment; poll tax, property tax, tithe, Peter's pence.

3. troops, forces, militia, army, armed forces; recruits, reserves, reinforcements, guard.

—v. 4. collect, raise, put together, gather; convene, assemble, call to arms, call to colors, rally, round-up, war measures.

5. impose, lay on, put on, set, fix, inflict; assess, rate, charge, toll, tax, excuse, subject to duty.

6. (all in reference to war) start, begin, launch, instigate; open fire, strike the first blow, go on the war-path, take the field, rise up in arms; make war, wage war, declare war, throw down the gauntlet, draw the sword; attack, assault, assail, fall upon; raid, besiege, invade, march on.

lewd, adj. 1. lecherous, lubricious, Archaic. licentious, satyrich, satyric, satyr-like, lascivious, lewd, sensual, lascivious, immodest, impure, unchaste, unvirtuous.

2. obscene, lurid, blue, pornographic, Inf. porn, Inf. porn, smutty; indecent, offensive, suggestive, vulgar, coarse, gross, crude; dirty, unclean, foul, filthy, vile; foulmouthed; ribald, scurrilous, irreverent, bawdy, Fescennine.

lewdness, n. 1. lechery, lecherousness, lubricity, goatishness, ruttishness; lust, lustfulness, concupiscence, prurience, prureiency, libidinousness, salacity, salaciousness; carnality, carnalness, carnalism, sensuality, voluptuousness, promiscuity, eroticism, eroticism; immorality, impudicity, impurity, unchasteness, unchastity, unvirtuousness.
libation, n. 1. offering, oblation, tribute, offertory, propitiation; offering, sacrifice, incense, burnt offering, votive offering, peace offering.

libel, n. 1. defamation, denigration, vilification, vituperation, scandal, yellow journalism, Inf. skeleton in the closet; censure, reproach, denunciation, curse, malediction, railing, inveective, defamation, Archaic. exprobation; shame, disgrace, dishonor, ill-repute, obloquy, loss of face; belittlement, disparagement, depreciation, detraction, deflation, depreciation, derogation, devaluation; humiliation, humble pie, mortification; mockery, laughi

liberal, adj. 1. progressive, forward-looking, progres

lexicographer, n. dictionary writer, dictionary maker, enum

lexicography, n. dictionary making, dictionary compiling, glossography, etymology, philology, lexicology, lexigraphy, onomastics.

lexicon, n. dictionary, wordbook, glossary, gloss, Webster's, wordstock, wordlist, vocabulary, onomasticon; thesaurus, gradus, synonymy, Roget's compilation, concordance, rhyming dictionary, polyglot dictionary, unabridged dictionary, college dictionary, desk-top dictionary, bilingual dictionary, gloss, glossator, glossologist, glossographer.

liability, n. 1. indebtedness, debt, obligation, Accounting, duty; indebtedness, due, score, pledge.

liberal, adj. 2. tolerant, indulgent, unbigoted, unprejudiced, disapprobatory, maledictory, scandalous, notorious, flagrant, outrageous; censurable, blameworthy, culpable, chargeable, accusable, impeachable, imputable; shameful, disgraceful, reproachable, dishonorable, discreditable, disfavorable, disreputable; debased, abased, vitiated, depraved, degenerate, corrupt; humiliating, mortifying; belittling, disparaging, deprecatory, derogatory, detracting, deflating, debilitating, devaluing; satirical, sarcastic, caustic, acrimonious, vitriolic, scathing.

liar, n. prevaricator, fibber, fibster, perjurer, false witness; falsifier, deluder, fraud, dupe, cheater, cheat, libeler; equivocator, hedger, misleader; disseminator, Sl. leg-puller, circumventor, deceiver, Ananias; hypocrite, false friend, shamer, actor, fabulist, romancer, pseudologist, yarner, spinner of yarns, storyteller, Baron von Münchhausen.

libation, n. 1. Often Facetious. drink, beverage, liquid, liquid refreshment, draught, drink, drinkable, potable; intoxicant, potion, imbibition, potion, decoction, infusion; mixed drink, cocktail, highball, martini, Manhattan, aperitif, Inf. chaser, Sl. snifter; nightcap, Brit. Inf. sundowner, bracer, pickup, one for the road, Scot. doch-an-dorrach, parting cup; toast, health.
nificent, philanthropic, humanitarian, magnanimous, big, big-hearted; unselfish, altruistic, benevolent, be- nign, benignant; open-handed, unstinting, giving, un- grudging, unsparing; kind, kindhearted, sympathetic, compassionate, gracious; handsome, princely, lordly, royal, regal.

4. lavish, profuse, rich, ample, copious, abundant; bountiful, plentiful, plentiful, rife, luxuriant; ex- tensive, broad, wide, far-reaching, wide-reaching, wide- ranging; broad, expansive, sweeping, large-scale.

5. free, casual, unrestricted, nonrestrictive, not close, not literal, extended; deviating, unstrict, inexact, im- precise.

—n. 6. progressivist, progressive, libertarian, lati- tudinarian; left-winger, leftist, radical, independent, freethinker, free spirit; reformist, humanist, ecumeni- cist; nonpartisan, individual, neutral, mugwump.

liberalism, n. libertarianism, latitudinarianism, lib- ertinism; progressivism, left wing, left; freedom of choice, independence, unilaterality, noninterference, laissez faire; unprovincialism, unparochialism, ecume- nism, ecumenicalism, catholicity, universality, cos- mopolitanism.

liberality, n. 1. generosity, charitableness, bounty, largess, charity, benefaction, beneficence; bounteouness, liberality, bountifulness, open-handedness; phi- lanthropy, humanitarianism, magnanimity, munici- cence, big-heartedness, bigness; altruism, unselfish- ness, large heart, free hand; kindness, kindhearted- ness, graciousness, compassion.

2. lavishness, prodigality, profuseness, profusion, amplenness, plenty, abundance, luxuriance; extensive- ness, fullness, wideness, width, sweep.

3. broadness, broad-mindedness, wide-mindedness, large-mindedness, libertarianism, latitudinarianism; broad gauge, breadth, latitude, toleration, indulgence; unprejudicedness, unbiasedness, unbiasedness, equi- tability, objectivity; dispatch, detachment, impartial- ity, neutrality, dispassionateness, disinterestedness.

4. progressivism, freethinking. See liberalism.

liberalize, v. 1. expand, extend, widen, broaden; grow, develop, increase, enlarge, lengthen, project, elongate.

2. loosen, loose, relax, easy, soft, slacken; free, liberate, release.

liberate, v. 1. free, enfranchise, affranchise, franc- chise, manumit, emancipate; deliver, rescue, ransom, redeem, Theol. save; release, loose, let loose, turn loose, set loose, set free, unpen, unnew, dismisson; disenfranchise, unfetter, unfit, untie, unbind, unyoke, unshackle, unhand, unhandcuff, unmuzzle, Archaic. untruss; acquit, dismiss, discharge, let go, let out, let off, Inf. let off the hook.

2. disengage, disunite, disjoin, disconnect, dissociate; separate, part, divide, Sunder, sever, disintegrate, dissolve, break apart or up; loosen, detach, unfix, un- do, unfasten, unlace; extricate, take out, extract, pull out; distill, isolate, vaporize, gasify, aerify, Both Chem. sublimate, sublime.

liberation, n. 1. freedom, freeing, liberty, liberat- ing, enfranchisement, enfranchisement, affranchissement, franchisement, franchising, manumitting, emancipa- tion, emancipating; delivery, release, delivering, rescue, rescuing, ransom, ransoming, redemption, re- deeming, Both Theol. salvation, saving; release, releas- ing, loosing, disenfranchisement, disenfranchising, unmet- tering, unbinding, untying, unbinding, unyoking, un- shackling, unchaining; acquittal, acquittance, acquitt- ing, dismissal, dismissing, discharge, discharging.

2. disengagement, disengaging, disuniting, disjoining, disconnection, disconnecting, disassociating, disso- ciating; separation, separating, parting, division, divid-
libidinous, adj. libidinal, lubricious, hormic, lustful, randy, Sl. horny, Sl. hot; lecherous, lewd, Archaic. lickisher, goatee, hircine, satyric, priapic; carnal, sensual, bestial, animal, brutish; salacious, pruri- ent, concupiscent, ruttish; passionate, hot-blooded, steamy, Sl. all fired up; wanton, profligate, aban- doned, intemperate, incontinent, Paphic; dissolve, debauched, dissipated; degenerate, decadent, shameless, immoral, uncouth, unseemly.

libido, n. sexual appetite, biological urge, Eros, sexual longing, lust; sexual desire, libidinal, lubricious, hormic, lust-energy, hot blood; sexuality, sexiness, fleshliness, voluptuousness, eroticism; rut; heat, oestrus, berry, (in female animals) Dial. pride; lustfulness, lubricity, randiness, Sl. horniness, Sl. hot pants; carnality, sensuality, amiliation, bestiality; concupiscence, prurience, salac- iousness, salacity, lasciviousness.

librarian, n. bibliotheca, Obs. bibliothecary, n. librarian, bibliothec, bibliognost. n. license, n. libretto, opera text, text, book, script, words; lyricist, writer, versemaker; dramatist, dramatizer, playwright, scriptwriter.

lick, v. 1. tongue, (all with the tongue) touch lightly, kiss, brush, graze, pass over, lap. 2. lick off, wash, clean, pree, lick clean. 3. lick up, lap up, drink or drink up, suck in or up, take in or up, imbibe. 4. hit, beat, thrash, Inf. wagon, Inf. whale; flog, lash, switch, birch, whip, strap, belt, spank, Inf. tan [s.o.'s] hide; thwack, Inf. whack, strike, slap, smack, knock or knock around; batter, pound, pummel; beat up, Sl. beat to a pulp, Sl. pulverse, Sl. beat or pound into the ground. See beat (def. 1).

lickety-split, adv. lick, lick off, quickly, quickly, posthaste; like a shot bullet, like or

licentiousness, n. libertinism, debauchery, disso- luteness, licentiousness, libertinism, debauchery, disso- luteness; lechery, lewdness, Pathol. satyrisis, goath- ness, Pathol. nymphomania; concupiscence, lust, prurience, pruriencty; lustfulness, libidinosity, salacity, lasciviousness; promiscuity, wantonness, abandon, lawlessness, incontinence, unrestraint.

licentiously, adv. licentious, libertinism, debauchery, disso- luteness, licentiousness, licentious, lawless, unrestrained, unbridled, unchecked, un- governed; chaotic, disorderly, disorganized, anarchic, anarchical, nihilist; immoral, dishonest, unprincipled, unscrupulous, Inf. crooked, villainous; nonconform- ing, deviative, divergent, aberrant, irregular, eccentric, anomalous, unorthodox.

liest, adj. licentious, libertinism, debauchery, disso- luteness; lechery, lewdness, Pathol. satyrisis, goath- ness, Pathol. nymphomania; concupiscence, lust, prurience, pruriencty; lustfulness, libidinosity, salacity, lasciviousness; promiscuity, wantonness, abandon, lawlessness, incontinence, unrestraint.

light, v. 1. lawful, legal, constitutional, statu- tory, by the book; permissible, allowable, amissible; sanctionable, approvable, acceptable; warrantable, au- thorizable. 2. legitimate, Sl. legit, vested, rightful, right, valid, sound, well-founded, Inf. kosher, Inf. O.K.; permitted, licensed, authorized, warranted, commissioned; enacted, statutable, ordained, prescribed, ordered, de- creed, edicted, mandated, judicial.

lickerish; concupiscent, prurient, lustful, li- bunious, adj. luscivious, libertine, debauched, dissolute, dissipated, rakish, rakehell; lecherous, lubricious, satyric, satyrlike, goathist, Sl. horny, Archaic. lickisher; concupiscent, prurient, lustful, li- binious, salacious; rutish, beastly, bestial, swinish; obscene, lewd, Fescennine, Cyrian, indecent, dirty, foul, indelicate; loose, wanton, wild, profligate, aban- doned; promiscuous, whorish, of every vice, un- chaste, impure; bawdy, ribald, pornographic, smutty, filthy; coarse, gross, crude.

licking, n. 1. Informal. beating, drubbing, sound
lickspittle, n. toady, sycophant, toadeteer, tuft-hunter, fawning flatterer, truckler; flatterer, backslapper, backscratcher, timeserver, Inf. apple polisher, Sl. brown-nose, Sl. brown-noser, Sl. brownie, Obs., Rare. blander, Archaic. pickplant; parasite, leech, Inf. sponge or sponger, hanger-on; curortier, attendant, flunkie, yes man; jackal, spaniel, bootlicker, bootlicker, footlicker, lickspit; kowtower, Contemptu-ous. Uncle Tom, Sl. oreo, cringer, groveler, snivelier.

lid, n. 1. cover, top, cap; cork, stop, stopper, stop-ple, plug.

2. ceiling, maximum, max., limit, Inf. tops.

3. blow the lid off Slang. expose, reveal, show up, take the wraps off, bring out, bring out into the open, bring to light, make known; release, break, leak, report, publish, print.

4. flip one’s lid Slang. a. lose control, Inf. fly off the handle, lose one’s cool, Sl. lose it, Sl. flip out, Sl. freak out, become hysterical. b. go insane, go mad, go crazy, Inf. go haywire, go berserk, go out of one’s mind or head, go nuts, go off the deep end, go off or over the edge.

lie, n. 1. falsehood, untruth, prevarication, fib, white lie, little white lie, quibble, Inf. taradiddle; equivocation, evasion, fencing, Euph. departure from the truth; falsity, fiction, falsification, invention, concoction, fabrication, half-truth, stretching of the truth; Inf. story, Inf. trumped-up story, Inf. tale, Inf. fairy tale; exaggeration, overstatement, coloring, magnification, enlargement, yarn, Inf. tall tale or story, Inf. cock-and-bull story, Inf. shaggy dog story, Inf. fish story, Sl. garbage, Sl. moonshine, Sl. hogwash, Sl. bull, Sl. crap, Sl. baloney.

2. misrepresentation, perversion, distortion, corruption; inaccuracy, misconstruction, slanting, straining, torturing; canard, rumor, hoax, forgery; monstrous lie, the lie big, mendacity, Sl. whopper, Sl. barefaced lie, Sl. dirty lie, Sl. shameless lie; defamation, scandal, tradecution, calumny, calumniation.

3. give the lie to contradict, deny, disaffirm, gainsay, impute, controvert, dispute, oppose, counter; dissent, differ, challenge, impugn; rebut, refute; disprove, overthrow, negate, confute, belie.

—v. 4. tell a lie or falsehood, prevaricate, stretch the truth; fib, mince the truth, tell a white lie; equivocate, euphemize, evade, sidestep; fabricate, invent, manufacture, make up, trump up, cook up, Inf. make out of whole cloth; fake, dissemble, feign, pretend, let on, put on.

5. falsify, belie, dissemble; pervert, twist, distort, strain, warp, slant, color; gild, varnish, gloss, doctor, dress up, embellish, embroider, exaggerate, inflate, blow up, puff up, magnify, enlarge on, Inf. pile or lay it on, Inf. lay it on thick, carry too far; boast, brag, Inf. talk through one’s hat.

6. mislead, deceive, lead up the garden path, throw off the scent, put [s.o. on] a false scent, drag or draw a red herring across the trail; misinform, give [s.o.] a bum steer, pull the wool over [s.o.’s] eyes.

7. lie in one’s throat lie grossly or maliciously, slander, defame, libel, calumniate, traduce; perjure oneself, swear falsely, bear false witness; lie through one’s teeth, lie like a trooper, lie like a rug; speak with forked tongue, Inf. tell the big lie.

lie', v. 1. recline, be prostrate, be recumbent, be supine; rest, repose, relax; sprawl, lol, laze, lounge, slouch, slump.

3. remain quiet, be immobile, be inactive; continue, abide, wait.

4. Usu. lie on or upon rest, press, weigh; burden, strain, oppress, encumber, handicap, overwhelm.

5. be situated, be placed, be located, be found, be po- sitioned; be buried, be interred.

6. Usu. lie in consist, inhere, be present, exist.

lie-abed, n. slugabad, Inf. lazybones, Inf. lazyboots, Inf. lazylegs; idler, loafer, louter, loller, do-nothing, slouch, sluggard; shirker, Inf. goldbricker, Sl. goof-off, Brit. Sl. skiver, Brit. Sl. scrimmage; hanger, loiterer, lingerer, sleepy-head; dallier, dillydaller, dawdler, mopper.

liar n. 1. feudal lord, liege lord, master, overlord, paramount, lord paramount, suzerain, overking, chieftain, chief; seigneur, master of the house, Archaic. goodman, paterfamilias, patriarch; chief, leader, superior.

2. feudal vassal, liegeman, servant, indentured serv- ant, bondman, bondman, yeoman, thrall, serf, helot, villein, churl; inferior, subordinate, underling, man, henchman, lackey, flunky; attendant, aide.

—adj. 3. subject, dependent, subservient, subordinate, inferior, servile, feudal, feodatory; under command or orders or direction, at [s.o.’s] beck and call, owing allegiance, in service to.

4. loyal, allegiance; true, Scot. real, true-hearted; devoted, dedicated, steadfast, staunch, true-blue, yeoman, unwavering, unserving, supportive, faithful, reliable, trustworthy, dependable, trustworthy, tried and true; true to one’s word or pledge, upright, high-principled.

lien, n. security, security agreement, mortgage, deed of trust, chattell mortgage, Roman and Civil Law. pignus, tax lien, Marine Law. bottomry; attachment, garnish, garnishment, entailment.

lieutenant, n. 1. assistant, aide, helper; deputy, proxy, representative, alter ego, second, second in command, Inf. backup or backup man; right hand, right-hand man, man Friday, gal Friday, henchman, underling, stooge, subordinate, Sl. second banana; lackey, flunky, tool, hanger-on, camp follower, yes man, toady, sycophant; bodyguard, Inf. triggerman, Sl. hatchet man, Sl. torpedo, Sl. goon; bullyboy, tough, roughneck.

2. attendant, counselor, advisor, Inf. sideman, privy councilor; confidant, member of the kitchen cabinet; good right arm, sidekick, buddy, Little John, Tonto; satellite, subordinate, subaltern, coadjutant, coadjut- or, executive officer; surrogate, secondary, stand-in, understudy; follower, disciple, adherent, partisan.

3. army officer, naval officer, first lieutenant, second lieutenant, lieutenant junior grade, Sl. j.g., Sl. looie, Brit. sublieutenant, India. jemadar.

life, n. 1. existence, being, animateness, viability, flesh and blood, substantiality; lifetime, days, gener- ation, life span; duration of life, life expectancy, longevity.

2. the human condition, vicissitudes, ups and downs; trials and tribulations, the ills that flesh is heir to, man’s inhumanity to man, the world, the times, state of affairs, course or tide of events.

3. nature, creation, wild life, flora and fauna; man and bird and beast, the fish of the sea, the denizens of the deep, the beasts of the field, the fowls or birds of the air; mankind, womankind.

4. human being, human, person, individual, mortal; man, woman, child.

5. animal, liveliness, vivacity, spirit; dash, élan, zest, verve, flair, zing; fire, warmth, glow, fervency, ardor; dazzle, brilliance; sprightliness, airiness, breeziness, buoyancy, cheer; ebullience, sparkle, efferves-
cense; vigor, vim, lit. brio, Inf. pep, vitality, energy, exuberance, enthusiasm, zeal, fervor, passion, intensity.

6. soul, animating principle, vital spirit, pneuma, breath of life, anima; universal life force, world spirit, life force, elan vital, Yoga. kundalini; moving force, dynamic force, lifeblood, Inf. sparkplug.

7. pungency, flavor, spark, Inf. punch, Inf. kick; freshness, vigor, vigorousness, dynamism; invigoration, enlivenment, vivification, exhilaration.

8. lifestyle, way of life, Sl. thing, Sl. bag; walk of life, field, province, sphere, position, situation; occupation, business, line, career.

9. passion, obsession, preoccupation, Sl. hang-up, infatuation; loved one, beloved, favorite, idol.

10. resilience, elasticity, spring, springiness, bounce; plasticity, ductility, malleability.

11. biography, autobiography; diary, journal, confessions, letters.

life-and-death, adj. vital, of vital importance, life-or-death; crucial, critical, momentous, important, significant, top-priority; conclusive, decisive, final, determinate; all-out, down-to-the-wire; essential, necessary, indispensable; fundamental, basic, focal, central, pivotal.

lifeblood, n. inspiration, stimulus, incentive; animating forces or power, inspiring force or power, vital energy, vital spark; vivifier, animus, raison d’être; heart, guts, life; moving or driving force, Inf. sparkplug, inspirer; essence, Latin. sine qua non, fundamental, basic; blood, ichor.

life-giving, adj. life-and-death, n. adj. 1. lifeless, life-giving, adj. 2. barren, bare, denuded, treeless; arid, desert, Sahara, parched, sterile, desolate, waste, wild, bleak, stark, dreary; empty, uninhabited, unoccupied, abandoned, deserted; uncultivated, unproductive, unfruitful, unprofitable.

3. dead, deceased, defunct, departed, demised, gone, dead and gone, late, done for, Both Euph. sleeping, reposing; All Sl. stone dead, stone cold dead in the market, dead as a doornail, dead as mutton.

4. exanimate, spiritless, torpid, sluggish, Inf. dopy, languid, phlegmatic; drained, exhausted, debilitated, worn out, effete, like a ragdoll, like a dishrag; inactive, passive, unanimated, inert, unmoving, immobile, deadpan, expressionless, wooden, inflexible, rigid.

5. disheartened, discouraged, dejected, sad, down-in-the-mouth, blue, Inf. in a funk, Inf. in a blue funk, Inf. suffering the muffligrubs, out-of-sorts; grim, stiff, humorless, unsmiling.

6. tiresome, boring, uninspiring, tedious, dull, meaningless, uninteresting, Sl. blah, vapid; mopey, mopish, listless, droopy, glum; flat, stale, hollow; colorless, wishy-washy, wan, pallid, pale, ash, insipid, jejune.

7. insensate, insensitive, impassive, in a faint, in a swoon; comatose, corpse-like; dead to the world, far away, knocked out, blacked out, Inf. out like a light, Inf. hearing the birds sing, in dreamland.

8. ascending, arising, come up, come over the horizon, peep out or up from, peek out or up from; emerge, break, appear; materialize, show up, pop up, come in to view or sight.

9. raising, upheaval, escalation; ascent, ascension, mounting, climbing, rising, rise, levitation; soaring, flying, shooting or springing up, jump.

10. elevation, altitude, height, climb, distance.

11. buoyancy, lifting power or force; acceleration, Auto. pickup.

12. hoist, push, shove, heave, thrust, heave ho, a hand, a helping hand; help, assistance, aid, abet, support.

13. ride, drive, way, means of transportation or transport, conveyance; piggy-back ride, ride on one’s shoulders, carriage.

14. lift, upliftment, uplifting sensation, upraiser, emotional or psychological boost, encouragement, inspiration, hope; Inf. pick-me-up, Inf. pickup, Inf. picker-upper, Inf. shot in the arm, Pharm. booster; exaltation, loftiness, bliss, rapture.

15. pulley, crane, winch, windlass, block and tackle, tack, Mach. block, Mach. derrick. See also lifter.

16. incline, inclination, acclivity, grade, gradient, slope; upslope, uprisings; hill, hilllock, knoll, dune, mound, mountain.

lifter, n. pulley, crane, winch, windlass, block and tackle, tack, Mach. block, Mach. derrick; ski lift, chair lift, escalator, U.S. dumbwaiter, Chiefly Brit. elevator; dredge, steam shovel, shovel; jack, jack-screw, crowbar, Jimmy, Jimmy, Mach. lever; heaver, hoister, erecter, erector, raiser, lifter, lifter.
candescence, phosphorescence; brightness, glare, glare; glimmer, gleam, sparkle, twinkle.

1. beam, ray, shaft of light; lamplight, gaslight, firelight; lamp, chandelier, electrolier, beacon, illuminant, bulb, candle, taper, candelabrum; star, shining star, blaze, fire.

2. daylight, daytime, sunshine, sunbeam, sun; daylight hours, daytime, Poetic: daytide; dawn, Aurora, crack of dawn, daybreak, Archaic: dayspring; sunrise, sunup, morning.

3. enlightenment, edification, awareness, insight, understanding.

4. elucidate, clarify, clear up; throw light on or shed light on; bring to light.

5. luminary, beau ideal, model, paragon, exemplar, example, guide.

6. bring to light reveal, expose, disclose; uncover, unmask, unveil, show; unearth, dig up, discover.

7. in light of considering, taking into account, paying attention to, keeping in mind.

8. shed or throw light on elucidate, clarify, clear up, explain, simplify.

9. illuminated, lit, well-lit, floodlit, alight, well-lighted; sunny, bright, shining, vivid, glaring; gleaming, radiant, effulgent, fulgid, lambent, luciferous; resplendent, radiant, blazing, shining, luminous, luminous, lucid, incandescent, phosphorescent; clear, transparent, translucent.

10. pale, bleached, whitened, whitish; creamy, ivory, pearl, blond, fair; faded, dull, drab, colorless, washed out.

—v. 11. set burning, set fire to, set a match to; ignite, inflame, kindle.

12. often light up illuminate, brighten, lighten; illumine, Archaic: illumine, Obs.: enlumine; irradiate, radiate, shine, beam, cast light upon; blaze, burn, glow, luminesce, incandescence, phosphoresce; shimmer, sparkle, scintillate, glitter, gleam; flash, flicker, fulgurate, coruscate.

13. conduct with a light, direct, guide, pilot, usher, escort.

light1, adj. 1. unheavy, weightless, levitative; floaty, ethereal, gossamer, feathery, delicate; slender, thin, skinny, slight, small, minute, tiny.

2. faint, obscure, dim, pale, faded, dull; unclear, indistinct, imperceptible.

3. easy, facile, simple, Sl. cushy, soft, slight, manageable.

4. amusing, entertaining, pleasing, pleasurable; humorous, witty, comical; diverting, distracting, recreative, sportive; trivial, incon siderable, unimportant, inconsequential, trifling, petty, superficial.

5. digestible, peptic; (all of a meal) skimpy, scanty, modest, adequate.

6. airy, buoyant, flitting, winged, tripping, Brit. Inf.: nippy, spry, lightsome, light-footed; deft, dexterous; agile, nimble, supple, sprightly, Dial: gainly, lithe, quick, yare.

7. cheerful, cheery, gay, sunny, in good or high spirits; blithe, blithesome, optimistic, positive, Inf.: upbeat, beamish; debonair, free and easy, easygoing, breezy, happy-go-lucky, untroubled; jovial, merry, jocund, jolly, mirthful, riant, laughing, smiling, happy, happy as a lark; glad; joyful, jubilant, gleeful, elated, delighted.

8. frivolous, light-hearted, carefree, insouciant, irresponsible; impulsive, fickle, erratic, changeable, inconstant; mercurial, volatile, flyaway, skittish; whimsical, capricious, flighty, bird-witted,scatterbrained, Sl. out to lunch, Sl. out in left field.

9. giddy, dizzy, faint, light-headed; unsteady, reel- ing, Inf: woozy, muddled.

light2, v. 1. get down, drop down, descend, dismount, unmount, unhorse; detrain, disembark.

2. settle, sit down; perch, land, alight.

3. light on or upon discover, find, come across, meet up with, encounter; happen upon, stumble upon, hit upon; make out, distinguish, detect, Inf: spot.

4. light into Informal: pounce upon, Inf: into face, barrage, assault, lash, lambaste, attack. See attack (defs. 1, 2).

lighten, v. 1. illuminate, brighten, light up; illum ine, Archaic: illumine, Obs.: enlumine; irradiate, radi ate, shine, beam, cast light upon; blaze, burn, glow, luminesce, incandescence, phosphoresce; shimmer, sparkle, scintillate, glitter, gleam; flash, flicker, fulgurate, coruscate.

2. whiten, bleach, Blanch, blench, pale.

lighten2, v. 1. disencumber, disburden, unburden, unload, lessen the load; mitigate, ease, ease up, lessen, reduce, mollify, temper; alleviate, allay, relieve, assuage; facilitate, help.

2. cheer, gladden, brighten, perk up; uplift, buoy up, hearten, encourage, comfort, reassure, warm; refresh, restore, revivify, revive; invigorate, inspirit, animate, exhilarate, enliven, quicken.

lighter, n. 1. igniter, ignition, sparker, spark, spark coil, flint, two sticks, match, friction match, fuse, lucifer, fuse, squib, vesuvian, Trademark: Bic; fuse, detonator, exploder, blasting cap, percussion cap, cap, kindler, fire, fire-setter, burner, incendiary, pyromaniac, arsonist, Inf: firebug, Sl. torch.

2. flame, torch, spill, flame, candle, taper; switch, bulb, light bulb, light, lamp, flashlight, illuminator, illuminant.

lighter2, n. barge, boat, vessel, raft, float, dinghy, tender, ship’s boat, rowboat, Naut: hoy, Naut: catamaran; lighter, hauler, carrier.

light-fingered, adj. 1. pilfering, pilching, thievish, thieves, stealing; slick, foxy, cunning, wily, crafty, sly, shifty, furtive, underhanded, dishonest, Inf: crooked.

2. dexterous, nimble, agile, deft, adroit, facile, neat, Brit: Dial: feat; prestidigitation, fleet, quick, rapid, fast.

light-footed, adj. spry, sprightly, tripping, flitting, winged, buoyant, airy, bouncy, light on one’s feet, light of foot, lightsome, Brit. Inf.: nippy; nimble, agile, supply, lite, yare, Dial: gainly; fleet-footed, fleet of foot, fleet, swift, quick, speedy, mercurial.

light-headed, adj. frivolous, flyaway, fanciful, trifling, trivial, petty; scatterbrained, featherheaded, featherbrained, rattlebrained, harebrained, birdbrained; inane, silly, foolish, kiddish, childish, immature, irresponsible; shallow, superficial, light-minded, empty-headed, vacuous, thoughtless.

2. flighty, mercurial, volatile, capricious, whimsical, impulsive; fickle, skittish, moonish, faddish, variable, changeable, changeful, vacillating, erratic, fitful, inconstant, irregular, unsteady, unstable, undependable, unreliable.

3. dizzy, vertiginous, Inf: woozy, Pathol: giddy; foggy, hazy, dazed, befuddled, muddled, bewildered, confused, distraught; delirious, phrenetic, raving, wild, babbling, incoherent, Inf: out of it, mad, crazy, Inf: out of one’s mind.

light-hearted, adj. cheerful, cheery, gay, sunny, bright, in good or high spirits, Chiefly U. S. Inf. chipper, lightsome; blithe, blithesome, buoyant, optimist, Brit: Inf: cheerfull; Inf: upbeat, beamish; debonair, free and easy, carefree, Fr: sans souci, insouciant, devil-may-care, breezy, happy-go-lucky, untroubled; jovial, mer-
lighthouse, light tower, Pharos, lightship, beacon
boat, sailor's landmark; watchtower, lookout, beacon post; beacon, signal, warning light, guiding light, guide, Naut. beaconage.

lighting, n. setting fire to, setting a match to, igniting, kindling; illuminating, brightening; illumination; radiation, irradiation.

lightless, adj. dark, pitch-dark, dark as night, nightly, nighttime, unlit, unilluminated, aphotic, tenebrous, obscure, Literary. darkling; black, black as ink, inky, pitchy, jetblack, nigrescent; ill-lighted, poorly lit, dim, dull, faint, dusky, gloomy, Stygian, shady, shadowy, penumbral, penumbrous, Archaic. caliginous.

lightly, adv. 1. slightly, a little bit, (in prescriptions) leviter; gently, kissingly, softly; gingerly, carefully, timidly.

2. cheerfully, gaily, sunnily, brightly, blithely, optimistically, positively; buoyantly, breezily, carefree, debonairly; merrily, mirthfully, joyously, smilingly; happily, gladly, joyfully, jubilantly, gleefully.

3. easily, airily, buoyantly, spryly, quickly; merrily, agilely, supplely.

4. frivolously, flippantly, saucily, imperently; thoughtlessly, carelessly, heedlessly; indifferently, unceringly, slightly, Inf. with a grain of salt.

light-minded, adj. fanciful, frivolous, flyaway, unserious, unsolenn, given to levity; trivial, trifling, insignificant, unimportant, inconsequential, insubstantial; nugatory, worthless, without merit, valueless, not worth a tinker's dam; frivolous, petty, paltry, slight, lean, skimpy.

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lightweight, adj. 1. trivial, trifling, insignificant, unimportant, inconsequential, insubstantial; nugatory, worthless, without merit, valueless, not worth a tinker's dam; frivolous, petty, paltry, slight, lean, skimpy.

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lightmaking, n.

lightness1, n. 1. brightness, illumination, luminescence, luminosity, radiation; luminousness, brilliancy, radiance, lambency, luster, shine, effulgence, irradiation, glow, florescence, incandescence, phosphorescence; glare.

2. paleness, whitishness, colorlessness; dimness, indistinctness, obscurity, faintness.

lightness2, n. 1. weightlessness, unheaviness, levitiveness; floatiness, ethereality, etherealness, featheriness, delicateness, delicacy; slightness, thinness, slenderness, skininess.

2. airiness, buoyancy, flittingness, wingedness, spryness, quickness, lightness, light-footedness; deftness, dexterousness; agility, nimbleness, suppleness, sprightliness, Dial. gainliness, liteness, grace, gracefulness.

3. cheerfulness, cheeriness, gaiety, sunniness, brightness; blitheness, blithesomeness, optimism, positive-ness, beamishness, easygoingness, breezeiness, insouciance, carelessness, joviality, merriness, jocundity, jollity, mirth, mirthfulness; happiness, gladness, joy, joyfulness, glee, gleefulness, elation.

4. levity, frivolity, foolishness, folly, irresponsibility; impulsiveness, fickleness, changeableness, inconsistency; flightiness, giddiness, capriciousness.

lightning, n. 1. thunderbolt, bolt, thunderbolt of Jove, flash or stroke or heat lightning, sheet lightning, chain lighting, fork or forked lightning, fireball; northern lights, polar lights, aurora borealis, aurora polaris.

—adj. 2. fulgurant, flashing, cracking, rippling, streaking; swift, speedy, split-second; instantaneous, precipitate; electrifying, dazzling.

lightsome1, adj. 1. airy, immaterial, incorporeal, bodiless, light, weightless, vaporous, vapor; visionary, phantasmal, chimeral, ethereal, otherworldly, dreamlike; feathery, fluffy, gossamery, gossamer, light as a feather; Ariel-like; buoyant, resilient, floating, bouncy, bubbly.

2. agile, nimble, light-footed, nimble-footed, spry, graceful, with winged feet; lithe, lissome, supple, flexible, pliant; skipping, springing, like a mountain goat.

3. cheery, cheerful, glad, gladsome, gleeful; happy, happy as a lark, happy as a clam at high tide, euphoric; merry, blithe, joyful, joyous, jubilant, jolly, jovial, jocular, laughing, smiling; gay, light-hearted, debonair, breezy, carefree; in high spirits, spirited, expansive, lively, animated, jaunty, perky, spryly; frisky, coltish, playful, frolicsome, sporting, rollicking, rompish, capering; exuberant, effervescent, ebullient, vivacious; gay, sprightly.

4. frivolous, flippant, trifling, silly, foolish, giddy, flighty; changeable, mercurial, volatile, capricious, fickle; wavering, vacillating, vacillating, irresolute, fluctuating, swaying, swaying with the wind, constant as the inconstant moon, like the shifting sands.

lightsome2, adj. 1. luminous, glowing, lambent, radiant, lustrous, gleaming, shining.

2. well-lighted, well-lit, illuminated, bright, glaring, blazing, bright as the noonday sun.

lightweight, adj. 1. trivial, trifling, insignificant, unimportant, inconsequential, insubstantial; nugatory, worthless, without merit, valueless, not worth a tinker's dam; frivolous, petty, paltry, slight, lean, skimpy.

2. well-lighted, well-lit, illuminated, bright, glaring, blazing, bright as the noonday sun.

likable, adj. pleasing, pleasant, nice, agreeable; amiable, friendly, neighborly, genial, kind, congenial, good-natured; sweet, charming, winning, winsome, engaging; attractive, cute, adorable, lovable, desirable.

like', adj. 1. similar, homologous, much the same, pretty much the same, more or less the same, something like, not unlike; comparable, analogous, parallel, corresponding, resembling, looking, resembling, looking like, looking similar to, looking somewhat the same, looking pretty much the same, looking much the same; looking like, looking similar to, looking like a house afire, looking like sixty, looking like sixty, like a shot, like a flash, like as the inconstant moon, like the shifting sands.

liking, n.

like-minded, adj. fanciful, frivolous, flyaway, unserious, unsolenn, given to levity; trivial, trifling, insignificant, unimportant, inconsequential, insubstantial; nugatory, worthless, without merit, valueless, not worth a tinker's dam; frivolous, petty, paltry, slight, lean, skimpy.

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likewise, adv. —prep. 2. similarly to, in like manner with, after the manner of, after the fashion of, on the order of, along the lines of; according to, Fr. d'après.

3. typical of, characteristic of, in character with; common to, peculiar to, distinctive to.

4. indicative of, illustrative of, representative of, symbolic of.

5. disposed to, inclined to, likely to, prone to, given to; in the mood to, happy to, willing to, eager to, anxious to, Inf. itching to, SI. dying to, Inf. psyching to; equal to, up to, able to, ready to.

6. similar to, comparable to, analogous with, parallel to, corresponding to; in a class with, equivalent with or to; near to, close to.

7. Nonstandard. as, such as.

8. like anything Informal. extremely, in the extreme, very much; intensely, acutely, Inf. awfully, Inf. terribly, Inf. terrifically, Inf. something fierce, in the worst way.

9. like mad Informal. vehemently, furiously, fiercely, violently; madly, wildly, frantically, frenetically, fanatically, like one possessed; like a shot, like a flash, Inf. like greased lightning, Inf. like a house afire, Inf. like sixty, Inf. to beat the band, SI. like a bat out of hell.
likelihood

10. **Nonstandard.** a. as it were, in a way; somehow, in some way, in such some way, in some way or another, somehow or other. b. to a degree, more or less, give or take a little, for all practical purposes, **Inf.** practically.

—conj. 11. **Nonstandard.** as, just as, in the same way as; as if.

—n. 12. match, mate, fellow, twin; equal, coequal, peer, compeer; equivalent, opposite number, counterpart, parallel.

13. kind, sort, ilk, type, such; stamp, brand, grain, strain, cast, mold, color, stripe, kidney.

like, v. 1. enjoy, take pleasure in, delight in, rejoice in, revel in, bask in; love, **Inf.** adore, relish, savor, appreciate; be partial to, be fond of, have a soft spot for, have a weakness or fondness for; **All Sl.** go for, dig, get into, groove on, get off on, get high on, get a kick or bang or charge or rise out of.

2. prize, esteem, hold dear; think well of, think highly of, regard with favor; take to, take kindly to, fancy, take a fancy to, **Inf.** cotton to, **Sl.** shine to.

3. feel inclined, have a mind to, have half a mind to, choose to, care to, please; prefer, had sooner or rather; will, see fit, think fit, think good; wish, desire, desiderate, want.

—n. 4. **Usu.** likes preference, personal choice, **Inf.** cup of tea, **Sl.** bag, **Sl.** thing, **Sl.** trip; inclination, penchant, partiality, predilection, propensity.

likelihood n. probability, liability, likeness, verisimilitude, distinct possibility; good chance, favorable chance, odds-on chance, good prospect, favorable prospects, well-grounded hope.

likely, adj. 1. probable, apt, liable, to be expected, odds-on, in the cards; promising, hopeful, fair, in a fair way.

2. believable, credible, plausible, tenable, verisimilar; conceivable, imaginable, reasonable, colorable.

3. appropriate, apposite, suitable, acceptable; proper, meet, right, befitting, fitting, becoming, seemly, congruous; applicable, relevant, seasonable, opportune.

—adv. 4. probably, in all probability, most likely, **Inf.** like enough, **Inf.** like as not; no doubt, doubtlessness.

like-minded, adj. agreeing, in agreement, accordant, in accord or accordance, in harmony, in rapport; concordant, consonant, correspondent, corresponding, complying, conforming; concurrent, concurring, consentient, consentaneous; unanimous, in unison, as one, at one, of one mind, of the same mind, single-minded; in step, **Inf.** in sync, hand-in-hand, hand-in-glove.

 liken, v. compare, represent as like, equate, identify with; analogize, parallelize, associate, link, correlate, relate.

 likeness n. 1. image, icon, representation, simulacrum; portrait, portrayal, painting, oil painting, canvas, watercolor; sketch, delineation, rough draft, tracing, charcoal drawing, study, picture, illustration, photograph, **Inf.** photo, snapshot, **Inf.** snap; effigy, straw man, scarecrow, doll, figure, figurine, sculpture, statue, statuette, bust, bronze, clay model.

2. replica, copy, duplicate, facsimile, faithful copy, reproduction, ectype, print; twin, identical twin, living or very image, double, look-alike, clone, exact match; perfect likeness, **Inf.** spit and image or spitting image, chip off the old block, **Sl.** ringer, **Sl.** dead ringer.

3. guise, semblance, resemblance, appearance, look; exterior, outward form, shape, figure, lines, features; style, ways, manners or mannerisms, characteristics, traits; mien, air, cast, character, presence, bearing, carriage.

4. resemblance, similarity, similitude, identicalness, identity; analogy, analogousness, agreement, parallelism, correspondence, likeness, closeness; sameness, uniformity, homogeneity.

likewise, adv. 1. moreover, furthermore, additionally, in addition, above and beyond, over and above; also, too, to boot, into the bargain, besides.

2. in like manner, in the same way, similarly.

liking n. preference, favor, favoritism, partiality, bias; fondness, love, attraction, affinity, soft spot, weakness; taste, penchant, eye, appreciation; fancy, inclination, bent, leaning, tendency; predilection, propensity, proclivity, predisposition, disposition, mind.

Lilliputian, adj. 1. diminutive, tiny, wee, **Inf.** teeny, **All Baby Talk.** itty-bitty, eensy-weensy, teensy, teeny-weeny, teensy-weensy; miniscule, microscopic, atomic, animalculine, animalculous; miniature, small-scale, pocket-sized, bantam, short, abridged; small; little; elfin, mini, pint-sized, **Inf.** baby; petite, delicate, dainty, minikin; homuncular, midget, dwarfish, **Med.** nanoid, pygmy, pygmoid, pygmish; undersized, underweight, lightweight, featherweight, flyweight, bantamweight; puny, runty, thin, slight, skinny.

—n. 2. midget, homunculus, little man, minikin, pygmy, dwarf; chit, fingleriness, dapperness, cockspur, hop-o’-my-thumb, Tom Thumb, **Chiefly Scot.** wee fellow or lad or one, **Obs.** pigwigdin, Archaic. dandiprat; shrimp, runt, little runt, pee-wee, squirt, pinkey, **Inf.** half-pint, small fry; shorty; gnome, (in Scandanavian folklore) troll, goblin, hobgoblin, (in **German folklore** kobold, Irish Folklore. leprechaun, **Chiefly Brit.** little person; elf, puck, imp, fairy, fay, sprite, sylph.

lilt, n. 1. swing, upsweep, rhythm, cadence, measure; beat, pulsation; wave, sway, dip, dance.

2. cheerful song, pleasant song, tune, air, melody, lyric; **Music.** scherzo, **Music.** allegretto, **Music.** allegro.

lily-livered, adj. cowardly, coward, pusillanimous, **Sl.** yellow-bellied; courageous, unavailing, unvalorous, unheroic, ungallant; untintred, unadiring, **Inf.** spunkless; timid, timorous, unable to say “booo” to a goose, afraid, afraid of one’s own shadow, fearful, **Sl.** fraidy-cat; fainthearted, chickenhearted, yellow, with a yellow stripe a mile wide down one’s back; unmanly, spineless, unaggressive, ineffectual, effete.

lily-white, adj. 1. white, pure white, white as snow, pale, white-skinned, untanned, milk-white, ivory, ivory-skinned, porcelain; palid, wan, sallow, sickly looking, pale as death, pale as ashes, pale as a ghost, white as a sheet, bleached out; anemic, bloodless, ghastly, ghostly, haggard, ashen, chalky.

2. uncorrupted, uncultured, unpolished, undisciplined, undealloused, undepraved, undegenerate; innocent, pure, chaste, pure-hearted, modest; virgin, virginal, spotless, undefiled; stainless, unstained, unsullied, unsordid, unsullied, unsullied, uninfected; clean, clean as a whistle, clean as snow, clean as a fresh sheet.

3. racist, racially prejudiced, biased, bigoted; discriminating, discriminative, discriminatory; segregated, segregationist, segregationist; all-white, (of neighborhoods) exclusive, unmixed, unintegrated.

—n. 4. racist, segregationist, discriminator; Nazi, Ku Klux Klanner, member of the Klan; **Inf.** redneck.

limb, n. 1. part, member, appendage, extension, extremity; wing, arm, leg, **Inf.** gan, **Inf.** pin, **Brit. Dial.** lith; artificed leg or arm, prosthesis; branch, projection, spur.

2. offshoot, shoot, scion, descendant, heir, offspring, child, **Inf.** chip off the old block.

3. **Informal.** limb of Satan, imp, devil, scamp, rascal, bad boy, Peck’s bad boy.

4. **out on a limb** **Informal.** vulnerable, overextended,
limber, adj. flexible, fleixile, flexuous, pliant, pliable, plastic; ductile, fickle, tractile, tractable, malleable, moldable, bendable; elastic, springy, resilient, stretchable; supple, lithe, lissome, limber, graceful; extensible, extensible.

—v. 2. Usa. limber up loosen up, warm up, exercise, stretch; prepare, get ready.

limbo, n. 1. limbus, abode of the dead, limbo of unbaptized infants, abode of the righteous dead, limbo of the fathers, limbo of the patriarchs; Lethe, land of the lotus-eaters, place of oblivion, nirvana. 2. confinement, imprisonment, incarceration, internment; committal, commitment, detention, duress, durance; captivity, slavery, bondage, thrall, enthrallment.

limit, n. 1. boundary, frontier, boundary line, boundary line, border line, partition line, line of demarcation, line. 2. border, perimeter, periphery, edge, rim, fringe, verge, skirt; circumference, compass, ambit, margin, frame, outline, confines, confines; brink, brim, brow, hem. 3. Usa. limits premises, confines, territory; land, ground, terrain; precinct, section, quarter, district. 4. the limit Informal. a. the last straw, the straw that broke the camel's back; enough, more than enough, Inf. it, all one can take. b. an outrage, a joke. —v. 5. bound, confine, shut in, fence in, pen in, in hem in, keep within bounds; restrict, curb, proscribe, prohibit, bar, forbid; restrain, check, bridle, tram, bind, stay, hold in check; cut down, cut back, Inf. watch; impede, hinder, hamper, tie one's hands; frustrate, thwart, clip one's wings. 6. demarcate, define, delimit, delinate, mark off, rope off, stake out; determine, specify, fix, draw or mark boundaries; circumscribe, encircle, encompass, gird, begird, girdle, belt.

limitation, n. 1. limit, bound, boundary, border. See limit (defs. 1, 2). 2. impediment, hindrance, encumbrance, obstacle, obstruction, stumbling block, roadblock; restriction, bar, barrier, block, counteraction, embargo, stricture, blockade; deterrent, catch, snag, hitch, rub, fly in the ointment, drawback, liability; curb, log, bit, tether. 3. inability, incapability, incapacity; weak point, weakness, defect, handicap, fraility.

limited, adj. 1. confined, restricted, hemmed in, hedged in; tied down, checked, curbed; constrained, bound, restrained, hampered, cramped; fixed, delimited, delimited, demarcated, circumscribed, en-circled, encompassed, girded.

2. unimaginative, undiscerning, unperceptive; unintelligent, witless, slow-witted, dull-witted, dull; stolid, obtuse, crass, Boeotian, bovine, blockish, lumpish; dense, thick-headed, Inf. thick, slow, stupid, Brit., Australian Inf. dill, Scot. and North Eng. dowl; backward, doltish. Sl. birdbrain, simple; empty-headed, vacuous.

limiting, adj. confining, restricting, restrictive, constraining, curbing, limiting; constraining, binding, bounding, restraining, hampering, cramping; delimiting, delimitative, delimiting, fixing, circumscribing; provisional, provisory, modifying, qualifying, qualitificatory, qualitative.

limitless, adj. boundless, unbounded, unlimited, uncircumscribed, unrestricted, illimitable, shoreless; immense, vast, great, extensive; incalculable, undetermined, indeterminate, indefinite, undefined; immeasurable, measureless, beyond measure, incalculable, numberless, myriad, countless, uncouth, unfathomable, in-finite, endless, without end, unending, never-ending, interminable, inexhaustible; unceasing, constant, uninterrupted, perpetual, eternal; enduring, everlasting, permanent.

limp', v. 1. hobble, hitch, walk lamely; totter, dodder, toddle, stagger, seesaw, move unsteadily; teeter; falter, halt, pause, hesitate; shuffle, shamble, drag one's feet. 2. crawl, creep, inch, drag, move slowly. —n. 3. hobble, hitch, jerk, claudication, uneven gait, Sl. gimp, tottering, staggering, dodging, shamble, halting, shuffling, lameness, infirmity, crippled leg, talipes, clubfoot.

limp', adj. 1. flaccid, flabby, soft, quaggy, un-stiffened, unstarched, starchless, limpid, clear, transparent, transpicuous, Brit., lucid, perspicuous, clear as day, plain, plain as the nose on your face, plain-spoken, simple, comprehensible, comprehensible, comprehensible, ascertainable, perceptible, discernible; coherent, rational, logical, reasonable, pervious; clear-cut, distinct, explicit, precise, exact, sharp, express, articulate, well-defined, well-spoken, well-written, graphic; obvious, evident, self-evident, apparent, manifest, salient, palpable, patent; unambiguous, unconfused, unquestionable.
line, n. 1. rule, bar, score, underline, underscore, hairline; mark, stroke, streak, dash, hyphen, virgule, diagonal; marking, inscription, inscript, engraving, incision; scratch, notch, slash, etch, hatching.
2. band, stripe, strip, belt, zone, layer, ring; seam, stitch, joint, weld, commissure; furrow, groove, rut, slit, slot; gutter, ditch, trench, foxhole; wrinkle, crow's foot, crease; scar, cicatrix, cut, gash.
3. row, series, sequence, run, succession, progression; concatenation, catenation, chain, catena, continuum; queue, string, thread, swath, procession, train, Indian file, single file; file, rank, column, tier, bank; parade, motorcade, review, formation, array; caravan, cavalcade, cortege, coffle.
4. verse, stave, strophe, bar, stich, versicle; measure, meter, foot; refrain, note, tune, melody.
5. limit, demarcation, border, edge, rim, curb; in alignment, right, direct, plumb, true. b. in conformance, in agreement, in accord, in step, in harmony, in rapport, in consonancy. c. under or in control, within bounds, in balance, in moderation, in or within reason.
6. course, procedure, policy, course of action, limit, demarcation, border, edge, rim, curb; measure, meter, foot; refrain, note, tune, melody.
7. direction, course, route, road, lane, avenue, channel; beat, tack, drift, set, path; way, aim, trend, track, bend, range; orientation, collimation, bearing, tenor, tendency, lay, lie.
8. lines outline, contour, figure, features, figuration, configuration; delineation, lineation, lineament, silhouette, profile, cameo.
9. department, office, province, discipline, domain, realm, walk; activity, business, field, speciality, forte, specialization; trade, profession, Inf. racket, Inf. game; line of work, line of business, walk of life; occupation, job, work; vocation, calling, pursuit, venture, career, livelihood.
10. descent, parentage. See lineage.
11. thread, string, twine, yarn; wire, fiber, strand, filament, tendril; cord, rope, cable, cordage; strap, strap, thong, chain; ribbon, tape, tape measure, inkle; towline, lanyard, mooring, hauser, painter; clothesline, fishline, ripcord.
12. track, railway line, rail line, railroad line; tramline, tramroad, trolley line, streetcar line, subway line, metro line, Brit. Inf. tube line, elevated railway line; main line, trunk line, feeder line, sidetrack.
13. assortment, stock, merchandise, goods; kind, brand, stamp, sort, type; variety, number, description; color, stripe, grain, mark.
14. wire, telegraph line, telephone line; party line, trunk line, private line, WATS line (wide area telecommunications service).
15. draw the line restrict, limit, check, bar, fix, determine; proscribe, confine, constrain, put on the brake, halt, stop, lay down the law, put one's foot down; cut off, interrupt, step in, break off, part company, depart.
16. in line a. straight, in a row, in column, in file; in alignment, right, direct, plumb, true. b. in conformity, in agreement, in accord, in step, in harmony, in rapport, in consonancy. c. under or in control, within bounds, in balance, in moderation, in or within reason. —v. 17. Usu. line up range, align, straighten, bring into line, string out, bank; arrange, array, order, right, put or set in order; list, group, place, fix, dispose, distribute; space, regiment, marshal, rally.
18. Usu. line up secure, get, obtain, procure, acquire; get hold of, come up with, dig up, uncover; sign up, enlist, enroll, contract with; employ, engage, hire.
19. delineate, draw, trace, mark, mark out, Archaic. limn; define, depict, describe, demarcate, delimit; portray, figure, silhouette.
20. rule, score, hatch, underline, underscore; wrinkle, furrow, crease, rut, groove; scratch, scrape, chisel, engrave, cut, inscribe, etch; streak, striate.
21. Usu. line out outline, sketch, rough in, block in; draw up, lay out, draft, trace, chart; devise, plot, frame, make up, project.
22. skirt, hem, embroidery, edge, border, rim, form a line along; border, fringe, marginate, margin, verge, side, adjoin.
line, v. 1. interline, interlineate, panel, face, back, back up, wainscot, ceil; coat, sheathe, wrap; in- terlard, inlay, incrust, bush; upholster, paper, wallpaper.
2. cover, drape, curtain, blanket, mantle, cloak; lay over, overlay, spread over, overspread.
lineage, n. 1. ancestry, family tree, extraction, parentage, pedigree, bloodline, strain; descent, genealogy.
2. dynasty, house, family, race, people, tribe, clan; stirps, descendants, heritage, succession, progeny.
lineal, adj. in a direct line, linear; hereditary, family, racial; parental, patriarchal, matriarchal, ancestral.
lineament, n. line, feature, configuration, mark, distinguishing mark; form, contour, profile, cut; physiognomy, Sl. phiz, visage; particularity, singulari- ty, idiosyncrasy; aspect, delineation.
linear, adj. 1. aligned, alined, lineal; straight, direct, undeviating, unbent; one-dimensional, lengthwise, longitudinal.
2. lined, scored, etched, sketched; penned, calligraphic, inked, outlined.
linen, n. 1. cloth, fabric, material, textile, woven fabric, damask.
2. Often linens bedding, bed linens, bedclothes; sheets, pillowcases, pillows, pillows, sham pillows, towels, washcloths, facecloths, washrags; table linen, table-linen, tablecloths, napkins.
liner, n. 1. ocean liner, ship, steamship, steamer, passenger vessel, boat, hydroplane; airplane, plane, aircraft, Aeronaut, airliner.
2. eyeliner, eye pencil, mascara, eye shadow.
liner, n. 1. lining, facing, inner lining, interlining. See lining (def. 1).
2. cover, album cover, cardboard cover, jacket.
linesman, n. sports official, umpire, Inf. ump, referee, Inf. ref, field judge, lineman.
line-up, n. 1. line, queue, row; list, schedule.
2. Sports. roster, list of players, batting order.
linger, v. 1. loiter, tarry, stay, wait, remain, Sl. hang around, Sl. stick around; continue, persist, stay on, endure, abide, persevere, hang on.
2. dawdle, delay, lag, procrastinate, put off, dally, shirk, Sl. goof off.
3. loll, idle, Inf. laggly, lounge, poke, Inf. diddle, dilly-dally; slouch, loaf, vegetate, waste time, fritter time away; mill around, trifle, potter, pitter, play.
4. saunter, stroll, perilambate; amble, ramble, mosey; trapse, wander, meander, inch; shuffle, sham- ble, slouch; toddle, totter.
lingerie, n. underwear, undergarments, underclothing, underclothes, Inf. undies; All Euph. dainties, things, unmentionables, nice things, finery, linen;
linguist, n. Informal. argot, cant, jargon, parlance; slang, idiom, terminology, phraseology, vocabulary; patois, pidgin, pidgin English, trade language, lingua franca; vernacular, dialect, tongue, talk, speech, language, shop talk; journalese, officialese, Washingtonese, bureaucraticate, newspeak, medical, legalese; thieves' Latin, pig Latin, peddler's French, St. Giles Greek; gobbledygook, patter, mumbo jumbo, gibberish, gibber.

linguistic, adj. lingual, semantic, semiological, lexical, philological, etymological, Archaic. glossological, Obs. glottological, dialectological, phonological, syntactic, grammatical.

linguistics, n. semantics, semasiology, lexicology; etymology, phonology, phonemics, phonetics, morphology, syntax, grammar; speechlore, paleography.

liniment, n. ointment, emrocramment, balm, salve; lotion, wash, soothing liquid, abirrant, demulcent; cream, oil, balsam, unguent; anodyne, alleviative, alleviatory, palliative, lenitive, Med. emollient, Pharm. cerate.

lining, n. inlayer, inlay, interlining; wainscot, wainscoting, brattice, reinforcement; backing, doubleure, doubling; Elect. bush, Chiefly Brit. bushing; insole; padding, padding, filling, stuffing, wadding.

link, n. 1. connection, connective, copula, coupler, coupling; bond, tie, knot, yoke; joint, joiner, articulation, commissure; pivot, hinge, elbow, knee, dovetail joint, rabbit, rabbit joint; concatenation, chain, linkage; clamp, clasp, clip, latch, buckle. 2. association, affiliation, relatedness, tie-in, hook-up, mutual interest, joint interest; attachment, dependence, mutual dependence.

—v. 3. chain, couple, concatenate; connect, join, unite, tie, bond, splice, fasten; conjoin, subjoin, affix, fix, annex, attach; bridge, bridge over; span; (of transportation) connect up, continue, run, go on. 4. relate, identify, ally, bracket, equate, parallel, draw a parallel; attribute, attribute to, assign, assign to, ascribe, ascribe to, impugn, impute to, charge to, credit or accredit with; saddle or upon, father upon, blame for, fix on or upon, pin on, Inf. pinpoint, Sl. hang on.

5. link together league, confederate, unionize, band together, joint forces or hands, team up, Inf. hitch horses.

linsey-woolsey, n. jumble, scramble, hodgepodge, mishmash, mash, hash, mess, mingle-mangle, mix-up, muddle, tangle, gallimaufr

lint, n. 1. down, thistledown, flue, floss, fluff, fuzz; mote, wisp, dust; fuzzball, furball, dustball, Inf. button-lyoing lint. 2. cotton, guaze, sponge.

lion, n. 1. cat, lioness, lionet; Heraldry. lioncel; Astron. Leo.

2. lionhearted, adj. 1. brave, courageous, valiant, valorous, heroic; lion hearted, gutsy, big cheese, big name, Inf. big wig, Inf. Mr. Big, Inf. big gun, Inf. VIP; Sl. heavy, Sl. big cheese, Sl. high-muck-a-muck, Sl. big shot, Sl. his nobs, Sl. BMO or big man on campus; celebrity, star, superstar, Sl. megastar, idol, popular idol or figure, Sl. pop star, Sl. pop-hero. 4. heard the lion in his den 2. association, affiliation, relationship, relatedness, chain, linkage; clamp, clasp, clip, latch, buckle.

3. edge, rim, brim, verge, brink, ledge; border, margin, slant, side; flank, curve, slope, declivity, unconquerable, unyielding, unshrinking, unabashed, gutsy, blooded, nervy, cible, unconquerable, unyielding, unshrinking, unend; plucky, mitesome, gritty, game, spirited, red-blooded, nervy, Inf. spunky, Sl. gutsy.

lion's share, n. largest or biggest portion, largest part, bigger part, bigger or greater half; majority; bulk, mass.
clam up, *Sl.* make like a clam; let pass, say nothing, seal one's lips, not breath a word, *Inf.* not let out a peep, *Inf.* not say “boo,” *Inf.* let ride or let it ride, *Inf.* let the chips fall where they may, let alone, leave well enough alone, not make waves, let sleeping dogs lie, not get involved, *Sl.* leave be; be mute, stand mute, fall silent, *Inf.* cool it, *Inf.* button up; keep one's thoughts to oneself, be like the wise old owl.

7. **unack one's lips** enjoy, show pleasure, take delight in, savor, relish, anticipate, look forward to; feast on, roll over the tongue, devour, eat up; gloat over, covet, *Inf.* slober or drool over.

8. **keep a stiff upper lip** keep up one's courage, bear up, *Inf.* keep one's chin up, hold one's head up, *Inf.* hang in, *Inf.* hang in there, *Inf.* hang on for dear life, *Inf.* hang tough; steel oneself, keep one's nerve, pluck out, keep up one's courage, bear

9. **smack one's lips** out, terminate.

10. **liquidate,** pay in full, pay off, discharge, v.

11. **liquid,** fluid, flowing, running, streaming, adj.

12. **liquidate,** get Inf.

13. **liquid,** stimulant, appetizer, aperitif; cordial, liqueur, v. dissolve, liquidize; suspend, put into liquefy,Inf.

14. **liquidate,** get Inf.

15. **liquidate,** clear, smooth, lucid, pure, fluent; agreeable, pleasing, clear;

16. **liquidate,** sanctimony, sanctimoniousness, false piety, —v. mouth, whisper, breathe, utter softly; give voice, give tongue, articulate, enunciate, pronounce, phonate, voice, sound.

**lip service, n.** 1. insincerity, artificiality, disingenuousness, uncandidness, mealy-mouthedness; flatly, smooth talk, mouth honor, *Inf.* hokum, *Inf.* phony,

2. sanctimoniousness, false piety, pietism, piousness; self-righteousness, cant, mummer,

3. lissome, agile, quick, light.

4. **lip service, n.** 1. list of names, roll, attendance, muster or muster roll, roster, *Sports.* line-up, beadroll, slate, docket; listing, enumeration, shopping list, inventory, catalog, *Library Science.* card or union cata-

5. **lip service, n.** list;

6. **lip service, n.** Med.

7. **lip service, n.** listen;

8. **lip service, n.** pany, split up, disband, go separate ways; abolish, dissolve.

9. **lip service, n.** kill, slay, assassinato, poison, do to death, blot or wipe out, put an end to, get rid of, put away, put out of the way, silence; dispatch, finish, finish off, settle, *Inf.* put the kibosh on; *All Sl.* hit, zap, sniff out, rub out, dump off, polish off, give [s.o.] the works or the business; *All Euph.* let the daylight in, send west, take for a ride, put [s.o.] out of his misery.

10. **lip service, n.** cut down, run through, put to the sword; smoother, suffocate, asphyxiate, burke; execute, put to death, garrotte, behead, decapitate, guillotine, hang, gibbet, Lynch, *Sl.* string up.

11. **lip service, n.** annihilate, exterminate, obliterate, discreate, reduce to nothing, destroy totally, eradicate, erase, exterminate, extinguish; massacre, decimate, destroy, wipe off the face of the earth.


13. **lip service, n.** broth, bouillon, stock, juice, *Fr.* jus; extract, *SI.* SI.

14. **lip service, n.** do, kill, slay, assassinate, poison, do to death, blot out, cut down, run through, put to the sword; smoother, suffocate, asphyxiate, burke; execute, put to death, garrotte, behead, decapitate, guillotine, hang, gibbet, Lynch, *Sl.* string up.

15. **lip service, n.** annihilate, exterminate, obliterate, discreate, reduce to nothing, destroy totally, eradicate, erase, exterminate, extinguish; massacre, decimate, destroy, wipe off the face of the earth.


17. **lip service, n.** broth, bouillon, stock, juice, *Fr.* jus; extract, essence, distillate, concentrate.

18. **lip service, n.** sibilation, sibilance, assimilation, in distinct speech, *Inf.* baby talk; hiss, hissing, siss, sissing, shush, shushing, siss, sissing, fizz, fissing; speech impediment or defect, *Pathol.* dyslexia, lisping.

19. **lip service, n.** sibilate, assimilate, hiss, shush, shush, mispronounce, speak indistinctly, *Inf.* talk like a baby or talk baby talk.

20. **lip service, n.** adj. lithe, limber, pliable, flexible, flexible; plastic, moldable, adaptable, compliant, tractable, malleable, ductile, figite, limber, supple, *Archaic.* lithy, loose-limbed, loose; nimble, agile, quick, light.


22. **lip service, n.** record, write down, chronicle, *Law.* docket; catalog, file, alphabetize, tabulate; arrange, classify, codify, group.

23. **lip service, n.** enroll, enter, register, sign up or sign up for, enlist, join.

24. **lip service, n.** border, bordering strip, panel.

25. **lip service, n.** selvage, edge, finished edge.

26. **lip service, n.** band, strip, stripe, streak, strait; stroke, line, dash, bar, tape, tag, label; fillet, fascia, ribbon, headband, frontlet; wristband, *Eccles.* maniple; belt, baldric, cord, cordon, braid, thong; sash, cummerbund, girdle, waistband.

27. **lip service, n.** all of a vessel incline, slant, slope, lean, or heel over, careen, cant, tilt, tip.

28. **lip service, n.** listen.

29. **lip service, n.** harken, hark, *Archaic.* list; *Med.* auscultate, listen to [s.o.'s] heartbeats; pay attention, *Inf.* listen up, attend to, give heed, listen hard or good, prick up one's ears, listen carefully, keep one's ears open; listen to, give an ear to, lend an ear to, bend an ear to, be attentive to, give [s.o.] one's full attention, be all ears, hang on [s.o.'s] every word.
listless

listless, adj. 1. languid, languorous, sluggish, phlegmatic, lethargic, torpid, weary, fatigued, enervated, enervate; heavy, leaden, hebetudinous, drowsy, dozy, sleepy, slumberous, soporific, somnolent, comatose, narcose, oscillant, supine; lackadaisical, indolent, lazy, slothful, fainéant, recumbent, idle; spiritless, unenergetic, vigorous, restless, lifeless, passive, inactive, dormant, inert, dull, dead.

2. apathetic, apathetical, indifferent, Laodicean, unconcerned, disinterested, uninterested, nonchalant, pococurante, insouciant, lukewarm, cool, half-hearted, impartial, neutral; impulsive, dispassionate, impassible, passionless, unexcited, unemotional, emotionless, Archaic. impassionate; uncaring, careless, un sympathetic, uncompassionate, unfailing, insensitive, insensitive, insensitive; aloof, distant, removed, withdrawn, abstracted, absent, absent-minded, in another world, oblivious, inattentive, heedless.

listlessness, n. 1. languor, languidness, lassitude, ennu, Infl. the blabs; phlegmaticness, lethargy, sluggishness, fatigue, weariness, enervation; hebetude, heaviness, phlegm, leadenness, drowsiness, sleepiness, (in the Middle East) kef; lackadaisicalness, indolence, laziness, slothfulness, fainéance, fainéancy, idleness, recumbence, recumbency; spiritlessness, vigorlessness, listlessness, lifelessness, dullness, passivity, inactivity, dormancy, inertia, deadness.

2. apathy, indifference, disinterest, disinterestedness, uninterestedness, unconcern; insouciance, nonchalance, pococurantism, lukewarmness, lukewarmth, coolness, half-heartedness; impassiveness, impassibility, impassibleness, dispassionateness, passionlessness, unemotionalness, emotionlessness, insensitiveness, lack of sympathy or compassion, carelessness; aloofness, distance, abstraction, absentness, absent mindedness, obliviousness, inattentiveness, heedlessness.

lit, adj. 1. lighted, lighted up, alight, burning, on; lighted, lighted up, alight, burning, on; adj. lighted, lighted up, alight, burning, on; adv. intelligibly, intelligibly, intelligibly, intelligibly.

literacy, n. 1. written, of writing, of books, of literature, of letters, belles-lettres, literary works, published, printed, in print, in black and white, of the printed word.

literally, adv. 1. word for word, verbatim, Fr. mot à mot, line for line, letter for letter, literatim, Latin. verbatim et literatim; exactly, precisely, accurately, closely, faithfully, honestly, strictly, to a hair, to the letter; in the strict sense of the word, strictly speaking, in plain English, simply, plainly.

2. actually, really, truly; apparently, obviously, evidently, obviously, evidently, obviously; surely, certainly, definitely, positively, absolutely, undeniably, indubitably, unquestionably, indisputably.

literary, n. 1. literality, accuracy, exactness, exactitude, precision, preciseness, closeness, faithfulness, trueness, truth, authenticity, honesty, explicitness; unambiguousness, unambiguity, clearness, unequivocality; factuality, factuality, actuality, actualness, realism, reality, credibility, credibleness, believableness, naturalness.

2. objectivity, directness, straightforwardness, plainness, simplicity, simplicity, purity, pureness.

3. literal-mindedness, prosaicsness, prosiness, unimaginativeness, imagination, dullness, boringness, boredom; vapidness, tediousness, tiresomeness, wearisomeness, slowness, simplicity, mindless, obtuseness, bluntness, heaviness.

4. narrowness, hideboundness, inflexibility, inflexibility, rigidity, rigidity.

literary, adj. 1. written, of writing, of books, of literature, of letters, of belles-lettres; published, printed, in print, in black and white, of the printed word.

2. versed, well-versed, conversant, well-read, book learned, lettered, cultured, cultivated, refined; high brow, highbrowed, Infl. long-haired or longhair, Inf. arty, Sl. artys; knowledgeable, educated, well educated, well schooled, well instructed, well tutored, well trained, well posted, well grounded, well informed, Archaic. studied, erudite, punditic, scholarly, scholastic, academic, professorial, pedagoguish, donnish; pedantic, pedantical, pedantesque, pompous, know it all, stilted, stiff, stuffy, formal.

3. bookish, bibliophilic, bibliophilous, bibliophilic, bibliophagous, bibliophagous, like a bookworm; studious, always with one's nose in a book, intellectual, cerebral, brainy.

literary, adj. 1. educated, book learned, schooled, instructed, tutored, trained, able to read and write; well educated, well schooled, well instructed, well tutored, well informed, Archaic. studied; knowledgeable, erudite, punditic, scholarly.

2. literary, lettered, of letters, of literature, of belles lettres; versed, well versed, well read, cultured, cultivated, refined. See also literary (def. 2).

3. well written, grammatical, correct, stylish, polished, skillful; lucid, perspicuous, clear, articulate, express, explicit, sharp, legible, coherent, intelligible, understandable, comprehensible, comprehendible.

literati, n. intellectuals, intelligentsia, cognoscenti, philosophers, Sl. brains, savants, learned men or women, academes, the learned, mental giants, masterminds; pundits, sages, wise men or women; illuminati, the enlightened, aesthetes, connoisseurs, (all sometimes disparaging) highbrows, Infl. eggheads, Inf. longhairs; elite, Inf. upper crust; bohemians, free spirits, free thinkers.

literatim, adv. letter for letter, exactly, precisely, word for word. See also literally (def. 1).

literature, n. 1. letters, belles lettres, literary works, writings, republic of letters; prose, poetry, writing, creative writing, written art; classics, publications, books, the printed word; body of knowledge or infor-
lithe, adj. lithe, pliant, bendable, flexible, flexible; plastic, moldable, adaptable, compliant, tractable, malleable, ductile, fickle; limber, supple, lissome, Archaic: lithe, loosely-limbed, loose; nimble, agile, quick, light.
lithoid, adj. lithoidal, stonelike, stony, lithic; hard.
litigation, v. litigate, v. litigant, party, opponent, dispute; litigating, contesting, disputing, contend.
litter, rubbish, scattered rubbish, refuse, n.
litigious, litigable, controvertible, contesting; accusing, accused.
litical, adj. litigious, litigable, controvertible, contesting; accusing, accused.
litigant, Litigation, n; argumentative, argumentatious, disputatious, quarrelsome, contentious, dissenter, contest.
litigator, lawyer; plaintiff, defendant.
little, adj. little, small, tiny, teeny, pint-size, wee, minor, short, snub; All Baby Talk. teeny-weeny, itty-bitty, itsy-bitsy, itty, teency-weeny; Lilliputian, elfin, like Tom Thumb, pygmies, Inf. peewee, baby, child's toy, bantam; undersized, underweight, lightweight, diminutive, petite, minikin, dainty, slender, thin, slight, skinny; midget, large, stature, miniscule, minute, atomic, infinitesimal, microscopic; puny, runty, stunted, scrawny, dwarfish, homuncular, shrunken.
litterbug, strewer, scatterer, broadcaster, litterer; polluter, defiler, desecrator; barbarian, vulgarian, boor, sloven, slattern; Inf. pig, Sl. slob.
littery, adj. messy, disorderly, helter-skelter, bestowed, littered; dirty, grubby, sloppy, filthy; undity, disarranged, disorganized; unkempt, uncared for, untended, Inf. not picked up.
little, adj. 1. small, tiny, teeny, pint-size, wee, mini, short, snub; All Baby Talk. teeny-weeny, itty-bitty, itsy-bitsy, itty, teency-weeny; Lilliputian, elfin, like Tom Thumb, pygmies; 2. brief, limited, abbreviated; fleeting, transitory, fugacious, fugitive, momentary, passing, transient, volatile; ephemeral, over in a wink, soon over with, short-lived, undurincling.
littler, adj. messy, disorderly, helter-skelter, bestowed, littered; dirty, grubby, sloppy, filthy; undity, disarranged, disorganized; unkempt, uncared for, untended, Inf. not picked up.
little people, n. 1. elves, fairies, leprechauns, imps, brownies, dwarfs, gnomes, trolls, fays, pixies, nymphs, dryads, sprites, sylphs.

**litter**

- **Adj.**
  - Lithe, adj.
  - Litigious, adj.
  - Little, adj.
  - Littery, adj.

- **Nouns**
  - Litigation, n.
  - Litigant, n.
  - Litter, n.
  - Litigious, adj.
  - Litterbug, n.

- **Verbs**
  - Litigate, v.
  - Litigating, v.
livelihood, n. 1. maintenance, living, subsistence, keep, upkeep, support, sustenance, sustainment, necessaries, provision; board and lodg-
ing, room and board; nourishment, nurture, nutri-
ment, aliment, rations, fare, diet, regimen, grubstake.
2. occupation, profession, career, vocation, métier,
line of work, employment, job, trade, craft, business;
capacity, office, function, position, walk of life, in-
cumbency; venture, undertaking, activity, enterprise;
speciality, specialization, forte, Inf. racket.

liveliness, n. 1. vivacity, sprightliness, animation;
dynamism, energy; briskness, vitality, alacrity, nimble-
ness, agility, quickness, pertness; spark, fire, warmth,
dash, spirit, spiritedness; fervor, ardor, zeal, int-
tensity, eagerness, enthusiasm, sanguineness; speed,
velocity, promptitude; airiness, buoyancy, efferves-
cence; sparkle, brilliance, glow.
2. gaiety, merriment, jollity; exultation, exhilaration,
boisterousness, revelry, heyday.

livelong, adj. 1. whole, entire, total, full, life-
long; solid, complete; undivided, unbroken; dragged-
out, drawn-out, long-drawn, long-drawn-out.

lively, adj. 1. alive, full of life, active, vigorous;
brisk, frisky, sprightly, spry, nimble, agile, quick,
pert, Dial. peart, yare, Scot. and North Eng. crouse;
dynamic, animated, spirited, go-go, mettlesome;
vivacious, gay, jocund, buoyant, sanguine, ef-
fervescent; Inf. peppy, Inf. chipper, Inf. snappy, Inf.
up-to-date, Sl. jazzy, swinging; fervent, ardent, eager,
intense, enthusiastic; excited, heated, hearty, zealous.
2. eventful, memorable, notable, noteworthy, re-
markable, consequential; stirring, stimulating, ex-
citing, interesting, captivating, fascinating, entertain-
ing, curious; striking, effective, powerful, distinctive,
momentous, weighty, important, critical, salient.
3. strong, keen, sharp, powerful; distinct, distinctive,
clear, manifest, well-defined, palpable, recognizable;
explicit, pointed, graphic, visible, trenchant, forcible.
4. vivid, bright, bright-colored, colorful, chromatic;
gay, deep, gorgeous, glowing brilliant, rich; florid,
showy, garish, flashy.
5. fresh, invigorating, energizing, animating, brac-
-ing; restorative, Med. analptic, healthful, salubrious,
wholesome.
6. resilient, elastic. See live (def. 6).

liven, v. 1. Often liven up put life into, animate,
activate, motivate, move, rouse, awaken; incite, stimu-
late; arouse, rouse up; fire, fire up, kindle, enkindle,
stir, stir up, goad, spur on, prod; boost, promote,
prompt, Inf. spark, Inf. sparkplug, instigate, foment,

2. burden, weight, onus, cross, millstone, albatross; duty, charge, obligation, responsibility, tax; strain, encumbrance, impediment, hindrance, handicap; trouble, care, anxiety, worry; hardship, difficulty, affliction, oppression; trial, tribulation, ordeal.

3. assignment, schedule, stint, routine; chore, job, task.

4. loads *Informal*. lots, numbers, scores, hordes; numerous, multitudinous, countless, quite a few, immeasurable, measureless, numberless.

5. get a load of *Slang*. a. glance, look quickly or briefly, cast a brief look at, glimpse, peer, peep, sneak a look or peek; observe, witness, view, behold, contemplate; see; try, watch for, be on the lookout, scan; ogle, *Inf.* eye, eyeball, *Inf.* give [s.o.] the glad eye, look over, scrutinize, *Inf.* give the once-over; take a look at, *Inf.* have a look-see. b. listen, listen to, heed, prick up one's ears, give an ear to, lend an ear to, bend an ear to, be all ears, give [s.o.] one's full attention.

—v. 6. fill, fill up, fill to the brim, fill to overflowing, overfill, stuff, overstuff, crowd, congest; ladle, burden, overburden; cram, force in, ram down, pack in, push in, shove in, press in, jam, squeeze.

7. heap on or upon, give, assign, bestow, confer; supply, provide, burden.

8. weigh down, weight, burden, saddle with, charge, tax; encumber, cumber, impede, hamper, handicap; strain, overload, overburden, overtask, overtax, overwhelm.

9. (all usu. of a word, statement, etc.) overcharge, overcolor, embellish; color, tinge, imbue, impregnate.

10. load the dice *Stack the deck, fix; rig; prearrange, preconceive, predesign; put in the hole, put behind the eight ball.*

—adv. 11. loads a lot, much, very much, a great deal, a whole lot.

loaded, adj. 1. full, filled, filled up, filled to the brim or to capacity, abrim, brimful, brimming; jam-packed, cram-full, shot through, chock-a-block, *Inf.* chock-full, *Brit.* chock; stuffed, packed, crammed, crowded, solid, *Inf.* wall-to-wall; sated, satiated, gorged, glutted, cloyed.

2. burden, weight, onus, cross, millstone, albatross; cram, force in, ram down, pack in, push in, shove in, press in, jam, squeeze.

3. containing ammunition, ready to shoot, ready to fire.

4. charged, overcharged, full of meaning.


loadstone, n. 1. magnetite, magnetic ore; magnet, magnetic stone; attraction, pull.

2. lodestar, guide, beacon.


loaf². v. 1. laze, lounge, idle, do nothing, vegetate, watch the river flow, let the grass grow under one's feet, twiddle one's thumbs, *Inf.* lallygag; lie around, loaf around, loll around, stand around, hang around, loiter around or about, not lift a finger, not move a muscle, take it easy, *Brit.* Dial. loll around or about, *Sl.* sit on one's butt or duff; *Sl.* knock around or about, *Sl.* screw around, *Sl.* futz around; shirk, malinger, slack off, sleep at one's post, *Inf.* lie down on the job, *Inf.* goldbrick, *Sl.* featherbed, *Sl.*
goof off, Brit. Sl. skive, Brit. Sl. scrimshank.

2. pass time, vile away the hours, waste time, kill time, consume time; trifle, fritter, fool away, waste precious hours.

loafer, n. idler, do-nothing, slouch, sluggard, lounging, loller, fainéant, Fr. flâneur, Brit. layabout, Sl. drugstore cowboy; malinger, shirker, clock watcher, Inf. goldbricker, Sl. goof-off, Sl. featherbedder, Both Brit. skiver, scrimshanker; nonworker, drone, good-for-nothing, wastrel, ne'er-do-well, Inf. deadbeat Sl. bum, Sl. lounge lizard; beachcomber, Inf. ski bum, Inf. surf bum, Inf. tennis bum; Inf. lazybones, lie-axed, slugabed, Inf. laylages, Inf. lazyboots.

loaferish, adj. 1. lazy, idle, indolent, slothful, fainéant, do-nothing, otiose; unindustrious, unenterprising, unambitious, nonaggressive; shiftless, worthless, good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well, lackadaisical, listless, Dial. limpsy; insouciant, carefree, easy-going, poco-curante.

2. slow-moving, slow-going, creeping, crawling, Inf. poky; loitering, lagging, dillydallying, foot-dragging; stagnant, inert, torpid, supine, inactive; sluggish, lethargic, phlegmatic, dull, lugy.

loam, n. clay, sand, clay loam, sandy loam, silt

loan, 1. lending, advancing, loaning, money-lending; usury, Sl. loan-sharking, Sl. shylocking.

2. advance, allowance, accommodation; credit; (in World War II) lend-lease.

—v. 3. lend, advance, allow, credit, accommodate, Sl. push; (in World War II) lend-lease.

loan shark, n. Informal. usurer, Shylock, moneylender, moneymonger; extortionist, extortioner, shakedown artist, blood-sucker, Sl. bleeder, leech; exacter, wrester.

loath, adj. reluctant, unwilling, disinclined, indisposed, averse, not in the mood, Sl. not into, Sl. not psyched.

loath, v. 1. abhor, abominate, execrate, detest, despise; hate, feel an aversion to, feel hostile toward, not be able to bear or abide, shudder at, shrink from, recoil from, brench from; contempt, scorn, anathematize, misprize; dislike, disrelish.

2. feel repugnance toward, feel disgust toward, feel distaste for, have no stomach or use or taste for, be unable to stomach, sicken at.

loathing, n. 1. abhorrence, execration, hate, hatred, abomination, odium, detestation, rancor, hostility, inimicalness, aversion, antipathy; enmity, contumely, virulence, rankling, ill will, bad blood, grudge, bitterness.

2. repugnance, revulsion, repulsion; disgust, distaste.

loathly, adv. reluctantly, unwillingly, aversely, resistingly, resistantly; hesitantly, hesitatingly, shyly, haltingly, slowly, laggardly, sluggishly, unhurriedly, unhurryingly.

loathsome, adj. 1. abhorrent, abominable, execrable, odious, heinous, anathematic, despicable, invidious, atrocious, hateful, Rare. loathful; dislikable, unlikely, insufferable, unendurable, unbearable, intolerable.

2. repulsive, repellent, noisome, offensive, annoying, revolting, atrocious, obnoxious, deplorable, repugnant, disgusting, rank, disagreeable; distasteful, unpalatable, sickening, nauseating, nauseous; vile, rank, reprehensible, contemnible, scornful; ugly, horrid, horrible, base.

lob, v. loft, hit or throw aloft, lift; throw, toss, chuck, fling; flip, shy, skip, skim; pitch, heave, hurl, hurtle.

lobby, n. 1. corridor, passage, passageway, hall, hallway, entrance, entranceway, entry, entrance, hall, foyer; vestibule, antechamber, anteroom, waiting room, reception room.

2. pressure group, interest group, lobbyists, solicitors, representatives, agents.

—v. 3. influence, affect, pull strings or wires, throw one's weight around; sway, persuade, move, talk into; urge, press, push or pull for, promote.

lobe, n. lobule, Anat. lobus, Anat. lobulus, division; projection, protuberance, tubercle, knob, node, nodule; knot, lump, bump.

lobed, adj. lobate, lobulate, lobulated, nodulous, nodulose; tubercular, nodular, rounded, knobby, knobby.

local, adj. 1. positional, locational, spatial, situational.

2. provincial, parochial, municipal, regional, sectional, divisional, territorial; county, district, town, city; neighborhood, small-town, red-brick.

3. home, homemade, homespun; native, indigenous, autochthonous, aboriginal; domestic, popular, vernacular, topical.

4. near, close, nigh, proximate, approximate; nearby, adjacent, close by, neighboring; adjoining, surrounding, circumjacent, contiguous; in the area, at hand, accessible.

5. limited, circumscribed, confined, restricted, delimited; particular, fixed, specific, special, definite, exact.

—n. 6. local person, local inhabitant, towner, Sl. townie, city man; Inf. local yokel, cockney, resident, townsman, oppidan, parishioner; native, aborigine, autochthon.

locale, n. 1. place, spot, site; quarter, zone, neighborhood. See locality.

2. scene, setting, stage, set; background, backdrop, ground; theater, arena.

localism, n. 1. (all of a particular area) dialect, patois, idiom, folk dialect, subdialect; provincialism, regionalism, colloquialism, slang; accent, twang, brogue, drawl, burr.

2. (all of a particular area) habit, tradition, institution, law, usage; custom, observance, practice, fashion, way.

locality, n. 1. place, locale, site, situs, stead, Latin. locus, Fr. lieu; sport, point, position, Law. venue, scene of the crime, scene, setting; quarter, zone, pale, area, division; region, territory, realm, province, shire, county; neighborhood, district, bailiwick, section, precinct, township; diocese, parish, ward, bishopric; neck of the woods, backyard, home; ground, terrain, soil, Sl. turf; habitat, environment, climate, clime, domain, abode, range.

2. vicinity, vicinage, environs, purlieus, whereabouts, hereabouts; field, demesne, station, circuit, beat, orbit.

localize, v. 1. restrict, confine, contain, restrain, constrain, fix in; surround, bound, limit, compass, encompass, encircle, circumscribe; cut off, hem in, pen in, delimit, quarantine.

2. specify, pinpoint, narrow down, zero in on; parlay, persuade, press, talk into; urge, press, push or pull for, promote.

locally, adv. around here, in these parts, hereabouts, in this spot, in or around town, in the neighborhood, in the vicinity; nearby, around the corner, close, close by, close at hand, within walking distance.

locate, v. 1. discover, find, uncover, unearth; come across, run across, stumble upon, stub one's toe on, lay or put one's finger or hands on; meet with,
bump into, light upon, alight upon, happen upon, chance upon, hit upon; track down, worm out, hunt down, ferret out, fish out, sniff out, smell out; reveal, expose, disclose, bring to light, root up or out, turn up; detect, discern, descry, spot, espy; get at, reach, determine.

2. establish, fix, set, base, ensconce; settle, place, situation; position; pinpoint; seat, collocate, assign; set down, lay down, park; quarter, house, reposist, deposit; consign, localize, post, station.

3. reside, occupy, move in, settle, take up one's quarters or abode; take root, cast anchor, anchor, pitch camp, camp, bivouac, pitch one's tent; put up at; set up housekeeping, keep house, take up residence; squat, plant, moor, dock; perch, roost, nest, Inf. hang up one's hat, make one's house; set up shop, Inf. hang up one's shingle, set up in business.

location, n. 1. residence, settlement, base, colony; quarter, zone, pale, area, division; region, territory, realm, province, shire, county, bailiwick; neighborhood, district, section, precinct, township; diocese, parish, ward, bishopric; neck of the woods, beckyward, home; ground, terrain, soil, Sl. turf; habitat, environment, climate, clime, domain, abode, range; vicinity, vicinage, environs, purlieus, whereabouts, hereabouts.

2. place, situation, position, emplacement, site, seat, placement, localization, emplacement, placing, scene, Law. venue, Latin. locus, Fr. lieu.

3. placement, localization, emplacement, placing, positioning; disposition, assignment, collocation, deposition, reposition; locating, pinpointing, centering; establishment, situation, settling, colonization; installment, lodgment, fixation, investiture.

4. discovery, finding, uncovering, unearthing; exposure, disclosure, revelation; detection, descrial, discernment, recognition, determination, espial, spotting.

lock, n. 1. bolt, latch, hook, holdfast, padlock; hasp, pin, peg, bar; fastener, clasp, secure, clincher.

2. catch, ratchet, pawl, brake; safety, safety catch, safety lock, cutoff; (in a firearm) gunlock, discharger, exploder.


—v. 4. Sometimes lock up bolt, latch, hook, padlock; hasp, bar, throw the pin; fasten, clasp, secure, seal.

5. Often lock up confine, shut in or up or off, close off, seal off, clamp, cage, coop, pen, put in, wall in, fence in, rail in, pale, picket, corral, enclose, trap; imprison, jail, incarcerate, impound, embarr, immure, bolt up, place or keep under lock and key, put behind bars, Sl. run in, Sl. jug, Sl. lag; shack, manacle, handcuff, put in irons.

6. interlock, interlink, intertwine, entwine, entangle, bear, Mech. engage; join, conjoin, unite, league, attach, connect, link, yoke, brace, couple, marry, bind, lash, tie together, clinch, truss, girdle, gird, pin, pinion, hogle, Natur. seize; bond, seal, graft, weld, glue, cement, solder, mortise, Metallurgy. braze; fuse, set, immobilize, freeze up, lock up, jam.

7. clasp, clutch, grip, grasp, shake hands; hug, embrace, hold, graspple, grasple, grippe, squeeze, Both Boxing. clinch, clench.

8. lock out bar, debar, shut out, close out; exclude, keep out, ostracize, exile, banish, excommunicate.

lock', n. 1. tress, curl, ringlet, curlicue, lovlock, elflock; plait, braid, shock.

2. locks curls, ringlets, tresses; hair, bangs, crime, Sl. mane, Sl. mop.

3. flock, tuft, bunch or piece of wool or fur.

lockbox, n. 1. strongbox, safe, vault, coffier, money box, treasure chest, treasury, repository; trunk, chest, case, crate, coffer, coffret, locker.

2. mailbox, post box, box, postal or post office box, bin, hold, receptacle, Chiefly Brit. letter box; cubicle, compartment, pigeonhole, cubbyhole, cubby, niche, nook.

locker, n. 1. trunk, footlocker, chest, storage chest, case, casket, crate, coffret, Brit. Inf. lockup; closet, cabinet, carrel, cage, cell, booth, stall, bay, cubicle, compartment; lockbox, strongbox, safe, vault, coffier, money box, treasure chest, treasury, repository.

2. freezer, cooler, refrigerator, ice box, Inf. fringe, Trademark. Frigrigidaire; storeroom, storage room, cellar, cellerage, buttery, larder.

lockup, n. jail, jailhouse, station house, police station, Inf. clink, Inf. calaboose, Scot. tollbooth, Brit. Inf. bridewell, All Sl. can, cooler, coop, jug, hoosegow, drunk tank, booby hatch, poky, Brit. choky, Brit. quod; guardhouse, guardroom, brig; prison, penitentiary, penal institution, house of correction, house of detention, reformatory, Sl. big house, Sl. slammer, Sl. stir; patrol wagon, police wagon, Sl. paddy wagon.

locomotion, n. movement, motion, action, progression; traveling, moving, stepping, striding, walking, jogging, running, run.

location, n. expression, phrase, idiom, metaphor, simile, Rhet. trope; word, term, saying, turn of speech; wording, phrasing, phraseology, choice of words; language, dialect, Linguistics. idiolect, accent, patois, brogue; diction, style.

lodestar, n. 1. polestar, North Star, Astron. Polaris.

2. guide, beacon, signal, sign; direction, directory, mark, landmark, indicator, pointer.

lodge, n. 1. shelter, habitation; cabin, hut; hunting house; summer cottage; resort hotel.

2. (all of American Indians) wigwam, tent, tepee, wickup, Navaho, hogan, Eskimo. igloo.

3. (all of animals) den, lair, cave, excavation, dug-out, hole, furrow; nest, aerie, nidus, rookery; haunt, retreat, refuge, mew, shelter.

—v. 4. reside, live, abide, Archaic. hide, dwell; sojourn, stay, tarry, remain; room, bunk, tenant; quarter, take up quarters, settle, be settled, keep house, establish oneself, plant oneself, put down stakes, anchor; pitch tent, encamp, bivouac; nestle, roost, perch, burrow, tabernacle, put up at, Sl. hole up.

5. quarter, house, furnish with lodgings, board, put up, billet, bed down, roof, take in; shelter, harbor, shield, protect, guard.

6. deposit, place, put, reposist, bank; file, set, lay, cache, park, station, stow; transmit, entrust, vest, con-sign, tranfer, deliver over.

7. house, contain, enclose, shield, sheathe.

lodger, n. roomer, tenant, occupant, renter, lessee; guest, paying guest, boarder; inmate, incumbent.

lodgment, n. 1. boarding, lodging, quartering, housing, sheltering.

2. accumulation, collection, aggregation, compilation, assemblage, accretion, profusion, conglomerat-ion; amassing, gathering, hoarding; pile, stack, stockpile, heap, bulk, fund; harvest, garner, store, reserve, supply, quantity, accrue.

3. lodgings, lodging place, diggings, Inf. digs, rooms, quarters, chambers, Inf. pad; abode, home, domicile, address, apartment, dwelling, residence.

loft, n. upper level, attic, garret, mansard, cockloft; gallery, balcony; hayloft.

lofty, adj. 1. towerling, skyscraping, elevated,
high, soaring, sky-high, aerial, aloft; distant, remote, faraway, far-reaching; skyward, heavenly, celestial, empyreal, supernatural.

2. grand, distinguished, noted, eminent, famous, well-known, celebrated, esteemed; renowned, illustrious, prominent, predominant, leading, preeminent, notable, *Archaic*. eximious; legendary, immortal, fa-bled, memorable; honorable, venerable, revered, re-spected; dignified, distinguished, stately, august; sub-lime, exalted, magnificent, majestic, imposing, imperi-ous; lordly, noble, kingly, queenly, imperial, princely, magisterial; aristocratic, patrician, well-bred, genteel, gentle, blue-blooded, thoroughbred.

3. arrogant, haughty, proud, self-important, vain-glorious, peacockish; self-confident, overweening, conceited, high-and-mighty, snobbish, Inf. snotty, Inf. snooty, Inf. stuck up, Inf. uppish, Inf. uppity, on one's high horse; pompous, inflated, puffed up, ego-tistic, condescending, Inf. toplofty; disdainful, super-cilious, cavalier, contemptuous, scornful, insulting, contumelious.

**log**, *n.* 1. (all of wood) trunk, limb, branch; stump, block, chunk, piece; pole, beam, puncheon.

2. record, account, register, chart, tally, logbook; jot down, make a note of; tally, tabulate, compile, amass, catalog.

3. cut down, chop down, bring one's high horse; pompous, inflated, puffed up, ego-tistic, wise, judicious, equitable.

**log**, *v.* 3. cut down, chop down, bring one's high horse; pompous, inflated, puffed up, ego-tistic, wise, judicious, equitable.

**logic**, *n.* 1. science of reasoning, dialectics, syllogistic, syllogistic reasoning, *Logic*. of reasoning; *deduction*.


**logical**, *adj.* 1. logistic, logicalistic; deductive, in-ductive, inferential; syllogistic, syllogistical, rati-o-cinative.

2. reasonable, rational, sound, sensible; smart, intelli-gent, wise, judicious, equitable.


**logistics**, *n.* strategy, stratagems, plan or plans, tactics, strategies, maneuvers, moves; engineering, or-chestration, coordination, masterminding; manage-ment, conducting, direction, *Inf.* quartering, superintendence, supervision, oversight, handling, running, execution.


**logo**, *n.* logotype, trademark, design, figure; trade name, manufacturer's or company name; *Journalism*. nameplate, masthead; letterhead, seal, stamp, mark, symbol.

**log**, *adj.* sluggish, phlegmatic, lethargic, lethalurgical, dull, sleepy, sleeping, drowsy, hebtedinous; laggard, slow, slow-moving, thick, heavy; indolent, supine, slothful, lazy, laid-back, faintéed, idle; languid, languorous, listless, lackadaisical, apathetic, indifferent, impassive; spiritless, lifeless, passive, inactive, inanimate, inert; insensible, torpid, dormant, stu-pified, stuporous, narcotic, drugged, comatose.

**loin**, *n.* 1. (all of mutton, venison, etc.) flank, limb, branch; *inf. loin*.

2. loiter, linger, tarry, stay, wait, remain, *Sl.* hang around, *Sl.* stick around; continue, persist, stay on, endure, abide, persevere, hang on.


5. travel, go, traverse, cover.

**loiter**, *v.* 1. loiter, tarry, stay, wait, remain, *Sl.* hang around, *Sl.* stick around; continue, persist, stay on, endure, abide, persevere, hang on.

2. loll, idle, *Inf.* loll, *Inf.* idly, *Inf.* lollygag, lounge, poke, dilly-dally; slouch, loaf, vegetate, waste time, *Inf.* diddle, procrastinate, fritter time away; dawdle, take one’s time or one’s own sweet time, kill time; mill around, trifle, potter, putter, play.

3. saunter, stroll, perambulate; amble, ramble, *Inf.* saunter, stroll, perambulate; amble, ramble, *Inf.* amble, ramble, *Inf.* lallygag, lounge, poke, dilly-dally; slouch, loaf, *Inf.* diddle, procrastinate, fritter time away; dawdle, take one’s time or one’s own sweet time, kill time; mill around, trifle, potter, play.


5. travel, go, traverse, cover.

**logo**, *n.* company name; name, manufacturer's or


2. lonesome, lonely, friendless, unfriended, forlorn, bereft, forsaken; abandoned, deserted, derelict, desolate.

3. lonesome, lonely, friendless, unfriended, forlorn, bereft, forsaken; abandoned, deserted, derelict, desolate.


2. (all for want of companionship) sad, depressed, melancholy, maudlin, Inf. down, Inf. down in the dumbs, Inf: blue, Inf: low. See sad.

3. remote, desolate, barren; unfrequented, unvisited, unpopulated, untravelled, unpeopled, uninhabited; out of the way, obscure, insular, in a backwater; set apart, secluded, recluse, solitudeous, sequestered, hidden, concealed; eerie, ghostly, Inf. scary.

long, adj. 1. extensive, extended, expanded, expansive; broad, wide, widespread, spread out, outspread, stretched out, outstretched.

2. lengthy, protracted, prolonged, elongated, elongate, sustained; longish, longest, long-drawn, long-drawn-out, marathon; drawn out, dragged out, spun out, strung out; interminable, without end.

3. verbose, wordy, prolix, long-winded, tedious, borring; discursive, digressive, rambling, wandering; diffuse, diffusive, garrulous, loquacious, voluble.

4. before long soon, before you know it, any minute now, in a minute, presently, shortly, in a short time or while.

5. the long and short of sum and substance, better part, gist, crux; core, nucleus, kernel, pith.

6. long (v. desire, wish for, long for, desiderate, want; 1. prolonged, protracted, 2. long-lasting, durable, lasting, enduring.

7. appear, seem, seem to be, look to be, have the earmarks of, sound like, appear like, resemble, have the earmarks of.

8. look for a.

9. look forward to on, prepare oneself for, be in readiness for.

10. look into investigate, explore, poke into, dig into,
delve into; examine, probe, fathom, plumb; inquire into, ask about, search into, go into, Archaic. indagate, research.

11. look on or upon. a. watch, Obs. spectate, witness, observe, eye, view, take in. b. consider, deem, regard, reckon, judge, opine; hold, think, reason, speculate, see, take.

12. look out. a. be on guard, be alert, be wary, be vigilant; watch out, keep one's eyes peeled, keep an eye out, keep one's eyes open.

13. look over. examine, inspect, check, monitor, proctor; run through, dash through, zip through, flip through; peruse, scan, speed-read.

14. look to. a. see, to forget, attend to, do, make sure to do; give mind to, pay attention to, advert to, give thought to, devote oneself to. b. turn to, refer to, resort to, have recourse to, betake oneself to; revert to, fall back on, avail oneself of, make use of.

15. look up. a. search for, run down, seek out, hunt up, track down; ransack, rummage, ferret through. b. visit, pay a visit to, call on, drop in on, go to see, look in on. c. improve, ameliorate, shape up, progress, gain; perk up, pick up, show improvement, make headway; come along, get better, grow better, make strides.

16. look up to esteem, admire, regard highly, think highly of, think well of; hold in admiration, have a high opinion of, revere, defer to; honor, extol, exalt, venerate, put on a pedestal; idolize, worship, adore, lide, sect, honor, extol, exalt, venerate, put on a pedestal; idolize, worship, adore, legendary; concupiscent, prurient, lustful, libidinous, salacious; indecent, dirty, foul, indelicate; wanton, wild, profane, abandoned, unregulated, uncensored, unclothed, uncircumcised, unclothed, uncircumcised; unclean, depraved, perverted; wicked, nefarious, flagitious; immoral, sinful, peccant, vice-ridden; unregenerate, unprincipled, shameless, unscrupulous; repugnate, shameful, disgraceful, worthless; notorious, infamous, scandalous, disreputable.

17. glance, glimpse, side glance, regard; scint, glint, blink, wink, Fr. coup d'oeil; glare, stare, gaze, come-hither look; dirty look, scowl, glower, glare, evil eye, It. malocchio; peek, peep, flash.
loosen, verb, loosen, looseness, noun.

Archaic, booty, noun.

loot, 1. Inf. horse around, Inf. raise Cain, Inf. fool or have a swell.

SI. raise the dead, go Inf. or cut up, or b. celebrate, carry on, blow
leave, quit, depart, become free
—v. 15. free, release, let go, set at liberty; liberate,
2. remit, mitigate, assuage, allay, relieve, alleviate,
Obs. or off. slake; relax, ease up
sion, easy, enamor, ameliorate, attenuate,
-emancipate, manumit; let loose, set loose, turn loose.
17. relax, moderate, mellow, make less strict, slacken,
ease, soften; mitigate, extenuate, ameliorate, attenuate,
weaken; reduce, diminish, lessen.
18. shoot, discharge, fire off, eject; catapult, hurl, throw out, project.

loosen, 1. slacken, slack, untighten, relieve tension, Obs. slake; relax, ease up or off.

2. remit, mitigate, assuage, allay, relieve, alleviate, palliate; mollify, moderate, modify, temper, subdue, chasten, soften, weaken, tone down; abate, reduce, diminish, lessen, lighten, attenuate, wane; decrease, decline, subside, recede, ebb, lull; yield, submit, give in.

3. unfasten, undo, unfix; unlace, unstrap, unscrew, unstick, unhook, unclasp, unbuckle, unbutton, unsnap; unlace, unstrap, unscrew, unstick, unglue; unfasten, unfix.

4. unbind, untie, unfetter, unshackle, unchain, unlop; unpin, let fall; unhandcuff, unbridle, unyoke, unmuzzle, unfranchise, affranchise, franchise; deliver, rescue, ransom, redeem, Theol. save.

5. disperse, scatter, dispel, dissipate, break up, disintegrate, disseminate, spread out.

looseness, 1. slackness, laxity, lassiness, carelessness, heedlessness, mindlessness, inattention; relaxation, loosening, offhandedness, casualness, easiness, indifference, nonconcern, insouciance; neglect, negligence, remissness, dereliction, unrigorousness, noninforcement, loosening, offhandedness, casualness, easiness, heedlessness, mindlessness, inattention; relax, moderate, mellow, make less strict, slacken, ease, soften; mitigate, extenuate, ameliorate, attenuate, weaken; reduce, diminish, lessen.

lord, noun.

1. lord and master, overlord, master, chief, ruler, tyrant, dictator; king, sovereign, monarch, majesty, crowned head, potentate, dynast; prince, emperor, rajah, maharajah, czar, caesar, kaiser, Fr. roi, Latin. rex, sheik, khan, governor, teetarach; president, Inf. prez, premier, chief-of-state, head-of-state, chief executive, captain of the ship of state; superior, commander, commandant, general, chieftain, high chief, (of some tribes of American Indians) sachem.

2. headman, head, captain, Inf. boss, Inf. bossman. Inf. big boss, man-in-charge; chairman, headmaster, principal, dean, director, administrator; executive, manager, overseer, supervisor, superintendent, Inf. super, foreman, Brit. gaffer; Inf. kingpin, Inf. king-
fish, Inf. number one, Inf. Mr. Big. Sl. top dog, Sl. head honcho, Sl. big cheese, Fr. grand fromage, Sl. big wheel or wheel, Sl. high man on the totem pole.

3. landlord, proprietor, owner, landowner, landholder; feudal lord or superior, feudal overlord, Hist. suzerain; seigneur, Japanese Hist. daimyo, signor; squire, Scot. laird, Russian Hist. boyar, (in medieval Germany) landgrave.

4. nobleman, noble, peer; grand duke, archduke, duke, marquis, margrave, earl, count, viscount, baron; grandee, magnifico, don, hidalgo.

5. Lord God, God Almighty, the Almighty, the Godhead, Divine Being, The Deity, Providence, Holy One; God the Father, Divine Father, Our Father; Jehovah, Yahweh, Alla; the Supreme Being, Supreme Goodness, the All-Powerful, the Omnipotent, the All-Merciful, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, the Omniscient; the Infinite, the Eternal, the Absolute; Lord of Lords, King of Kings, King of Glory; Creator, Author of all things, the Maker, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, the First Cause, the Prime Mover, the Light of the World, Ruler of Heaven and Earth, Sovereign of the Universe, Most High.

6. Lord Jesus, Jesus Christ, Christ Jesus, Christ the Lord; Jesus of Nazareth, the Nazarene, the Galilean. Literary. Jesu; the Redeemer, the Savior, Emmanuel, Immanuel, the Messiah, the Star of David, the Son of David, the Anointed, the Expected One; the Son of God, the Son of Man, the Prince of Peace, God Incarnate, the Incarnation, God in Man.

—v. 7. Lord it over. the lord, boss or boss around, command, dictate to, order around, tell [s.o.] what to do, direct, control; dominate, rule with an iron or heavy hand, be overbearing, rule dictatorially; tyrannize, oppress, repress, keep down, suppress.

lordly, adj. 1. lordlike, kinglike, kingly, regal, royal, imperial, noble, princely; formal, dignified, stately, splendid, impressive, imposing, grandiose; grand, magnificent, glorious, majestic, august; high, lofty, exalted, sublime; elegant, lavish, sumptuous, luxurious, Inf. swank, Inf. swanky, Inf. posh, Sl. ritzy, Sl. classy, high-class.

2. imperious, magisterial, high and mighty, overbearing, overweening, domineering; high-handed, arbitrary, presumptuous, peremptory, arrogant, haughty, insolent; cocky, overconfident, conceited, proud, condescending, patronizing, Inf. uppity, Inf. uppish, snobbish, snobby, Inf. snotty, Inf. snooty; self-assertive, aggressive, pushing, Inf. pushy, willful, forceful, imperious, commanding; masterful, authoritarian, authoritative, Inf. bossy, dictatorial; despotic, autocratic, tyrannical, iron-handed, oppressive.

—adv. 3. imperiously, magisterially, overbearingly, overweeningly, dominearly; high-handedly, arbitrarily, presumptuously, peremptorily, arrogantly, haughtily, insolently; cockily, overconfidently, conceitedly, proudly, condescendingly, patronizingly, Inf. uppishly, snobbishly, snobbily, Inf. snottily, Inf. snootily.

lore, n. 1. folklore, traditional knowledge or teachings.

2. knowledge, know-how, learning, erudition, letters, scholarship; book learning, education, schooling, instruction, tuition.

lose, v. 1. misplace, mislay; forget, Inf. clean forget, not remember, disremember, have no remembrance or recollection of, Inf. draw a blank; lose sight of, lose in the crowd.

2. outstrip, overtake, overhaul, pass, lap, leave behind, leave in the dust, leave flatfooted.

3. elude, evade, escape, duck, dodge, give [s.o.] the slip, Sl. duck and run, Sl. dog it, Sl. ditch [s.o.]; Sl. throw [s.o.] off the scent, Sl. shake [s.o.] off.

4. forfeit, default, give up, Inf. give in, have enough, admit defeat, yield, yield the palm, Inf. say uncle, Inf. throw in the towel; succumb, bow to, Inf. tip the hat to, Sl. hand it to; bite or lick the dust, Sl. take the conk; let slip through one's fingers, Sl. drop, Sl. kiss good-bye.

5. be defeated, get or have the worst of, come to grief, meet one's Waterloo, come off second best, Inf. lose out; fall, fall flat, Inf. fall on one's face, Sl. fall down; fail, Sl. blow it, Inf. not work out, Inf. not make it, Inf. not come off, Inf. flunk or flunk out, Sl. not hack it.

6. waste, squander, lavish, dissipate, deplete, consume, drain, pour down the drain, use up, exhaust; spend, expend, spend money like water, spend money as if it grew on trees, spend money like a drunken sailor, throw money around, run through money; fool away, fritter away, trifle away, fumble away.

7. depreciate, deteriorate, go to waste, come to nothing, come to naught, Inf. go up in smoke, Inf. go down the drain.

8. lose face be shamed, incur disgrace, fall into disrepute, earn a bad name, lose one's good name or reputation; disgrace oneself, demean oneself, degrade oneself, debase oneself, lower oneself, stoop.

9. lose ground fall behind, fall back, slip back, lag behind, get behind.

10. lose heart despond, despair, give oneself up over to despair, fall or sink into despair, lose hope, abandon hope, give up all hope; reach or plumb the depths, hit rock bottom, touch bottom, Sl. hit the pits.

11. lose one's head lose control, take leave of one's senses, Inf. go haywire; rage, explode, Inf. blow up, Sl. blow one's cool, Sl. blow a gasket or fuse, Sl. blow one's top or stack, Sl. flip, Sl. flip one's wig or lid, Sl. flip out, Sl. freak or freak out; fly into a passion, Inf. fly off the handle, go into hysterics, have a tantrum, have a fit, Inf. have a conniption or conniption fit, Inf. have a cat fit, Inf. hit the ceiling or roof, Sl. have a hemorrhage.

loser, n. 1. also-ran, runner-up, Inf. defector; the vanquished, the defeated; good loser, Inf. sport, good sport.

—Inf. formal. failure, lead balloon, Sl. flop, Sl. wash-out, Inf. dud, Sl. bomb, Inf. clunker, Inf. lemon, Sl. clinker, Inf. hummer, Sl. bust; two-time loser, three-time loser.

1. Slang. unfortunate, Inf. born loser, fortune's fool, Inf. Charlie Brown, Sl. sad sack, Sl. hard case or hard-luck case, Sl. schlemiel, Sl. schlimazel, Sl. dog.

loss, n. 1. detriment, disadvantage; prejudice; impairment, injury, damage, hurt, harm, disablement, incapacitation; step backward, regression, retrogression, lapse.

2. privation, deprivation, bereavement; sacrifice, denial, forfeiture; nonrestoration.

3. waste, wastage, depletion, dissolution, exhaustion, consumption, impoverishment; corrosion, erosion, ablation, wear and tear, wear, weathering.

4. destruction, ruin, undoing, perdition, total or complete or dead loss; breakdown, collapse; disrepair, dilapidation; wreckage.

5. at a loss a. at less than cost, at a financial loss, unprofitably, Inf. to the bad. b. perplexed, confused, confounded, bewildered, baffled, puzzled, mystified, nonplussed, Inf. beat, Inf. stuck, Inf. stamped; at an impasse, at a standstill, at one's wit's end; in a dilemma, on the horns of a dilemma, in a quandary, between a rock and a hard place, between the devil and the deep blue sea, between Scylla and Charybdis.
lost, adj. 1. forfeited, gone, no more, by the board, out the window, down the drain, long-lost; missing, vanished, disappeared, lost to sight or view, out of sight.
2. forgotten, unrecalled, unremembered, unrecollect-ed, unretained, out-of-sight-out-of-mind; consigned to oblivion, buried or sunk in oblivion.
3. irreclaimable, irretrievable, irrecoverable, irreversible, unsalvageable, past hope, hopeless, past praying for, beyond recall.
4. wasted, squandered, misspent; consumed, used up, exhausted, expended, spent.
5. astray, adrift, at sea, off the track, out of one's ground, property, house lot, building lot; block, portion, ap-portionment, allotment, measure; allowance, proportion, ration, dole, pittance, meed; commis-sion, percentage, Inf. cut, Sl. rake-off, Sl. whack, Sl. piece of the pie.
6. destroyed, ruined, wrecked; undone, done in, finished, ended, Sl. eighty-sixed; obliterated, effaced, eradicated, extirpated, wiped or blotted out.
7. preoccupied, bemused, abstracted, engrossed, rapt, taken up, lost in thought; absent, far away, somewhere else, not there.
8. distraught, desperate, hopeless; distracted, wild, frenzied, frantic, crazy, mad,adden, beside one-self, carried away.
9. parcell, parcel, packet, set, bundle, pack, batch, load, shipment; collection, clutter, Inf. mess, Sl. slew.
10. a lot, lots Informal. kind, sort, ilk, type; variety, species, family, class, order; tribe, clan, race, strain, blood, breed, caste.
11. throw one's lot in with join fortunes with, make common cause with, ally or align oneself with, link up with; wed, marry, bind, league, affiliate, combine with, join, Inf. throw in with, Sl. hook up with; support, stand with or by, stand up with, go with, run with, join forces with, make a commitment to, pledge one's support to, Inf. jump on the bandwagon, Inf. join the parade.

lot, n. 1. straw, pebble, counter, check, chip, Inf. bone.
2. lottery, drawing, pulling, drawing straws, casting lots; sweepstakes, raffle.
3. luck, chance, hazard, gamble, Archaic. hap; random shot, tossup, pot luck; fortuity, serendipity, fluke, stroke, happenstance, lucky pick, lucky number.
4. fortune, fate, destiny, kismet; circumstances, estate, state, condition, status, station; portion, cup, plight, end, final lot, doom; Inf. the way the cookie crumbles or the ball bounces.
5. part, share, interest, allotted share or portion, apportionment, allotment, measure; allowance, proportion, ration, dole, pittance, meed; commission, percentage, Inf. cut, Sl. rake-off, Sl. whack, Sl. piece of the pie.
6. plot, tract, patch, plat; division, field, piece of ground, property, house lot, building lot; block, square, section.
7. parcel, packet, package, set, bundle, pack, batch, load, shipment; collection, clutter, Inf. mess, Sl. slew.
8. group, party, band, crew, outfit, pack, cohort; flock, company, body, complement, contingent, Inf. crowd, Inf. team, Inf. string, Inf. stable; troop, gang, army, multitude, host, Sl. mob.
9. Informal. kind, sort, ilk, type; variety, species, family, class, order; tribe, clan, race, strain, blood, breed, caste.
10. a lot, lots Informal. deal, good or great deal, a great quantity, quantity, much, much of a muchness; volume, mass, mountain, load, tons, barrels, worlds, acres, oceans, heap, heaps, pile, piles, stack, stacks, loads, slacks; mint, peck, oodles, gobs, scads; consider-able, considerable number, many, numerous; Sl. boodle, Sl. caboodle, Dial. aplenty.
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lottery, n. 1. drawing, sweepstakes, raffle; lotto, bingo, keno, Brit. tombola; numbers or interest lot-tery, pool, numbers game, numbers pool; tontine.
2. gamble, risk, hazard, venture; uncertainty, incerti-tude, unforseeableness; chance, chanciness, tossup, such as it goes.

louder, adj. 1. loud-sounding, deafening, ear-splitting; stentorian, stentorius, rumbling, roaring, rolling, crashing; full, sonorous, full-throated; thunder-ous, booming, thundering, fulminating, growling; re-sounding, ringing, plagent, pealing, forte, fortissimo, loudish; window-rattling, earthshaking, enough to wake the dead; intense, head-splitting, ear-piercing, piercing, penetrating, harsh, harsh-sounding, grating, jarring, grinding.
2. resonant, vibrant, vibrating, pulsing, pulsating, throbbing; resounding, reverberating, reverberant, re-sounding, repercussive, sounding, echoing, reechoing, reboant; deep, deep-toned, heavy, bass, baritone.
3. howling, yowling, wailing, whining, bawling; ulu-lating, howling, wailing, whining, bawling; ulu-lant; noisy, clamorous, shouting, yelling, crying, screaming, yelping, yammering, Inf. hollo-ring; blaring, blatting, racketty, clatterey, clangorous, clanging.
4. vociferous, vociferant, obstreperous, stentipiant; bawling, boisterous, loud-mouthed, loud-voiced, big-voiced, clarion-voiced, bombastic, Rare. boanergean; uproarious, tumultuous, raucous, blustering, rip-roaring, rowdy, Brit. mafficking; swaggering, roisterous, roistering, rollicking.
5. emphatic, asserting, pressing, insistent, demand-ing, clamant, urgent, importunate, nagging.
6. garish, gaudy, flashy, tasteless, lurid, glaring, flar-ing, flashy, blinding; conspicuous, striking, flagrant, ostentatious; showy, flaunting, snazzy, Inf. splashy, Sl. jazzy; taw-dry, garish, meretricious.
7. bold, brassy, brazen, vulgar, gross, crass, rough, earthy, ribald; uncouth, uncivilized, unrefined, ill-bred; wild-and-woolly, rough-and-ready, hooliganish; coarse, rude, gruff, crude, raw, boorish, loutish, row-dyish, Sl. roughneck.

loudest, adj. 1. braggiest, braggadocio, brag, boast, Sl. bullshooter, Thraso, Rodomonte; bluster-er, swaggerer, gascon, fanfaron, trumpeter, tooter; blowhard, windbag, blatherskite, Sl. gas bag, Sl. big-mouth; blusterer, blowhard, humbug, fourflusher.
2. gossip, chatterbox, chitterer, palaverer, magpie, popinjay, Inf. jay; gabbler, prattler, blabber, blabber-mouth, tattler, tattletale, telltale, tale-bearer.

loudspeaker, n. speaker, speaker unit, speaker system, public address system, PA or PA system, intercommu-nication system, Inf. intercom, Inf. squawk or bitch box; megaphone, bullhorn, horn, hailor, loud-hailer; microphone, Inf. mike, lapel mike.

lounge, v. 1. idle, pass time idly, trifles, potter, fiddle, piddle, Inf. fiddle-faddle; daily, dilly-dally, Inf. lallygag; daydream, shilly-shally, procrastinate.
2. lol, Brit. Dial. loll, rest, lie on; lie around, re-chine on, lean on, repose on; sprawl, slump, flop, slouch; languish, vegetate, doze; loaf, loiter, take it easy, relax, not worry.
lousy, lice-infested, lice-ridden, lice-infect-
dial, thoughtful; warm-hearted, warm, benign, sympathetic, friendly, amiable; desirous, smoldering, flaming, ardant, passionate, earnest, lovesick.

low, adj. 1. ground-level, low-lying, unelivated; coastal, sea-level; flat, depressed, concave, sunken; nether, under, underground, buried, sub-merged, underwater, submarine, undersea, deep.

2. short, small, little, stumpy, truncated, squat, crouching, crouched, stooping, bent.

3. shallow, dried up, enervated, enervate, languid, languishing, drooping, fading, declining, failing, expiring, dying.

4. feeble, weak, frail, fragile, delicate, weakly, sick (both of tides), neap, ebb; reduced, diminished, decreased, lessened, attenuated, merged, underwater, submarine, undersea, deep.

5. inferior, beloowar, wanting, unacceptable, inadequate, insufficient; incompetent, not up to par or snuff, unprofessional, amateurish, lightweight; second-rate, mediocre, middling, moderate, so-so.

6. depressed, dejected, disheartened, dispirited, discouraged, daunted, dismayed, distressed, disappointed, crestfallen, broken-hearted, heartick, Inf. broken up; unhappy, cheerless, glum, gloomy, under a cloud, doleful, Archaic wan; saddened, sad, blue, forlorn, melancholy, mopey, mopish, long-faced, chapfallen, Inf. down in the mouth, SL. off one's feed; woebegone, heavy-hearted, disconsolate, sorrowful, mournful, lachrymose, funereal; weighed down, crushed, Inf. broken, SL. bummed out, despondent, spiritless.

7. humble, poor, plebian, proletarian, earth-born, of low birth, lowborn, low ranking, lowly. See lowly (def. 1).

8. wretched, sorry, abject, squalid, destitute, miserable, dismal, abysmal, dreary, Literary. drear; beggarly, scruffy, seedy, sleazy, abased.

9. mean, base, vile, sordid, bad, foul, wrong; de-praved, detestable, wicked, evil, iniquitous, sinful; corrupt, black-hearted, ignoble, sinister, miscreant, evil-minded; nefarious, flagitious, villainous, heinous, scandalous; disloyal, unfaithful, traitorous, treacherous, perfidious, unprincipled; reprehensible, blame-worthy, culpable; scoundrelly, knavish, thievish, roguish, nasty, snide; vicious, invidious, malicious, maleficiaent; contemptible, mean-spirited, curriish, despicable, insufferable, opprobrious, obnoxious.

10. course, vulgar, obscene, rude, crude, gross; lewd, lurid, scurrilous, Fessenehindered; ribald, bawdy, pornography, smutty, SL. raunchy; foul, foul-mouthed, rank, filthy, dirty, indecent, unseemly, improper, offensive, disgusting, revolting.

11. soft, subdued, quiet, whispered, murmured, gentle, dulcet; muted, stiffed, hushed, inaudible, imperceptible, indistinct, unclear.

12. dead, near death, prostate, downthrown.

low, v. moo, bellow, blare; bleat, blat, baa, bray, bawl.

lowborn, adj. humble, poor, simple, plebian; insignificant, obscure, utilitied, low. See low (def. 7).

lowbred, adj. coarse, uncivil, uncouth, rude, crude, crass, unpolished; rough-hewn, homespun, homely, earthy, common; rustic, countrified, loutish, churlish, boorish, ignorant, unsophisticated; ill-mannered, ill-bred, impolite; unmannerly, ungentlemanly, un lady-like, unwomanly; unseenly, unbecoming, indecorous; gruff, bearish, boisterous, Inf. loud, brazen, brassy.

low-down, n. 1. Informal. dope, inside information, inside story, intelligence, dirt, SL. info, SL. poop, SL. scoop; the facts, the real story, the unadorned facts, the truth.

-low, adj. 2. mean, base, contemptible; reprehensible, knavish. See low (def. 9).

lower, v. 1. let down, drop, depress; thrust down, detrude, plunge, immerse, engulf, souse, douse; let sink, vail, dip, submerge, submerse; bury, sink, put down; raze, level, bring down, fell, demolish; bend down, couch, duck.

2. reduce, decrease, diminish, lessen, abate, bate; mitigate, alleviate, allay, assuage, Rare. lenify, palliate; appease, soothe, SL. simmer down, relieve, ease, soften, cushion, mollify; quell, slake, dull, blunt, take the edge off of; modify, temper; minimize, extenuate, make light of, soft-petal, play down, downplay.

3. modulate, soften, quiet, hush, subdue, Music. flatten; turn down, tone down, soft-petal, muffle, damp, deaden, dull, mute; stifle, throttle, suppress, repress.

4. degrade, debase, abase, defame, vitiate; discredit, devalue, detract; shame, disgrace, dishonor, humble, humiliate, mortify; belittle, demean, deprecate, disparage, deflate, derogate; discredit, tarnish, taint, vilify; (all of oneself) stoop, condescend, deign.

5. deprecate, devaluate, downgrade; demote, declass, disrate, cashier, disbar, defrock, depose; discount, mark down, mark off, deduct, subtract, take off.

6. subside, let up, moderate, dwindle, run low; interrupt, cease, decline, fall off; wane, taper off, drop off, tail off, fade away, ebb, slacken; weaken, fall, languish.

7. descend, come down, sink, go down; recede, retrocede, fall away, fall back; droop, flop, sag, flag, swag; slope, dip, slant, lean, list, cant, tilt, incline; stoop, slump, dive, plunge, nosedive; founder, go under.

lower, v. 1. darken, grow dark, darkle, dusk, darken, grow dark, darkle, dusk, lower v. lowering, adj. restrained, understated, played down, low-keyed; modulated, toned down, softened; soft sell, subtle, indirect, quiet; mellow, laid-back, relaxed, loose.

lowland, n. flat, flat or open country, plain, steppe, tundra, champaign; prairie, grassland, meadow, savannah, Brit. heath, Chiefly Brit. moor, (both in
lowly, adj. 1. humble, poor, plebian, proletarian, of low birth, lowly, low, unequal, inferior, baseborn, of low mean parentage, untitled; simple, plain, homespun, homely, rustic, countrified; common, commonplace, ordinary, average, humdrum; consequential, of little or small importance, insignificant, Archaic. inglorious, unknown, obscure, undistinguished; subordinate, mean, low-ranking, second-rate; trivial, paltry, petty, puny, trifling, peddling, pilfering, Inf. measly, Sl. small potatoes, Inf. small time.

2. wretched, sorry, abject, squalid, destitute, miserable, dismal, abysmal, dreary, Literary. drear.

3. modest, unpretentious, unpretending, unassuming, unsuspecting, free from pride, without arrogance, unostentatious, reserved, restrained, unassuming; meek, mild, docile, submissive, passive, placid, peaceful, lamblike; dutiful, obedient.

4. antithesis of noble, great, glorious, splendid, magnificent, exalted, grand, distinguished, illustrious, eminent, renowned, distinguished, celebrated, famous, celebrated, well-known, notable, distinguished, illustrious, exalted.

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lubricant, n. 1. lubricator, emollient, oil, mineral oil, vegetable oil, olive oil, petroleum; grease, fat, lard, butter, glycercin; unguent, ointment, (in prescription) unguentum. Relig. unction, lotion; graphite, plumago, black lead. See also lube.

2. antithesis of lubricant, lubricous, lubricative; lube, lubricating, oily, unctuous, greasy; fatty, adipose, seaceous; buttery, slippery, smooth, slick, sleek.

lubricate, v. oil, grease, smear with grease; lard, butter, dress, smear, daub; soap, wax, pomade, smooth, slick, make slippery, make smooth; oil the wheels, smooth the way, soap the way.

lubricity, n. 1. oiliness, slipperiness, greasiness, slierness,-smoothness, sleekness, glassiness, glossiness, skiddiness, icksness; soapiness, waxiness, butteriness, unctuousness, oleaginousness, mucosity.

2. antithesis of lubricity, lubricous, slippery, greasy; fatty, adipose, seaceous; buttery, slippery, smooth, slick, sleek.
carnal, sensual, bestial, animal; priapic, satyric, goatish, hircine, randy, Sl. horny, Sl. hot; wanton, abandoned, dissolute, debauched, dissipated, incontinent, intemperate, Paphian; shameless, impure, unchaste, unvirtuous, immoral, degenerate.

4. obscene, pornographic, Sl. porno, blue, smutty, Sl. raunchy; ribald, bawdy, Fescennine, scurrilous, ir-reverent; lurid, indecent, off-color, offensive, suggestive, risqué; vulgar, gross, filthy, coarse, dirty, crude.

lucid, adj. 1. clear, limpid, Pellucid, translucent, transparent, crystalline, hyaline, vitreous, glassy, clear as glass.
2. easily understood, understandable, intelligible, comprehensible, perspicuous, perceptive, acute, penetrating; plain, distinct, straightforward, evident, self-evident, obvious, easy to see; graphic, explicit, unambiguous; manifest, crystal-clear, clear to see, easy to grasp; undisguised, unclouded, clearly discernible, hidden, revealed, disclosed, overt, bare, naked, unconcealed; well-marked, clear-cut, clearly delineated, sharply defined, sharply outlined; simple, direct, pointed, to the point, concise, cogent; specific, absolute, conclusive, unqualified, categorical.
3. sane, rational, able to reason, Inf. sound, sound of mind, of sound mind, mentally capable, Latin, compos, Latin, compos mentis, mentally competent, Inf. balanced, Inf. all there, Inf. with everything there, Inf. with all one's marbles, possessing all one's faculties; right, all right, in one's right mind.
4. shining, bright, bright as day, bright as a star, Inf. light as feather, Inf. pale as milk, Inf. brilliant, Inf. shining, Inf. bright, Inf. bright as day, Inf. bright as a star, Inf. shining, Inf. bright as day, Inf. bright as a star.

luck, n. 1. chance, mere chance, happy chance, hades, mere chance, happy chance, n.
2. fortunately, by chance, by mere chance, as it chanced, by a fluke, by luck or fortune; by good luck, by good fortune, by a piece of luck, by a piece of good fortune or fortune.

lucrative, adj. profitable, profit-making, gainful, moneymaking, remunerative, paying, well-paying, high-paying, fat; productive, fruitful, fructuous, generative, yielding, fecund, fertile, rich; well-rewarding, rewarding, worthwhile, worth one's while or time or effort, well-spent; prosperous, valuable, beneficial, advantageous, propitious, favorable, desirable.

lucrative, n. profit, profits, gain, proceeds, winnings, Sl. take, Sl. velvet, Sl. clean-up; return, fruit, yield, harvest, interest, dividend; remuneration, recompensation, recompense, emolument, pay, payment, pay-check, earnings, income, revenue; money, cash, Sl. coin, Sl. bucks, Sl. green stuff, Sl. cabbage, Sl. lettuce, Sl. spinach, Sl. dough, Sl. bread, Sl. loot, Sl. scratch, Sl. gravy, Sl. moola, Sl. do-re-mi, Sl. wampum, Disparaging, filthy lucre. See money.

lucubrate, v. 1. to study, apply oneself, exogitate, cerebrate, con, cogitate, burn the midnight oil, dig, grind, Brit. Inf. swot, Brit. Inf. vet, Inf. cram, Sl. hit the books, Sl. crack the books; toil, fag, moil, slave; pore over, concentrate, deliberate, weigh, intellectualize; bury oneself in, plunge into, rack one's brains, cudgel one's brains, hammer away at, think hard.
2. to discourse, treatise, Archaic, dissert; expound, expose, expatiate, descant, explain, explicate; criticize, Sl. critique, review, comment on, discuss.

lucubration, n. 1. studiousness, application, diligence, assiduity, concentration; study, deliberation, rumination, contemplation; deep thought, headwork, brainwork, Sl. grind.
2. dissertation, treatise, thesis, treatment, discussion; exposition, essay, dissertation, disquisition, precedent; critique, commentary, tract, excursus, Archaic, inditement; explication, explanation, exegesis; manuscript, composition, monograph, opus; work, writing, paper, term paper, research paper.

luculent, adj. 1. clear, lucid, crystal clear, clear-cut, graphic, perspicuous; explicit, express, manifest, plain, direct, to the point; understandable, intelligible, comprehensible.
2. cogent, logical, sound, rational, reasonable; credible, plausible, well-founded, well-grounded; convincing, persuasive, inducive, compelling, forcible; unquestionable, irrefutable, incontrovertible, indisputable.
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**ludicrous, adj.** 1. comical, farcical, burlesque; satirical, ironical, sarcastic, cynical; laughable, good for a laugh, derisible, risible, ridiculous, Sl. for the birds; humorous, funny, too funny for words; droll; wag-gish, witty, roguish, jocular, jocose, facetious, sportsive; diverting, entertaining, mirthful, amusing; side-splitting, screaming, hilarious, uproarious.

2. absurd, inane, pointless, fatuous; nonsensical, senseless, Inf. damfool, Inf. damfoolish, tomfoolish, foolish, Scot. and North Eng. glaikit, Sl. cockeyed; poppycockish, Sl. cockamamie, amphiboric, asinine, anserine, idiotic, Inf. moronic, imbecilic; stupid, unintelligent, mindless, fatuous, slow, brainless; empty-headed, blank, vacant, vacuous; childish, puerile, green, immature; crazy, crazed, Sl. kooky, Scot. doiled, mad, wild, insane, demented; daft, Inf. daftly, crackbrained, Inf. nutty; All Slang. balmy, dippy, batty, cuckoo, buggoo, screwy, wacky, goofy, loony.

3. unreasonable, irrational, illogical, without rhyme or reason, meaningless; preposterous, extravagant, monstrous, monstrous, outlandish, bombastic, high-flown; eccentric, odd, Archaic. antic, out-of-the-way, strange, peculiar, quaint; queer, quizzical, grotesque, bizarre; imaginary, fantastic, fabulous, illusory, illusive, chimerical; incredible, inconceivable, unimaginable, unthinkable; unbelievable; hard to believe, beyond belief, implausible, untenable, unheard of; doubtful, doubtable, dubitable, questionable.

4. untrue, fallacious, impossible, nonsensical, contradictory, paradoxical, inconsistent.

5. inappropriate, incongruous, improper, unsuited, ill-advised; egregious, glaring, flagrant, gross, abhorrent, asinine, damfoolish, damfool, tomfoolish.

6. split, screaming, hilarious, uproarious.

7. diverting, entertaining, mirthful, amusing; side-splitting, humorous, funny, too funny for words, droll; amusing, amusingly, merriment, laughable, hilarious, comic, comic, humorous, funny, fun, joke, jest, joke, laugh, lark, prank, ridicule, risible, ridiculous.

8. quiet, stillness, hush, silence, soundless-ness, not a sound; calm, repose, restfulness, composure; tranquility, quiescence, placidness, serenity, peace.

9. respite, recession, interlude, interruption, intermission, interval, time-out, Sports. halftime, pause, cessation, break, lapse, caesura, hiatus; truce, cease-fire, armistice, moratorium; suspension, abeyance, suspence, mid-air; standstill, discontinuance, stop, halt.

10. abatement, letup, subsidence, decline; lessening, decrease, diminution, slackening; slack season, slow time, off-season.

11. murmur, whisper, rush, rustle, sigh, sough, susurration, murmuration; hum, purr, whir, buzz, drone, thump; patter, gurgle, babble, plash, lapping, purl.

12. cradlesong, song, Music. beceuse, witty. soft music, lulling tone.

13. cut timber, fell trees, log, prepare logs.

14. heap, pile, bunch, mass, huddle, cram, throw together; jumble, mix, mingle, tangle, entangle; clutter, litter, mess, tumble, scatter, stew about; disarrange, disorder, unsettle, discompose; disorganize, shuffle, dishevel, make a shambles, Inf. turn topsy-turvy, Inf. muss up.

15. fill, fill up, fill to the brim, fill to overflowing, overfill, stuff, overstuff, crowd, overcrowd, congest; force in, pack in, push in, jam, squeeze, pack like sardines; encumber, make impassable, block, bar, blockade.

16. clumsy, awkward, ungraceful, ungainly; oafish, doltish, cloddish, heavy-footed, bury-berly, bearish, bovine, lumpish, hulking; stodgy, stolid, heavy, unwieldy, ponderous; stiff, uneasy, wooden, gawky, constrained.

17. bungling, blundering, bumbling, bunglesome, heavy-handed; left-handed, all thumbs, maladroith; unhandy, inefficient, inept, incapable.

18. celestial or heavenly body, sun, moon, star, shining star.

19. light, lighter, illuminant, illuminator, source of light; ray, beam, shaft of light; lightbulb, lamp, chandelier, electrolier, flashlight, flood lamp, search light, lantern, beacon; candle, taper, candelabrum, match, torch, flare, flame, blaze, fire.

20. star, superstar, bright light, guiding light, leading
lunate, n. lunate, crescent-shaped, semilunar, semicircular; crescentlike, crescentoid, crescentic, moon-shaped.

lunatic, n. 1. madman, Sl. loony, maniac, bedlamite, Inf. crackpot, Sl. kook, Sl. nut, Sl. screwball; psychotic, Sl. sickie, psychopath, schizophrenic, Sl. schizo; paranoiac, Psychiatrie. manic-depressive; Psychiatry. megalomanic, pyromaniac, Psychol. kleptomaniac, dipsomaniac, automaniac.

2. eccentric, nonconformist, Bohemian; dreamer, Don Quixote, highflyer, rhapsodist; enthusiast, fanatic, crank, zealot, phrenetic; energumen, demoniac.

3. imbecile, idiot, mooncalf, Inf. moron; dimwit, nitwit, half-wit, featherbrain, pinhead; fool, crackbrain, Sl. lamebrain, saphead, Simple Simon, noodle, Inf. jay, sl. jerk, goose; simpleton, ninny, nincompoop, silly, silly billy, drivel, tomfool; sulker, Inf. grouch, Inf. crank.

—adj. 4. insane, crazy, crazed, mad, lunatical, demented, deranged; of unsound mind, Latin. non compos mentis, mentally ill; daft, Inf. daffy, unbalanced, touched, Inf. unglued, Inf. half-baked, Brit. Sl. bonkers, Brit. Sl. barmy, unhinged, distracted; dazed, moon-struck, possessed, infatuated; odd, peculiar, queer, bizarre, Chiefly Brit. Inf. poxy, Inf. dotty, Inf. crackpot; brainsick, Sl. kooky, Sl. meshuga; All Sl. balmy, dippy, bitty, bats, cuckoo, buggy, bughouse, bugs, screwy, wacky, wacko, goofy, loony, squirrelly, bananas, nuts, nutty, nutty as a fruitcake.

5. out of one’s head or mind or senses or wits, Scot. redwood, Sl. loco, mad as a hatter, mad as a March hare, out of one’s mind, out of one’s wits’ end; out of control, out of one’s wits; out of control, one’s wits; out of one’s mind; out of one’s wits; out of one’s wits, one’s wits end; out of control, uncontrollable, unrestrained, corybantic, Inf. haywire, berserk, rabid, wild; violent, stormy, fierce, tempestuous, tumultuous, turbulent.

6. maniacal, hysterical, maddening, Archaic. wood, delirious, frantic, frenzied, frenetic; ranting, raving, storming, foaming at the mouth, convulsing; overwrought, distraught, upset, worked-up, wrought-up, stirred-up; exasperated, provoked; beside oneself, at one’s wits’ end; out of control, out of one’s wits, out of one’s mind, out of one’s wits; out of control, unbotrable; unrestrained, corybantic, Inf. haywire, berserk, rabid, wild; violent, stormy, fierce, tempestuous, tumultuous, turbulent.

7. absurd, silly, inane, fatuous, crackbrained, foolish; irrational, wild-eyed, illogical, unreasonable; senseless, nonsensical, pointless; ridiculous, laughable, risible, derisible, ludicrous; asinine, asinine, idiotic, Inf. moronic, imbecilic; childish, puerile, immature.

8. stupid, simple-minded, bird-brained, feeble-minded, dull-witted; harebrained, light-minded, light-headed, giddy; rambling, driving, wandering, incoherent; scatterbrained, absent-minded; confused, muddled, muddled, bemused, bemused.

9. featherheaded, light-hearted, giddy, carefree, Inf. dizzy; frivulous, superficial, frothy; eccentric, idiosyncratic; flighty, whimsical, capricious.

10. impractical, injudicious, unsensible; unfounded, groundless, unsound; preposterous, extravagant, excessive; inappropriate, inept, improper, incongruous, inconsistent; imprudent, indiscreet; unwise, ill-considered, ill-advised, ill-advised; short-sighted, careless, unwise, irresponsible; reckless, rash, harum-scarum; unsafe, dangerous, perilous.

lunch, n. 1. luncheon, Brit. tiffin, Fr. déjeuner; brunch, Brit. elevenses.

2. light meal, light repast, collation, Inf. snack, Inf. bite, Inf. nosh; refreshments.

3. luncheonette, lunchroom, lunch counter, lunch bar, bar and grill, grill, grill room, diner; canteen, automat; café, restaurant; snack bar.

lunge, n. 1. stab, thrust, jab, poke, pass, cut, swing, feint.

2. plunge, leap, jump, spring, pounce.

—v. 3. dash, dive, pitch, pitch into, leap, pounce, jump; lay at, have at, lash out at, swing at, take a swing or crack or swipe or poke at, make a thrust or pass at, deal or aim a blow at.

4. thrust, cut and thrust, poke, pass, cut, swing, feint.

lupine, adj. 1. wolfish, wolflike.

2. savage, ferocious, fierce, bloodthirsty; predatory, predacious, raptorial; ravenous, ravaging, rapacious.

lurch, n. 1. list, roll, reel, pitch, toss, tumble; swing, sway, veer, swerve, skew, stagger, totter.

—v. 2. (all of a ship) roll, reel, pitch, toss, pitch and toss, toss and tumble, tumble, flounder, waver, wallow, make heavy weather, be the sport of wind and waves; slant, keel, list, tilt, sway, rock.

3. stagger, totter.

lure, n. 1. attraction, attractant, inducement, incitement, Sl. come-on, allurement; magnet, captivator, bewitchment, blandishment, siren song; temptation, charm, drawing card, forbidden fruit, intrigue, stratagem;

2. decoy, stool pigeon, shill; hook, baited hook, bait, flytrap, flypaper, deadfall, trap, pitfall, snare, spring.

—v. 3. attract, entice, captivate, induce; allure; fascinating, enchant, bewitch, tempt, charm, enrapture; inveigle, decoy, tantalize, titillate, whet the appetite; seduce, lead down the primrose path; draw in, lead in, magnetize; beguile, persuade, blandish, cajole; enslave, hook, rope in, entrap, snare.

lurid, adj. 1. fiery, burning, flaming, glowing, aglow, glaring; ruddy, flame-red, orange-red, scarlet, crimson, cherry-red; blood-red, blood-colored, bloody, gory, sanguine; overbright, brilliant, dazzling.

2. sensational, melodramatic, vivid, stimulating, Both Journalism. Inf. scare, Inf. yellow; agitating, perturbing, exaggerated, extravagant, extreme; startling, shocking, tantalizing.

3. gruesome, grisly, grim, macabre; terrible, awful, frightful, appallling; dire, horrible, horrid, repugnant, disgusting, revolting; coarse, vulgar.

4. intense, fierce, furious, passionate; vehement, vigorous, turbulent, tumultuous; ardent, bursting out, raging, stormy, frenzied; wild, hot, savage, unrestrained; explosive, volatile, volcanic.

5. sallow, wan, pale, colorless, ashen, ash, ghastly; murky, cloudy, overcast, crepuscular, lowering, leaden, dusky; dismal, gloomy, dull, drab, dreary, somber; baleful, menacing.

lurk, v. skulk, sneak, slink, prowl, steal, tiptoe, move with stealth; lie in wait, lie low; hide, hide out, conceal oneself, play peek-a-boo; melt into the shadows, dark; ambush, waylay.
luscious, adj. 1. delectable, delicious, Inf. scrumptious, tasty, dainty, appetizing, tempting; mouth-watering, flavorful, saporous, savory, tangy, spicy, piquant, epicurian; succulent, juicy, rich, creamy; ambrosial, ambrosian, nectarous, nectarain, mellifluous, sweet, tender; palatable, sapid, toothsome, Scot. gustable.

2. delightful, enjoyable, pleasing, pleasurable, pleasant, agreeable; dulcet, melodious; fragrant, aromatic, perfumed, scented.

3. luxurious, grand, splendid, magnificent, sumptuous, superb; refined, fine, elegant.

4. voluptuous, sensuous, sexy, gorgeous, beautiful, attractive.

lush1, adj. 1. fresh, succulent, juicy, sappy, moist, watery; pulpy, fleshy, soft, spongy.

2. luxuriant, dense, thick, overgrown, overrun; jungly, jungled, tropical; flourishing, verdured, verdurous, verdant, green; superabundant, exuberant, rank, excessive, prolific.

lush1, n. Slang. alcoholic, dipsomaniac, drinker, hard or problem drinker; drunkard, drunk, inebriate, sob, sook, tosspot, toper, bibber, bibble, barfly; All Inf. guzzler, swiller, soaker, sponge; All Sl. boozier, boozehound, souse, rummy, alky, dipso, juicehound, juicer. See also drunkard.

lust, n. 1. sexual appetite, libido, Eros, biological urge, sexual longing; sexual desire, aphrodiasia, sex drive, sex energy, hot blood; sexuality, voluptuousness, sexiness, fleshliness, eroticism; rut, heat, Zool. estrus, (in female animals) Dial. pride.

2. lecherousness, salaciousness, salacity, prurience, prurity, concupiscence; lasciviousness, lewdness, licentious, lustfulness; randiness, Sl. horniness, Sl. hots, Sl. hot pants; goatishness, ruttishness, satyrism, priapism, venery, lechery; carnality, bestiality, animality, sensuality; Pathol. nymphomania, andromania, Pathol. satyriasis, gynecomania, citoromania, eroticomania; libertinism, wantonness, immorality, unchastity; profligacy, dissoluteness, debauchery, dissolution, dissoluteness, incontinence, intemperance.

3. desire, greed, greediness, cupidity, avarice, avariciousness; voracity, rapacity, ravenousness, wolfishness, averseness, aversity, covetousness, acquisitiveness; ambition, status-seeking, power-hunger, careerism, enthusiasm.

4. relish, gusto, zest, zestfulness, élan; animation, liveliness, spirit, life, spiritedness, perkingness; glow, ardor, robustness, vivacity.

—v. 5. crave, hunger for or after, thirst for or after, Inf. hanker for or after; pant after, gasp after, covet, run mad after; long for, pine for, hurt for, ache for, itch for, be consumed with desire for, Sl. letch after.

luster, n. 1. sheen, burnish, shine, gloss, glow; gleam, glimmer, glint, glitter, sparkle, twinkle, shimmer.

2. polish, wax, oil, rosin, coating.

3. brilliance, dazzle, radiance, luminousness, lumenosity, lappiness, refugence, effulgence, irradiation, glowing, fluorescence, incandescence, phosphorescence, iridescence, opalescence; luminescence, luminosity, radiation.

4. merit, credit, glory, honor, distinction, fame, notability, illustriousness.

lusterless, adj. dull, flat, matte, unpolished, unburnished; dingy, dark, dim, dun, dusky; drab, colorless, tarnished, faded, washed out; shadowy, gloomy, tenebrous, obscure; murky, hazy; smutzy, dirty, grimy, soiled, muddy.

lustful, adj. 1. craving, desiring, desirous, wanting; greedy, avaricious, avid, covetous, cupidinous, acquisitive; wolfish, hoghish, piggish, glutonous, ravenous, ravishing, insatiate, unappeasable, unsatisfied; power-hungry, ambitious, careerist, self-advancing, aspiring.

2. lewd, lecherous, libidinous, libidinal, lubricious, Archaic. lickery; randy, Sl. horny, goaty, hitrine, satyric, priapic; carnal, sensual, bestial, brutish, animal; prurient, salacious, concupiscient, buttock; passionate, hot-blooded, Sl. hot, steamy; wanton, profligate, abandoned, intemperate, incontinent. Paphian, dissolute, debauched, dissipated; degenerate, decadent, shameless, immoral, unchaste, unvirtuous.

lustrous, adj. 1. shiny, shining, glossy, gleaming, agleam: bright: sheenful, shiny, nitty, polished, burnished, rutulant; radiant, irradiant, lambent, resplendent, beaming, beamy; dazzling, vivid, intense, ablaze, aflame, asire; fulgent, effulgent, refugent; aglow, glowing, luminous, luminescent, luminiferous, incandescent, phosphorescent; iridescent, (both usu. of gems) orient, oriental; sparkling, scintillating, scintilant, coruscating, twinkling, shimmering, glimmering, glittering, aglitter, fulgid.

2. brilliant, magnificent, superb, rich, gorgeous; splendid, splendidous; glorious, illustrious, distinguished; renowned, famous, celebrated, eminent, prominent; august, admirable, majestic, honorable, venerable, reverend.

lusty, adj. 1. vigorous, full of vigor, robust, robustious, hardy, hale, hearty, and strong and healthy, bustling with health or vigor, Sl. gusy; energetic, full of energy, lively, full of life, youthful, blooming, (of a woman) buxom; sound, healthy, in good health, in good condition, fit, physically fit, in fine fettle, Inf. in good shape, Inf. in shape, Inf. the picture of health.

2. stout, staunch, strong, sturdy, tough, iron, inured, hardened, enduring, staminal, resilient, Inf. tough as nails, Inf. hard as rock; stalwart, rugged, hefty, husky, burly, solid, well-knit; able-bodied, able, athletic, sinewy, wiry; muscular, brawny, strapping, powerfully built, broad-shouldered, Derog. muscle-bound; powerful, potent, mighty.

3. hearty, heavy, substantial, ample, plenty, filling, satisfying, satiating, satiating.

luxuriant, adj. 1. prolific, profligate, teeming, teemous, teeming; copious, ample, abounding, overflowing, overspilling, spilling over, running over; lavish, thriving, superabundant; fruitful, fertile, fecund, productive.

2. copious, ample, abounding, overflowing, overspilling, spilling over, running over; lavish, thriving, superabundant; fruitful, fertile, fecund, productive.

3. florid, flowery, busy, ornate, baroque, elaborate, wrought, rococo, arabesque, osten- tatious, flamboyant, showy, Sl. flashy, gaudy, garish, tawdry; (all of writing) high-flown, bombastic, rhetorical, figurative, tropical, euphuistic.

luxuriate, v. 1. enjoy, bask in, indulge in, swim in, wallow in; feast on, savor, appreciate, gloat over, Inf. smack one's lips over, eat up; like, love, fancy, take to, Sl. dig; take pleasure in, be pleased with, take satisfaction in, derive pleasure from; delight in, relish in, rejoice in, revel in, riot in, Sl. groove on; Sl. get a bang or kick or boost out of, Sl. get a charge or lift out of, Sl. get high off, Sl. get off on.

2. thrive, prosper, flourish; grow, bloom, blossom, flower; bear fruit; fructify; mature, mature, ripen; burst forth, mushroom, burgeon, boom, develop vigorously; issue, arise, originate, spring up, sprout, bud, germinate, pullulate, shoot up.

3. live in luxury, live in comfort, live off the fat of...
the land, live high off the hog, be in clover; have a
good time, have a time of it, Inf. have the time of one's
life, Inf. have a ball; take it easy, live the life of Riley.

4. overindulge, overdo, go too far, carry to excess, be
in temperate.

luxurious, adj. 1. rich, costly, dear; extravagant,
grand, opulent, sumptuous, gorgeous; plush, posh, Inf.
swank, Inf. swanky; ostentatious, pretentious, showy,
Inf. ritzy, Inf. fancy.

2. comfortable, agreeable, easy, efual; enjoyable,
pleasurable, gratifying; exciting, titillating, tantalizing,
appealing.

3. epicurean, sybaritic, sensual, carnal, voluptuous;
self-indulgent, temperate, free-living, Saturnalian;
excessive, inordinate, immoderate; wild, unrestrained,
orgiastic.

4. copious, ample, abounding, overflowing, overspill
ling, luxurious. See luxuriant (defs. 1, 2).

5. florid, flowery, frilly, busy, ornate; adorned,
decorated, embellished; (of writing) bombastic, figu-
rateive. See luxuriant (def. 3).

luxury, n. 1. luxuriousness, luxe, sumptuousness,
lavishness, opulence, splendor, purple and fine linen;
abundance, profuseness, excessiveness, exorbitance.

2. indulgence, ease, Inf. easy street. Inf. velvet;
Inf. clover; comfort, well-being, sufficiency, bed of roses,
rose garden; wealth, affluence, richness.

3. self-indulgence, epicureanism, sybaritism, hedon-
ism, voluptuousness, sensuality, It. dolce vita, Sl. high
living; restraint, immoderation, intemperance, in-
temperateness; pleasure, enjoyment, delight.

4. extravagance, nonessential, treat, rarity, prodigal-
ness, excessiveness, exorbitance.

5. florid, flowery, frilly, busy, ornate; adorned,
decorated, embellished; (of writing) bombastic, figu-
rateive. See luxuriant (def. 3).

lyceum, n. 1. U.S. academy, institute, seminar,
chautauqua.

2. lecture hall or room, assembly room, hall, conven-
tion hall, exhibition hall; gallery, theater, amphithe-
tater, auditorium.

3. secondary school, high school, senior high school,
Inf. senior high, (primarily in France) lycée, Brit.
gramar school; preparatory school. Inf. prep school,
Brit. public school, (in continental Europe, esp. Ger-
many) gymnasium.

lydian, adj. (all of music) voluptuous, sensual, sen-
suous, luxurious, luxuriant; soothing, relaxing, mel-
low, dulcet.

lyning, n. 1. untruthfulness, truthlessness, unverac-
ity, unveraciousness, mendacity, mendaciously; dis-
honesty, crookedness, deceit, deceitfulness, falseness,
falsity, hypocrisy, double-dealing; guile, guilefulness,
disingenuity, disingenuousness, uncandidness, un-
frankness; fibbing, Psychiatry. mythomania.

—adj. 2. untruthful, unveracious, mendacious,
forked-tongued; dissembling, disingenuous, insincere,
hy po critical, un candid, un frank, guileful, mealy-
mouthed; deceitful, dishonest, crooked, double-deal-
ing, two-faced, Janus-faced; deceptive, misleading,
false, fraudulent, untrue.

lymphatic, adj. 1. serous, rheumy, phlegmy, hu-
meral, ichorous.

2. languid, languorous, lethargic, listless, lifeless, in-
animate, spiritless, zestless, Inf. peepless; dull, heavy,
sluggish, lumpish, torpid, supine, hebetudinous, Sl.
dopey.

lynn, v. hang, gibbet, Sl. string up, Sl. scrag, Sl.
stretch; execute, put to death, kill, murder, slay; stone,
lapidate, burn at the stake.

lynching, n. murder by mob, mob-murder; hanging,
Sl. stringing up, Sl. scragging, Sl. stretching, Sl. neck-
tie party; execution; lapidation, stoning, burning,
burning at the stake; martyrdom, crucifixion, impale-
ment.

lynx-eyed, adj. sharp-eyed, eagle-eyed, quick-
sighted, keen-eyed, hawk-eyed; all-seeing, far-see-
ing, all-observer, not missing a thing; clear-sighted,
perspicacious, discerning, discriminating, perceptive;
insightful, intuitive, keen, acute, wide awake, sharp,
sharp as a tack, alert, bright; Argus-eyed, watchful,
vigilant, on the watch, on the alert, on the qui vive,
on guard, on the lookout; wary, prudent, discreet; sleep-
less, never sleeping, wide awake, with both eyes open,
 alive, clear-headed, canny, shrewd, Inf. on top of things.
Inf. nobody's fool.

lyric, adj. 1. (all of poetry) songlike, singing, mu-
sical, melodic, melodious, lyrical; subjective, personal,
expressive, deep-felt, direct, earnest, ardent, warm,
deep; passionate, impassioned, fervid, moving; rhap-
sodic, elegiac.

2. (all of a voice) light, of modest range, limited,
small; graceful, flowing, lilting; silence, clear, dulcet,
sweet, mellifluous, mellifluent, mellisonant; pure,
tempered, refined; concordant, harmonious, euphoni-
ous, mellow.

3. (all of style) rapturous, rhapso dic, effusive,
effusive, spontaneous; undisciplined, ungoverned, un-
trolled, self-indulgent; impulsive, burning, exciting.

—n. 4. poem, lied, rondeau, rondel, rondelay;
triolet, villanelle, ballade, madrigal; elegy, ode, sonnet.

5. lyrics words to a song, libretto, book, text.

lyricism, n. 1. lyric style, musicality, musicalness,
song-like quality; subjectivity, expressiveness, direct-
ness, earnestness; warmth, passion, fervidness, rhap-
sody.

2. enthusiasm, over-enthusiasm, gushiness, effusive-
ness, emotionalism, lack of restraint, demonstrative-
ness, lack of reserve; eagerness, keenness, intentness,
intensity, excitement; fervor, ardor, fervency, warmth,
glow, fire; spirit, abandon, liveliness, vivacity; emo-
tion, animation, exuberance, ebullience; vitality, life,
buoyancy, It. brio, zest, verve; vigor, force, energy,
vehemence; elation, rapture, ecstasy.
macabre, adj. 1. grotesque, gruesome, gory, hideous, grisly, grim, morbid, monstrous, monsterlike; sadistic, brutal, savage, violent, fierce, fell, cruel, inhumane, fiendish, ghoulish, ogreish; horrid, horrible, horrifying, horrendous, horrific, terrifying, frightful, fearsome, eerie, frightening, scary; ghastly, dread, dreadful, dire, direful, terrible, awful, atrocious; shocking, appalling, alarming, abhorrent, odious, heinous, loathsome, outrageous, unspeakable, repugnant, repulsive, foul, revolting, sickening, Slang, gross.

2. deathly, deathlike, deathful, deadly; cadaverous, corpse-like, skeletal, gaunt, emaciated, wasted, withered, shrunken, drawn, hollow-eyed, haggard; ghastly, ghostlike, ashen, wan, pallid, pale, livid, bloodless, anemic, white, white as a sheet or ghost.
chauvinism, sexism, air of a super stud; toughness, brawn, grit, courage; arrogance, scorn, indifference; unsentimentality, insensitivity; All Fig. muscle-flexing, chest-beating, hairiness.

macrocosm, n. 1. universe, cosmos, globe, world, wide world, Inf. the whole wide world, all of creation, nature; heavens, firmament, sky, canopy, the blue, empyrean, vault of heaven, Chiefly Literary. welkin; heavenly bodies, celestial bodies or spheres, stars, planets, orbs; solar system, galaxy, nebu1a, extragalactic nebula.

2. total structure, totality, entirety.

3. enlargement, Photog. blow-up.

macula, n. mark, spot, speck, freckle; blemish, pimple, whitehead, Pathol. milium, blackhead, Med. comodo, Sl. zit, Sl. woogit; pock, pockmark, mark, citractix, scar; imperfection, disfigurement, defect, flaw, mar; bruise, Sl. hickey; blotch, patch, discoloration, birthmark, Chiefly Literary. nebus, mole, wart.

1. maculate, adj. marked, spotted, stained, marked, speckled, blemished, bedaub, besmirch.

2. maculate, v. made, adj. mad, 1. insane, crazy, crazed, demented, lucid, 2. total structure, totality, entirety.

Chiefly Literary, welkin; chest-beating, hairiness.

or

Inf. wide world, the whole wide world, all of creation, unsentimentality, insensitivity; Chiefly Literary. macula.

or

Inf. Chiefly Italian, madonna, (in India) mensahib.

mad, adj. 1. insane, crazy, crazed, demented, lucid, 2. bawd, procuress, panderer, madam, 3. madly.

made, adj. 1. handmade, ready-made.
made-up, adj. invented, concocted, made, devised, manufactured; make-believe, imagined, fictional, unreal, untrue, false; pretended, feigned, fake, sham, spurious, simulated, bogus; synthetic, artificial, unguenuine, counterfeit.

madhouse, n. insane asylum, lunatic asylum, mental institution, state hospital, psychiatric hospital, Fr. maison de santé, Obs. bedlam; Sl. nuthouse, Sl. crazy house, Sl. bughouse, Sl. loonybin, Sl. funny farm, Sl. laughing academy, Sl. booby hatch. 2. bedlam, chaos, wild confusion, jungle, jumble, mess, disorder, disarray, disarrangement; three-ring circus.

madly, adv. 1. insanely, distractedly, deliriously, hysterically; enthusiastically, excitedly, frenziedly, frantically; ardently, fervently, heatedly, glowingly, feverishly, passionately, intensely; devotedly, devoutly, fanatically, till one is black or blue in the face; All Sl. like mad, like crazy, Inf. in the worst way, Inf. something awful.

medically, adj. 1. insane, loony, manic, bedlamite, Inf. crackpot, Sl. kook, Sl. nut, Sl. screwball; psychopath, Sl. sickie; schizophrenic, Sl. schizo, para-noiac, manic-depressive, psychotic; megalomanic, pyromaniac, kleptomaniac, dipsomaniac, automaniac.

madman, n. 1. lunatic, Sl. loony, manic, bedlamite, Inf. crackpot, Sl. kook, Sl. nut, Sl. screwball; conjurer, sorcerer, sorceress, black magician, voodoo; wizard, Wizard of Oz, Merlin, magician, necromancer, warlock, witch, hex, heker, Hexe, Charlybdis, infield, eddy, swirl, whirl.

madness, n. 1. insanity, insaneness, lunacy, derangement, Psychiatry. dementia, dementedness; distraction, disorientation, unbalance, unsoundness; unsound mind, diseased mind; craziness, Sl. like mad, like crazy, Inf. in the worst way, Inf. something awful.

magazine, n. 1. periodical, publication, journal; weekly, bimonthly, monthly, quarterly; pulp, Inf. slick, Dervo., Inf. rag, scandal sheet.

magenta, n. 1. fuchsia, basic magenta.

maggot, n. 1. larva, insect larva, flyblow, worm, grub.

magnificently, adv. 1. fustily, whim, whimsy, caprice, Archaic. megrim, vagary, humor, crotch, kink.

mago, adj. 1. flyblown, wormy, grubby, maggot-infested, maggot-ridden.

magic, n. 1. sorcery, witchcraft, witchery, wizardry, enchantment, wonderworking; necromancy, thaumaturgy, theurgy; black magic, black art, voodoo, hoodoo, obism or obeahism; deviltry or devily, demonology, demonaltry, diabolism; supernaturalness, shamanism, mysticism, spiritualism, occultness, psychomancy, fetishism; ritual, rite, apotropaism, magical ceremony, voodooism, exorcism.

magician, n. 1. conjurer, sorcerer, sorceress, black magician, voodoo; wizard, Wizard of Oz, Merlin, magus, necromancer, warlock, witch, hex, heker, Hexe, 694.
magisterial, adj. 1. authoritative, Rare. magistral, n. 1. magnanimousness, big-heartedness, large-heartedness, great-heartedness, bigness, largeness; tolerance, toleration, liberalness, open-heartedness; leniency, lenience, condonation, forbearance, long-suffering, easiness, permissiveness; unsnobbishness, forgivingness, forgiveness, patience, kindness, bounteousness, largeness; tolerance, toleration, liberalness, largeness; charity, altruism, generosity, generosity; munificence, largess, bounty, bountifulness, bounteousness, open-heartedness, free-heartedness.

magnanimous, adj. 1. forgiving, merciful, big, unselfish, unresentful, unrevengeful; liberal, broad-minded, unbribed, unbiased, big-hearted, large-hearted, great-hearted; tolerant, indulgent, lenient, patient, forbearing, long-suffering; impartial, fair, just, disinterested. 2. charitable, kind, kindly, benign, benignant, benevolent, humanitarian; brotherly, fraternal, human, Inf. Christian; generous, generous to a fault, altruistic, philanthropic; unselfish, unassuming, unselfish, giving, self-sacrificing, unselfish, unsnobbish, unassuming, unselfish, toleration, liberalness, largeness; center of attraction or interest, center or focus of attention, cynosure, lodestar, polestar.

magnate, n. 1. lodestone, magnetite, paramagnet; attraction, drawing, magnetic attraction, electromagnetic repulsion. 2. grip, holding, arresting, engrossing, binding, charming, glamorous, witching, bewitching, beguiling. 3. grip, holding, arresting, engrossing, binding, charming, glamorous, witching, bewitching, beguiling. 4. appeal, drawing card, draw card, bait; tempation, tantalization, allure, allurement, enticement, invitation.

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magnificence, n. 1. splendor, resplendence, grandeur, glory, majesty, nobility; grandiosity, subtlety, impositiveness, impressiveness; exquisiteness, superabundance, splendidness, Inf. splendiferousness; state, stateliness, pomp, circumstance, pomp and circumstance, solemnity.
2. luxury, luxuriousness, sumptuousness, lavishness, gorgeousness; brilliance, radiance; grace, elegance; All Inf. tinsel, plushness, poshness, swankiness.

magnificient, adj. 1. splendid, Inf. splendiferous; superb, glorious, brilliant, radiant; luxurious, lavish, sumptuous, gorgeous, Sl. out of this world; All Inf. posh, plush, swank, ritzy.
2. noble, sublime, majestic, august, stately; imposing, impressive, commanding, awe-inspiring, grand, distinguished, royal, regal, kingly, princely; elegant, graceful, handsome.

magnifico, n. 1. grandee, hidalgo, seignior, don; nobleman, patrician, lord, peer, Brahman, silk-stocking, blue blood, Sl. swell.
2. personage, great man, person of consequence, man of mark or note, somebody, name, nabob, mogul, magnate, Inf. big name, Inf. bigwig, Inf. VIP, Inf. buzz; All Sl. big shot, big gun, big wheel, high-flier, muck-a-muck.

magnify, v. 1. increase, enlarge, expand, aggravate, greaten, amplify; augment, add to, build up; widen, broaden, distend, develop.
2. exaggerate, hyperbolize, overstate, overemphasize; color, embroider, exaggerate, adorn, inflate; overreact, blow up, blow out of proportion, Inf. make a mountain out of a molehill, Inf. make a big thing out of nothing, make much ado about nothing.
3. intensify, dramatize, deepen, heighten; enhance, strengthen, Inf. beef up; concentrate, condense, consolidate; aggravate, worsen, make worse, exacerbate, rub salt in the wound, add insult to injury, pour oil on the fire.

magniloquence, n. bombast, fustian, pomposity, orotundity; grandiloquence, high-soundingness, pretentiousness, grandioseness, Archaic magnisousness; turidity, timidity, tumsiness; boastfulness, bragadocio, fanfaronade, gaconade; (all of speech) vanity, pride, vaingloriousness, vainglory, arrogance, haughtiness.

magniloquent, adj. pompous, bombastic, fustian, orotund; grandiloquent, high-sounding, high-flown, Inf. highfalutin, pretentious, stilted, grandiose, Archaic magnisous; turidity, timidity, tumsiness; boastfulness, bragadocio, fanfaronade, gaconade; (all of speech) vanity, pride, vaingloriousness, vainglory, arrogance, haughtiness.

magnitude, n. 1. size, extent, measure, proportions, dimensions; amplitude, volume, mass, bulk.
2. greatness, largeness, bigness; immensity, vastness, enormity, tremendousness, expansiveness, boundlessness, infinity.
3. abundance, superabundance, plenitude, plenty, profusion, much, copiousness; quantity, good or great deal, Inf. heap, Inf. pile, Inf. mess; quantities, bags, barrels, tons.
4. importance, consequence, note, mark, distinction; eminence, loftiness, sublimity; fame, glory, renown.

5. of the first magnitude of the utmost importance, of the utmost significance; important, significant, major, consequential, momentous, world-shaking, earth-shattering; notable, noteworthy, celebrated, prominent, eminent, outstanding, distinguished, esteemed, prestigious; of importance, of significance, of consequence, of moment, of note, of weight.

maggie, n. chatterbox, chatterer, jabberer, gabbler, babbler, prattler, prater, twaddler, Brit. twattler, driver; palaverer, popinjay, Inf. jay; gossip, blabber, blabbermouth, gusher; blatherskite, Sl. windbag, Sl. windjammer, Inf. hot-air artist.

maid, n. 1. girl, lass. See maiden (def. 1).
2. maidservant, domestic, girl, au pair or au pair girl, upstairs girl, Fr. bonne, chambermaid, Brit. betweenmaid, Brit. Inf. tenny, maid-of-all-work, Brit. Inf. slavey; handmaid or handmaiden, Archaic. ancilla, lady’s maid, waiting maid, abigail, soubrette.

maiden, n. 1. girl, young girl, lass, lassie, maid, miss, missy, little missy, school girl, Irish Eng. colleen, Chiefly Scot. cud, Fr. jeune fille, Ger. Fräulein, damsel, Archaic demoiselle or damedel; nymph, nymphet, young thing, slip, wench, flapper, Inf. baggage, Australian Inf. girl-o; tomboy, hoyden, romp; malapert, minx, insolent; virgin, vestal, vestal virgin, celibate; single, single girl, bachelor girl, Law. femme sole; All Sl. jailbait, chick, Brit. bird, piece, gall, doll, dame, tomato, babe, cutie, skirt, jill, filly.
—adj. 2. unmarried, unwed, unwedded, single, spousless, husbandless.
3. first, initial, inaugural; new, fresh, untired, untested, untapped.
4. virgin, virginal, chaste, pure, undefiled, intact, maidenhood, n. virginity, maidenhead, maidhood, intactness; celibacy, singleness, Euph. single blessedness.

maidenly, adj. 1. feminine, womanly, womanlike, womanish, ladylike; girlish, little-girlish, maiden, kitch.
2. modest, decent, decorous, proper, seemly, becoming.
3. virgin, virginal, vestal, intact; unsullied, unsouiled, undefiled, undebauced, undissipated, undissolute, unwanton; chaste, virtuous, immaculate, spotless, pure.

maidservant, n. maid, handmaiden, lady’s maid. See maid (def. 2).

mail, n. 1. letters, packages, messages, missives; post, correspondence, communication; air mail, sea mail, parcel post, special delivery, certified mail, registered mail.
2. mails postal system, post office, postal service, Chiefly Brit. post.
—v. 3. send, post, dispatch, air-mail; transmit, remit, consign; direct, address, forward, drop a letter; freight, ship, express, air freight.

mail*, n. armor, panoply, harness, armature, chain mail, coat of mail, plate armor; hauber, byrnie, habergeon, plastron; cuirass, corselet, lorica, breastplate, backplate.

mallow, n. postman, carrier, mail carrier, letter carrier, delivery man or boy; courier, messenger, runner, dispatcher, bearer.
maim, v. 1. cripple, lame, hobble; mangle, mutilate, tear, rip, rend, hack, maul, savage; lacerate, wound, skin, flay; scorch, cut, gash, slash, slit, score, scarify; stab, stick, plunge, puncture, pierce; break, rupture, fracture, sprain, wrench, dislocate; amputate, truncate, obturate, detruncate, cut off; castrate, geld, emasculate, effeminate, unmanned, neuter, spay, castrate.
2. impair, injure, hurt, harm; disable, hamstring, unfit, incapacitate, wing, put out of action or commission; deface, mar, despoil, disfigure.

main, adj. 1. chief, principal, cardinal, prime,
primary, capital; paramount, preeminent, premier, supreme, first, foremost, head, headmost, top, topmost; leading, crowning, ruling, overruling, prevailing; uppermost, important, most important, predominant; great, star, arch, banner, ranking, sovereign; most, utmost, major, maximum; substantial, sizable, considerable, large, big; powerful, strong, mighty, forceful, puissant; total, full, comprehensive, plenary.

2. essential, requisite, vital, necessary, indispensable, unexpendable; critical, crucial, consequential, pivotal; exigent, instant, pressing, urgent, imperative, high-priority; marked, signal, salient, notable, memorable; outstanding, remarkable, special, especial, particular.

3. sheer, brute, pure, dead, downright, consummate; essential, requisite, vital, necessary, indispensable, dominant; great, star, arch, banner, ranking, sovereign; most, utmost, major, maximum; substantial, sizable, considerable, large, big; powerful, strong, mighty, forceful, puissant; total, full, comprehensive, plenary.

6. majority, bulk, mass, gross; substance, preponderance, meat, marrow; kernel, core, heart, nucleus, key, gist.

7. strength, power, force, might, potency, puissance; energy, vitality, vim, vigor; forcefulness, powerfulness, vehemence, virility, virulence.

8. Literary. sea, ocean, ocean blue, high seas, the sea, the watery waste.

9. in the main chiefly, principally. See mainly.

mainland, n. main, principal land, continent, continental land.

mainly, adv. chiefly, principally, particularly, especially, primarily; mostly, for the most part, in the main, on the whole, by and large; overall, all in all, all things considered, on balance, in the long run, to all intents and purposes; substantially, effectually, essentially, for all practical purposes; generally, usually, predominantly, in general, as a rule; commonly, broadly, routinely, as a matter of course; to the greatest extent, above all, to a large degree.

mainspring, n. 1. principal spring, wheelwork, inner spring, essential part.

2. chief motive, impelling cause, impulse, prime motivation; source, origin, wellspring, fountainhead; ground, basis, key, keystone, root; prime mover, chief agent, most essential worker, author, leader, driver, planner.

maintain, v. 1. continue, keep going, retain, prolong, keep alive, keep living, keep in existence; cherish, nurture, nourish, sustain, feed; support, support financially, maintain, keep, sustain, feed; support, support financially. Inf. keep, Inf. stake, Inf. grubstake, Inf. carry; hold up, uphold, support, bolster up, brace, shore up, truss, buttress, prop, prop up, stay.

2. keep intact, preserve, keep up, save from decay, keep in good condition; care for, take good care of, groom, conserve.

3. affirm, testify, attest, vouch, avouch, asseverate, witness, vouchsafe, attest, hold, contend, profess; acknowledge, admit, give credence to, give currency to, certify; say, assert, aver, allege, claim; declare, state, set forth, announce, announce; publish, publish abroad, air, vent, ventilate, blow; propagate, circulate, spread, spread abroad, diffuse; put forward, put forth, issue, broach, utter; broadcast, shout from the rooftops, herald, blazon abroad, publicize.

4. defend, advocate, plead for, argue for, represent, speak for, champion, back up, back, second, stand by, go to bat for, rationalize for, give reasons for, make excuses for; vindicate, justify, make a case for; shield, screen, aid, help, succor, assist, fight for, take up the cudgels for.

5. persist, persevere, bear up, adhere, Inf. stick things out, keep one's course, go the course, be resolute; keep on, carry on, continue; stand fast, be steadfast, stand one's ground, hold out.

maintenance, n. 1. preservation, upkeep, seasonal upkeep, annual upkeep, keeping up; care, grooming, painting, yard work.

2. continuance, continuity, extension, prolongation; perpetuation, persistence, perseveration, repetition.

3. means of support, subsistence, livelihood, living; allowance, (of marital settlements) alimony or child support, stipend, remittance; income, revenue, salary, wages; assets, resources, funds, moneys, finances; nourishment, sustenance, food, room and board, keep.

majestic, adj. regal, kingly, princely, royal, lordly, noble, monarchal, monarchical, monarchical, imperial, magisterial, Rare. magistral; august, stately, dignified, distinguished, pious, distinguished, proud, grand, magnificent, pompous, palatial, splendid, resplendent, marvelous, superb; sublime, elevated, high, lofty, exalted, glorious; awesome, imposing, impressive, striking.

majesty, n. 1. regalness, kinglyness, princeliness, royalty, lordliness, nobility, nobleness, imperialness; augustness, stateliness, dignity, distinction; loftiness, sublimity, exaltedness; grandeur, magnificence, pomp, splendor, palatialness, resplendence, glory, marvelousness; awesomeness, imposingness, impressiveness, strikingness.

2. sovereignty, supremacy, supremeness, regality, monarchy, dominion, paramounthood; authority, power, divine right.

3. Usu. Majesty Highness, Royal Highness, His or Her Majesty, Eminence.

major, adj. 1. greater, larger, large, higher; extreme, highest, supreme, greatest, utmost, uttermost.

2. important, SI. big-time; capital, principal, chief, foremost, predominant; prime, primary, paramount, preeminent, superior, great, first-rate.

major-domo, n. chamberlain, steward, seneschal, butler, factotum; purveyor, manciple.

majority, n. 1. greater part or number, more than half, plurality, bulk, mass, preponderance, lion's share.

2. commonality, the public, the general public, the many, the great unnumbered; populace, citizenry, proletariat, hoi polloi, bourgeoisie, the masses, rank and file.

3. legal age, drinking age, adulthood.

make, v. 1. fabricate, manufacture, produce, mint; construct, build, assemble, put up; erect, elevate, raise, rear, put up; mold, form, fashion, model, shape, frame; create, invent, originate, devise, contrive, compose, write, put together; cast, block, hammer, forge, sculpture; draw, trace, figure, stamp, imprint.

2. effect, cause, bring about, accomplish; execute, carry out, render, do, perform, practice.

3. appoint, name, designate, nominate, tab; assign, select, Mil. detail; elect, vote in, place in office, install, invest, Obs. ordain.

4. organize, develop, embody, beget, engender; lay down, enact, establish, institute, found, originate, base; settle, determine, decide, conclude, seal; define,
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limit, delimit; stabilize, ground, plant, implant, install.

fix, prepare, concoct. Inf. whip up, Inf. throw together, cook, cook.

convert, transform, metamorphose, transfigure, transmute, transubstantiate, transmogrify; change, alter, modify, permute, modulate, inflect, mutate.

compel, coerce, force, press, drive, constrain; pressure, oblige, hustle, railroad; impel, urge, impress, provoke, exhort, cause, require, exact, necessitate; draft, conscript, commandeer; persuade, induce, prevail upon; insist upon; apply pressure, Sl. lean on or against, armtwist, twist [s.o.'s] arm, put the screws on or to. Inf. strong-arm, put the heat on, squeeze.

gain, acquire, obtain, secure, get; procure, gather, garner, glean, reap; (all usu. of wages) earn, clear, Sl. pull down, pocket, bag; gross, net, Inf. take home.

Often make of account for, explain, interpret, understand, construe; consider, deem, think, adjudge; look upon, view, regard, contemplate; spell out, decipher, unravel, decode, elucidate.

estimate, reckon, judge, gage, gauge, compute, calculate.

serve as, do the part of, answer for.

deliver, utter, pronounce, declare, put forth, recite.

reach, arrive at, get to, land at or on, attain.

Informal. go, leave, move, proceed, travel, journey.

make as if or as though Informal. pretend, act as if, feign, affect, seem, pass off as.

make away with a. steal, filch, rob, pilfer, purloin, finger, pick, Inf. snitch, cabbage, abstract, Chiefl. Brit. prig, Euph. borrow; shoplift, palm, Sl. boost, walk off or away with, Euph. remove; All Sl. heist, pinch, hook, swipe, hustle, rip off, Frisk, crook, cop, lift. b. destroy, kill, slay, slaughter, end, put an end to; murder, dispose of. Sl. do in, Sl. tap; assassinate, get rid of, mow down, do away with, Inf. wipe out, remove. c. consume, devour, eat up, swallow up, gulp down; finish, finish off, Sl. polish off, Inf. pack away or in, Inf. put away or down.

make believe pretend, act as if, imagine, fancy, dream, envision, picture, Inf. feature; fabricate, invent, concoct, romance; conjure up, conceive, idealize, visualize, envisage; simulate, personate, assume, affect, seem, suppose.

make bold or so bold presume, take the liberty, dare, venture, be so rash.

make do get along or by, scrape along or by, manage, Inf. make out, survive, eke out.

make for a. go toward, head for, aim for, steer for, be bound for, steer a course for; approach, near, move closer to, draw nigh to, edge closer to. b. attack, lunge at, charge, rush, storm, raid, assault; set upon, pounce upon, descend upon, fall on. c. facilitate, lunge at, charge, rush, storm, raid, assault; set upon, move closer to, draw nigh to, edge closer to. b. attack,

make up a. compensate for, offset, make restitution for, make amends, recompense, repay, requite, remunerate, recoup; square; settle, set right, rectify, remedy, correct; restore, reintegrate, make whole, repair, mend, renew, rejuvenate, reconstruct, recondition. b. succeed, do well, prosper, flourish, win, triumph. c. fulfill, realize, accomplish, carry out, be as good as one's word, deliver the goods.

make known reveal, disclose, divulge, let out; tell, relate, impart, mention, let fall, let on, communicate; inform, Inf. tip off, bring to the ears of, acquaint with; announce, proclaim, declare, publish, report, send word.

make like Slang. pretend to be, try to be, imitate, simulate, personate, impersonate, act like.

make merry celebrate, feast, banquet, junket, carouse, revel, have a party, Inf. go out, Sl. paint the town red, do the town, have one's fling, show one's wild oats; sport, dispose, amuse oneself, play pranks; gambol, frolic, caper, romp, froik.

make much of a. amplify, magnify, exaggerate, hyperbolize, overstate, make the most of; embroiler, heighten, color; accentuate, emphasize, stress; make a stir about, make a big deal out of, make much ado about, make a mountain out of a molehill. b. cherish, dote on, pamper, cocker, coddle, cosset, indulge, pet, humor; flatter, blandish, cajole, Inf. soft-soap, Inf. butter up.

make off run away or off, flee, take to one's heels, make a quick exit, Inf. take off, Inf. clear out, Inf. make tracks, Inf. cut out, Inf. cut and run, Inf. fly by the coup, Sl. split, Sl. scam, Sl. hightail it; make a getaway, beat a retreat or a hasty retreat, Inf. beat it, Inf. skip out, Inf. skip town, Inf. skedaddle, Sl. skidoodle, Sl. skido, Sl. vanoose.

make off with carry off, steal, filch, rob, pilfer, make away with. See make (def. 16).

make out a. write out, complete, fill out. b. establish, prove, show to be true, substantiate, evidence, support, back up; authenticate, validate, certify, confirm, verify; attest to, affirm, corroborate, aver. c. discern, see, behold, perceive, cognize; observe, notice, catch a glimpse of, espy, descry, detect, discover, discover, figure out, ascertain, determine; distinguish, pick out, recognize. d. imply, suggest, insinuate, hint, intimate, indicate, impute. e. Informal. manage, get along or by, scrape along or by, survive, fare, eke out, make do; fare well, succeed, prosper, thrive, come through with flying colors. f. Slang. kiss, pet, fondle; romance, Inf. spoon.

make over a. alter, remodel, redo, redecorate; amend, improve, better, ameliorate; touch up, brush up, brighten up, polish; correct, emend, rectify, restore, repair. b. transfer, convey, Law. alienate, transmit, assign; sign over, turn over, bequeath, leave, pass down, hand down.

make sport of make light of, laugh at, scoff at, ridicule, guy. Inf. roast, make a fool of, jeer at, gib at, mock, fler, deride, parody, travesty, burlesque, make game of; play with, toy with, trifle with, make fun of, poke fun at; tease, Inf. kid, badinage, chaff, pull [s.o.'s] leg, Inf. josh, Inf. rib, Inf. rag, Inf. fun, Sl. put [s.o.] on, Sl. jive.

make up a. constitute, form, compose, weave, fabricate, construct, frame; put together, compile. b. concoct, brew, invent, hatch, coin, forge; devise, contrive, project. c. Also make up for compensate for, offset, recompense, make good. See make (def. 21a). d. complete, finish; conclude, settle, decide. e. settle differences, reconcile, come to terms, come to an understanding, bury the hatchet. f. powder, rouge, use mascara, use eyeshadow, put on lipstick.

make way allow to pass; clear the way, make a space for, make room for.

—n. 35. form, build, construction, structure, shape, configuration; composition, make-up, fabric, texture.

36. kind, brand, sort, type; mark, stamp, label, trademark; quality, grade, class.

37. character, nature, disposition, temper, tempera-
ment, humor; manner, style.

38. on the make a. Informal. increasing, adding to; advancing, rising, on the rise, up and coming. b. Slang. on the prowl, Sl. mashing, Sl. toomatling, hustling.

malady, n. 1. disability, disorder, disease, distemper, illness, weakness, malaise, feebleness, infirmity, invalidism, valetudinarianism; disability, handicap; pain, hurt, ache, wound; infection, Inf. virus, Inf. bug, fever, temperature, Inf. temp; contagion, plague, pestilence; mental disorder, derangement, neurosis, psychosis, insanity, madness.

malaise, n. weakness, feebleness, infirmity, illness, sickness, suffering, aching, pain; discomfort, uneasiness, anxiety, disquiet, unquiet, inquietude, worry; despondency, depression, downrightedness, discouragement, dejection, Sl. the blahs.

malapropos, adj. unsuitable, unfitting, unbecoming, unmeet, inept, unhandy; unapt, unfit, unsuited; jury rig; substitute, succedaneum; last resort, makeshift, temporary, expedient, expedients, makeshifts.

maker, n. 1. author, composer; artist, architect, builder, constructor, former, forger, framer; manufacturer, producer, cause, agent, doer.

maker God, Father, Creator, Author of all things, Maker of Heaven and Earth, Prime Mover, First Cause. See God (def. 1).

makeshift, n. 1. stopgap, temporary, expedient, make-do, arrangement; improvisation, contrivance; jury rig; substitute, succeedanem; last resort, Fr. pis aller.

—adj. 2. emergency, on-the-spot, unplanned, unarranged, unconceived, haphazard, Inf. slopsy, slapdash, throw-together; temporary, provisional, tentative, stand-by, permanent; jury, improvised, contrived; ersatz, artificial, synthetic.

make-up, n. 1. cosmetics; rouge, blusher, highlighter, powder, pancake, Inf. gunk, Theat. grease paint; eyeshadow, eyeliner, mascara, eyebrow pencil; lipstick, lip gloss.

2. constitution, composition, arrangement, formation; form, build, construction, structure, configuration; fabric, texture.

making, n. 1. building, construction, formation, fabrication, manufacture, production; invention, creation, composition.

2. constitution, structure, make-up. See make-up (def. 2).

3. Usu. makings capacity, potential, potentiality, potency, possibility, ability, faculty.

maladjusted, adj. 1. unadjusted, unconformed, maladapted, unadapted, unhabituated; unsuited, unfitted.

2. mixed-up, confused, muddled, messed up, Sl. screwed up, Sl. untogether, Sl. not straight.

maladministration, n. mismanagement, misgovernment, misdirection, misrule, misconduct, Chiefly Law. malversation; misapplication, mistake, bungling, blunder; impolicy, bad policy, inexpediency; incompetence, incompetency, inefficiency, ineffectiveness, ineffectuality, ineffectualness.

maladroitness, n. unskilful, unskilled, inexpert, Fr. inhabile, inept, unhandy; unapt, unfit, unsuited, unqualified; incompetent, uncompetent, inefficient, Inf. no-good.

2. awkward, clumsy, like a bull in a china shop, Sl. klutzy, bumbling, bungling, left-handed, ambisinister, all thumbs, butterfingered; ungraceful, ungainly, inelegant, graceless; oafish, doltish, clodhopper, lumbering, heavy-footed, lumberly, lusty; boorish, churlish, uncouth, ill-mannered, rustic, rough, unpolished, coarse, crude, rude, gross, crass; thoughtless, insensitive, inconsiderate, tactless, gauche, untoward, inappropriate, unfitting.

malady, n. disease, disorder, distemper, Pathol. affection, affliction, illness, sickness, ailment, complaint, indisposition; weakness, malaise, feebleness, infirmity, invalidism, valetudinarianism; disability, handicap; pain, hurt, ache, wound; infection, Inf. virus, Inf. bug, fever, temperature, Inf. temp; contagion, plague, pestilence; mental disorder, derangement, neurosis, psychosis, insanity, madness.
malefaction, n. crime, wrongdoing, offense, transgression, breach, contravention; violation, trespass, encroachment, infringement; wrong, malfeasance, felony, Law. tort, Law. malversation, foul play; misdeed, misfeasance, hurt, harm, dirty trick, foul; atrocity, enormity, monstrousity, outrage, horror, abomination.

malefact, n. 1. criminal, felon, larcener, larcenist, miscreant, lawbreaker, convict, Sl. jailbird, parollee, exconvict, Inf. ex-con, recidivist, repeat offender, Inf. chronic crook; transgressor, trespasser, offender, culprit, miscreant; wrongdoer, evildoer, sinner; malfeasant, misfeasor; perjurer, Inf. scofflaw.


3. assassin, murderer, killer, slayer, sniper; strangler, cutthroat, garrotter; liquidator, Euph. silencer, Euph. dispatcher; gunman, All U.S. Sl. gun, hired gun, hit man, orig. mensagem, (in modern French), Inf. dacoit.

4. bandit, hold-up man, Sl. stick-up man, armed robber; robber, burglar, thief, stealer, purloiner, Inf. crook; cracksman, Raffles, two-story man, cat thief; shoplifter, pickpocket, purse-snatcher, cutpurse; embezzler, peculator, Law. defalculator.

5. highwayman, footpad, Sl. yegg or yeggman, outlaw, Sp. bandolero, Southwest U.S. ladrone, Austral. bushranger, bravo, brigand; picaroon, rogue, (in India and Burma) dacoit.

6. extortionist, blackmailer, userer, loan shark, Sl. bleeder; smuggler, runner, bootlegger, contrabandist, white-slaver, swindler, trickster, sharper, confidence man, con artist, con man; forger, counterfeiter, Fr. faux-monnayeur, Brit. Inf. coiner.

7. kidnapper, abductor, rapist; sodomitist, pervert, degenerate, child molester, Sl. short eyes.

8. arsonist, incendiary; rioter, revolutionary, insurgent; bomb-thrower, bomb-planter.

9. villain, blackguard,probate, miscreant, knave, wretch, Archaic. caillif; scapegrace, scoundrel, rogue, Arch. varlet, scamp, Inf. scalawag, rascallion; monster, demon, devil, hellhound, fiend; imp, rascal, mischief-maker.

maleficient, adj. 1. pernicious, perilous, inimical, hurtful, harmful, baleful, baneful, deleterious, injurious, pestilential, pestiferous, noxious, detrimental, destructive; deadly, lethal, Obs. lethiferous, fatal, poisonous, toxic.

2. malign, malignant, malevolent, malicious, malefic, evil-intentioned, evil-disposed; hostile, antagonistic, unfriendly, obnoxious, ill-natured, ill-disposed, evil-minded, unfriendly, obnoxious, ill-natured, hurtful, harmful, baneful, deleterious, injurious, pestilential, pestiferous, noxious, detrimental, destructive; deadly, lethal, Obs. lethiferous, fatal, poisonous, toxic.

malefaction, n. crime, wrongdoing, offense, transgression, breach, contravention; violation, trespass, encroachment, infringement; wrong, malfeasance, felony, Law. tort, Law. malversation, foul play; misdeed, misfeasance, hurt, harm, dirty trick, foul; atrocity, enormity, monstrousity, outrage, horror, abomination.

malevolent, adj. 1. malign, malignant, malicious, maleficient, malefic, evil-intentioned, evil-disposed, hostile, antagonistic, unfriendly, obnoxious, ill-natured, ill-disposed, evil-minded, unfriendly, obnoxious, ill-natured, hurtful, harmful, baneful, deleterious, injurious, pestilential, pestiferous, noxious, detrimental, destructive; deadly, lethal, Obs. lethiferous, fatal, poisonous, toxic.

2. inhumanity, Archaic. immanence, Obs. immannity, unnaturalness; pitilessness, mercilessness, uncharitable, unkindliness, implacability, heart of stone, hard-heartedness, cold-bloodedness, viciousness, harshness, cruelty, brutality, treachery, savagery, barbarity, bloodthirstiness, ferity, fiendishness.

malevolent, adj. 1. malign, malignant, malicious, maleficient, malefic, evil-intentioned, evil-disposed, hostile, antagonistic, unfriendly, obnoxious, ill-natured, ill-disposed, evil-minded, unfriendly, obnoxious, ill-natured, hurtful, harmful, baneful, deleterious, injurious, pestilential, pestiferous, noxious, detrimental, destructive; deadly, lethal, Obs. lethiferous, fatal, poisonous, toxic.

2. inhumanity, Archaic. immanence, Obs. immannity, unnaturalness; pitilessness, mercilessness, implacability, obduracy, callousness, heart of stone, hard-heartedness, cold-heartedness, evil disposition; viciousness, harshness, cruelty, brutality, violence, ferocity, treachery, savagery, barbarity, bloodthirstiness, murderousness, ferity, fiendishness.

malicious, adj. 1. malevolent, malign, malignant, maleficient, malefic, wanton, Archaic. despicable, evil-intentioned, evil-disposed. See malevolent (defs. 1, 2).

2. defamatory, denigrating, vituperative, vilifying, vilipenditory; slanderous, libellous, calumnious, calumniatory, traducent, false, untrue, false-spoken, misrepresentative; abusive, scurrilous, Archaic. scruple, aspersive, imputative, insinuating, gossiping.

maliciously, adv. cruelly, harshly, brutally, harshly, brutally; malignantly; spitefully, resentfully, nastily, hatefully, wickedly; deliberately, with evil intent, with malice aforethought, with malice prejusde, Sl. accidentally-on-purpose.

malign, v. 1. slander, libel, calumniate, traduce, falsify, accuse falsely; misrepresent, belie, asperse, im-
malignant

1. Malevolent, malicious, wan-

2. Slanderer, libeler, calumniator, traducer, falsifier,

3. Harmfulness, hurtfulness, destructiveness, perni-

malodorous, adj. fetid, reeky, reeking, stinky, stinking, stenchful, foul-smelling, ill-smelling, strong-

malign

malignant

maligner, n. 1. Malevolent, malicious, wan-

ten, malign, antagonistic, unfriendly, hostile, malefi-

cent, malefic, unkindly, obnoxious. See malign (defs.

3. 4). 2. Pathology. deadly, lethal, virulent, fatal, poison-

tous, toxic.

malig-nator, n. 1. Defamer, vilifier, vilipender, vitu-

perator, defailor, scrutinizer, asperser, impugner,

backbiter, evil-speaker, carper, carver, Inf. knocker;
censor, reviler, castigator, inveigher, reprover, dis-

approver, denouncer, railer, curser, executor, im-

precator, anathematizer, critic; lampooner, satirist,
muckraker, hack; belittler, disparager, deprecator,
detractor, derogator, depreciator.

2. Slanderer, libeler, calumniator, traducer, falsifier, liar; mud-slinger, dirt-flinger.

malignity, n. 1. Malevolence, malice, malignancy, animosity, maliciousness, enmity, hate, hatred, wrath, hostility, violence, ferocity, anger, dudgeon; venom, rancor, ill will, irascibility, spite, grudge, choler, pique, ire, acrimony, acerbity, bitterness, gall, bile, spleen, virulence, invidiousness, envy, resentment.

2. Rage, towering rage, fury, frenzy; fit, spasm, convulsion, paroxysm.

3. Harmfulness, hurtfulness, destructiveness, pertain-

cioussness, balefulness, balefulness, deleteriousness, deadliness, fatality.

malinger, v. Shirk, shirk, lie down on the job, pro-

cratinate, loaf, Inf. boodlehead; fail, default, aban-

don, leave undone, neglect; Inf. goldbrick, Sl. goof

off, Brit. skulk, soldier, slink, Sl. dog; call in sick, get

out of, slip out of, slide out of, sneak out of; evade,
avoid, dodge, duck; play truant, skip, Sl. cut, Sl. bag,

overstay leave.

malingerer, n. Shirker, shirk, Brit. skulker, sol-

dier, Inf. goldbricker, clock watcher, Sl. goof-off, Inf.

boodlegetter; slacker, procratinator, idler, loafer,
fainéant, trifler, Micawber; avoider, evader, deserter,
asconder; truant, absentee, dodger, defaulter, ne-

glector.

mall, n. 1. Promenade, walk, gallery, avenue, ar-

cade; path, garden path, close, alley, passage, lane,

street, road; parade, esplanade, boardwalk, public

walk, boulevard.

2. Median, median strip, medial strip, middle, middle

of the road.

3. Shopping center, shopping plaza, plaza, shopping

complex.

malleable, adj. 1. Extensible, extensible, ductile, tract-

ele, plastic, stretchable; bendable, flexible, flexible,

flexuous, pliant, pliable, whippy, elastic, supple, li-

the, limber, willowy, lissom; yielding, bending, shapable,
moldable, fickle.

2. Adaptable, adjustable, resilient, movable, mobile;
tractable, manageable, governable, corrigible, domi-

table; improvable, impressionable, susceptible, per-

suable, suasive; responsive, receptive, sensitive, amen-

able, influenceable; formable, teachable, educable,

trainable, docile, tamable, domesticable.

mallet, n. 1. Beetle, hammer, gavel; tapper, tam-

per, pounder, rammer.

2. Club, stick, croquet mallet, Golf. wood, Golf.

mallet, v. Stab, strike, thrust, whack, bash, belabour,

beast, whop, smite, strike, hit, lash, clip, pummel,

whip, thrash, knock off, kick, batter, chop, brandish,

beat, thrash, bawl, scold, belabour, deface, defile,

strike, smite, knock, whack, bash, bawl, scold, pummel,

whip, thrash, knock off, kick, batter, chop, brandish,

beat, thrash, bawl, scold, deface, defile, strike, smite,

knock, whack, bash, bawl, scold, pummel, whip, thrash,

knock off, kick, batter, chop, brandish, beat, thrash,

bawl, scold, deface, defile, strike, smite, knock, whack,

bash, bawl, scold, pummel, whip, thrash, knock off,

kick, batter, chop, brandish, beat, thrash, bawl, scold,

pummel, whip, thrash, knock off, kick, batter, chop,
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whopping, spanking, walloping, strapping, thundering, thumping.

man, n. 1. adult male, husband, Inf. common-law husband, Inf. lover; chap, fellow, Sl. gazabo; beau, blade, sir, squire, sahib, hidalgo, don; Mister, Mr., Sp. Señor, Fr. Monsieur, Port. Senhor, Ger. Herr.

2. Homo sapiens, human beings, the human race, mankind, mortals, human kind.

3. human, human being, individual, someone, anybody.

4. follower, employee, enlisted soldier; manservant, gentleman's gentleman, valet, house boy, houseman, butler, attendant; subject, liege, vassal, subordinate, dependent; bachelor-at-arms; cup-bearer, page, equerry, groom, orderly, aide-de-camp; boots, flunky, footman, waiter; hirling, satellite, puppet, mercenary, bondsman; thrall, drudge, churl, workman, handyman, man-of-all-work, hired man, cleaning man, day laborer, hack; factotum, henchman, Inf. right hand, Inf. right-hand man.

5. exemplary man, man of honor, gentleman, Yidish. mensch; brave man, valorous man, Galahad; hero, warrior, soldier, paladin, knight, knight-errant, chevalier; Inf. trump, Inf. brick, Inf. square shooter; Inf. jewel, paragon, model, standard, good person, man among men.

6. as one man unanimously, in complete accord, with one voice, concordantly, in concert; all together, by common consent, one and all, without contradiction, without one dissentient, without one "nay" vote, without a blackball.

7. to a man with no exception, everyone, each and every one, the whole team, Fr. tout ensemble; all hands, all hands and the cook, every mother's son, the whole batch of them, the whole tribe.

8. man and boy since childhood, all one's life, all one's born days, all one's natural life; always, forever, Inf. since Hector was a pup.

9. one's own man independent, unconstrained, unrestrained, unchecked, unhampered, unhindered; unobstructed, unrestricted, unconfined, uncontrolled, untrammelled; unsuject, unoccupied, unenslaved, unenthralled, unvanquished; unmarried, bachelor, unattached, free, foot-loose, foot-loose and fancy-free.

—v. 10. staff, people, garrison, station, equip, arm, outfit, gird, fit out.

11. fortify, strengthen, restrengthen; brace, reinforce, buttress, prop up; prime, stiffen, give strength to, shore up.

man about town, n. playboy, buck, ladies' man, Sl. lover boy, philanderer, Casanova; dandy, top, beau, dude, Sl. swell; sophisticate, roué, rake, debauchee; rich young man, eligible bachelor, Inf. hot prospect.

manacle, n. 1. Usu. manacles handcuffs, hand shackles, cuffs, Brit. Sl. darbies, Sl. bracelets, Sl. nippers; restraints, checks.

—v. 2. handcuff, Sl. cuff, restrain, tie up; put in irons, put in chains, curb, check, control, keep within bounds, fasten; impede, thwart, frustrate, inhibit, hamper.

manage, v. 1. arrange, contrive, engineer, maneuver; effect, bring about, cause.

2. take charge of, run, direct, command, govern, rule, order, dictate; oversee, regulate, supervise, head, superintend; conduct, take the helm, watch over, take care of.

3. dominate, impress, sway, master, hold the reins; influence, control, treat, guide, steer, lead, mastermind, quarterback, pilot; train, teach, instruct.

4. wield, use, operate, manipulate; ply, swing, work, handle; brandish, flourish.

5. function, make out, make do, survive, get along, cope; eke out a living, work it out, keep one's head above water, weather the storm.

manageable, adj. governable, tractable, controlable; corrigible, impressionable, susceptible, persuasive; receptive, amenable, teachable, trainable, educable, tamable; flexible,pliant, compliant; namby-pamby, weak, insipid, wishy-washy; pusillanimous, timid, meek, without a mind of one's own; docile, gentle, yielding, submissive, willing.

management, n. 1. regulation, administration, superintendence, supervision; direction, control, government, command, leadership, oversight; stewardship, care, charge, conduct, guidance, treatment.

2. skill, executive ability, finesse, address, dispatch; adroitness, deftness, capability, mother wit.

3. executives, bosses, owners, controllers, directors, Sl. high muckey-mucks or high muck-a-mucks; top men, Sl. top dogs, Sl. top bananas.

manager, n. 1. helmsman, pilot, fugleman, gerent, leader; organizer, master, governor; mayor, Brit. bailiff, town or city manager, town planner; adviser, mastermind, Rasputin, power behind the throne; guide, cicerone, dragoman; proctor.

2. administrator, executive, superintendent, supervisor; boss, chief, overseer, foreman, director, straw boss; skipper, kingpin, Inf. old man.

3. controller, comptroller, treasurer, husband; steward, major-domo, seneschal; housekeeper; factor, agent.

mandate, n. 1. fiat, decree, edict, ukase, bull, firm; order, dictate, precept, command, charge, injunction, writ, ruling; instruction, prescription; authorization, authority, commission, warrant; behest, bidding, ultimatum; ordinance, statute, act, regulation, requirement.

2. colony, protectorate, dependency, mandated territory, occupied territory; province, state.

mandatory, n. obligatory, required, requisite, essential, necessary, needed; compulsory, imperative, binding, preceptive; ordered, demanded, commanded, bidden, compelled, coerced; exigent, urgent, pressing.

man-eater, n. 1. cannibal, anthropophagite; ogre, ogress, monster, fiend, brute, ghoul, barbarian; Polyphemus, Thryestes; vampire, bloodsucker, Count Dracula.

2. tiger, lion, shark, great white shark.

man-eating, adj. cannibalistic, flesh-eating, anthropophagous, Thystian, polyphagian; bestial, fiendish, monstrous, ghoulish, ogreish, barbarous; bloodsucking, vampirish, bloodthirsty; non-vegetarian, carnivorous.


maneuver, n. 1. move, gambit, strategy, coup, step, measure, proceeding; tactic, intrigue, machination, contrivance, manipulation; stratagem, ruse, artifice, device, vile, subterfuge, shift, red herring; ploy, dodge, sleight, feint, game; procedure, scheme, plot, plan, design.

2. maneuvers exercises, operations, war games, actions, movements; logistics, war plans, tactics, strategy, kriegspiel.

—v. 3. manipulate, handle, manage, finesse; conduct, work, operate, run, engineer; steer, drive, be in the driver's seat, be at the reins, take the wheel; pilot, direct, steer, turn, jockey; navigate, guide, captain, cox, take the helm.

4. scheme, intrigue, plot, plan, contrive, engineer, Inf. angle, pull the strings, have [s.o.] on the string;
maneuverer, n. logistician, planner, strategist, tactician, plotter, politician; intriguier, wire-puller, S.l. wheeler-dealer, Machiavelli, machinator; slyboots, snake, artful dodger, schemer, fox; mastermind, promoter, jobber.

manful, adj. masculine, virile; brave, courageous.

mange, n. 1. Pathol. scabies, itch, rash, Psoriasis, Pathol. psora, S.l. creeping crud; eruption; breaking out, Pathol. exanthema.

manger, n. trough, feeding-trough, box, rack, crib, hayrack, haymow.

manic, adj. 1. scabby, itchy, scaly, diseased; Psoriatic, exanthematous, erupted, broken out.

manhood, n. hole, opening, hatch, hatchway, scuttle, trap door.

manhole, n. opening, hatch, hatchway, scuttle, trap door.

manhood, n. 1. virility, manliness, manliness, masculinity, masculinity, maleness, (in Hispanic cultures) machismo.

manifest, adj. apparent, evident, self-evident, manifest,彰明较著, plain as the nose on your face, transparent, consciousness.

manifest, v. declare, express, make known, set forth, cast; blazon, flaunt, vaunt, flourish, parade, show off, avow, profess, advertise, publicize, announce, broadcast.

manifest, n. 6. inventory, checklist, bill of lading, bill of entry, cargo or freight list; list, enumerating, table.
manifestation, n. 1. display, showing, show, exhibit, exhibition, presentation, exposition, demonstration, exemplification, example, illustration, description; declaration, expression, profession, avowal; announcement, publication, airing, broadcasting, advertisement, public statement; exposure, exposé, revelation, revealment, epiphany; disclosure, uncovering, unmasking, divulgence.

2. evidence, sign, symbol, token, mark; indication, symptom, syndrome; proof, substantiation, testimony, corroboration, certification.

manifesto, n. proclamation, pronouncement, proclamation, publication, airing, broadcasting, advertisement, manifest, manifestor, proclaimer, proclaimer, declarer,ramer, professed, avowed, avowal; anunciation, exemplification, example, illustration, description; declaration, expression, profession, avowal; announcement, publication, airing, broadcasting, advertisement, public statement; exposure, exposé, revelation, revealment, epiphany; disclosure, uncovering, unmasking, divulgence.

manipulation, n. 1. multifold, multiplex, multiple, manifold, homunculus, human, homunculi, mash, mash, mashing, manipulator, manipulator, handler, operator, performer, agent; engineer, conductor, pilot, driver, steersman, navigator.

2. influence, work on, move, motivate; play on, exploit, take advantage of, Inf. stroke; contrive, plot, scheme, intrigue, machinate, pull the strings, have one's way, engineer, wheel and deal, maneuver, Inf. angle, jockey; circumvent, overreach, trick, outsmart,Inf. infagle, Inf. wangle, gerrymannder.

3. juggle, falsify, fake, rig, trump up, pack, stack; tamper with, doctor, fiddle with, twiddle with, play with, fix.

4. direct, lead, head, regulate, orientate; turn, finesse, conduct, guide, steer; drive, take the wheel, be in the driver's seat, take the reins; captain, Inf. cox, navigate, pilot, be at the helm.

manipulate, v. 1. handle, manage, work, operate, control; use, wield, ply, exercise, practice, exert, brandish, flourish; apply, adhibit, utilize, employ, make use of.

2. influence, work on, move, motivate; play on, exploit, take advantage of, Inf. stroke; contrive, plot, scheme, intrigue, machinate, pull the strings, have one's way, engineer, wheel and deal, maneuver, Inf. angle, jockey; circumvent, overreach, trick, outsmart, outwit, outdo, go one better, get the better of; Inf. finagle, Inf. wangle, gerrymannder.

manikin, n. 1. dwarf, midget, homunculus, little man, pygmy, atom, Lilliputian; chit, fingering, dapperling, cock-sparrow, hop-o'-my-thumb, Tom Thumb, Thumbelina, Chiefly Brit. Chieffly Brit. Scat. wee fellow or lad or one, Obs. pigwidge, Archiac. dannipratt; shrimp, runt, peewee, squirt, pip-squeak, Inf. half-pint, small fry, Inf. shorty, imp, elf, fairy, ray, sprite, nymph, Obs. urchin; goblin, hobobbin, (in German folklore) kobold, (in Irish folklore) leprechaun, Chiefly Brit. little person, gnome, (in Scandinavian folklore) troll, Hobbbit.

2. mannequin, dummy. See mannequin.

manly, adj. 1. manly, virile, potent, macho, man; Inf. the, virile, potent, macho, Inf. two-fisted, Inf. he-man, Inf. hairy-chested.

2. strong, powerful, sturdy, mighty, puissant, forceful; able-bodied, athletic, well-built, well-knit; brawny, muscular, sinewy, wiry, husky, strapping, broad-shouldered, burly, thickset, hefty, virile, hale, hearty, robust, vigorous; lusty, red-blooded, hardy, stout, rugged.

3. bold, courageous, brave, valiant, valorous, intrepid; audacious, daring, venturesome; fearless, dauntless, indomitable, tough; plucky, game, spunky, doughty, nervy, minority, Inf. balls; nerve, doughtiness, grit, stamina, guts, intestinal fortitude.

mannish, adj. 1. masculine, male, manful, manlike; Inf. the, virile, potent, macho, Inf. two-fisted, Inf. he-man, Inf. hairy-chested.

2. strong, powerful, sturdy, mighty, puissant, forceful; able-bodied, athletic, well-built, well-knit; brawny, muscular, sinewy, wiry, husky, strapping, broad-shouldered, burly, thickset, hefty, virile, hale, hearty, robust, vigorous; lusty, red-blooded, hardy, stout, rugged.

manna, n. 1. (all of a spiritual nature) food, nutrient, nourishment, refreshment, sustenance, provender; divine providence.

2. godsend, boon, blessing, manna from heaven, Inf. [s.1.t] out of the blue; gift, favor, benefit, benefaction, benevolence, grace, comfort, ease, remedy; windfall, bonus, premium, surprise, Inf. surprise package, Brit. Inf. perk, Sl. gravy.

3. aid, help, assistance, succor; assist, helping hand, boost, help in time of need; support, maintenance, sustenance, subsistence, provision, keep, economic support, subsidization, patronage, subsidy, lift, bounty.

mannikin, n. manikin, dummy, lay figure; model, high-fashion model.

manner, n. 1. way, means, wise, method, mode, fashion, style; habit, custom, pattern, habit, wont, characteristic or customary way; system, approach, technique, procedure, course, practice, order, line, lines, attack, tack; methodology, process, proceeding, line of action, routine, Brit. the drill, Latin. modus operandi, mode of operation, Inf. MO, manner of working; procedure, standard operating procedure, Inf. SOP.

2. aspect, air, deportment, way, manner, method, style, quality, bearing, demeanor, mien, cast, turn, form, shape, complexion, tenor, form; attitude, aspect, bearing, manner, style, bearing, form; Inf. the cut of one's jib; presence, seeming, outward appearance, appearance, outwardness, exteriority.
mannered, courteous, well-mannered, polite, mannerly, adj.

2. habit, trick, quirk, peculiarity, peculiar trait, idiosyncrasy, characteristic gesture, body language; tic, put-on, manneredness, artifice, overelegance, overelaboration, pretense, insincerity, airs, (es/?), in Victorian England.

3. sort, kind, strain, denomination, stripe, line, species; genre, nature, class, order.

4. manners. a. behavior, Archaic: havior, conduct, comportment, social behavior, life style, way of life, modus vivendi, ways, system of values, ethos, common practice, folkways, customs, mores, goings on, doings, bank code, rules of conduct, formalities, social procedures or conduct, good manners, politeness, politesse, comity, civility; social graces, proprieties, decorum, good form, courtliness; formality, formalness, ceremony, ritual, formalization; fashionableness, prevalence, currency, normality, routine; propriety, decorousness, correctness, Fr. convenance, Fr. bienséance; decency, seemliness, civilized behavior, dictates of society or of Mrs. Grundy, p's and q's; amenities, decency, civilities, proper thing, what is done, social convention, Fr. bon ton, protocol, diplomatic code, e. pattern, behavior pattern, cultural pattern, behavioral norm, rule, procedure, form, run of things, matter of course; convention, custom, habit, established way, social usage, time-honored practice, tradition, folkway, practice, standing custom or practice, observance, ritual, praxis, consuetude.

5. to the manner born aristocratic, patrician, blue-blooded, silk-stocking, noble, gentle, genteel, well-born, born; royalty, princely, kingly, titled; thoroughbred, pedigreed, of noble blood; elegant, graceful, fine; well-bred, polite, civil, mannerly, well-manered, courted, decorous, proper, Fr. comm. de faute; graceful, ladylike, courteous, gentlemanly; debonair, chivalrous, chivalric, gallant, cavalier; polished, refined, finished, cultivated; urbane, suave, sophisticated, cosmopolitan, worldly; fashionable, high-toned, Sl. Tony, high-class Sl. classy, Inf. swank.

mannered, adj. affected, unnatural, artificial, insincere, Sl. phony; pretentious, on one's high horse, Inf. highhatted, Inf. high-hat, Inf. high-tack, Inf. la-di-da; theatrical, stagy, posed, overdone, histrionic, overact, Inf. too-much, Inf. fake or faked; hautious, lordly, hoity-toity, arrogant, proud, snobbish, disdainful, snubbing, with one's nose in the air.

mannerism, a. reaction, reaction, exaggeration, pretension, intense, airs, (esp. in Victorian England) prunes and prisms; artificiality, unnaturalness, manneredness, artifice, overelegance, overelaboration, overniceness, overnicery, overformality; formality, stiffness, frill, Inf. put-on, Inf. putting on the dog.

2. habit, trick, quirk, peculiarity, trait, idiosyncrasy, characteristic gesture, body language; tic, twist, kink; eccentricity, eccentricity, oddity, differentness, unconventionality, outlandishness; characteristic, singularity, particularity, feature; distinctive feature, stamp, trademark, earmark, hallmark, individualism, specialty; style, mode, manner, fashion, vogue.

mannerly, adj. 1. courteous, well-mannered, polite, civil, respectful, deferential, deferent; decorous, proper, formal, Fr. comme il faut, ceremonious; tactful, diplomatic, polite; cordial, genial, affable, amiable, good-humored, pleasant, sociable, considerate, thoughtful, nice, Inf. nice as pie; pleasing, winning, charming, ingratiating, compliant, agreeable, obliging, attentive; mild, bland, fair-spoken, kindly, self-effacing.

2. well-behaved, well-bred, refined, polished, poised, cultivated, smooth, Inf. smooth as silk, civilized; genteel, gentle, ladylike, gracious, kind; gentlemanly, gentlemanly; tactful, gentle, graceful, courtly, urbane, suave, debonair, sophisticated, elegant.

—adv. 3. courteously, politely, civilly, respectfully, deferentially, attentively, obligingly, accommodatingly, graciously, gracefully, with good grace, like a lady; courteously, gallantly, chivalrously, like a gentleman; urbane, suavely, smoothly, with polish.

manned, adv. 1. (all of women, usu. derogatory) manified, unfeminine, unwomanly, unladylike, Amazonian; Sl. butch; hoidenish, tomboyish, rompish.

2. masculine, manly, manlike, male; virile, potent, Inf. he-mannish, Inf. two-fisted.

3. brave, courageous, valiant, valorous; intrepid, fearless, dauntless, aweless; bold, bold-spirited, high-spirited, nervy, plucky, mettlesome; resolute, firm, stalwart, Archaic: stanch, stout, doughty; staunch-hearted, lionhearted, great-hearted.

man of means, n. rich man, wealthy man, moneymaker, man of wealth, man of substance, nabob, nawab, moneybags, Brit. Inf. warm man, Sl. fat cat; millionaire, multimillionaire, billionaire; sugar daddy; plutocrat, capitalist.

man of war, n. warship, ship of war, war vessel; ship of the line, line-of-battle ship, corvette; battleship, Inf. battleswagon, cruiser, destroyer, gunboat; aircraft carrier, carrier, U.S. Navy Inf. flattop.

manor, n. estate, country estate, country seat, man or seat, house and grounds, house and lot, Sl. spread, Brit. Dial. toft; demesne, L. messuage; manor house, country house, country home; manor, palace, palatial or stately dwelling or residence, house on the hill.


manservant, n. male servant, servant, Fr. garçon, Archaic: groom; man, valet, gentleman's gentleman, Mil. orderly, (in the British army) batman; attendant, servitor, squire, Scot. gillie, Chiefly Brit. buttons, Archaic: yeoman; lackey, footman, Contemptuous: flunkey; steward, head servant, major-domo, butler, chamberlain; factotum, man-of-all-work, do-all, Brit. general servant.

mansion, n. 1. palace, palatial or stately residence, Fr. hôtel, It. palazzo, villa, chateau, chief, Chiefly Brit. hall, Brit. court, Archit. folly, Sl. spread.

2. manor house, manor seat, estate, country estate, country home, country house, country seat, hacienda.

3. Often mansions British: apartment house, apartment building, apartment block, apartment complex, tenements, high rise, high-riser, high-rise apartments.

manslaughter, n. murder, slaying, killing, (in India) thugs; assassination, dispatch, Sl. hit; lynching, murder by mob, mob-murder, Sl. necktie party; homicide, patricide, matricide, fratricide, fratricide, sororicide, uxoricide, infanticide, regicide, vaticide.

manslayer, n. 1. murderer, killer, slayer, man-killer, cutthroat, thug; assassin, liquidator, brave, sniper, gunman, silencer, dispatcher, Sl. gun, Sl. hired gun, Sl. hit man, Sl. triggerman, Sl. torpedo, Sl. hatchet man; executioner, Sl. Jack Ketch, lyncher, garotter, burker; butcher, Bluebeard, ripper, bloodspiller, bloodshedder, bloodletter.

2. homicide, patricide, matricide, fratricide, fratricide, sororicide, uxoricide, infanticide, regicide, tyrannicide, vaticide.

mantilla, n. 1. head scarf, scarf, fascinator, shawl, wrap, head covering, kerchief; veil, cof, wimple, headcloth; hood, cowl, capuche.

2. mantle, cape, cloak, pelisse, covering.

mantle, n. 1. cape, shawl, cloak, pelisse, pelerine, cope, drape, fur, pozzo, sart, tunica, Antig. chiton, Gk. Antig. chlamys, (in ancient Greece and Rome) pallium; mantilla, mantua, mantellet, (in Spain
and Spanish America) manta, dolman.
2. cover, covering, envelope, sheet, sheathing; pall, cloud, shade, film; mask, disguise, guise.
   —v. 3. cover, envelop, cloak, clothe, invest, swathe, enwrap, enshroud, shroud, drape; veil, blanket, curtain; cloud, obscure, shade, shadow; conceal, hide, disguise, mask.
4. flush, blush, color, color up, turn or change color, turn red, reddens, get or become red in the face, crimson.
5. foam, froth, form a head; sparkle, effervesce, fizz, Fitzgerald, bubble, burble.

manual, n. handbook, enchiridion, vade mecum, guidebook, Inf. how-to book; primer, gradus, workbook, abecedary; textbook, text, schoolbook.
manufacture, n. 1. production, construction, building, making, fabrication, formation, creation; assembling, putting together; handiwork, workmanship, craft, craftsmanship.
   —v. 2. produce, construct, build, make, work up, assemble, contrive, fashion, shape; create, frame, chisel, develop, carve, turn out, forge, form.
3. fabricate, concoct, elaborate, invent, make up; weave, tell a tall tale, fictionalize, romance; lie, lie like a rug, tie through one's teeth; prevaricate, misstate, equivocate; speak with forked tongue, spin it out, embroider, embellish; make up out of whole cloth; cook up, gloss over; draw the long bow; trifle with the truth, color, hyperbolize.

manumission, n. emancipation, emancipating, liberation, liberating, freeing, affranchisement, affranchising, enfranchisement, enfranchising, franchise, franchise, manumitting; release, releasing, loosing, losening, letting loose, setting loose, turning loose; discharge; disimprisonment, disimprisoning, disenfranchisement, disenfranchising, disenfrathallment, disenfrathallment, unfettering, unfettering, untying, unbridling, unyoking, unshackling, unchaining; deliverance, delivery, rescue, rescuing, ransom, ransoming, redemption, redeeming, Both Theol. salvation, saving.

manumit, v. emancipate, liberate, free, set free, set at liberty, give [s.o.] his liberty, affranchise, enfranchise, enfranchising, franchise, manumitting; release, releasing, loosing, losening, letting loose, setting loose, turning loose, discharge; disimprisonment, disimprisoning, disenfranchisement, disenfranchising, disenfrathallment, disenfrathallment, unfettering, unfettering, untying, unbridling, unyoking, unshackling, unchaining; deliverance, delivery, rescue, rescuing, ransom, ransoming, redemption, redeeming, Both Theol. salvation, saving.

manure, n. 1. fertilizer, organic fertilizer, plant food; compost, dressing, side-dressing; marl, bone meal, Inf. yesterday's gardenias.
2. excrement, excreta, egesta; fecal matter, waste material, stools, Sl. do, waste, feculence; dung, muck, ordure, guano, animal droppings, night soil, cow or buffalo chips, U.S. West cow pies, coprolites, coproliths, Sl. flops, stable refuse.
   —v. 3. fertilize, spread manure over, enrich.

manuscript, n. 1. handwritten script, written document, instrument, deed, holograph, folio, scripture, scroll, codex.
2. original, author's copy, draft, rough draft, prototype, typescript, MS, source document.
3. script, playbook, book, promptbook, libretto, score, text, dialogue, lines, actor's lines.
4. handwriting, hand, penmanship, handwriting, penmanship, pencraft, inklinging, pencil pushing, scribing, scribing; autograph, signature.

many, adj. 1. multitudinous, myriad, sundry, divers, several; various, manifold, multifarious; innumerable, countless, numerous, numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore, numerous as the stars in the Milky Way; multifold, multiple, multiplied, Inf. umpteen; abundant, profuse, teeming, prevalent, plentiful, copious; great, considerable, large.
   —n. 2. lots, a lot, Sl. scads, Sl. a scad, piles, a pile, Inf. heaps, Inf. a heap; bags of, Inf. gobs of, bags, barrels, tons, a bunch, a bushel and a peck; mass, shipload, passel; array, aggregation, assemblage, accumulation, amassment, assortment; myriad, legion, army, host; crowd, throng, multitude, horde, Inf. scissions, Inf. zillions, a thousand and one, scores, numbers, a number; multiplicity, multitudinosity, plenty, abundance, profusion, galaxy, Milky Way; school, shoal, bevy, covey, hive, flock, swarm, brood, drove; endless stream, river, torrent, flood, ocean, sea, world.
many-colored, adj. multicolored, polychrome, polychromatic, many-hued, variegated, rainbowlike, bow; iridescent, irissated, opalescent; versicolor, particolored, kaleidoscopic; spectral, prismatic, gawdy, flashy, garish; like the aurora borealis; piebald, skew-bald, pipped, dappled; motley, harlequin, plaid, spotted, flecked, checked, mosaic.

many-sided, adj. 1. multilateral, trilateral, quadrilateral, tetrahedral, tetragonal.
2. multifaceted, hydroaerated, complex, compound; intricate, involved, difficult.
3. versatile, well-rounded, all-around, all-round; protean, changeable, adaptable; handy, talented, able, capable, deft, dexterous, gifted; Renaissance, cultured, interested, broad-minded; curious, deep, profound.

map, n. 1. chart, plan, U.S. plat, graph, cartogram, Rand-McNally; table, outline, diagram, plot, road map, relief map, topographical map; projection, grid, guide, street guide; atlas, gazetteer.
2. representation, description, designation; reproduction, mirror; delineation, design.
   —v. 3. chart, delineate, represent; outline, trace, diagram, picture, depict.
4. make out, plot, map, project, prepare; chalk out, sketch, draw up, lay down, lay down, set out, prognosticate, predetermine; devise, scheme, contrive; organize, arrange.

mar, v. 1. impair, spoil, wreck, ruin; vitiate, debase, degrade, subvert, corrupt, adulterate, contaminate; sully, stain, taint, infect; blight, pollute, Inf. foul up, befoul, dirty, scathe, crack, break, Inf. bust, smash; despooil, devastate.
2. injure, harm, hurt, damage; disfigure, deform, scar, blemish; deform, distort, warp; cripple, lame, mangle, mutilate, wound.

maraud, v. 1. pirate, freeboot, buccaneer, privateer, filibuster; seize, capture, steal, thief, carry off, rape.
2. plunder, despooil, Archaic. spoil, spoliage, pillage, ravage, harry, devastate, depredate; ransack, sack, loot, gut, fleece, strip, rifle; raid, foray, forage, prey on or upon; lay waste, desolate, wreak havoc upon.

marauder, n. 1. pirate, rover, viking, corsair, buccaneer, privateer, freebooter, rapproche, (in the Scottish Highlands) cateran.
2. pillager, plunderer, despooiler; ransacker, sacker, depredator, rifle, looter, forager, raider; ravager, destroyer.
3. kidnapper, abductor, rustler; hijacker, skyjack, air or sky pirate.
4. robber, burglar, thief, stealer, Inf. crook, housebreaker, highwayman, footpad, Sl. yeeg or yegman, bandit, Sp. bandolero, Southwest U.S. ladrone, Australia, bushranger, brigand, picaroon, outlaw, des-
perado.

**marauding**, adj. roving, raiding, plundering, pillaging, ravaging; buccaneering, privateering, piratical, piratic; preying, predatory, predacious, rapacious; thievish.

**marble**, n. 1. chalcedony, limestone, quartz;agate, Sl. aggie, Sl. glassy, shooter.

—adj. 2. hard, polished, smooth, vitreous, glossy, shiny, lustrious.

3. marble-hearted, cold-hearted, hard-hearted; cold, austere, harsh, flinty, steely; unsympathetic, unfeling, uncompassionate, uncaring, indifferent; merciless, relentless, unforgiving; rigid, stiff, stiff-necked; unkind, cruel, icy.

—v. 4. variegate, mottle, stipple, fleck, striate; cut, gash, scratch, slash, scar, cicatrix, pock; tick, notch, chip, nick, pit, hachure; dent, impression, bruise; stain, blemish, blot, pimple; dot, spot, speck, blotch, smudge.

2. proceed, go forward, forge ahead, get ahead, pass along; make headway, make progress, make strides, gain ground; go on, continue on, roll on, flow on, cover ground; develop, evolve, rise, further, prefer.

—n. 3. column, file, train, retinue; parade, procession, cortège, caravane, cavalcade, coffe.

3. skin-diver, scuba diver, deep-sea diver, undersea explorer, aquanaut, hydroonaut.

**marionette**, n. puppet; Punch and Judy, Polichinelle, It. fantoccio, dummy, doll.

**marital**, adj. conjugal, connubial, matrimonial, concomitant; nuptial, bridal, hymeneal, epithalamic, wedded, married; spousal, wifely, husbandly, uxorial, virile.

**maritime**, adj. 1. sea, oceanic, Neptunian, aquatic; marine, thalassic, pelagic; bathy, deep-sea, bathypelagic, benthic; hydrographic, oceanographic, bathymetrical.

2. nautical, naval, seamanlike, seamanly, sailorly, sailor, seaman, seafarer, Inf. tar, sailor, Inf. devil dog, Sl. leather-neck, Mil. Sl. grunt.

4. shipping, tonnage, merchant vessel, merchant marine; navy, armada, warships, fleet, flotilla, squadron.

5. seascape, marine painting.


2. skipper, captain; first mate, chief mate, first or chief officer, Naut. mate; helmsman, steersman, pilot, navigator; petty officer, boatswain, coxswain; crewman, Naut. deck hand, hand; midshipman, Inf. midy.

3. skin-diver, scuba diver, deep-sea diver, undersea explorer, aquanaut, hydroonaut.

**marine**, adj. 1. sea, oceanic, Neptunian, aquatic; marine, thalassic, pelagic; bathy, deep-sea, bathypelagic, benthic; hydrographic, oceanographic, bathymetrical.

2. nautical, naval, seamanlike, seamanly, sailorly, Inf. salty; seafaring, seagoing, oceangoing; nautical, sailing, coasting.

3. littoral, coastal, tidal, shore, seashore, seaside, grallatorial; riverine, riverside, riparian, estuarine.

**mark**, n. 1. trace, line, score, rule, underline, discern, stroke, cut; gash, scratch, slash, scar, cicatrix, pock; tick, notch, chip, nick, pit, hachure; dent, impression, bruise; stain, blemish, blot, pimple; dot, spot, speck, blotch, smudge.

2. sign, symbol, indication, barmark; brand, identification, marking, trademark, hallmark; badge, emblem, token, evidence, proof; symptom, clue, hint, scent, omen; device, motto, monogram, signet, cachet, seal, signum; signature, autograph, cipher, figure, cross, X, hand, imprint, countermark, initials; fingerprint, thumbprint, footprint.

3. trace, vestige, remains, relic; track, tread, footmark, print, print, footprint, footmark, hoofmark; trail, wash, wake; scent, spoor, slot, smell, whiff.

4. landmark, waymark, direction post, marker, pointer; signpost, milestone, landmark, leader, cynosure.

5. punctuation, point, period, stop, dot, ellipsis; comma, colon, semicolon, virgule, slash; quotation marks, apostrophe, exclamation mark, question mark; parenthesis, brackets, crotchets, braces; hyphen, dash, caret; asterisk, star, dagger, obelisk, squiggle, section; bullet, index, leader, paragraph; accent, grave accent, acute accent, circumflex, wedge; diaeresis, umlaut, tilde, macron, cedilla, breve.

6. norm, standard, criterion, measure; scale, yardstick, gauge, rule; model, type, pattern, prototype.

7. distinction, importance, consequence, prominenence, greatness; repute, note, notability, report; fame; eminence, preeminence, prestige, glory, dignity, honor, celebrity, popularity; standing, rank, account, regard, name.

8. trait, characteristic, feature, peculiarity, lineament, attribute, quality; stamp, print, earmark, stigma, tattoo.

9. goal, objective, quarry, purpose, aim, end, intent, intention; point, destination, terminal, object; target, (of a vessel) ocean-going.

—n. 3. soldier, sailor, Inf. devil dog, Sl. leatherneck, Mil. Sl. grunt.
bull's-eye, butt.  
10. **wide of the mark a.** inaccurate, erroneous, off-target, out of order, amiss; inexact, faulty, fallacious, illogical. b. irrelevant, pointless, beside the mark, inapplicable, beside the point, inapposite; inconsequential, academic, parenthetical, neither here nor there.  
—v. 11. distinguish, brand, imprint, impress, stamp, earmark, seal, punch, emboss; sign, counter-sign, autograph, endorse. X. initial, paraph, score, rule, underline, underscore, annotate.  
12. scratch, cut, scar, gash, slash, Scot. scart; notch, tick, nick, chip, pock, pit, chalk, dent, bruise; spot, dot, blotch, splotch; stain, streak, blot, smudge; deface, mar, disfigure, deform.  
13. indicate, designate, signify, betoken, specify, point out; define, determine, set, fix, stipulate, assign, pin down, name, denominate; identify, label, tag, ticket, docket, tab.  
14. heed, pay attention to, mind, note, pay heed to, obey, respect; bear in mind, take into consideration, give a thought to, hold in view; consider, give attention to, regard, hearken.  
15. notice, observe, take note, Sl. get a load of; see, discern, make out, despy, recognize; spot, watch, witness, eye.  
16. mark down reduce, decrease, cheaper, lower the price, depreciate, devaluate; cut, slash, go for a song, give away; undersell, undercut, undercharge.  
17. **mark out a.** trace, form, outline, figure, represent, Archaic. limn; profile, delineate, sketch, depict, portray, shape, picture. b. single out, point out, distinguish, set apart, Inf. keynote; exclude, except, select; stigmatize, discriminate, differentiate. c. delimit, demarcate, bound, mark off, separate; restrict, restrain, circumscribe. d. destine, intend, reserve, purpose.  
18. mark up raise, hike, boost, jack up; escalate, up increase, inflate, appreciate, make higher, double.  
marked, adj. 1. noticeable, conspicuous, showing, salient, pointed, prominent, pronounced; striking, glaring, telling, flagrant, egregious; singular, peculiar, unique, uncommon, special, particular; distinguishable, unmistakable, identifiable, recognizable; manifest, apparent, evident, obvious, patent, self-evident, written all over one.  
2. celebrated, eminent, notable, outstanding, memorable, unforgettable; remarkable, extraordinary, exceptional, signal, noteworthy; estimable, reputable, prestigious, noble, honorable; noted, renowned, distinguished, famed, famous, acclaimed, heralded.  
4. striped, streaked, painted; lined, engraved, graven, inscribed, cut; enchaused, tooled, carved, chiseled, sculptured; impressed, stamped, imprinted, printed.  
marker, n. 1. indication, mark, sign, symbol, token, identification, marking; indicator, arrow, index, paragraph; needle, finger, hand, hour-hand; bookmark, locator, place marker, pagemaker; weathercock, wind sock, weathervane, vane, straw in the wind; beacon, lighthouse, Pharos, lightship; lodestar, pole star, north star; landmark, waymark, pointer, direction post, post, signpost, guidepost, milestone, seamark, buoy, leader.  
2. monument, memorial, plaque, cross; tombstone, gravestone, headstone, footstone; cairn, barrow, mound.  
3. counter, chip, token, slug; coupon, check, tag, ticket, slip.  
4. timekeeper, scorekeeper, scorer, recorder.  
market, n. 1. marketplace, markethouse, mart, open market, exchange, trading center, shopping center, commercial resort, place of traffic, forum, market town, Hist. staple; fair, exposition, emporium, rialto.  
2. grocery, grocery store, food store, foodmart, delicatessen, Inf. deli or deli, Brit. cash and carry, supermarket, Brit. hypermarket; meat market, butcher shop, butcher, Observe butcher-row; vegetable or produce stand or mart, fruit and vegetable stand.  
3. trade, traffic, sale, commerce, transaction, interchange, commercial enterprise, marketing, nundination; buying and selling, business, mercantary, mercantilism, commercialism, jobbing, brokerage, speculation; Inf. truck, dealing, barter, bargaining, negotiation, swap; hucksterism, haggling, hassling, hustling, chaffer, mongering.  
4. demand, call, call for, request, appeal; need, want, desire.  
5. price, current price, market price, exchange rate, rate, cost, amount, charge, expense; quotation, estimation, appraisal, appraisement, assessment, valuation; value, worth, monetary worth, equivalent, money's worth, par.  
6. in the market for in need of, wanting, lacking, without; ready or looking or seeking to buy.  
7. on the market for sale, up for sale, available, obtainable, at hand, purchasable, accessible, attainable.  
—v. 8. deal, traffic, trade, transact, exchange, interchange, buy and sell, job, speculate, Inf. truck, nundinate, handle, negotiate; bargain, barter, haggle, haggle, chaffer, Scot. argle-bargle.  
9. transport, ship, send, dispatch, convey, freight, post, express, consign, send off; truck, move, cart, run, deliver, haul, carry, bring, transmit.  
10. sell, sell off, retail, dispose of, regerate, auction, furnish, offer, offer for sale, put up for sale, vend, peddle, hawk, hustle; undersell, undercharge, undercut, sell at a loss, unload, dump.  
marketable, adj. 1. salable, vendible, merchantable, Obs., Rare. merchandisable, commericalizable, exchangeable, interchangeable, staple, readily-sold, of ready sale, disposable; in demand, sought-after, desirable, desired, wanted, needed, requested, called-for; in vogue, fashionable, popular, Sl. hot.  
2. commercial, mercantile, Rare. mercatorial; retail, wholesale; for sale, up for sale, on the market, available, obtainable, purchasable, at hand, accessible, attainable.  
marksman, n. sharpshooter, rifleman, bersagliere; good shot, crack shot, dead shot, Sl. deadeye.  
maroon, v. abandon, forsake, cast off, leave behind, turn one's back upon; isolate, exclude, cut off.  
marriage, n. 1. matrimony, holy matrimony, wedlock, holy wedlock; bond of matrimony, conjugal bond or tie or knot, wedding knot; match.  
2. wedding, nuptials, espousals, spousals, espousement, bridal, hymeneal rites; wedding song, nuptial song, hymeneal, prothalamium, epithalamium.  
3. alliance, union, affiliation, association, merger, amalgamation, consolidation, integration.  
marriageable, adj. nubile, marriable, ripe, in full bloom; of age, at the age of consent.  
marrried, adj. 1. wedded, united in wedlock, joined in holy matrimony, one, one body and one flesh; mated. matched, coupled, spliced, yoked.  
2. marital, matrimonial, connubial, spousal, conjugal, bridal, nuptial, epithalamic, hymeneal; wifely, husbandly.  
marrow, n. 1. core, pith, kernel, nucleus, Anat. medulla; center, focus, focal point, Inf. nub; sap, spirit, heart, soul, heart and soul; gist, sum and sub-
stance; matter substance, stuff, meat, nuts and bolts, *Inf.* nitty-gritty.


**marry**, v. 1. wed, wife, espouse, tie the knot, take the plunge, say one's vows, say "I do", walk down the aisle, become man and wife, *Sp.* splice, *Sl.* hitch up with, *Archaic.* husband; lead [s.o.] to the altar, walk [s.o.] down the aisle, give away; hook up, join in holy wedlock or matrimony, *Sl.* hitch.

2. mate, couple, partner, twin, pair or match up; unite, join, bond, fuse, weld, glue, cohere, stick together; put together; yoke, bind, tie together; connect, link, chain; unify, bring or draw together, make close; associate, affiliate, ally; coal esce, league, club; team, band, herd, pool, merge.


**martial**, n. commander in chief, generalissimo, general of the army, five-star general, field marshal.


—v. 4. order, put or set in order, organize; gather, arrange, dispose, deploy, distribute.

5. array, draw up, line up, draw up or line up for battle.

6. usher, escort, shepherd, guide, conduct, lead.

**marshy**, adj. swampy, muddy, boggy, fenny, quaggy, adj.

**martyr**, n. sufferer, victim; breast-beater, self-strict

2. martyrization; crucifixion, *Immaculateness*; execution, excruciation; bitter cup, crown of thorns, vale of tears; purgatory, hell, hell on earth.

**martyrdom**, n. 1. martyrization; crucifixion, im manlessness, immolation, lapidation, stoning.

2. torture, torment, agony, anguish, suffering, persecution, crucifixion; bitter cup, crown of thorns, vale of tears; purgatory, hell, hell on earth.

**martyr**, n. wonder, wonderful thing, amazing thing, quite a thing, really something; prodigy, miracle, phenomenon; sight, spectacle, sensation, eye opener, *Sl.* stunner, *Sl.* mind-boggler, *Sl.* mind-blower; curiosity, rarity, nonesuch, one in a thousand; *All Inf.* one for the book, something to brag about, something to write home about, something to shout about, something else.

—v. 2. wonder or wonder at, gape, gawk, goggle, look or stand aghast or agog, rub one's eyes, not believe one's eyes or ears.


3. improbable, unlikely, hard or difficult to believe, unbelievable, implausible, inconceivable, incredible.


2. superbly, splendidly, gloriously, divinely, ter rifically, exceptionally; wonderfully, splashingly.

3. improbably, implausibly, unbelievably, inconceiv ably, incredibly.

**mascot**, n. charm, good luck charm, talisman, amulet, lucky piece; lucky charm, horsehoe, rabbit's foot, wishbone, *Brit.* merythought; periap, abraxas, scarab, phylactery, fetish; protector, preservative, safeguard.

**masculine**, adj. 1. manly, virile, manful, macho; robust, muscular, athletic, brawny, sinewy, wiry, strapping, husky, stalwart, sturdy, hardy; strong, vigorous, lusty, energetic, powerful, mighty, forceful, forcible, potent, puissant, dynamic; brave, courageous, bold, bold-spirited, daring, valiant, valorous, heroic, gallant; stout, stout-hearted, lionhearted, ironhearted, intrepid, fearless, unafraid, dauntless, dreadful, nerve, *Sl.* gutsy.

2. male, man's, *of or for men; androcentric, male-dominated, male-oriented, patriarchal.

3. *of a woman* mannish, manlike, *Sl.* butch; unfem inale, unwomanly; *Amazonian*; hairy, hirsute.


puppy love, calf love, enchantment, obsession, fixation. b. sweetheart, sweetie, flame, spark; inamorata, true love, ladylove, light of one's life, Inf. girl; inamorato, best beau, favorite, boy friend. c. flirt, coquette, U.S. Inf. vampl; Casanova, philanderer, Sl. lounge lizard; Sl. masher, Inf. dirty old man.

—v. 3. crush, pulp, pulpify, smash, squash, masticate, jellify, beat, pound, thresch; bruise, contuse, crunch, Inf. smash, Inf. crunch. 4. mix, combine, unite, unify, incorporate, consolidate, inosculate; alloy, amalgamate, syncretize; blend, merge, coalesce, put together.

5. Slang. flirt with, court, pay court to; woo, make love to, Inf. spark, set one's cap for, address, sue, press one's suit; attempt to beguile, make overtures to, attempt to seduce, proposition.

mask, n. 1. masque, false face, vizard, visor, domino, grotesque face, Halloween mask. 2. swim mask, snorkel mask, diving helmet.

3. theatrical mask, tragic mask, comic mask, witch-doctor's mask; death mask, life mask.

4. disguise, guise, cover, camouflage, incognito, veil; mummy, shield, deflection, false front, false colors, pretense, obscuration; false identity, Inf. cover, pseuonym, alias.


6. protective mask, surgeon's mask, industrial mask, shop mask, safety goggles, gas mask; hockey goalie's mask, catcher's mask, fencer's mask, skier's mask, football facemask.

7. masquerade, masque. See masquerade (def. 1).

—v. 8. disguise, conceal, hide, obscure; screen, cloak, shroud, cover; dissimulate, feign, put on, pretend, fake, put on an act, posture, sail under false colors, put on a false front, Inf. four-flush; Inf. dish bull, deceive, beguile, Inf. pull the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes, hold-up, Inf. flim-flam; conceal the real facts, act hypocritically, be deceptive, make pretensions; lie, be mendacious, be untruthful, deceive; be Machiavellian, be two-faced.

9. masquerade, put on a mask, veil, masque, adopt a disguise, disguise oneself; go incognito, Inf. go underground, Inf. fade into the woodwork, affect a pseudonym.

masked, adj. 1. disguised, mask-wearing, concealed, hidden, camouflaged; veiled, obscured, covered, shrouded, screened.

2. incognito, under a pseudonym, masquerading, flying under false colors, parading as something else, pretending; posturing, affected, bluffing, fake, false, fraudulent; hypocritical, deceptive, dissembling, prevaricative, prevaricatory, evasive, shifty, lying.

mason, n. 1. bricklayer, brickmason, stonemason, tileer, Scot. cowman, Brit. Dial. brick. 2. stonework, brickwork, rubblework, rubble.

masonry, n. 1. bricklaying, brickmasonry, stone-masonry, tiling.

2. stonework, brickwork, rubblework, rubble.

masquerade, n. 1. masked ball, mask, masque, masquerade ball, costume party, Fr. bal masqué, Fr. bal paré, Fr. bal costumé; mummery, revel, harlequinade, carnival, Mardi gras, Halloween party.

2. costume, disguise, mummery, theatrical costume; mask, visor, domino; camouflage, cloak

3. pretense, subterfuge, guise, feint, trick, artifice; ruse, pretext, excuse, expedient, plea.

4. false colors, imposture, pose, pretense, Inf. front, dissimulation, faking, bluff, Inf. an act, deception, lie.

—v. 5. go incognito, disguise oneself. See mask (def. 9).

masquerader, n. masker, domino, mummer, guiser; pretender, poseur, impostor, imitator; incognito, plainclothesman, Inf. undercover cop; bluffer, flip-flam, deceiver, liar, hypocrite, faker, Inf. fake.

mass, n. 1. pile, heap, stack, accumulation, bulk, drift, cumulus; hoard, store, stock, stockpile, supply; lamp, deposit, swell, mound, tumulus; bank, hillock, hummock, hill, mountain; bale, bundle, cock, shock, rice, bundle, barrow, baleload, cart-load, cargo; cake, nugget, block, chunk, hunk; clot, coagulum, curd.

2. collection, assemblage, aggregation; concentration, agglomeration, conglomerate, cluster, congeries; assortment, variety, medley, miscellany, jumble, hodgepodge, clutter, Inf. mess.

3. abundance, bounty, volume, plenty; quantity, profusion, Inf. lots, Inf. raft, storm, shower, ocean, sea, world; hoard, store, considerable amount, deal, great deal; Inf. lots, peck, Inf. oodles, Inf. tons; Sl. gobs, Sl. scads, Inf. siews.

4. whole, totality, entirety, aggregate; total, sum, sum total, everything; concretion, gross amount, Sl. whole bit, Sl. whole schmear.

5. clump, tuft, thicket, grove, trunk, Bot. ra-}

6. group, knot, band, company; body, congregation, assembly, gathering; crowd, number, mob, throng; bevy, covey, gaggle, flock, swarm, grove, thicket, herd; lot, parcel; multitude, galaxy, constellation; throng, array, legion, score.

7. majority, main body, greater part, almost all, lion's share, preponderance.

8. size, dimension, magnitude, capacity; bigness, massiveness, immensity; greatness, ampleness, bulkiness, hugeness, ponderosity.

9. the masses the common people, the working class, the lower class, huddled masses; the common man, the man in the street; peasants, proletariat, plebeians, the hoi polloi; rabble, Both Disparaging the great unwashed, the underserving poor.

—v. 10. assemble, accumulate, amass; group together, draw together, lump together; compile, collate, collocate, collage, unite, join together; anthologize, collect, garner, glean, maculate; organize, order, codify, methodize, systematize.

11. convene, forgather, come together; meet, Inf. gang up, huddle, go into a huddle, get together, rendezvous.

12. group, cluster, concentrate, bunch up or together; crowd, congregate, agglomerate; flock together, throng, herd, swarm, surge; rally, muster, mobilize, levy; round up, round in.

massacre, n. 1. carnage, slaughter, butchery; wholesale slaughter, random or indiscriminate slaughter, general slaughter, wholesale killing, mass murder, murder, mass homicide, mass slaying, mass execution, mass destruction; blood bath, effusion of blood, fusillade of blood, noyade, Rare. internecion, Rare. trucidation; decimation, annihilation, extermination, liquidation, pogrom, genocide.

—v. 2. decimate, destroy a great number, kill off; annihilate, exterminate, eliminate, liquidate, obliterate, eradicate, Brit. Mil. Sl. scupper; erase, blot out; butcher, slaughter, cut to pieces, maul, savage, hew,
massage, bulky, big, large, hulking, huge, adj.
1. massive
2. pole, flagpole, flagstaff, post, support.
mast, n. 1. Nautical.
2. pole, flagpole, flagstaff, post, support.
master, n. 1. lord, lord and master, overlord, ruler, tyrant, dictator, despot, king, sovereign, monarch, majesty, crowned head, potentate, dynasty, prince, emperor, rajah, maharajah, sultan, czar. Caesar, kaiser, Fr. roi, Latin. rex, sheik, khan, governor, tetrarch; president, Chief Executive, commander in chief, Inf. pres, premier, chief of state, head of state, captain of the ship of state.
2. leader, chief, chieftain, head, headman, captain; superior, commander, commanding officer, senior officer, commandant, general, chief of staff, high chief, (of some tribes of American Indians) sachem; employer, Inf. boss, It. padrone, Fr. patron; Inf. bossman, Inf. big boss, man-in-charge, chairman, director, administrator; headmaster, schoolmaster, principal, dean; executive, manager, overseer, taskmaster, slave driver, supervisor, superintendent, Inf. super, foreman, Brit. gaffer; Inf. kingpin, Inf. kingfish, Inf. number one, Inf. Mr. Big, Sl. top dog, Sl. head honcho, Sl. big cheese, Fr. grand fromage, Sl. wheel or big wheel, Sl. high man on the totem pole, cock of the walk.
3. owner, possessor, holder, keeper, slaveholder, slave owner; landlord, proprietor, landowner, landholder; feudal lord or superior, liege, lord, Hist. suzerain; seigneur, Japanese Hist. daimyo, signior, signor; squire, Scot. laird, Russian Hist. bayor, (in medieval Germany) landgrave.
4. nobleman, noble, peer; grand duke, archduke, duke, marquis, Hist. margrave, earl, count, viscount, baron; grandee, magnifico, don, hidalgo.
5. captain, skipper, commander.
6. patriarch, master or man of the house, Irish Eng. himself; Inf. boss, father, papa, Inf. pa, Inf. dad, daddy, Inf. pop, Chiefly Midland and Southern U.S. pappy.
7. teacher, guide, leader or spiritual leader, guru, rabbi, Japanese. roshi.
8. the Master Jesus Christ, Jesus, Christ, the Nazarene, the Galilean; the Redeemer, the Savior, Emmanuel, the Messiah, the Son of God.
9. victor, conqueror, triumph, champion, winner, hero; conquistador, subjugator, subduer, defeater, vanquisher.
10. master hand, expert, proficient. See master hand.
11. boy, young man or fellow, Scot. shield, youth, adolescent, teenager, teen or younger, minor, hobble-de-hoy; male child, Inf. kid, youngster, stripling, lad, cub, sprig, schoolboy, worshippers; son, sonny, cadet, scion.
—adj. 12. chief, principal, main, predominant, cardinal, prime; leading, most important, dominating, commanding, controlling, ruling, directing.
13. masterful, masterly, skillful, skilled. See masterly (def. 1).
—v. 14. conquer, vanquish, triumph over, defeat, beat, Inf. whip; overmaster, overpower, overwhelm, overthrow, take over; prostrate, break, smash, crush, flatten, bring [s.o.] to his knees; subdue, subject, subordinate, enslave, enthrall; beat down, put down, quash, quell, stamp out; repress, suppress, keep down.
15. (all of animals) break, break in, tame, domesticate.
16. dominate, rule, control, govern; command, order around, dictate to, boss around, tell [s.o.] what to do; direct, manage, call the shots or plays, run the show, rule the roost, lay down the law; lord it over, dominate, be overbearing, rule with a high or iron hand, tyrannize; ride herd on, ride roughshod over, intimidate, browbeat, bully.
17. learn thoroughly, acquire skill in, become proficient in, make oneself a master of, know inside out or backwards and forwards.
masterful, adj. 1. commanding, controlling, dominating, ruling, bossy; authoritative, powerful, domineering, oppressive; overbearing, arrogant, haughty, lordly; peremptory, imperative, demanding; imperious, dictatorial, tyrannical, despotic, despotic, autocratic, autocratic, arbitrary, high-handed, self-willed.
2. preeminent, expert, skillful. See masterly (def. 1).
master hand, n. 1. expert, master, ace, proficient, adept, mavin, Chiefly Brit. Inf. dab hand, Brit. Dial. dabster; maestro, virtuoso, talent, genius, prodigy, standout; Inf. wizard, Inf. whiz, U.S. Sl. crackerjack, Chiefly Brit. cry, Sl. sharp, Sl. shark; professional, Inf. pro, journeyman, veteran, past master or mistress, dab hand, master, dab hand; master, specialist, authority, pundit, scholar; connaisseur, critic; (both of martial arts) black belt, dan.
2. expertise, expertise, mastery, skill, excellence; masterfulness, masterliness, skillfulness, proficiency, adeptness; knack, touch, finesse, address, ingenuity, genius, subtlety; dexterity, adroitness, facility, ease, felicity, deftness, handiness, ambidexterity.
masterly, adj. 1. supreme, consummate, matchless, peerless, expert, virtuoso; excellent, superior, preeminent, distinguished, top-flight, top-drawer, first-rate, ace, Inf. topnotch, Inf. crack, Sl. crackjack, Inf. whiz-bang, Brit. Sl. whizso; finished, polished, admirable, accomplished, Fr. au fait; proficient, adept, apt; adroit, dexterous, talented; skillful, skilled, artistic, workmanlike.
—adv. 2. expertly, masterfully, excellently, preeminently; proficiently, adeptly, admirably; skillfully, dexterously, adroitly, deftly.
mastermind, v. 1. conceive, contrive, think up, come up with, have the bright idea, Inf. hatch, Inf. dream up; devise, frame, forge, plan, design, shape, form, mold, develop, work up; originate, innovate, initiate, found, establish, start, instigate, inaugurate, launch; create, author, invent, produce, generate, make; execute, carry [s.t.] out, move [s.t.] forward, engineer, manage, direct, guide, lead.
matador, n., bullfighter, toreador, torero, tauro-

masterpiece, n., masterpiece, chef-d’oeuvre, mag-

mastery, n., control, domination, upper hand, whip hand; government, order, rule, sway; jurisdic-

_masticate, v._ chew, crunch, crunch, munch, champ, mumble, gnaw, nibble, bite, Dial. chaw, Ar-

mastication, n., chewing, crunching, crunch-

masturbation, n., sex play, self-fornication, self-

match, n., mate, twin, double, look-alike, counterpart, one of a pair, bird of a feather, Astron.

matchmaker, n., marriage arranger, marriage broker, matrimonial agent, go-between, Yiddish.

matchstick, n., 1. light, lighter, igniter, Fr. allumette; fusee, vesuvian, vesta, Congreve; friction match, luci-

machian, Sp. tauromaquisto; bandillerio, picador.
mate

n. 1. twin, fellow, other half, one of a pair, Astron. comes; counterpart, parallel, correspondence, peer, equal, equivalent; match, double, bird of a feather, duplicate, copy, facsimile; complement, completer, accessory, concomitant, concurrent.

2. spouse, consort, helpmate, helpmeet, Sl. Family; lord and master, Eng. hubby; wife, bride, woman, rib, squaw, Inf. old lady.

3. companion, crony, copain, sidekick, shadow, alter ego, Inf. pal, U.S. Inf. buddy, Sl. cully, Sl. Siamese twin, Obs. consort; associate, colleague, compeer, coworker, kidney, fellow, yoke-mate, Scot. and North. Eng. marrow, Archaic. peer; fellow, confreere, brother, sister; comrade, chum, ally, affiliate, friend, acquaintance, amigo, Fr. ami; teammate, playmate, classmate, shipmate, messmate, housemate, roommate, Inf. roomie.

v. 1. couple, partner, twin, double, pair or match up; unite, join, bond, fuse, weld, glue, cohere, stick together, hold together; yoke, bind, tie together, bracket; connect, attach, link, chain, shackle; associate, affiliate, ally.

2. marry, lead [s.o.] to the altar, walk [s.o.] down the aisle, give way, hook up, join in holy wedlock or marriage, Sl. hitch; wed, wife, espouse, take the plunge, say one's vows, say "I do," walk down the aisle, become man and wife, Sl. splice, Sl. hitch up with, Archaic. husband.

3. compare, analogize, consider together, see or look at together, put in the same category.

4. (all of animals) copulate, breed.

5. (all of a gear, rack, worm) interlock, meet, fit, engage, connect, attach, link, chain, shackle; associate, affilliate, ally.

6. hitch; wed, wive, espouse, tie the knot, SI. splice, SI. U.S. Inf. cullly, SI. Siamese buddy, Inf. ego, Inf. wife, bride, woman, rib, squaw, better half; husband, bridegroom, groom, man, Facetious. lord and master, Hubby; Inf.前所未有, counterpart, parallel, correspondence, others; fixtures, fittings, paraphernalia, habiliments, Inf. things; outfit, outfitting, turnaround, rig; supplies, material, wherewithal; caparison, harness, trappings, tack, tackle, rigging.

2. Military. arms, armaments, weapons, guns, munitions, ammunition.

maternal, adj. motherly, parental; nurturing, nourishing, fostering, vigilant, guarding, guardian, protecting, protective, nurturing, sheltering, shielding; sympathetic, understanding, caring, warm, warm-hearted, kind, tender, gentle; affectionate, fond, devoted, doting.

maternity, n. motherhood, parenthood; motherliness, maternalism, protectiveness; tenderness, gentleness, kindness, warmth, warm-heartedness.

mathematical, adj. 1. arithmetical, numeral, numerical, statistical; algebraic, equational, geometrical, trigonometrical, logarithmic, differential; fractional, divisional, multiplicative, additive, subtractive; analytic, holomorphic.

2. precise, exact, definite, well-defined; strict, rigid, rigorous, unerring; particular, careful, correct, punctilious, scrupulous, meticulous, finical.

matin, n. 1. matins Ecclesiastical. first canonical hour; Morning Prayer, public prayer service, daybreak service.

2. morning song, Music. aubade.

matrarch, n. head of household, head of the family; mother, materfamilias, Brit. Inf. mater; dame, matron, elderly woman, grandma, grandmother, ancestress; dowager, duchess, grand duchess, empress, queen, monarch, sovereign, wearer of the crown, ruler, ruler of the roost, mistress.

matriculate, v. enroll, enter, Brit. go up, sign up, enrol, Mil. Inf. re-up; admit, register, record, catalogue, book, inscribe, certify, validate, attest.

matrimonial, adj. marital, nuptial, connubial, conjugal, wedded, married, spousal; hymeneal, epithalamic; bridal, affianced, plighted.

matrimony, n. 1. marriage ceremony or sacrament, wedding, nuptials, spousals, espousal, Anc. Rom. consecration, Inf. saying the I-do's, Inf. tying the knot; All Fig. Hymen, orange blossoms, the march down the aisle.

2. marriage, wedlock, match, union, legal union, nuptial knot, spousalship; cohabitation, living together, living as husband and wife, common-law marriage.

matrix, n. mold, die, last, stamp, cast, mint, form, format, frame; punch, seal, intaglio, lithographic stone; prototype, pattern, model, example, exemplar.
matter-of-fact, adj. of fact actually, in reality, really, truly, 9. as

matron n. matronly, dame, matriarch, n. Inf.

mattered, adj. 1. tangled, snarled, snaggy, tangy, knotted, raveled; tousled, disheveled, bedraggled, Inf. muddled up; raddled, rumpled, tumbled.

mattress, n. pallet, feather bed, water bed, pad, cushion, Inf. tick, Chiefly Brit. paillasse; bedding, litter, shakedown, sleeping bag, Sl. hay; bed, bunk, recliner, Brit. lair, U.S. Sl. sack, Brit. Sl. kip.

maturate, v. mature, ripen, mellow; grow up, reach adulthood. See mature (def. 8).

mature, adj. 1. full-grown, grown up, adult, full-fledged, of age; marriageable, nubile, pubescent; womanly, manly, in the prime of life, in one's prime, middle-aged, older; experienced, practised, knowledgeable, sophisticated, worldly.

2. ripe, ripened, brawny, soft; full-blown, in full bloom or flower, florescent, in bloom, blooming out; seasoned, well-aged, fully-aged, aged, old.

3. settled, on one's own, out of the nest, independent, self-sufficient; responsible, dependable, reliable; sensible, prudent, judicious, wise, sage.

4. complete, fully developed, refined, polished, perfected; operational, ready to go, prepared.

5. Finance. due, payable, cashable, at the end of the term, worth the face value.

—v. 6. season, age, bring to maturity; nurture, parent, bring up.

6. grow, grow up, come of age, reach adulthood, become an adult, earn or have one's wings; ripen, mature, mellow, soft; bloom, blossom, flower.

7. develop, work up, work on, refine, polish, elaborate; complete, finish, perfect, bring to perfection, put the finishing touches on, crown, consummate; get [s.t.] ready, make [s.t.] operational, put [s.t.] in working order.

8. grow, grow up, come of age, reach adulthood, become an adult, earn or have one's wings; ripen, mature, mellow, soft; bloom, blossom, flower.

9. Finance. become due or payable, reach the end of the term, reach full value.

maturity, n. 1. ripeness, mellowness, softness, plumpness, roundness; full bloom or flower, florescence.

2. adulthood, grown-upness, full growth, maturity; womanhood, manhood, voting age, drinking age, prime of life, heyday, middle age, old age; pubescence, puberty, nubility, marriageability, marriageability, age of consent.

3. responsiveness, responsibility, dependability, dependability, reliability, reliability; sensibility, prudence, judiciousness, wisdom, sagacity.

4. full development, fullness, completion; refinement, consummation, perfection; readiness, preparedness, state of readiness or preparedness, operational status.

maudlin, adj. 1. sentimental, mawkish, emotional; soupy, romantic, having the soul of a shopgirl, mushy, slushy, Inf. sloppy, cow-eyed, calf-eyed; teary, lacrimation; soppy, Inf. drippy, soppy, soppy, babyish, tender, soft, tender-hearted, susceptible, thin-skinned; weak, feeble, simple; unsophisticated, worldly, unrealistic, unrestricted; loose, lax, Inf. letting it all hang out, uncontrolled.

2. mawkishly drunk, Sl. sloppy drunk, sloppy, mel- low, in a crying jag, blubbering, sniveling, feeling sorry for oneself; muddled, fuddled, befuddled, add- dled; dull-witted, foggy, hazy; besotted, All Sl. sozzled, smashed, plastered, crocked, under the table, three sheets to the wind; zonked, out of it, blotto.

maul, n. 1. sledge hammer, sledge; mace, club, cudgel, bludgeon, Inf. billy or billy club, mallet.

—v. 2. manhandle, rough up, bully, bullyrag, Sl. knock around or about, Sl. give one the works; batter, beat, beat up, pound, lay on, pommel, pummel.

earthly, unaffected, genuine, real, authentic, Sl. out- front; direct, straightforward, straight-shooting, frank, candid, open, outspoken, downright, blunt, U.S. Inf. straight-out.

matron, n. 1. dame, matriarch, Inf. old lady, dow- ager, lady, grandmother.

2. warden, housemother, head mistress; governor, housekeeper, stewardess; supervisor, overseer, directress; head nurse, principal.

matronly, adj. maternal, matriarchal, motherly, grandmotherly, wifely; mature, middle-aged, mellow, venerable; respected, admired; sedate, proper, decor- ous, dignified; serious, grave, sober; plump, rounded, settled, portly.

matted, adj. 1. plaited, woven, braided, twilled; interlaced, inter- twined, interwoven.

3. shaggy, hairy, hirsute, hispid, crinose; woolly, fleecy, furry, curly, fuzzy; uncombed, unshorn, mop- headed.

matter, n. 1. substance, material, stuff, material- ity, medium, something, body; protoplasm, plasma, element; flesh, meat, marrow, sum and substance.

2. pus, suppuration, purulence, discharge; ooze, juice, sap, latex, milk; mucus, phlegm, grume, gore; All Pathol. gleet, sanies, ichor, leukorrhea.

3. situation, affair, state; business, proceeding, transaction, doing; thing, concern, concernment; event, circumstance, happening, happenstance, occasion; episode, incident, adventure, experience; particular, phenomenon, fact, article, case, instance.

4. subject, topic, focus, text, content; essence, gist, purport; point, issue, question, case, concern; thesis, motif, theme.

5. amount, extent, measure, quantity, sum; magni- tude, mass, bulk, size.

6. consequence, significance, importance, moment, weight, pith; import, implication, signification, inten- tion; meaning, tenor, drift, purport, sense.

7. difficulty, trouble, distress, ailment, worry; embar- rassment, predicament, plight, pass, strait, pinch, mess; quandary, dilemma, problem, puzzle, perplexi- enigma.

8. ground, cause, basis, reason, rationale, Sl. what for; explanation, excuse, pretext, pretense; the why, the wherefore, the why and wherefore, Inf. the idea, Sl. the big idea.

9. as a matter of fact actually, in reality, really, truly, veritably; truthfully, in truth, to tell the truth; in point of fact, in fact, in effect, Fr. au fait.

10. no matter it makes no difference, it is unimpor- tant, it doesn't count; pay it no mind, don't give it another thought, don't bother with it; don't worry about it, never mind, forget it, Inf. drop it.

—v. 11. signify, import, be of importance, pur- port, bespeak; indicate, imply, mean, connotate, denote, express; weigh, carry weight, count, make a difference, make no difference, tell, amount to.

matter-of-fact, adj. 1. factual, strict, literal, word- for-word, line-for-line, verbatim, exact, precise, close; faithful, accurate, true, honest, straight, unexagger- ated, unvarnished, undistorted, unadulterated, unwarped; prosaic, prosy, unpoetic, plain, plainspoken, uncreative, unimaginative, unembellished; uninterest- ing, unexciting, unenteraining, tame, dull, flat, in- sidip, jejun, dry, arid; ordinary, commonplace, pe- destrian, everyday, workaday, usual, average, Inf. run-of-the-mill; original, stance, banal, hackneyed, trite; boring, humdrum, plodding, monotonous, tedi- ous, tiresome, hearsome, Inf. ho-hum.

2. practical, pragmatic, pragmatical, realistic, down- to-earth, Inf. meat and potatoes, Inf. nuts and bolts;
nourishment, nutriment, sustenance, subsistence, pabulum, manna, staff of life; victuals, provisions, provender, rations, dietary, commons, comestibles, cheer, Western U.S. Sl. chuck, Brit. Sl. prog; mess, swill, Inf. glop, Sl. slop.

meal1, grain, cereal, grits, groats, grist, farina, Trade-mark. Publum; oatmeal, corn meal, pearl barley, hominy, pearlhominy, rye hominy, pinole; oats, buckwheat, corn, maize, barley, rye, rice, millet, whole wheat; bran, flour, powder.

mealy, adj. 1. crumbly, friable, granular, granulated, powdered, ground; flaky, flocculent, scaly, scurdy. 2. farinaceous, oateike, branly, branlike, furferaceous.

mealy-mouthed, adj. 1. mincing, overnice, overdelicate, delicate, overdainty, dainty, euphemistic, euphemistical, euphemious, affected; priggish, prim, proper, Sl. uptight; tartuffian, pious, moral, self-righteous, sanctimonious, holier-than-thou, pharisaic, pharisaical; oversubtle, casuistic, sophisticated, sophistic, Both Offensive. Jesuitic, Jesuitical.

2. circumlocutory, periphrastic, circuitous, roundabout, indirect, uncandid, unfrank, prevaricating, hedging, shifting, equivocating, equivocal, vague, ambiguous; hypocritical, double-tongued, two-faced, Janus-faced, crocdilian; specious, insincere, disingenuous, deceitful, misleading, lying, mendacious, dishonest, untruthful; honeyed, smooth, smooth-tongued, smooth-spoken, unctuous, oily, artful, slick.

3. factious, flatulent, staining, sycophantic, ingratiating; obsequious, groveling, servile, slavish, cringing, sniveling, fearful, scared, lily-livered, chicken-hearted, Inf. yellow.

mean1, v. 1. intend, have in mind, have in heart, have in view; contemplate, think of, talk of, dream of; purpose, plan, have plans or intentions, expect; aspire to, hope to, aim to, drive at, strive for, work for, labor for, pursue.

2. mean for made for, destined for, predetermined for, foreordained for, predetermined for, fated for; well-suited, suited, well-matched, perfect, perfectly matched.

3. denote, designate, denominate, indicate, betoken, prefigure, foreshadow, portend, presage, omen; signify, stand for, symbolize, represent, typify; to, hope to, aim to, drive at, strive for, labor for, pursue.

4. mean well have good intentions, have one's heart in the right place.

mean2, adj. 1. inferior, low-grade, cheap, catch-penny, bargain-basement, U.S. Sl. cheesy, Brit. Sl. humpty, flimsy, jerry-built; second-rate, second-class, third-class, third-rate; mediocrib, unprofessional, amateurish, not up to par or snuff; half-baked, Sl. half-assed, sloppy, shoddy, sloshpid, sleezy; poor, grubstreet, Inf. no-good, Inf. junky, trashy, rubbishy, worthless, useless, valueless; bad, Inf. lousy, Sl. crummy, Sl. crapy, miserable, awful, terrible, wretched, horrible, disgusting.

2. plebeian, proletarian, humble, modest, low, lowly; of low birth, lowborn, baseborn, earthborn; simple, plain, homespun, homely, rustic; common, commonplace, ordinary, average, mediocrib; undistinguished, Inf. inglorious, unknown, obscure.

3. small-time, one-horse, bush, bush-league, minor-league; Sl. two-bit, Inf. penny-ante, lightweight, Sl. small potatoes, small fry, Sl. Mickey mouse; insignificant, unimportant, of little or no import, negligible, nugatory, incon siderable, inconsequential; trivial, trifling, paltry, beggarly, petty, niggling; small, minor, puny, dinky, piddling, Inf. picayune, insubstantial, unsubstantial.

4. unimposing, shabby, scruffy, seedy, broken-down, run-down, worn-down; poor, squallid, mangy, wretched, sorry, abject, miserable; dismal, abysmal, dreary, Literary. drear.

5. small-minded, narrow-minded, selfish; meanspirited, petty, ungenerous, unaccommodating, unforgiving; ignoble, base, low, low-down, dishonorable, disreputable, discredible, disgraceful, shabby, shameful, scandalous, opprobrious; corrupt, depraved, perverted, debased, miscreant; vile, sordid, bad, foul, rotten, nasty, ugly, black; scurrvy, contemptible, despicable, execrable, abominable, cruel, brutal, brutish, inhuman, bestial, beastly; terrible, awful, Inf. god-awful, horrible, horrendous, horrible; nefarious, heinous, infamous, atrocious, flagitious, villainous, criminal, hateful, odious; wicked, evil, iniquitous, sinful, Archaic. facinorous, peccant; black-hearted, ma levolent, sinister, diabolic, diabolical, satanic, evil-minded; malicious, vicious, spiteful, invidious, maleficient; dishonest, unscrupulous, crooked, oblviuous, fraudulent, tricky, deceitful, insidious; rascally, scoundrelly, knavish, thievish, rogueish; untrustworthy, disloyal, false, unfaithful, perfidious, traitorous, treacherous, reptilian.

6. stingy, niggardly, miserly, parsimonious, carking, skinflinty; penurious, tight, tight-fisted, closefisted; cheap, Rare. illiberal, penny-pinching, grudging, begrudging, stingy.

7. scantly, meager, skimpy, scrimp, scant; meanly small, beggarly, paltry, poor, piddling, Inf. measly, mere; slight, slender, narrow, puny, very little; insufficient, inadequate, short, shy; insubstantial, nominal, minute, negligible.

8. offensive, disagreeable, unpleasant, rude, obnoxious; currish, snarling, nasty, cormudgeonly, churlish, irascible; cross, surly, ill-natured, bad-tempered, sour; crabbed, grouchy, grumpy, cantankerous, cranky, crotchety.

9. Slang. skillful, impressive, very good, great, excellent.

mean2, n. 1. Usu. means agency, factor, medium, vehicle; method, mode, manner, way, course, route, alternative, option; process, measures, actions, procedures; instrument, device, contrivance, appliance, convenience, machine, apparatus; aid, auxiliary, expedient, resort, resource, reserve.

2. means a. resources, capital, finances, income, revenue, profit, gain, lucre, Sl. velvet; withershithal, funds, money, cash, ready cash, U.S. bankroll, cold or hard cash, Inf. pocket; paper money, bills, greenbacks, dollars, Sl. wad; Sl. dough, U.S. Sl. bucks, Sl. shekels, Sl. bread. b. substance, wealth, capital, riches, Disparaging. pelf; mammon, affluence, opulence, fortune, millions, billions; possessions, property, estate.

3. medium, midpoint, middle or middle point, center or center point; medium, middle state, average, norm, normal; golden mean, happy medium, middle road or way, compromise, moderation, moderation; mediorcirt.

4. by all means a. at any cost, without fail. b. certainly, of course, surely, definitely, absolutely, positively.

5. by no means no way, not at all, Inf. no way.

6. not by any means not in any way, absolutely not, positively not, most definitely not.

—adj. 7. middling, average, mediocrib, fair-to-middling, so-so, Inf. O.K., Inf. all right, acceptable, passable, tolerable, Inf. nothing great, no great shakes, Inf. no big deal, Inf. nothing to write home about, Inf. nothing to get excited or worked up about.
meander, v. 1. wind, zigzag, be circuitous, be roundabout, change direction; curve, bend, turn. 2. circumambulate, stroll, amble, Inf. mosey or mosey along; wander, ramble, rove, roam, drift; deviate, digress, stray, go off the track; peregrinate, tramp, nomadize, St. bum around. —n. 3. Usu. meanders turnings, windings, curvatures, tortuosities, zigzags; winding path, anfractuosity, Archaic. ambages; maze, labyrinth; indirect course, circuitous journey, detour.

meandering, adj. 1. circuitous, indirect, devious; anfractuous, winding, turning, sinuous, serpentine, snaky, tortuous, vermicular, vermiculate; roundabout, ambigious, flexuous, curvy, curved, wavy, undulating; spiraling, circling, convoluted, volute, coiled; twisted, tortile, crooked, bent; mazy, labyrinthine. 2. excursive, circumlocutory, periphrastic, digressive, desultory, deviating, rambling, meandrous; diffuse, prolix, protracted, episodic, rhapsodic.

meaning, n. 1. intent, purport, tenor, tone, vein, drift; implication, connotation, signification, denotation, acceptation; sense, import, spirit, gist, upshot, sum and substance, effect, essence, core, pith, content; message, point. 2. aim, purpose, purport, significance; design, plan, plan, aim, goal, end, object.

meaningful, adj. 1. significant, consequential, momentous, portentous, prognostic; ominous, boding, foreboding; important, of great import, critical, decisive, material; weighty, heavy, pregnant, carrying great weight, of substance, pithy; serious, grave, solemn, sober; crucial, urgent, emergent, exigent, pressing, importunate. 2. expressive, eloquent, emphatic, meaningful; suggestive, indicative, allusive.

meaningless, adj. 1. purposeless, hollow, empty, vain, useless; inane, pointless, worthless; senseless, without rhyme or reason, unreasonable, irrational, nonsensical, preposterous; foolish, fatuous, silly, silly, asinine, absurd, farcical, stupid; inexpressive, unintelligible, incomprehensible, indecipherable. 2. insignificant, inconsequential, of no consequence, unimportant, of minor importance, of little or no import, negligible, nugatory, insignificant; unimportant, unimportant, of no moment, of no great weight, of no matter or concern, of little or no account; Inf. no great shakes, not worth mentioning, not worth speaking of, not worth thinking or worrying about, not worth a rap or a straw; trivial, trudging, trifling, frivolous, paltry, petty, niggling; small, minor, puny, dinky, piddling, Inf. picayune, insubstantial, unsubstantial; trite, St. mickey-mouse.

meaningly, adv. 1. significantly, importantly, critically, consequentially, momentously, portentously, prognostically; ominously, forebodingly, bodingly, threateningly, minatorily, minaciously; heavily, weightily, substantially, pithily; seriously, gravely, solemnly, soberly. 2. expressively, eloquently, emphatically; suggestively, indicatively, meaningfully; knowingly, tellingly, warningly, admonishingly, monitorially.

meanly, adv. 1. poorly, lowly, humbly, modestly; commonly, ordinarily, averagely, typically. 2. basely, ignobly, dishonorably, shamefully, disgracefully; contemptibly, despicably, vilely, abjectly; shabbily, ungenerously, unfairly, badly, miserably. 3. stingily, niggardly, parsimoniously, skinflinty, penurious, tightly, cheaply, grudgingly, stingingly.

meanness, n. 1. baseness, lowness, ignobility, ignobleness; dishonorableness, disreputability, disreputableness, disgracefulness; shabbiness, unfairness, injustice; contemptibility, contemptibleness, despicable, scurviness, vileness, abjectness; sordidness, badness, foulness, rottenness, nastiness, ugliness. 2. small-mindedness, narrow-mindedness, meanness, selfishness, ungenerosity, pettiness; spitefulness, viciousness, maliciousness, invidiousness, malefice; wickedness, evil, evilness, sinfulness, iniquity, iniquitousness, black-heartedness, malevolence, sinisterness, fiendishness; ill will, hatred, malice, spite, malignity.

meanspirited, adj. small-minded, narrow-minded, petty, ungenerous, unforgiving. See mean1 (def. 5).

meantime, adv. meanwhile, in the intervening time, Chiefly Brit. whilst, Scot. while; in the interim, in the meanwhile, in the interval, in the interregnum, in the hiatus; for the time being, for now, for then, for a time or season, for the duration; at the same time, simultaneously, during, throughout, all along, synchronously, coincidentally.

measurable, adj. determinable, determinable, appraisable, estimable, reckonable; measurable, surveyable, assessable, appreciable, computable, fathomable.

measure, n. 1. measurement, mensuration, metage. See measurement (def. 1). 2. size, dimensions, proportions, expanse, extent, scope, range, spread, area; magnitude, amplitude, mass, bulk, volume; weight, quantity, capacity; bounds, duration, sum, aggregate; amplitude, magnitude. 3. rule, graduated rod, gauge, meter, scale; level, plummet, plumb line, compass, calipers, square, T-square, tape, line, ell, yardstick; quadrant, vernier, balance; weighing machine, calorie counter; calculator, computer. 4. linear measure, cubic measure, liquid measure, dry measure, square measure, chain measure, apothecaries' fluid measure, surveyor's area measure, metric measure. 5. share, allotment, portion, division, piece, part; quota, dole, pitance, allowance, dribble, dose, cupful, handful; dividend, Inf. divvy, percentage, commiss, Inf. rake-off, contingent, fee, Inf. pay-off. 6. standard, criterion, norm, test, rule; pattern, type, model, prototype, original, paradigm, archetype; touchstone, canon, principle, precedent, example; sample, dressmaker's model, die, mold, matrix, cast; mint, seal, stamp, punch, intaglio, negative; outline, sketch, drawing, diagram, design, pattern, plans, blueprint, layout, roughdraft, proof. 7. limit, limitation, bound, extent, extreme, terminus, terminal, end; pale, march, bound, confine, fence, bourn; boundary line, high-water mark, line of demarcation. 8. statute, public act, bill, law. 9. Usu. measures step, direction, course, course of action, action, plan; deterrent action, intimidation, stifling action, Inf. strong-arm tactics, Inf. the arm. 10. rhythm, meter, cadence, beat; phrase, bar, motif, theme. 11. beyond measure immeasurably, limitlessly, boundlessly, infinitely, fathomlessly; endlessly, in interminably, extremely, immensely, vastly, inexhaustibly; incalculably, beyond all measure, out of measure; excessively, redundantly, beyond need, needlessly. 12. for good measure as an extra, in addition, additionally; as a bonus, as a dividend, as a premium, as bounty, as a gift, as a tip; freely, for free, gratis, gratu-
measured, adj. 1. regulated, modulated, proportioned; like clockwork, precise, exact, determined.
2. steady, regular, constant, uniform, even; unchanging, unvarying, unvaried, rhythmic, singsong, monotonous, with a steady beat, at a steady pace, metronomic, like the beat-beat-beat of the tom-toms.
3. deliberate, intentional, studied, considered, weighed; premeditated, prepared, planned; thought-out, calculated, mulled, pondered, reasoned, unimpassioned; leisurely, unhurried, slow, careful, cautious; restrained, judicious, prudent.
4. boundless, unbounded, without bounds, unlimited, limitless, illimitable; endless, interminable, unending, infinite; immeasurable, incalculable, innumerable, numberless, countless, unfathomable; immense, vast, enormous, prodigious, gargantuan, gigantic, colossal, huge; bottomless, inexhaustible; indescribable.

measurement, n. 1. mensuration, metage, measuring; reckoning, calculation, computation; survey, valuation, evaluation, appreciation; assessment, appraisal, assize, assizement; estimation, estimate, gauging.
2. latitude, longitude, altitude, azimuth; dimensions, size. See measure (def. 2).

meat, n. 1. animal flesh, flesh, cut of meat; beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton.
2. food, nourishment, aliment, nourishment, sustenance, nurture; viand or viands, victuals, vietes; feed, fare, rations, S.I. grub, provisions; edibles, combustibles; meat, dinner, supper.
3. gist, crux, fundamentals, essentials, basics; import, meaning, sense, essence, signification; pith, substance, heart, kernel, marrow.

meaty, adj. pithy, meaningful, substantial; rich, full, loaded; profound, involved, wide-ranging, copious; expansive, extensive, comprehensive.

mechanic, n. technician, engineer, machinist, S.I. grease monster; operator, operative, mechanician, repairman; craftsman, artisan, smith, forger, wright, skilled worker, skilled laborer; tinker, S.I. tinkerer, inventor, contriver, concector; electrician, S.I. sparks, S.I. troubleshooter.

mechanical, adj. 1. motor-driven, engineered, power-driven; handy, clever with one's hands, deft, dextrous.
2. unspontaneous, unimpulsive, perfunctory, businesslike, indifferent; spiritless, lifeless, dead, unanimated; uninspired, colorless, vapid; superficial, heedless, thoughtless, negligent, casual, careless, uncaring.
3. habitual, routine, standard, usual, accustomed; automatic, computerized, roboticist, robotlike; instinctive, unthinking, unconscious, involuntary, reflexive.
4. utilitarian, materialistic, banauacal, practical; mundane, earthly, worldly, mercenary, unspiritual, temporal.

mechanically, adv. 1. indifferently, flatly, lifelessly, dully, drably, woodenly; perfactorily, heedlessly, unthinkingly, uncaringly.
2. routinely, habitually, automatically; instinctively, involuntarily, unconscious, reflexively; blindly, by heart, by rote, willy-nilly.

mechanics, n. 1. kinematics, statics, kinetics, dynamics, technology, mechanical science.
2. routines, techniques, procedures, methods, logistics; details, nitty-gritty, nuts and bolts; machinery.

mechanism, n. 1. motor, engine, linkage, generator; apparatus, device, machine.
2. equipment, matériel, paraphernalia, machinery, apparatus, mechanical appliances, gadgetry; tackle, gear, outfit, works.
3. instrument, instrumentality, vehicle, means, agency; organization, system, setup, workings; procedure, method, routine.
4. execution, technique, technology, performance, carrying out.

mechanize, v. industrialize, motorize, automate, computerize.

medal, n. medallion, decoration, badge of honor; cross, star, ribbon, blue ribbon; emblem, insignia; award, reward, recognition, honor, commemoration, testimonial, citation, trophy, prize.

meddle, v. interfere, intermeddle, Brit. Dial. mell, intrude, butt in, horn in, obtrude; impose, interpose, intervene; nose into, stick one's nose in; stick one's nose where it doesn't belong, mind other people's business, put one's two cents in, put in one's oar, S.I. kibitz; tamper with, pry, snoop, peep.

meddler, n. interferer, interloper, busybody, Yidish. cochleffel, S.I. buttinsky, S.I. kibitz; tamper with, pry, snoop, peep.

meddlesome, adj. officious, impertinent, forward, presumptuous, pushing, S.I. pushy, importunate; intrusive, meddling, interfering, ultracrepidarian, obtrusive; overbusy, busy, bodybusy, overcurious; prying, snooping, inquisitive, S.I. kibitzing, S.I. nosy, S.I. snoopy.

medial, adj. 1. median, middle, intermediate, mediate, Law. mesne; midmost, middlemost, mid, middling; central, halfway, between, intervenient; interjacent, equidistant, mediterraenian, intercurrent, equatorial.
2. mean, average, medium, mesial; ordinary, fair, commonplace, common, usual, routine; passable, so-so, half and half, moderate, mezzo; normal, standard, middle of the road.

mediate, v. 1. arbitrate, negotiate, bargain, arrange; umpire, judge, referee, moderate; intercede, intervene, step in, intervene, intermeddle, go between.
2. settle, reconcile, compromise; bring together, be instrumental, use one's good offices; pacify, propitiately, placate, appease; make peace, restore harmony, bring to terms, bring to an understanding, bring to an agreement.

mediation, n. 1. arbitration, negotiation, parley; arbitrage, umpi rage, refereeship; good offices, ministery, mediatorship, intermediation, instrumentality, agency; intervention, intercession, interjacence, interposition, interference, stepping in, involvement.
2. reconciliation, reconcilement, conciliation; pacification, peacemaking, appeasement, placation; compromise, settlement, terms, understanding.

mediative, adj. 1. mediatory, mediating, intermediate, intermedial, arbitrative, arbitriotional; intercessional, intercessory, interfering, interlocutory, interventional. 2. propitiatory, pacificatory, reconciliatory, conciliatory; pacific, peacemaking, diplomatic.

mediator, n. 1. middleman, liaison, go-between, common friend, agent, Archaic: daysman; arbitrator, negotiator, intermediary, moderator; referee, arbitrer, umpire, Inf. ump; Inf. ref., third party; intervener, interventionist, interceder, intercessor; interlocutor, intermedial, interagent. 2. pacifier, peacemaker, fence-mender, smoother-over, make-piece; reconciler, conciliator, appeaser, marriage counselor.

medicable, adj. curable, healable, treatable, remediable, recoverable, retrievable, reclaimable; reversible, mendable, restorable.

medical, adj. 1. healing, curative, therapeutic, therapeutic, sanative, sanitary, remedial; medicinal, medicalement, restorative, Med. analectic, salutiferous, health-bringing, salubry, corrective, tonic, febrifugal, palliative, Med. Obs. alterative, Archaic: corroboration.

medicament, n. medicine, remedy, Med. specific, Med. Obs. alterative; panacea, palliative, catholicon, cure-all, patent medicine, nostrum, elixir, potion, snake-oil; home remedy, home cure, pittance, barley water, chicken soup, camomile tea, sulphur and molasses; curative substance, corrective; antidote, theriac; antiseptic, prophylactic, febrifuge, antipyretic; antiscarify, terpin hydrate and codeine, expectorant, cough syrup, cough drops, horshound; diaphoretic, mustard plaster; eye drops, collyrium, eyewash; nose drops, nasal spray; emetic, nauseant; physic, cathartic, purgative, carminative, laxative, lecithin, aloes, bran, castor oil, epsom salts, dose of salts; tonic, stimulant, restorative, analectic, roboran, cordial; sedative, soporic, narcotic, anodyne, drug, opiate; depressant, Sl. downer; calmative, tranquilizer, soothing syrup, pacifier; anesthetist, analgesic, paragogic, Inf. pain killer, Inf. pain pill; sleeping draught or pill, Sl. gooball, sleeper; barbiturate, Sl. barb, Inf. dope; balm, salve, Pharm. cerate, enemation, balsam, oil, lotion, liniment, embrocation, witch hazel, Med. cataplasm, poultice, plaster, traumatic, healing application. See also medicine (def. 1).

medicate, v. treat, doctor, attend, care for, give care to, nurse; drug, dose, Sl. dope up, cure, remedy, heal; minister, administer, relieve, restore, palliate; dress, poultice, plaster; salve, bathe, anoint, oil, embrocate.

medicinal, adj. 1. remedial, curative, therapeutic, Med. analectic, adjutant; stimulating, bracing, invigorating, reviving, refreshing, Med. roboran; alleviative, assuasive, lenitive, sedative, calaminative, tranquilizing, narcotic, soothing, balmy, emollient, demulcent; analgesic, anodyne, paragogic; antidotal, antitoxic, anti-biotic; prophylactic, preventive, protective, Med. alexipharmic; aseptic, antiseptic, disinfectant, depurative, purgative; anti-liar, anti-piper, cathartic, carminative, diuretic. See medical.

2. of flavor or odor unpleasant, disagreeable, distasteful, unpalatable, nasty, offensive, noxious, repellent, rebarbarative; sickening, nauseating, poisonous, Inf. icy, Sl. puck, Sl. yukky; bitter, sour, sharp, biting, caustic, astringent, pungent, strong-tasting or -smelling, foul-tasting or -smelling.

medicine, n. 1. medication, medicament, drug, pharmaceutical, prescription drug, official, prescriptive, preparation; over the counter drug or medicine, nonprescription medication, proprietary medicine; miracle or wonder drug, antitoxin, vaccine; antibiotic, antibody, materia medica. See also medicament.

2. dose, draft, potion; shot, injection; booster; tablet, pill, capsule, Pharm. troche, lozenge, both Pharm., Vet. Med. bolus, elixiary.

3. medical treatment or attention, therapies, allopathy, pharmacognosy; surgery, acupuncture; dosing, doctoring.

4. medical science, healing art, folk medicine, preventive medicine, Archaic: physic; medical practice or profession, practice of medicine.

5. give [s.o.] a dose or taste of his own medicine repay, repay in kind, pay back, pay back in full measure, require, revenge oneself, retaliate in kind, give in return, get even, even the score, settle the score, turn the tables on, get one's own back, Inf. get back at, make [s.o.] eat crow or his hat, give [s.o.] his deserts or just deserts, Inf. give a taste of his own medicine, Inf. give [s.o.] what is coming to him, Inf. give to [s.o.] his comeuppance, Inf. settle or square accounts.

6. take one's medicine take the consequences, pay the piper, swallow a bitter pill, take it on the chin, take the blame, answer for, take or accept responsibility, Inf. face the music, Inf. get what is coming to one, Sl. take the rap.

medieval, adj. 1. Middle-Age, Dark-Age, post-Classic, pre-Renaissance; Gothic, barbarous, rude.

2. antiquated, archaic, superannuated, antique, obsolete; old-fashioned, behind the times, antediluvian, outmoded, passé; backwards, undeveloped, underdeveloped, unprogressive, unsophisticated, rustic; uncultured, unintelligent, unenlightened.

medioce, adj. 1. ordinary, average, middling, moderate, medium, mean; commonplace, run-of-the-mill, garden-variety, everyday.

2. indifferent, so-so, fair, fair to middling, betwixt and between, Inf. no great shakes, Inf. nothing to write home or brag about; undistinguished, unexceptional, unnotable, modest, of sorts, of a sort; neutral, bland, Sl. ho-hum, Sl. blah.

3. adequate, passable, acceptable, tolerable, respectable, presentable, admissible, fairly good, Inf. not that good, not bad, not too bad; poor, inferior, second-rate, bush-league, minor league, amateurish; unimportant, insignificant, slight, trifling, inconsiderable, inappreciable, negligible, limited, lesser, paltry, meager, scant.

mediocritiy, n. 1. modernity, indifference, neutrality, mediocrity; ordinariness, commonplaceness, average standard, normality; passableness, tolerableness, adequateness, satisfactoriness, acceptability; lower quality, inferiority; inconsiderableness, immaterialness, unimportance, insignificance, paltriness, triviality.

2. insignificance, nonentity, obscurity, a nobody; little fellow, lightweight, small fry; man in the street, materialness, unimportance, insignificance, paltriness, meager.

meditate, v. devise, contrive, machinate, cabal, plan, scheme, plot, design, Obs. intrigue, Obs. consult; frame, concoct, invent, brew, hatch; purpose, aim, project, destine, intend, mean, have in view; conceive, think up, imagine, fancy, have ideas about, Inf. think over, cerebrate, put on one's thinking cap; think about or over, cerebrate, put one's one's thinking cap, be abstracted, be lost in thought; concentrate on, focus on, put one's mind to, have one's mind on, wonder about; consider, speculate, surmise, suppose, conjecture, theorize, hypothesize; deliberate, ex-
cogitate, take to heart, Archaic. perpend; revolve, review, turn over, weigh, evaluate, study, examine, con.

meditation, n. 1. contemplating, musing, pondering, brooding, mulling over, dwelling on; reflecting, cogitating, ruminating, chewing over, chewing one's cud; thinking about or over, cerebrating, being lost in thought; concentrating on, focusing on, having one's mind on, wondering about; considering, speculation, speculating, surmising, supposing, conjecture, conjecturing, theorizing, hypothesizing; deliberation, deliberating, exocogitation, excogitating, revolving, weighing, evaluation, evaluating, studying, examination, examining, conning.

2. contemplation, reflection, cogitation, ruminatation, brown study; thought, cerebration, concentration, lucubration, brain work, headwork.

meditative, adj. contemplative, contemplating, musing, pondering, brooding, mulling over; reflective, reflecting, cogitative, cogitating, ruminant, ruminative, ruminating, chewing, chewing one's cud; pensive, thoughtful, concentrating, intent, abstracted, rapt in thought, lost in thought, bemused, Archaic. museful; deliberative, exocogitative, lucrative.

medium, n. 1. mean, median, midpoint, middle or middle point, center or center point; middle state, average, norm, normal; golden mean, middle way or road or path, compromise, balance, measure, moderation, moderateness, temperateness, happy medium; mediocrity.

2. environment, habitat, element; surroundings, milieu, conditions, influences, circumstances, Fr. mise en scène; entourage, ambient, atmosphere, mood, aura; setting, scene, background.

3. agency, means, instrumentality, factor, vehicle, intermediary; method, mode, manner, way, course, channel, route, road, alternative, option; process, measures, action, actions, procedures; instrument, tool, device, contrivance, mechanism, apparatus, conveniences; aid, auxiliary, expedient, resort, resource, reserve.

4. telepathist, mind reader, psychic, clairvoyant, dowser, automatist; fortuneteller, soothsayer, diviner, prophet, prophetess, seer, seeress, crystal-gazer, astrologer; hypnotist, mesmerist, enchanter, enchantress, charmer, incubator, evocator.

—adj. 5. average, mean, medial, median, middle, mezzo, intermediate, intermediary, moderate; normal, standard, on a par; typical, common, ordinary, usual, everyday, commonplace, garden-variety; fair, not bad, mediocre, middling, so-so, indifferent; passable, tolerable, decent, run-of-the-mill, SI. no great shakes, SI. not so hot.

medley, n. collection, batch, group, grouping, cluster, set, series, array; assortment, mixture, mélange, miscellany, omnium-gatherum, potpourri, olio, ollo-podrida, motley; salmagundi, stew, ragout, goulash, hash; conglomeration, mishmash, hodgepodge, Brit. hotchpotch, pastiche, pasticcio, jumble, Farrago, gallimaufry, Chinese menu.

meek, adj. 1. humble, lowly, modest, unpretentious, unpertinacious, unpretentiousness, unassuming, free from pride, without arrogance, unostentatious.

2. deferential, obliging, complaisant, compliant, conformable, agreeable, biddable, willing; submissive, yielding, docile, acquiescent, adaptable, tractable, ductile, consentient, unresisting; manageable, governable, obedient; broken, resigned, subdued, spiritless, sedate, tame; apologetic, obsequious, servile, subservient, subordinate, siavish, unambitious.

3. patient, forbearance, tolerant, enduring, long-suffering; mild, lamblike, gentle, pacific, peaceable, element, placid, passive; shy, retiring, reserved, restrained.

meekness, n. 1. humility, humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness, unassumingness, unpretentiousness, unpretentiousness, freedom from pride or arrogance, reserve, restraint.

2. submissiveness, deference, compliance, complaisance, willingness, acquiescence; adaptability, tractability, obedience, submission, resignation, spiritlessness, tameness; servility, subservience, obsequiousness, lowliness, lowliness of spirit or heart or mind; self-abasement, abasement, mortification.

3. patience, forbearance, tolerance, endurance; mildness, gentleness, peacefulness, peaceableness, clemency, placidity, passiveness.

meet', v. 1. encounter, come upon, accost, face, come into contact, meet with, come across; fall across, run across, Inf. run into, Inf. bump into; happen upon, chance upon, stumble upon, light upon, hit upon.

2. make acquaintance with, be introduced to, be presented to; welcome, greet, speak with.

3. tackle, come to grips with, cope with; brave, meet head on, face up to; meet face to face, come face to face with, front, stand in front of, stand facing.

4. contend, confront, clash, conflict with, skirmish, struggle; engage, join, face, battle, grapple, wrestle, spar, box, fight.

5. assemble, collect, gather, come together, ingather, go fifty-fifty, bridge over; agree on, go to the same mind, see eye to eye.

6. meet halfway, give and take, Inf. go fifty-fifty, bridge over; agree on or upon, come to an agreement or understanding, arrive at an agreement, come to terms, strike a bargain, Inf. get together, make the best of; reciprocate, exchange, trade, trade off; concede, yield, adjust, modify, accommodate.

7. meet with, live up to, come up to, act up to; adhere to, be faithful to, keep faith with; satisfy, fulfill, gratify; equal, match, conform with, tie, parallel.

8. concor, agree, correspond, accord; cohere, harmonize, be of like or one or the same mind, see eye to eye.

9. meet halfway, give and take, Inf. go fifty-fifty, bridge over; agree on or upon, come to an agreement or understanding, arrive at an agreement, come to terms, strike a bargain, Inf. get together, make the best of; reciprocate, exchange, trade, trade off; concede, yield, adjust, modify, accommodate.

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12. assembly, congregation, meeting. See meeting (def. 4).

13. contest, competition, match, tourney, game, regatta, joust, duel; tournament, bout, round, encounter, engagement, Fr. concours; race, run, sprint; trial, heat, skirmish; run-off, sudden death, showdown.

meet', adj. suitable, fit, fitting, befitting, appropriate, congruous, expedient; right, rightful, proper, seemly, decorous, becoming; apposite, apt, suited, opportune, pertinent, relevant, applicable, condign, well-deserved, adequate, commensurate, consistent, compatible, harmonious.

meeting, n. 1. rendezvous, try, assignation; confrontation, coming together, encounter, congress.

2. presentation, introduction, reception, greeting, welcome, salutation.

3. combat, battle, skirmish, conflict; fight, contest, duel, bout, feud, SI. scrap, joust, tilt; clash, contention, struggle; scuffle, tussle, brawl, fray, affray; collil-
sion, engagement, rencounter.

4. assembly, congregation, gathering, get-together; convention, congress, conclave, conference, parley, discussion; council, committee, synod, U.S. caucus.

5. assemblage, group, body, company, flock, bevvy; concourse, throng, crowd, mob.

6. junction, union, association, conjugation, conjunction, conjuncture, confluence; convergence, concentration, intersection, connection; cohesion, coherency, adhesion, adherence.

meeting house, n. 1. church, place of worship, house of prayer, house of God, the Lord’s house, (usu. in reference to Nonconformists) conventicle; basilica, cathedral, minster; chapel, oratory, sacellum, chantry, shrine, vestry, bethel; sanctuary, tabernacle; pantheon, mosque, temple, synagogue; nave, Archaic. auditory.

2. auditorium, hall, durbal, assembly hall, assembly room.

melancholy, n. 1. despondency, dejection, depression, moishness, Psychiatry. hypothondria; gloominess, Psychiatry. melancholia, misery, miserablemindedness, wretchedness, distress, broken-heartedness; grief, sadness, Fr. tristesse, sorrow, dolor, anguish; doldrums, dumps, blues; hopelessness, dishheartenment, dismay, discouragement; defeatism, pessimism; disconsolate-ness, unconsolability.

2. thoughtfulness, earnestness, pensiveness, preoccupation, wistfulness; sedateness, gravity, staidness, soberness, sobriety, seriousness, somberness.

—adj. 3. depressed, dejected, disheartened, dispirited, low-spirited, downhearted, downcast, Inf. down, Inf. down in the dumps, Inf. low; discouraged, daunted, dismayed, distressed, disapponted, crestfallen, broken-hearted, heartick, Inf. broken up; unhapp- py, cheerless, glum, gloomy, under a cloud, doleful, Archaic. wan; dismal, dull, Scot. and North Eng. dowie; saddened, sad, blue, forlorn, moopy, mopish, long-faced, chappelen, Inf. down in the mouth, Sl. off one’s feed; miserable, morose, heartbroken, woebegone, heavy-hearted, disconsolate, sorrowful, mournful, lachrymose, funereal; burdened, weighed down, crushed, prostrate, Inf. broken, Sl. bummed out, desponted, hypochondriacal, hypochondriacal, Brit. hipped, spiritless, lifeless, Scot. ourie, examine, enervated, weakened, weary, languid, tired.

4. bilious, liverish, crabbed; disagreeable; petulant, sulky, sullen, morose; ill-humored, ill-natured, peevish, spleenick, crotchety, crusty, out of sorts.

5. thoughtful, earnest, pensive, dreamy, wistful, qui-et, preoccupied; grave, sedate, staid, sober, solemn, serious, somber; grim, stone-faced, frowning, unsmiling.

mélange, n. medley, olio, potpourri, olla-podrida, combination, Inf. combo; miscellany, miscellanea, omnium-gatherum, menagerie, motley; hash, stew, goulash, salmagundi, Fr. Cokker ey. ragout, (in China, India, etc.) chow-chow, Chinese menu; jumble, mish-mash, hodgepodge, gallimaufry, farrago, mess; assortment, collection, set, series, array; group, grouping, assemblage, cluster, aggregation, aggregate; mosaic, patchwork, pastiche, pasticcio; mixture, blend, intermixture, admixture, compound, composite.

meld, v. 1. merge, combine, consolidate, amalgamate; incorporate, syndicate, federate, confederate; join, marry, wed, unite, coalesce, associate, ally, link; intertwine, interweave, put together, lump together, pool, throw together, jumble, scramble.

2. blend, mix, commix, admix, intermix, mingle, intermingle, commingle, interlard, Brit. Dial. mell; compound, alloy, Chem. levigate, synthesize, homogenize, hybridize, mongrelize; fuse, inosculate, bond, weld.

melee, n. 1. fracas, free-for-all, donnybrook, brawl, Sl. rumble, Scot. colliesshangie; fight, scuffle, tussle, fray, wrangle, row, Inf. set-to; fisticuffs, bout, spar, boxing match, scrimmage, skirmish, battle, heated battle, battle royal, hand-to-hand combat, brush, encou-mer.

2. commotion, pandemonium, hubbub, clamor, racket, rumpus, Inf. ruckus, Inf. shindy; confusion, chaos, upheaval, jumble, mess; turmoil, tumult, turbulence, storm, outbreak, riot, Fr. émeute; agitation, excitement, disorder, disturbance, disquiet, unrest; up-roar, imbroglio, broil, brouhaha, hullabaloo, hurly-burly; fuss, squabble, scrap, quarrel, affray, alterca-tion, dispute, heated debate, Sl. flap.

melliorate, v. improve, mend, better, recover. See ameliorate.

mellioration, n. improvement, betterment, recovery. See amelioration.

mellifluence, n. euphony, melodiousness, sweetness, musicality, mellowness, tunefulness; smoothness, con-cinnity, softness, dulcetness; harmony, tune, concord, accord; eloquence, facility; flow, fluidity, fluency, orotundity.

mellifluous, adj. smooth, flowing, euphonic, euphonious, musical, rhetorical, harmonious, mellissan; sweet-sounding, silver-toned, dulcey, melodious, melodic; graceful, easy, soft, golden, silvery, mel- lificent, fluent, liquid, tripping; eloquent, silver-tonged, golden-toned, orotund; canorous, sonorous, resonant, clear, clear as a bell.

2. honeyed, nectaried, nectarous, ambrosial; treacly, sugary, sweet.

mellow, adj. 1. soft, ripe, tender, mature; luscious, full-flavored, sweet, delicious.

2. softened, aged, improved, toned down; seasoned, tempered, ripened.

3. rich, full, creamy, pearly, nacreous, Archaic. mellow; mild, quiet, soft, light, pale, eggshell, pastel, subtle, pure, subdued, delicate, patinated, hushed, muted.

4. resonant, resonating, ringing, rolling, full, full-toned, vibrant; musical, rhythmical, euphonious, songlike, Ariose.

5. gentle, easy, easy-going, pacific, untroubled; tranquil, serene, placid, quiet, calm; still, halcyon, zephyr-like.

6. genial, good-natured, cordial, gracious, affable, amiable, amicable; jovial, cheerful, felicitious, pleasant, agreeable.

—v. 7. age, develop, grow, wax, mature, improve, steep; ripen, soften, season, temper.

melodion, n. 1. harmonium, parlor organ, reed organ, melodica, organophone, symphonion.

2. accordion, concertina, mellophone, seraphina, Inf. squeeze box.

melodious, adj. 1. tuneful, melodic, harmonious, concordant, accordant; lyrical, lyric, melic, orchestral, symphonic; ariose, Music. cantabile, songlike, songful, singable, catchy; pleasant, agreeable, appealing; singing, ringing, resonant, canorous, sonorous, clear.

2. musical, euphonic, euphonious, flowing, rhythmical, mellisemat; sweet-sounding, mellicious, silver-toned, golden-toned; dulcey, silvery, golden, tripping.

melodrama, n. 1. sentimental drama, Inf. soap opera, Inf. tear-jerker, Inf. corn; suspense drama; thriller, Inf. chiller, Sl. cliffhanger.

2. theatrics, histrionics, sensationalism, emotionalism; theatricality, melodramatics, blood and thunder.

melodramatic, adj. 1. sentimental, emotionalistic, mawkish, maudlin, treacly, bathetic, oversentimentalized; All Inf. mushy, gushy, tear-jerking, gushing; All Sl. hokey, schmaltzy, sappy.
melody, n. 1. harmony, concinnity, concord, accord; euphony, musicality, mellowness, melodiousness; rhythm, tunefulness, smoothness, fluency, flow; sweetness, mellifluence, dulcetness.
2. tune, song, descant, aria, aretta; chant, plainsong, canticle; lyric, cantilena, chanson, carol, ballad, ditty; theme, measure, air, strain, cantabile.

melt, v. 1. liquefy, dissolve, deliquesce, liquitize, fluidize; thaw, unfreeze, defrost, de-ice, flux, colliquate; fuse, liqueate, ablate, smelt, scorify.
2. dwindle, sink, shrink, decrease, drop, decline, descend; pass, fade, disappear, dematerialize, waste away; evanesce, vanish, disperse, dissipate, evaporate, disintegrate.
3. blend, shade, mix, coalesce, incorporate, compound; change into, merge into, grow into, assimilate.
4. mollify, soften, assuage, subdue, disarm; relax, gentle, mellow, lenify, dulcify; move, touch, affect, penetrate, pierce; touch to the core or quick, come home to, touch one's heart, touch a chord; propitiate, appease, conciliate, mediate, placate.

member, n. 1. adherent, inhabitant, one who belongs, one who is in, in person; dues payer, card-carrying member; initiate, trial member.
2. organ, limb, appendage; leg, arm, wing; foot, hand, paw; nose, tongue, ear.
3. element, constituent, component; portion, part, segment; detail, fragment, fraction, section, division.

membership, n. 1. admission, matriculation, belonging; adherence, allegiance.
2. body, company, society, club, association, group; fraternity, fellowship, sodality, sorority; roster, rolls, personnel.

membrane, n. tissue, integument, skin, film, sheet, layer, drumhead; pellicle, meninx, tympanic membrane, pericarp, chorion.

memento, n. 1. remembrance, remembrancer, souvenir, memorial, keepsake; record, relic, vestige; trophy, token; (pl.) memorabilia.
2. reminder, warning, caution, caveat; memento mori, skull and crossbones, Jolly Roger, death's-head, skeleton at the feast; Banquo's ghost, the ghost of Christmas past.

memoir, n. 1. memoirs a. history, chronicle, account, record, annals, chronology. b. memories, recollections, reminiscences, experiences, adventures, fortunes; confessions, journal, diary, letters.
2. biography, autobiography. Inf. bio, personal narrative or history, life story, life, life history.

memorable, adj. 1. unforgettable, not to be forgotten, not so soon forgotten; signal, red-letter, illustrious, famous, historic, important, great, eventful, momentous, significant, consequential, crucial, critical; notable, noteworthy, remarkable, outstanding, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, uncommon, unusual, special, rare, unique, one of a kind, once in a lifetime; excellent, fantastic, marvelous, top notch, first-rate, Inf. A-1; striking, vivid, forceful, powerful, formidable, dramatic, eloquent, telling; sensational, thrilling, exciting, electrifying, Sl. sock; moving, inspiring, soul-stirring, heart-rendering.
2. memorizable, learnable, commitable; retainable, holdable, keepable; recallable, recyclable, retrievable.

memorandum, n. note, reminder, Chiefly Brit. chit, Inf. memo, message; record, written statement, minute.

memorial, n. 1. monument, statue, herm, hermes, herma; shrine, reliquary, mausoleum, pyramid, cenotaph; inscription, plaque, marker, grave marker, tombstone, headstone, stone, slab, slab, Chiefly Brit. hatchment, (in Polynesia) ahu, All Archaeol. dolmen, cromlech, menhir.
2. commemoration, commemorative, remembrance, reminiscence, reminder, memento, memory; observance, celebration, memorial service or ceremony, wake, funeral, obsequy, eulogy, eulogium, Obs. observation.
3. memorandum, remembrance, postscript, protest, grievance, Law. petition; bill of particulars, itemization, listing.

memorialize, v. commemorate, remember, observe, honor, pay homage or tribute to, celebrate, eulogize; monument, mark, build [s.t.] in honor of, make an inscription for; enshrine, immortalize, preserve, keep for perpetuity.

memento, v. commit to memory, con, learn by heart or rote, imprint on the memory or brain, learn word for word, make [s.t.] one's own; keep in mind, hold in remembrance, have at one's fingertips; retain, get, concentrate on.

memory, n. 1. retention, retentive memory, recall, total recall, Psychol. mneme; photographic memory, camera eye; mind, Inf. rememberer, storehouse of the mind, intelligence, wit, awareness; calling to mind, retrospection, recollecting, remembering, minding, looking back, reviewing the past, summoning up the past.
2. remembrance, recollection, reminiscence, retrospect; thought, glimmering from the past, whisper from the past, something from the dim recesses of the mind, reminder, prompting.
3. posthumous glory, reputation, fame; renown, honor, respect, regard, esteem, repute.
4. commemoration, memorial, memento, testimonial; token, souvenir, keepsake; memory jogger, hint, suggestion.

menace, n. 1. danger, peril, risk, hazard; deathtrap, quicksand, sleeping volcano, time bomb, bomb; specter, terror, dread, fright, apprehension, sword of Damocles, impending danger or doom.
2. intimidation, threat, warning, commination; Cassandra, bird of ill-omen, handwriting on the wall, gathering clouds, clouds on the horizon, brewing storm.
3. threaten, frighten, scare, terrify, alarm; intimidation, daunt, terrorize, cow; browbeat, bully, thunder at, yell at, fulminate; snarl, growl, rattle one's sabers, bark; lower, slower, scowl.
4. tower over, hang over, beetle; impend, loom; pending, hanging over, hanging heavy, over one's head.

mend, v. 1. repair, remedy, fix, fix up, doctor or doctor up, patch up, patch; put back together, put back in one piece, restore, rehabilitate, make good as new; sew or sew up, stitch, darn, strengthen, reinforce; cure, heal, restore to health, make well or whole, Inf. bring around, put back on one's feet; reclaim, save, bring
mendacious, adj. 1. false, untrue, fraudulent, deceitful, deceptive, perjured, misleading; fictitious, falsified, distorted, fabricated, invented, made up; trumped up; spurious, sham, bogus, mock, feigned, pretended, make-believe; exaggerated, hyperbolical, colored, misrepresented, misstated; counterfeit, fake, forged, meretricious, unguenuine.

2. lying, untruthful, dishonest, unveracious; dissembling, disingenuous, insincere, hypocritical, guileful, forked-tongue; deceitful, crooked, double-dealing, two-faced, Janus-faced.

mendacity, n. 1. untruthfulness, inveracity, prevarication, equivocation, evasion, truthlessness; falsity, falseness, mendaciousness, deceit, duplicity, deception, dissimulation, crookedness; hypocrisy, disingenuousness, guilefulness, double-dealing.

2. falsehood; lie, untruth, perjury, prevarication, fib, white lie; falsification, fiction, invention, concoction, fabrication, half-truth; Inf. story, Inf. tale, Inf. fairy tale, canard, yarn; Inf. cock and bull story, Inf. fish story, Inf. tall tale; inaccuracy, distortion, corruption, perversion; misrepresentation, misstatement, exaggeration, coloring, overstatement, Sl. barefaced lie, big lie, Sl. whopper, Sl. dirty lie.

mendicity, n. beggary, mendicity, paupersim, peregration; alms-begging, Inf. panhandling, scrounging, Inf. bumping; poverty, indigence, penury, destitution, penilessness, impecuniosity, neediness; Inf. hardupness, Quer Street, skid row; insolvency, bankruptcy, insolvent, indigent, impoverished; straits, distress, hardship, needy circumstances, hand to mouth existence, bare sustenance; beggarliness, raggedness, seediness, shreds and tatters.

mendicant, adj. 1. begging, scrounging, cadging, supplicant, petitioner, on bended knee, on one’s hands and knees.

—n. 2. beggar, almsman, beggarman, alms-hunter, cadger, Inf. panhandler, Scot. gaberlunzie, Brit. mumpier; moocher, scavenger, Inf. spongier, Inf. bummer, Sl. schnorrer, palmer, parasite, borrower; U.S. Inf. bum, tramp, hobo, vagrant, vagabond, drifter, gypsy; beachcomber, garbage picker, ragpicker, Chiefly, U.S. Inf. chauffer, Inf. flummery, Inf. taterdemalion, charity case, hardcase, welfare client.

menial, adj. 1. attendant, attending, serving, servile; helping, waiting, ministering.

2. servile, slavish, subservient; fawning, obsequious, flattering, sycophantic, parasitical, Sl. bootlicking; groveling, truckling, cringing, sniveling, crouching, crawling; prostrate, timeserving, obeisant; degrading, abject, lowly, beggarly, humble, low; ignominious, base, mean, vile, ignoble.

—n. 3. servant, hireling, domestic, orderly, peon, creature, hand; attendant, underling, helper, subordinate, assistant, understrapper, subaltern; lackey, flunky, fag, Sl. e:k, toiler, moler; valet, footman, gentleman, gentleman’s gentleman, manservant, factotum; butler, steward, maidservant, butler, steward, majordomo, buttons, houseman, cupbearer; yeoman, retainer, squire, chamberlain; jockey, groom, equerry, stableman, hostler, page, boy, boots, kitchen boy, turnspit; maid, maid-of-all-work, handmaid, maidservant, abigail, stewardess, Fr. bonne; cook, scullion, Brit. slavey, Brit. skivvy, Brit. twayney, Brit. betweenmaid; governess, babysitter, tutor, nurse, wetnurse, nanny, (in India) amah, (in India) aayah; laundress, housekeeper, cleaning woman, washer woman, chambermaid, charwoman.

4. toady, yes man, Sl. bootlicker, licksipple, follower, timeserver; sycophant, flatterer, fawner, parasite, leech, hunger-on, minion; stooge, henchman, tool, puppet, pawn.

menstruation, n. bleeding, Physiol. menstruation, Physiol. catamenia, period, discharge, courses, Archaic. flowers; Inf. that time of the month, Inf. my friend, Inf. monthlies, Sl. the curse, Sl. the curse of Eve, Sl. holy week.

mental, adj. 1. psychical, cerebral, rational, intellectual, psychological; conceptual, theoretical, abstract, noetic, noological, ideative; inward, metaphysical, subliminal, subconscious; thinking, reasoning, knowing, phrenic, perceptual, cognitive, prehensive.

2. preceptive, thoughtful, wistful, reflective, cogitative; contemplative, deliberative, introspective, ruminative, speculative; penetrative, perspicacious, keen, shrewd, sagacious, discerning, intelligent, wise, scholarly, bright, learned, erudite, well-informed; brainy, smart, gifted, talented, knowledgeable.

3. Informal. insane, deranged, mad, lunatic, demented, Latin. non compos mentis; paranoiac, psychopathic, psychotic, neurotic, neuroasthenic, mentally ill, abnormal.

4. Informal. pixillated, unhinged, bedeviled, deluded, Sl. off one’s rocker, disturbed; queer, odd, eccentric, peculiar, funny; strange, weird, daft, not right, maladjusted; All. Sl. loony, crazy, loopy, screwy, nuts, wacky; loco, balmy, bats, nutty, batty; bananas, bonkers, crackers.

mentality, n. 1. mind, intellect, brains, intelligence, cognition, reason, rationality, Gk. Philos. nous; intellectuality, intellectualism, noology, ideation; perception, percipience, discernment, perspicacity; understanding, comprehension, judgment, cognizance, nosis; wit, sense, wisdom, sagacity, intuition, insight; faculty, capacity, endowment, parts, Sl. smarts; power, acumen, acuity, reach, IQ, intelligence quotient.

2. disposition, temperament, frame of mind, mind-set, mental state, attitude, view, outlook, opinion, feeling.

mentally, adv. 1. intellectually, rationally, cognitively, prehensively, psychologically, psychically; theoretically, noetically, abstractly, metaphysically; temperamentally, dispositionally, spiritually, emotionally.

2. thoughtfully, reflectively, pensively, introspectively, cogitatively; contemplatively, deliberatively, ruminatively.

mention, v. 1. refer to, speak of, allude to, invoke, bring up; make mention of, touch on, comment upon, animadvert upon, make note of, point out; name, specify, indicate, direct attention to, call attention to, bring to one’s notice, call to mind.

2. tell, say, utter, speak, remark; state, declare, announce; apprise, advise, inform, enlighten, serve notice; notify, communicate, let know, give one to understand; suggest, hint, imply, insinuate, lead one to believe; intimate, disclose, divulge, confide, whisper, breathe.

3. cite, quote, adduce, publish, broadcast; remember, trot out, recount, report, post.

4. not to mention without mentioning, not count- ing, in addition to, over and above, besides, aside from, as well as; together with, along with, in conjunction with, to boot, also, too.

—n. 5. reference, mentioning, referral, referment;
allusion, notice, citation, quotation, indication, specification; notification, apraising, advice; hint, suggestion, inkling, inmusing, implication, insinuation; word, account, statement, declaration, communication, announcement, report.

6. recognition, honorable mention, citation, acknowledgment, kudos, tribute.

mentor, n. counselor, advisor, guide, guidance counselor, therapist, confidant; master, guru, spiritual leader, oracle; coach, teacher, pedagogue, instructor, preceptor, educator, tutor, trainer; sage, wise man, pundit, expert, authority, luminary.

menu, n. bill of fare, Fr. carte, card; dessert menu, wine list; fare, board, table, diet, regimen, table d'hôte, Inf. spread, meal.

mephitic, adj. 1. noisome, smelly, stinking, stenchful, foul-smelling, ill-smelling, strong-smelling, odoriferous, odoriferous, malodorous, fetid, reeky, reeking; putrid, rancid, rank, rotten, tainted, spoiled, strong, game, putrescent; foul, offensive, disgusting, nauseating, sickening, unpleasant, disagreeable.

2. poisonous, noxious, venomous, morbid, Pathol. septic, infective, infectious; pestilential; miasmal, miasmatic, miasmatic, miasmic, baneful, deadly, mortal, lethal.

merchantile, adj. commercial, of business, of trade, of buying and selling; trading, bartering, dealing; merchantable, marketable, saleable, vendible.

mercenary, adj. 1. hireling, hired, paid, auxiliary; purchased, bought, venal, Sl. on the take.

2. avaricious, greedy, covetous, eager for gain; acquisitive, grasping, Sl. grabby, rapacious, ravenous, ravishing, predatory, predacious; mean, usurious, savage, usurious, rapacious, ravenous, ravenous; grabby, rapacious, ravenous, ravenous.

merchandise, n. goods, commodities, vendibles, wares, produce, stock in trade, stock, staples, supplies; dry goods, yard goods, food stuffs, hardware; cargo, freight, shipment.

merchant, n. 1. trader, tradesman, salesman, traveling salesman, U.S. drummer, dealer, businessman; seller, wholesaler, jobber, Chiefly Brit. monger; vendor, draper, clothier, packman, peddler, colporter, Brit. chapman, hawker, huckster, Chiefly Brit. costermonger; trafficker, middleman, (in stolen goods) Sl. fence, Sl. duffer.

2. retailer, storekeeper, shopkeeper, shopman.

3. merchant prince, magnate, mogul, tycoon, U.S. baron; industrialist, financier.

merchantable, adj. marketable, saleable, vendible; popular, in demand.

merchantman, n. trading vessel, cargo boat, freighter, coaster, steamship, argosy, galleon.

merciful, adj. compassionate, full of mercy, forgiving, pardoning, pliable, exorable; humanitarian, humane, tender, tender-hearted, soft-hearted, sympathetic; patient, forbearing, tolerant, understanding; pitying, commiserative, commiserable, condolent, conolatory, ruthless, Archiaic, pitiful, Rare. pitiful; Clement, lenient, sparing, mild, soft, easy; gentle, benign, benignant, benevolent, charitable, beneficent; kindly, kindhearted, considerate, thoughtful; big, big-hearted, large-hearted, magnanimous, generous, bountiful, liberal, indulgent, giving.

merciless, adj. pitiless, unforgiving, uncompassionate, un pitying; cruel, heartless, hard-hearted, flinty, stony-hei ted, cold-blooded, unfeeling; insensitive, unsensitive, indifferent, uncaring, unconcerned, unsympathetic, callous, hardened, hard, harsh, tough, stern, strict, severe; rigid, inflexible, unyielding, inexcusable, unappeasable, implacable, relentless, remorseless, ruthless; inhuman, brutal, brutal, vicious, savage, barbarous.

merger, n. 1. quicksilver.

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2. merger, n. 1. unite, unify, join, combine, amalgamate, consolidate; incorporate, syndicate, confederate, federate, centralize, concentrate; associate, coalesce, league, club, team up; pool, group or mass together, put or lump together, band or herd together, draw or pull together, join forces.

Often merge in or into blend, combine, mix, commix, admix, intermix, conglomerate; commingle, mingle, intermingle, interlard, interchange, interweave; homogenize, hybridize, meld, Brit. Dial. meld; bond, fuse, weld, glue, inosculate, cement, cohere, agglutinate, stick together.

Often merge in or into run into, melt into, become absorbed by, become a part of, become assimilated by, be swallowed up by; become lost in, be buried in, become embedded or enveloped in, become immersed or submerged in, disappear; grow together, ankylose, become one with, lose one’s identity or individuality.

merge, v. 1. incorporate, conglomeration, con-
solidation, syndication, merger, Commerce. amalgamation; union, coalition, association, combination, joining.

2. conglomerate, combine, syndicate; alignment, bloc, pool, cartel, monopoly, trust company, Commerce. trust.

meridian, n. 1. acme, zenith, noon, noontide, apo- gee, climax, culmination, pitch, crowning point, high point, orgast, supreme moment; prime, heyday, ma- turity, fruition, bloom, full flower; height, extremity, extreme, utmost, uttermost, U.S. St. the tops; sublim- ity, supremacy, consummation, perfection; summit, apex, vertex, tip, top, tiptop; pinnacle, peak, crest, spire, heights; crown, cap, headpiece, head.

—adj. 2. culminating, culminant, climactic, cima- rical, crowning, meridional; summittal, apical, highest, uppermost, topmost, top, tiptop, apogee, apogean; sublime, supreme, consummate, perfect; peerless, incomparable, unequalled, second to none. Fr. sans pareil; superlative, superior, best, finest, prime, choicest, greatest, maximal, utmost, uttermost.

merit, n. 1. excellence, worthiness, quality, value, virtue, integrity, good, goodness; asset, strong point; plus, credit, desert, due, reward, recompense, Archaic. meed.

2. deserve, be worthy of, be qualified for; earn, be entitled to, have a right to, have a claim to; have [s.t.] coming to one.

merited, adj. deserved, earned; just, rightful, right, due equitable, fair; fitting, (of punishment) condign, suitable, appropriate, meet; reasonable, justified, justifiable.

meritorious, adj. praiseworthy, laudable, commendable, Brit. gratefully, estimable, admirable; reputable, creditable, deserving, worthy; sterling, exemplary, excel- lent, good, noble; honorable, virtuous, righteous, upright, just, right-minded, principled; heroic, manly, chivalrous; generous, unselfish, charitable; unimpeachable, irreproachable, blameless.

mermaid, n. 1. sea-maid, sea nymph, nymph, Class. Myth. siren; water spirit, undine.

2. swimmer, natator, naiad, Sl. fish.

merriment, n. gaiety, gayness, mirth, mirthfulness, hilarity, good or high spirits, jocundity; joviality, jol- lity, levity, buoyancy, light-heartedness, lightheartedness, cheer, cheerfulness, joyfulness, joyousness; joy, delight, pleasure, happiness, felicity; elation, exhilaration, exuberance, enthusiasm, vivacity, animation, liveliness, effervescence; exultation, glee, jubilation, jubilancy, rejoicing, celebration, jollification; fun, en- joyment, cakes and ale, revelry, revel, conviviality, festivity, partying, playing, sport; noise, noisiness, vociferousness, boisterousness, laughter, roundness, Sl. hell-raising, rabble-rousing.

merry, adj. 1. cheerful, cheery, full of cheer, gay, sunny, in good or high spirits; blithe, blithesome, light- hearted, lightsome, buoyant, optimistic, positive, Inf. upbeat, beamish, debonair, free and easy, carefree, easygoing, breezy, airy, happy-go-lucky, untroubled; genial, convivial, amiable, good-natured, friendly; jovial, jocund, jolly, mirthful, hilarious; riant, laugh- ing, smiling, happy as a lark; happy, glad, blissful, beatific, pleased, delighted, Inf. tickled pink; joyful, joyous, jubilant, rejoicing, gleeful; exultant, in seventh heaven, elated, over-joyed, thrilled, exhilarated; ani- mated, lively, Chiefly U.S. Inf. chipper, jaunty, vivacious, sprightly.

2. make merry a. celebrate, feast, banquet, car- rousel, revel. See make (def. 25). b. make fun of, make light of, deride at, mock, jeer, ridicule, knock; taunt, gibe, rag; kid. Inf. roast, Sl. razz; make sport of, poke fun at, make a fool out of, make the butt of, Inf. needle or give [s.o.] the needle; lampoon, satirize, parody.

merry-andrew, n. buffoon, clown, jester, fool, Ar- haic. antic, zany, droll, jokeret, Inf. stooge, wiseacre; comedian, funnyman, wit, wag, mime, mimic, pantomimist, mummer; goliard, gracioso, pantaloon; scarasmouch, punchinello, pierrot, harlequin, punch, acro- bat, contortioneer, juggler.

merry-go-round, n. 1. carrousel, Chiefly Brit. roundabout, whirligig.

2. whirl, reel, spin, turn, swirl, twirl; tizzy, Inf. dither, confusion, fluster, flurry.

merrymaking, n. 1. festivity, festival, celebration, wing-ding; gaiety, merriment, conviviality, revel- ery, revels, jollification, hilarity, mirth, glee, jollity, sport; fun, fun-making, Inf. whompee, Inf. whoop-de- doo, Inf. hoopla; antics, capers, Sl. high jinks.

2. carousal, bacchanal, bacchanalia; debauch, de- bauchery, saturnalia.

—adj. 3. festive, convivial, joyous, merry, mirth- ful, gleeful; gay, sportive, fun-making, uproarious, jovial, jolly, good-time, festal, festival, holiday.

messa, n. butte, plateau, tableland, upland, hill- lock; mount, peak, alp, mountain.

mesh, n. 1. net, netting, network, fishnet; web, webbing, weaving, lace, lacework; tracery, lattice- work, trellis, screen, screening; sieve, strainer, grater.

2. meshes snare, spring, trap, noose, grip, teeth.

—v. 3. entangle, ensnare, snare, net; trap, entrap, nab, grab, clinch.

4. interlock, enmesh, hook together, interweave; match, coordinate, come together.

mesmeric, adj. 1. mesmerized, hypnotized; mesmer- izing, hypnotic, spellbinding, stupefying.

2. compelling, fascinating, entrancing, enthralling, enchanting, bewitching; attractive, alluring; arresting, gripping, stunning; engrossing, absorbing, engaging.

—v. 6. clutter, litter, turn upside-down; dirty, make a shambles of, track up; disarray, dishevel, tou-
metamorphose, v. transform, transfigure, 1. Metall. metal, element, mineral, ore, bullion, n. SI. dirty, grubby, sloppy, filthy, messmate, n. metallic, messiah, n. 1. courier, carrier, bearer, bringer, messenger, 2. envoy, emissary, legate, intermediary, (in Turkey) chiasius; runner, errand-runner, bellboy, U.S. bellboy, porter, office boy, page, Sl. gopher; lackey, servant, slave. messiah, n. 1. deliverer, savior, redeemer, emancipator, liberator, manumitter; lifesaver, rescuer, preserver, saver, Euph. life-preserver. 2. zealot, firebrand, leader, charismatic leader, helmsman, German. Fuehrer. 3. Messiah a. expected Deliverer, Savior; Hebrew. Meshiaech; spiritual leader, prophet, forerunner, messenger, harbinger, b. Jesus Christ, King of Kings, Lord of Lords. See Jesus. messmate, n. commensal, table-mate, bench-mate, eating partner; buddy, comrade, comrade-in-arms, mate, fellow, pal, chum, Inf. sidekick; shipmate, roommate, Inf. roommate; partner, companion, conferee, friend, fast friend, colleague, crony. messy, adj. 1. dirty, grubby, sloppy, filthy, Sl. gruny; slovenly, slatternly, frowzy, piggy, dowdy, be dragged, frumpy; unkempt, slipshod, untidy, disheveled; disorderly, disarranged, disorganized, at sixes and sevens; confused, muddled, macaronic, jumbled, topsy-turvy, every which way; turbid, chaotic, entangled, snarled up, Sl. fouled up, Sl. bollixed up at cross-purposes. 2. embarrassing, awkward, inconvenient, disconcerting, frustrating, discombobulating, ticklish; difficult, inextricable, uncontrollable; thorny, hard, tough, bad; unpleasant, disturbing, perturbing; bothersome, worrisome, rotten, nasty. metal, n. 1. element, mineral, ore, bullion, Metall. pig; alloy. 2. spirit, temper, mettle, pluck, resoluteness, strength of mind, Inf. toughness, Inf. backbone. metallic, adj. 1. metallic, iron, leaden, steely, hard, solid, firm, hard as nails; tempered, heat-treated, hardened, toughened. 2. shiny, glossy, gleaming, lustrous, argentine, polished, burnished, reflective; smooth, slick, sleek. 3. (all of sound) raucous, dissonant, grating, harsh, shrill, tinny, clashing, jangly,jangly, jarring. metamorphic, adj. changeable, alterable, mutable, protein, proteiform; unstable, unfixed, mobile, plastic, changing, transitory; ever-changing, changeful, variable, chameleonlike. metamorphose, v. 1. transform, transfigure, transmute, transsubstantiate, metabolize, mutate, transmogrify; change into, alter into, develop or evolve into, convert, change over, become; undergo a change, go through a change, turn into, alter; be renewed, turn the corner, take a turn; come about, adapt, adjust, modulate, modify, shift, swerve. 2. change, switch, redo, make over, remake, recast, reshape, refashion, Inf. revamp. metamorphosis, n. 1. transformation, transsubstantiation, translation, transfiguration; mutation, transmutation, metastasis, transmogrification, metaplasia. 2. change, alteration, permutation, modification; change of heart, change of allegiance or conviction, reversal, about face, volte-face, Inf. switch, Inf. turnabout, Inf. 180-degree turn. 3. rebirth, renewal, regeneration, recreation; conversion, changeover, passage; reformation, reclamation, recrudescence. metaphor, n. figure of speech, image, symbol, trope, figure; transference, Obs. Rare. tralation, analogy, parallelism, likening, comparison; simile, similarity, correlation, likeness; symbolism, imagery, personification, figurativeness, metonymy; allegory, allegorization, apologue, parable, fable. metaphorical, adj. symbolic, figurative, metonymous, tropological, tropical; typical, allegorical, emblematical, tralitarian, parabolical, apological, anagogical; analogous, allusive, referential, comparative, similitudinous; hyperbolic, exaggerated, euphemistic, euphuistic; descriptive, pictorial, depictive, illustrative. metaphysical, adj. abstract, immaterial, unsubstantial, intangible, impalpable, incorporeal; spiritual, psychical, ideal, intellectual, visionary, speculative, hyperphysical, supersensible; abstruse, incomprehensible; ontological, Platonistic, epistemological, philosophical, cosmological. metaphysics, n. ontology, epistemology, science of existence, speculative philosophy, cosmology. mete', v. Usu. mete out apportionment, admeasurement, measure out or off; allot, allocate, assign; portion out, parcel out, deal out, dole out, ration out, Inf. dish out; pass out, hand out, give out, distribute, dispense. mete', n. limit, boundary, frontier, frontier line, boundary line, bounding line, border line, partition line, line of demarcation, line, fence. metempsychosis, n. transmigration, reincarnation; reembodiment, rebirth, regeneration, metamorphosis, transmogrification. meteor, n. meteoroid, meteorite, aerolite, shooting star, falling star, Astron. bolide, fireball; fiery streak, Astron. tail, comet. meteoric, adj. 1. transient, transitory, ephemeral, short-lived, brief, momentary, fleeting, evanescent; unstable, unpermanent, impermanent, nonpermanent. 2. sudden, unexpected, instantaneous, swift, mushroom, meteorlike, meteor; quick, fast, rapid, speedy. 3. meteorological, meteorologic, atmospheric, atmospheric. meteorology, n. 1. science of weather, science of climate, climatology, aerography, Obs. aerology. 2. weather, atmospheric conditions; climate, clime. method, n. 1. way, manner, mode, process, procedure, Latin. modus operandi; means, technique, formula, principle, practice. 2. order, system, plan, design, discipline; course, routine, program, line; standard, precept, code, guide, pattern; methodology, rule, attack, approach, line, wise.
methodical, adj. 1. systematic, orderly, ordered, regular, exact, uniform, constant; methodic, business-like, regulated, routine, tidy, neat, step by step.

2. painstaking, laborious, slow; exact, meticulous, precise, punctilious.

methodize, v. systematize, regulate, organize, classify, schematicize; straighten out, put to rights, reduce to order, lay out; regularize, standardize, centralize, normalize, routinize; arrange, order, coordinate, alphabetize, grade, rank.

métier, n. 1. trade, craft, skill, job, livelihood, living, work; occupation, vocation, calling, profession, career, pursuit, livelihood.

2. forte, field, line, sphere, specialty, major, concentration.

meticulous, adj. exact, precise accurate, accurate, punctilious, scrupulous, conscientious, careful; particular, finical, finicky,icky, fussy, hard to please; critical, exacting, demanding, painstaking, fastidious; minute, detailed, fine, nice, thorough, searching; scientific, mathematical, severe, rigorous, strict, close.

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graying, fortyish; balding, pot-bellied; dowdy, frumpy, stocky.

middle class, n. 1. bourgeoisie, bourgeois, petit bourgeoisie; middle orders, shopkeepers, small tradesmen.

2. the common people, the masses, the hoi polloi, Jocular, the booboisis; Middle America, the silent majority, the grass roots; commonality, the public, the general public, citizenry.

middle-class, adj. bourgeois, suburban, Sl. plastic; conventional, middlebrow, middle-of-the-road, MOR; common, commonplace, ordinary, average, run-of-the-mill, Inf. garden-variety.

middleman, n. 1. broker, agent, interagent, mediator.

2. intermediary, mediator, intercesor, interceder, intervener, go-between; moderator, arbitrator, negotiator, third sor, intercéder, intervener, go-between; moderator, arbitrator, negotiator.

middle of the road, n. center, middle ground, neutral position, moderate position, Inf. fence; mean, golden mean, Fr. juste-milieu, middle, median; medium happy medium, compromise; middle course, middle way, Latin. via media.

middle-of-the-road, adj. 1. (all in reference to politics) moderate, centrist, Inf. on the fence, Inf. fence-sitting; noncommittal, mugwumpish, mugwumpian.

2. average, ordinary, common, commonplace, Inf. run-of-the-mill; conventional, conformist, middlebrow, commercial, MOR, Inf. square, Inf. straight; middle-class, bourgeois, Sl. plastic.

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middleman, n. 1. broker, agent, interagent, medium, jobber, wholesaler, distributor, dealer.

2. intermediary, mediator, mediator, intercesor, interceder, intervener, go-between; moderator, arbitrator, negotiator, third sor, intercéder, intervener, go-between; moderator, arbitrator, negotiator.

midnight, n. center, middle ground, neutral position, moderate position, Inf. fence; mean, golden mean, Fr. juste-milieu, middle, median; medium happy medium, compromise; middle course, middle way, Latin. via media.

midnight, n. 1. dead of night, hush of night, witching hour, 12 at night.

—adv. 2. nocturnal, night, nighttime, nightly.

3. dark, black, pitch-black, pitch-dark, black or dark as pitch, black or dark as night.

4. burn the midnight oil lucubrate, Obs. elucubrate, study, Inf. cram, Inf. grind, Sl. bone, Brit. Sl. swot; work overtime, work day and night, work late, stay late, stay up late, stay up into the small hours, keep late hours.

midst, n. thick, thick of things, thick of it; heart, core, kernel, nucleus, hub; center, middle, midpoint, Archaic. mid; epicenter, dead center, bull's eye.

midway, adj. 1. equidistant, halfway; mean, medi- al, mesial, medium, mezzo, mid, middle.

—adv. 2. halfway, in the middle, betwixt and between, Inf. plumb or smack or smack-dab in the middle; half and half, neither here nor there, It. mezzo-mezzo.

midwife, n. deliverer, obstetrician, baby doctor, Lucina, Fr. accoucheuse.

midwifery, n. obstetrics, tocology; delivery, parturition.

mien, n. air, aura, presence, demeanor, attitude, feel, climate; manner, mode, mood, style, way; poise, composure, easy way, self-confidence, self-possession, self-assuredness; deportment, conduct, behavior, actions; bearing, carriage, port, posture, stance, stand, pose, position, aspect, appearance, semblance, complexion, cast, guise, form, feature; countenance, look, visage, expression.

miff, n. 1. Informal. pique, pet, huff, dudgeon, bile, gall,ulk, rancor, Archaic. pucker; bad mood, peevishness, petulance, Rare. petulancy, indignation, resentment, grudge, bitterness, acerbity; annoyance, irritation, displeasure, disgruntled state; choler, ill temper, temper, ire, fume, state, Inf. dander, Inf. stew.

2. iff, spat, squabble, dustup, Inf. hassle, Brit. Dial. fracth; disagreement, difference of opinion, falling-out; quarrel, argument, altercation, row, Inf. barney.

—v. 3. offend, give offense to, hurt, hurt [s.o.'s] feelings, feel aggrieved, insult, injure, smart, wound, damage, harm, wrong, grieve, aggrieve, abuse, mistreat, ill-treat; pique, huff, give umbrage to, embitter, put [s.o.] in a bad mood, make [s.o.], sore, Inf. put [s.o.] off, Sl. tee [s.o.] off; displease, disgruntle, upset, irritate, annoy, vex, chafe, nettle, provoke, anger, rile, raise [s.o.'s] dander.

might, n. 1. force, power, strength, mightiness, brute force or strength, toughness, powerfulness, forcefulness, sturdiness, stalwartness; brawn, beef, muscle, physique, Inf. beefiness, Inf. huskiness, Inf. heftiness; stability, solidity, staunchness, hardness, thw, thaws, sinew, sinews, muscle, Literature. puissance; robustness, potency, vigor, energy, intensity, vehemence, fortitude, staying or sticking power, girth, stamina, Sl. guts, Sl. gutsiness; ruggedness, heartiness, lustiness, stoutness, main, muscularity, brawniness.

2. authoritativeness, influence, ability, Sl. clout; authority, weight, superiority, stature, consequence, eminence, rank, seniority; importance, prominence, dominion, domination, sway, ascendancy, prerogative.

3. prowess, competence, capability; durability, endurance; invincibility, indomitability, invulnerability, impregnability, impenetrability, unassailability, insuperability.

4. with might and main mightily, powerfully, forcefully, with all one's strength; vigorously, strongly, stoutly, stalwartly, robustly, soundly, staunchly, with utmost effort, with everything at one's command, full force, full blast; lustily, heartily, energetically, giving one's all, with everything one has got, intensely.

mightily, adv. 1. strongly, powerfully, by main force, forcibly, with a strong hand, by brute strength or force, soundly, firmly; in a mighty manner, manfully, potently, forcefully, strenuously, with Herculean effort, with all one's might, with everything that is in
mighty, adj. 1. powerful, influential, prestigious, *adj.*
migrant, adj. 1. roving, wandering, migrating, mi-
2. migratory, migrating, migrational, trans-
3. migrant, journeyer, wanderer, traveler, —
4. migrant, migratory, immigration, transient,
5. migrant, itinerating, traveling, journeying,
6. grand, immense, vast, great, big; infinite, bound-
7. mild, adj. 1. tender, gentle, soft, soft-hearted,
migrant, adj. 1. roving, wandering, migrating, mi-
—n. 2. migrant, journeyer, wanderer, traveler,
migrant, v. 1. emigrate, expatriate, decamp, take
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mildew, n. fungus, mold, blight, rust, blast; discol-
milt, adj. 1. tender, gentle, soft, soft-hearted,
mighty, powerfully, influential, prestigious,
mighty, Dial, terrifically, awfully, Inf.
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peaceableness, quietness, calmness, serenity, tranquillity, calm; docility, tractability, yieldingness, flexibility.
2. blandness, insipidness, flatness, vapidity, inanity, jejune, tastelessness, flavorlessness, weakness, wishy-washiness.

mileage, n. 1. wear, use, usage, usefulness, service, serviceability; advantage, profit, benefit, gain, good; coverage, promotion, publicity. 2. viaticum, allowance, reimbursement, compensation, payment, recompense; ration, allotment, amount, percentage.
3. charge, fee, price, exaction; levy, tax, toll, rate; truckage, wharfage, towage, freights, tollage.
4. (all in miles) length, distance; gap, space, span, reach, range.

milestone, n. 1. milepost, marker, millary column, waymark; signpost, direction post, post, mark, pointer. 2. climax, point, degree, stage, junctures, climacteric.

milieu, n. environment, sphere, medium, element, condition; ambience, atmosphere, air, aura, climate, tone, feeling, spirit; background, setting, backdrop, scene, stage; arena, locale, field, ground, theatre; surroundings, environs, vicinity, precincts, circle, purliens, neighborhood.

militancy, n. aggressiveness, aggression, combative-ness, activism, activity; belligerency, bellicosity, pugnacity, war fever; contentiousness, fierceness, ferocity, truculence; warmongering, saber rattling, jingoism, chauvinism; hawkishness, militarism, militarism.

militant adj. 1. aggressive, combative, truculent, offensive, activist; belligerent, bellicose, pugnacious, martial, warlike; hawkish, warmongering, flag-waving, saber-rattling, chauvinistic, jingoistic; war-loving, bloodthirsty, sanguinary, fierce, ferocious; hostile, contentious, antagonistic, unfriendly, enemy.
2. warring, contending, campaigning, attacking, up in arms; at war, on the warpath, on the offensive, at grips; embattled, arrayed, engaged, mobilized.

—n. 3. combatant, contender, battler, fighter, struggler, scuffler; soldier, serviceman, warrior, brave; assailer, assaulter, attacker, aggressor, fighting man.

militarism, n. military spirit, war fever, jingoism, chauvinism, Prussianism. See militancy.

militarist, n. warlord, warmonger, hawk, jingoist, chauvinist; mercenary, condottiere, soldier of fortune, adventurer, crusader, ghazi.

military, adj. 1. army, martial, militant, naval, service, fighting. 2. soldierly, soldierlike, military-minded; combative, contentious, militarist, aggressive. See militant (def. 1).

—n. 3. armed forces, army, service, forces, regular army, standing army, the military establishment; soldiers, troops, contingents, janissaries, legions, ranks, cannon fodder; recruits, reinforcements, the line, storm troops.

militate, v. Usu. militate against oppose against, go against, side against, war against, contend against; contradict, belie, counter, work against, traverse, cross, not conducto to; rebuff, spurn, foil, counteract; contavari, counterpoe, cancel out, conflict with; antagonize, oppose, counterattack, toppugn, resist.

militia, n. national guard, guard, reserves, minutemen, home guard; yeomanry, volunteers, Eng. Hist. trainband, posse, posse commutatus.

milk, n. 1. cream, cow’s milk, goat’s milk, heestings, breast milk, mother’s milk, kumiss; whey, curds, junket, buttermilk, skim milk; bonnyclabber, posset,

Fine Arts. casein.
2. latex, sap, juice, fluid.
—v. 3. extract, remove, draw out, draw off, siphon off, pump out; decant, empty, tap, let out, squeeze out; phlebotomize, bleed.
4. drain, bleed, suck dry, sap; misuse, abuse, exploit, use, take advantage of.

milk-lervered, adj. cowardly, pusillanimous, poltroon, catiff; weak-kneed, Sl. chicken, Sl. gutless, skittish; faint-hearted, chicken-hearted, lily-lervered, chicken-lervered, Inf. mous; sniveling, cringing, skulking, quailing, cowering; timid, timorous, shy, meek, tame, mild; weak, frail, effeminate, soft, womanish; unnmanly, sissy, sissified, milk-soppy, candy-asser; afraid, frightened, fearful, intimidated, cowed.

milkop n. coward, poltroon, Archaic, catiff, das-tard; milquetoast, sop, mama's boy, namby-pamby, Inf. jellyfish; weakling, chicken, baby, crybaby, sissy, mouse, Sl. fraidy-cat, Sl. scaredy-cat; effeminate, Inf. pantywaist, Sl. pansy, Sl. wimp, eakal, mollycoddle, softy; weak sister, goody-goody, mother's darling, nancy, Lord Fauntleroy.

milky, adj. 1. lacteal, lactic, milk, milch; lactescence, lactiferous, emulsive.
2. white, creamy, pearly, nacreous, chalky, cretae-ous; cloudy, opaque, fume, frosted, semifluid, mat; whitish, albescence, adularescent, canescence; snowy, niveous, hoar, hoary; milk-white, snow-white, swan-white; ivory, alabaster, eburnean, eggshell, glaucous, off-white.
3. meek, tame, mild, gentle, pacific; timid, timorous, shy. See milk-lervered.


mill, n. 1. factory, manufactury, plant, foundry, works, industrial center; workshop, shop; windmill, Fr. moulin; gin, roller, crusher, grinder, grater, quern.
—v. 2. grind, granulate, pulverize, comminute, triturate, powder; grate, bray, pound, crush, crunch.
3. stir, beat, whip, whisk, froth.
4. Slang. beat, pummel, punch, Inf. slug, hit, strike, fight, box, spar; overcome, defeat, trounce.

Oftener mill about or around move around, wander, amble, meander; jostle, bump into, shoulder.
millenium, n. 1. a thousand years, chilid, millenary.
2. the millennium the Second Coming, the Second Advent, the Parousia. 3. golden age, utopia, halcyon days, heaven on earth.
milliner, n. hatter, modiste.
million, n. 1. great number, lot, heap, Inf. slew, jillion, Inf. tons, Inf. loads, Inf. gobs; reams, slathers, Sl. scads, Sl. wad.
2. the million the general public, the public; the multitude, the masses, the common people, the working class, the lower class, the common herd, huddled masses; the common man, the man in the street; proletariat, plebians, the hot polloi, the rank and file.
millionaire, n. man or woman of means, rich man, wealthy man, moneyed man, man of wealth, man of substance, coupon clipper, nabob, nawab, Inf. moneybags, Brit. Inf. warm man, Sl. fat cat; Mides, Croesus, Dives; multimillionaire, billionaire; sugar daddy; plutocrat, capitalist.
millstone, n. 1. grindstone, miller, mill, quern, grinder, mortar and pestle, crusher, chopper, grater.
2. load, burden, tax, Archaic. fardel, weight, dead weight, onus; duty, obligation, responsibility, charge, task; affliction, trouble, misfortune, cross.
milquetoast, n. namby-pamby, mama’s boy, milk-
mimic, v. imitation, copying, reproduction, mimicry, n. mime, mincing, 1. adj. jester, fool, clown, merry- Fr. comédien ambulant; 3. 2. resemble, look like, be similar to. 2. mimer, pantomimist, mimist, mummer, Marcel Marceau, impersonator; satirist, Fr. farceur, performer, actor, actor, actress, entertainer, player, strolling player, Fr. comédien ambulant; jester, fool, clown, merry-andrew, zany, harlequin, buffoon; pantaloone, straight man, foil, U.S. F. fall guy; comedian, comedia, comic, stand-up comic. 3. mimic, imitator, copyist. See mimic (def. 3). —v. 4. mimic, impersonate, copy. See mimic (def. 1). mimic, v. 1. imitate, copy, Inf. copycat, ape, monkey; impersonate, personate, represent, mirror, simulate, make like, affect or put on [s.o.'s] mannerisms; satirize, Inf. do a take-off on, mock, ridicule, make fun of; parrot, echo, repeat, cuckoo. 2. resemble, look like, be similar to. —n. 3. mimicker, imitator, copyist, Inf. copycat; ape, monkey, echo, parrot, mockingbird; impersonator, personator, person, mime, mim, pantomimist, mimist. See mimic (def. 2). —adj. 4. mimetic, Archaic. mimical, imitational, mock, simulated, fake, pseudo; unauthentic, unreal, false, counterfeit, sham, feigned, pretend, pretend, make-believe. 5. imitating, imitative, copying, me-too, parroting, echoing, repeating. mimicky, n. imitation, copying, reproduction, apery, Rheum. mimesis; impersonation, personation, representation, simulation, affectionation, mimicking, parroting, echoing, repeating; mockery, pretense, ridicule, derision, raillery; Inf. take-off, satire, satirization, burlesque, burletta, travesty, lampoon, parody, caricature; mime, harlequinade, farce. minacious, adj. minatory, minatorial, menacing, threatening, ominous; portentous, unprofitive, unfavorable, bad, dangerous, dark, cloudy, clouded, overcast, like rain. mince, v. 1. dice, hash, cube, chop up, chop, cut up, slice; splinter, sliver, crumble, crumb, fragment, break up; subdivide, divide up, Inf. divvy, apportion, partition. 2. euphemize, speak in euphemisms, use nice or mild or delicate language, use delicate speech, soften one's speech, curb one's speech, hold one's tongue. 3. attitude, strike a pose, pose, put on airs, be affected, put on a show; act or be dainty or delicate, effeminate, Inf. extend one's pinkie; simper, lispy, pussy-foot, take baby steps, putter, walk like a girl or woman, Sl. swish. mincing, adj. 1. (of gait, speech, behavior, etc.) dainty; overdainty, precious, sweet, effeminate, feminine, womanish, girlish, sissyish, sissy, pious, foot, nancy-pamby, niminy-piminy, Sl. cutesy; dandified, dandyish, foppish, coxcombic, coxcombical; mealy-mouthed, overcome, nice, overdelicate, delicate, euphemistic, euphemist, euphemious; proper, prim, prudish, priggish, finicky, finical, fastidious, Sl. uptight. 2. affected, assumed, mannered, studied, pretentious, put on, Inf. la-di-da, Inf. too-too.
mindful, adj. 1. Usu. mindful of attentive, observant, regardful, noticing, open-eyed, alert, wide-awake, sharp, alive to, Inf. on the job; listening, all ears, alert, attentive, Archaic. attentive; heedful, obedient, compliant, respectful.

mindless, adj. 1. Senseless, nonsensical, insensate, brainless, witless, empty-headed, Brit. inf. gormless, Rare. insulse; unintelligent, dull, dull-witted, dim-witted, SI. dumb, Inf. inf. dill, SI. moronic, weak-headed, feeble-minded, retarded, imbecilic, SI. idiotical, idiotic, idiotical, Inf. damfool; scatterbrained, rattleheaded, rambled, addled, addlebrained, addleheaded, inf. crenitious, SI. lamebrained; bird-brained, hare-brained, simple-minded, simple, featherbrained, featherheaded, light-headed, foolish, silly, absurd, half-baked, insane, asinine, anserine, fatuous, fatuous, idiotic, idiotical, Inf. damfool; scatterbrained, rattleheaded, rambled, addled, addlebrained, addleheaded, meddlesome, muddled-headed; irrational, illogical, unreasonable, unreasoning; mentally unsound or unstable, demented, insane, out of one’s mind, cracked-brained, mad, crazy, SI. cockeyed, SI. cuckoo, SI. nuts.

mine, n. 1. Colliery, excavation, well, pit; open pit, strip mine, quarry; lode, vein, deposit, US. bohnanza.

mingle, v. 1. Associate, hobnob, pal around, get together, fraternize, band together, hang out; socialize, keep open house, keep the latchstring out, Sl. party, rub elbows, rub shoulders, mill.

2. Participate, take part, join in, enter in, get in the swim.

3. Mix, commingle, intermingle, intermix; consoliate, amalgamate, jumble; combine, blend, merge; intertwine, interweave.

4. Unite, join, conjoin, connect, marry; unify, coalesce; fuse, agglutinate.

5. Of religious functions officiate, execute, perform, carry out; preside, direct, administer, lead; serve, do duty.

minister, n. 1. Clergyman, cleric, ecclesiastic; pastor, shepherd, parson, Dial. domine, man of the cloth, servant of God, reverend; father, padre, priest; liturgist, Obs. Rare. liturgy; preacher, evangelist, missionary, revivalist, US. Disparaging. pulpit; rector, vicar, dean, Brit. incumbent; curate, curé, abbé, chaplain, U.S. Mil. Sl. sky pilot, U.S. Mil. Sl. Holy Joe; divine, canonist, exegete, hierophant.

2. Department chief, department head, superintendent; cabinet member, secretary, commissioner, chancellor, provost; official, dignitary; premier, prime minister.

3. Ambassador, diplomat,plenipotentiary, Brit. diplomatist; emissary, envoy, consul, agent, legate, representative, delegate; chargé d'affaires.


5. Of religious functions officiate, execute, perform, carry out; preside, direct, administer, lead; serve, do duty.

6. Usu. minister to serve, care for, attend to, wait on
ministerial, adj. 1. clerical, priestly, sacerdotal, pastoral; ecclesiastical, hierarchical, prelatic, canonical, capitular.

2. ambassadorial, diplomatic, consular, emissary, representative, plenipotentiary, official, Inf. cabinet.

3. ministering, serving, comforting, assuaging, nursing, doctoring, solacing; aiding, assisting, helping, ministrant.

4. instrumental, contributory, subsidiary, attendant, assistant, subservient, clerkly, auxiliary, ancillary.

ministration, n. 1. supervision, stewardship, care, administration, superintendence, protectorship; direction, regulation, management, government, conduct, execution.

2. aid; guidance, help, assistance, cooperation, coadjuvancy; Obs. opitulation; support, succor, relief, succour, assistance, help, aid, assist, abet, succor, relieve, comfort, console, give solace; doctor, nurse, heal, cure, remedy.

7. Usu. minister to give to, contribute to, supply, furnish, favor with; lavish, indulge, shower upon, dote upon; offer, present, dole out.

ministerial

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ministry, n. 1. holy orders, sacred calling, religious service, liturgy, rite, ceremony, religious vocation, religion, priesthood, the pulpit, the desk; presbytery, pastorate, rectorship, vicarage.

2. clergymen, clergy, clericals, the cloth; presbytery, elders.

3. department, agency, administration.

4. instrumentality, agency, service, Inf. good graces, auspices, intervention, interposition.

5. See ministration (def. 2).

minor, adj. 1. lesser, smaller, secondary, subordinate, lower, second-fiddle; subsidiary, ancillary, tributary; Law. puissance; second-class, small-time, one-horse, busch, bush-league, Sl. two bit, Sl. small potatoes, small-fry; unimportant, insignificant, inconsequential, inconsiderable, not worth mentioning, slight, little; petty, trite, Sl. mickey mouse, trivial, trifling, niggling, piddling, paltry, Inf. picayune.

2. mediocre, middling, moderate, so-so, indifferent, passable, tolerable, Inf. O.K.; inferior, second-rate, low grade, lightweight, amateurish, unprofessional, incompetent, not up to par or snuff.

3. under-age, adolescent, junior, infant.

—n. 4. child, infant, U.S. Inf. tad, youngster, youth, stripping, adolescent, teenager; lad, lass, lassie, maiden, girl, girlchild, schoolboy, boy, whippersnapper, cub, small fry.

5. subordinate, inferior, underling, subject, menial; deputy, assistant, subsidiary, hireling; nonentity, cipher, nobody, Inf. whiffet.

minority, n. 1. smaller part or number, less than half, handful.

2. splinter group, faction, contingent, sector, section, side; ethnic group.

3. nonage, juvenile, pupilage; infancy, childhood, girlhood, boyhood; youth, adolescence, puberty, juvenility, juvenescence.

ministrer, n. 1. wandering minstrel, troubadour, bard, (in medieval France and Normandy England) jongleur; skald, minnesinger, meistersinger or mastersinger, (in ancient Greece) rhapsodist; musician, singer, balladeer, poet; lyric poet, lyricist, poet laureate, laureate, epic poet, epicist.

2. Thes. blackface, U.S. interlocutor, end man; vaudevillian, song-and-dance man, comedian, comic, actor, performer, player, entertainer.

minstrelsy, n. song, ballad, recitative, lyric poem, poem, epic poem, rhapsody.

mint, n. 1. spearmint, peppermint, horsemint; crème de menthe.

—adj. 2. mint-flavored.

mint, n. 1. Informal. fortune, small fortune, millions, billions; money, U.S. Sl. bucks, Sl. bread; (all of money) Sl. wad, pile, stack, heap, Inf. stash.

—adj. 2. unused, uncancelled, unstamped, new, brand-new, perfect, excellent.

—v. 3. (all of coins or money) stamp or stamp out, die, coin, monetize, print.

make, make up, compose, fabricate, invent, create, come up with, coin, neologize, neoterize; devise, concoct, brew, contrive, frame, hatch; formulate, design, conceive, germinate, think of, dream up; manufacture, fashion, form, construct, produce; forge, counterfeit, copy.

minus, prep. 1. from, less, take away, subtract; decreased by, diminished by.

2. lacking, missing, short, without.

3. deficit, loss; lack, insufficiency, deficiency; weakness, weak spot, liability, disadvantage, drawback.

minute, n. 1. a short time, a little while, bit, Inf. jiffy, Inf. whipstitch; moment, second, Inf. sec, split second, instant; flash, twinkling, twinkle, breath, trice; eyewink, wink of an eye, Fr. coup d’oeil, twinkling of an eye, Inf. bat of an eye, two shakers of a lamb’s tail.

2. rough draft, sketch, outline, summary, résumé; memorandum, Inf. memo, note.

3. minutes (all of a meeting) record, notes, log, transcript.

4. up to the minute modern, up-to-date, trendy, fashionable, smart, modish, stylish, in style, chic, in vogue, all the rage; Inf. in, Sl. with it, Sl. hip, Sl. cool.

minute, adj. 1. minuscule, infinitesimal, microscopic, atomic, animalcule, animalculous, imperceptible; dim, minute, Lilliputian, tiny, wee, Inf. teeny, bitty, itty-bitty, eensy-weensy, teeny, Baby Talk. teeny-weeny, Baby Talk. teenvy-weeny; miniature, small-scale, pocket-sized, bantam, short; small, little, mini, pint-sized, Inf. baby; petite, delicate, dainty, minikin; homuncular, midget, dwarfish, Med. nanoid, pygmy, pygmyoid, pygmysh.

2. insignificant, unimportant, inconsequential, minor, small, little; trivial, trifling, petty, Inf. picayune, niggling; meager, mere, paltry, puny, slight, slender, thin, dinky, piddling; insubstantial, unsubstantial, negligible, nugatory, inconsiderable, inappreciable.

3. detailed, exact, precise, punicilious, scrupulous, strict, close; particular, meticulous, careful, painstaking.

minutiæ, n. details, particulars, fine points; trivia, trivialities, trifles, inessentials, nonessentials, unessentials.

mix, n. impudent lass, pert girl, Inf. girl, Inf. baggage; husky, shrew, queen; jad, harridan, hag, Sl. bitch; malapert, Inf. saucebox; flirt, coquette, vamp, belle, gold digger; jilt, wanton, tart, demirep; prostitute, harlot, strumpet, drab, trollopp, Archaic. wench, trull, slut.

miracle, n. wonder, wonderwork, prodigy; sign, portent, omen; supernatural event, phenomenon; curiosity, spectacle, rarity.

miraculous, adj. 1. supernatural, preternatural, preternormal, superhuman, preterhuman, thaumaturgic, thaumaturgical; divine, almighty, omnipotent,
mirage

n. optical illusion, looming, hallucination, vision, phantasmagoria; phantasm, shadow, specter, apparition, phantom, will-o’-the-wisp, ignis fatuus.


—v. 2. soil, dirty, begrime, blacken, tarnish; sully, befoul, defile; smear, tar, grease; draggle, bemire, Archaic. dapple, spatter, muddy, blotch; smudge, smutch, smear, bedaub.

3. sink, sink down, bog, bog down, stick in the mud; become entangled, become tangled up, become enmeshed, become involved.

mirror, n. 1. reflecting surface, reflector; looking glass, cheval glass.

2. reflection, twin, counterpart; imitation, reproduction, copy, replica, replication; representation, semblance, likeness.

3. exemplar, paragon, ideal, beau ideal, Latin, neoholm, Brit. Dial. apparition, phantom, will-o’-the-wisp, ignis fatuus.

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misbehavior, n. misconduct, badness, naughtiness, misdemeanor, delinquency; disorderly conduct, bad manners, indiscretion, disobedience, insubordination; disorder, disorderliness, Inf. goings on; roughhouse, horseplay, mayhem, rowdiness, boisterousness; indiscretion, faux pas, slip, slip, blunder, error.

misbelief, n. 1. misconception, misapprehension, misunderstanding, misinterpretation, misconstruction.

miscalculate, v. misjudge, miscalculation, misestimate, misread, mistake, overlook, miscalculate, miscount, miscalculation, misjudgment, miscompute, misrepresent.

miscarriage, n. 1. failure, nonsuccess, nonfulfillment, defeat, frustration; failing, abortion, no-go, vain attempt, flash in the pan, disappointment; accident, casualty, mishap, misfortune, mischance; mis, botch, mull, slip, blunder; washout; collapse, fizzle, fiasco, wild-goose chase; deathblow, checkmate, rebate, repulse; overturn, rout; wreck, shipwreck, crash, debacle, ruination.

2. abortus, spontaneous abortion, premature birth or delivery, untimely birth, unnatural birth.

miscarry, v. fail, go wrong, abort, be unsuccessful; flounder, slip, stumble, blunder; shipwreck, run aground, come to grief, meet with disaster; miss the mark, miss the boat, fail short of, fail through, fall flat, come to nothing, fizzle; be defeated, lick the dust, bite the dust, lose the day, end or go up in smoke, go to wrack and ruin.

miscellaneous, adj. 1. diverse, varied, mixed, various, selected, assorted; variform, multiplex, multiformal, many-sided, multiphase; multifarious, manifold, omnifarious.

2. heterogeneous, diversified, farraginous; indiscriminate, promiscuous; motley, variegated, patched, patchwork; commingled, commixed, composite, compounded, blended.

miscellany, n. 1. assortment, diversity, mixture, mélange, medley; gallimaufry, farrago, salmagundi, potpourri, hodgepodge, Brit. hotchpotch; hash, stew, jumble, tangle, mess; oddments, all sorts, Inf. mixed bag, odds and ends, sundries, old curiosity shop; variegate, patchwork, mosaic, motley; a little of this and a little of that; this, that, and the other; olla-podrida, olio, variety; commixture, conglomeration, combination, Inf. omnium-gatherum, Inf. mingle-mangle, Noth's ark.

2. miscellanea, collectanea, anthology, ana, compendium, collection; florilegium, flowers, spicilegium.

3. miscellanies, marginalia, jottings, notes, selections, pieces, thoughts, extracts, excerpta, analecta, analects.

mischance, n. 1. accident, misfortune, mishap, miscarriage, misadventure, Scot. and North Eng. mis-hancer or mischanter, glitch, casualty, contretemps; blow, nasty or staggering blow, bluff, stroke, stroke of bad luck or fortune; disaster, tragedy, calamity, catastrophe, cataclysm.

2. mistake, blunder, Inf. slip-up, Sl. boner, Sl. boobook; slip, leak; oversight.

3. fluke, freak accident, one in a million, twist of fate; shock.

4. adversity, affliction, hurt, harm, evil, woe, Archiac. ruin, ruination, bale; infertility, ill or bad luck, ill or bad fortune, evil wind, dark cloud, storm clouds; trouble, the devil to pay; reverse, reversal, reverse of fortune, setback, comeback, bitter pill; cross, check, checkmate; failure, fiasco, Inf. flop, Inf. fizzle, Inf. washout, Inf. dud, Sl. bomb, Sl. turkey.

mischief, n. 1. harm, trouble, hurt, ill, wrong; destruction, unmaking, undoing, disruption, demolition, sabotage; vexation, annoyance, nuisance, agitation, pique.

2. injury, impairment, damage, disablement, incapacitation, weakening; ravage, scathe, detriment.

3. misconduct, misbehavior, misdemeanor, delinquency; badness, naughtiness, bad manners, disobedience; roguery, impishness, rascality, elishness; Inf. goings-on, Inf. hanky-panky, Sl. monkey business.

mischief-maker, n. 1. troublemaker, imp, bad boy, little devil, Inf. bugger, Inf. booger; elf, puck, pixie, little rascal, little monkey; rascal, rogue, rascalion, knave, scamp; rowdy, hoodlum, juvenile delinquent, hooligan, hell-raiser, thug, ruffian, vandal.

2. talebearer, rumormonger, storyteller, gossip, busybody; tattler, tattletale, wag; quidnunc, meddler;Sl. stickybeak.

3. agitator, firebrand, rabble-rouser, instigator; pro-voker, inciter, fomenter, rouser; Fr. provocateur.

mischievous, adj. 1. harmful, injurious, hurtful, damaging, scatheful; pernicious, detrimental, baleful, deleterious, baneful;noxious, venomous, poisonous, malign, malignant.

2. impish, waggish, prankish, elfish, puckish; naugh-ty, roguish, shifty, sharp, sly, rogue, rascal; subterfuge, trick, ruse; sleight of hand, sleight, sleight of art; ruse, stratagem, stratagem, science; trickery, trick, method, dodge; bad fortune, evil wind, dark cloud, storm clouds; accident, fate; shock.

3. agitator, firebrand, rabble-rouser, instigator; pro-voker, inciter, fomenter, rouser; Fr. provocateur.

misconception, n. misunderstanding, misapprehension, misconstruction, misreading, misinterpretation, miscalculation, misjudgment; delusion, distorted idea or notion, false belief or impression; fallacy, failure to understand.

misconduct, n. 1. bad conduct, wrong behavior, misbehavior, wrongdoing, malefaction, malfeasance; misdeed, wickedness, sinfulness, delinquency; turpitude, transgression, misstep.

2. mismanagement, misgovernment, miscarriage; venality, malpractice, misfeasance; nonfeasance, dereliction, negligence.

—v. 1. mismanage, misdirect, Sl. screw up, mess up, Sl. bollix up, foul up; bungle, boggle, muff, fumble; botch, make a mess or hash of, Sl. blow; take a wrong turn, put the cart before the horse.

2. misbehave, transgress, backslide, sin, slip, trip; err, stray, go astray, stray from the straight and narrow; sow wild oats, go to the dogs, SI. go to hell in a handbasket; act up, make mischief.

misconstrue, v. misinterpret, misunderstand, misapprehend, misread, misconceive; misjudge, misreckon, miscount, make a mistake on, garble, change the sense of, get the wrong idea, get a false impression; SI. goof, Sl. screw up, mix up, misrepresent.

miscount, v. 1. misjudge, miscalculation, miscompute. See miscalculate.

—n. 2. miscalculation, misjudgment, miscalcula-
tion, misreckoning, misestimation, misreading; under-
miserable, adj. 1. forlorn, woeful or woful, woe-begone, Archaic. woesome, Obs. bafeul, heartick, downhearted, broken-hearted, heartbroken, crushed, broken, desolate, despairing; worried, anxious, afflicted, stricken, heavy-laden; down, disconsolate, dejected, depressed, disconsolate, melancholic, gloomy, dismal, dreary, Literary. drear, lugubrious, funereal; somber, glum, low-spirited, disheartened, discouraged, Inf. broken-up, Inf. cut-up, Sl. bummed-out or bummed; sad, unhappy, infelicitous, sorrowful, doleful, dolorous, dolorific, grieved, mournful, lachrymose, lachrymatory, comfortless, joyless, cheerless, inconsolable.

2. destitute, ingent, poverty-stricken, abject, needy, in need, wanting, lacking, in want, beggared, beggarly; poor, underprivileged, disadvantaged, deprived, bereft, ill-off, badly or poorly off, Inf. hard-up; impoverished, pauperized, ruined, failed, down and out, in the dregs, at the heels, out at the elbows, Sl. busted, Sl. broke.

spair, disconsolateness, despondency, depression, gloom, melancholy, melancholia; anxiety, angst, worry, fret, solicitude, concern, carking, care; agony, torture, torment, pain.

misfit, n. maverick, dropout, loner, lone wolf, solitary, solitary man, fish out of water. Inf. square peg in a round hole; nonconformist, individual, deviant, radical, Sl. punk; crazy, flake, freak, three-dollar bill, crackpot, rare bird, queer fellow, queer duck. Inf. fruitcake; All Sl. weird or weirdy, oddball, screwball, nut, loony, case, kook, squirrel, creep.

misfortune, n. 1. affliction, adversity, hurt, harm, woe, ruin, ruination, Archaic. bale; infelicity; ill or bad luck, ill or bad fortune, ambuscade, evil eye, evil wind, dark cloud or storm, storm clouds; trouble, the devil to pay; trial, tribulation, burden, weight; reverse, reversal of fortune, setback, comedown, bringdown, bitter cross; pit, check, checkmate. 2. mischance, mishap, miscarriage, misadventure, Scot. and North Eng. mishanter or mischanter, glitch, casualty, accident; shock, blow, nasty or staggering blow, buffet, stroke, stroke of bad luck or fortune; calamity, catastrophe, catacysm, disaster, tragedy.

3. fluke, freak accident, one in a million, twist of fate; fortuity, happening, hap, hazard.

misgiving, n. doubt, question, hesitation, uncertainty, qualm, scruple, suspicion, mistrust, distrust, Sl. bad vibes; uneasiness, apprehensiveness, Inf. butterflies, nervousness, queasiness, Sl. heebie-jeebies, the jitters, Sl. the willies, Sl. the creeps; apprehension, fear, foreboding, premonition, premonish, presence, presage, feeling, odd feeling, bad feeling, Inf. funny feeling, anxiety, dread, worry, alarm, disquiet, solicitude, care, concern.

misguided, adj. misled, misdirected, misadvised, misinstructed, misinformed, deceived, led astray; unwise, injudicious, imprudent, impolitic, ill-advised, ill-considered, ill-contrived, ill-devised, ill-judged; mistaken, erroneous, fallacious, wrong, dead wrong, all wrong, at sea, wide of the mark, Inf. off, Inf. away-off, Inf. off by a mile, Inf. off base; on a false scent, on the wrong scent, on the wrong trail, Inf. barking up the wrong tree.

mishandle, v. 1. mistreat, abuse, maltreat. See misuse.

2. mismanage, misconduct, misgovern; bungle, flub, screw up, change the game, put one’s nose at, object to, mind; have no stomach for, be disabuse of, be incapable, be incompetent, be inefficient; bulldoze; Inf. march on, cog, Inf. take, snooker; pass off, palm, pass off as, sell up the game, play false, double-cross, along, Inf. lead up the garden path; Inf. leafoff, Inf. fluff, Inf. false, Inf. fake; Inf. throw the towel in, Inf. throw the towel in the eyes of, pull the wool over the eyes of, slip or pass one over; cozen, dupe, gull, defraud, cheat; rook, victimize, Archaic. chouse, defraud, bilk, swindle; steal a march on, cog, Sl. take, Sl. snooker; pass off, pass palm, off impose, upon pull a fast one on, Inf. throw a curve; humbug, gammon, bluff, juggle, have [s.t. up] one’s sleeve, Inf. filmflam; hoodwink, trick, outwit, bamboozle, overreach; entrap, ensnare, enmesh, trip along, Inf. lead up the garden path; Inf. fast-talk, Inf. jive, Inf. hyper, Sl. jive, Sl. mau-mau, Inf. buffalo, Inf. bulldoze; All Sl. con, snow, suck in, sucker in, murphy; betray, sell down the river, play false, double-cross, two-time, Sl. shaft, Sl. cross [s.t. up].

misleading, adj. deceiving, deceptive, evasive, elusive, dodgy, shifty, slippery; fraudulent, false, deceitful, hollow; catchy, tricky, subtle, sophisticated, casuistic; fallacious, illusory, illusive, spurious, factitious.

mislike, v. dislike, disrelish, disfavor, disesteem; find disagreeable, feel repugnance toward, not be able to bear or abide or stand, Sl. get turned off by, be inclined toward, shrink from, recoil from; turn up one’s nose at, object to, mind; have no stomach or use or taste for, not be able to stomach; shun, eschew, steer clear of; abhor, detest, loathe, despise, hate.

mismatched, adj. unsuited, poorly matched, unfit,
ill-adapted, incompatible, ungenial, incommo-
dious, uncomplementary, unsympathetic; inap-
propriate, unsuitable, unfitting, unbecoming, inap
hattan, inappropriate; incongruous, inconsistent, ill-assort-
ed, out of keeping, out of order, out of character; dis-
pleasing, inharmonious, discordant.

misname, v. miscall, misterm, missitle, label incor-
rectly.

misnomer, n. misnaming, malapropism, wrong
name or title or designation.

misogynist, n. woman-hater, misogynist; loner, Inf.
lone wolf, hermit, recluse, Inf. confirmed bachelor;
males travian, male supremacist, sexist, bigot; ego-
ist, narcissist, self-centered man.

misplace, v. 1. lose, lose sight of, mislay, let slip,
let slip through one's fingers; displace, misfile, put in
the wrong place, dislocate.
2. misapply, misdirect, give wrongly, give unwisely;
invest unwisely, invest illegally, employ improperly,
use wrongly.

misprint, n. printing error or mistake, erratum, cor-
rigendum; typographical error, editorial oversight, In-
ff. slip of the pen; oversight, blunder, Inf. bone
default; miss, slip, flaw, Inf. boo-boo; inaccuracy, in-
exactitude, false information, erroneous facts, perverted
or distorted information.

misprize, v. 1. undervalue, hold cheap, under-
estimate, underrate, hold for naught; disprize, hold in
disre_feature, look down on, sneer at, upon, Inf. look down one's nose at; despise, scorn, condemn, be contemptuous of, disdain; feel contempt for, hold in contempt, revile, deprecate, disparage, Inf.; put down, ridicule, poke fun at; belittle, minimize, Inf. run down.

mispronounce, v. articulate incorrectly, mangle
words, slur, speak thickly, speak indistinctly, stutter,
sonants.

mispronunciation, n. inarticulate speech, distorted
vowels, dropped consonants, incorrectly accented
words; mangled or slurred words, thick speech, indis-
tinct speech, stuttering, stammering, faltering speech, cacoaphonic speech.

misquote, v. 1. quote incorrectly, quote or take out
of context, miscite, misreport, misstate, misrepresent; falsify, distort, twist, pervert, garble; varnish, dress up, mispronounce, elaborate on, exaggerate, stretch, overstate, understate; misrepresent, whitewash, clean up.

misrepresentation, n. 1. falsification, misstatement, overstatement, understatement, exaggeration, coloration, Inf. whitewash job; distortion, anamorphosis, bad likeness, poor likeness, inexact copy, distorted image; invention, fabrication, perversion; equivocation, prevarication, perjury, Sl. the big lie; slander, deceit, deception, Inf. con job.

misread, v. misinterpret, misunderstand, mistrans-
late, lose something in the translation; misconstrue, put a false construction on, get a false impression, not understand, miss the meaning, miss the point.

misreckon, v. miscalculate, misconstrue, compute;
underestimate, overestimate, mis judge, not take every-
thing into account; make a mistake, err, Inf. get off the track.

misreport, v. 1. report incorrectly, misstate, mis-
quote, miscite, garble, Inf. beat around the bush; trim,
embroider, dress up, varnish, whitewash; report false-
ly, falsify, state falsely; misrepresent, distort, dis-
semble; prevaricate, lie.

—n. 2. incorrect report, misstatement, wrong cita-
tion, circumlocution; false report, slander, misrepre-
sentation, distortion, perversion, prevarication, lie, libel.

misrepresent, v. 1. falsify, deliberately mislead, belle, distort, misstate; understate, minimize, overstate, exaggerate, overdraw, stretch the truth; embroi-
der, dress up, doctor, color, disguise.
2. represent poorly, embarrass, be a poor amb-
sassador for, be a poor example of; parody, carica-
ture, mock, ridicule.

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2. parody, spoof, take-off, travesty, caricature, bur-
lesque, mockery.

misrule, n. 1. misgovernment, mismanagement, misdirection, misguidance, maladministration.
2. disorder, chaos, commotion; tumult, turmoil, turbu-
ulence, rioting; lawlessness, anarchy, frontier justice, lynch law, mob rule, mobocracy.

—v. 3. misgovern, mishandle, mismanage, misdirect, misguide, mismaladminister, Sl. screw up, mess up, Sl. foul up, Sl. bollix, botch.

miss, v. 1. fail to catch or get, miscalculate, mis-
time, ill-time; bungle, bungle, goof, muff, slip; let slip through one's fingers; misplace, lose something in the translation; misconstrue, misinterpret, misconceive, get the wrong idea, garble; let one's attention wander, forget, let slip, miss, slip, flaw, boo-boo; inaccuracy, inexactitude, erroneous facts, perverted or distorted information.

—n. 2. incorrect report, misstatement, wrong cita-
tion, circumlocution; false report, slander, misrepre-
sentation, distortion, perversion, prevarication, lie, libel.

misshapen, adj. deformed, malformed, miscreated, unshapen; unshapely, ill-proportioned, misproportioned; distorted, contorted, warped, twisted, curved, crooked, gnarled, awry, askew; round-shouldered,
mistrue, adj. lacking, minus, wanting, absent, not here; lost, gone, nowhere to be found; misplaced, mislaid, misplaced, dislocated, dislocated.

mission, n. 1. business errand, assignment, commission; aim, goal, purpose, objective, object; charge, trust, duty, task; job, chore, work, stint; office, appointment.

2. vocation, calling, profession, occupation, employment, position; métier, trade, line; pursuit, venture, undertaking, activity; concern, affair, interest.

3. embassy, legation; delegation, deputation; all collectively ambassadors, diplomats, envoys, agents, commissioners, deputies, delegates, emissaries.

missionary, n. 1. evangelist, proselytizer, propagandist, spreader of the faith or the Word, minister of the Gospel, preacher, padre, missioner; revivalist, faith healer; apostle, pioneer; colporter; clergyman, cleric, priest, minister.

2. crusader, campaigner, promoter, Inf. pusher, advocate, supporter, champion, defender, apologist.

mishap, adj. prim, proper, prudish, modest, decorous, sedate; strait-laced, decorous, sedate; strait-laced, formal, unnatural, affected, mannered, Fr. manière; fastidious, difficult, hard to please, overparticular, particular, fussy, finical, finicky, picky.

mishap, n. letter, dispatch, telegram, written message, communication; epistle, Obs. billet, note, line, bullit, hint, a hint; reply, acknowledgment, bread-and-butter note, thank-you note; business letter, form letter, drop letter; love letter, billet-doux, Inf. mask note, fan letter; card, Christmas card, postcard, picture postcard; open letter, Rom. Cath. Ch. encyclical; all collectively mail, post, correspondence.

misdemeanor, n. 1. cloud, vapor, haze, gauze, film; fog, smog.

mistrust, v. squander, waste, dissipate, throw away, throw good money after bad, pour down the drain; lavish, hang the expense, Sl. blow; throw money around, play the profligate or prodigal, spend money like water, spend like a drunken sailor, spend money as if it grew on the trees, spend money as if it were going out of style.

mislabeled, adj. misquote, quote out of context, miscite, misreport, misrelate; misrepresent, belize, falsify, put in a false light; garble, distort, pervert, twist, warp, slant, color, miscolor, give a false coloring to.

missetp, n. trip, stumble, false step, wrong step, bad move, wrong move, false move; faux pas, gaffe, social blunder or indiscretion, indiscretion, slip in conduct, mistake in conduct or etiquette or propriety, breach of etiquette or manners; transgression, dereliction, misconduct, misdeed; offense, peccadillo, oversight, omission, miss; leak, slip, lapse, lapsus; mistake, error, blunder, botch, bungle, Inf. slip-up; All Sl. boner, boozoo, goof, boot, bobble, blooper, dumb trick, fool mistake, screw-up, foul-up, louse-up.

mistrust, n. 1. cloud, vapor, haze, gauze, film; fog, brume, Inf. pea soup; smog.

2. drizzle, Dial. mizzle, fine rain, light rain, misty rain.

3. cloud, becloud, cloud up, cloud over; fog, befog; blur, dim, film, pale, soften, defocus, go soft around the edges.

4. drizzle, Dial. mizzle, rain lightly.

mistrust, n. 1. error, inaccuracy, fallacy, erratum, corrigendum, Sports. miscue; fault, flaw, human error; oversight, omission.

2. blunder, botch, bungle, fumble, flub, muff, Inf. bobble; leak, slip, slip of the tongue or pen, Inf. slip-up; All Sl. pratfall, fool mistake, dumb trick, foul-up, louse-up, screw-up, boner, boozoo, boot, goof, blooper, clinker, clunker.

3. misunderstanding, misconception, misapprehension; misidentification; miscalculation, misestimation; misjudgment, error in judgment, misreckoning; misconstruction, misreading, misinterpretation, wrong impression.

4. faux pas, gaffe, social blunder or indiscretion, indiscretion, slip in conduct, mistake in conduct or etiquette or propriety, breach of etiquette or manners; misdeed, transgression, dereliction, misconduct, contretemps; false step, wrong step, misstep, false move, wrong move, bad move, trip, stumble; offense, peccadillo.

—v. 5. confound, confuse, confuse with one another, take for, take for another, mix up, mischoose.

6. misunderstanding, misconception, misapprehension; misinterpret, misread; misjudge, misunderstand; miscalculate, misconceive, misconstrue, take wrong or the wrong way, get wrong.

7. err, slip, Inf. slip up, make a mistake, fly in the face of, miscue, sin; blunder, botch, bungle, fumble, flub, muff, Inf. drop the ball, Inf. put one's foot in one's mouth; All Sl. goof, boot, bobble, screw up, foul up, louse up, gum up, make or pull a boner, make a boozoo.

8. be in the wrong, be at fault; be wide of or off the mark, Sl. bark up the wrong tree, Sl. be way off base; deceive or delude or trick oneself.

mistrustful, adj. 1. inaccurate, inexact, imprecise, unprecise; faulty, flawed, unsound, illogical, Sl. cock-eyed; misinterpreted, misread, misunderstood, misapprehended, misconstrued.

2. erroneous, incorrect, amiss, wrong, all wrong, Sl. all wet, Sl. full of beans or prunes, Sl. full of hot air; false, fallacious, untrue, not true, not right; groundless, unfounded.

3. in error, erring, in the wrong; astray, wide of the mark, Inf. off base, Sl. off the beam, Sl. at sea, Sl. out in left field; deceived, deluded.


3. Informal. husband, spouse, mate, Archic. goodman; lord and master, head of the house or household,
ruler of the roost, breadwinner; All Inf. the other half, old man, hubby, pop, dad, bed warmer, roommate.

mistimed, adj. 1. ill-timed, inopportune, inconvenient, untimely, badly timed, unreasonable, coming at the wrong time and wrong place; unsynchronized, unsynchronizable, Inf. out of sync; too late, too early, ahead of time, behind time; unsuited, unsuitable, unfit, inappropriate, inapt, inapropos, infelicitous, unseemly, out-of-place, malapropos.

2. inauspicious, unpromising, unfavorable, untofit, unhappy, unfortunate, unlucky, ill-starred.

mistiness, n. cloudiness, haziness, fogginess; dimness, blurriness, obsccurity, paleness.

mistreat, v. abuse, maltreat, mishandle, ill-use, ill-treat; wrong, aggrieve, do an injustice to, disrespect, wrong. [s.o.] Inf. shaft, Inf. give [s.o.] the shaft, Sl. do one dirty, Sl. kick around; bully, tramper upon, bullyrag, hang, harass, grind, harry; persecute, torment, agonize, afflict, torture, rack, Sl. give one the works; manhandle, maul, batter, Sl. knock around or about, beat, beat up, pound, thrash, hit, strike, Archaic. belabor; harm, damage, bruise, hurt, pain, injure.

mistreatment, n. abuse, maltreatment, ill-treatment, mishandling, ill-use, ill-treatment; persecution, tormenting, torturing; manhandling, mauling, battery, beating, threshing; harming, damage, hurting, injury.

mistress, n. 1. female sovereign, headwoman, manageress; matron, madam, Archaic. dame; housekeeper, homemaker; landlady, female proprietor, female owner, hostess.

2. British. schoolmistress, instructress, governess.

3. paramour, courtesan, concubine, kept woman, Inf.

Arm.

mite, n. 1. small contribution, one's fair share, small sum of money.

2. small child, little one, little fellow, tot, Inf. kid. U.S. Inf. tad.

3. bit, smidgen, speck, Inf. smidge, iota, molecule, atom, jot, whittle, tit, dot, point, dab, fleck, speck; trace, touch, hint, trifling, suggestion, suspicion, tincture, Archaic. spice, shadow; minimum, pittance, modicum, driblet.

—adv. 4. a mite to an extent, to some extent, to some degree, in some measure; somewhat, some, Inf. kind of, Inf. sort of.

mitigate, v. alleviate, reduce, diminish, lessen, weaken; abate, let up, slacken, remit, relax; allay, assuage, Rare. lenify, palliate; appease, soothe, Archaic. atemporal, relieve, ease, soften, cushion, mollify, lighten; smooth over, calm, compose, tranquilize, still, quiet, hush, lull; solace, console, succor, remedy; quell, slake, deaden, dull, obtund, blunt, take the edge off of; smother, check, curb, tame, subdued; moderate, temper, make allowances, modify, qualify.

mitigating, adj. extenuating, extenuative, extenuatory, palliative, mitigative, mitigatory, exculpatory, exonerative, justifying, justificatory, justificative, excusatory, vindicating, vindicatory, vindicative; qualifying, modifying, tempering.

mitigation, n. alleviation, assuagement, palliation, appeasement; soothing, relief, easing, easement, softening, cushioning, mollification, lightening; smoothing over, calming, composing, tranquilizing, sedation, lulling; abatement, remission, reduction, diminution, lessening; slackening, weakening, relaxation; subduing, subduing, quelling, slaking, deadening, dulling, numbing, blunting; tempering, moderating, moderation, qualifying; bettering, improvement, amelioration.

mix, v. 1. commix, admix, intermix, immix; combine, mingle, intermingle, commingle, put together, blend, Brit. Dial. mell, homogenize; compound, alloy, Chem. levigate, Chem. synthesize, adulterate; interweave, intertwine, interlard, intersperse, interpolate, infiltrate; amalgamate, unite, inosculate, join, conjoin, fuse, interfuse, coalesce, merge, incorporate; mass, agglomerate, conglomerate.

2. Often mix up jumble, scramble, tangle, entangle, snarl; mess, muss, clutter, disarray, disorder, throw together; confuse, confound, muddle, mistake.

3. cross, crossbreed, interbreed, hybridize, cross-fertilize, cross-pollinate.

4. associate, socialize, fraternize, hobnob, consort, keep company, get together, hang out, Sl. party.

5. mix, muss, tangle, minglement, compound, union, mixture. See mixture (def. 1).

6. Informal. mess, muddle, jumble, scramble, tangle,
Informal, mixer, n. mixed, adj. n. moat, ditch, dike, fosse, trench, canal, channel, n. 1. mixture, n. 1. moan, clutter, tangle, jumble, mishmash, mix-up, n. 2. assorted, miscellaneous, varied, various, diverse, of different kinds; heterogeneous, motley, diversified, variegated; multifarious, manifold, omnifarious. 3. hybrid, crossbred, interbred, half-and-half, mongrel. 4. mixed up confused, confounded, muddled, mistaken; jumbled, scrambled, messed up, messed up, disarranged, disordered, disorderly, cluttered; tangled, entangled, snarled.

mixture, n. 1. mixing, commixture, admixture, intermixture, blend, blending; minglement, mingling, intermingling, commingling, intertwining, interweaving, interlarding; composite, compound, compounding, alloy, alloying, adulteration, Chem. levigation, merging, coalescence, uniting; junction, union, fusion, fusing, interfusion, synthesis; combination, amalgamation, assimilation, incorporation.

2. assortment, mélange, miscellany, medley, omnium-gatherum, potpourri, olio, olla-podrida, motley; salmagundi, stew, tangle, farrago, gallimaufry, Chinese menu; collection, batch, group, grouping, cluster, set, series, array.

3. hybrid, cross, crossbred, mongrel, half-breed, half-blood, half-caste.

mix-up, n. 1. clutter, tangle, jumble, mishmash, hodgepodge, scramble; muddle, mess, slip, screw-up, S.I. blowup, ballot, shindig, screw-up, S.I.⨂. 2. crowd, throng, multitude, force, host, legion, troop, group, company, party, body, gathering; assemblage, collection, accumulation, amassment, array; agglomeration, congregation, clump; lot, pack, bunch, batch, Inf. raft; assortment, variety, medley, ocean, sea, world.

3. populace, commonalty, vulgar masses, public, general public; hoi polloi, rank and file, great unwashed, citizenry; every Tom, Dick and Harry; proletariat, the four million, commoners, peasantry, peons; bourgeoisie, middle class; lower class, riffraff, dregs of society, raggat and boatail, canaille, doggery.

4. gang, syndicate, organized crime, Cosa Nostra; Mafíà, hoodlums, bandits, hitmen, gangsters.

—adj. 5. lawless, disorderly, anarchic, ungovernable, unmanageable, unruly, unbridled; riotous, violent, frenzied, turbulent; boisterous, obstreperous, tumultuous; manic, crazy, excitable; irrational, insane, S.I. nutty, S.I. screwy, unbalanced; barbarous, ravaging, wild, headstrong, intemperate.

6. vulgar, uncivilized, ill-bred; unintelligent, uninformed; common, base, crass, proletarian, plebian; loutish, boorish, doleth, clodhogg, hick.

—v. 7. crowd around, clamor, raise a hullabaloo, brawl; attack, assail, assault; descend on, swoop down on, march on or against; charge, rush at, raid; go at, strike at.

mobile, adj. 1. movable, Biol. motile, portable, transportable, unstationary, unfixed; moving, motional, kinetic, in motion, unquiet; traveling, itinerant, peripatetic, migratory, migrant, unsettled, roving, roving, nomadic, vagrant; active, on the move, on the go, busy, on the wing, volant, Inf. hyper, S.I. go-go.

2. fluid, flowing, running, runny, oozy; syrupy, watery, liquid, liqueous, liquid, molten.

3. changeable, transformable, transmutable, flexible, malleable, plastic, of the face) animated, expressive, sensitive; adaptive, vicissitudinal, vicissitudinous; changing, changeful, varying, variable, protean; vacillatory, vacillant, vacillating, fluctuating, fluctuant, mutable, chameleonlike, chameleonic, inconstant, unstable; mercurial, capricious, fickle, faddish, whimsical, flighty.

4. responsive, reactive, agile, nimble, quick, prompt, ready, alert; impulsive, impetuous, rash, hasty; volatile, excitable, temperamental, moody.

mobility, n. 1. movability, fluidity, power of movement; locomotion, ambulation; Biol. motility.

2. upward mobility Sociology. advancement, advancing, betterment, upgrading; progress, progression, progressiveness, promotion, success.

mobilize, v. 1. summon, call up, call to arms, raise troops, draft, enlist, conscript, levy, Both Mil. activate, put on active duty or alert; muster, assemble, gather together, collect, round up or in, amass, accumulate, group or mass together; marshal, arrange, organize, systematize, put in order, set up, line up, array.

2. adapt, adjust, modify, alter, change, convert, transform, metamorphose, transmute, transehange, remodel, restyle, reface; reorganize, reorder, permutate, shift; prepare, Inf. prep, ready, get [s.t.j ready, put in a state of readiness, outfit, arm.

mob rule, n. mobocracy, ochlocracy, vigilante rule, vigilantism, lynch law, Ku Kluxism, Ku Kluxery, taking the law into one's own hands; terrorism, Reign of Terror, violence, brute force; lawlessness, riot, turmoil, tumult, chaos, pandemonium, mayhem, bedlam, confusion, mess, disorderliness, disorder; anarchy, Hobbesian universe, Bakuninism, absence of government, nihilism.
mock, v. 1. ridicule, jeer, make fun of, fleer, laugh at, guy, make [s.o.] the butt of a joke, *Australian* chack; tease, kid, rib, rally, taunt, rag, gib, twit, banter, poke fun at, make sport of, spoof, *Inf.* roast, *Sl.* razz; sneer at, deride, scout, flout, knock, put down, make snide remarks about, cry down, *Scot. and North Eng.* geck; defy, challenge, spur, flout, scoff at, laugh in the face of, pooh-pooh, *Inf.* thumb one's nose at, U.S. give the Bronx cheer or raspberry to; scorn, curl one's lips at, disdain, contemn, insult, run down, assail, abuse.

2. mimic, ape, monkey, parrot, echo, imitate, impersonate, mime, *Sl.* make like; lampoon, satirize, parody, pasquinade, burlesque, caricature, travesty, do a take-off on.

3. simulate, copy, copy-cat, duplicate, clone; counterfeit, forge, fabricate, fake; sham, feign, pretend, make believe, playact, act like, personate, play the role, assume, put on, take on, affect; dissemble, mislead, play a hoax on, fake out, do a number on, deceive, delude, dupe, fool, make a fool of.


mocker, n. 1. ridiculer, jeerer, giber, taunter; tease, banterer, spoiler, *Sl.* kidder; sneerer, derider, flouter, scoff, scurril, scrorn, conterem, insulter, assailer, abuser.

2. mimic, ape, monkey, parrot, echo, imitator, mime, impersonator; lampooner, lampoonist, pasquinader, burlesquar, caricaturist, satirist, parodist.


mockery, n. 1. mockery, ridicule, jeering, taunting; spoofery, derision, scoffing, scorn, disdain, contempt, disrespect.


3. mimicry, mimicking, apery, mocking, imitation, impersonation, *Rhet.* mimesis; spoof, take-off, burlesque, lampoon, parody, pasquinade, pasquill, satire, caricature, travesty, sham, farce, mummery, insult, misrepresentation, bastardization, corruption, abuse, miscarriage.

4. joke, laugh, ridiculosity, the most ridiculous or ludicrous thing one has ever seen; absurdity, inanity, preposterous idea, dumb or stupid thing.

mocking, adj. ridiculing, jeering, fleering, taunting, gibing; spoofing, teasing, kidding, ribbing, bantering, *Sl.* razzing; derisive, derisory, sneering, flouting, scoffing, pooh-poohing, thumping one's nose, disrespectful, irreverent, impudent; scornful, disdainful, contemptuous, sarcastic, sardonic, cynical; snide, cutting, biting, nasty, ugly, insulting, contumelious, assailing, abusive, scurrilous.

mode¹, n. 1. manner, method, way, wise; system, approach, technique, procedure; process, methodology, standard operating procedure, *Inf.* SOP, *Latin* *modus operandi*.

2. form, disposition, tenor, appearance, guise, aspect; type, kind, sort; form, mold, shape, configuration.

mode², n. style, fashion, Vogue, look, trend, rage, *Fr.* *dernier cri*, latest thing, last word, fad, craze; habit, wont, usage, pattern, routine; custom, convention, practice.

model, n. 1. prototype, archetype, type; mold, original, protoplasm, example, pattern, design, paradigm, sample; standard, criterion, gauge, norm, test, rule, precedent, touchstone, canon, principle.

2. epitome, ideal, exemplar, paragon, beau idéal, *Middle Eng.* parfit gentil knight; nonsuch, nonpareil, *Latin* *ne plus ultra*, acme; gem, jewel, pearl, flower, cream, *Fr.* la crème de la crème.

3. outline, sketch, drawing, diagram, plans, blueprint, layout, roughdraft.

4. die, mold, matrix, last; mint, seal, stamp, punch, intaglio, negative, proof; architect's model, scale model, shipbuilder's model, half-skin model.

5. dressmaker's model, *Inf.* dummy, clotheshorse, figure, puppet, artist's model, manikin, lay figure; couturier's model, mannequin, fashion model, photographic model, face model, hand model, *Inf.* cheesecake model.

—adj. 6. exemplary, exemplifying, illustrative, representative; unequaled, unparalleled, inimitable, summate, *Fr.* par excellence.

—v. 7. fashion, mold, shape, sculpt, carve, carve out; draw, cast, build, erect, construct.

8. *all of clothes* wear, display, show, parade, put on, dress oneself in.

moderate, adj. 1. reasonable, within reason, judicious, just, sober, rational, sensible; temperate, controlled, restrained, regulated, limited; continent, disciplined, abstinent, sparing, frugal; light, occasional, sporadic; self-controlled, steady, calm, composed, even-tempered, level-headed.

2. average, modest, unpretentious, unassuming; medium, middle, mean; mediocrity, fair, so-so, passable, ordinary, middling; *all usu. of politics or religion* middle-of-the-road, nonliberal, nonradical, nonconservative, nonreactory.

—n. 3. *all in reference to politics or religion* middle-of-the-road, nonliberal, nonradical, nonconservative, nonreactory; member of the silent majority; middle-American.

—v. 4. mitigate, alleviate, reduce, diminish, lessen, weaken; abate, let up, slacken, remit, relax; allay, assuage, appease, soothe, *Archaic* assuage, relieve, ease, soften, cushion, mollify, lighten; slake, deaden, dull, blunt, take the edge off of; smoother, curb, check; muffle, mute, still, quiet, softpedal, lower, turn down, tone down, *Both Music, Acoustics*. damp, dampen.

5. preside over, chair, facilitate, lead; govern, direct, control, regulate, manage; oversee, supervise, co-ordinate, order, organize; emcee.

moderation, n. 1. temperance, temperateness, moderate, avoidance of extremes; restraint, self-restraint, self-control; restraint, forbearance, desistance; abstention, nonindulgence, abstemiousness, continence.

2. happy medium, *Latin*. *aurea medio-critias*; middle way, *Latin* *via media*, middle road, middle ground; moderate amount, measure.

3. discretion, prudence, sophrosyne, providence, care, caution, deliberateness; composite, self-assurance, self-possession, poise; coolness, cool-headedness, levelheadedness; calmness, equanimity, equilibrium, imperturbability, imperturbableness; tranquillity, peace, repose, ease, contentment; quiet, quietness, quietude, serenity.

4. mitigation, palliation, alleviation, diminution, lessening, let-up; remission, abatement, relaxation; assuagement, soothingness, allaying, calming, quieting.
moderate. n. chairman, chairwoman, chairlady, chairperson, chair; presiding officer, speaker, leader, facilitator; toastmaster, master of ceremonies. Inf. emcee, Inf. M.C.; mediator, arbitrator, umpire, referee; anchor man, co-ordinator; interviewer, discussion leader.

modern. adj. 1. contemporary, present-day, new, immediate, present, current; existing, existing, topical, contemporaneous, twentieth-century, present-time or -age, abreast of the times, Sl. now, Sl. today, Sl. with it; recent, newly-come, late.

2. up-to-date, the latest thing, up-to-the-minute, new-fashioned, new-minted, coined-late, model, fresh from the factory, just out, hot off the press or fires; fashionable, in fashion, in style or vogue, all the rage, modern, latest, last, most recent, newest of the new, Sl. trendy, Sl. in, Sl. in thing, Sl. the latest, Sl. hip, Sl. hep, Sl. mod; prevalent, prevailing, popular, reigning, ruling, regnant, usual, routine, ordinary, standard.

3. advanced, progressive, forward-looking, avant-garde, neoteric, newfangled; modernistic, modernized, ultra-modern, ultra-ultra, ahead of its or one's time, streamlined, Inf. far-out, Inf. way-out; novel, newfangled, unfamiliar, unknown, uncommon, unheard-of, unestablished, untried, never-before-seen.

modernist. n. 1. modern, person of today, Inf. now person, Inf. with-it person, Inf. swinger.

2. avant-gardist, trend-setter, pacesetter, innovator; neogoth, modernist, precursor, forerunner, pioneer, trailblazer, pathfinder.

3. modernizer, reformer, transformer, innovationist; schismatic, apostate, maverick, Inf. young Turk.

modernistic, adj. 1. modern, contemporary, up-to-date, avant-garde. See modern (defs. 1, 2).

2. original, novel, unique, new, fresh; advanced, progressive, forward-looking; inventive, creative, visionary, seminal, germain.

modernity. n. modernness, innovation, departure, new departure, neoterism, neologism; novelty, newness, novel idea, Inf. newfangled device or contraption or idea, Inf. new or latest wrinkle, Inf. new slant or twist, Sl. new handle, Fr. dernier cri; vogue, fashion, modishness, fashionableness, latest fashion or fad, Inf. the latest thing, Inf. the rage, Inf. the go, Inf. the last word, Inf. what's happening, Inf. the in thing; new look, newest trend, new trend, Inf. trendiness, modernism.

modernize. v. 1. update, make modern, redesign, do over, reshape, reform; renovate, revamp, redo, streamline; refurbish, refresh, rejuvenate, regenerate, bring up to date, Inf. slick up; automate, computerize, mechanize.

2. get up to date, get in the swim or the mainstream, move with the times, Inf. get on the ball, Inf. get with it, Inf. join the twentieth-century, Inf. join the parade.

modest. adj. 1. self-effacing, unassuming, unpretentious, diffident, free from vanity or from pride; shy, hesitant, reluctant, reticent, reserved, retiring, bashful, demurring, Archaic. verecund, unwilling, timorous, timid, blasphemous; self-abasing, self-abnegating, self-deprecating.

2. humble, unpretentious, plain, simple, homely, lowly, humbly, Inf. homey, Inf. tidy; presentable, good enough, adequate, satisfactory, all right, Sl. OK; better than nothing, acceptable, Inf. not bad, Inf. not half bad; moderate, medium, respectable, passable, tolerable, fair, middling, Inf. fair to middling; so-so, Fr. comme ci comme ça, nothing to brag about, Inf. nothing to write home about.

3. decent, decorous, delicate, proper, becoming, seemly; demure, undemonstrative, quiet, constrained; inno-

cent, chaste, virtuous, continent.

modesty. n. 1. self-effacement, humbleness, humility, unobtrusiveness, unpretentiousness, unostentatiousness, unassumingness, unboastfulness, unambitiousness; reticence, reticency, constraint, subdued-ness; reserve, retirement, retiring disposition, meekness.

2. diffidence, shyness, bashfulness, demureness; timidity, timidity, shamefacedness, prudery, coyness, prudishness, Inf. nice-nellism.

3. decency, seemliness, propriety, decorum, decorousness, delicacy.

4. artlessness, ingenuousness, guilelessness, simple-heartedness; moderation, prudence, discretion, control, steadiness, evenness, self-restraint, self-control; simplicity, ordinariness, homeliness, matter-of-factness.

modicum. n. trifle, little or tiny or teeny bit, bit, granule, grain, spec., jot, iota, particle, atom, wht, molecule, title, Inf. mite, Inf. smithereneer; fragment, scrap, snatch, shred, slip, snap, snippet, peeling, paring, shaving; fraction, chip, splinter, sliver, shard, Brit. Dial. collop, minimum; nip, bite, morsel, crumb; thimbleful, ounce, dram, dollop, dot, minim, driblet, Inf. dab, spot, flyspeck, fleck; dash, sprinkle, sprinkling, pinch, Inf. smidgen, Inf. smidge, tinge, hint, eyedropperful.

modification. n. 1. alteration, slight change, modification, inflection; change, conversion, reduction; innovation, transposition, substitution, revision; mutation, permutation, deviation; transition, transfiguration, transformation, metamorphosis, transmutation, transubstantiation.

2. qualification, limitation, restriction, condition, proviso, provision, stipulation, arrangement; exception, exemption, Inf. escape clause; amendment, codicil, rider, supplement, appendix.

modify. v. 1. change slightly, vary, inflect; adjust, readjust, adapt; square up, even up, balance, trim; accommodate, Inf. make do, make fit; change, alter, reshape, remodel, recast; reconstruct, revamp, remodel, make changes, innovate, make innovations, make modifications, redo; reform, give new shape to, reorganize, regroup, Inf. shuffle the deck, shift things around; mutate, transform, transfigure, metamorphose, transmute, translate; revise, edit, amend, redact.

2. diminish, abate, reduce, decrease, lower, tone down, or downplay, moderate, deaden, dull, blunt, subdue; water down, thin out, moderate, temper, modulate, soften, mitigate; qualify, restrict, limit, narrow, restrain.

modish. adj. in vogue, Inf. in, Inf. voguish, a la mode, of-the-moment, up-to-the-minute, up-to-date, the latest thing, of the latest style, Inf. fresh from Paris; trendy, current, Sl. now, a-go-go; popular, with-it, all the rage, modern, Inf. mod, new; Sl. cool, Inf. nifty, Sl. neat, Sl. hip, Sl. hep; the cat's meow, the cat's pajamas, the bee's knees, Inf. hot stuff; chic, smart, fashionable, high-style, Inf. citified, urbane, sophisticated, cosmopolitan, chi-chi, tonli, Sl. ritzy, Sl. snazzy, Sl. sharp, Sl. sharp as a tack.

modiste. n. dressmaker, seamstress, designer, couturier, couturière, costumier; milliner, hat maker, hatter, bonnet maker.

modulate. v. 1. regulate, adjust, moderate, temper, season; soften, lower, tune or turn down, cut down; mitigate, alleviate, assuage, subdue, palliate.

2. inflect, intonate, intone, vocalize, voice, phonate; (all of the voice) adapt, accommodate, accord, fit, qualify; vary, alter, diversify, change, modify; accent, accentuate, stress, emphasize.

3. Music. attune, tune, Sl. tune in, pitch, harmonize, chime, sympathize.

modulation. n. 1. alteration, change, variation, modification; transition, shift, qualification; adjust-
mold, fungus, blight, rust, blast; discoloration, moldy. Brit. Brit. 1. drudge, work hard, toil, labor, toil, labor:

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moist

adj. moist

1. damp, dewy, wet, wettish, watery,

2. drudgery, hard work, toil, travail, Brit.

3. disorder, upheaval, turmoil, tumult,

mold

1. hollow form,

2. fraction, piece, segment, part, portion, division, subdivision, slice; fragment, bit, particle, mite, trifle, morsel, crumb, chip, chunk, scrap, snip, snippet, shaving; ration, allotment, measure, dole, dose, chunk, hunk.

moldy, adj. 1. mildewed, blighted, decayed, carious; decomposed, decomposing, decaying, rotted, putrefactive, putrescent, putrid; bad, spoiled, tainted, gamy, rank, malodorous, foul, foul-smelling, fetid; stinking, stinky, smelling, smelly.

2. musty, stale, unfresh, smoky, stuffy,usty.

mole

1. spot, blemish, speck, freckle, mark, macula; blotch, patch, discoloration, birthmark, Med. nevus, wart; pustule, pimple, whitehead, Pathol. mili- lum, blackhead, Med. comolo, Sl. zit, Sl. woogit; pock, pockmark, pit, cicatrix, scar; imperfection, dis- figurement, defect, flaw, mar.

mole', n. breakwater, sea wall, jetty, jetty, groin, barrier, embarkment, dike; pier, wharf, dock, landing, Fr. quai; harbor, haven, port.

molecular, adj. atomic, subatomic; microscopic, infinitesimal, minute; imperceptible, indiscernible, invisible, unseeable; impalpable, imponderable, intangible.

molecule, n. 1. Physics, Chem. ion, Physics, atom, quark; Physics, Chem. electron or magneton, Physics. Chem. proton, Physics. magneton, Physics. neutrino. Physics. meson or mesotron, Chem. monad.

2. particle, iota, speck, fleck, dot, jot, mote, Inf. mite, fraction, Inf. smidgen.

moles

1. torment, afflict, plague, beleaguer, beset, besiege; harrow, worry, trouble, bait, Scot. fash; harass, harry, hector, badger, hound, hec- kele, pester, bother, disturb, Brit. chey, Scot. stunt; exas- perate, aggravate, annoy, vex, irk; irritate, gall, rub, chafe, rill, Chiefly U. S. E. rile, Inf. drive up the wall; provoke, needle, nudge, bullyrag, tease, Brit. rag; per- turb, upset, derange, agitate, console, toss, rattle, shake up, stir up; decompose, unnerve, ruffle, fluster, disconcert, misconfit, disquiet, Inf. faze, Inf. drive crazy.

2. accost, solicit, approach, make a pass at, make an advance toward, be familiar with; mistreat, maltreat, mishandle, ill-use, ill-treat, aggrieve, wrong, Inf. paw; manhandle, maal, batter, beat up, Sl. knock around or about, Archaic. belabor; harm, damage, injure, bruise, wound, hurt, pain; assault, attack, persecute, torture, agonize, Archaic. insult; violate, outrage, ravish, rape, deflower, Obs. devirginate, Obs. constu- grade, Obs. stuprate, Obs. stupe.

mollification, n. 1. softening, softness, mellowing, relaxing, relaxing, loosening, loosening up, easing up; meekening, subdual, taming; pacification, appeasement, dulcification, tranquillizing, composing.

2. mitigation, abatement, softening, alleviation, pa- liation; assuagement, tempering, moderating, modera- tion.

mollify

1. soften, mellow, gentle, meeken; relax, loosen, ease up, let up on; subdue, tame, smooth down, tone down; pacify, calm, compose, tranquilize, lul, soothe, still, quiet, hush; appease, Archaic. attem- plate, placate, dulcify; solace, console, comfort.

2. mitigate, abate, reduce, diminish, lessen, weaken; alleviate, palliate, allay, assuage, Rare. lenify; ease, relieve, cushion, lighten, temper, moderate.

mollifying

adj. soothing, calming, Med. calmat"  "ive, assuasive, demulcent; softening, soft, gentle, bland, mild, cool, cooling; healing, remedial, lenitive, allevia- tive, alleviatory, mitigative, mitigatory, Med. abri- trant; relaxing, numbing, dulling, quieting, lulling.

mollycoddle

1. milquetoso, milksop, sop, ma- ma's boy, namby-pamby, Inf. jellyfish; weaking, chicken, baby, crybaby, sissy, mouse, Sl. fraidy-cat, Sl. scaredy-cat; effeminate, Inf. pantywast, Sl. pansy, Sl. wimp, weaking, softy; weak sister, goody-goody, mother's darling or mother's little darling, nancy, Lord Fauntleroy or Little Lord Fauntleroy.

—v. 2. cuddle, pamper, cocker, cosset, dandle,
molt, v. mew, shed, shed the skin, exuviate, cast off, slough; come off, peel or peel off, exfoliate, Pathol. desquamate.

molten, adj. melted, fused, smelted, liquefied, liquidized, fluidized, dissolved; igneous, volcanic; heated, red-hot, white-hot.

moment, n. 1. instant, second, sec, minute, for a moment, for a second, adv. momentarily, adj. momentary, instantaneous, instant, immediate, import, significance, consequence, importance, import, significance, consequence, high-priority, earthshaking; important, of importance, not to be overlooked, or reaped a profit; succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up trumps, strike it rich, coin money, break the bank, Inf. make a killing, hit the jackpot, make money, reap a profit; succeed, score a success, hit it, hit the mark, turn up trumps, strike it rich, coin money, Inf. break the bank, Inf. make a killing, Inf. clean up, Sl. hit the jackpot.

moneybag, n. 1. purse, pocketbook, wallet, Fr. porte-monnaie; handbag, bag, pouch, sack, pocket, Midland U.S. and Scot. poke.

moneyed, adj. wealthy, rich, affluent, prosperous, flush, well-off, well-to-do, worth a great deal, heeled, Inf. well-heeled, Inf. made of money, Inf. rolling in money or dough, Inf. loaded, Sl. stinking, Sl. in the money or dough or chips, Sl. filthy rich, Sl. disgusting-ly rich; comfortable, easy, fat, Inf. on Easy Street, Inf.
high on the hog, Inf. in clover, Inf. on velvet, Inf. well-situated, Inf. well-fixed, Brit. Inf. warm.

moneyless, adj. 1. penniless, without a cent, Fr. sans sou, poor as a churchmouse, poor as Job's turd. capable to keep the wolf from the door; busted, Inf. broke or flat broke, Inf. hard up, Sl. stony or stone-broke; bankrupt, out of pocket, without funds, impecunious, penurious; short of cash, depleted, drained, strapped, pinched, straitened, pressed; tight, stinted, restricted, limited; deprived, bereft, empty-handed.

2. impoverished, needy, in need, distressed, indigent; poverty-stricken, destitute, extremely poor; out at the elbows, down at the heels, shabby, shoddy, seedy, in rags; reduced, pauperized, ruined, bad or badly off, Inf. on the rocks.

moneymaking, adj. profitable, gainful, remunerative, lucrative; fat, paying, well-paying; advantageous, worthwhile, worth one's while, worth one's time and effort.

mongrel, n. 1. half-breed, cross, hybrid, half-blood, bigener, crossbreed; half-caste, mulatto, mestizo, quadroon, Fr. métis.

2. cur, Sl. mutt, lurcher.

monition, n. 1. admonition, warning, reprehension, remonstrance, dissuasion; caution, word to the wise, caveat, hint, tip, pointer, one's two cents' worth; instruction, exhortation, exhortation; recommendatory, advice, counsel, directive, direction, suggestion.

2. notice, notification, advice; subpoena, summons, notice, indication, advice; recommendatory, hortative, prescriptive, consultative, exhortative; recommendation, advice, counsel, directive, direction, suggestion.

monitor, n. 1. admonisher, admonitor, reprimander, remeremancer, reminder; warner, cautioner, dissuader.

2. adviser, counselor, confidant, consultant; prompter, recommender, mover, urger; mentor, guide, mover, urger; mentor, guide, mover, urger; mentor, guide.

3. detector, recorder, scanner, observer, noter; notice, notification, advice; subpoena, summons, notice, indication, advice; recommendatory, hortative, prescriptive, consultative, exhortative; recommendation, advice, counsel, directive, direction, suggestion.

—v. 4. dissuade, admonish, warn, caution, advise against; counsel, advise, recommend, prescribe, give fair warning, forewarn; urge, prompt, expostulate, exhort, move, encourage.

5. observe, record, scan, examine, Brit. vet; detect, check; scrutinize, audit, review, check out, study; oversee, overlook, supervise, understand.

monitory, adj. admonitory, monitive, warning, cautionary, dehortative; dissuasive, deterrent, discouraging; recommendatory, Hortative, prescriptive, consultative, advisory; instructive, informative, directive, exemplary; deprecatory, expostulative, exhortative; didactic, moral, moralizing, sententious.

monk, n. 1. cenobite, conventual, monastic, celibate, religious, contemplative, Archaic. cloisterer; abbot, abbé, prior, brother, lay brother, Tibetan Buddhist, lama, Islam. fakir, Islam. marabout, Eastern Ch. caloyer, Hinduism. ashramite, Hinduism. sanyasi.

2. friar, mendicant, beadsmen, pillar, Palmer, hospitaler.

3. solitary, recluse, eremite, hermit, anchorite, styliste.

4. ecclesiastical, churchman, priest, father.

5. abbes, prioresses, canonesses; anchoroess; Hinduism. sanyasinis.

monkey, n. 1. simian, Inf. monk, chimpanzee, Inf. chimp, ape, Archaic. jackanapes; capuchin, langur, guenon, macaque, spider monkey, rhesus monkey, jacko; marmoset, grivet, hoolock, toa chama, tamarin; sapajou, marikina, mangabey, saigo, guari-

bar, entellus, treetee.

2. imp, puck, little rascal, little devil, Inf. bugger, Inf. booger; mischief-maker, troublemaker, rascal, scamp, rascal.

3. mime, mimic, pantomimist, copyist, coipier, ape; imitator, Inf. copycat, echo, shadow, parrot; actor, feignor, pretendor, affector.

4. laughstock, butt, gaszingstock, target, victim, dupe; fool, sucker, game, fair game, jest, joke, April fool, Inf. goat, Brit. Sl. mug.

5. make a monkey out of a make a fool of, ridiculous, make fun of; make a laughstock of; Inf. ride, Sl. roast, Brit. Sl. rag. b. humiliate, mortify, embarrass, humble, put to shame, disgrace, take the wind out of one's sails; Inf. put one's nose out of joint.

—v. 6. Informal. fool, play, trifile, frivolous, allusiveness, oneself, kill time, pass time; toy, fiddle, Inf. mess around; tinker, potter, putter, Sl. putz.

7. imitate, ape, mimic, mime; Sl. make like; do like, seem like; slavishy; affect, take the appearance of; copy, simulate, duplicate, replicate, parallel, reproduce; impersonate, Inf. take-off on, mirror, parrot, reflect; parody, mock, burlesque, caricature.

monkey business, n. 1. Slang. misconduct, misbe- havior, misdemeanor, Chiefly Law. malversation; skuldugger, chicanery, trickery, dupery, connivence, petitfoggery.

2. mischief, elfishness, rascality, impishness, puckishness, prankishness, naughtiness, badness; Inf. goings-on, Inf. hanky-panky, Inf. hokey-pokey, Inf. shenanigans, Inf. antics, Scot. and North Eng. daffing; horseplay, foolery, tomfoolery, foolishness, fooling around, silliness; buffoonery, clownery, clowning, harlequinade, playing, fun.

monksheine, n. U.S. Slang. prank, trick, joke, practical joke, antic, Inf. dido, Fr. espieglerie; esca- pade, caper, adventure, lark, gambado.

monocracy, n. autocracy, dictatorship, despotism, czarism, kaiserism, tyranny, absolutism; monarchy, sovereignty.

monologue, n. monodrama, one-man show, tour de force; soliloquy, Rhet. apostrophe, lengthy aside; reading, recitation, speech, address, oration, allocation, lecture, sermon, oratory.

monomania, n. fixation, fixed idea, Fr. idée fixe; obsession, bee in one's bonnet, compulsion; fetish, fetishism, craze, mania; psychosis, insanity, delusion, illusion; fanaticism, zealotry, zeal, fervor, furor; infatuation, passion.

monopolize, v. 1. gain exclusive control of, corner the market of; appropriate, take control of, own; control, dominate, rule over, reign over, exercise control over; keep all to oneself, Sl. hog, Sl. bogart.

2. (all of a person's time) absorb, occupy, fill, fill up, take up, use up; corner, tie up.

monopoly, n. 1. exclusive possession, corner, edge, margin; control, domination, power, ascendance; charge, direction, jurisdiction, lead.

2. trust, bloc, cartel; merger, alignment, combine, amalgamation, corporation, joint concern, company, firm.

monotone, n. drone, uniformity of tone, sameness of intonation or style; singsong, cant, chant; buzz, whir, hum.

monotonous, adj. 1. unvarying, unchanging, un-deviating, repetitious; uneventful, humdrum, routine, unvaried, undiversified, all the same, uniform; banal, mechanical, practical; dull, tedious, tiresome, boring, boresome, wearisome; prosaic, procy, matter-of-fact, uninteresting, ho-hum, Sl. dead, dry, dry-as-
monotony

n. lack of variety, changelessness, repetitiveness, sameness, sameness; lack of excitement, dullness, humdrum, deadness, flatness, wearisomeness, dreariness, stuffiness; boredom, ennui; iteration, reiteration, repetition, recurrence, redundancy, tautology.

2. droning, chanting, drumming; singsong, canting; groove, fixed schedule; uniformity, sameness, routine, fixed routine, rut, monotony.

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monsoon

1. n. Philip.


2. monstrous, miscreation, malformation, aberration, deformity, mutant, freak, freak of nature, teratogeny, two-headed calf, Biol. teratism; ogre, ogress, nightmare, terror, horror, incubus, succubus, vampire, Dracula or Count Dracula, bloodsucker; ghoul, cannibal, maneater, anthropophage; werewolf, aperman, Godzillas, Frankenstein or Frankenstein’s monster; ghost, phantom, spectre, apparition, wraith, spirit, shade, Irish Folklore. banshee.

3. deviate, deviant, deviation, aberration, anomaly, abnormality, abnormality; oddity, peculiarity, curiosity, curio, rarity, nonesuch, funny or strange thing, queer or peculiar thing; wonder, marvel, phenomenon, miracle, prodigy; spectacle, spectacular, sight, eyeopener, eyesore, Sl. mind-boggler, Sl. mind-blower.

4. fiend, brute, demon, mad dog; miscreant, villain, terrorist; killer, murderer, slayer, cutthroat, man-killer, man-slayer, mad-dog killer, barbarian, butcher, savage, mauler, ripper, slaughterer, Bluebeard, bloodspleier, bloodletter, bloodshedder; destroyer, exterminator, liquidator, annihilator, mass-killer, mass-murderer, mass-slayer.

5. giant, behemoth, enormity, colossus, titantape, ape, gorilla, elephant, mammoth, mastodon, jumbo, dinosaur, hippopotamus, Inf. hippo, whale.

5. adj. 6. huge, enormous, gigantic. See monstrous (def. 3).

monostomy

n. 1. monstrousness, freakishness, nightmarishness, horribleness; ghoulishness, fiendishness, brutishness, demoniacal, devilishness; miscreancy, villainy; murderoussness, barbarousness, barbarity, butcherly, savageness, savagery, slaughterousness.

2. miscreation, malformation, aberration, deformity, mutant, freak, freak of nature, teratogeny, two-headed calf, Biol. teratism; ogre, ogress, nightmare, horror, terror.

3. deviate, deviant, deviation, aberration, anomaly, abnormality, abnormality; spectacle, spectator, sight, eyeopener, eyesore, Sl. mind-boggler, Sl. mind-blower.

4. giant, enormity, colossus, titans, ape, gorilla, elephant, mammoth, mastodon, jumbo, dinosaur, hippopotamus, Inf. hippo, whale, sea serpent, sea monster.

monstrous

adj. 1. frightful, terrifying, horrific, harrowing, hellish, awful, dreadful, Inf. scary; hideous, horrible, grotesque, horrendous, extremely ugly, repugnant, repellent, repulsive, disgusting, beastly; grisly, gruesome, ghastly, sickening, bloodcurdling, spinechilling, lurid; cadaverous, macabre, creepy.

2. shocking, scandalous, notorious, flagrant, shameless, outrageous; loathsome, revolting, gross, foul, base, debased, vile, evil, nefarious, Obs. scelerous; horrid, terrible, nasty; infamous, ignominious, odious, contemptible, despicable, opprobrious, detestable, sordid, degenerate, depraved, heinous, vicious, atrocious, flagitious, corrupt, reprehensible, unprincipled.

3. huge, enormous, titanic, gigantic, immense, prodigious, colossal, vast, stupendous, mammoth, tremendous, gargantuan, behemothian, elephantine, Sl. humongous, giant, towering, mighty, strapping, hulking.

4. deviate, deviant, deviating, aberrant, irregular; abnormal, anomalous, anomalous; unnatural, freakish, weird, strange, bizarre, Inf. freaky; miscreated, malformed, deformed, misshapen, heteroclitic, heteroclitically, heteroclimatic, heteromorphic, teratological, teratoid, teratogenic.

monument

n. 1. memorial, shrine, reliquary; gravestone, marker, tombstone, headstone; tomb, sepulcher, mausoleum, vault, crypt.

2. pillar, column, obelisk, shaft, slab; All Archaeol. cromlech, dolmen, megalith.

3. relic, remains, vestige, trace, token; enduring evidence, reminder, remembrance, reminiscence, memory, commemoration, commemorative; eulogy, eulogium, obsequy, Obs. observation.

4. exemplar, model, paragon; pattern, standard, ideal.

monumental

adj. 1. massive, immense, prodigious, enormous, Archaic enorm, gigantic, gargantuian; vast, large-scale, mammoth, jumbo, colossal, monstrous, gigantic; bulky, big, large, hulking, huge, hulgeous; towering, staggering, mountainous, stupendous, tremendous, Sl. humongous; elephantine, hippopotomatic, leviathan, dinosaurusian; oversize, king-size, overlarge, All Inf. whopping, roaring, spanning, walloping.

2. impressive, imposing, conspicuous, striking; majestic, grand, august, stately, dignified; grandiose, magnificent, overwhelming, awesome, awe-inspiring, lofty, wondrous, marvelous, prodigious; distinguished, eminent, illustrious, glorious, brilliant, radiant, lustrous.

mood

n. 1. temper, humor, spirit, vein, vibrations, Inf. vibes; temperament, disposition, nature, attitude; tendency, bent, inclination, leaning, propensity; strike, cast, mould, set of one’s jib; prejudice, tendentiousness, bias, preference; desire, longing, wishing, hankering, craving; appetite, taste.

2. feeling, consciousness, awareness, sentence, sensibility, perception, sensitivity; opinion, outlook, mind, frame of mind, mind-set, viewpoint, point of view; attitude, stance, position, posture, way of thinking.

3. moods depression, dejection, despondency, funk, mopes; pessimism, fits of uncertainty, heaviness, sadness; doldrums, blues, mopes, low spirits.
moody, adj. 1. gloomy, unhappy, down in the dumps, down in the mouth, in the doldrums; out of sorts, Both Inf. off feed, off one's feed; downcast, crestfallen, chagrined, discouraged, heavy-hearted, down-hearted, miserable; cheerless, glum, down, lugubrious; grim, frowning, sullen, sulky; morose, spleenetic, saturnine, mopish, dismal, melancholy, dispirited, sad, desolate; disheartened, comfortless, disconsolate, doleful, atraumatic, sullen. 2. temperamental, irritable, ill-humored, snappish, sullen, surly, short, impatient; piqued, in a pique, in a fume, Inf. in a stow; touchy, testy, thin-skinned, waspish, peevish, petulant; irascible, choleric, ill-tempered; crabby, cramped, cranky, grouchy, grumpy, cantankerous, crotchety, crusty; hurt, wounded, injured, sore, offended, indignant; angry, irate, in high dudgeon, worked up. 3. capricious, impulsive, fickle, inconstant, moonish, changeable, changeful, variable, faddish; flighty, mercurial, volatile, unsteady, unstable; fitful, erratic, irregular, spasmodic, uneven; irresolute, uncertain, indecisive, undecided, vacillating, wavering, uncertain of purpose. 4. once in a blue moon. 5. moon-struck. 6. moonbeams, Inf. moonlight, Fr. rayons de lune. 7. moonlight, Fr. moonbeams, Inf. clair de lune, Fr. alcool contraband whiskey, hootch, smuggled. 8. moonstruck. 9. moonlight, Fr. moonbeams, Inf. clair de lune, Fr. alcool. moon, n. 1. satellite, secondary planet, celestial body, Archaic. lamp. 2. new moon, crescent moon, waxing moon, decrescent moon, waning moon, old moon; crescent, lune, meniscus, half-moon, dimilune; full moon, hunter's moon, harvest moon; disk, orb, sphere, globe, ball. 3. month, lunation, lunar month. 4. once in a blue moon. 5. moonstruck. moonlight, n. 1. moonshine, Fr. clair de lune, moonbeams, Fr. rayons de lune. moon-struck, adj. 1. crazed, crazy, mad, maddened, lunatic, lunatonic, insane, demented, deranged; dazed, moon-stricken, possessed, infatuatated; of unsound mind, Latin. non compos mentis, mentally ill; daft, Inf. daffy, unbalanced, touched, Inf. unglued, Inf. half-baked, Brit. Sl. bonkers, Brit. Sl. barmy, unhinged, distracted; brain sick, Sl. kooky, Sl. meshuga; U.S. Sl. balmy, dippy, batty, bats, cuckoo, buggy, bughouse, bugs, screwy, wacky, wacko, goofy, loony, squirrely, bananas, nuts, nutty, nutty as a fruitcake. 2. out of one's head or mind or senses or wits, Scot. redwood, Sl. loco, mad as a hatter, mad as a March hare, far-gone, stark raving mad; not all there, not quite right, not right upstairs; Inf. out in left field, Sl. in outer space, Sl. in orbit, Inf. off the wall; Inf. crack-ed, Inf. mental, Sl. off one's rocker, Sl. out of one's tree, Sl. off one's trolley, Brit. Sl. off one's chump. 3. hysterical, delirious, maniacal, maddling, Archaic. word; frantic, frenzied, frenetic; raving, raving, storming, foaming at the mouth; beside oneself, at one's wit's end; out of control, uncontrollable, cory-bantic, Inf. haywire, berserk, rabid, wild. 4. absurd, silly, inane, factious, crackbrained, foolish; irrational, wild-eyed, illogical, unreasonable; senseless, nonsensical, ridiculous, ludicrous; asinine, anserine, idiotic, Inf. moronic, imbecilic; childish, puerile, immature. 5. stupid, simple-minded, bird-brained, feebleminded, dull-witted; harebrained, light-minded, light-headed, giddy; rambling, drivel, wandering, incoherent; scatterbrained, absent-minded; confused; bewildered, hazy, muddled, bemused. 6. odd, peculiar, queer, bizarre, strange, anomalous, Chiefly Brit. Inf. potty, Inf. dotty, Inf. crackpot; abnormal, aberrant, irregular, deviant, perverse. moonish, changeable, changeful, variable, faddish; flighty, mercurial, volatile, unsteady, unstable; fitful, erratic, irregular, spasmodic, uneven; irresolute, uncertain, indecisive, undecided, vacillating, wavering, uncertain of purpose. mope, n. 1. swab, swabber, sponge mop; duster, dust mop, dry mop. 2. Slang. crop, mass, mat, thatch; head of hair, shock, shag, mane, crine. —v. 3. swab, scrub, wash, sponge, wipe, clean; dust, whisk, sweep.
agonize, grieev; complain; languish, desporn, droop, sink; despair, lose heart, lose the will to live, give up.

—n. 2. brooder, melancholic, sobbersides, croaker, moper; pessimist, St. gloomy Gus, damper, wet blanket; sourpuss, sorehead, grouch, crosspatch, complainer, hypochondriac.

3. dillydallier, daller, slouch, goldbricker, slaggard, loafer, idler, Inf. stick-in-the-mud; laggard, dawdler, clock watcher, time killer, putterer, potterer.

4. mopes blues, low spirits, Inf. dups, doldrums; sulks, Sl. mulligrubs, Inf. blues, megrims, mumps.

mopish, adj. dejected, despondent, depressed, melancholy, ataractic; sullen, glum, blue, sulky, dark, beetle-browed; funky, mopey, low, down, sad, dispirited, out of sorts; spiritless, lackadaisical, listless, sluggish, heavy; dolfule, moody, grim, dumpish, mumpish; long-faced, dreary, crestfallen, brooding, moping; jaundiced, disconsolate, gloomy, woebegone.

mopett, n. child, tyke, cherub, innocent; dear, love, darling, mignon, doll, jewel, honey, apple of one's eye; pet, favorite, cosset, lamb, dumpling, duck; young girl, kitten, chick, baby, nymph, nymphet.

moral, adj. 1. ethical, righteous, just, good, fair, square; upright, honest, honorable, moralistic, decent, noble; open, straightforward, veracious; high-minded, principled, responsible; proper, meet, right, correct, fitting, seemly, decorous, appropriate, becoming, befitting.

2. moralizing, didactic, instructive, sententious, platitudinous; monitor, advisory, Hortative, prescriptive, directive.

3. virtuous, chaste, pure, innocent, platonic; cleanly, straight, spotless, immaculate, vestal, virginal; continent, temperate.

4. teaching, lesson, commandment, rule, golden rule, canon, formula, parolatry; dictum, precept, proverb, phylactery, saw; maxim, aphorism, gnome, epigram, adage, apothegm.

5. morals mores, ethos, customs, habits, manners; ethics, principles, standards, ideals; integrity, morality, probity, rectitude.

morde, n. state, mood, temper, humor, condition, attitude, emotion, feelings; spirit, confidence, hope, hopefulness, zeal; firmness, resolve, grit, mettle, will, backbone, stuff upper lip; heart, spunk, pluck, gameness, nerve, resolution.

moralité, n. 1. uprightness, goodness, probity, rectitude, righteousness; honesty, integrity, honor, character, decency, respectability; responsibility, fidelity, faithfulness, trustworthiness, constancy, loyalty; equity, justice, principle, fair play, fairness, scrupulousness, justness; propriety, meetness, fittingness, seemliness, fitness, correctness, appropriateness.

2. chastity, virtue, piety, purity, innocence, pudicity; stainlessness, immaculateness, cleanness, spotlessness, virginalness; continence, temperance.

3. ethics, morals, principles, standards, ideals; conscience, moral sense, inner monitor, scruples, sense of duty, good faith.

moralize, v. teach, instruct, tutor, point a moral, enlighten, inculcate, exhort; sermonize, preach, lecture, homilize, evangelize.

morgue, n. charnel house, dead house; mortuary, funeral home or parlor; crematory, crematorium.
moribund, adj. 1. dying, near death, Latin in extremis, on one’s deathbed, at death’s door; comatose, gravelly ill, on one’s last legs, with one foot in the grave, breathing one’s last, Latin in aitico moritis; fading, wasting away, failing, waning, ebbing.

2. stagnant, static, at a standstill, not progressing, not advancing.

morning, n. 1. dawn, daybreak, daylight, Archaic dayspring, cockcrow, sunrise, sunup; Chiefly Literary. morn, ante meridiem, a.m., forenoon, Fr. matin, early part of the day, Archaic. morrow.

—adj. 2. matin, matinal, matutinal, antemeridian, forenoon.

morning star Archaic. morning, dawn, daybreak, daylight, n.

morose, adj. morose, sullen, saturnine, somber, sober.

1. retardate, 5/. retard, slow learner, retard, EMR, the trainable mentally handicapped, the educable mentally handicapped, TMR.

2. Informal. idiot, imbecile, mooncalf, Sl. zombie; simpleton, Simple Simon, saphead, noodle, cuckoo, Inf. jay; lamebrain, dimwit, nitwit, half-wit; dullard, doit, dunce, Inf. deadhead, Sl. dumbknot, Inf. dummy, Sl. dodo, Sl. dope, Sl. dumbbell, Sl. dumbhead, Sl. meatball or meathead, ignoramus, know-nothing; Sl. blubberhead, oaf, clod, Sl. klutz, lubber, lot; blockhead, woodenhead, loggerhead, thickhead, Inf. chump, dolt, dork, dunce, deadhead, numskull, beetehed, head, bonehead, denderhead, denderpate, chucklehead, Inf. knucklehead, Sl. lunkhead, Inf. lardhead, Sl. stupidhead, Sl. goon; ass, donkey, fool, tomfool, goose, ninny, nincompoop, ninnyhammer, Sl. yo-yo; pinhead, Sl. birdbrain, featherbrain, scatterbrain, addle-brain, addle-head, rattlebrain, harebrain, Sl. ding-a-ling, Sl. ding-bat, Sl. flake; All Sl. jerk, retard, schmuck, boob, booby, nudnik.

morose, adj. sullen, saturnine, somber, sober, austere, severe, stern, taciturn, silent; glum, gloomy, grim, frowning, scowling, dark, black, bleak, crotchety, cantankerous, petulant.

discouragement, dejection, depression, dejection; sourness, surliness, crossness, grumpiness, gruffness, churlishness, crabbedness, bad mood; moodiness, ill humor, spleen, crankiness, crotchiness, cantankerousness, petulance.

moroseness, n. sullenness, saturnininess, saturnity, morosity, somberness, soberness, austerity, severity, acerbity, taciturnity, silence; glumness, gloominess, grumpiness, bleakness, darkness, black looks; lugubriousness, morableness, uncheerfulness, cheerlessness; sulky, poutful, pouting, mopish, in the doldrums, chapselled, crestfallen, down in the mouth, down in the dumps, down, depressed, dejected, dispirited, hypochondriacal, hypochondriac; surly, cross, grouch, crabbed, gruff, churlish, sour, vinegary, in a bad mood; moody, ill-humored, ill-natured, bad-tempered, cranky, crusty, crotchety, cantankerous, petulant, splenetic, spleenful, spleenish.

mortification, n. 1. humiliation, humble pie, humbled pride; shame, disgrace, dishonor, reproach, disrepute, disreputation, ill repute, bad repute, disfavor, disapproval, disapprobation, discountenance, obloquy, loss of face; degradation, debasement, abase, vilification, degradation, devaluation; belittlement, derogation, deprecation, devaluation, disfavour, disparagement.

2. displeasure, dissatisfaction, vexation, discontent, discomfort, dislike, disappointment, chagrin, pique;
mortified, adj. 1. humiliated, humbled, meekened, made to die a thousand deaths, made to eat humble pie; shamed, disgraced, dishonored, reproached; discredited, disfavored, Sl. in the doghouse; debased, degraded, abused, vitiated.

2. belittled, disparaged, decrepit, degraded, abased, vitiated.

3. confused, abashed, perplexed, bewildered, embarrassed, put to the blush, made to blush, made to change color; dissatisfied, chagrined, discontented, vexed, disappointed, put out, displeased; harassed, irritated, bothered, provoked, harried, hectored, plagued, worried, annoyed, troubled.

4. crushed, broken, routed, discomfited, destroyed, overwhelmed, obliterated, smashed, conquered, vanquished.

5. Pathology. gangrene, necrosis, cancer, carcinoma, choriitis, self-abasement, purgation, lustration; sackcloth and ashes.

mortifying, adj. 1. humiliating, humbling; shameful, disgraceful, Obs. reproachful; disreputable, disfavorable, discreditable.

2. belittling, derogatory, deprecating, disparaging, deprecatory, demeaning, deflating.

3. confusing, perplexing, bewildering, confounding; intimidating, daunting, disconcerting, perturbing; embarrassing; dissatisfying, vexing, disappointing, displeasing; irritating, bothersome, disquieting, provoking, harrying, hectoring, plaguing, pestering, worrying, annoying, troubling.

4. crushing, overwhelming, obliterating, smashing.

5. (all of the body) disciplining, denying, sacrificing, fasting, abstaining, doing penance, flagellating, wearing a hair shirt, sitting in sackcloth and ashes; purifying, cleansing, purging, macerating, lustrating.

6. Pathology. rotting, suppuring, corrupting, decaying, decomposing, putrescent, putrifying, festering.

mortuary, n. funeral home, funeral parlor, funeral residence, funeral church, funeral chapel, undertaker's establishment.

mosaic, n. 1. marquetry, parquetry, buhl, buhlwork, inlaid work.

2. conglomeration, pastische, pasticcio, farrago, gallymaufy, melange, miscellany, omnium-gatherum, potpourri, olio, olla-podrida, motley; mishmash, hodgepodge, jumble, scramble, tangle; salmagundi, stew, heap, mass, bunch.

—adj. 3. tesselated, inlaid, checkered; diverse, diversified, varied; variegated, multicolored, many-colored; checked, plaid, tartan.

Moslem, adj. Muslim, Muslim, Mohammedan, Islamic, Islamiote, Saracen, Saracenic, dervish, Turk.

moss, n. lichen, liverwort, locopod, lycopodium.

mossback, n. Informal. 1. old fog, square-toes, Inf. stick-in-the-mud, Inf. fud or fuddy-duddy or old fuddy-duddy, Inf. fossil, Inf. antique, Inf. relic, Inf. back number, Inf. dodo.

2. conservative, ultraconservative, diehard, reactionary, old-liner, Inf. standoff.

3. rustic, peasant, provincial, country cousin, countryman, hobnail; yokel, bumpkin, country bumpkin, hawbuck, Dial. lumpkin, Often Disparaging. hillbilly, Disparaging. bogtrooder, Inf. chawbagon, Inf. cider squeeker, Sl. hick, Sl. woodhick, Sl. rube, Sl. hayseed, Sl. hoosier.

4. backwoodsman, woodsman, woodslander; frontiersman, mountain man; backsettler, hinterlander, Australian. bushman.

most, adj. 1. greatest, largest; utmost, ultra, extreme, maximum; farthest, furthest; nearly all.

—n. 2. utmost, outer limit, peak; majority, greater part, almost all, nearly all; greatest number.

—adv. 3. extremely, very, to the greatest degree or extent.

mostly, adv. 1. for the most part, on the whole, by and large, all in all, largely.

2. chiefly, mainly, primarily, especially, principally, predominantly.

3. generally, usually, customarily, ordinarily, commonly, normally.

mot, n. witticism, bon mot, quip, pleasantry; pun, catchword, byword; repartee, retort, riposte; epigram, apothegm, motto, gnome, aphorism; maxim, saw, saying, proverb, adage.

mote, n. particle, speck, flyspeck, grain; drop, dab, dollop; atom, Archaic. atom, mite; snip, snippet, spot, dot, bit, trifle; scintilla, crumb, modicum, iota, jot, whit, tittle; mors, morsel, seed.

mother, n. 1. generix, female parent, parent, materfamilias; dam, broody, laying hen; matriarch, matron, earth mother, housewife, the hand that rocks the cradle; mother-in-law, stepmother, foster mother, adoptive mother; All Inf. mater, old lady, mom, mommy, ma, maw, mamma, mammy, mum, mumsey, motherkins.

2. maternal affection, nurturing instinct, love for children, quality of mercy.

—v. 3. give birth to, spawn, bear, beget, procreate; engender, originate, create, issue, bring forth; produce, author, design, mastermind.

4. nurture, nourish, rear, raise, bring up, parent; care for, protect, shelter, watch over, keep in tow, tie
to one's apron strings; overprotect, smother.

motherhood, n. maternity, motherliness, maternal-ness, parenthood.

motherly, adj. maternal, parental; nurturing, protective, shielding, soliciting, considerate, caring, interested; affectionate, fond, loving, devoted; gentle, tender, kind.

mother wit, n. motherhood, maternal, parental; nurturing, protective, shielding, soliciting, considerate, caring, interested; affectionate, fond, loving, devoted; gentle, tender, kind.

motion, n. 1. movement, moving, changing place, changing position, driftage, travel, traveling, going; activity, action, activeness, stir, flux, flow, stream, passage, progress, transit; trend, drift, course, current, run, swing; roving, roaming, swaying, wandering.

2. mobility, power of movement, movability, fluidity.

3. gait, stride, step, walk, tread; bearing, carriage.

4. gesture, gesticulation, gest; sign, signal, broad hint, cue, nod, nudge, shrug, wink, Inf. high sign; pantomime, charade, dumb show; display, show, demonstration.

5. proposal, suggestion, recommendation, submission, offering.

6. tendency, inclination, predilection, preference; liking, desire, fancy, free will.

7. in motion moving, stirring; in operation, in progress, under way; working, Inf. on.

—v. 8. gesticulate, gesture, wave, flail the arms, saw the air; signal, signalize, nod, Inf. give [s.o.] the high sign; wiggle or crook one's finger, wag one's finger; give thumbs-down or thumbs-up to.

9. go through the motions make as if or as though, make out like, let on, put on an act, put up a front, bluff, pretend, fake, feign, counterfeit, simulate, make believe, make a show of; give short shrift, do or perform perfunctorily.

motionless, adj. 1. unmoving, still, stock-still, Chiefly Literary: stilly; stationary, fixed, immovable, static; inert, inanimate, lifeless, dead.

2. calm, quiet, quiescent, tranquil, silent, reposing; inactive, idle, passive, dormant, dormant, latent, stable, stationery, sleeping, resting; unstimulating, stagnant, becalmed.

motion picture, n. movie, moving picture, movie, motion picture, film, cine, Inf. flick, show, Chiefly Brit. cinema; motion pictures, silver screen, movies, pictures, Inf. pix, films; screenplay, photoplay; silent movie, talking picture, Sl. talkie; G-rated film, Disney movie; adult film, X-rated movie, blue movie, Sl. porno or porn film, Sl. skin flick, Sl. nude; rerun, Inf. oldie or golden oldie; feature or feature film, short, short subject, documentary, travelogue; cartoon, animated cartoon; filmstrip, videotape, slide show.

motor, n. 1. engine, internal-combustion engine, gas engine, engine; aeromotor, air motor or engine; inboard-outboard engine, outboard motor; power plant, power source, innards.

2. electric motor, dynamo, dynamotor, generator, turbine, transformer, transducer, universal motor.

3. automobile, car, auto, vehicle, machine, motorized vehicle, motocar, autocar, voiture, Inf. wheels, Inf. bus, Inf. buggy, Inf. bug, Inf. jalopy, Inf. wreck, Inf. rattletrap, Inf. slunker, Sl. bomb, Sl. crate, Sl. tub, Sl. boat, Sl. heap, Sl. bucket of bolts; coupe, landau, limousine, Inf. limo, convertible, roadster, touring car, runabout, two-seater, phaeton, Auto. Obs. brougham, Auto. Obs. cabriolet, electric car, electric motor, locomobile, steamer, Inf. flivver, Inf. tin Lizzie, classic, antique car, antique; compact car, hardtop, sedan, sports car; station wagon, country or beach wagon, camper, van, jeep, land rover, beach or dune buggy, swamp buggy, race car, racer, racing car, stock car, Indy car, midget racer, funny car, Sl. dragster, Sl. hotrod.

4. police car, patrol car, Inf. prowl car, Inf. bomb, Inf. black and white, cruiser; truck, trailer truck, trailer, pickup truck, pickup, tractor trailer, semi-trailer, Inf. semi, Inf. rig, Brit. lorry; bus, motorbus, autobus, motor coach, coach, omnibus, Inf. jitney, Inf. double-decker, cab, taxicab, taxi; rental car, hired car, Inf. rent-a-car; motorcycle, motorbike, bike, road bike, Inf. chopper; trailbike, minibike, pedicab or pedicab, Inf. roadrunner.

5. propelling, propelling, propellant, driving.

—v. 6. drive, ride, go for a ride or drive, tour, travel, take or make a trip, taxi, bus; Inf. cruise, Inf. cruise along, Inf. tool, Inf. tool along; go by road,
mottled, motley, blotched, blotchy, piebald, mottle, dapple, dot, spot, bespot, speckle, be-
mournful, 1. sad, sorrowful, doleful, dolorous, sorrower, griever, lamenter, weeper, wailing.

1. mourn, mourning, n. sorrowing, lamentation, grieving, tears, moan, weeping, moaning.

1. melancholy, desolate, cut up; lugubrious, lachrymose, woebegone; sorrowing, attended with sorrow, Yiddish, kvitching.

1. overcome, overcome with grief, dashed, broken-hearted, blue, pensive, grim-visaged, long-faced; in mourning, discouraged; woeful, cheerless, dispirited, daunted, dejected, disheartened, bowed-down, wan, blue, pensive, grim-visaged, long-faced; in mourning, in sackcloth and ashes; wear mourning, wear widow's weeds; be dumb with grief, elegize; give sorrow words, Inf. sing the blues.

1. v. grieve, sorrow, lament, ache, suffer, eat one's heart out, be sad, be anguished, bewail, be heartsick; ache, hurt, pain, suffering.

v. 2. weep, cry, sob, give way, melt into tears, cry one's eyes out. eat one's heart out, be sad, be anguished, bewail, be heartsick.

mourn, n. sorrower, griever, lamenter, weeper, wailer, bewailer, bemoaner, elegizer, repiner, groaner, whimperer; survivor, widow or widower, bereaved person, orphan, SI. relent; commiserator, condoler, pall-bearer, bearer, undertaker, Brit. Obs. mute, professional mourner, Inf. crepe hanger.

mournful, adj. 1. sad, sorrowful, doleful, dolorous, downcast, downhearted, heavy-hearted, low-spirited, discouraged; woeful, cheerless, joyless, forlorn, woebegone; sorrowing, attended with sorrow, Fr. triste, unhappy, afflicted, disheartened, bowed-down, wan, blue, pensive, grim-visaged, long-faced; in mourning, in sackcloth and ashes; grief-stricken, prostrate, overcome, overcome with grief, dashed, broken-hearted, despairing, heartsick, disconsolate, despondent, melancholy, desolate, cut up; lugubrious, lachrymose, tearful, shedding tears, bathed in tears, crying; moaning, groaning, wailing, keening, Yiddish. kvitching.

1. sad, grievous, lamentable, painful, regrettable, distressing, afflictive, deplorable; pitiable, piteous, pathetic, touching, affecting, heartbreaking, heartrending, tragic; dismal, disheartening, depressing, dreary, somber, dark, gloomy; solemn, wailful, sepulchral, funereal, melancholic, plaintive; threnodic, dirgelike, dirgeful, epicidal, elegiac.

mourning, n. 1. sorrowing, lamentation, grieving, lamenting, groaning, moaning, bemoaning, bewailing, wailing, howling, keening, Yiddish. kvitching; crying, weeping, sobbing, bawling; complaint, Archaic. plaint, moan, groan; keen, wall, ululation, howl; cry, outcry, bawl, jeremiad; fit of crying, flood of tears, tears, lachrymation; pulling one's hair, rending one's clothes or garments, beating one's chest, crying out in sorrow, Inf. singing the blues; mournmuring, whimpering, sighing, spiruating.

2. bereavement, heaviness of heart, desolation, despondency, despair, slough of despair, moroseness, melancholy; anguish, misery, sorrow, sadness, woe, ruth, heartache, heartbreak; ache, hurt, pain, suffering.

3. funeral trappings, black garments, black veil, weeds, widow's weeds, mourning band, black armband, sackcloth and ashes.

mouse, n. 1. vole, murine, rodent, vermin; meadow mouse or vole, field mouse, harvest mouse, wood mouse, white-footed mouse, deer mouse, vesper mouse, pocket mouse; rat, pack rat, kangaroo rat, water rat.

2. Slang. black eye, SI. shiner.

—v. 3. hunt out or down, track down, ferret out, search out, search around, hunt around; prowl about, lurk about, sneak about, sneak about, skulk about.

mousy, adj. 1. drab, dull, lackluster, colorless; neutral; gray, grayish, mouse-colored, mouse-dun, brownish-gray.

2. quiet, soft, light, silent, inaudible, noiseless, soundless.

3. timid, timorous, fearful, shy, withdrawn; unaggressive, unassertive, docile, tractable, compliant, obedient.

mouth, n. 1. orifice, opening or cavity, muzzle, SI. kiss, SI. yap, SI. trap, SI. buzz, chops, jaw or jaws; jawbone, maxilla, mandible.

2. utterance, expression, ventilation, airing, voice, vocalization.

3. idle or empty talk, boasting, bragging, vaunting, bragadocio, SI. hot air; claptrap, rodomontade, fustian, bombast.

4. Slang. impudence, insolence, impertinence, sauciness, smartness, pertness, flippancy, Inf. freshness, SI. fresh or smart talk, back talk, Inf. sass; rudeness, insobriety, discourtesy, disrespect; Inf. cheek, brashness, audacity, effrontery, boldness, forwardness, presumption.

5. grimace, face, wry face, Archaic. mow, SI. mug, contortion; frown, scowl, glare; pout, Fr. moue; sneer, smirk, grin.

6. opening, aperture, hatch, Naut. booby trap, trap door; door, doorway, gate, gateway, postern; entrance; entry, entryway, entreé; passage, passage-way, passage in or out, way in or out; exit, outlet, vent, window, porthole, loophole.

7. mouth of a river, embouchure, estuary, outlet, outfall.

8. down in the mouth Infornal. depressed, disheartened, dejected, downcast, dispirited, daunted, low-spirited, downhearted, down, Inf. down in the dumps; discouraged, disappointed, crestfallen, broken-hearted, heartsick, Inf. broken up.

—v. 9. lip, murmur, read aloud, deliver, speak aloud, deliver, articulate, pronounce, enunciate, voice, sound, sound out, phonate, say aloud, read or speak aloud, deliver, give, go through the motions.

10. put or take into the mouth, ingest, imbibe, eat, drink, sip, sup, lap up, suck in or up; nibble at, peck at, bite, chew on, munch on, chomp on, Dial. chomp on; chew, masticate.

11. grimace, Inf. make a face, SI. mug, mop, Archaic. mow, contort; frown, scowl, glower, glare; sneer, smirk, grin; pout, stick out one's lower lip, Fr. faire la moue.

12. mouth off Slang, spout off, SI. shoot or go off at the mouth, forget oneself or one's place, dare, presume, take liberties; talk back, Inf. sauce, Inf. answer back, Inf. give [s.o.] lip, Inf. sass or sass back, be insolent SI. get smart or fresh.

mouthful, n. bite, sip, sup, spoonful, forkful, morsel, swallow, taste, sample, small piece; chunk, lump,
move, v. 1. budge, stir, change place or position; shift, yield, give way, move over.
2. flit, fly, hop, dart; zoom, vroom, whoosh, sweep, skim, skim along, Sl. breeze in or out or along; wend, meander, gad about.
3. advance, progress, go, go ahead, move forward, get along, make headway, make strides or rapid strides, cover ground, roll; walk, march, hike, tread, step, pace, tramp, Dial. trairpse, jaunt, stride, trek; stroll, perambulate, saunter, Inf. mosey or mosey about; strut, parade, mince, Inf. sashay; plod, trudge, shuffle, drag one’s feet.
4. remove, move out, move away, change residence, relocate; decamp, break camp, Inf. pull up stakes; leave home, emigrate, migrate, expatriate, depart; leave, quit, vacate, repair, go away, go off, make off, exit, pull out, check out, Inf. bow out, Inf. take off, Sl. split.
5. turn, revolve, spin, rotate, gyrate, whirl, circle; operate, perform, run.
6. (all of the bowels) evacuate, excrete, egest, eject, or expel, discharge, void, eliminate; defecate, stool, have a bowel movement.
7. proceed, set forth, sally forth, set out or off, Inf. be on one’s way, strike out, issue, issue forth.
8. submit, propose, pose, put forward, put forth, make a motion; propound, recommend, advocate, suggest; urge, counsel, advise, admonish, exhort; join, charge, call upon.
9. transfer, transmit, send, dispatch; carry, convey, cart, bear, freight, lug, Dial. toto; take away, carry away, cart off or away, conduct, lead off or away.
10. agitate, shake, jiggle, (of water, wine, etc.) roil; twirl; push, propel, drive, thrust, shove.
11. vacillate in motion, set, going; spur, prompt, prod, prick, poke, goad; lash, whip; incite, instigate, provoke, foment, egg on; arouse, rouse, fire, fire up, impellation, excite; quicken, sharpen, whet, pique, stimulate, motivate; electrify, galvanize, exhilarate, inspire, inspirit.
12. impel, urge or drive forward, urge or press on; induce, persuade, prevail upon, insist upon, railroad, ramrod, Inf. shove or ram down [s.o.’s] throat; constrain, oblige, necessitate, require, demand, force, make, exact, leave no option or choice; apply pressure, Inf. lean on, Inf. squeeze, Inf. put the screws on or to, Inf. twist [s.o.’s] arm.
13. touch, touch a chord or familiar chord, affect, have an effect, tell; impress, make an impression, make a dent, have an impact, Inf. sink in; strike, smite, hit, hit hard, Inf. hit where it hurts, rock, jolt, stagger, shock, Inf. give [s.o.] a turn, Sl. throw [s.o.] for a loop; upset, disturb, disquiet, ruffle; pierce, penetrate, touch to the quick, come home to; melt, soften, play on, tug or play on the heartstrings.
15. change of abode or residence, relocation, transfer.
16. step, measure, action; attempt, effort, endeavor, essay, undertaking, Inf. try, Inf. go, Inf. bout, Inf. fling, Sl. whack, Sl. crack, Sl. lick, Sl. stab; doing, deed, turn, feat, exploit, tour de force, Inf. stunt; stroke, coup.
17. expedient, means, means to an end; makeshift, improvisation, stopgap, temporary expedient, ad hoc measure; resort, recourse, last resort or recourse, Fr. pis-aller.
18. maneuver, stratagem, shift, dodge; tactic, device, contrivance, artifice, design, wile, craft; ploy, ruse, trick, cute trick, red herring, Inf. gimmick.
19. get a move on Informal. a. start, begin, commence; take steps, get going, get started, get on the stick, start off, start out, move out, get the show on the road, start the ball rolling. b. hurry, hasten, make haste, Literary. haste, rush, move quickly, lose no time, Scot. swith, Scot. swirly; hustle, speed up, put on more speed, step on the gas, Sl. step on it, Inf. make it snappy, Sl. get cracking, Sl. get the lead out, Sl. get one’s rear in gear, Sl. shake a leg.
20. on the move Informal. a. active, engaged, occupied, employed, working, at work, on the job, at it, hard at it, busy, Inf. busy as a beaver or bee. b. on the go, on the run, on the wing or fly; on the road, in transit, en route. c. advancing, progressing, proceeding; moving, in motion, stirring.

movement, n. 1. motion, action, activity, stir, move; acts, actions, proceedings, doings, goings on, comings and goings.
2. progress, progression, advance, advancement, forward motion or movement; flow, flux, passage, career.
3. gesture, gesticulation, gest, Theat. stage business; sign, signal, broad hint, nod, nudge, wink, Inf. high sign; pantomime, charade, dumb show; body language, Inf. body English.
4. course, main course, current, main current, stream, mainstream; tone, set, bearing, swing, line, direction; tendency, drift, general tendency or drift, course of events, way things go, way the wind blows; trend, trend of the times; spirit of the age, Ger. Zeitgeist.
5. drive, crusade, fund-raiser, undertaking; party, faction, wing, group; coalition, front, political front, popular or people’s front, grass-roots movement.
6. bowel movement, Inf. BM, defecation, evacuation, defecation; Med., Physiol. defecation; excrement, excreta, feces, ordure, stool.
7. works, workings, working parts, mechanism, machinery; wheels, wheelworks, wheels within wheels, gears; innards, inner workings, what makes [s.t.] tick.
8. Music. a. division, section, part; passage, strain, phrase, musical phrase. b. rhythm, beat, cadence, meter, measure, lint, swing; time, tempo.

2. motion picture theater, theater, Brit. theatre, Inf. movie house, movie palace, cine, showcase theater, (formerly) nickelodeon.

moving, adj. 1. in motion, running, going, operating, active; mobile, motor, motive, Biol. motile.
2. impulsive, propelling, driving, thrusting; instigative, instigating, inciting, provoking, volk, fomenting; motivational, motivating, animating, stimulating, stimulating; exciting, rousing, electrifying, galvanizing.

3. impressive, striking, telling, effective; stirring, soul-stirring, breath-taking, thrilling; inspiring, inspirational, heart-swelling; affecting, touching, emotive, tender, poignant; pathetic, pitiful, pitiable, heartbreaking, heartrending, heart-moving.

mow, v. 1. cut, clip, shear, prune, shave, trim; mow the lawn, cut the grass.

2. Usa. mow down butcher, maul, savage, hew, hack, hack to pieces, cut to pieces, chop to pieces, mutilate, tear limb from limb; wade in blood, run amuck; go berserk, give no quarter, show mercy; slaughter, massacre, decimate, kill a great number; kill off, annihilate, exterminate, eradicate, eliminate, liquida-

much, adj. 1. abundant, plenteous, plentiful, plenty, replete; ample, sufficient, large, considerable, Archaic. mickle; saturated, full, brimming, chock-full, brimful, overflowing, fulsome; liberal, generous, luxuriant, extravagant, riotous, bountiful; profuse, numerous, countless, multitudinous, inexhaustible, bottomless; swelling, teeming, ripe, rampant, glutinous, gumbo, syrupy, treacle; mucus, viscid, gelatinous, Physiol. stercorarous.

2. filthy, dirty, smudgy, soiled, smeared, stained, begrimed, sooty; unwashed, piggy, sleazy, squelid, wretched, dingy, miserable. Sl. clammy.

mud, n. ooze, muck, mire, silt, clay, slush, sludge, gumbo; slime, slush, Irish. slob, sill, slop, slosh, quagmire, mire, bog, swamp, marsh, morass; quicksand, wallow, slough, Brit. sough, Brit. Dial. sump.

muddle, v. 1. mix, mix up, jumble together, throw together, tumble; scramble, tangle, ensnarl; clutter, litter, turn upside-down, mess, mess up, make a mess of; disarrange, derange, disorder, disarray, disorganize.

2. botch, bungle, blunder, bobble, tumble, Inf. flub, mismanage, mishandle; spoil, mar, butcher, murder; make a hash of, mix up, Sl. screw up, Sl. louse up, Sl. ball up, Sl. bollix up, Sl. gum up, Sl. gum up the works, Sl. foul up.

3. confuse, confound, perplex, bewilder, puzzle, nonplus, mystify, baffel, pose, obfuscate, befog, buffalo, Sl. snow.

4. (all with intoxicants) stupefy, addle, fuddle, befuddle; intoxicated, inebriate, besot, make drunk, Inf. light up, Inf. put under the table; All Sl. plaster, pol-ler, souse, strew, cick, swack, pickle, stone, sizzle, booze up, liquor up, likker up.

5. muddle through manage, contrive, make out, Inf. get on or along, scrape along, manage somehow; make one's way, work one's way on.

6. a. confusion, perplexity, bewilderment, bafflement, mystification, Brit. Dial. swither; stupefaction, uncertainty, demoralization, sixes and sevens; distraction, daze, haze, fog, Psychiatry. disorientation.

7. disorder, disarray, disorganization, disarrangement, derangement, hugger-mugger, confusedness; jumble, mess, tangle, Inf. strew, mix-up, sana, Inf. foul-up, Sl. screw-up, Sl. louse-up, Sl. ballup, Brit. Sl. ball-ups; clutter, litter, Fibber McGee's closet; hodgepodge, Brit. hotchpotch, mishmash, congolmeration.

muddled, adj. 1. jumbled, tangled, snarled, en- snarled, mixed-up, all mixed-up, jumbled together, thrown together; disorganized, disorderly, in disorder, in disarray, disarranged, deranged, at sixes and sevens, hugger-mugger, helter-skelter, higgledy-piggledy, topsy-turvy, Sl. arsy-vasry.

2. botched, bungled, blurred,obbled, fumbled, Inf. flubbed, mishandled, mismanaged; spoiled, spoilt, ruined, marred, butchered, murdered; All Sl. screw-ed-up, loused-up, fouled-up, ball-ed up, ball-licked-up, mucked-up, gummed-up.

3. confused, confounded, perplexed, perplexed, befuddled, bewildered, nonplused, baffled; uncertain, unsure, at sea, adrift, at a loss; decomposed, flustered, aflutter, Inf. discommodulated, dazed, Archaic. be-mazed; disoriented, fuzzy, in a fog, in a daze, in a stupor, Inf. muzzy, Inf. spaced or spaced out, Inf. out of it, Sl. in the ozone, Sl. in another zone.
muddy, adj. 1. miry, muddy, slugh, slushy, sloppy, squishy, squelchy, slimy, feculent; dirty, grimy, grubby, Sl. grungy; boggy, marshy, swampy, fenny, quaggy, sloughy, turbid.

2. muddy adj, n. 1. tankard, toby, beaker, chalice, schoon- 

muff, n. 1. failure, bungle, botch, botchery, blun- 

muffler, n. neck scarf, boa, neckerchief; tippet, ascot, 

muffin, n. English muffin, bran muffin, corn muffin, 

muffle, v. 1. Often muffle up wrap, envelop, 

muffled, adj. dampened, muted, padded; soft, soft- 

muffle, n. neck scarf, boa, neckerchief; tippe, 

muggly, adj. humid, Inf, close, sticky, muddy, clamy, 

mule, n. 1. hinny, jackass, ass, donkey, burro, jen-

mulex, n. 1. fine, penalty, amercement, (at English 

muley, adj. 1. stubborn, obstinate, pervicacious, 

multicolored, adj. polychromatic, polychromic, of 

multiplication, n. 1. increase, augmentation, addi-

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multiplicity

1. multiplicity, multitude, host, mass, crowd, throng, crush, multitudinous, numerous, multiple, multiplied, adj. (offish) spawn; fructify, be fruitful, bear offspring, cate, octuple, decuple, make tenfold, make numerous redouble, triple, triplicate, quadruple, quadruplicate.

2. propagation, breeding, generation, production; re-accretion, acceleration, speed-up, intensification, rise, kitten, cats) (of sheep or whelp, beget, sire, father; hatch, (esp. of a male parent) gender, teem; en.

3. propagation, breeding, generation, production; fructification, mushrooming, burgeoning.

Bridge, tion, octupling, decupling, redouble; growth, tion, quintupling, sextupling, septupling, septuplica-

4. commonalty, the public, the general mob scene, endless stream, river, Inf. jam, press, rush, Inf.

5. swarming, brimming, overflowing, abounding, crowded; great, considerable, large; innumerable, countless, numerous as the stars in the Milky Way, numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore, illimitable, limitless, unlimited, boundless, unbounded; immeasurable, unfathomable, incalculable.

mum, adj. 1. silent, speechless, mute, dumb, noiseless, soundless, aphonic; voiceless, nonvocal, wordless, pantomorphic; reticent, taciturn, quiet, uncommunicative, reserved; tight-lipped, closed-mouthed, tongue-tied, buttoned up; evasive, secretive, noncommittal. 2. mum's the word keep silent, don't tell anyone, cross your heart and hope to die, keep secret, keep to oneself, keep under one's hat, play dumb.

mumble, v. speak inarticulately, talk incoherently, swallow one’s words, utter indistinctly, mince one's words; mutter, mumur, grumble, mump, Obs. mussi-
tate; splitter, hem and hap, sputter; ramble, maundor, gibber, jabber, gabble, babble, patter.

mumbo jumbo, n. 1. incantation, chant, magic formula, magic word, invocation, conjugation, ritual; hocus-pocus, open sesame, abracadabra; charm, spell, rune, Scot. cantrip.

2. claptrap, rodondomate, fustian, bombast, rant, Sl. hot air: nonsense, fiddle-dee-dee, gobbledygook, jargon, gibberish, Jabberwocky; moonsheen, blather, drivel, foam, froth, humbug, bunks, Sl. junk, U.S. blah; flummery, Inf. hokum, Sl. applesauce, Sl. eyewash; rubbish, Sl. tripe, refuse, chaff, trash, Inf. truck, trumpery; tommyrot, Inf. rot, Sl. garbage, Sl. crap, Sl. crock, Sl. bull; balderdash, Sl. horsefeathers, hogwash, stuff, stuff and nonsense, Inf. bosh, Brit. Inf. gammon, Brit. Sl. tosh; fudge, foolishness, rimaloare, amphibory; footle, Inf. malarkey, Sl. bushwa, Sl. baloney, Sl. bilge or bilge water, Sl. muck, infamy, Inf. and North Eng. haver; poppycock, Inf. fiddle-faddle, Inf. piffle, Inf. hoeey, Inf. kibosh, Inf. flapdoodle.

mummer, n. masquerader, masker; actor, performer, entertainer, player, strolling player, Fr. comédien am-

2. pageantry, pomp, ostentation, display; show, spectacle, performance, ceremony, celebration, fête, gala.

munch, v. 1. chomp, Dial. chomp, crunch, crunch, chew, Dial. chew, eat or masticate noisily; bite, gnaw, nibble.

2. Slang. munch out Sl. pig out, Sl. make a pig of oneself, Sl. stuff one's face, glad oneself, gorge oneself.

mundane, adj. 1. worldly, earthly, terrestrial, ter-

2. common, ordinary, everyday, usual, prosaic, household; routine, customary, regular, normal, typical; commonplace, banal, hackneyed, trite, stale, platitudi

municipal, adj. civic, civil, city, metropolitan, urban,oppidum, local, community, communal, town, burghal, village, neighborhood; public, social.

municipality, n. city, metropolis, capital or capital city, metropolitan area; megalopolis, environs, suburbs or suburb, Fr. banlieue, bedroom community; borough, township, town, (in Scotland) burgh, Inf. burg, county seat, Exp. Brit. county town, village, hamlet, Archaic. thorp, kraal; district, precinct, constituency, bailiwick, Chiefly Brit. parish.

munificence, n. 1. bounty, bounteousness, liberal-

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munificent, n. 1. bountiful, bounteous, liberal, free, free-handed, open-handed, generous, free with one's money; ungrudging, unsparing, unstinting; big-hearted, hospitable, beneficent; charitable, altruistic, unselfish; almsgiving, public-spirited, philanthropic, humanitarian.

2. plentiful, plenteous, ample, abundant; abounding, copious, rich, prodigal, extravagant, luxuriant; more than generous, more than enough, more than adequate; royal, princely, kingly; sumptuous, lavish, profuse.

munition, n. 1. Usu. munitions weapons, armaments, arms, firearms; guns, ordnance, artillery, cannon, battery, siege artillery, field artillery, anti-aircraft guns; ammunition, bullets, gunpowder, powder and shot, shot, shrapnel, dum-dums; explosives, bombs, rockets, screaming-menies, V-2 rockets; rockets, missiles; torpedoes, depth charges, mines, land mines, floating mines; hand grenades, rifle grenades; TNT, poison gas, napalm, atomic bombs, hydrogen bombs, neutron bombs.

2. material, matériel, military stores, supplies; equipment, equipage, gear, kit, outfit, apparatus, tackle, rig; trappings, fittings, appointments, accoutrements, appurtenances, things; impedimenta, paraphernalia, furnishings, provisions; implements, tools, instruments.

murderer, n. 1. killer, slayer, manslayer, man-killer, cutthroat, thug, poisoner, strangler, impler; assassin, liquidator, bravo, sniper, gunner, knifer, Euph. silencer, Euph. dispatcher; All Sl. gun, hired gun, hit man, triggerman, torpedo, hatchet man; executioner, executionist, Sl. Jack Ketch, decapitator, headsmen, beheader, lyncher, hangman, garotter, burker, burkist; butcher, slaughterer, Bluebeard, ripper, mass-killer, mass-slayer, exterminator, annihilator, destroyer, bloodspiller, bloodshedder, bloodletter.

2. homicide, patricide, matricide, paricide, fratricide, sororicide, uxoricide, infanticide, regicide, tyrannicide, vaticide.

murderous, adj. 1. killing, homicidal, cutthroat, assassinative, death-dealing, lethal, fatal, mortal, moriferous, deadly, deathly, Archaic. lethaliferous; slaughtiferous, ferocious, violent, frenzied, wild, berserk, savage, barbarous, cruel, brutal, fiendish, cannibalistic, anthropophagous, blood-thirsty, bloody-minded, sanguinary, sanguine, sanguineous, sanguinolent, bloody, gory, bloodstained, ensanguined; ferocious, violent, frenzied, wild, berserk, amuck, raging, maniacal; annihilating, exterminating, obliterating, exterptive, extirpating, eliminating, wounding, devastating, decimating, destructive, destroying.

2. (all in the extreme) difficult, arduous, strenuous, rigorous, herculean, tremendous, gargantuan, huge, prodigious; dangerous, perilous, Archaic. parulous, hazardous, formidable, harrowing, precarious, risky, unsafe, treacherous; trying, unendurable, intolerable, unbearable, insufferable.

murky, adj. 1. dark, dusky, gloomy, dismal, dreary, bleak, grim; funereal, somber, solemn, grave, heavy; cheerless, joyless, desolate; discouraging, disheartening, dispiriting, depressing, hopeless.

2. foggy, rainy, misty, Archaic. caliginous, hazy, overcast, unobservable, shadowy, shady, grey; opaque, tenebrous, Literary. darkling, smoggy, smoky, SI. soupy, lowering; dull, dim, faint, pale, feeble, weak.

3. obscure, vague, nebulous; ambiguous, mysterious, arcane, inexplicable; enigmatic, puzzling, baffling, perplexing, confounding, bewildering; veiled, secret, cryptic, hidden, occult.

4. clandestine, illegitimate, Inf. shoddy, illicit, unethical, Inf. dirty.

murmur, n. 1. undertone, whisper, sigh, babble, murmuration, Inf. whoosh; grumble, musingation, mutter, whine, Inf. grousse, complaint, carping, caviling.

2. mumble, mutter, whisper, speak in an undertone, babble; grumble, Inf. grousse, Inf. carp; complain softly, sigh, whine, snuffle; keen, moan, softly lament.

murmurer, n. sigher, whisperer, babbler; mumbler,
murmurous
muscular, sinewy, thewy, fibrous, sinew, sinews, thews, tendon.

muscule. n. 1. sinew, sinewy, muscle, muscle.

museum. n. art gallery, gallery, exhibit or exhibition hall, salon, Fr. musée, It. museo; repository, reliquary, Obs. conservatory.
mushroom. n. 1. toadstool, puffball, coral fungus; champignon, chanterelle, morel, truffle, meadow mushroom, field mushroom.

adj. 2. mushroomlike, mushroomy.

muscle. n. 1. sinew, sinewy, muscles, muscle, beef, musculature, muscular development, physique; brawniness, huskiness, heftiness, beefiness.

muscular adj. 1. brawny, strapping, muscled, well-muscled, full-muscled, musculous.

muscularly adv. Obs. musclebound. 2. hustling, struggling, exerting, pushing, aggressive.

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muse v. 1. meditate, contemplate, reflect, ponder, brood, mold over, dwell on; cogitate, ruminate, be in a brown study, chew, chew one's cud; deliberate, ex-cogitate, consider, take to heart, Archaic. perpend; weigh, revolve, turn over, review, study, evaluate, con; think about or over, cerebrate, be abstracted, be lost in thought, have one's mind on; put one's mind to, concentrate, focus.

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musing adj. 1. meditative, thoughtful, pensive, Archaic. museful, in a brown study; reflective, pondering, ruminative, introspective, deliberative, cogitative; speculative, philosophical, metaphysical.

musician. n. performer, player, instrumentalist, accompanist, virtuoso; singer, vocalist, bard, minstrel; composer, conductor, contrapuntalist, harmonist; conductor, concert master, maestro.
music adj. 1. tuneful, melodious, harmonious, concordant, accordant; lyrical, lyric, melic, choral, operatic, vocal; instrumental, orchestral, symphonic; ariose, Music. cantabile, songlike, songful, singable, catchy; pleasant, agreeable, appealing; singing, ringing, resonant, sonorous, sonorous, clear, auditory.

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sultation, self-communing.

**musket**

*n.* breechloader, flintlock, firelock, blunderbuss, matchlock, wheel lock, harquebus, muzzle loader, petronel; rifle, Winchester rifle, carbine, shot gun.

**musketeer**

*n.* rifleman, dragoon, sharpshooter, carbineer, carbiner, fusilier, yager, jaeger, grenadier, chasseur, hussar.

**muss**

*n.* 1. *Informal.* disorder, disorderliness, disarray, disarrangement, disorganization; dishevelment, untidiness, clutter, mess, heap, huddle; hash, hodgepodge, mishmash, jumble, scramble, tangle; confusion, muddle, *Inf.* guddle, imbroglio; unsettledness, discomposure, discontentment, agitation, upset; turmoil, tumult, turbulence, disruption, disturbance. 

—v. 2. *Usu.* *muss up* *Informal.* misarrange, put out of place, misplace, displace, dislocate, move out of place; throw into disorder, disarray, dishevel, tumble, toisle, *Chiefly Scot.* *Dial.* touse; mess or mess up, ruffle or ruffle up, rumple or rumple up; turn upside down, *Inf.* turn topsy-turvy, make a shambles of; confuse, mix up or mix up, shuffle, jumble, scramble; muddle, snafu, fuddle; derange, incapacitate, throw out of gear.

**mussy**

adj. *Informal.* disorderd, disorderly, out of order, out of place, disarranged, in disarray, deranged; untidy, cluttered, messy, disheveled, messed up, ruffled up, *Inf.* mussed up, rumpled, tousled, *Chiefly Scot.* *Dial.* toused; unkempt, slovenly, sloppy, shoddy, careless, slipshod; confused, chaotic, all mixed-up, upside down, *Inf.* topsy-turvy; at sixes and sevens, muddled, jumbled, haggler-magger, scrambled, tangled.

**must**

1. should, ought to; be obligated or compelled to, have no choice or alternative.

2. new wine, unfermented juice.

**mustache**

*n.* mustachio. *SI.* or *v.* mustachio, *SI.* or *v.*

**mustang**


**muster**

v. 1. assemble, convoke, call or summon together; bring together, rally, mobilize, round up or in.

2. *Often muster up* gather, collect, marshal, summon or summon up, call up.

3. assemble, group, convene, forger, meet, come together, collect, gather, congregate; crowd together, huddle, cluster, bunch up or together, agglomerate, mass; flock together, throng, herd, swarm, stream.

—n. 4. assemblage, congregation, collection, aggregation, aggregate, agglomeration, conglomerate; gathering, for-gathering, assembly, meeting, meet, rally, turnout; group, body, circle, knot, cluster, bunch; crowd, throng, mob, mass, confluence, concourse; gang, crew, company, troupe, band, troop; flock, pack, herd, drove, bevy, covey, swarm, hive, school, shoal. 5. meeting, conference, *Inf.* powwow, talk, parley, palaver; conclave, conviction, council, synod, consistory, conventicle; assembly, convention, congress; *U.S.* caucus, bloc, coalition, junta, *Rom. Antiq.* comitia.

**musty**

adj. 1. moldy, stuffy, dusty, close, stale; sour, rancid, turned; ill-smelling, foul, stagnant, frowzy; rotten, rotting, decaying, spoiled, gone bad, putrid, corrupt, tainted; fetid, stinking, malodorous, noisome, reeky, rank.

2. antiquated, aged, ancient, old, hoary, moss-grown, antediluvian; obsolete, gone by, out-of-date, old-fashioned, oldfangled; behind the times, old-school, passé, moth-eaten, threadbare.

3. apathetic, indifferent, unresponsive, impassionate, emotionless; dull, rapid, insipid, banal; listless, spiritless, sluggish.

**mutability**

*n.* 1. mutableness, changeability, changeableness, variability, varableness; alterability, alterableness, modifiability, modifiableness, permutable, permutableness, transmutability, transmutable; commutability, commutable, transposability, exchangeability, interchangeableness, convertibleness, convertible, reversibility, reversible.

2. inconstancy, unstableness, instability,unsettledness; unevenness, irregularity, erraticism, unsteadiness, unsteady, irregular, erratic, unreliable, unpredictable; vacillation, fluctuation, oscillation, alternation, vissitudes, ups and downs; uncertainty, uncertainty, unsecured, indecision, irresoluteness, irresolution; fickleness, capriciousness, flightiness, mercurialness, mercuriality, lightsomeness.

**mutable**

adj. 1. changeable, variable, alterable, modifiable, permutable, transformable, transmutative, transmutable, transmutational; commutable, substitutive, substitutable, substitutional, substitutionary, transposable, exchangeable, interchangeable, convertible, irreversible.

2. changing, ever-changing, inconstant, unstable, unsettled, unsteady, uneven, irregular, erratic, unreliable, unpredictable; vacillatory, vacillatory, oscillatory, oscillatory, vicissitudinary, vissitudinous, fluctuating, fluctuant, varying, alternating, blowing hot and cold; wavering, uncertain, unsure, indecisive, irresolute; fickle, capricious, flighty, mercurial, lightsome.

**mutation**

*n.* change, variation, alteration, modification, permutation, modulation, inflection; conversion, translation, transformation, metamorphosis, evolution, transfiguration, transmutation, transubstantiation, transmogrification; transposition, metathesis, commutation, interchange, exchange, inversion; reversal, about-face, turnaround, turnabout, 360° turn; transition, revolution, innovation, new thing or idea; shift, transfer, transference, move, divergence, deviation, digression.

**mute**

adj. 1. silent, speechless, wordless, mumb; tight-lipped, taciturn, reserved, uncommunicative, reticent, close-mouthed; still, noiseless, quiet, *Archaic.* hush.


3. *(all of letters)* silent, unpronounced, unarticulated, unsounded.


—v. 5. *(all of sound)* deaden, dull, damping, muffle; damp, stifle, smother, suffocate, suppress; still, hush, silence; quiet, or quieten, tone down.

**muted**

adj. deadened, dull, dulled, dampered, muffled; damp, stifled, smothered, suffocated, suppressed; hushed, quieted, quiet, soft, softened, toned down; silenced, silent, still, stilled.

**mutilate**

v. 1. dismember, disjoint, dislimb, tear limb from limb; detruncate, amputate, remove a limb; hack off, chop off, pop off, cut off, tear or rip or pull off, *(of a tail)* dock, bob, trim; dissect, anatomize, vivisect, skeletonize, disembowel.

2. mangle, butcher, slaughter, hack up, chop up or to pieces, lacerate, cut up, knife, stab, dislocate, tear or rip to pieces; cripple, maim, lame, disable, hamstring, hock, *Scot.* hough, *Law.* commit mayhem; inflict bodily damage or injury, damage, injure, harm, hurt; dis-
figure, deface, deform, disfigure, mar, spoil, blemish, flaw, scar, blotch, mark up; ruin, destroy, vandalize, tear up, St. trash.

3. (all of language) distort, alter, modify, change, make unrecognizable, garble, mix up, confuse, render unintelligible; bowdlerize, expurgate, purge, overedit; excise, expunge, delete, edit out, blue-pencil.

mutilated, adj. 1. dismembered, disjointed, torn limb from limb; disabled, amputated, cut or chopped or hacked or lopped off, removed; detruncated, (of a tail) docked, bobbed, trimmed; dissected, anatomized, vivisected, skeletonized, cut up.

2. mangled, butchered, slaughtered, lacerated, cut to ribbons or shreds or pieces or bits, hacked up, chopped up, dilacerated, ripped or torn or pulled apart, ripped to shreds, made into mincemeat; crippled, maimed, lame, disabled, injured, hurt, harmed, damaged; disfigured, defaced, deformed, disfigured, marred, blemished, flawed, scarred, marked; ruined, spoiled, destroyed, vandalized, torn up, St. trash.

3. (all of language) distorted, altered, modified, changed, unrecognizable, bearing no resemblance to the original; garbled, incomprehensible; bowdlerized, expurgated, purged, overedited, heavily edited; excised, expunged, deleted, blue-penciled.

mutineer, n. insurrectionary, insurrectionist, insurgent, rebel, shirker, rorier, rorier, rorier; subversive, revolutionary, revolutionary, anarchist, member of the underground, U.S. Weatherman, treasonist, traitor; seditionist, agitator, demagogue, trouble-maker, firebrand, rabble-rouser, malcontent; rorier, protestor, demonstrators, strikers, resister, defier.

mutinous, adj. 1. insurrectionary, insurgent, rebellious, revolutionary, anarchistic, subversive, underground, treasonable, traitorous; seditionist, factious, agitative, rocking the boat; malcontent, discontent, discontented, dissatisfied, dissatisfied.

2. insubordinate, out of line, disobedient, disrespectful, redundant; resistant, defiant, contemptuous, contemptuous, antagonistic, hostile; riotous, unruly, restive, disorderly, out of control, uncontrollable, hard to control, unmanageable, ungovernable, unsubmissive, recusant, refractory.

mutiny, n. 1. insurrection, insurgency, insubordination, revolt, rebellion, uprising, rising, riot, outbreak, anarchism, act of treason, Archiach. sedition; revolution, subversion, overthrow, coup d'état, takeover, Ger. Putsch.

2. resistance, open resistance, confrontation, opposition, defiance, insubordination, disobedience; civil disobedience, protest, march, demonstration, strike, sit-down, passive resistance, non-cooperation, boycott.

v. 3. revolt, rebel, rise up against, throw down the gauntlet, declare war against, open hostilities; revolutionize, insurrectionize, incite to riot, agitate, rock the boat, make trouble among; overthrow, subvert, take over, take the law into one's own hands; defy or resist or oppose authority, be insubordinate or disobedient, protest.

mutter, v. 1. mumble, murmure, Obs. musselsat, Dial. mump, talk sotto voce, talk under one's breath; swallow one's words, talk to oneself, slur one's words, whisper; grumble, grunt, Inf. grouse, complain, Yiddish. kvetch, Inf. gripe, Inf. bitch, whine.

2. rumble, groan, growl, gnar, snarl.

—n. 3. mumble, mussion, murmur, low utterance; groan, grunt, grumble; complaint, Inf. gripe, Inf. bitch.

mutual, adj. 1. reciprocal, give-and-take; interactive, interchangeable, correspondent, complementary.

2. common, joint, shared; connected, related, associated; similar, like, identical, analogous, equivalent.

mutuality, n. reciprocity, mutual dependence, give-and-take, Latin. quid pro quo, tit for tat, interchange; one for all and all for one; likeness, similarity, equivalence; community, correspondence, correlation, agreement.

nuzzle, n. 1. jaws, mouth; restraint, gag, hackamore, bit.

—v. 2. gag, bridge; mute, silence, quiet, muffle, stifle, choke off, throttle.

3. restrain, repress, restrict, confine; fetter, leash, snub, check, harness; inhibit, hinder, stop, arrest.


2. narrow-mindedness, narrowness, parochialism, provincialism, insularity, hideboundness, illiberality; prejudice, partiality, bias, one-sidedness; dogmatism, fanaticism, opinionatedness, zealotry, chauvinism, jingoism.


2. narrow-minded, narrow, closed-minded, closed, bigoted, illiberal; insular, parochial, provincial, limited, confined; prejudiced, biased, warped, twisted, jaundiced, partial, one-sided; sexist, chauvinistic, jingoistic, racist, anti-Semitic; fanatical, dogmatic, opinionated, unreasonable; intolerant, unforbearing, cynical; hidebound, rooted, settled, fixed, rigid.

myriad, n. 1. thousands, a thousand and one, scores, numbers, a number, Inf. scillions, Inf. zillions, Inf. oodles, Inf. slew; lots, a lot, passel, Inf. raft, Sl. scads, Sl. a scad, piles, a pile, Inf. heaps, Inf. heap, lashings; bags of, Inf. gobs of, barrels, tons, a bunch, a bushel and a peck; shipload, carload; multiplicities, multitudinously, plenty, abundance, profusion, galaxy; endless stream, river, torrent, flood, deluge, ocean, sea, world.

2. host, mass, crowd, throng, crush, horde; drove, bevy, herd, pack, flock, swarm, gaggle, school, shoal; army, legion, tribe, band, team, troop, squad, company, group, party, body; assemblage, congregation, aggregate, array, accumulation, assortment; bunch, gang, crew, Inf. caboodle; concentration, concourse, confluence, confluenx, convergence.

—adj. 3. innumerable, numerous, untold, multiple, multidimensional, multiplied, multiplied, Inf. umpteen, Inf. million, Inf. billion, Inf. trillion, Inf. billions, Inf. trillions, Inf.亿 of an actor) protean, proteiform; kaleidoscopic, complex, varied, changing, multifaceted.

mysterious, adj. 1. cryptic, esoteric, arcane, occult, perdu, hermetic, hermetical; secret, veiled, hidden, masked, screened, disguised, top secret, Inf. hush-hush; obscure, indistinct, indefinite, unclear, shadowy, cloudy, nebulous, nubious, nubiferous, vague; inscrutable, oracular, sphinxian, sphinxlike, mystic, mystical, transcendental, cabalistic, supernatural, prenatural; undisclosed, unrevealed, irreveable, irredeemable, indecipherable, endless, infinite, without measure, interminable.

4. versatile, (of an actor) protean, proteiform; kaleidoscopic, complex, varied, changing, multifaceted.
4. ambiguous, equivocal, discreet, noncommittal; reticent, taciturn, silent, mum, close-mouthed, tight-lipped, Inf. buttoned-up; evasive, shifty, circuitous; secretive; covert, clandestine, under-the-table, under-the-counter; furtive, surreptitious, insidious, underhanded; stealthy, skulking.

mystery, n. 1. enigma, puzzle, riddle, conundrum, question, question mark; problem, dilemma, quandary, plight, predicament, skeleton in the closet, Inf. pickle, Inf. fix, Inf. jam, Inf. stew; fog, haze, mist, murk, dark; maze, labyrinth, tangle, knot; secret, arcane, hidden meaning, closed book; unknown, unknowable, unexplored ground, Latin. terra incognita; deep or profound secret, mystery of mysteries.

2. seer, prophet, oracle, sphinx; puzzler, poser, Inf. hard nut to crack, Inf. brain-teaser, Inf. mind-boggler, Inf. stumper, Inf. floorer; mystery story, detective story, Inf. whodunit.

3. obscurity, ambiguity, ambiguousness, vagueness, nebulousness, equivocalness; enigmaticness, mysteriousness, inscrutability, inscrutableness; inexplicability, unexplainableness, unaccountableness, imperceptibility; mysticism, occultness, cabal, cabalism, symbolism; occultism, esotericism, esoterics, esotery; supernaturalism, preternaturalism, otherworldliness; seer, prophet, oracle, sphynx; puzzler, poser, Inf. hard nut to crack, Inf. brain-teaser, Inf. mind-boggler, Inf. stumper, Inf. floorer; mystery story, detective story, Inf. whodunit.

4. (all of Roman Catholic doctrine) sacramental rite, transubstantiation, Eucharistic rite, mass, sacrifice; Eucharist, Holy Communion, Communion, Holy Sacriment, Sacrament, body and blood of Christ, Host, wafer.

5. miracle, sign, revelation, divine revelation, divine truth; wonder, marvel, prodigy, Scot. ferly.

6. mystery play, miracle play, morality play, morality, passion play.

mystic, adj. 1. symbolic, symbolical, representative, representational, figurative; allegoric, allegorical, metaphoric, metaphorical; anagogical, emblematical; significant, significative, significatory.

2. secret, undisclosed, unrevealed, unspoken, unuttered; hidden, concealed, veiled, shrouded, enshrouded; cryptic, perdu; private, privy, confidential, closed, inviolate; secretive, clandestine, covert.

3. occult, esoteric, cabalistic, cabalistical, mystical, heretical; supernatural, preternatural, fey, otherworldly, transcendent.

4. obscure, dark, dim, indistinct, indefinite, unclear; shadowy, cloudy, nebulous, vague.

5. mysterious, arcane, inexplicable, unexplainable, unaccountable, insoluble, insolvable, Obs. inextricable; puzzling, enigmatic, baffling, bewildering, perplexing, confounding, mystifying, enigmatic.

6. impenetrable, incomprehensible, inapprehensible, past or beyond comprehension or understanding, unknowable, inconceivable, incognoscible, undefinable, indecipherable.

mysticism, n. occultism, cabalism, esotericism, esoterism, esoterics; hermeticism, hermetics; supernaturalism, transcendentalism; theosophy; quietism, Molinism.

mystification, n. perplexity, bewilderment, confoundment, bafflement, puzzlement, puzzledness, Brit. Dial. swither; obsfuscation, obscurputation, stuperfaction, uncertainty, incertitude, sixes and sevens; distraction, daze, fog, haze, unhinging; disconcertment, discomfiture, discomposure, consternation, chagrination, abashment.

mystify, v. confuse, confound, bewilder, perplex, nonplus, baffle, puzzle, Inf. bamboozle, Inf. buffalo, Inf. stump; disconcert, stagger, stun, daze, astonish, astound, dumbfound, boggle, fuddle, befuddle, muddle, bemuddle, fog, befog, mix up, fool, delude, trick, outwit, hoodwink, bluff, distract.

mystique, n. 1. aura, atmosphere, air, feeling, Inf. feel, vibrations, Inf. vibes; quality, character, mood, ambience, tone.

2. magic, spell, charm, charisma, influence; attractiveness, appeal, desirability, desirableness; fascination, delight.

3. enigmativeness, mysteriousness, inscrutability, inscrutableness; inexplicability, unexplainableness, unaccountableness, imperceptibility; mysticism, occultness, cabalism, cabalism, symbolism; occultism, esotericism, esoterics, esotery; supernaturalism, preternaturalism, otherworldliness; seer, prophet, oracle, sphynx; puzzler, poser, Inf. hard nut to crack, Inf. brain-teaser, Inf. mind-boggler, Inf. stumper, Inf. floorer; mystery story, detective story, Inf. whodunit.

myth, n. 1. legend, tale, tradition, old wives' tale, Inf. yarn, romance, saga, epic; history, story, adventure, account, depiction, portrayal, representation, interpretation; fable, apologue, allegory, parable, moral, bestiary; fairy tale, ballad, nursery rhyme.

2. absurdity, nonsense, farce, wild story, tall tale, whopper, folk story; lie, fib, prevarication, Inf. tardiniddle; untruth, falsehood; fabrication, cock-and-bull story; moonshine, bosh, claptrap, invention, forgery.

3. fantasy, whimsy, whim, vagary, conceit; crazy notion or idea, peculiar notion, Inf. screwball or wacky idea; implausibility, unlikelihood; illusion, delusion, daydream.

mythical, adj. 1. legendary, fabled, storied, traditional, mythological, mythic; chimerical, figmental, fanciful, imaginary, imagined, fantastic, fabulistic, fantastical; visionary, dreamy, quixotic, extravagant, eidetic; romantic, idealistic, storybook, Cinderella-esque.

2. fictitious, fictional, make-up, make-believe, Inf. just pretend, pretended, feigned; invented, contrived, concocted, coined, fabricated; preposterous, trumped up, unfounded, untrue, false; unreal, suppositional, superstitious, hypothetical, supposititious.

3. celebrated, immortal, historical, famous, famed, renowned, well-known, great, glorious.

mythology, n. body of myths, myths collectively; folklore, lore, tradition.
nab, v. Informal. 1. seize, grab, pounce on, snatch, clutch, lay hold of; grip, grasp, hang on to. 2. capture, arrest, catch, take into captivity or custody, apprehend, place under arrest; pick up, Inf. collar, Sl. nail, Sl. haul in, Sl. cop.

nadir, n. rock bottom, Sl. the pits, zero point, lowest point, lowest ebb, ebb tide, low tide; the depths, the bottom, the depths of despond.

nag, v. 1. complain, cavil, Yiddish kvetch, carp, criticize, scold; crab, grumble, Inf. grouse, grouch; whine, snivel, henpeck; pester, Inf. drive up the wall, badger, fret, vex, irritate; harp at, pick on, harass, ride, hector.

—n. 3. complainer, whiner, Yiddish, n.
—nagging, adj.

naggin', v. 1. complain, cavil, Yiddish kvetch, grubblcr, faultfinder; grouch, scold; shrew, harpy, termagant, fishwife; pest, Sl. pain in the neck.

naggin', n. 1. jade, Sl. crowbait, Sl. plug, Sl. scrag, Rosinante, Sl. bag of bones.

2. Slang. racehorse, Thoroughbred, Arab, Inf. bangtail.

3. riding horse, pony, cow pony. See horse (def. 1).

nagging, adj. complaining, whining, critical, picky; shrewish, pestering, irritating; distressing, painful, achimg, worrisome.

nail, n. 1. spike, brad, pin, peg, skewer, rivet, staple, tack, point; common nail, finishing nail, cut nail, roofing nail, drive nail, boat nail.

2. fingernail, toenail, (all of animals) claw, clutch, talon. unguis, nipper, pincher, hook.

3. hit the nail on the head be accurate, be correct, say truly, put things succinctly, be concise; be right to the point, Inf. say it the way it is, address oneself to the issues alone.

—v. 4. fasten, make fast, attach, fix, hold, clinch, secure, join.

5. Informal. catch, capture, seize, apprehend, Inf. catch redhanded. Inf. catch with the goods, find in flagrante delicto, catch in the act; Inf. collar, Inf. pinch, nab, Inf. run in, Inf. pick up, arrest, take into custody.

6. Slang. hit, strike, smack, Inf. bop; punch, thwack, bang, crack, whack, whom, thump, Sl. paste.

7. nail down Informal. make final, make definite, settle, resolve; Inf. firm up, Inf. pin down, make [s.o.] commit himself, get things in writing, Inf. get things in the bag, have things assured.

naïve, adj. 1. artless, simple, simple-minded, simple-hearted, innocent, childlike; unaffected, unspoiled, unsophisticated, undeveloped, unworlidy; unsuspecting, unsuspicious, void of suspicion, trustful, trusting, Archaic. trusty, confiding; overtrustful, overvaluing, overconfiding; credulous, gullible, Obs. cullible, foolable, befoolable, deceitful, deceptible, dupable, exploitable, Inf. easy, Inf. soft.

2. raw, green, immature, unripe, unseasoned, callow, born yesterday, wet or dry behind the ears; inexperienced, uninstructed, initiate, unwise, Inf. unhip; uninformed, unenlightened, unacquainted, unconversant, unversed in, unused to.

3. open, open and sincere, open-hearted, ingenuous, guileless, genuine, sincere, undeceptive, undeceitful, undeceving, unfeigning, undissembling, undissimulating; candid, frank, forthright, foursquare, straightforward, straight-from-the-shoulder; plain, plain-spoken, plain-speaking, downright, outright, explicit, unequivocal, unambiguous, undisguised, Inf. straight-out; aboveboard, open and aboveboard, up front, out front.

nai'veté, n. 1. artlessness, simplicity, simplicism, simple-mindedness, simple-heartedness, innocence; trustfulness, unsuspicuousness, overtrustfulness; credibility, credulosity, gullibility, gullibility, Obs. cullibility, foolability, exploitable, exploitalness. 2. rawness, greenness, immaturity, callowness; inexperience, inexperiencedness, lack of experience, Inf. unhipness; uninformedness, unenlightenedness, unacquaintedness.

3. openness, open-heartedness, ingenuousness, guilelessness, genuineness, sincerity, sincerity, naivety,undeceptiveness, undeceitfulness; candor, candidness, frankness, forthrightness, straightforwardness; honesty, trustworthiness, Inf. trustiness, uncorruptedness.

naked, adj. 1. nude, undressed, disrobéd, unclothed, ungarmented, unapparelled, unadorned; divested of clothes, Inf. without a stitch on, Inf. not decent, Inf. indecent, bare; Fr. au naturel, Inf. in a state of nature, Inf. in the raw, Inf. in one's birthday suit, mother-naked; Inf. in the altogether, Inf. in the buff, stark-naked, Brit. starkers.

2. (all of landscapes) treeless, grassless, bald, barren, uncovered, stripped, unsheltered; stark, bleak, destitute, forbidding, depressing.

3. bare, spare, austere, ascetic, Spartan-looking, plain, simple, unfurnished, uncurtained, undecorated, unornamented, untrimmed, ungarnished, unenriched.

4. defenseless, unguarded, unprotected, unfortified; open, wide open, vulnerable, insecure, pregnable, penetrable, invadable; open to attack, assaultable, assailable; unarmed, weaponless, impotent, helpless, weak, powerless; exposed, uncovered, unheathed, unwrapped.
nakedness

5. clear, obvious, apparent, perceptible, perceivable; plainly revealed, plain to see, plain; evident, self-evident, manifest, palpable, patent, visible, in plain view, in plain sight, seeable, observable, unveiled, unclad, conspicuous; definite, certain, unmistakable, ostensible, undeniable, unqualified, unmitigated; sheer, glaring, flagrant, arrant, blatant, baldfaced.

6. simple, basic, essential, fundamental, basal, elementary, primary, Inf. gut; underlying, intrinsic, in-name-inherent; nitty-gritty, vital, Inf. bare-bones, outstanding.

7. uncorrupted, undeveloped, natural, pure, simon-pure; unadorned, unembellished, uncolored, Inf. flying its true colors, true-blue; unalloyed, unmixed, unadulterated, unexaggerated.

8. blunt, outspoken, plain-spoken, direct, overt, candid, frank; straightforward, forthright, downright, matter-of-fact.

nakedness, n. 1. nudity, Inf. the altogether, Inf. the raw, Inf. the buff, Inf. a state of nature, Inf. birthday suit.

2. bareness, barenness, barrenness; starkness, austerity, plainness, simplicity, Spartanism.

namby-pamby, adj. 1. weak, insipid, watery, colorless, anemic, vivid, wishy-washy, indeferent; effete, prissy, prim, effeminate, candy-assed; affected, mawkish, mushy, sentimental, mushy, Inf. goopy.

—n. 2. doggerel verse, greeting card verse, hack writing; macaronics, macaronic verse, lame writing; macaronics, macaronic verse, lame verse, Inf. rot; amorphigy; bathos, sentimentality, Inf. mush, Inf. schmaltz.

3. sissy, mama's boy, weakling. Inf. weak sister; Inf. lily-liver, coward, milk-toast, milksop, mollycoddle, Brit. Inf. rabbit; Sl. chicken, Inf. jellyfish, baby, big baby, Inf. softy; Sl. pushover, Inf. doormat, prig, Inf. priss.

name, n. 1. appellation, designation, title, honorific, style; epithet, appellative, byword, label, tag, Sl. handle, Sl. moniker; surname, family name, last name, first name, forename, Christian name, middle name, signature; nickname, sobriquet, cognomen, agnomen, by-name, pet name, diminutive; pseudonym, anonymous, alumnus, alias, assumed name, pen name, nom de Plume, Fr. nom de guerre, stage name, Fr. nom de théâtre; place name, toponym; trade name, trademark.

2. character, reputation, repute, reputability, respect, admiration, honor, esteem, high regard, favor, popularity; credit, merit.

3. fame, renown, bays, stardom, illustriousness, greatness, preeminence, superiority, supremacy; eminence, notability, note, distinction, mark; prominence, rank, standing, prestige, weight, importance, account.

4. celebrity, personage, notable, dignitary, Inf. V.I.P., Inf. bigwig, Sl. big shot, Sl. biggie, Sl. big wheel, magnate; Sl. big cheese, Sl. fat cat, Sl. heavy, Sl. fat-cat, muck-a-muck, luminary, somebody, Sl. celeb, lion, Inf. big name; star, hero, superstar, toast of the town.

—v. 5. denominate, call, term, style, nickname, dub, Archaic. clepe; title, entitle, address; christen, baptize; identify, label, tag.

6. designate, appoint, delegate, nominate; select choose, pick; elect, vote in, place in office, induct, or dain; employ, engage, hire; authorize, empower, entrust, charge; assign, appropriate, consign, relegate, allot.

7. specify, mention, suggest, throw out; express, speak of, note, denote, indicate, point out.

nameless, adj. 1. obscure, unheard of, unknown, undistinguished, unnoticed, unrenowned, renownless, Archaic. inglorious, unsung; insignificant, unimportant, inconsequential; humble, ignoble.

2. anonymous, anonymal, innominat, unnamed; undesigned, unspecified, unidentified, unlabeled, untagged; pseudonymous, allonymous, cryptonymous, anonymal.

3. unspeakable, unutterable, inexpressible, ineffable, unnamable; indescribable, abominable, horrible, repulsive.

namely, adv. that is to say, that is, Latin, id est, i.e., Latin. videlicet, viz.; specifically, explicitly, to wit, scilicet; for example, for instance, as a case in point, as an illustration.

narrate, v. 1. tell, relate, recount, rehearse, give a report or an account of, set forth, chronicle, report; romance, novelize.

2. repeat, review, run over, recapitulate, sum up.

3. describe, portray, sketch out; detail, circumstantiate, expatiate, dilate; mention, state, relay; disclose, reveal.

narration, n. 1. account, story, tale, sketch; description, portrayal; record, report, summary.

2. fable, myth, legend, saga, epic; history, chronicle, annals, journal; diary, memoir, biography, autobiography, life; adventures, confessions, letters.

3. telling, recounting, relation, rehearsal, recitation, reading; script, background text, (in film) voice-over.

4. novel, romance, tall tale. See narrative (defs. 1, 2).
narrow-minded, narrow, prejudiced, bigoted, clique, narrow, prejudiced, bigoted, clique.

1. attenuate, thinning, tapering, relaxed, recounter, reporter; describer, narrator, n.

slender, thin, slim, spare, slight.

narrative

narrative, n. story, narration, tale, account; recital, chronicle, history; fable, myth, fairy tale, epic, saga; scripture, parable, allegory; anecdote, Inf. yarn, tall tale or story, SL. fish or war story, fiction.

2. novel, romance, novelia, short story; drama, play, teleplay, script, episode; adventure story, mystery story, Inf. mystery, detective story, Inf. whodunit, thriller, suspense novel; science fiction, SL. sci-fi, speculative fiction; horse opera, Inf. Western, soap opera, dime novel.

3. story line, plot, plot development; events, episodes, series of incidents.

4. book, volume, publication; opus, work; writing, piece of writing, composition, theme, paper.

narrator, n. relator, recount, reporter; describer, delineator, outline; storyteller, tale-teller, teller of tales, Inf. yarn spinner or spinner of yarns; anecdotist, raconteur; Film and TV. voice-over.

narrow, adj. 1. slender, thin, slim, spare, slight, gracile, narrow as an arrow, thin as six o’clock, slender as a thread, tapered, drawn out, fine-drawn, attenuated; narrowish, isthmian, narrow-gauged.

2. meager, scant, scanty, sparse, scrimp, exiguous; pinched, cramped, confining, confined, crowded, in-commodious, not roomy, Obs. incapsacious, poor; close, near, tight, strain, straitened, close-fitting; diminished, reduced, squeezed.

3. conditioned, qualified, restricted, limited, constricted; exact, precise, nice, delicate, subtle, fine.

4. narrow-minded, prejudiced, illiberal. See narrow-minded.

5. exclusive, excluory, proscriptive, select, selective; limiting, restricting, defining, restrictive, definitive.

6. meticulous, exacting, scrupulous, conscientious; punctilious, particular, fussy, finicky, strict, rigid, demanding; searching, critical, attentive, scrutinizing.

—v. 7. attenuate, make thin, taper, hone down, pare or pare down; diminish, grow or become smaller or tighter, dwindle, thin, thin down; lessen, reduce, decrease, curtail, contract, constrict, draw in, go in; compress, squeeze, squeeze together; condense, concentrate, consolidate, draw together, pull in.

8. narrow down, qualify, condition, set limits on, Inf. box in; localize, pin down, fix, pinpoint, zero in on, put one’s finger on, keep within bounds, keep from spreading, set the limits, limit; confine, hem, hem in, bound, pinch, constrain, tighten, straiten, circumscribe, mark off, set out; define, determine, specify, simplify, reduce to essentials.

—n. 9. inlet, cove, arm of the sea, reach, creek, estuary, estuary, fjord, strait or straits, narrow, euripus, sound; channel, way, passage, passageway, conduit, trough, ditch, trench; ingress, egress; waterway, water gate, watercourse, culvert, gully, gulch, canal, sluice, spillway, spillway, spillway; straits, narrows, euripus, pass, defile, ravine, gorge, arroyo, draw, passage.

narrowing, n. 1. attenuation, thinning, tapering, emaciation; constriction, contraction, compression, shrinkage, shrinking, reduction, curtailment; diminishing, diminishment, dwindling.

2. limitation, limiting, pinpointing, pinning down, qualifying, zeroing in on, specifying.

narrow-minded, adj. 1. narrow, prejudiced, bigoted, bigoted, warped, twisted, jaundiced, partial, arbitrary, one-sided, opinionated, prepossessed; sexist, racist, anti-Semitic, discriminative, discriminatory; close-minded, closed, intolerant, illiberal, unreasonable; insular, parochial, provincial, Sociol. ethnecentric; limited, confined, constriicted, unliberal, unorthodox; little-minded, small-minded, mean-minded; blind, myopic, narrow-eyed, shortsighted, short-sighted, purblind, wearing blinders or blinkers, not able to see beyond the end of one’s nose; deaf, unhearing, deaf to reason or new ideas; uncharitable, ungenerous, uncondoning, unforgiving, unsympathetic, indulgent, inhospitable, inconsiderate, obsolescing, undated, undispassionate; snobbish, unfriendly, xenophobic, misanthropic, cynical.

2. conservative, opposed to change, dogmatic, fanatical, authoritarian, doctrinaire; die-hard, reactionary, know-nothing, ultra-conservative; rigorous, stiff, stiff-sided, stiff-necked, rigid, hidebound, creedbound, locked-in, non-objective; obstinate, obdurative, intransigent, unhappy, uncompromising, immovable, intractable; firm, fixed, rooted, settled, unchanging, set in one’s ways, traditional, conventional, orthodox, fundamentalist; unprogressive, old-fashioned, strain-laced, Inf. stuffy, SL. square, SL. straight; prudish, priggish, puritanical, prim, proper; middle-American, middle-class, bourgeois, Inf. rednecked, self-righteous, smug, complacent, sanctimonious; petty, mean, small, petty-minded, mean-minded, meanness.

3. ultranationalist, supernationalist, isolationist, chauvinistic, jingoistic, partisan; (all of politics) right-wing, rightist, Birchist, Birchite, Bourbonian, Hunkerous, Tory, Toryish.

narrow-mindedness, n. 1. narrowness, prejudice, bias, prejudgment, preconception; bigotry, warp, bent, leaning, twist, jaundice, jaundiced eye or view, colored or slanted view; partiality, arbitrariness, one-sidedness, prepossession, made-up mind; sexism, racism, anti-Semitism, male chauvinism, discrimination, racial prejudice, Sociol. ethnecentrism, class consciousness; closed-mindedness, intolerance, illiberalism, small-mindedness, pettiness, meanness, lack of scope; blindness, myopia, near-sightedness, shortsightedness, purblindness, tunnel vision, blind side or spot, blinders or blinkers, narrow view or views; uncharitability, ungenerosity, disobligingness; snobbishness, xenophobia, misanthropy, cynicism.

2. conservatism, dogmatism, fanaticism; ultra-conservatism, stiffness, rigidity, hideboundness, creedboundness, monomania; stubbornness, obstinacy, intransigence, immovability, intractability; fixed or rooted ideas; conventionality, orthodoxy, fundamentalism, unprogressive or old-fashioned ideas; pedantry, pedagogy, Inf. stuffiness; prudishness, priggishness, puritanism, middle-class outlook, middle-class morality; self-righteousness, smugness, sanctimoniousness, holier-than-thou attitude, positivism; insularity, parochialism, provincialism, unorthodoxy; chauvinism, jingoism, partisanship.

narrowness, n. 1. closeness, nearness, tightness, tight squeeze, confinement; crowdedness, incommodesness, Obs. incapsaciousness; straitness, restriction, restriction, attenuation, reduction, curtailment, constriction, limitation, circumscription; thinness, slenderness, slightness, slimness; meagerness, exiguity, exquisiteness, scarcity.

2. exclusiveness, insularity, snobbishness, narrow-mindedness. See narrow-mindedness (defs. 1, 2).

nascent, adj. beginning, young, budding, developing, incipient, embryonic; growing, rising, advancing, evolving.

nasty, adj. 1. unclean, dirty, dirtied, sullied, soiled, stained; discolored, tarnished, smirched, be-smirched, smudged, soiled, smeared, bedaubed; spotted, spotted, maculate, maculated, blemished, blotched, spotted, splotchy, blotched; muddled, muddy, bemired, slim, begrimed, grimy, dirt-encrusted, filthy, filthy dirty, sooty, smutty, black; impure, polluted, befouled, contaminated,
tainted, spoiled, poisoned, ruined.
2. disagreeable, unpleasant, ugly, bad, distasteful, unpalatable, unsavory, unappetizing; offensive, objectionable, obnoxious, noisome, foul; malodorous, mephitic, rank, foul-smelling, rancid, sour; fetid, stinking, stinky, smelling, smelly; disgusting, nauseating, nauseous, sickening, revolting; repulsive, loathsome, repellent, odious, abhorrent; unbearable, unendurable, intolerable, insufferable.
3. obscene, profane, irreverent, blasphemous, foul-mouthed, vulgar, indecent, lewd, dirty, filthy, Slang, raunchy, smeary, foul, guttural, coarse, crude, rough, rude, indecent, fulsome; suggestive, off-color, bawdy, risqué, pornographic, Inf. blue.
4. ill-tempered, ugly, surly, ill-humored, ill-natured, disagreeable; mean, vicious, spiteful, malicious; malevolent, black-hearted, evil-minded, wicked, evil, sinister, dark, Archaic. facinorous; sinful, peccant, iniquitous, nefarious; villainous, criminal, flagitious, heinous, hateful, odious; describable, contemptible, vile, sordid, base, low, reprehensible, disgraceful, shameful.
5. bad, severe, critical, serious, dangerous.
nation, n. 1. nationality, race, tribe, clan, ethnic group; dynasty, family, house; (all of a nation) people, public, population, inhabitants, natives, residents, dwellers; members, membership, subjects, citizens, citizenry; society, community.
2. country, land, republic, polity, state, commonwealth, city-state, principality; kingdom, empire, empery, realm, royal domain or territory; union, federation, confederation, confederacy.
national, adj. 1. federal, state, tribal; civil, civic, domestic, internal, intestinal; nationwide, country-wide.
2. patriotic, nationalist, nationalistic, chauvinistic, jingoistic.
3. (all of a nation) citizen, subject, member, native, inhabitant, resident.
nationalism, n. national spirit or pride, nationality, love of one's country, Latin, amor patriae, patriotism, chauvinism, jingoism, my country right or wrong; isolationism, isolation.
nationalist, n. 1. patriot, loyal citizen, chauvinist, jingo, jingoist; isolationist.
2. nationalistic, national, patriotic, chauvinistic, jingoistic.
nationality, n. 1. (both of a nation) membership, citizenship.
2. nationalism, patriotism, national spirit. See nationalism.
3. nation, race, tribe, clan, ethnic group; dynasty, family house; ancestry, ancestral line, lineage, descent, parentage, birth, derivation, extraction, filiation; strain, stock, breed, bloodline, pedigree, stem, branch, stirps; heredity, genealogy, family tree; heritage, background, past, history, roots.
nationwide, adj. country-wide, national, federal, interstate, cross-country; general, overall, broad, widespread, far-reaching, extensive.
native, adj. 1. inborn, innate, inbred, connate, connatural, natural, natural-born, ingerenate; inherent, immanent, indwelling, intrinsic; congenital, hereditary, inherited, in the blood, in the family.
2. local, domestic, homemade, homegrown, indigenous; natal, aboriginal, original, vernacular; endemic, endemical, autochthonous, autochthon, autochthonic.
3. genuine, real, authentic, legitimate, honest, actual; simple, plain, unadorned; unchanged, untouched, unaffected, unaltered, unmodified; uncombined, free, pure; unrefined, crude; untamed, wild.
4. inveterate, rooted, deep-rooted, planted, implanted, fixed, ineradicable; permanent, ineradicable, infixed; planted, built-in; ingrained, engrained, inwrought, enwrought, in the grain.
5. essential, elemental, elementary, basic, basal, primary, fundamental, underlying, radical.
6. intuitive, intuitive, involuntary, noninvoluntary; impulsive, automatic, immediate, spontaneous, on-the-spot.
—n. 7. inhabitant, dweller, member; aborigine, primitive, indigene, autochthon; countryman, compatriot, Yiddish. landsman.
nativity, n. 1. birth, blessed event, childbirth, delivery; parturition, childbearing, giving birth, bringing or coming into the world, (all of animals) dropping, hatching, laying, casting, Obs. geniture.
2. background, heritage, origins, extraction, derivation, beginnings; parentage, ancestry, lineage, descent, blood, stock, breed; nationality, national origin, citizenship.
3. Nativity birth of Jesus Christ, coming of the son of God or the Savior; Christmas, celebration of the birth of Christ; manger scene, crèche.
natty, adj. spruce, smart, dapper, All Sl. spiffy, sharp, nifty, nobby, swell; sleek, trim, neat, well-groomed; chic, stylish, fashionable, well-dressed, well-turned-out, out of a band box, Both Sl. classy, snazzy; elegant, fancy, dressed to the teeth, dressed to kill, dressed in the fives, Inf. dressy, Inf. posh, Inf. ritzy, Inf. swanky, Inf. swank, Inf. all gussied-up, Sl. all dressed-up, Sl. all duded-up.
natural adj. 1. genuine, real, authentic, honest, actual, unartificial, inartificial; unaltered, unmodified, unchanged, untouched, unaffected; pure, unmixed, uncombined; crude, raw, unrefined; wild, untamed, uncultivated.
2. native, inborn, inbred, innate, connate, connatural, natural-born, ingerenate. See native (def. 1).
3. inveterate, rooted, deep-rooted, planted, implanted, fixed. See native (def. 4).
4. free, unfettered, unconstrained; spontaneous, immediate, automatic, impulsive, on-the-spot, involuntary; unprescribed, noninvoluntary, intuitive, intuitional; unintended, unintentional, unconscious, unwitting.
5. physical, material, corporeal, substantial; tangible, palpable; simple, plain, unadorned.
6. ordinary, exceptional, homely, commonplace, common; normal, routine, habitual, regular, standard, typical; accepted, established, usual, current, customary.
7. innocent, naïve, ingenuous, artless, guileless, simple-minded, untaught, unstudied, untutored, uneducated. See native (def. 1).
8. open, open-hearted, plain-spoken; candid, blunt, frank, direct, straightforward, reserved; informal, unpretentious, unpretending, unassuming.
9. illegitimate, bastard, baseborn; adulterous, adulterine.
10. unreformed, unregenerate, unconverted, unredeemed.
11. logical, reasonable; subsequent, consequent.
12. elemental, elementary, essential, basic, primary, fundamental, underlying, radical.
13. subjective, constitutional, idiosyncratic.
15. Idiot, imbecile, half-wit, moron, simpleton, Sl. dimwit; dunce, dolt, dullard, numskull, blockhead, dunderhead, dunderpate; ignoramus, ninny, nincompoop, nitwit.
naturalize, v. 1. confer citizenship upon, endow
with rights of citizenship, swear in or admit as a citizen; enfranchise, franchise, grant suffrage to.

nauseated, adj. sick to one's stomach, unwell, anorexic.

nauseate, v. throw up, vomit.

nautical, adj. maritime, naval, marine; seagoing, sea-faring, ocean-going; boating, yachting, sailing; navigational.

navel, n. umbilicus, omphalos, Inf. bellybutton.

navigate, v. 1. steer, skipper, Naut. con; drive, guide, direct, manage, plot the course.

navy, n. 1. pilot, aviator, flyer; helmsman, navigator, n.

near, adv. 1. close, by, nearby, nigh; within earshot or hearing, within view or sight, within close range; around, hereabout, about, not far off or away.

nearly, adv. — near, nearly, not far off, around, hereabout, about, not far off or away.

nauseated, adj. sick to one's stomach, unwell, unsteady, under the weather, Inf. blue or green around the gills; queasy; nauseous, Sl. barfy, qualmish, squemish; seasick, carsick, airsick.

2. disgusted, revolted, repelled, with a bitter taste in one's mouth, appalled, offended.

nauseating, adj. contemptible, disgusting, loathsome, abhorrent, revolting, funny as a crutch; nauseous, sickness, odious, abominable, despicable, execrable; offensive, distasteful, unsavory; obnoxious, foul, vile.

nausea, n. sickness, upset stomach, Inf. throw up, vomit, Inf. collywobbles; vomiting, throwing up, Inf. upchucking, queasiness; seasickness, Fr. mal de mer, motion sickness, air sickness, car sickness.

2. disgust, loathing, abhorrence, repulsion, revulsion, repugnance; aversion, hatred, detestation; distaste, dislike.

nauseous, adj. sick to one's stomach, unwell, unsteady, under the weather, Inf. blue or green around the gills; queasy; nauseous, Sl. barfy, qualmish, squemish; seasick, carsick, airsick.

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nausea, n. sickness, upset stomach, Inf. throw up, vomit, Inf. collywobbles; vomiting, throwing up, Inf. upchucking, queasiness; seasickness, Fr. mal de mer, motion sickness, air sickness, car sickness.

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hoarding, stingy, miserly; selfish, ungenerous, close, tight-fisted, close-fisted, narrow-fisted, cheap, mean; frugal, economical, thrifty, saving, scrimping, penny-saving, penny-pinching, sharing, skimping; avaricious, greedy, covetous, mercenary.

—prep. 8. close to, close by, nigh, in the neighborhood or vicinity of, not far away from, a stone's throw away from, within reach of, handy to; toward, around, about, upon; next to, adjacent to, contiguous to, tangential to.

9. bordering on, neighboring on, on the brink of, on the verge of, approaching, nearing.

—v. 10. draw nigh, draw near, come close, come within, come together, converge; approximate, border on, approach, come near, verge, lean toward, move toward, Archaic. nigh.

nearing, adj. approaching, approximating; converging, convergent; coming, coming closer, imminent, impending, drawing nigh.

nearly, adv. 1. almost, Inf. most, all but, as good as, virtually; not quite, barely, hardly, scarcely; next to, close to, near, well-nigh, nigh, nigh upon or onto; nearing, approaching, toward, bordering on, verging on.

2. approximately, just about, roughly, around; next,附近, next to, about, nearly, nearly at; approximating, approaching; approximate, bordering on, verging on.

3. almost, Inf. most, all but, as good as, virtually; not quite, barely, hardly, scarcely; next to, close to, near, well-nigh, nigh, nigh upon or onto; nearing, approaching, toward, bordering on, verging on.

4. intimately, dearly, familiarly, confidentially, personally.

nearness, n. 1. closeness, proximity, propinquity, proximation, contiguity, contiguousness, adjacency, adjacent, vicinity, vicinage, neighborhood.

2. intimacy, close association, deep understanding, tenderness, warmth, affection, fondness, endearment, dearness, nearness and dearness; familiarity, friendship, comradship, fellowship, chumminess, clubliness, Inf. thickness, Inf. tightness.

near-sighted, adj. 1. myopic, short-sighted, purblind, mope-eyed.

2. near-sighted, n. 1. myopia, short-sightedness, near-sight, Rare. mope-eye.

2. narrow-mindedness, narrowness, parochialism, provincialism, insularity, hideboundness, illiberality; prejudiced, bigoted, biased, partial, one-sided, subjective; dogmatic, fanatic, opinionated, zealous, chauvinistic, jingoistic; rooted, settled, fixed, rigid.

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necessity, n. 1. necessity, requisite, requirement. See necessity (def 1).

2. compulsive, involuntary, coercive, choiceless, forced; compulsory, obligatory, binding, mandatory, prescriptive; inescapable, unavoidable, ineluctable, ineluctably; irresistible, irresistible; certain, for certain, sure; in terms of, sure as death, sure as death and taxes, inevitable, necessities.

—n. 3. necessity, requisite, requirement. See necessity (def 1).


necessitate, v. oblige, require, demand, exact, call for, dictate, insist upon; compel, impel, force, make cause, cause to, have; constrain, bind, tie [s.o.'s] hands, leave no option or choice; drive, railroad, ramrod; bring to bear upon, bear down upon, put the pressure on, press, apply pressure, Inf. pressure or high-pressure, Inf. lean on, Inf. squeeze, Inf. put the screws on or to, Inf. twist [s.o.'s] arm; coerce, dragoon, bully, intimidate, Inf. steamroller, Inf. bulldoze, Sl. strong-arm.

necessitous, adj. 1. needy, indigent, impoverished, impuansued, penurious, distracted, in reduced circumstances, reduced, straitened, in straitened circumstances, in narrow straits, in dire straits; poor, badly off, Inf. hard up, unable to make ends meet, unable to keep the wolf from the door; disadvantaged, underprivileged, in want, in need, mendicant, beggarly, beggarly, pauperized; destitute, poverty-stricken, penniless, without a penny, without a sou, down-and-out; All Sl. broke, flat broke, stone broke, stony, busted, for, boss, tough, heavy, bad, groovy, cool, marvy, fab, A-OK.

6. clever, ingenious, resourceful, daedal; deft, adept, adroit, apt, dexterous, handy, skillful.

7. (all of liquor) straight, straight-up, unmixed, undiluted, unwatered, unblended, uncut, unadulterated, pure.

—adv. 8. smartly, sprucely, nattily, trimly, sleekly, neatly, Inf. slickly.

9. skillfully, expertly, adroitly, adately, dexterously, deftly, handily, aptly; cleverly, ingeniously, resourcefully.

neaten, v. tidy, tidy up, straighten up or out, pick up, clean, clean up, Inf. fix up, Inf. police; spruce up, groom, trim, put in trim, Brit. Dial. tryp up or out; arrange, order, put in order.

nebulous adj. 1. obscure, indistinct, indeterminate, hazy, fuzzy, shapeless, amorphous; faint, pale, dim; murky, opaque; muddled, confused, muddy, Inf. clear as mud; vague, abstract, general, generalized, nonspecific, unspecific, undifferentiated.

2. cloudy, clouded, overclouded, overcast; foggy, hazy, misty; cloudlike, nebulous, nibulous.

3. celestial, heavenly, empyrean; astral, starry, stellar, spheric, nebular.

necessarily, adv. 1. of necessity, perforce, by force of circumstance, needfully, needs must, without choice; willy-nilly, willing or unwilling, whether willing or not, whether or no, like it or not; Fr. bon gré, mal gré; Latin. nolens volens.

2. as a result, consequently, as a consequence, in consequence; naturally, of course, as a matter of course, and so, it follows that; inevitably, unavoidably, inescapably, ineluctably, certainly, surely, without doubt.

necessary, adj. 1. needed, needed, called-for, on demand, required; indispen- sable, vital, essential, of the essence, important, of the utmost importance; fundamental, elementary, rudimentary, basic, bedrock, material, substantive, Inf. square-one; imperative, urgent, exigent, instant, pressing, compelling, high-priority, high-pressure, life-and-death or life-or-death.

2. compulsive, involuntary, coercive, choiceless, forced; compulsory, obligatory, binding, mandatory, prescriptive; inescapable, unavoidable, ineluctable, ineluctably; irreversible, irresistible; certain, for certain, sure; in terms of, sure as death, sure as death and taxes, inevitable, necessities.
necessity, n. 1. requirement, requisite, prerequisite; making, what it takes; necessities, essentials, bare essentials or necessities; Latin, sine qua non.

2. indispensability, essentiality, needfulness, Archaic. necessitude; compulsoriness, obligatoriness, mandatoriness.

3. need, want, desire, demand, call for; essential, indispensable, must, must-have, must item, imperative, exigency, urgency, urgent need, dire necessity, matter of life and death or matter of life or death; matter of necessity, case of need.

4. inevitability, inescapability, ineluctability; unavoidable, inavoidability, inevasibility; certainity, certitude, Inf. sure thing, Inf. sure bet; choicelessness, no choice, no alternative, Hobson's choice.

5. compulsion, obligation, obligation, necessitation, constraint; pressure, high pressure, high-pressure tactics or methods, durees, force, coercion, Inf. the strong arm, Inf. strong-arm tactics.

6. indigence, penury, impecuniousness, impoverishment, neediness, necessiousness; poverty, destitution, penury, beggary, pauperism, pennilessness, hand-to-mouth existence; straits, narrow straits, straitened or narrow or reduced or embarrassed circumstances; poor house, poor farm, wolf at the door, bare cupboard.

7. of necessity necessarily, perforce, by force of circumstances; willy-nilly, like it or not; consequently, as a result. See also necessarily (defs. 1, 2).

neck, n. 1. nape, scruff, Anat. cervix.

2. isthmus, tongue, cape, peninsula.

3. tract, strains, arm, channel, canal, creek, U.S. Dial. cut, come.

4. neck and neck even, equal, level; abreast, side by side, nose to nose, alongside, parallel, running level, on a par.

—v. 5. Informal. kiss, Sl. make out, buss, Sl. smooch, smack, Inf. lollygag, osculate; fondle, pet, caress, stroke, pat; nuzzle, nestle, carry on, snuggle; bill and coo, make love, slap and tickle.

neckband, n. collar, ruff, dog-collar, collarband, rabato; neckchief, kerchief, clerical collar, stole, tippet; bandanna, scarf, muffler, boa; chemisette, tucker, guipme, fichu.

necklace, n. necklace, chain, string, ablet, torque, riviere, Archaic. carcanet; choker, love beads, beads, chapelet, wampum; locket, pendant, lavaliere, amulet, medallion, gorget.

necktie, n. tie, cravat, bow tie, stock, four-in-hand, old school tie; ascot, neckchief, jabot, necklace, Obs. neckcloth.

necrology, n. 1. obituary, obit, death notice.

2. death register, death record, death roll, casualty list; martyrlogy.

cernomancer, n. magician, black magician, wizard, warlock, witch; magus, sorcerer, sorceress, spiritualist, exorcist, Archaic. mage; theurgist, thaumaturgist, miracle-worker, hext, voodooist, hoodooist, root doctor; incantator, enchanter, enchantress, charmer, occultist; diviner, prophet, sooth, soothsayer, astrologer, dowser.

cromancy, n. magic, black magic, witchery, witchcraft, wizardry; voodoo, hoodoo, hoodooism, hoodooism, obi, obivism, conjure, root work; sorcery, gramairey; shamanism, demonology, diabolism, deviltry, mysticism, spiritualism; conjuration, soothsaying, horoscopology, astrology; exorcism, exsufflation; divination, black art, thaumaturgy, theurgy.

ceromantic, adj. magical, incantatory, alchemistic, runic, voodooistic, hoodooistic, shamanistic, thaumaturgic, theurgic; occult, cabalistic, mystic, spiritualistic, magian; sorcerous, goetic, sortilegious, Circean, Chaldean.

cemetery, n. cemetery, graveyard, churchyard, memorial park; catacomb, columbarium; burial ground, burial place, golgotha, garden of sleep, God's acre, potter's field; ossuary, charnel house, (of animals) boneyard.

nectarous, adj. sweet, delicious, ambrosial, delectable, fit for a king, fit for the gods; luscious, succulent, juicy, Inf. scruptious, Inf. yummy, toomhowse, mouth-watering; honeyed, sugary, candied, mellifluous, melliferous, sugar-sweet, honey-sweet.

nee, adj. born, formerly, previously, heretofore.

need, n. 1. requirement, demand, prerequisite; obligation, duty, charge; necessity, essential, Latte; sine qua non; necessitude, essentiality, indispensability.

2. want, lack, desideratum; default, death, insufficiency, shortness, paucity, shortcoming.

3. exigency, emergency, crisis, pinch, urgency, stress, matter of life and death.

4. destitution, poverty, neediness, indigence, penury,privation; impecunioseness, straits, extremity, difficulty; pauperism, beggary, mendicancy.

—v. 5. require, demand, necessitate; want, call for, have occasion for, have need of; lack, not suffice, stand in need of, be without, miss; crave for, pine for, yearn for, desire, desiderate, hope for.

needle, n. 1. darner, bodkin, pin, tag, nib, nee, tip; hypodermic needle, Brit. Sl. jag, probe, Surg. trocar.

2. stylus, style, point, graver, engraver, scaper; die, tool, punch, stamp; perforator, piercer, puncturer; bit, auger, drill, borer.

3. pine needle, thorn, Bot., Zool. micro, prick, sticker; bramble, briar, bristle, spicule, spiculum.

4. arrow, pointer, compass needle, indicator; index finger, hour hand, minute hand.

—v. 5. Informal. a. goad, spur, prod, provoke; sting, prick, urge, press, nag, whip lash. b. annoy, irk, vex, nettle, aggravate, rile; pester, tease, devil, Sl. bug, pick on, pluck the beard of, Sl. razz; ruffle, disturb, exasperate, Inf. miff, Inf. peive, pique.

needle-shaped, adj. pointed, needlelike, acicular, aciform, acuminate, acuminate, mucronate; spiked, spiculate, spicular, toothed, tined, pronged, barbed; sharp, long, slender, keen, thin.

needless, adj. 1. unnecessary, uncalled for, gratuitous, unneeded, unwanted; unessential, nonessential, useless, dispensable, expendable; superfluous, redundant, supererogatory, Fr. de trop, excess, in excess, spare; tautological, pleonastic, excessive, excessive, over and above; wordy, prolix, verbose, circumlocutory.

2. needless to say it goes without saying, obviously, of course, naturally, necessarily, as a matter of course.

needlewoman, n. needleworker, needlepointer, embroiderer, crewelworker, lace maker, tatter; stitcher, sewer, knitter, crocheter.

needlework, n. needlecraft, needlepoint, crewelwork, embroidery, petit point, gros point, point lace, lacework, tatting, tapestry; sewing, stitching, knitting, crocheting; fancywork, ornamentation, trimming.

needy, adj. destitute, poor, indigent, imppecunious; wanting, lacking, strapped, pinched, squeezed; Inf. hard up, Sl. broke, Sl. flat, Sl. busted; mendicant, beggarly, beggarly, pauperized, impoverished, poor as a
negation, denial, contradiction, gainsay, disbelieve, negate, nullify, render null and void, declare
1. nullifying, voiding, disannulling, annulling, canceling, revocation; quashing, invalidating, vitiating, vacating, disenacting; forbidding, prohibiting, proscribing, disapproving; denying, contradicting, gainsaying, traversing.
2. opposed, opposing, oppositional; opponent, adversary, adversative, conflicting, against; counter, counteractive, counteracting, contrary, contradictory, contrapositive, adverse; antipathetic, antipathetical, repugnant, irreconcilable.
3. opposite, other, reverse, obverse, inverse, contrary, contrasting.
4. pessimistic, cynical, faultfinding, complaining; gloomy, glum, mopey, mopeless, morose; adverse, unfriendly, uncongenial; unhelpful, uncooperative, recusant, uncompliant.
5. unrewarding, ineffective, gainless, profitless, fruitless, vain, futile.

—v.
6. deny, gainsay, contradict, refuse, disprove, negate. See negate (def. 2).
7. nullify, veto, forbid, negate. See negate (def. 1).
8. neutralize, counteract, offset, balance, equalize.

effect of, pass over, pretermit; ignore, overlook, look the other way, blink at, wink at, connive at; let [s.t.] ride, gloss over, make light of, shake off; pass by, Inf. give [s.t.] a miss.
2. omit, forget, lose sight of, not attend to, leave undone; scamp, skimp, shirk, Sl. goof off, Inf. lie down on the job; be remiss, be derelict, be heedless.
3. abandon, fail to care or provide for, Inf. let [s.t.] go; shun, leave alone; spurn, slight, Inf. cold-shoulder, scorn, contemn.
4. forbear, abstain from, do without, forgo, renounce, dispense with.
—n.
5. disregard, omission, oversight, inattention, default, Law. laches; disregardfulness, inattentionfulness, forgetfulness, neglectfulness; incalculation, incalculativeness, heedlessness, carelessness, inadvertence, inadvertency.
6. noninterference, laissez faire, passiveness, passivity; inactivity, inaction, stasis; dormancy, stagnation.
7. negligence, negligency, dereliction, delinquency, remissness, Obs. indigence; laxity, slackness, looseness, Fr. laissez-aller; slovenliness, sloppiness, shoddiness; carelessness, inaccuracy, inexactitude, inexactness.
8. languor, languidness, inertness, inaction, indolence, torpor, torpitude; at the wheel or at the switch or on the job; indolent, lazy, slothful, laggard, shiftless, do-nothing, fainéant; slack, loose, lax, sleepy, slipshod; dilatory, delaying, procrastinative, cunctatorial, cunctatory.

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neglegent, adj. 1. disregardful, disregarding, indolent, inattentive, careless, heedless, unheeding; unobservant, unf watchful, inadvertent, unguarded; thoughtless, unthinking, unmindful, forgetful, oblivious, unaware; improvident, imprudent, indifferent, ridiculous.
2. negligent, remiss, delinquent, derelict, Inf. asleep at the wheel or at the switch or on the job; indolent, lazy, slothful, laggard, shiftless, do-nothing, fainéant; slack, loose, lax, sleepy, slipshod; dilatory, delaying, procrastinative, cunctatorial, cunctatory.

negligee, n. nightgown, gown, décolletage, Inf. nightie; dressing gown, peignoir, kimono, caftan, lounging robe, house coat, robe, bathrobe, bed jacket, wrapper, Fr. robe de chambre.

negligence, n. dereliction, remissness, laxity. See
neglect (defs. 5-8).

neglectful (defs. 1, 2).

negligent, adj. 1. disregardful, remiss, derelict. See neglectful (defs. 1, 2).

offhand, casual, carefree; nonchalant, insouciant, devil-may-care, happy-go-lucky, lackadaisical; indifferent, unconcerned, unsolicitous, uncaring, perfunctory, cursory; unstudied, unplanned, unpromediated.

negligible, adj. trifling, piddling, inconsequential, negligible, unworthy of notice or notice; inappreciable, imperceptible, insignificant, unimportant, small, worthless, paltry, nugatory, petty; inferior, second-rate, of no account, Inf. no-account, small-time, Sl. two-bit, small potatoes.

negotiate, v. bargain, drive a bargain, make a deal; dick, haggle, parley, haggle, chaffer, Scot. argle-bargle, Inf. talk down, Inf. beat down, Offensive. jew or jew down; make a bid or an offer, make a counteroffer, counter, come back with, go back and forth, bandy, volley.

2. arrange, work out, confer, parley, debate, discuss, talk over, work with [s.o.] on; mediate, intermediate, arbitrate, adjudicate, umpire, referee, intercede, intervene, Law. intervene; give and take, compromise, reach an agreement or settlement or compromise, meet halfway, agree on, settle differences, settle, come to terms, strike a bargain, contract, conclude, complete, finish, consummate.

3. transact, conduct, carry on or out, perform, execute, do; manage, orchestrate, engineer, handle, deal with; bring off, carry off, Sl. pull off, Sl. swing, succeed, accomplish, fulfill, discharge; bring about, make happen, cause, effect, effectuate, produce, get.

4. clear, pass over, hurdle, vault over, leap over, jump over, spring over, bound over, bounce over, hop over, skip over, make it over, Inf. make; travel over, get through.

5. commute, exchange, trade, swap, swap, Finance. convert; spend, pass, use; transfer, pass over, hand over, deliver, consign, make over, sign over, endorse, give title to, Law. assign, Law. convey; sell, vend, peddle, take money for, give to [s.o.] for a price, dispose of, get rid of.

negotiation, n. 1. discussion, parley, debate, collective bargaining, working out, give and take; mediation, intermediation, arbitration, armchairment, adjudication, diplomacy, interposition, refereeing, umpring.

2. bargaining, dickering, haggling, higgling, Offensive. jewelry; bidding, offering, counteroffering, counterbargaining, Inf. back and forth, bandying.

3. transaction, deal, bargain, sale; trade, exchange, swap, swap, dick; transfer, consignment, signing over, delivery, Law. assignment, Law. conveyance.

4. agreement, arrangement, understanding, meeting of minds, compromise, settlement, mutual settlement, determination, decision; contract, collective agreement, compact, concordat, convention, covenant, treaty, bond.

negotiator, n. 1. mediator, mediatress, mediatrix, arbitrator, adjudicator, judge, determinant, decider; interposer, interceder, intercessor, intervener, referee, umpire, negotiant, intermediary, intermediary, middleman, go-between; diplomat, diplomatist, ambassador, envoy, plenipotentiary, proxy, nuncio, internuncio, delegate, representative, agent.

2. bargainer, dickerer, haggler, palterer, quibbler, tough customer, shrewd buyer or consumer.

3. transactor, conductor of business, businessman, businesswoman, Sl. wheeler-dealer; salesperson, saleswoman, saleslady, dealer, trader, merchant, retailer, wholesaler; seller, vendor, peddler, haggler.

Negro, n. 1. Negroid, black, black person, dark-skinned person; Negrito, Papuan, Melanesian, Australian aborigine; Ethiopian, Moor, Bantu, Sudanese, Hottentot; Senegambian, Mandingo, Krooman, Pygmy, Zulu, Ibo, Nubian; Afro-American, Afro-European, Afro-Asiatic; colored man, man of color, Inf. gentleman of color, Inf. colored; negro, colored woman.

—adj. 2. Negroid, black, black or brown-skinned.

neigh, v. whinny, bray; bleat, blat, baa; cry, wail, call.

neighbor, n. 1. person next door, borderer, abuter, adjoining property owner, nearby dweller; fellow villager, fellow townsperson, fellow citizen, fellow man, acquaintance, associate, friend.

—v. 1. impinge, touch, meet, verge upon, abut, adjoin, join up to, back up to, border, border, connect.

neighborhood, n. 1. vicinity, environs, precinct, quarter, part, parts, locale; district, locality, confines, area, region, community, environment, suburbs, outskirts, surrounding parts; Inf. neck of the woods, Inf. haunts, Inf. stamping grounds.

2. nearness, closeness, proximity, approximation, propinquity; approach, near approach, convergence.

3. in the neighborhood of approximately, nearly, around, about, almost; bordering on, nigh on to, close to, just about, a figure close to.

neighboring, adj. abutting, adjoining, adjacent, contiguous, touching, juxtapositional; bordering, bordering on, verging on, connecting, next, backing up to, close, near, nearest, very near, at hand, close at hand, near at hand; proximal, proximate, verging on, around, surrounding, circumjacent; nigh, nigh to, nearby, in proximity to; vicinal, in the general vicinity, not far away.

neighboringly, adj. 1. friendly, Inf. chummy, amiable, affable, agreeable, cordial, amicable; sociable, gregarious, convivial, companionable; familiar, accessible, intimate, close, near, Inf. cozy, homey, informal.

2. warm-hearted, generous, sharing, hospitable; kind, kindly, well-disposed, kindly-disposed, considerate, helpful; brotherly, sisterly, thoughtful, obliging, solicitous, attentive; gracious, courteous, polite, civil; peaceful, harmonious, unhospital, easy to get along with.

neither, conj. 1. not either, neither one, not either one.

2. nor, nor yet, no more.

—adj. 3. not either, not the one or the other.

—pron. 4. not either, not one person or the other, not one thing or the other.

nemesis, n. 1. requital, just deserts, just due, retribution, punishment; retaliation, vindication, reengeance, vengeance.

2. downfall, ruin, destruction, undoing, Waterloo, defeat, vanquishment.

neologism, n. 1. neology, neoterism, new word, new term, new phrase, new expression, coinage; made-up word, fabricated word, invented word; blend, portmanteau word; nonce word.

2. new doctrine, new interpretation, new version, new translation.

neology, n. neologism, neoterism, new word. See neologism (defs. 1, 2).

neophyte, n. 1. convert, proselyte.

2. beginner, abecedarian, tyro, novice, novitiate, amateur, catechumen, tenderfoot, Sl. greenhorn, fledgling, cub; recruit, raw recruit, rookie, freshman, pledge, initiate; newcomer, new member, entrant; learner, student, pupil, protégé, disciple; intern, stu-
nervous, adj. 1. strength, sinew, stamina; power, puissance, might, robustness; virility, muscle, brawn; vigor, vitality, vim, Inf. piss and vinegar, vim and vigor, Inf. starch; energy, get up and go, Inf. pep, verve, Sl. moxie; animation, zing, liveliness, vivacity; espirit, spirit, sprightliness; dash, elan, ardor, fervor, fire, zeal.

2. courage, valor, bravery, intrepidity, prowess, chivalry; fearlessness, dauntlessness, daring, derring-do; mettle, pluck, spunk, Inf. guts, gumption, grit, Inf. sand, backbone, heart; fortitude, endurance, tenacity, determination, will, firmness, staunchness, stout-heartedness, steadfastness; indomitability, invincibility, resoluteness, douhtedness, sturdiness.

3. Informal. impertinence, chutzpah, gall, brass, Sl. cheek, Sl. crust; effrontery, impudence, sauciness, rudeness, insolence; audacity, boldness, presumption, brazenness, brashness.

—v. 4. encourage, hearten, inspire, inspirit; embolden, invigorate, animate, enliven; strengthen, steel, brace; rally, fortify, arm, bolster.

nestle, v. 1. cool, cool-headed, calm, unruffled, unperterurbed, undisturbed, untroubled, placid, tranquil, serene; composed, collected, controlled, self-controlled, self-possessed, steady, steady-handed; dispassionate, impassioned, unemotional, impassive, unemotive, unmethodical; unacceptable, imperturbable, undisturbable.

2. feeble, weak, weakly, forceless, impotent, powerless, impuissant, helpless; weakened, enfeebled, debilitated, enervated, enervate, languid, drooping.

3. spiritless, meek, tame, submissive; spineless, having no backbone, unmanly, cowardly; timid, timorous, afraid, afraid of one's shadow, frightened, Inf. scary; fainthearted, lily-livered, white-livered, Inf. chicken-hearted, Inf. chicken-hearted, Inf. chicken-hearted, Inf. pantywaist, Inf. yellow, Sl. yellow-bellied, Sl. candy-assed.

nerve-racking, adj. trying, difficult, thorny, hard, tough, rough, rugged; troublesome, vexatious, vexing, irritating, annoying, chafing, bothersome, irksome; provoking, gallling, harassing, aggravating, exasperating, frustrating, maddenig, infuriating; perplexing, confusing, disturbing, distressing, disquieting, worrying, worrisome.

nervous, adj. 1. excitable, perturbable, agitable, Sl. flappable; Inf. hyper, high-strung, tense, strained, Sl. upright, keyed up; excited, worked up, wrought up, Sl. in a sweat; agitated, Inf. in a stew, Inf. in a dither, Inf. in a daze, Inf. in a tizzy, Sl. in a flap; flustered, ruffled, disturbed, upset, bothered, perturbed; distressed, troubled, worried, concerned, disquieted. Archaic. disagree; unquiet, fretful, restless, impatient, fidgety, irritable, Inf. antsy; jumpety, jittery, edgy, on edge, Inf. on pins and needles, on tenterhooks; on a tightrope, on a cliff edge, waiting for the other shoe to drop, waiting for the bomb to go off, on a rope, on a rope, waiting for the ax to fall, waiting for the bomb to go off; uneasy, apprehensive, alarmed, anxious, with one's heart in one's mouth, fearful, frightened, scared, Inf. scary, afraid, afraid of one's shadow; skittish, shy, timid, timorous; tremulous, trembling, shky, shaking, quaking.

2. neural, nerve, neurophysiological, neuroanatomical, Sl. nervous.

3. sinewy, firm, hard, strong, forceful, powerful; tough, rough, rugged, hardy, sturdy; robust, vigorous, nervy, active, energetic.

nervousness, n. excitation, excitableness, perturbability, nervousness, n. excitability, excitableness, perturbation, nervousness, excitability, excitableness, perturbability, nervousness, excitability, excitableness, perturbability, nervousness, excitability, excitableness, perturbability, nervousness, excitability, excitableness, perturbability.
nether

nettle, v.: woven fabric, cheesecloth, muslin, lace; netting, 1.

adj.: entrapped, trapped, ensnared, meshlike, webbed, weblike, webby.

net, adj.: nether

nettle, n.: netting, in one’s hair; disturbing, perturbing, ruffling, disquieting, vexing.

netlessome, adj.: netting, irritating, Inj. aggravating, Inj. in one’s hair; disturbing, perturbing, ruffling, disquieting, vexing.

network, n.: organization, order, system, method, modus operandi; arrangement, formulation, systematization, coordination; structure, classification, tabulation, plan; bureaucracy, red tape, regulations, interconnection, complex.

neurosis, n.: psychoneurosis, mental illness, psychological or emotional disorder, mental disturbance, emotional instability, mental derangement, psychopathy, sickness, ailment, malady, affliction, disease; abnormality, abnormal condition, irregularity, aberration, deviation, psychological maladjustment; phobia, Psychi.

neurotic, adj.: psychoneurotic, emotionally disordered, mentally disturbed, emotional instability, mental derangement, psychopathy; sickness, ailment, malady, affliction, disease; abnormality, abnormal condition, irregularity, aberration, deviation, psychological maladjustment; phobia, Psychi.

neutral

adj. 1. of a person or government non-participating, uninvolved, disengaged, non-interventional; nonfighting, noncombatant, noncombative, pacificist, peaceable, peaceful.

2. impartial, nonpartisan, nonparty, unbiased, unprejudiced, without favoritism, open-minded; unaligned, nonaligned, unaligned, unsided, uncommitted, independent, of voters unaffiliated; free; disinterested, dispassionate, indifferent, unaffected, uncomplicated; objective, detached, withdrawn, remote, aloof.

3. indefinite, indeterminate, indistinguishable, unanswerable, unknown, uncertain, unknowable, inscrutable, unaccountable, unexplainable, indefinable, indescribable, inexpressible, unexpressible, unformulable, unsayable, unspeakable, unutterable.

4. nonpartisan, impartial party. See def. 6).

—v. 5. castrate, asexualize, emasculate, alter, modify, struggle, work against, struggle against, contend against; fight against, resist, combat, oppose, stand in the way of; counteract, counterbalance, counterpoise, make up for, compensate for; destroy the effect of.

neutralize, v. 2. balance out, equal out, come out even; normalize, counterbalance, counterpoise, make up for, compensate for; destroy the effect of.

neutrification, n. 1. counteraction, offsetting, countervailing, countering, countering, counterbalancing, neutralizing, normalization; nullification, cancellation, annulment, undoing.

2. balance, equipoise, equilibrium; neutrality, normality, normality.

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2. balance out, equal out, come out even; normalize, return to normal, recover.

—adv. 9. recently, lately, of late, just now, now; latterly, not long ago, the other day, only yesterday.

10. freshly, anew, afresh, like new, as new; once more, again, once again, Latin. de novo, Inf. from scratch, from the beginning; from the ground up, Latin. ab ovo, from the beginning.

newborn, adj. 1. just born, newlyfledged, neonatal; infantile, infant, baby, baby; unlicked, still wet behind the ears, unweaned; in the cradle or crib, in swaddling clothes, at the breast, in diapers, Brit. in nappies.

2. reborn, regenerate, regenerated, re-created, recreated, remodelled, modernized.

—n. 3. newborn infant, neonate, baby, infant; babo, papoose, It. bambino; weanling, nuzzling, suckling, fostering, yearling; fledging, nestling, duckling, chick, gosling, cygnet; piglet, pigling, shoat, kid, yearling, lamb, ewelamb, lambkin; polliwog, tadpole; puppy, pup, whelp, kit, kitten, cub; calf, colt, foal, filly, fawn.
newcomer, n. 1. new arrival, arrival, immigrant, emigrant, comer, incomer, naturalized citizen, alien; entrant, settler, colonist; outsider, intruder, interloper, ultramontane, barbarian, stranger, (in India and the East) griffin.
2. novice, beginner, amateur, tyro, neophyte; apprentice, learner, trainer, probationer, initiate, novitiate, catechumen; Inf. greenhorn, Sl. greenie, fledgeling, freshman, Sl. jaboney, debutant, Sl. deb; recruit, raw recruit, inductee, Sl. boot.

newfangled. adj. modern, contemporary, recent; novel, imaginative, different. See new (defs. 1, 4-6).

newfangledness, n. novelist, novel, new, novelty, neomorphism, newfangledness; unusualness, uncommonness, peculiarity, singularity, unfamiliarity, strangeness; uniqueness, originality, inventiveness, creativity.

newsgatherer, n. 1. report, account, statement, publication, announcement, release, press release, news release; message, dispatch, communication, communiqué, bulletin. Journalism. flash or news flash.
2. information; Inf. info, intelligence, data, facts, inside facts or information, Inf. lowdown, Inf. scoop, Sl. goss. talk, rumor, buzz, whisper, Inf. scuttlebutt, Inf. hearsay, Archaic. bruit; gossip, idle talk, tittle-tattle, scandal, dirt.
3. word, notification, advice; tidings, glad tidings, good news; bad news.
4. newscast, broadcast, radiobroadcast, radio program; telecast, television program.
5. copy, good copy, story, news item, hot item, big news, front-page news.
6. newspaper, paper, gazette. See newspaper.


next, adj. 1. following, ensuing, succeeding, successive, sequential, subsequent, later, after; consequent, attendant, resulting, latter.
2. adjacent, neighboring, bordering, contiguous, adjoining; closest, nearest, nearby, proximate.

nib, n. 1. bill, beak, pecker, neb.
2. tip, point, end; penpoint; peak, apex, vertex, summit, top, tiptop, extremity.

nibble, v. pick at, pick over, peck at, take small bites, eat; snack, nosh, munch, eat between meals, Sl. cheat.
	nice, adj. 1. agreeable, pleasant, winning, winsome, taking, delightful, attractive, likable; cheering, cheerful, amusing, humorous; amiable, friendly, cordial, genial, congenial; charming, gracious, generous, warm-hearted, sympathetic, understanding, compassionate; good, kind, kindly, kindly-disposed, benignant, benevolent, charitable.
2. gratifying, pleasing, pleasurable, to one's taste, satisfying, satisfactory, good, enjoyable, pleasure-giving, smooth, rich, tender, soft, comfortable, comforting, cozy, warm, homey; piquant, sweet, appetizing, delectable, savory, toothsome, succulent, mouth-watering, Inf. scrumptious, Inf. tasty.
3. refined, of good taste, elegant, proper, right, correct; appropriate, suitable, seemly, fitting, right and proper, as it should be; in the best taste, tasteful, in good taste; cultured, civilized, cultivated, polished, sophisticated, finished; elegant, genteel, decent, decorous, respectable; virtuous, chaste.
4. precise, accurate, exact, strict, close, detailed; specific, clear-cut, clean-cut, well-defined; true, direct, unerring, definite, positive, sure, express, faithful, Inf. sure-enough, Inf. dead on, Inf. straight-up-and-down; mathematically exact, pin-point; faultless, flawless, perfect, letter-perfect.
5. scrupulous, meticulous, careful, painstaking, methodical; particular, discriminating, choosy, perfectionistic; distinguishing, differential, selective, perceptive, perspicacious, astute, wise, judicious, sagacious, sagacious; penetrating, acute, critical, ticklish; attentive, heartful, assiduous, discriminative, discriminatory, discreetional, discretionarily, discreet, keen, discerning, perceptive, differentiating.
6. fastidious, delicate, fine, excellent, exquisite, dain-
nice nelly, adj. 1. preciseness, precision, exactitude, niceness, n.

nice nellyism, primness, excessive propriety, nicety, punctilio, fine point, detail, n.

1. Inf. nice words. See torian, Inf. too nice for goody-goody, nice, mouthed. mannered, mincing, simpering; namby-pamby, mealy-ciese, formalistic; pretentious, affected, la-di-da, great, dandy, jim-dandy, crackerjack, All Inf.

nicely, adv. 1. precisely, exactly, meticulously; to the

2. in the nick of time just in time, not a moment too soon.

nick, n. 1. notch, groove, hole, cut, incision, slit, split, score, gash, slash; indentation, indent, dent, dint, hollow, depression; scrape, scratch, scarification, chip, flay, defect, mark, spot, blemish, defacement.

2. niceties refinements, graces, amenities, comforts, creature comforts; luxuries, the good things in life, gratifications, pleasures, the little pleasures that make life worth living.

3. to a nicety precisely, exactly, meticulously; to the letter, to a turn, to a hair.

niche, n. recess, alcove, cove, nook, cranny, hole, pigeonhole, cubby, cubbyhole, corner, Fr. coin, private spot or place.

niggard, n. miser, skinflint, Sl. skin, Sl. cheapskate, Inf. piker, muckworm, Sl. screw; penny pincher, pinchpenny, lickpenny, Inf. tightwad; cheese-paster, hoarder, save-all, Scot. carl; scrooge, Harpagon, money-grubber, harpy, curmudgeon, churl, hunks.

niggardliness, n. 1. parsimony, miserliness, penu-

niggardly, adj. 1. prudish, prim, prissy, Inf. stuffy, Inf. old-maidish; narrow, censorious, puritanical, Victorian, Inf. goody-goody, nice, Inf. too nice for words. See nice (def. 6).

2. euphemistic, overnice, overdelicate, precious, pré-

3. fastidiousness, scrupulousness, particularness, particularity, punctilio, puniclussness, minuteness, strictness, exactingness, daintiness, nicety; choosiness, finickiness, finicalness, fussiness, Inf. pickiness; squeamishness, quaeasiness.

niceness, n. 1. preciseness, precision, exactitude, mathematical exactitude, exactness; meticulousness, attention to detail, accuracy, criticalness, methodicalness; skill, skillfulness, control, technique; conscientiousness, care, infinite care, carefulness, discrimination; simplicity, clarity, clearness, definitiveness.

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niggardly, adj. 1. stingy, parsimonious, miserly, caring, skinflinty; mean, tight, tight-fisted, close-fisted; cheap, Sl. chintzy, moneygrubbing, grasping, parsimonious, Rare, liberal, cheeseparing; scrimping, penny-pinching, grudging, begrudging, ungenerous, stinting, reluctant or unwilling to give; thrifty, frugal, sparing, chary; economical, prudent, saving, penny-wise.

2. scanty, meager, skinny, scrimpy, scant; meanly small, beggarly, pauperly, poor, piddling, Inf. measly,
mère; slight, slender, narrow, puny, very little; insufficient, inadequate, short, shy; insubstantial, nominal, minute, negligible.


2. criticize, gripe, complain, cavil, carp, *Yiddish.* kvetch, nag; object, find fault, poke holes in; mutter in one’s beard, whine, *Sl.* grouse, fret.

**nigging**, adj. 1. petty, minor, picayune, trivial, puny; inconsistent; unimportant, insignificant, negligible, nugatory, worthlessness, uselessness; piddling, trifling, fiddling, frivolous, fribble; inane, silly, foolish, pointless, *Inf.* dumb, idiotic.

2. fussy, overelaborate, intricate, complicated, convoluted; detailed, labored, ornate.

nigh, adv. 1. near, close; presently, soon, anon; nigher, nearer; nighest, nearest; nighest, nearest; concern, matter, object; —adj. 2. near, nearby, approaching, at hand; close, close by, close-at-hand, convenient, in the neighborhood; proximate, forthcoming, imminent, momentary, impending, looming.

3. short, direct, straight, quick.

—prep. 4. close to, near, alongside of. See near (defs. 8, 9).

**night**, n. 1. nighttime, *Poetic.* nighttime; midnight, wee hours, dead of night; time to prowl, witching time, the time when the worms come out, killing time, the other side of the day; bedtime, slumber time.

2. evening, twilight, dying of the light, sunset. See nighttime.

**nightfall**, n. 3. darkness, dark, Cimmerian darkness, Stygian gloom; tenebrousness, gloom, shades of night.

4. night and day unceasingly, ceaselessly, incessant, roughly, generally; in general, thereabouts, somewhere about.

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**nightmare**, adj. 1. disquieting, disturbing, frightening, frightful, fear-inspiring, *Inf.* scary; alarming, startling, dismaying, astounding, appalling; kafkasque, terrifying, terror-inspiring, terror-fraught, horrible, horrid, horrific, awful; dire, fell, dreadful, ghastly, grim, appalling, shocking, creepy; petrifying, harrowing, rending, racking; excruciating, agonizing; odious, execrable, repulsive, forbidding, abhorrent, enough to drive one mad.

2. exasperating, annoying, irritating, provoking, mortifying, galling, plaguing, bothering, bothersome, harassing; worrying, worrisome, tormenting, haunting.

**nighttime**, n. night, dead of night, wee hours. See night (def. 1).

**nightwalker**, n. 1. noctambulist, noctambule, sleepwalker, somnambulist, somnambulator.

2. thief, burglar, housebreaker, robber; *Inf.* second-story man, cat burglar, sneak thief, prowler; *Sl.* cracksman, safecracker, picklock, Raffles.

3. prostitute, whore, harlot, lady of the evening; woman of the profession, woman of ill-repute, woman of the streets, streetwalker, bar girl, call girl, Cyprian; hussy, slut, demimondaine, loose woman, wanton, tramp; *Sl.* chippy, *Fr.* fille de joie, trollop, trampet; *All Sl.* cat, tart, hustler, bim, bimbo, hooker, floozie, working girl.

nihilism, n. 1. total rejection, renunciation, abnegation, denial; skepticism, nullifidianism, floccinaucinihilipilification; agnosticism, disbelief, atheism, nonbelief; cynicism, pessimism, negativism, malism.

2. nonexistence, nothingness, nihility, nullity, negativeness, existencelessness; unreality, unactuality, nonreality, nonlife, nonoccurrence, *Fr.* néant, nullibicity, inexistence, nonsubsistence, incorporeity, incorporeality, inessentiality; nonentity, nonbeing, unbeing; oblivion, negation, blank, void, vacuity, vacuum, emptiness, abeyance, nothing.

3. terrorism, anarchy, lawlessness, antiminstructionism, syndicalism, anarcho-syndicalism; Bakunism, Chartism, subversion, kulakism; sedition, mutiny, insubordination; traitorousness, treason, disloyalty, perfidy; destructiveness, violence, revolutionism; disorder, misrule, unrulelessness, chaos, turmoil, mob rule, mobocracy, ochlocracy, lynching, law, license.

nihilist, n. 1. anarchist, reactionary, extremist, apostle, *Inf.* socialist, syndicalist, anarcho-syndicalist, Bakunist, terrorist, revolutionary, counter-revolutionary, insurrectionist, insurgent, agitator; seditionist, traitor, insubordinate, mutineer, rebel, revoler, secessionist; iconoclast, wrecker, destroyer, sansculotte; factionary, agitator, inquisitor, traitor, insurrectionist, agitator; seditionist, traitor, insubordinate, mutineer, rebel, revoler, secessionist; terror, demonstrators, troublemaker, rabble-rouser, thumper, demagogue, firebrand, mob-orator.

2. skeptic, agnostic, doubter, doubting Thomas, nonbeliever; cynic, pessimist, malist, *Sl.* gloomy Gus.

nihilistic, adj. 1. anarchistic, anarchic, lawless, antimessianist, syndicalist; rebellious, mutinous, riotous, insurrectionary, incendiary, sansculottic; treasonous, traitorous, insubordinate, subversive; revolutionist, revolutionist, counter-revolutionary, reactionist; unruly, disorderly, chaotic, disorganized; destructive, demolitionist, ravaging, vandalic.

2. cynical, pessimistic, negative, negativistic, defeatist, gloomy.

nihility, n. nothingness, nonexistence, nullity. See nihilism (def. 2).


2. no quantity, no degree, no amount, none what-
nimble, adj. 1. agile, lithe, sprightly, light and quick; spry, active, lively, full of life, animad, vivacious, energetic, Inf. chipper, Inf. snappy, Inf. full of pep, Inf. full of get up and go; brisk, rapid, quick, fleet, speedy, expeditious. See also nimbly-footed. 2. alert, prompt, ready, on one's toes, aware, wide-awake; intelligent, smart, smart as a whip. See also nimble-witted.

nimble-footed, adj. skillful, expert, proficient, good at, Inf. no mean; adept, adroit, deft, dexterous, coordinated, handy, neat-handed, sure-handed, neat; clever, resourceful, ingenious, daedal.

nimble-footedly, adv. fast, rapid, fleet, fleet-footed, light-legged, light of heel; speedy, brisk, quick, quick as lightning, quick as thought, quick-moving, swift as an arrow, arrowy, winged, eagle-winged; light, light on one's feet, light-footed, sure-footed, graceful; agile, spry, sprightlyly, Diap. pearl.

nimbleness, n. 1. agility, sprightliness, spryness, featliness, lightness, gracefulness; nimble-footedness, fleet-footedness, light-footedness, light-leggedness; leggery, alacrity, celerity, activity, dispatch, expedition, expeditiousness, address; speed, speediness, swiftness, fleetness, quickness; briskness, smartness, spiritedness, energy, Inf. pepanness.

2. skillfulness, adroitness, dexterity, deftness, finesse, nimble-fingeredness, neat-fingeredness, neat-handledness; cleverness, resourcefulness, ingenuity.

3. alertness, attentiveness, readiness, sharpness, keenness, acuteness; intelligence, smartness, Inf. braininess, brightness, Sl. smarts, Sl. savvy; sharp-wittedness, quick-wittedness, nimble-wittedness, clear or quick thinking; esprit, ready wit, quick wit, sharp wit, nimble wit.

nimbly, adj. 1. agily, sprily, fearty, trippingly, gracefully, lissomely; nimble-footedly, light-footedly, leggedly; fast, speedily, swiftly, fleetly, quickly, rapidly, mercurially; briskly, smartly, spiritedly, animatedly, Inf. snappily; readily, promptly, expeditiously, with dispatch.

2. skillfully, adroitly, dexterously, deftly, expertly, easily, nimble-fingeredly, neat-fingeredly, neatly-handled; cleverly, resourcefully, ingeniously.

3. alertly, attentively, keenly, acutely, sharply; intelligently; nimble-wittedly, quick-wittedly, readily-wittedly, sharp-wittedly; clearly-handled, clearly-witted.

nimbus, n. 1. cloud, aura, atmosphere, ambiance; mood; character, air, quality, tone, feel, feeling, vibrations, Inf. vibes.

2. halo, aureole, auraola, gloriole, ring of light, crown of light, circle of radiance, corona, luminous cloud; effulgence, radiance, luster, luminosity, irradiation, light, glow, glowing, luminescence, shine, shining.

nimetly, n. excess, overabundance, superabundance, overplus, extra, spare, surplus, surplagazine, superfluous, fluud, deluge, inundation, profusion, abundance, cornucopia, horn of plenty; surfeit, glut, plethora, overflow, overloading, oversupply, more than enough, enough and to spare, enough and then some, too much; superfluity, superfluousness, redundancy, supererogation, oversufficiency, overkill, overdose, too much of a good thing, saturation, supersaturation, (all of words) verbiage, wordiness, verbosity, verbose-ness, prolixity, prolixness.

nincumpoop, n. fool, ninny, ninnyhammer, silly, goose, silly billy, Sl. yo-yo, tomfool; simpleton, Simple Simon, saphead, noodle, cuckoo, Inf. jay, idiot, imbecile, moron, Sl. zombie; dimwit, nitwit, half-wit, scatterbrain, Sl. birdbrain, Sl. flake; rattlebrain, rattlebrain, rattlepate, harebrain, Sl. dingbat, Sl. ding-a-ling, featherbrain, addle-brain, addle-head, addle-pate, pinhead; idiot, clown, oaf, dunce, Inf. chump, Sl. jerk, Inf. coot, dullard, Inf. numskull; dope, booby, Inf. dummy, Sl. dumbbell, Sl. meatball, Sl. meathead; blockhead, beetlehead, bonehead, dunderthead, dundertape, chucklehead, Sl. dumbhead, Sl. lumphead, Inf. knucklehead, Sl. stupid-headed; donkey, ass, lubber, lout; ignoramus, know-nothing, lowbrow, illiterate.

nip, v. 1. pinch, bite, bite in, tweak, vellicate, chomp, incise.

2. snap, cut, cut off, pop, suck, crop, truncate, dock, take off, snap, crack off, shave off, shear, clip.

3. retard, check, shorten, cut short, abbreviate; bright, supress, stunt, slow down, delay, drag down; impede, hinder, inhibit, obstruct, cramp, constrain, fold back, discommode, inconvenience.

4. Informal, snatch, seize, clutch, snare, snap, snatch, grab, get one's fingers or hands on, finger, clasp, grip, grasp; bag, sack, pocket, steal, thieve, purloin, take, palm, make off with, Inf. borrow; annex, snatch, swipe, mooch, nick, Inf. cop; appropriate, usurp, help oneself to, make free with, pirate, Inf. lift, plagiarize.

5. nip in the bud See bud (def. 3).

—n. 6. pinch, tweak, vellication, bite, chomp, incision.

7. nasty remark, sharp remark, Inf. dig, sharp rejoinder, caustic remark, Inf. zinger; gibe, scoff, jeer, Inf. jab, Inf. cut, Inf. comeback, insult.

8. tang, tartness, zest, sharpness, piquance, piquan- cy; savor, high seasoning, strong seasoning, high flavor, high relish, strong taste; Inf. zip, Inf. punch, Inf. snak, Inf. twang; poignancy, pungency, pungence.

9. morsel, nibble, taste, Inf. sniggle, Inf. sample.

nip', 1. shot, Sl. snort, sip, Inf. swig, jiggerful; gulp, portion, draft, draught, swill; dram, pey, Brit. half pint.

—v. 2. tipple, drink constantly, drink on the job; Inf. closet-drink, drink on the sly, Inf. booze; Inf. bend the elbow, Inf. drink like a fish, Inf. lean on the stuff.

nippers, n. pinchers, tweezers, pliers, forceps; grippers, grip, vise, clincher, holder.

nipping, adj. 1. pinching, gripping, biting, vellicative.

2. sharp, keen, stinging, smarting, raw, nippy; bitter, severe, piercing, cutting, blasting; chilling, chilly, bone-chilling; numbing, freezing, cold, icy-cold, ice-cold, wintry, hibernal.

3. sarcastic, caustic, bitter, sour, crabby; astringent, acid, acetic, acerbic, tart, vinegary; nasty, digging, gibbing, scoffing, jeering; taunting, jabbing, cutting, Inf.
nipple, n. teat, tit, titty, Chiefly Dial, pap, dug, Anat. mamma, papilla; pacifier, sugar-tit.
nitid, adj. bright, shining, lucid, lucent, relucent; radiant, irradiant, effulgent, refugent, lambent, beamy, beamish; shiny, glossy, glassy, lustrous, sheenful, sheeny, burnished, polished; glittering, glinting, fulgid, sparkling, twinking, flashing, fulgurant; glaring, flary, brilliant, splendiferous, splendid, splendorful, fulgent, dazzling; illuminated, alighted, light, lit, glowing, aglow, rutilant, luminous, luminescent; incandescent, phosphorescent, iridescent, opalescent, opaline.
nit-pick, v. Informal. petitgig, split hairs, chop logic; carp, cavil, quibble, find fault, criticize, pick or tear apart; take apart in detail.
nitty-gritty, n. crux, gist, Inf. nub, meat, substance, essence, quintessence, sum and substance, essential part, marrow, pith, heart of the matter; core, inner core, heart, center, nucleus, kernel; base, bottom, root.
nitwit, n. fool, ninny, nincompoop, goose; dimwit, n.
nitty-gritty, Inf.
nitid, bright, shining, lucid, luminous, lucent, relucent; adj.
Inf.
1. worthless, of no value, use, uselessness; inutility, ineffectual, insignificant, unimportant, inconsequential, petty, small, minor.
—n. 2. no-count, good-for-nothing, Fr. vaurien, worthless person, ne'er-do-well; idler, painéant, loafer, do-nothing, Inf. bum; sluggard, slugabed, lazybones, malingerer, shirker, Inf. goldbrick, Sl. goof-off.

nob1, Slang. n. head, pole, pole, skull. See head (def. 1).
nob2, Slang. n. man of means, man of substance, nabob, plutocrat; personage, Inf. V.P., Inf. bigwig, Sl. big shot, Sl. big wheel, Sl. fat cat, Sl. heavy, Sl. high-muck-a-muck; celebrity, somebody, name, Inf. big name.
nobility, n. 1. aristocracy, patriciate, royalty, baronage, peerage; high rank, high birth, high breeding, blue blood; upper classes, Inf. upper crust, ruling classes, the Four Hundred, (often cap.) establishment, high society, elite, gentry; First Families of Virginia, F.F.V.; the House of Rothschild.
2. dignity, distinction, illustriousness, glory, exaltation; notability, eminence, preeminence, prestige, loftiness; influence, authority, leadership; importance, significance, consequence; primacy, supremacy.
3. honor, izzat, virtue; moral rectitude, scrupulousness, ethics; decency, goodness, righteousness, magnanimity, high-mindedness; honesty, integrity, uprightness, probity, veracity, justness.
4. grandeur, grandness, impressiveness, sumptuousness, greatness, gorgeousness; magnificence, splendor, majesty, resplendence.

noble, adj. 1. titled, aristocratic, patrician; blue-blooded, highborn, high-ranking, thoroughbred, to the manner born, born with a silver spoon in one's mouth; royal, regal, princely, kingly, queenly, gentlemanly.
2. illustrious, distinguished, eminent, preeminent, prestigious; renowned, famous, famed, noted; honored, revered, esteemed, venerated; acclaimed, celebrated.
3. noble-minded, honorable, virtuous, moral, scrupulous, principled, ethical, high-minded, magnanimous; admirable, reputable, decent, good, righteous, fine, worthy; just, fair, impartial, straight, square, square-dealing; honest, honest as the day is long, truthful, truth-loving, veracious; forthright, upright, incorruptible; faithful, loyal, staunch, steadfast, true, true-blue; dependable, reliable, trustworthy, responsible.
4. sublime, lofty, elevated; excellent, sterling; well-considered, measured, well-proportioned; exquisite, lovely, pleasing.
5. stately, lordly, magnificent, grand, grandiose; august, imposing, impressive, stunning, striking, awesome; majestic, glorious, splendid, superb, resplendent; gorgeous, sumptuous, rich, elegant.
6. superior, best, very best, top-notch, first-rate; prime, choice, prize, champion; of the highest type or quality, of the first water, as good as they come; wonderful, Sl. super, great; unsurpassed, nonpareil, unequaled, unmatched, peerless, unique.
—n. 7. nobelwoman, lady, milady, gentlewoman, dame, beguin, margravine, shahzadi; duchess, archduchess, grand duchess, countess, viscountess, baroness, marchioness, peeress; queen, sovereign queen, princess, czarina, empress, maharanee, maharani, rani. See nobleman (defs. 1, 2).
noblemen, n. 1. noble, aristocrat, patrician, silkstocking, Inf. blue blood, gentleman.
2. king, prince, czar, emperor, sheik, khan, rajah maharajah; grand duke, archduke, lord, milord, peer, duke, marquis, Hist. margrave, earl, count, viscount, baron; grandee, magnifico, don, hidalgo; baronet,
noble-minded, adj. honorable, righteous, worthy, high-minded, magnanimous, generous, decent. See noble (def. 3).

nobleness, n. aristocracy, distinction, honor. See nobility (defs. 1-4).

nobly, adv. 1. honorably, virtuously, scrupulously, conscientiously, with a clear conscience; magnanimously, generously, open-handedly, open-heartedly, freely; high-mindedly, admirably, righteously, decently; honestly, truthfully, aboveboard, in good faith; candidly, frankly, openly, directly from the shoulder, in all honesty; faultlessly, loyally, staunchly, steadfastly, unerringly, unflinchingly; dependably, responsibly, come what may, come hell or high water, no matter what, if it kills one; vigorously, spiritedly, with might and main; justly, fairly, impartially, even-handedly, correctly.

2. courageously, bravely, valiantly, gallantly; stoutly, resolutely, indomitably; fearlessly, dauntlessly, boldly, daringly, like a soldier; fearlessly, dauntlessly, boldly, daringly, audaciously; firmly, resolutely, determinedly; unshrinkingly, unhesitatingly, without a qualm; assuredly, with aplomb, with a shrug of the shoulders.

3. splendidly, superbly, magnificently, sublime; awesomely, impressively, majestically, regally, augustly, splendidly; gloriously, grandly, in grand style, handsomely, beautifully, gorgeously, wonderfully, terrifyingly, excellently, perfectly, outstandingly, like a house afire. Inf. famously, marvelously; dazzlingly, with flair, with panache, with style, with flying colors, in champion-ship form, classically; well, supremely, supremely well, to perfection, to a T or tee.

nobody, n. 1. no one, not a one, not anyone, not a blessed one, never a one, Arch. ne'er a one, Dial. nary one; not a person, not a single solitary person, not a soul, not a blessed soul, no man, no woman; nobody on earth, nobody under the sun.

2. Informal. nonentity, unimportant person, St. schlep, nothing, a big nothing, cipher, zero, lay figure; insignificance, jackstraw, milquetoast, St. neb-bish; bonehead, blockhead, dummy, Inf. poor sap; no great shakes, no great catch, SI. small beer, SI. small beer; second fiddle, second banana, small fry, poor sap; no nary one; not a person, not a single solitary person, not a soul, not a blessed soul, no man, no woman; nobody on earth, nobody under the sun.

3. doze off, drop off, drowse, be sleepy, fall asleep, go to sleep, nap.

—n. 6. motion, gesture, sign, signal, cue, indication; beckoning, command.

7. acknowledgement, sign of recognition, greeting, salutation, salute, hello, hail; obeisance, sign of reverence; sign of acquiescence, show of agreement, sign of approval.

node, n. 1. protuberance, protuberancy, Bot. knob, knop, knob, nodule, Bot. caruncle, Bot. bud, nodule, Anat. nodulus; knot, knur, gnarl, burl; protrusion, projection, Anat. apophysis, tuberosity, prominence, bulb; growth, excrecence, excrescence, Biol. auxesis, tubercle; swelling, gibbosity, tumescence, intumescence, enlargement; lump, bump, Inf. goose egg, hump, buckle, bulge; Pathol. tumor, Pathol. neoplasm, Pathol. cyst, Pathol. wen, Pathol. plain, corn, wart, boil, Pathol. caruncle, inflammation; whelk, pimple, pusule, Pathol. papule.

2. joint, junction, juncture, connection, link, Bot. articulation, Anat. condyle; splice, seam, Anat. raphe.

nodular, adj. knobsly, knobbed, Bot. bossed, Bot. caruncular, nubby, nodous; knotted, knotty, knorred, knarled, gnarled, gnarled, knarled, protuberant, protruding, provoking, bulging, embossed, raised, excurred, excursive, projecting; bumpy, lumpy, tumorous, Bot. torose; tuberous, warty, verrucose; pimpled, papular; uneven, rough, unsmooth, unfinished, flawed, blemished.

nodule, n. 1. small node, protuberance, Bot. boss, knot, gibbosity, Pathol. cyst. See node (def. 1).

2. lump, mass, clot, gob, goblet; clump, clod, cluster, bunch.

noise, n. 1. sound, clamor, din, hubbub, babel, racket; ballyhoo, outcry, bawl, hue and cry, vociferation; cacophony, dissonance, discord; uproar, hullabaloo, clangor, fracas, bedlam, tumult, pandemonium, turmoil, commotion, bluster, rumpus, Inf. ruckus; clapping, applause.

2. talk, talking, chatter, chattering, jabber, jabbering, babble, babbling. Fr. bavardage, prate, prattle.

3. cry, sob, wail, moan, groan, keen, ululation, whimper, whine, mewl; shout, whoop, Inf. holler, squall, yell, roar, bellow; scream, shriek, shrill, screech, Scot. and North Eng. screech, Interj. clack, whistle, wolf whistle, hiss.

4. (all of animals) bark, yap, yelp, bowwow, woof, meow, miaow, mew, purr, caterwaul; wowl, howl, bay, whinny, neigh, bray, moo, low; baa, bleat, blat, oink, squeal, grunt, cluck, cackle, gabble, quack, squawk, gobble, honk; chirp, cheep, peep, coo, bill, cuckoo; hoot, crow, cock-a-doodle-doo, croak, ribbit.

5. blare, blast, bang, boom, growl, rumble, thunder, clap, brattle, rattle, jangle, jingle, ring, ting, clink, tinkle, tintinnabulation; ding, ding-dong, chime, peal, knell, toll, sounding, resounding, reverberation; clink, chink, clank, Inf. clink, click, clack, clang, twang; whistle, hiss, buzz, hum, drone, hiss, whoosh, whiz, zing, Inf. zip; creak, grate, grind, scraping, scratching, rasp, stridulation.
noiseless, adj. 1. silent, mum, still, still as death; quiet, Chiefly Literary. stilly, Archaic. hush, soundless; inaudible, soft, hushed, muted, muffled, stifled, smothered, deadened.

2. mute. Pathol. aphonie, voiceless, speechless, tongue-tied; uncommunicative, taciturn, reserved, reticent, closed-mouthed, tight-lipped; (all of letters) silent, mute, unnaturalized, unsounded.

noiseome, adj. 1. disgusting, repugnant, aversive, noxious, foulsome, nauseating, nauseous, Med. nauseat, sickening, distasteful, unpleasant, unsavory, unappetizing, insipid; fetid, rancid, sour, putrid, putrescent, putrid, graveolent, rotten, stinking, rank, foul, mephitic; odorous, odoriferous, old. Obs. odious, stenchful, strong, whiffy; offensive, repulsive, revolting, repellent, objectionable, off-putting; nasty, unpleasant, displeasing, disagreeable; abominable, abhorrent, odious, loathsome, detestable. Brit. Inf. beastly.

2. invidious, deleterious, harmful, injurious, nocent, hurtful, crippling, impairing, scatheful, noxious, noxious; poisonous, venomous, Pathol. septic, virulent, morbid, morbidly, moriferous; unhealthy, unhealthful, unwholesome, insalubrious; pernicious, baneful, baleful, malefic, malefical, maleficator, Obs. malefical, malign, malignant, mischievous; detrimental, damaging, destructive, internece, disastrous, ruinous, preudicial.

noisy, adj. racketey, clamorous, clamoring, boisterous, obstreperous, blustery, blustery, brassy; riotous, uproarious, tumultuous, turbulent, pandemoniac, pandemic; cacophonous, dissonant, discordant, harsh-sounding, harsh, grating, jarring, creaking, strident, stridentious, stridulous, stridulatory; loud, blaring, blasting, resounding, stentorian, stentorius; deafening, ear-splitting, sharp, shrill, piercing, clarion; loud-mouthed, vociferous, vocal; chattering, jabbering, babbling, Inf. gabbling, Sl. gassing, talking; shouting, whooping, hooting, Inf. hollering, yelling, roaring, howling; crying, howling, squalling, shrieking, shrieking, wailing, shrilling, screeching.

nomad, n. Bedouin, nomadic Arab, Kuchi; gypsy, Romany, Romany; Wanderer; roamer, rover, rambler, strayer, straggler, gadabout; mower, ambulator, traveler, peregrinator, journeyer, pilgrim; migrant, bird of passage, Sl. rolling stone; migrant or migrant worker, itinerant, Usu. Dispersing. Okie, drifter, Inf. floater, transient, fly-by-night; vagabond, tramp, vagrant, hobo, beachcomber, derelict, street Arab; Inf. bum, Sl. vag, Sl. bo, Sl. stiff, Sl. bindle-stiff, Sl. canvas back.

nomadic, adj. vagrant, vagabond, gypsy, bohemian; wandering, roaming, roving, rambling, straying, straggling, meandering, ambulant, peripatetic, peregrinating, journeying; migrating, migrant, migratory, itinerant, peripatetic, drifting, floating, Sl. rolling; transient, transitory, temporary, fly-by-night.


nominal, adj. in name only, titular, formal, (of governments) puppet; so-called, supposed, pretended, purported, represented; would-be, quasi pseudo, self-called, self-styled, self-christened; (of a price, consideration, etc.) token.

nominate, v. 1. (all for appointment or election to an office) propose, name, Inf. put up; submit, present, offer.

2. appoint, assign, place, designate, select, name, Inf. tab; elect, vote in, place in office; induct, invest, install, instate, inaugurate, ordain.

nomination, n. proposal, submission, presentation; appointment, assignment, placement, designation, selection; induction, investment, installation, instatement, inauguration, ordainment, ordination.

nominee, n. candidate, office-seeker, runner, bidder, aspirant; assignee, appointee, selectee.

nonacceptance, n. 1. rejection, refusal, denial, turndown, declination, declinate; forbiddance, veto, disallowance, interdiction, proscription, negation; renunciation, disclaimery, disclaimer, disavowal, retraction, recantation, abnegation; disowning, disliking, disinheritance.

2. refutation, disproof, disputation; disagreement, dissent, objection, demur, demurr.

3. disapproval, disapprobation, dispensation, disallowance, interdiction, proscription, negation; remonstrance, expostulation, admonition; protest, demonstration, sit-in, boycot.

nonage, n. 1. legal minority, Law. infancy, juvenility, juniority.

2. immaturity, youth, adolescence, childhood, boyhood, girlhood.

nonappearance, n. absence, abstention, Inf. failure to show, Inf. no-show, Law. default; nonattendance, truancy, truancy, cut, hokey.

nonbeliever, n. atheist, freethinker, minimifidian, agnostic, skeptic, nullifidian, unbeliever; doubter, disbelief, questioner, cynic, doubting Thomas, Pyrrhonist; empiricist, materialist, phenomenalist; heretic, schismatic, backslider; infidel, pagan, heathen.

nonce, n. for the nonce for the present, for today, for the moment, for the present moment, for the present juncture, for the present hour, for the present time, for the time being, for right now, for now; at this occasion, for the particular occasion, for the present occasion, for the occasion at hand, for the immediate occasion, for the present purpose.

nonchalant, adj. unconcerned, unsolicitude, pocourantism, indifference, apathy, neutrality, lukewarmness, coolness, calmness, self-possession, collectedness, composedness, imperturbability, inexcitability, impassiveness, unflappability, even-temperedness, mild-temperedness, carelessness, insouciance, carelessness, easiness, easygoingness, casualness; placidity, serenity, tranquillity, sedateness; self-control, poise, balance, steadiness.

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noncompletion, n. unfulfillment, nonfulfillment, abortion, miscarriage; nonexecution, nonperfor-
noncompliance, n. 1. nonconformity, nonconventionality, unconventionality; originality, uniqueness; informality; Bohemianism; Inf. hippiness; unorthodoxy, sectarianism, secularism, heresy, misbelief, iconoclasm, atheism.
2. dissent, disidence, nonassent, nonconcurrence, noncooperation; nonagreement, disagreement, difference, difference of opinion; refusal of assent, recusancy, disaffection, discordance, protest, testation, civil disobedience; objection, remonstrance, challenge, rejection.
3. nonobservance, unobservance, nonperformance; disregard, disregarding, failure, omission, default, evasion, avoidance; elusion, shunning, Inf. run-around, dodge.
4. refusal, refusing, declining, declension; rejection, denial, negation; abnegation, disclaimer, disclaimer.
5. disobedience, unfitness, insubordination, contumacy, obstinacy; friction, infringement, violation, breach; trespass, transgression; resistance, revolt, insurrection, rebellion, mutiny, mutinousness; outbreak, uprising, sedition, treason.
noncompliant, adj. 1. nonconforming, unconventional, original, unique; informal; Inf. hippie, Bohemian; unorthodox, sectarian, secular, heretical, heretical, misbelieving, iconoclastic, atheistic.
2. disobedient, insubordinate, noncompliant; unruly, wanton, ungovernable, obstinate; resistive, revolting, insolent, rebellious; mutinous, seditious, treasonous.
3. dissenting, dissentient, nonassenting, nonconcurring, noncooperating, nonagreeing, disagreeing, differing; defected, defecting, objecting, remonstrating, challenging, rejecting.
4. nonobservant, unobservant, disregarding; defaulting, evasive, elusive, nonproducing.
noncomformist, n. 1. misfit, maverick, dropout, loner, lone wolf, solitary, solitary man, fish out of water, square peg in a round hole; deviator, radical, Chiefly Brit. punk; deviate, deviant, anomaly, abnormality; freak, hippie, yippie, longhair, flower child. Jesus freak, Bohemian, beatnik; crackpot, crack, flake; All Sl. weirdo, weirdy, oddball, screwball, nut, loony, looner, dingbat, ding-a-ling; eccentric, character, card, case, pip, sport, original, one of a kind, exception, individual, rare bird, queer duck, queer potato; curiosity, rarity, peculiarity; party pooper, wallflower, dud, Inf. stick-in-the-mud, Sl. sill, Sl. drag, Sl. bummer.
2. protestant, protestant, sectarian, recusant; dissenter, dissentient, nonjuror, mugwump, malcontent, noncontent; reversion, reversionist, recidivist, heretic, heterodox; schismatic, schismatic, seceder, secessionist, separationist, separatist; apostate, recreant, backslider, renegade, lost soul, lost sheep, fallen angel; atheist, agnostic, unbeliever, nonbeliever, antichrist, antichristian, infidel.
nonconformity, n. 1. nonconformity, disconformity, discord, discordance, nonagreement; dissent, disaffection, nonassent, disaffection, dissention, recusance, recusancy, protest, opposition.
2. noncompliance, incompliance, nonobservance, nonfulfillment; Bohemianism; declension, declension, renunciation, renouncement, abnegation, disclaiming, nonconsent, negation, rejection, denial, nonacceptance, disapproval, disapprobation, objection, exception, veto; disobedience, insubordination, contumacy, heresy, heterodoxy; intractability, recalcitrancy, waywardness, refractiousness, contumaciousness, unreasonableness, mutinusness, lawlessness, transgressiveness; deviation, aberration, violation, infraction; unconventional, nonconventionality, originality, uncommonness, uncommonality, unorthodoxy, uniqueness; oddness, querness, curiousness, strangeness, bizarreness.
nondescript, adj. 1. indefinite, amorphous, unclassifiable; indescribable, hard to describe, protectively colored, Inf. blending into the woodwork, low-profile.
2. dull, unremarkable, colorless, achatronic, gray, U.S. Sl. blah; bland, uninteresting, insipid, Inf. dull as dishwater; prosaic, common, commonplace, mediocre, average, average-looking, Inf. garden-variety, unexceptional.
nondrinker, n. teetotaler, noshower, abstainer, waterdrinker, hydrodropot; temperament advocate, W.C.T.U. member, prohibitionist, Inf. dry, blue-ribboner, blue-ribbonist, blue-ribbonite; puritan, ascetic; Rechabite, Encratite.
none, pron. 1. no one, not one, not a one, nary a one, never a one, not a soul, nobody on earth.
2. not any, not a bit, not a thing, Inf. not a blessed thing; not a hint, not a trace, not a whit, not a speck, not an iota, not a jot, not an ounce, Inf. not a lick; not a whiff, not a smell, neither hide nor hair.
3. no part, nothing, none, none whatever, nothing at all. See nothing (def. 1).
—adv. 4. not at all, in no way, to no extent, no. See nothing (def. 9a).
nonentity, n. nobody, no one, nothing, unimportant person; Inf. nobody much, obscurity; mediocrity, common man, lightweight, insignificance, man on the street, man from Peoria; little man, little guy, jackstraw, man of straw, dummy; a big nothing, cipher, zero, naught, an 0 without a figure, Sl. nebbish, Sl. schlepp; squirt, whippersnapper, punk, pipsqueak, runt, scrub; small fry, no great shakes, no great catch, Sl. small potatoes, second fiddle, second banana; John Doe, Jane Doe, Richard Roe, Mary Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Nobody; John Q. Public, (in England) John Bull, John K. Spelvin, (in Russian) Ivan Ivanovich Ivanov; Joe Doakes, Joe Blow, Joe Zilch; Tom, Dick, and Harry; Brown, Jones, and Robinson.
2. illusion, fantasy, hallucination, delusion, maya; trick, chimera, dream, daydream, bubble, Inf. trip; shadow, air, thin air, smoke, mist, vapor; phantom, spirit, specter, ghost, shade, will-o'-the-wisp; vision, apparition, eidolon, optical illusion, mirage, Fata Morgana; castle in the air, wildest dream, phantasmagoria.
3. nonexistence, nothingness, nihilism, nullity, existencelessness, Fr. néant, nullification; unreality, actuality, reality, negation, negativeness, public, nonoccurrence; inexistence, nonexistence, insubstantiality, incorporeality, incorporeity; inessentiality, nonbeing, unbeing, not-being; abstraction, immateriality, imponderability, nothing, nirvana; impalpability, intangibility, imperceptibility; oblivion, blank, void, vacuity, vacuum, empty space; negation, emptiness, abeyance; absence, nonpresence, nowhereness, nonoccupancy, vacancy.
nonessential, adj. 1. unnecessary, unneeded, needless, superfluous, redundant, expendable, dispensable; unrequited, uncalled-for, gratuitous; unimportant, of little or small importance, of no or no great importance, inconsequential, of little or no consequence, insignificant, of no significance, inconceivable, inexplicable, of no concern, of no matter, of no account; irrelevant, immaterial, inapplicable, inapt, unconnected, inapposite, inconsequent, beside the point or
mark, beside the question, off the subject, nothing to do with it; little, small, minute, bush-league, Inf. small-time, Inf. one-horse, Sl. dinky, Sl. two-bit, Sl. small potatoes.

2. extrinsic, extrinsical, extraneous, external, incidental, accidental, adventitious, inessential, unessential; extra, additional, supplementary, supplemental, subsiditious; subsidiary, subordinate, secondary, accessory, collateral; circumstantial, contingent, conditional, provisional, dependent.

—n. 3. nonentity, a nobody, Sl. nebbish, a nothing, cipher; little fellow, Inf. little guy, man on the street, John or Jane Doe, small fry, Sl. small fish, Sl. small potato; insignificance, nullity, zero, thing of naught.

nonesuch. n. paragon, nonpareil, phoenix, one in a thousand, one of a kind, rarity, exception; best, choice, flower, pink, pearl, gem, jewel, prize, Inf. peach, pick of the litter, cream of the crop, Fr. crème de la crème, elite, first water, first class, Commerce, first; acme, zenith, pinnacle, height, peak, tops, Latin. ne plus ultra; exemplar, ideal, ideal, standard of perfection or excellence, model, pattern, prototype, archetype, original; wonder, marvel, prodigy, miracle, phenomenon, sensation, spectacle, sight, once-in-a-lifetime experience.

nonexistence. n. nothingness, nihility, nihilism, nullity, existencelessness, nullibility, Fr. néant; inexistence, nonsubsistence, insubstantiality, incorporeality, incorporeity; unreality, unactuality, nonreality, negativity, nonlife, nonoccurrence; insensitivity, nonentity, nonbeing, nonbeing; abstractness, immateriality, imponderability, nothing, nirvana; impalpability, intangibility, imperceptibility; oblivion, blank, void, vacuity, vacuum, empty space, emptiness, negation, abeyance; absence, nonpresence, nonwhereness, nonoccupancy, vacancy.

nonexistent. adj. null, absent, nil, void, blank; in-existent, minus, missing, lacking, left out, omitted; unreal, unsubstantial, unactual, immaterial; hypothetical, suppositional, unrealized, potential; fictional, fictive, imagined, fancied, fanciful, quixotic; mythical, legendary, fabulous; phantasmagorical, illusory, delusional; imaginary, visionary, illusionary, chimerical, notional; erroneous, unfounded, baseless, groundless, unrealizable.

nonfulfillment. n. 1. nonachievement, nonaccomplishment, noncompletion, nonexecution, nonperformance; miscarriage, abortion; miss, botch, miff, slip, blunder; fiasco, fizzle, washout, Inf. flop, misfire, Inf. dud, vain attempt, flash in the pan; disappointment, failure, frustration, nonsuccess.

2. nonobservance, noncompliance, disobedience; evasion, avoidance; omission, default, oversight; neglect, negligence, laxity, laxness; nonchalance, casualness.

nonhuman. adj. 1. inhumane, inhumanism, bloodless, cold-blooded, cold-hearted, hard-hearted, stony-hearted, marble-hearted, heartless, unfelling, unsympathetic, uncompassionate; androidal, automaton, mechanical, machinelike, robotic, robotlike; unnatural, abnormal, foreign, alien, strange, not our kind; not of this world, otherworldly, unearthly, extraterrestrial, from outer space, moon, Martian.

2. inhuman, animalistic, animalian, zood, zoodial; wolf, fish, feral, feral, beastly, bestial; brutal, brutal, accident, barash, cruel, sadistic; savage, barbarous, barbaric, bloodthirsty, cannibalistic, wild, fierce, ferocious, vicious, fell, truculent, Tartarean, Hunnish, Vandalic.

noninterference. n. laissez faire, nonparticipation, nonparticipation, do-nothingness; neutrality, noninterference, nonresistance; inaction, inattiveness, want of action, inactivity, passiveness, passivity, immobility; apathy, indifference, disinterest, disinterestedness, uninterestedness, aloofness, distantness, quiescence.

nonintervention. n. laissez faire, nonparticipation, nonparticipation, noninterference; neutrality, nonresistance. See noninterference.

nonobjective. adj. (of art) nonrepresentational, abstract, abstracted; theoretical, pure, unapplied; conceptual, idealational, notional, metaphysical; immaterial, imaginary, visionary, ideal, transcendent, spiritual; impractical, intellectual; enigmatic, mysterious, dark, hidden, remote; abstruse, obscure, recondite, profound, difficult.

nonobservation. n. 1. inattention, inattentiveness, heedlessness; thoughtlessness, inconsiderateness, lack of consideration; inadvertence, distraction, detachment, absent-mindedness; blemurement, absorption, self-absorption, engrossment, preoccupation, wool-gathering, daydreaming, Inf. castle-building.

2. disobedience, unruliness, insubordination, contumacy, obstinacy; infraction, infringement, violation, breach; trespass, transgression; resistance, revolt, insurrection, rebellion, mutiny, mutinousness; outbreak, uprising, sedition, treason.

3. nonconformity, nonconformance, nonconventionality, unconventionality, Bohemianism, Inf. hipliness, originality, uniqueness; unorthodoxy, sectarianism, secularism, heresy, misbelief, iconoclasm, atheism.

4. nonfulfillment, nonperformance, noncompliance, disregard, failure, omission, oversight; negligence, neglect, neglectedness; carelessness, laxity, laxness, laziness; remissness, dereliction, dereliction of duty.

5. nonpayment, default, delinquency, welshing; insolvency, bankruptcy, failure to pay up, Sl. failure to cough or ante up.

6. evasion, Inf. the run-around, avoidance; elusion, shunning, dodge, side-step, shirking, retreat; nonattendance, truancy, hokey, French leave, cut, absence without leave, Mil. A.W.O.L.

7. faithlessness, infidelity, inconstancy; falsity, disloyalty, Punic faith, violation of vows, breach of promise.

nonparcels. adj. 1. peerless, unparalleled, incomparable, without equal, unequalled, unmatched, unmatchable, unrivaled, uniridable, unbeatable; best, choicest, supreme, highest, top, first-class, ace, excellent, prize-winning, Inf. champion.

—n. 2. nonnote, paragon, phoenix, one in a thousand, one of a kind; acme, zenith, pinnacle, height, peak, tops, Latin. ne plus ultra; best, choice, flower, pink, pearl, gem, jewel, prize, Inf. peach; pick, pick of the litter, cream of the crop, Fr. crème de la crème, elite, first water, first class, Commerce, first.

3. independent, free-lance, free-thinker; neuroprene, independent, nonaligned, unaffiliated, prepossessed, unbigoted, unwarped, unjaundiced; unorthodox, noncommitted voter.

nonpayment. n. default, nonremittal, delinquency, Commerce. dishonor, failure to pay, Sl. welshing,
Brit. S.l. the moonlight flit; evasion, S.l. the runaround; tax-evasion, tax-dodging.

**nonplus**, v. 1. perplex, puzzle, confound, confuse, Inf. flummox, baffle, bewilder, mystify, stump; dress, abash, embarrass, discomfort, disturb, bother, dismay; upset, fluster, rattle, Inf. faze, muddle, addle, befuddle. 2. take aback, stun, stupefy, floor, dumbfound, Inf. flabbergast, astound, astonish, amaze; check, thwart, frustrate, stop, halt, bring to a standstill, Inf. catch up short, gravel.

—n. 3. perplexity, confusion, bewilderment, puzzle, puzzlement, bafflement, abashment, embarrassment, disconcertion.

4. standstill, impasse, stalemate, stalemate, deadlock, baffle; at a standstill, stopped in one’s tracks, caught up short, disarmed.

**nonproductive**, adj. 1. sterile, unfruitful, unfertile, unfecund, barren, unproductive, Bot. acarpous. 2. ineffective, ineffectual, of no effect; futile, vain, pointless, otiose, unwavering, bootless, of no avail; useless, of no use, worthless, nugatory, nugacious; time-wasting, time-consuming, time-killing.

**nonprofit**, adj. 1. public-service, funded, sponsored, supported, subsidized, financed, not for profit. 2. charitable, philanthropic, altruistic, eleemosynary; benevolent, beneficent, almsgiving.

**nonresistance**, n. passivity, passiveness, nonopposition, quietism; pacifism, nonviolence, Hinduism, ahimsa; acquiescence, yielding, submission, compliance; resignation, acceptance, complicity; longanimity, forbearance, tolerance, sufferance, long-suffering, long-sufferingness.

**nonresistant**, adj. passive, supine, unresisting, nonresisting, nonresistive, nonviolent; acquiescent, yielding, submissive, compliant, complying, complaisant, obedient; resigned, accepting, uncomplaining, stoic, stoical; longanamous, long-suffering, forbearing, tolerant, patient, patient as Job, enduring.

**nonsense**, n. 1. absurdity, absurdness, nonsensicalness, nonsensicality; ridiculousness, ridolosity, ludicrousness; asinity, stupidity, fatuity, foolishness; meaninglessness, self-contradiction, contradiction, invalidity; incongruity, incongruousness, illogic, illogicality, illogicalness; irrationality, irrationalism, senselessness, insensateness, craziness, S.l. screwiness; impracticality, impracticalness, foolhardiness, S.l. foolheadedness, unreasonableness.

2. unintelligibility, unintelligibleness, incomprehensibility, incomprehensibleness; indistinctness, confusion, cobwebs, Greek, Chiefly Southern U.S. Chactaw; gibberish, babble, babbling, babbledom, Fr. babardage; twaddle, twaddling, Both Brit. twattle, twattling; blather, blathering, drivel, drivel, drooling; jargon, hokum, mumbo-jumbo, abracadabra, open-sesame, fiddle-de-dee; moonshine, gobbledegook, humbug, fog, froth, bunkum or buncombe, S.l. bunk, U.S. S.l. blah; flummery, Inf. hokum, S.l. applesauce, S.l. eyewash; rubbish, S.l. tripe, refuse, Inf. dulcet, chaff, trash, Inf. trick; trumpery; tommyrot, Inf. rot, S.l. garbage, S.l. crap, S.l. crock, S.l. bull; balderdash, S.l. horsefertilizers, hogwash, stuff, stuff and nonsense, Inf. bosh, Brit. Inf. gossmom, Brit. S.l. tosh, fudge, foolishness, folly, rigmarole or rigamarole, aphorism; tootle, Inf. malarky, S.l. buffy, S.l. baloney, S.l. bilge, or bilge water, S.l. meshugas, Scot. and North Engl. haver; poppycock, Inf. fiddle-faddle, Inf. piffle, Inf. hooey, Inf. kibosh, Inf. flapdoodle.

3. claptrap, rodomontade, fustian, bombast, rant, S.l. hot air, idle talk, Inf. gab, S.l. gas; palaver, palaverment, palaver, palaver, palaver, jabber, jabbering, Jabberwocky, prate, prating; chatter, patter, pattering, gabble, gabbling; clack, clacking, clatter, clattering, rattling, S.l. running off or on at the mouth; chatter, chattering, prattle, prattling, chippering, cackle, cackling; chit-chat, chatter-chatter, small talk, Anglo-Indian.

4. antic, antics, caper, Inf. balloon, S.l. monkeyshine, S.l. monkeybusiness; prankishness, mischief, S.l. hanky-panky, Scot. and North Engl. daffing; prank, trick, practical joke; fooling, foolery, tomfoolery, horseplay; clowning, clownery, clownishness; buffoonery, buffoonishness, buffoonishness, harlequinade; joking, jesting, jocosity, jocoseness, jocularity, waggishness, waggery, drollery; levity, frivolity, facetiousness; silliness, inanity, childishness, puerility, juvenility, Inf. sappiness.

5. triviality, nuggest, frivolity, futility; stuff, trifle, trinket, gincrackery, baloney, gawgaw, brakery, nonsensical, adj. 1. senseless, meaningless, amphi- goric, skimp-samble, incomprehensible, unintelligible; paradoxical, contradictory, self-contradictory, incongruous.

2. absurd, ludicrous, ridiculous, preposterous, hare-brained; laughable, silly, frivolous, facetious; foolish, Inf. fool, Inf. fooltheaded, Inf. tomfool, fatuous; stupid, S.l. dumb, asinine, idiotic, moronic, imbecilic, mad, daft, insane, crazy, All Inf. dizzy, cockamamie, poppycockish; All S.l. screwball, screwy, wacky, daffy, goofy, kooky, loony, flaky, sappy, cockeyed.

**nonsentient**, adj. 1. unfailing, insensitive, insensitive, insensitive, unresponsive; numb, benumbed, dead, deadened; unconscious, unrecognized, unaware, imperceptive, nonperceptive; drugged, S.l. doped, S.l. doped up, S.l. doped to the eyeballs, S.l. out of it, S.l. spaced, S.l. spaced out.

2. apathetic, indifferent, unconcerned, uncaring; cool, cold, frigid, frosty, icy; callous, hard, hardened, inured, indurated, thickskinned, pachydermatous.

**nonspiritual**, adj. 1. corporeal, corporal, bodily, fleshly, incarnate, somatic, physical, material, palpable, tangible, sensible, touchable, ponderable, appreciable.

2. worldly, unspiritual, mundane, temporal, earthy, earthly, external; secular, lay, worldly-minded, earthly-minded, carnal, materialistic.

3. irreligious, unbelieving, faithless; irreverent, impious, blasphemous, sacrilegious.

**nonstop**, adj. 1. ceaseless, unceasing, incessant, constant, uninterrupted, continual, continuous, unbroken, ongoing; unremitting, unremitting, relentless, persistent; recurrent, repeated, frequent, habitual, regular; around-the-clock, day-in and day-out, dawn-to-dusk, at every turn.
2. unending, endless, never-ending, interminable, Sisyphian; eternal, perpetual, everlasting, lasting, enduring, perennial, permanent.

3. untiring, indefatigable, unexhausted, never-failing, unwavering, unflagging, undiminished; invariable, fixed, stable, steady.

nonsensical, adj. 1. objective, external, tangible, palpable, sensible, perceptible; physical, corporeal, corporeal, bodily, substantial, material; actual, real, true, verifiable, scientific, confirmed.

2. disinterested, unbiased, impartial, impersonal, neutral; unprejudiced, dispassionate, open-minded, fair, equitable, just.

noodle, n. 1. Slang, head, skull, cranium, Zool. cephalop, pell, pate, Inf. sconce, Archaic, mazon, Archaic, costard; think tank, thinker; All Inf. upstairs, upper story, belfry, noggins, dome; All Sl. bean, nut, nob, nodule, crumplet, gourd, cork.

2. fool, ninny, nincumpoop, silly, silly silly, St. Yo-yo, tomofool, simpleton, Simple Simon, saphead, cuckoo, idiot, Inf. jay, St. jerk, imbicile, noodlehead, mooncalf, Inf. moron; dimwit, nitwit, half-wit, St. zombie, goose; scatterbrain, St. birdbrain, St. flake, rattlehead, rattlebrain, harebrain, St. ding-bat, St. ding-a-ling; featherbrain, addle-brain, addlehead, addle-pate, pinhead; dolt, clod, oaf, dunce, Inf. chump, dullard, Inf. coot, Inf. numskull; dope, dummy. See fool (def. 1).

nook, n. 1. Dial, no person, not anyone, not nobody, not a one, not a soul, not a soul; nobody, not a soul, not a nobody, not a soul, not a soul.

2. usual, ordinary, conventional; normal, familiar, known, everyday, daily, standard, standardized, criterion, canon; measure, mean, center; standardized, invariable, unvarying, unchanging, unchanged, steady, steadfast, even; illustrative, emblematic, symbolic, representative, typical, model.

3. Psychology, adjusted, well-adjusted, Inf. in good shape, healthy; natural, reasonable, sane, Inf. all there.

north, n. 1. the north wind, norther, northerly; northerliness.

—adj. 2. northerly, northern, northerward or northwards, toward the north, northernmost, boreal, arctic, septentrional.

—adv. 3. northward or northwards, northerly, northwardly, toward the north.

northerly, adj. north, northern, northerward or northwards, toward the north, northernmost, boreal, arctic, septentrional.


nose, n. 1. neb, nib, bill, pecker, All Sl. beak, snout, schnozz, schnozzo, schnozzola; snout, muzzle, Sl. nose, Faceitios. proboscis, trunk, Entomol. antalia; nostrils, nasal passage or cavity, breather, air hole, spiracle, blow hole; sniffer, olfactory organ, olfactories, Sl. sneller; sense of smell, olfactory sense.

2. perception, keen sense, insight, eye; instinct, sixth sense, feel, gift or aptitude for discovering or detecting.

3. prowl, Naut., Aerion. bow, stem, ram, rostrum; forward end, fore, front, point, tip, extremity; projection, protrusion, promontory, Geol. bill.

4. bouquet, aroma, essence, fragrance, perfume; smell, scent, odor, odoriferousness, redolence, savor.

5. by a nose Slang, by a narrow or slim margin, narrowly, by a hair's breadth, by the skin of one's teeth, by a whisker; barely, just, only.

6. on the nose Slang. a. precisely, exactly, perfectly, just right, just so, to a hair, to the letter, to a T or tee. b. on the dot, on the button, on the money, on target, Inf. on the mark; promptly, on time.

—v. 7. smell, sniff, get or catch a whiff of, perceive, detect; smell out or around, sniff out or around, follow a scent, search for, seek out.

8. (all with the nose) push, shove, move forward or along; nuzzle, rub, snuggle, touch.

9. Often nose out beat or defeat by a narrow margin, just beat, win by a nose or a hair's breadth or the skin of one's teeth; edge out, squeak by.

10. Often nose into or about pry, snoop, prorl, peer, peek, peer, look, stare, gape, gaze; inquire, ask, break in, interrupt, horn in, but in, Inf. kibitz; meddle, interfere, intervene, intrude.

nose dive, n. plunge, dive, swoop; lurch, pitch, spill; headfirst; pitch, lurch, fall headfirst, take a fall, tumble, stumble, trip; sudden drop or decline; drop-off, downward turn, turn for the worse, tailspin, downfall.

—v. 7. smell, sniff, get or catch a whiff of, perceive, detect; smell out or around, sniff out or around, follow a scent, search for, seek out.

nose-dive, n. plunge, dive, swoop; lurch, pitch, spill, tumble, stumble, trip; sudden drop or decline; drop-off, downward turn, turn for the worse, tailspin, downfall.

nosegay, n. bouquet, bunch of flowers, flowers, bouquet, aroma, essence, fragrance, perfume; smell, scent, odor, odoriferousness, redolence, savor.

nostalgia, n. (all in reference to the past) longing, yearning, pining, languishing, aching; moping, brooding, musing, remembering, reminiscing; remembrance, memory, recollection, reminiscence; regret, regretfulness, remorse, sorrow, sadness; lamentation, lamenting, grieving, mourning, bemoaning, bewailing; homesickness, loneliness, lonesomeness.

nostalgic, adj. (all in reference to the past) longing, yearning, pining, languishing; regretful, remorseful, sorrowful, sad; homesick, lonely, lonesome; maudlin, sentimental, emotional, romantic, soupy;
notable, n. Anat. naris, spiral, blowhole.

notosum, n. 1. patent medicine, proprietary; medication, drug, potion, Pharm. tincture, Pharm., Vet. Med. electuary; pill, Pharm., Vet. Med. bolus, capsule; liniment, lotion, embrocation, balm, balsam, ointment.

2. quack medicine, Inf. pink pill, placebo; panacea, cure-all, cure, remedy, treatment, solution; elixir, alembic, arcanum, magic solution, magic answer; magic words, magic formula, prescription for success, abracadabra, open sesame; pet scheme, contrivance, invention.

noisy, adj. Informal. 1. prying, snoopy, snooping, Dial. nibby; spying, peeping, seeing, staring, gaping, gazing; eavesdropping, overhearing, all ears; meddlesome, meddling, tending to other people's business, busy, officious; interfering, intervening, interpolating, breaking in, butting in, horning in, intrusive.

2. inquisitive, inquiring, questioning, querying, investigatory, grill, grilling, quizzing, quizzical; sniffing or smelling around or out, probing, nosing around or out, searching, investigative; overcurious, supercurious, curious, burning with curiosity, dying or itching to know; agog, eager to know, interested.

notation, n. 1. prominence, primacy, eminence, prominence, fame, fame, reputation; illustriousness, celebrity, stardom, place in the spotlight, notoriety; conspicuousness, salience, attention-getting ability; distinction, uncommonness, uniqueness; singularity, peculiarity, strangeness, oddness, uniqueness; halo, glory, honor, luster; impressiveness, stature, stateliness, majesty, grandeur, dignity.

2. noteworthy, newsworthy, news value, good copy, banner news, headline news; interest, value, superiority, excellence; importance, significance, moment, note, consequence; momentousness, meaningfulness, memorability.

notable, adj. 1. noteworthy, remarkable, signal, outstanding, noticeable, marked; memorable, unforgetgable, Sl. hell of a, special, particular, especial; important, on the map, significant, momentous, meaningful, worthy of notice, Inf. prominent, in bold relief, salient, pronounced, definite, marked; plain, clear, unmistakable, lucid, plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face, distinct, clear-cut, explicit.

—n. 7. personage, dignitary, Inf. V.I.P., Inf. bigwig, Sl. big shot, Sl. biggie, Sl. big gun, Sl. big wheel; Sl. big cheese, Fr. Sl. grand fromage, Sl. fat cat, Sl. heavy, Sl. high-muck-a-muck; celebrity, Sl. celeb, luminary, somebody, name, Inf. big name; star, superstar, toast of the town.

notably, adv. 1. conspicuously, noticeably, markedly, signally, remarkably, saliently; distinctly, clearly, obviously, manifestly; glaringly, flagrantly, egregiously, notoriously, flauntingly, brazenly, boldly; prominently, eminently, preeminently, famously, illustriously, supremely, grandly; brilliantly, outstandingly, greatly, significantly, importantly.

2. surprisingly, unexpectedly, like a bolt out of the blue, stunningly, strikingly, Inf. with a real wallop, like a thunderbolt; strangely, curiously, oddly, extraordinarily, unusually; peculiarly, particularly, differently, in a different way, uniquely; interestingly, oddly, intriguingly.

notary, n. notary public, certifier, official, functional, clerk, registrar, official recorder.

notation, n. 1. system of symbols, code, cipher, hieroglyphics, cryptograph, cryptogram, shorthand; alphabet, letters, symbols, signs, characters, figures; musical notation; numerical notation, Arith. decimal scale.

2. note, memorandum, Inf. memo, reminder, note to oneself, jotting, record, minutes.

notch, n. 1. nick, groove, nock, hole, gouge; cut, incision, slit, score, gash, slash; crenation, crenelation, crenature, crenel; indentation, indent, dent, dint, dimple, hollow, depression; scrape, scratch, scarification, chip, flaw, defect, mark, spot, blemish, defacement.

—v. defile, pass, mountain pass, passage, channel.

3. Informal. step, rung, peg, cut; degree, gradation, stage, grade, rank.

—n. 4. nick, groove, nock, gouge, cut a hole in, make a cut, chip into, incise, slit, split, score, gash, slash; dent, dint, put a dent in, press or push in; scrape, scratch, scarify, mark, flaw, spot, blemish, mar, deafen.

5. serrate, scallop, pink; jag, tooth, crenelate, crenel; crimp, corrugate, crease, crinkle, wrinkle, furrow, ridge, fold.

notched, adj. saw-toothed, serrated, serrate, serrulate, serriform, crenate, crenelated, scalloped, pinked; cramped, corrugated, wrinkled, furrowed, ridged, creased, folded, crinkled; jagged, jaggy, zigzag, zigzagged, uneven, rough, bumpy, unfinished.

note, n. 1. memorandum, reminder, Brit. chit, brief record, chronicle, minutes; dedication, inscription; notation, jotting, item, entry, register.

2. notes outline, rough account, rough draft, sketchy report, thumbnail sketch; synopsis, brief, skeleton.

3. commentary, annotation, footnote, scholia, scholium, gloss, marginalia; comment, remark, explanation, explication, exegesis, illustration, exposition; criticism, critique.

4. short letter, missive, dispatch, written message, epistle, Obs. billet; answer, reply, acknowledgement, line, work, card, postcard; love letter, billet-doux, Inf. mosh note, fan letter; thank-you note, bread-and-butter letter; news, information, bulletin; communication, correspondence, communiqué.

5. bill, treasury note, currency, money, paper money, legal tender, tender, greenback, check; bank-
note, promissory note; draft, bank draft, bill of exchange; voucher, receipt, letter of credit, U.S. certificate, U.S. gold or silver certificate; I.O.U., I owe you.

6. distinction, prominence, prestige, eminence, high standing, high rank; regard, esteem, notability, mark, merit; influence, sway, power; fame, renown, celebrity, esteem, popularity.

7. importance, significance, consequence, matter value; account, concern, Archaic. concernment, interest; moment, weight, substance, greatness, magnitude, force.

8. attention, attentiveness, notice, observation, ear; consideration, thought, care, solicitude, caution; respect, regard, mindfulness, Inf. mind; vigilance, watchfulness, guard, devotion.

9. hint, clue, tip, inkling, Sl. tip-off, cue; suggestion, idea; intimation, implication, imputation, insinuation, innuendo; suspicion, soupcon, trace, tinge; touch, speck, sprinkling, dash.

10. tone, intonation, inflection, timber, pitch, key.

11. compare notes exchange observations or views, share impressions, compare ideas; discuss, parley, powwow.

—you. 12. register, catalogue, chronicle, commit to writing, put on record; record, mark down, put down, make a note of, jot down, set down; write, scribble, scrawl, pencil; make an entry, enter, insert, write in a pocket, dot.

13. mention, mention in passing, allude, touch upon; cite, refer to, advert to, point to, Dial. signify; hint, suggest, adumbrate; imply, implicate, intimate, insinuate, infer; indicate, point out, point to, designate; make known, reveal, disclose, tell, express, state.

14. annotate, gloss, footnote, interline, interliniate; comment, commentate, remark upon; explain, illustrate, expound.

15. notice, behold, see, detect, take in, look visualize; regard, study, inspect, take stock of; examine, contemplate, pore over, peruse; review, check out, overlook, monitor; scan, run the eyes over, Inf. give the once-over; watch, observe, witness; take a look at, have a look see, give a look, glimpse, glance.

16. pay attention to, lend an ear to, be aware of, be conscious of, give thought to, appreciate; tend to, apply oneself to.


noted, adj. 1. famous, famed, renowned, celebrated, well-known, prominent, Inf. name, Inf. big, breezy, notable, eminent, preeminent, esteemed, respected, venerable, distinguished, Archaic. eximious; illustrious, great, grand, glorious, radiant, brilliant, lustrous; honored, exalted, acclaimed, much-touted, big-time, on the map, popular, well-liked; immortal, fabled, legendary, historical, memorable.

2. registered, catalogued, chronicled; recorded marked down, put down, jotted down, set down; writ ten, scribbled, scrawled, penciled; posted, entered written in.

3. mentioned, alluded, touched upon; cited, indicated, designated, revealed, disclosed, expressed, stated.

4. noticed, detected, seen, visualized; regarded, studied, examined, reviewed, checked out; watched, observed, witnessed.

noteworthy, adj. 1. notable, remarkable, signal, outstanding. See notable (def. 1).

2. extraordinary, unusual, exceptional, out-of-the-ordinary. See notable (def. 2).

nothing, n. 1. naught, none, none whatsoever, nothing at all, nothing under the sun, nothing on earth; no such thing, nil, Sl. nix, Sl. zilch, Sl. scratch, Sl. squat, Sl. diddly, Sl.iddly-squat; Latin. nihil, Fr. rien, Sp. nada, Ger. nichts, Russ. nichevo.

2. no trace, no sign, no trail; no hint, no scent, no smell; no part, no share, no not, not a bit, not a scrap, Inf. not a lick, all gone, the last drop; not a speck, not an ounce, not a thing, Inf. not a blessed thing, not a particle.

3. nothingness, nullity, nihility, nonexistence. See nothingness (def. 1).

4. unimportance, insignificance, inconsequentiality, triviality, frivolity; worthlessness, nugasity, emptiness, pointlessness, superficiality; uselessness, inefficacuity, ineffectiveness, valuelessness; immateriality, inconsiderableness, inappraciableness; trifling, dali lance, insessional, no great matter, no big thing, mere nothing, technicality; trivia, details, fiddle-faddle, red tape, air, hot air; bagatelle, trinket, trumpery, gim crack, gilt-livered, prose, breezy, babble.

5. nobody, unimportant person, obscurity, mediocrity, Inf. nobody much; insignificany, common man, man on the street, little man, little guy; jackstraw, dummy, lay figure, Sl. nebish, Sl. schlepp, squirt, pip-squeak; second fiddle, no great shakes, small fry, Sl. small potatoes, little fish in a big pond; John Doe, Richard Roe, John Q. Public, (in England) John Bull, Joe Blow.

6. cipher, zero, aught, naught, no runs, no score, no tally; Sl. zip, Sl. goose egg, Sl. the big 0, Cricket Sl. duck, Tennis love.

7. for nothing a. free, gratis, no charge, without charge; gratuitously, for free, for the love of it. b. for no reason, unthinkingly, reasonlessly, unreasoningly; impulsively, rashly, quickly, impetuously. c. futilely, vainly, needlessly, unnecessarily, uselessly, purposelessly; to no avail, to no purpose, to little purpose.

8. make nothing of a. treat lightly, think nothing of, think no more of, overlook, dismiss, forget; take it easy, don't bother about it, don't give it a second thought, don't give it another thought, put out of mind. b. not comprehend, not understand, find hard to understand, find hard to grasp; not get the idea, Sl. not dig, not know what to make of, not get it through one's head; not be able to make heads or tails of, not see the forest for the trees.

—adv. 9. not at all, in no degree, not in the least, never; noway, nowadays, nowise, by no means, Inf. no how; not nearly, nowhere near, not by a long shot, by no stretch of the imagination; on no account, in no respect, under no circumstances, in no case.

10. nothing but only, solely, simply, merely; plainly, just, barely, purely.

nothingness, n. 1. nihility, nullity, nonexistence, Fr. néant, existencelessness; nonreality, nonlife, unreality, unactuality; incorporeality, insubstantiality, nonsubistence, inexistence; nenontity, insessentiality, nonbeing, immateriality, imponderability, impalpability, intangibility, imperceptibility; oblivion, void, blank, space, vacuum, empty space, outer space, infinity, emptiness; absence, nonpresence, nonwhereness, nonoccupancy, vacancy.

2. unconsciousness, insensibility, insensitiveness, senselessness, imperception, impercipline, obtuseness; numbness, unfeeling, narcosis, anesthesia, pins and needles; death, deadness, dullness; coma, catalepsy, catatony, sleep, lipothymus.
notice, n. 1. information, data, facts, knowledge; news, tidings, report, message, account, recital; word, lowdown, Sl. info, Sl. poop, dirt, dope, inside story, Sl. scoop.
2. notification, apprising, advisement; statement, declaration, communication, announcement, publication, publicity, airing; reference, mention, mentioning, referral, referent; allusion, citation, indication, specification; hint, suggestion, inkling, innuendo, implication, insinuation.
3. poster, bill, handbill, circular, bulletin, broadside, animadvert, bear in mind, take into account; nevermind; consideration, thought, care, solicitude; respect, regard, mindfulness, Inf. mind; vigilance, watchfulness.

noticeable, adj. 1. conspicuous, observable, recognizable, discernible, perceptible, appreciable, distinguishable; defined, distinct, well-defined, well-marked; visible, vivid, graphic; unguised, unmasked, unmistakable; unveiled, uncurtained, unshrouded, unscreened; evident, plain, plain as day, plain as the nose on one’s face, under one’s nose, obvious, palpable, manifest, apparent; explicit, clear-cut, patent, express; pronounced, prominent, marked.
2. notable, noteworthy, remarkable, signal, outstanding; memorable, unforgettable, Sl. hell of a, special, particular, especial; important, on the map, significant, momentous, meaningful, worthy of notice; extraordinary, unusual, different, uncommon, rare, singular, exceptional, out-of-the-ordinary, Inf. One for the books; unique, distinct, peculiar, odd, strange, curious.

notifiable, n. 1. making known, revealing, notifying, disclosing.
2. notice, message, letter, cable, report, dispatch, aviso, communication, word; statement, publication, broadcast, announcement, pronouncement; information, Brit. gen, intelligence, light; caution, advice, caveat, admonition, tip-off, Sl. high sign; tip, hint, word to the wise, clue, suggestion.

notify, v. 1. inform, give notice to, tell, advise, apologize; remind, call, telephone, phone, cable, wire, write, send word to; warn, alert, caution, tip off; give the lowdown to, let know, give a clue.
2. bruit about, broadcast, air, put on the air, publish, report, communicate; disclose, reveal, divulge, let drop, let slip; announce, proclaim, herald; declare, relate, voice, mention; send up smoke signals, get the word across, get the message through, peddle the news.

notion, n. 1. idea, concept, conception, conceptualization, thought, abstraction, principle; belief, view, opinion, conviction, assumption, presumption, supposition, persuasion; surmise, conjecture, hypothesis, theory, postulate, rough guess; consideration, observation, reflection, conclusion, inference, apprehension; image, eidolon, mental picture, vague idea.
2. whim, kink, quirk, quip, caprice, conceit; fancy, fit, humor, vagary, whimsy, whimsicality; prank, trick, escapade; bee in the bonnet.
3. merchandise, trifle, knickknack, bauble.

notional, adj. 1. abstract, theoretical, speculative, conceptual, ideational, hypothetical, reflective.
2. unreal, imaginary, ideal, idealistic, Utopian; visionary, envisioned, dreamed, fabled, fabulous, illogical, fancied, fanciful, romantic; unsubstantiated, groundless, baseless, unfounded, figmentary.
3. whimsical, capricious, faddish, fadmongering; fanciful, fitful, changeable, erratic, variable, quixotic, fickle, tergiversating; volatile, mercurial, uncontrolled, unrestrained; frivolous, unstable, dependable, irresponsible; frolicsome, flirtatious, coquettish, sportive, playful, skittish.

notoriety, n. 1. infamy, obloquy, opprobrium, disrepute, ill repute, Inf. black eye; shame, disgrace, dishonor, discredit; stigma, stain, blot, blot on the escutcheon, badge of infamy.
2. publicity, public notice, spotlight, limelight; fame, renown, bays, celebrity, stardom, illustriousness, greatness, preeminence, superiority, supremacy; eminence, notability, note, distinction, mark, significance; prominence, rank, standing, prestige, weight, importance, account; reputation, repute, Sl. rep.
3. honor, laurels, glory, praise, kudos, éclat, acclamation, acclaim; popularity, vogue, favor, esteem, high regard, admiration, respect.

notorious, adj. 1. infamous, ill-famed, disreputable, ignominious, having a bad name, of ill repute, discreditable, dishonorable; scandalous, obloquial, disgraceful, shameful, flagrant, stigmatized.
2. famous, famed, renowned, celebrated, well-known, well-prominent, Inf. name, Inf. big-name; noted, notable, eminent, preeminent, esteemed, respected, venerable, distinguished, Archaic. eximious; illustrious, great, grand, glorious; honored, exalted, acclaimed, much-touted; big-time, on the map, popular, well-liked; immortal, fabled, legendary, historical, memorable.

notwithstanding, prep. 1. despite, in spite of, regardless of; in defiance of, in contempt of, in the face of, in the teeth of, against.
—conj. 2. despite the fact that, in spite of the fact that, although, albeit, even if, even so, for all of that, even though, though.
3. nevertheless, Archaic. withal, however, however that may be, howbeit; anyway, anyhow, regardless, be that as it may; no matter what, at any rate, in any case, in any event, at all events; all or just the same, after all, after all is said and done; but, still, yet, on the other hand, at the same time.

nourish, v. 1. feed, nurture, provide for, care for, take care of, cherish; foster, bring up, rear, raise, cultivate, breed; nurse, harbor, keep, hold, sustain, maintain.
2. strengthen, promote, foster, further, encourage, stimulate; boost, advance, forward, push or push for; advocate; support, back, contribute to, conduces to,
nourishing, adj. 1. nutritious, nourishing, alimentative, alimentary, alible; life-giving, life-sustaining, health-giving, healthy, wholesome, salutary, beneficial, good for you.
2. nurturing, cherishing, fostering; strengthening, furthering, encouraging, promoting, supporting, supportive; contributive, contributing, contributory, conducive, helpful.

nourishment, n. food, nutrition, nurture, pabulum, sustenance, sustentation, subsistence; aliment, viands, meat, alimentation, bread or daily bread, groceries, foodstuffs, solids, edibles, Inf. grub, Sl. eats, Sl. chow, Chiefly Brit. Sl. scoff; snack, between-meal snack, bite, nosh, Sl. munchies; victuals, provisions, cheer, provender, rations, commons, comestibles, Western U.S. Sl. chuck, Brit. Sl. prog; board, fare, meals, mess, menu, table, diet, regimen; (all of livestock) feed, fodder, hay, oats, barley, corn, grain, bran, meal, mash; swill, Inf. gloop, Sl. slop.

novel, n. 1. narrative, story, tale, account, history, chronicle, saga, yarn; fiction, romance, Fr. roman; drama, adventure, mystery, detective novel or fiction, Inf. whodunit, thriller, suspense novel, spy novel, intrigue, science fiction, Sl. sci-fi novel, speculative fiction, Sci-fi novel, war novel, Gothic novel, love story, problem novel, psychological novel, novel of manners, comic novel, picaresque novel, Fr. roman à clef, fictionalized account; serialized novel, dime novel, penny dreadful; light reading, bedtime reading, summer reading; latest novel, best seller.

novelist, n. author, writer, novel writer, writer of fiction, creative writer, fictioneer, fictionist, prose writer; scribbler, logographer, penman, Inf. scribe; literary artist or craftsman, word painter, wordsmith, belles-lettres, litérateur, man of letters; story teller, narrator, yarn spinner, spinner of yarns, anecdotalist, teller of tales, raconteur, anecdotalist, romancer, historian, chronicler; best seller, popular author or novelist, free lance, free-lance writer; grind, hack, literary hack, Inf. schlack writer.

novelty, n. 1. uniqueness, difference, unusualness, uncommonness; rarity, rareness, specialty, specialness; distinctive feature, variation, variance, variety; oddity, peculiarity, strangeness, unfamiliarity, outlandishness, unorthodoxy; originality, freshness, newness, novelty, newfangledness.
2. innovation, change, alteration, transformation, new measure, Rare. novation, modernism, Inf. new or latest wrinkle, Inf. newfangled idea or contraption, Inf. latest thing, Fr. dernier cri, Inf. the last word, Inf. what’s in, Inf. the in thing; fad, craze, rage; new notion, restyling, recasting, remodeling, renovation, modernization; fad, craze, fad, rage, trend, color, modern, new-fangled, new-fangledness.

noxious, adj. harmful, hurtful, noxious, nocent, noisome; deleterious, pernicious, injurious, baneful, noisome.
miscievious; baleful, menacing, malignant, malign; unwholesome, unhealthy, unhealthful, insidious; poisonous, venomous, virulent, toxic, mephitic, pestilential, pestiferous, morbid, morbidical; detrimental, disastrous, disadvantageous, disadvantageous; prejudicial, damaging, corrupting, destructive, ruinous; malicious, maleficent, vicious, wicked, bad, evil, malevolent, malefic; deadly, fell, fatal, mortal, lethal, killing; murderous, intercine.

**nozzle**, n. 1. spout, sprinkler, rose, nib, nee, socket.

2. Slang. nose, All Sl. beak, snoot, schnoz, schnozzle, schnozzola; snout, muzzle.

**nuance**, n. shade, shading, gradation; nicety, subtle.

**nub**, n. 1. knob, knop, pommel, nubbin, nubble; bump, hump, node, nodule; protuberance, protrusion, gall, growth, excrecence, tubercle, tuberculum, Bot. tubercule, tuberosity, tumor; bulge, swelling, tumescence, gibbosity, Bot., Zool. boss; knot, bunch, gnarl, knurl, burl; mound, hillock, hummock, monticule, knop, (in South Africa) kopje, Chiefly Brit. barrow, Brit. Dial. tump.

2. lump, clump, chunk, mass, hunk; block, square, wad, squad, Inf. hunch; nugget, clod, piece, fragment, bit, butt.

3. Informal. core, pit, kernel, nucleus, center, focus, Law. gravamen; meat, heart, heart and soul, soul, marrow, sap; gist, sum and substance; material, matter, fiber, fabric, Inf. nitty-gritty, Inf. nuts and bolts; essence, quiddity, haecceity; point, main point, essential point, cardinal point, Inf. bottom line; issue, real issue, matter at hand, Inf. name of the game.

**nucleus**, n. core, pit, kernel, center, focus, Inf. nub, Law. gravamen; meat, heart, heart and soul, soul, marrow, sap, See also *nub* (def. 3).

**nude**, adj. 1. naked, stark-naked, Brit. stalkers, naked as the day one was born, Fr. tout nu; bare, Sl. bare-ass, exposed, Inf. in the buff, Inf. in the altogether, Inf. in one’s birthday suit, Sl. in the raw, Sl. raw; unclad, undraped, undressed, unapparelled, unclad, uncovered, unattired, disrobed, divested, without a stitch, with nothing on, Fr. au naturel.

2. plain, unadorned, undecorated, unornamented, unembellished, unadorned, undecked.

3. the nude state of nature, Inf. the buff, Inf. the altogether, Inf. birthday suit, Sl. the raw.

**nudge**, v. 1. elbow, poke, jog, jab, dig, prod, bump, push, jostle; touch, kick, prompt.

2. elbow, elbow in the ribs, prod, poke, jab, dig; push, bump, jostle; kick, prompt.

**nudist**, n. sunworshipper; Dial. bankwalker, Inf. skinnydipper; (in ancient India) gymnosophist, Rare. nudifier.

**nudity**, n. nakedness, bareness, undress, the state of undress, state of nature, the natural state, nature’s state, nature’s garb, natural garb, bare skin; the nude, Inf. the buff, Inf. the altogether, Inf. birthday suit, Sl. the raw.

**nugatory**, adj. 1. worthless, valueless, meritless, inutility, inadequate, unserviceable, impracticable, inefficacious; inoperative; frivolous, trivial, trifling, piddling, picayune, niggling, finicking; inessential, insignificant, inconsequential, unimportant, superfluous, petty, superficial, shallow; baseless, groundless, insubstantial, fragile, frail; empty, idle, inane, paltry, Dial. footy; trashy, shabby, Inf. cheesy, sleazy, slimy, jerry-built, U.S. Sl. cottonpicking, not worth a straw; showy, gaudy, glittering, tinsel.

2. vain, bootless, futile, unavailing, useless, Sissy-

phean, ineffectual, inefficacious; fruitless, unproductive, abortive, barren, sterile, impotent, effete; unprofitable, profitless, unsuccessful, to no purpose, to no avail, for naught.

3. fatuous, foolish, silly, brainless, irrational; senseless, feckless, infatuated.

**nugget**, n. chunk, lump, mass, Inf. hunk, clump, wad, squad, Inf. hunch.

**nuisance**, n. 1. pest, bother, Inf. headache, Inf. pain, Sl. pain in the neck or rear, Sl. hassle, vexation, annoyance; irritant, bur, thorn in the skin or flesh, pea in the shoe.

2. gadfly, buttonholer; bore, crashing bore, frightful bore, prosy, twaddler, dryasdust; wet blanket, Sl. drip, Sl. pill, Sl. deadhead, Sl. flat tire, Sl. retreat.

3. inconvenience, disadvantage, handicap; trouble, problem, worry, affliction, difficulty; trial, tribulation, ordeal, load, burden, weight, heavy load or burden.

**null**, adj. 1. ineffectual, inoperative, valueless, worthless, no-good, good-for-nothing, Inf. no-account, inconsequential, insignificant, trifling, trivial, piddling, immaterial; purposeless, baseless, groundless; insubstantial, unsubstantial, jeune; unavailing, futile, vain, nugatory, useless, inute, bootless; impotent, barren, sterile, powerless, unproductive, inefficacious, unsuccessful, abortive.

2. nonexistent, inexistence, subsistent; negative, minus, omitted; unprofitable, unremernerative; blank, empty, clear, bare, hollow, vacuous; senseless, inane, foolish.

3. null and void annulled, repealed, abolished, revoked, rescinded; invalid, disestablished, cancelled, discharged; renounced, repudiated, disclaimed, disavowed.

4. annulled, obliterated, destroyed, extinguished, eradicated, exterminated, expunged, extinguished; terminated, dissolved, eliminated, effaced.

**nullification**, n. 1. annulment, annulling, disannulment, voidance, avoidance, Law. defasance; quashing, invalidation, vitiation, Obs. vacatur, disestablishment, setting aside; cancellation, discharge; repeal, revoking, revocation, rescinding, rescission, reversal, abrogation, abolishment, abolition; suspension, Law. folle prosequi, stopping, discontinuance, cessation.

2. recantation, retraction, retraction, abjuration, withdrawal, recall, renouncement, renunciation, repudiation, relinquishment, abnegation; denial, negation, recantation, retraction, retractation, abjuration, withdrawal, recall; renouncement, renunciation, repudiation; taking back,undoing, Cards: reneg, countermand, countermarching, counterorder, overruling, overriding, veto.

3. neutralization, frustration; counterpoise, offsetting, counterbalance, counteraction, contravention, contradiction.

4. termination, dissolution, putting an end to, doing away with, bringing to an end; elimination, destruction, extinguishment, effacement, wiping out; obliteration, annihilation, eradication, extinguishing, extermination; blotting out, stamping out, crushing out, sweeping away.

**nullify**, v. 1. annul, disannul, declare null and void, render null and void, void, avoid; quash, invalidate, vitiate, vacate, disenact, disestablish; cancel, discharge; supersede, set aside; repeal, revoke, rescind, reverse, abrogate, abolish; suspend, Law. non-pros, stop, discontinue, break off.

2. recant, retract, abjure, unsay, withdraw, recall; renounce, repudiate, relinquish, abnegate, deny, disclaim, disavow, disown; take back, undo, reneging, countermand, counterorder, overrule, override; veto, negate.
nullity, adj. 1. nothingness, nihilism, existencelessness, *Fr.* *nullité*; unreality, nonreality, unactuality, inexistence, insubstantiality, incorporeality, incorporeity; immateriality, imponderability, nothing, immeasurability, intangibility; void, vacuity, vacuum, blank, space, emptiness, infinity; absence, nonwhereness, nonpresence, vacancy, nonoccupancy; abeyance, voidance, invalidity, neutrality.

2. insignificance, triviality, frivolity, unimportance, valuelessness, inconsequentiality; worthlessness, emptiness, nugacity, superficiality, pointlessness; futility, immateriality, imponderability, unaccountable, infinitesimal, incomputable, inmeasurable, measureless, indeterminate, indefinite; abundant, profuse, teeming, prevalent, plentiful, plenteous, bountiful, copious.

numb, adj. 1. sensationless, feelingless, insensitive; senseless, insensate, unperceiving; dazed, in shock, anesthetized, drugged, paralyzed.

2. callous, insensitive, thickskinned; unimpressionable, unroused, hardened, hard, calloused; unemotional, apathetic, unknown, uncaring, insouciant; inattentive, Inf. tuned out, blind or deaf to things, dispassionate; unsusceptible, lethargic, spiritless, imperturbable.

3. dull, obtuse, witless, dumb, unreasoning, mindless, addled, Inf. out to lunch; slow-witted, Inf. slow on the uptake, slow to comprehend; insensible, unaware, unappreciative.

—v. 4. deaden, obtund, hebetate, dull; drug, anesthetize, chloroform, anesthetize, stupefy; chill, freeze, glacial, paralyze.

numbness, n. 1. unconsciousness, insentience, insensibility, insensitivity; stupor, narcosis, anesthesia, hypnosis, paralysis; shock, dazedness, confusion.

2. inattentiveness, absent-mindedness, indifference, insouciance, nonchalance; disregard, half-heartedness, dullness, lethargy, sluggishness.

3. imperviousness, hardness, callousness, toughness; apathy, coolness, impassiveness, emotionlessness, impassibility, impassibleness.

numeral, n. number, Sp. *número*; cipher, digit, figure, integer, round number, whole number, fraction; cardinal number, ordinal number, Arabic number, Roman number, digital number.

numerate, v. 1. number, paginate, page, footnote; mark, stamp, print.

2. count, compute, calculate, reckon, figure; tally, add, sum up, total, tot up.

3. enumerate, list, specify, name, cite, recite, estimate, check, check off, go over, run over, take account of; catalogue, detail, mark, take stock of.

numerical, adj. numerary, enumerative, arithmetic, arithmetical, mathematical, algebraic, statistical; sub-multiple, reciprocal, prime, fractional, decimal, exponential, logarithmic, logometric; differential, integral, real, imaginary; rational, irrational, positive, negative.

numerous, adj. many, very many, ever so many, myriad, sundry, divers, several, quite a few; various, manifold, multifarious, multitudinous, innumerable, numberless, countless, untold, Inf. umpteen, Sl. skatty-eight, Sl. forty-leven, Inf. more than one could shake a stick at, more than one can count; unnumbered, unenumerated, uncountable, infinitesimal, incomputable, inmeasurable, measureless, indeterminate, indefinite; abundant, profuse, teeming, prevalent, plentiful, plenteous, bountiful, copious.

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nuptial. adj. 1. wedding, bridal, hymeneal, spousal, matrimonial, marital, connubial, conjugal, wedded.

—n. 2. Usu. nuptials wedding or wedding ceremony, marriage or marriage ceremony, matrimony, bridal. Class. Myth. Nymphaea, spousals, espousals, (among the ancient Romans) conforeretation, Sl. altar; wedlock, marital union or bond, nuptial tie or knot.

nurse, n. 1. registered nurse, R.N., practical nurse, licensed practical nurse, L.P.N., private nurse, head nurse, Brit. sister; male nurse, orderly, hospital attendant; nurse’s aide, Sl. candystriper.

2. dry nurse, governess, nursemaid, nurserymaid, Chiefly Brit. nanny, (in the southern U.S.) mammy, wet nurse.

—v. 3. care for, take care of, tend to, attend to, minister to, wait on, wait on hand and foot; treat, doctor.

4. (all of an infant) suckle, wet-nurse, breast-feed; nurture, cradle, feed, take care of, care for; dry-nurse, parent, mother, cherish; cuddle, pamper, baby, indulge, pet, mollycoddle; foster, bring up, rear, raise, train.

5. harbor, keep, hold, sustain, maintain.

nursery, n. 1. baby’s room, children’s room, playroom, nursery room.

2. nursery school, day nursery, day-care center, crèche, child care center, playschool, preschool kindergarten.

3. conservatory, greenhouse, hothouse, forcing house, indoor garden, cold frame.

nursing, n. infant; baby, newborn, neonate, It. bambino, Fr. bébé, papoose, suckling, weanling; foundling, changeling; young child, Fr. enfant, Scot. and North Eng. bairn, toddler, tot, tin, tot, U.S. Inf. tad, pre-schooler, nursery schooler; (all of animals) cub, kitten, kitty, pup, puppy, foal.

nurture, v. 1. feed, nourish, sustain, maintain; provide for, care for, take care of, tend; cherish, parent, mother, dry-nurse; foster, nurse, bring up, rear, raise; form, mold, shape, build, prepare, guide, take in hand; train, discipline, teach, tutor, instruct in, Nonstandard learn, educate, school.

2. cultivate, breed, develop, promote, foster, further, encourage, stimulate; boost, strengthen, advance, forward, push or push for, advocate; support, back, contribute to, conduct to, patronize; help, aid, assist, lend a hand, give a leg up.

—n. 3. upbringing, rearing, fostering, care; training, breeding, guidance, development, cultivation, preparation; education, tutelage, tuition, teaching, instruction, schooling, learning.

4. nourishment, nutriment, nutrition, food, pabulum, sustenance, subsistence. See nourishment.

nurturing, adj. 1. cherishing, nursing, mothering, parenting, parental, maternal, motherly; coddling, pampering, babying, indulging, petting, mollycoddling.

2. nourishing, fostering, strengthening, furthering, encouraging, promoting, supporting, supportive; contributive, contributing, contributary, conducive, helpful.

nut, n. 1. kernel, nutlet, nutmeat; grain, pip, seed, meat, pith.

2. Slang. fan, Inf. buff, aficionado; devotee, enthusiast, energumen, Inf. fiend, Sl. freak, Sl. bug, Inf. demon; follower, disciple, champion, adherent; fanatic, zealot, booster.

3. Slang. eccentric, queer one, odd one, Sl. weirdo, Sl. screwball; fool, Yiddish. schmendrik, simpleton, nincumpoop. See fool (defs. 1, 2).

4. Slang. psychotic, psychopath, lunatic, madman, maniac, demented one, hysterical; Inf. crackpot, Sl. crazy, Sl. loony, Sl. dingaling, Sl. yo-yo.

nubbin, adj. brown, tan, beige, ecru, puce; walnut, hazel, chocolate, coffee, cinnamon.

nutritive, adj. nourishing, fostering, strengthening, furthering, enriching, health-giving, healthy, healthful, wholesome, beneficial, good for you.

nutty, adj. 1. lively, zestful, zesty, animated; vital, ebullient, Sl. zingly; stimulating, exciting, rousing; tantalizing, fascinating; meaty, pithy, juicy, rich, interesting; flavorful, piquant, spicy, tangy.

2. Informal. inane, silly, fatuous, added, addled-pated, foolish, senseless, pointless, nonsensical; zany, ridiculous, laughable, absurd; All Sl. goofy, wacky, batty, sappy, screwy.

3. Slang. insane, psychopathic, lunatic, crazy, crazed, psychopath; mad, manic, hysterical; maniac, demented, deranged, irrational; manic-depressive, paranoid, schizophrenic; of unsound mind. Latin. non compos mentis, unbalanced, touched, Inf. daffy, daft; unhinged, Inf. unglued, Sl. bonkers, Inf. dotty, Sl. meshuga, mad as a hatter, Inf. cracked, Inf. mental; All Sl. balmy, dippy, cuckoo, buggy, bughouse, wacko, loony, squirrely, bananas, nuts, nutty as a fruitcake; off one’s rocker, off the wall, off one’s trolley, out of one’s gourd, off one’s chump, out of one’s tree; have bats in one’s belfry, have a few buttons missing, have a few loose screws, not have all one’s marbles.

nuzzle, v. 1. burrow, root up, nose out, nose; scrounge, forage, dig up.

2. cuddle, snuggle, nestle, snug, lie closely, curl up; fondle, cosset, cuddle.

—n. 3. embrace, hug, caress, pet, pat; kiss, Inf. buss, smooch, smack.

nymph, n. 1. sylph, sylphid, nymphet, wood nymph, or mountain nymph; water nymph, water sprite, undine, ondine, sea-maid, sea-maiden, mermaid; All Class. Myth. dryad, hamadryad, oread, naiad, Oceanid, Nereid, Siren, Rom. Legend. Naipea, Roman Religion. Camena, Carmenta, Egeria, Antevorta, Postvorta, (in Scottish legend) kelpie; fairy, fay, sprite, pixy, nix, peri, elf, brownie, Irish Folklore. leprechau.

2. damsel, maiden, maid, lass, lassie, Irish Eng. colleen; miss, young lady or woman, mademoiselle, demoiselle, Arch. demoiselle; girl, schoolgirl, child.

3. larva, caterpillar, worm, grub, maggot, flyblow; pupa, chrysalis, cocoon.
oaf, n. 1. dunce, dolt, dullard, blockhead, dundread, dundraper, clodpate, loggerhead, thickhead, fathead, numskull, bonehead, Inf. knucklehead, Inf. deadhead, Sl. lunkehead, Sl. meathead, Sl. meatball, Sl. lardhead, Sl. dummkopf, Sl. stupidhead, Sl. zombie. See dundle.
2. simpleton, Simple Simon, ninny, nincompoop, ninnyhammer, fool, tommol, nitwit, chucklehead, saphead, ass, donkey, Inf. coot, Inf. chump, Inf. jay, Sl. yo-yo, Sl. goon, Sl. flake, Sl. ding-a-ling, Sl. birdbrain; All Sl. boob, booby, noodle, nudnik, jerk, schmuck.
3. lout, clod, clodhopper, clodpoll, looby, gawk, ox, goon, Sl. flake, Sl. ding-a-ling, Sl. birdbrain; All Sl. boob, booby, noodle, nudnik, jerk, schmuck.
4. degenerate child, freak, monster; slow learner, special or exceptional child or student, retardate, moron, imbecile, idiot, half-wit, Sl. dimwit, Sl. retard, Sl. retard.
5. changeling, waif, orphan, foster child, stray.

oar, n. 1. paddle, scull, lever; steerer, Both Naut. rudder, tiller.
2. rower, paddler, See oarsman.

oats, n. 1. grain, cereal.
2. feed, fodder, scratch, silage, meal, millet.

oath, n. 1. promise, pledge, vow, avowal, guarantee, warrant, assurance; troth, word, word of honor, faith, Archaic: plight; statement, declaration, attestation, adjuration; averment, asseveration, affirmation, assertion, proclamation.
2. curse, swearword, Inf. cuss, Inf. cussword, expletive; four-letter word, dirty word, damn, Inf. no-no, naughty word; dirty name, name, epithet; obscenity, profanity.

3. swearing, blasphemy, rabidity, surliness; maladjustment, imprecation, invective, bad language, Billingsgate, unparliamentary language, badmouth.

oatmeal, n. porridge, mush, farina, cereal, hot cereal; gruel, Scot. brose, Dial. loblolly.

obdurate, n. 1. unyielding, unyielding, inflexible, unmalleable; hard, obstinate, stubborn, willful, perpicacious; recalcitrant, intractable, immovable; bullheaded, pigheaded, mulish; callous, hardened, unimpressible, uninfluenced, case-hardened; opinionated, headstrong, bigoted.

2. cruel, fell, grim, ruthless, merciless, pitiless, hardened; steely, adamantine, flinty, harsh, cold-blooded; relentless, remorseless, implacable, inexorable, unrelenting, tough, dogged; inhuman, heartless, untouched, impervious, uncaring; unresponsive, unforgiving, unsparing, uncompromising, unsympathetic, supercilious, unconcerned; insensible, cold-hearted, cold, unfeeling, indurate, insensitive.

3. unimpatient, unregenerate, reprobate, uncontrite; shameless, unrepenting, profigate; atheistic, godless, infidel, sinful.

obedience, n. 1. compliance, conformity, acquiescence, abidance, acceptance; yielding, submission, subjectation, morigeration, allegiance, observance; reverence, deference, respect, respectfully; submissiveness, adaptability, malleability, tractability, ductility, pliancy; dutifulness, faithfulness; meekness, timidity, gentleness, passiveness, docility.
2. subservience, obsequiousness; servility, ingratitude, prostration, obeisance, abasement; truckling, bowing, scraping, fawning, cowering, cringing, crawling, toady, Inf. bootlicking; self-effacement, self-surrender, self-abasement.

obedient, adj. 1. compliant, acquiescent, submissive, yielding, deferential, Rare. morigerate, morigerous; dutiful, duteous, law-abiding, ruling, loyal, faithful; conforming, cooperative, responsive, agreeable; supple, malleable, ductile, pliant; docile, meek, timid, gentle, passive; governable, tractable, biddable, under [s.o.'s] thumb.
2. subservient, servile, obsequious, ingratiation, prostration, obeisance, abasement; truckling, bowing, scraping, fawning, cowering, cringing, crawling, toady, Inf. bootlicking; self-effacement, self-surrender, self-abasement.

obeisance, n. 1. deference, homage, worship, adoration; respect, honor, regard; reverence, veneration, estimation, esteem.
2. obsequiousness, servility, sycophancy, fawning, toadying; subservience, slavishness; supineness, passivity, complaisance, resignation.
obey, v. 1. observe, comply with, acknowledge,
obesity, n. fatness, overweight, corpulence, corpulency,
1. purpose, intent, intention, animus,
3. dark, shadow, shade, dark, blacken, benight;
objectionable, adj. improper, indecorous, un-
objectivity, n. unbiased, unprejudiced, unbigoted, impartial, im-
2. surrender, relent, give in, give way to, succumb;
2. offensive, ignoble, base, deplorable, disgusting;
dislike, disrelish, antipathy, dishabillement, resentment;
disagreement, difference, variance, issue.
objected, v. 1. disagree, disapprobation, dis-
objectivity, n. 1. purpose, intent, intention, animus,
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2. reality, substantiality, essentiality; substantivety, corporeality, corporeity, materiality, ponderability, tangibility.

3. externality, outwardness, extrinsicality, nonsubjectivity, objectiveness; extraneousness, exteriority, externalization, objectification; extravagation, otherwise, projection, extrapolation.

objurgate, v. reproach, reprimand, reprove, reprehend, rebuke; upbraid, scold, dress down, castigate, chide, admonish; berate, rail at, fulminate against, thunder against; denounce, denunciate, damn, curse, execrate, anathematize, desecrate; roast, lash, trounce, accuse, traduce, impugn; revile, vilipend, vituperate, assail, attack; throw stones at, haul over the coals.

obliteration, n. 1. extermination, annihilation, discreate, exterminate, annihilate, displace, abort, siphon off, debilitate, abrogate, efface, efface, eradicate, wipe out, blot out, sponge over, Obs. an end to, snuff out, stamp out, strike out, cancel, kill, expunge, blue-pencil; omit, strike through, cross out, draw through, cross off, strike out, rule out. 2. askew, skew, slant, slope, leaning, lean; angularity, bias, bevel, bevel; tilt, pitch, sway, tip, cant, rake; grade, ramp, bank, side, scarp; All Geol. syncline, anticline, acme, catacleve.

oblige, n. 1. necessity, necessariness, necessitude; requirement, prerequisite; command, demand, must, compulsion, compulsiveness; constraint, enforcement, duress, pressure. 2. duty, function, business; responsibility, trust, charge, care; burden, onus, devoir; assignment, commission, chore, task; province, area, bailiwick, beat; accountability, liability. 3. contract, compact, covenant, deed; agreement, arrangement, understanding, treaty, bond, indenture; deal, pact, acknowledgment, transaction, warranty, stipulation; commitment, pledge, promise, guaranty; word, oath. 4. debt, indebtedness, liability, due, dues, debit; gratitude, gratefulness, thankfulness, thanks, thanksgiving, appreciation.

oblige, v. 1. oblige, bind, pledge, commit; require, necessitate, command, exact, demand; elicit, call for, cry for; compel, impel, force, press, constrain; coerce, Inf. strong-arm, dragoon. —adj. 2. obliged, bound, pledged, committed; compelled, forced, pressed, constrained, coerced. 3. obligatory, required, necessary, requisite; essential, indispensable; fundamental, basic, cardinal, primary.

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obligation, adj. 1. binding, obligating; commanding, exacting, demanding; compelling, impelling, forcing, forcible, pressing, constraining, coercing; unconditional, unqualified, categorical. 2. required, necessary, requisite, obligate; mandatory, compulsory, prescriptive, enforced; exigent, urgent, pressing; imperative, imperious, important, peremptory; involuntary, compulsory; essential, indispensable; fundamental, basic, cardinal, primary; unalterable, unchangeable, hard-and-fast.

oblige, v. 1. necessitate, require, obligate, bind exact, demand, command, call for, cry for, clamor for; compel, impel, force, press, constrain; make, use force upon, force [s.o.'s] hand; pressure, high-pressure, put pressure on, put the screws on, bear down upon or against, twist [s.o.'s] arm; coerce, Inf. strong-arm, dragoon. 2. accommodate, favor, indulge, patronize, put oneself out for; aid, assist, help, abet, meet the wants of; befriend, lend a hand, do a favor for, show a kindness to, do right by; serve, do for, do a service for, cater to, make comfortable, attend to the convenience of; provide, supply, furnish.

obliging, adj. willing, accommodating, agreeable, amenable, gracious; eager, ready, fain, earnest; helpful, kind, friendly, neighborly; serving, helping, benevolent, benign; assistant, aidful, well-disposed, sympathetic.

obliterate, v. 1. exterminate, annihilate, discreate, reduce to nothing, wipe out, sweep away, dissolve, eliminate, extirpate, destroy totally, decimate, liquidate; raze, ravage, level, tear down, tear to the ground, topple, gut, blast, devastate, ruin, despoil, desolate, demolish, wreck, smash, dismantle, lay in ruins, beat down, blow down; quash, squelch, suppress, put an end to, snuff out, stamp out, strike out, efface, erode, wipe or blot out, sponge out, render imperceptible or illegible or undeletable; delete, cancel, kill, expunge, blue-pencil; omit, strike out, write off, rule out.

obliteration, n. 1. extermination, annihilation, discreation, dissolution, elimination, extirpation, total or utter destruction, decimation, liquidation, undoing, end, Sl. curtains, abolition, extinguishment; razing, gutting, leveling, blasting, smashing, dismantling; ravagament, devastation, ruination, desolation, demolition, wreckage.

2. erase, efface, eradicate, wipe or blot out, sponge out, ruling out, deletion, cancellation,
oblivion. n. 1. obscurity, darkness, blankness; extinction, obsolescence, nowhereness, never-never-land; nothingness, nothing, *Fr. néant*, nothingity; nonexistence, inexistence, immateriality, nonsubsistence; abeyance, *Inf.* shelf, suspension, dormancy.

2. forgetfulness, obliviousness, Lethe, nirvana, blankness, thoughtlessness, quietism; amnesia, black-out, fugue, unconsciousness; absence, insensibility, senselessness, stupor, coma.

3. unmindfulness, absent-mindedness, unthinkingness; heedlessness, unawareness, carelessness, indifference, disregardfulness, disregard, disrespectful, unobtrusive.

oblivious, adj. 1. forgetful, absent-minded, Lethean, amnesic, amnestic; thoughtless, thoughtfree, nirvanic, quietistic; sublimated, suppressed, repressed, blocked out; faraway, elsewhere, in nowhere land, somewhere else; unconscious, insensible, out, dead, asleep, dead to the world; absorbed, abstracted, rapt, lost, engrossed, pensive, meditative; preoccupied, mused, daydreaming, dreaming, napping; stargazing, wool gathering, in the clouds, on cloud nine, castle-building.

2. unmindful, unaware, heedless, blind, unobservant, careless; inattentive, inadvertent, disregarding, disregardful, distracted.

oblong, adj. elongated, elliptical, ellipsoidal; oval, ovate, ovoid, egg-shaped, rectangular.

obscure, n. 1. discredit, disrepute, disfavor, dis-esteem, loss of face, downfall, fall; cremation, derogation, degradation, devaluation, disparagement, belittlement, depreciation; shame, disgrace, dishonor, scandal, ignominy, infamy, odium, opprobrium, debasement, vitiation, turpitude, ill repute, bad repute; humiliation, humble pie, mortification.

2. (all usu. public) censure, disapproval, disapprobation, reproprobation, reprehension, objection; criticism, animadversion, *Inf.* brickbat; fulmination, denunciation, condemnation, execration; reprimand, censure, reproof, reproach, rebuke, reprimand, reproof, rebuke, reprimand; upbraiding, castigation, objurgation, vituperation; scolding, dressing down, tongue-lashing, *Sl.* hell.

3. (all usu. public) blame, accusation, accuses, charge; imputation, incrimination, crimination, inculpation.

obnoxious, adj. 1. offensive, disgusting, noisome, revolting, obscene, deplorable, objectionable; noxious, rank, foul, vile, fleshy, noisome, distasteful, nauseating, nauseous, unpalatable, unsavory, gross, unpleasant, disagreeable; obnoxious, abominable, execrable, detestable, heinous, loathsome, hateful; despicable, scurrilous, base.

2. annoying, unbearable, intolerable, unendurable, insufferable, *Scot.* randy.

3. subject, exposed, vulnerable, susceptible, pregnant, open, liable.


2. lewd, salacious, pornographic, vile, foul, filthy, dirty, smutty, nasty, scatologic, scatological, *Sl.* raunchy; lecherous, lubricious, goatish, lustful, ruttish, libidinous, concupiscent, sexy, erotic, carnal, sensual, *Archaic.* lickerish; licentious, lascivious, prurient, Cyprian, wanton, loose, libertine, promiscuous, Paphian, unchaste; immoral, degenerate, dissolute, dissipated, debauched, rakish, profligate, depraved, perverted.

3. abominable, atrocious, aversive, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, repelling, off-putting; obnoxious, noisome, fleshy, offensive, disgusting, rank, objectionable, insufferable, intolerable; nauseating, nauseous, sickening, distasteful, unpalatable, unsavory, unappetizing, insipid; disagreeable, unpleasant, unlikable, *Brit. Inf.* beastly.

obscenity, n. 1. indecency, vulgarity, vulgarness, salaciousness, vileness, foulness, obscenity, filthiness, nastiness, *Sl.* raunchiness; lecherousness, lubricity, lustfulness, bawdiness, libidinosness, concupiscence, carnality, carnalness; licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, looseness, promiscuousness; immorality, dissoluteness, dissipation, rakishness, shamelessness.

2. indelicacy, immodesty, impropriety, improprierness, inappropriateness, unsuitability, unsuitableness, unacceptability, unseemliness, tawdriness; grossness, rankness, repulsiveness, repulsivity, offensiveness, suggestiveness, abusiveness, scurrillosness, blackguardism, profaneness.

3. salacity, pornography, vulgarmint, filth, dirt, smut; scurrility, ribaldry, billingsgate, profanity, double entendre, *Archaic.* bawdry; curse word, swearword, oaths, dirty word, four-letter word, *U.S.* Inf. cuss.

obscureness, n. 1. mystification, evasion of clarity, confusion, complication, *Inf.* mumbo jumbo; vagueness, uncertainty, unclarity, fuzziness, blurriness, obscurity, obscurity; ambiguity, ambiguousness, equivocality, differencing, indefiniteness, incertitude; abstruseness, reconditeness, obscurity.

obscure, adj. 1. vague, unclear, indefinite, uncertain, doubtful, dubious, abstruse, recondite, arcane, ambiguous, equivocal, cryptic, enigmatic; unfathomable, impenetrable, incomprehensible, mysterious, perplexing, puzzling, confusing, confused.

2. inconspicuous, unnoticed, insignificant, undisguised; unknown, unheard of, unhonored, unsung, ignorable, nameless, unnamed, unrenowned; hidden, remote, retired, secluded, unnoticed, out-of-the-way.

3. faint, vague, imperceptible, incalculable; undefined, indistinct, hazy, blurred, fuzzy, blazed, veiled.

4. dark, black, overcast, lightless, gloomy; murky, shadowy, somber, cloudy, dim, dusky, *Literary.* darkling, lowering, funereal; misty, foggy, smoky, filmy, starless, moonless, sunless, unilluminated, unlighted; tenebrous, *Archaic* caliginous.

5. obscurate, muddy, conceal, hide, disguise, veil, make abstract; confuse, baffle, mystify, perplex, bewilder.

6. make dim, bedim, cloud, becloud, begloom, be-night, fog, befoe; darken, blaken, blur, dull, dim; overcast, overcloud, overshadow, shadow, mask, curtain, cloak, shroud; eclipse, adumbrate.

obscenity, n. 1. vagueness, indefiniteness, uncertainty, doubtfulness, dubiouness; abstruseness, reconditeness, profoundness; ambiguity, equivocation, obsfuscation; incomprehensibility, impenetrableness, confusion.

2. inconspicuousness, unobtrusiveness, nonrecognition, namelessness, ingloriousness; insignificance, unimportance, nullity, paltriness, pettiness, worthlessness.

3. darkness, dimness, lightlessness; gloominess,
obsequious, adj. 1. submissive, docile, unassertive, compliant, deferential, tractable, mealy-mouthed, Obs. obsequious; servile, subservient, menial, slavish, toadyish, Obs., Rare. vernile; prostrate, obeisant, on one's knees.

2. groveling, crawling, crouching, slithering; squirming, cringing, cowering; whining, whimpering, sniveling.

3. sycophantish or sycophantical or sycophant husky, flattering, toadyish, truckling, ingratiating, honey-mouthed, unctuous, Sl. bootlicking, Sl. footlicking, Sl. bootlicking.

obsequious, n. Usu. obsequies funeral rites, funeral ceremony or service, last offices or honors, funeral oration, eulogy, final tribute; wake, deathwatch, vigil; burial, burial service, entombment, graveside service; exequies, funeral procession, dead march, cortège, Brit. last post; requiem, requiem mass, memorial service, month's mind mass.

observable, adj. 1. noticeable, evident, obvious, apparent, manifest, patent, visible, seeable; plain, revealed, in plain view or sight, unhidden, un concealed, disclosed; distinct, perceivable, clear, well-defined, well-marked, tangible, explicit, unmistakable, easy to see, plain to see, recognizable.

2. memorable, notable, noteworthy, worthy of note or recognition or celebration; special, significant, of weight or moment, never to be forgotten, red-letter.

observance, n. 1. observation, looking, viewing, witnessing; examination, taking note, scrutiny, inspection, searching; apprehension, perception, discernment, descrying, espying, espial, reconnaissance, spying, lookout.

2. observing, seeing, watching, regarding; keeping, obedience, adherence, compliance, conformity, accordance; remarking, commending, celebrating; noticing, note, respect, regard, giving the devil his due; attention, heed, ear, consideration, thought, care; execution, discharge, fulfillment, carrying out or through, acquittal, performance, prosecution, enforcement.

3. orthodoxy, strictness, accordance, accord, correspondence, agreement; devoutness, devotion, devotedness, faithfulness, dutifulness, conformity, reverence.

4. rite, ritual, ceremonial, ceremony, solemnity; celebration, jubilee, holiday, festivity; anniversary, dedication, solemnization; commemoration, memorialization, memorial service; exercise, exercises, function, service, office, performance, duty; vigilance, watchfulness, vigil, watch.

5. custom, practice, habit, manner, form, formality, convention, usage, wont, consuetude; institution, tradition, ordinance, way, prevalence, customary course, fixed procedure, established way, time-honored practice, the custom of the country, folkway, common practice; proper thing, what is done, Brit. the drill; style, use, mode, fashion.

observant, adj. 1. aware, regardful, mindful, interested, curious, intent, on the lookout, on the qui vive, on guard, wide-awake, alert, keen, sharp, Inf. heads-up, Inf. eyes-from, Inf. with one's eyes peeled, conscious, not missing a thing, Inf. on the ball or stick; attentive, heedful, advertent, paying attention, all eyes, quick on the trigger or the uptake; sensitive.

2. dutiful, duteous, meticuous, conscientious; scrupulous, nice, finicky, niggling; moral, ethical, obedient, compliant, conforming, law-abiding; orthodox, devout, devoted, loyal; practicing, active.
luted by, go by; comply with, abide by, accede, acquiesce. *Inf. to the mark; conform to, fulfill, satisfy, meet; discharge, execute, perform, carry out, perform duly, *All Inf. to follow the beaten path, follow the rules, play the game, go by the book, stay in line, keep in step, not make waves.

6. celebrate, keep, honor, keep holy, dignify, recognize, respect, do honor to, commemorate, mark, remember, memorialize; solemnize, formalize, sanctify, hallow, consecrate; Brit. *Inf. to fack, *Inf. make a big deal over.

observer, *n.* spectator, looker-on; witness, eyewitness, passerby, bystander, beholder, watcher, viewer, looker, seer, Inf. rubberneck, Inf. sidewalk supervisor; spectator, detector; reporter, auditor, commentator, evaluator; lookout, forward observer, fireguard, fire warden, forest ranger; spy, reconnoiter, Inf. inside man; sightseer, visitor, tourist, Inf. visiting fireman; gapper, gogger, ogler, Inf. drugstore cowboy.

obsess, *v.* (all in reference to the mind, one's thoughts, etc.) dominate, control, rule, monopolize; possess, grip, hold; preoccupy, occupy, be on one's mind, be uppermost in one's thoughts; haunt, haunt one's thoughts, run in the head, recur, weigh or prey on the mind; beset, bedevil, plague, trouble, worry, harass, harry, distress, hound, nag, vex, torment, torture; craze, madden, derange, dement, unbalance, unhinged, distraught, drive to something crazy or mad; infatuate, bewitch, ensorcel, besot.

obsessed, *adj.* (all in reference to the mind, one's thoughts, etc.) dominated, controlled, ruled, monopolized; possessed, gripped, held, fixated, one-track, Sl. hung-up; preoccupied, prepossessed, caught up in, wrapped up in, absorbed in, lost in, immersed in; haunted, beset, bedeviled, plagued, troubled, worried, harassed, harried, distressed, hounded, nagged, vexed, tormented, tortured; crazed, maddened, deranged, demented, unbalanced, unhinged, distracted; infatuated, bewitched, besotted.

obsession, *n.* 1. (all in reference to the mind, one's thoughts, etc.) domination, control, mastery; monopolization, possession, preoccupation, prepossessions; bedevilment, bewitchment, enchantment, ensorcelment, spirit control.

2. fixation, fixed conviction, fixed idea, Fr. *idée fixe*, monomania, ruling passion, one-track mind, bee in one's bonnet; complex, phobia, tic, quirk, ax to grind, chip on one's shoulder, Sl. craze, mania, passion; compulsion, irresistible impulse, morbid drive; infatuation, fancy, crotchet, *Archaic* maggot; phantom, illusion, delusion, hallucination.

obsolescent, *adj.* on the way out, passing out of use, disappearing, fading, waning, on the wane, dying.

obsolete, *adj.* 1. disused, abandoned, discontinued, discarded, cast aside; dead, defunct, expired, extinct, wound up; retired, pensioned off, put away, laid on the shelf, neglected, gone to seed, out of order, out of hand, out of fashion, out of date, out of style, out of order, out of hand, rowdy, brawly; ram-bunctious, rampant, boisterous, riotous, uproarious, tempestuous; deafening, ear-splitting, ear-piercing, ear-rending.


obstreperous, *adj.* 1. restive, unruly, disorderly, out of order, out of hand, rowdy, brawly; ram-bunctious, rampant, boisterous, riotous, uproarious, tempestuous; deafening, ear-splitting, ear-piercing, ear-rending.

2. noisy, loud, racketey; clamorous, clamant, blatant, clangorous, vociferous, boisterous, riotous, uproarious, tempestuous; deafening, ear-splitting, ear-piercing, ear-rending.

obstruct, *v.* 1. block, barricade, plug up, dam up, clog, oppilate; choke off, shut off, foreclose, ban, debar; stop, prohibit, forbid, preclude, prevent; arrest, check, halt, abort, bring to a standstill.

2. hinder, hamper, impede, interfere, interrupt, intervene; frustrate, thwart, balk, deter; limit, circumscribe; suppress, inhibit, restrain, cramp, slow, retard; delay, stay, stall, suspend; curb, brake, rein, harness, bridle, control; throttle, muzzle, gag, smother, smother, smother; hamstring, bind, shackle, trammel, fetter, encumber, tie and anf foot.

obstruction, *n.* obstacle, impediment, hindrance, oppilation, *Archaic* remora; barrier, stop, stopper, block, *Med.* obturant, stumbling block, roadblock, barricade; curb, check, ball, catch, hitch, snare, difficulty, bottleneck; restriction, limitation, constraint; tramnel, bridle; forbiddance, prohibition, interdiction, injunction, proscription, preclusion, ban, embargo, veto, taboo.

obtain, *v.* 1. get, acquire, procure, secure, gain, come by, Sl. *cop*; take possession of, get one's hands on, get a hold of; capture, seize, grasp, net, bag; reap, harvest, garner, gather, glean; buy, purchase, pick up, Scot. *Archaic* tof; reach, attain, achieve, win.

2. prevail, be prevalent; exist, be, stand, be in force;
obtrude, v. 1. impose upon, press oneself on [s.o.], push [s.t.] on [s.o.], thrust [s.t.] forward; thrust forth, push out, stick out.
2. intrude, walk in or into, burst in or into, Inf. barge in or into, break in or into, interrupt, Sl. butt in, U.S. Sl. horn in, force or push one's way in; pry, poke or stick one's nose into, nose into, meddle; interfere, get in the way, interfere, interpose, intercede.

obtrusive, adj. 1. prominent, conspicuous, obvious, unmistakable, evident, clear, apparent, patent; overt, open, manifest, undisguised, bald, bald-faced; sheer, utter, unquestioned, outright, out-and-out, absolute, unmitigated; blatant, flagrant, extreme, gross, outrageous, egregious, notorious; bold, audacious, impudent, brazen, flaunting, shameless; arrant, downright, thorough, hard-core.
2. protruding, protuberant, protrusive, projecting, sticking out, sticking up, hanging out or down, showing.

obtund, v. blunt, dull, take the edge off; moderate, modulate, soften, tone down, muffle, mute; deaden, deaden out, debar.

obtuse, adj. blunt, rounded, smooth, unpointed, unedges.

obviate, v. preclude, forestall, prevent, hinder, avert, Archaic. forfend; intercept, obstruct; ward off, stave off, fend off, divert; rid, Sl. drive.

obvious, adj. understandable, recognizable, discernible, palpable; clear, clear-cut, clear as crystal; plain, visible, distinct, patent, bald-faced, bald, as plain as the nose on one's face; open, overt, unconcealed; standing to reason, apparent, ostensible, evident, manifest; conspicuous, sticking out like a sore thumb, notable, pronounced, glaring, like a red flag, prominent; explicit, spelled-out.

occasion, n. 1. time, instance, case; juncture, point, place, spot, position, setting; circumstance, condition, situation; conjunctures, set of circumstances or affairs.
2. occurrence, incident, episode, experience, adventure, event; affair, function, happening, Archaic. hap; observance, commemoration, service; celebration, party, get-together; gala, show, big or major production, big or major deal or thing.
3. opportunity, opportune or suitable time or place, season, stage, right set of circumstances, contingency; chance, opening, golden opportunity, once-in-a-lifetime chance, turn, Inf. shot, Sl. crack.
4. reason, reason why, why and wherefore, the why, the wherewithal, Inf. the what for, rationale, explanation, excuse, basis, ground, justification, warrant; motive, motivation, inspiration, inducement, incentive, incitement, stimulus, impulse, provocation; cause, determinant, determining factor, origin, source, root, fountainhead, mainspring, derivation.
5. on occasion, now and then, once in a while, sometimes. See occasionally.
   —v. 6. give an opportunity or chance or opening for, call for, demand, raise a need for, make necessary; motivate, prompt, bring about, bring on, induce, bring forth or out, bring to pass, elicit, give rise to, effect, cause, provoke; generate, breed, engender, beget, give birth to, produce, make, create; start, originate, begin.
set up, establish, build.

occasional, adj. 1. chance, irregular, intermittent; random, sporadic, fitful, erratic; infrequent, infrequent, unhurried, uncustomary, uncommon, unusual, unexpected, exceptional; rare, seldom seen or met, seldom, scarce.
2. supplementary, supplemental, auxiliary, accessory, additional, added, annexed, multipurpose; extra, spare, surplus, nonessential, extraneous; provisional, part-time, temporary, nonpermanent; incidental, odd, casual, scattered or sprinkled here and there or around, spread about.
3. purposive, special, prepared for the occasion or event; commissioned, solicited, requested, asked for; commemorative, memorial, in honor of [s.o.]; holiday, ceremonial, festive, celebratory; inspirational, inspired, extemporaneous, temporary, extemporary, impromptu, Sl. made, off the cuff.
4. cumulative, causal, effecting, effectuating, eliciting; motivating, influential, prompting, provocative, impelling, impulsive, propulsive, driving; germinal, seminal, beginning, starting.

occasionally, adv. at time, from time to time, now and then, every now and then, every now and again, now and again, on occasion, here and there, once in a while, sometimes, Rare. sometime; when one has a chance, when one feels like it, when one is up to it or gets to it; periodically, at intervals, intermittently, off and on, sporadically, irregularly, by or in snatches or fits and starts; infrequently, rarely, seldom, once in a blue moon or a coon's age, hardly ever.

occlude, v. close, shut, seal; shut off, close off, stop; stop up, plug up, cork, oppilate, dam up; fill, choke, clog, block, obstruct, Mäch. throttle; bar, barricade, impede, trammel, Law. estop; shut in, enclose, hedge in, hem in; prohibit, prevent, foreclose, shut out, debar.

occult, adj. 1. mysterious, arcane, inexplicable, unexplainable, unaccountable, insoluble, insolvable, unsolvable, Obs. inextricable; puzzling, enigmatic, baffling, bewildering, confounding, perplexing, mystifying; impenetrable, incomprehensible, inaprehensible, past or beyond comprehension or understanding, unknowable, incomprehensible, incomprehensible, indecipherable, undecipherable, undecipherable, transcendent, mystical, mystic, supernatural, preternatural.
2. secret, cryptic, perdu, private; concealed, hidden, veiled, shrouded, ensnored; obscure, obscured, dim, vague, shadowy, cloudy, nebulous.
   —n. 3. occultism, cabalism, mysticism, esoterism, esotericism, esotery, hermetics, hermeticism; supernaturalism, transcendentalism.
4. the supernatural, the supersensible; mystery, puz-
tle, enigma, question, question mark; secret, cabala, esoterica, arcanum, closed or sealed book; unknowable, deep or profound mystery, mystery of mysteries.

—v. 5. cover, cover up, conceal, hide, veil, mask, screen, eclipse, block; cloud, obscure; shroud, enshroud.

occultism, n. cabalism, mysticism, esotericism, esoterism, esotery, hermeticism, hermetics; supernaturalism, transcendentalism; theosophy; spiritualism, mediumism; magic, black magic, sorcery, witchcraft, diabolism.

occupancy, n. 1. tenancy, tenure, residence, residency, residing, abiding, living, dwelling, Law. occupancy, occupation, occupying; settlement, settling, inhabitation, inhabitation, habitation, habitation, moving in; domiciliation, lodging, lodging, billleting, quartering, locating; taking up residence, taking up one's abode, making one's home, establishing oneself, Inf. hanging up one's hat.

2. possession, possession, proprietorship, ownership; retention, holding.

occupant, n. 1. tenant, renter, lessee, leaseholder; resident, permanent resident, resider, residerency, residenciary; inhabitant, Archaic. inhabitant, inhabitant, dweller, denizen, household, addressee, occupier; indweller, incumbent, inmate; lodger, boarder, roomer, paying guest, Sl. crasher.

2. settler, homesteader, colonist, squatter, cottager, countryman, manor, cotter, village, township, burgess, oppidan, citizen.

occupation, n. 1. business, employment, employ, job, work, living, livelihood; profession, career, life-work, vocation, calling; métier, trade, craft, skill; field, line, province, area, walk of life, station, situation, post, position; appointment, berth, position, commission, charge, mission, duty, task, undertaking; activity, enterprise, pursuit, avocation, hobby, SI. bag, SI. thing; pastime, amusement, diversion, preoccupation.

3. tenancy, residency, habitation, possession, occupancy. See occupancy (def. 1).

4. foreign rule, colonial rule, imperial rule; (all of foreign territory) seizure, takeover, conquest, overthrow, defeat; possession, control, subjection, subordination, subjugation, oppression, bondage.

occupational, adj. professional, vocational, career, workday, workaday, industrial; official, business.

occupy, v. 1. fill, fill up, permeate, pervade, cover, take up.

2. engage, employ, use, busy; interest, beguile, arrest, absorb, engross, preoccupy, concern, be on one's mind, absorb one's thoughts; entertain, divert, amuse; hold, secure, tie up, tie down, take up one's time, monopolize.

3. (all of military invasions) capture, seize, take by force, take over, overthrow, conquer, defeat; rule, control, dominate, subjugate, subject, oppress, hold in thrall, hold in bondage.

4. dwell in, reside, inhabit, tenant, live in; establish oneself, move into, take up residence, take up one's abode, settle, settle down, locate, ensconce; make one's home, Inf. hang up one's hat.

occur, v. 1. happen, take place, transpire, come to pass, come about, come, Archaic. hap, Inf. come off, befal, supervene, betide, chance, Archaic. bechance, Archaic. arrive; result, ensue, follow, eventuate, turn out.

2. intervene, come up, present itself, show itself, show up, turn up, be found; arise, spring up, come into being, issue, proceed, come forth, emerge; appear, materialize, become manifest, become visible.

3. suggest itself to, come to, strike, hit; come to mind, come into one's head, enter one's head, cross one's mind.

occurrence, n. happening, event, episode, incident, occasional; incidence, circumstance, fact, phenomenon; affair, case, matter; action, proceeding, doing, deed; accident, Archaic. hap, chance, happenance; casual, mishap; adventure, venture, experience.

ocean, n. 1. sea, Neptune, Poseidon, deep blue sea, brine, Inf. briny, Inf. the drink, Archaic. flood, Chiefly Literary. the deep; hydrosphere, Davy Jones's locker; open ocean, high sea, Literary. the bounding main.

2. multitude, abundance, profusion, flood, Inf. a lot, Inf. raft; ton, mountain, pile, heap, stack, load, slew, mint, million, trillion, Inf. zillion; Inf. lots, Inf. oodles, Sl. scads, Inf. gobs.

oceanic, adj. 1. pelagic, thalassic, marine, maritime, aquatic, saltwater, sea, Neptunian; bathyal, bathypelagic.

2. large, huge, big, vast, enormous, extensive, expansive; unlimited, limitless, unbounded, boundless, infinite, interminable, unending, endless.

ocular, adj. visual, optical, ophthalmic.

oculist, n. ophthalmologist, eye doctor, eye specialist; (loosely) optometrist.

odd, adj. 1. unconventional, uncommon, unusual, unique, unorthodox, uncommon, unwanted, rare, out of the ordinary; atypical, singular, original, exceptional, individual, lone, sole, solitary; unexamined, unparalleled, unprecedented, unfamiliar, uncomfortable; extraordinary, egregious, astonishing; deviant, aberrant, anomalous, anamnestic, abnormal, irregular.

2. peculiar, curious, queer, offbeat, oddish, quizzical, cranky, Inf. funny, Inf. kooky, Inf. off-center, incongruous; quaint, eccentric, idiosyncratic, droll, comical, laughable, Inf. quirky, flaky, Sl. wacky, Sl. squirrely, Sl. buggy, Sl. balmy Sl. off the wall, Chiefly Brit. bizarre; strange, weird, bizarre, erratic, freakish, grotesque, Sl. rum, Sl. far out; fanciful, whimsical, notional, crotchety, maggoty, capricious, fickle, waggish.

3. fantastic, incredible, inconceivable; exotic, fey, supernatural, preternatural, out of this world; ridiculous, ludicrous, absurd, preposterous, outlandish, extravagant; nondescript, amorphous, indescribable, unclassifiable.

4. remote, removed, secluded, withdrawn, reclusive, private, sequestered, out-of-the-way, hidden, covert, closed, way out, shut away, isolated, solitary, soliturious, lonely, lonesome, unfrequented; backwoods, Sl. out in the sticks, Sl. out on the boondocks or booneys.

5. (all of a pair) lone, single, sole, solitary, remaining one, without a mate, mateless; (all of a pair) unlike, unlike, disparate, different, divergent, diverse, irregular, unequal, unmatched, ill-matched, not matching, Obs. disiparant.

6. remaining, remnant, surplus, superfluous, spare, left, leftover, left-behind, unused, unemployed, unneeded, unrestricted; (all of food) uneaten, unconsumed.

7. casual, occasional, temporary, part-time; substitute, auxiliary, additional, supplementary, supplemental, subsidiary, fill-in, stand-in.

8. random, offhand, haphazard, indeterminate, indiscriminate, chance, fortuitous, orderless, sporadic; stray, straggling, irregular.

oddball, n. Slang. 1. character, eccentric, card, original, pip, sport, exception, individual. See oddity (def. 1).
oddity, adj. 1. eccentric, unconventional, uncommon, unusual, unorthodox, uncustumary, out of the ordinary; atypical, original, singular; peculiar, curious, queer, odd. See eccentric (defs. 1-3).

oddity, n. 1. curiosity; rarity; card, character, case, sport, original, pip, eccentric, exception, individual; fluke, freak, crackpot, rare bird, queer duck, queer potato; All Sl. weirdo, weirdy, creep, oddball, nut, loony, looner, screwball; nonconformist, deviator, Chiefly Britt. punk; misfit, maverick, drop-out, loner, lone wolf, solitary, fish out of water, square peg in a round hole.

2. oddness, strangeness, queerness, bizarre-ness, quirkiness, incongruousness; uncommonness, uncommonality, uncommonness, unusualness, uniqueness, exception, singularity, singularness, individuality, individualness, distinctiveness; monstrousness, unnaturalness, freakishness; whimsicality, capriciousness, fancifulness, waggishness.

3. peculiarity, idiosyncrasy, idiocy, eccentricity, man-nerism, quirk, twit, kink, twitch, tic, idiom, hobby-horse; quip, crotchet, whim, caprice, flight of fancy; aberration, aberrance, aberrancy, deviation, anomaly, Rare. anomalous.

oddment, n. 1. knick-nack, notion, sundry, curio, gag, bric-a-brac, novelty; keepsake, souvenir, memento, remembrance, reminder, relic, memorabilia, token.

2. scrap, remnant, leaving, paring, chip, snip, discard, sliver, chunk, shred, crumb, leftover; piece, tag, snatch, snippet, bit, fragment, gobbet, patch, modicum.

3. All Print. frontispiece, title page, table of contents, list of acknowledgements, list of abbreviations, pronounciation table or key or guide, glossary, notes, bibliography, addendum, addenda, appendix, appendices.

odds, n. 1. probability, likelihood, chances.

2. advantage, lead, edge, handicap; superiority, supremacy, preeminence, ascendancy, predominance; inferiority, disadvantage, deficiency, inadequacy.

3. difference, disparity, unevenness, inequality; variation, discrepancy, irregularity.

4. at odds at variance, at sixes and sevens, at loggerheads, at cross purposes; in disagreement, not in keeping with, out of line with, in opposition to, different from, counter to; differing, diverging, deviating, divergent, incongruous; disagreeing, clashing, conflicting, colliding.

5. by all odds in every respect, undoubtedly, anyway you look at it, by far, by a long shot, by any stretch of the imagination; unquestionably, indubitably, definitely, unequivocally.

odds and ends, n. bits, particles, fragments, gob-bets, modicums, specks, morsels, flakes, crumbs, chunks; tags, patches, snatches, scantlings; remnants, leftovers, scraps; cuttings, shavings, slivers, chips, parings, pieces, snips, snippets, shreds, splinters.

ode, n. poem, lyric poem, lyric, lay. Archaic. fit; eclogue, pastoral poem; ballad, song, folk song, broadside, ditty, carol; sonnet, love song, blues song; epic, edicium, funeral song, dirge; elegy, encomium, panegyric.

odious, adj. 1. abhorrent, abominable, execrable, loathsome, detestable, heinous; scornful, contemptible, disdainful, despicable, ignominious; invidious, hateful, antipathetical: displeasing, unlikable.

2. repugnant, disgusting, aversive, rank, putrid, putrescent, foul; distasteful, nauseating, nauseous, sickening, unpleasant, obnoxious; revolting, repel-lent, offensive, objectionable, annoying; undurable, unbearable, insufferable: horrible, hideous, ugly; ignoble, abject, low; unpleasant, Britt. Inf. beastly.

3. reproachful, opprobrious; infamous, disreputable, dishonorable; disgraceful, obloquial, inglorious, shameful; degraded, debased, defiled.

odium, n. 1. abhorrence, abomination, execration, loathing, detestation; misanthropy, misogyyny; scorn, contempt, disdain, despite; acrimony, virulence, rancor, bitterness, resentment, spleen, grudge, bile; aversion, hostility, antipathy, enmity, inimicalness; animosity, animus, malignity, malevolence, ill will; repugnance, revulsion, repulsion, disgust, distaste; hatred, hate, dislike, disgust, disfavor, dis-esteem, displeasure, disaffection.

2. reproach, opprobrium; infamy, disrepute, dishonor, disgrace, ignominy, obloquy; ingloriousness, humiliation, shame; degradation, debasement, defilement.

odor, n. 1. smell; scent; aroma; fragrance, perfume, redolence, odoriferousness; bouquet, savor, trail, trace, breath; sink, stench, fetor.

2. character, quality, air, atmosphere, aura, exhalation, emanation, essence, spirit; flavor, complexion, tone.

doloriferous, adj. aromatic, fragrant, sweet-smelling, sweet-scented, scented, essenced, perfumed, balmy, redolent, odorous; spicy, savory, pungent, piquant, ambrosial.

of, prep. from, belonging to, coming from, hailing from; by, produced by; about, in reference to, in respect to, concerning; made of, consisting of, formed of; on the part of.

off, adv. 1. away, out, aside, at a distance, distantly.

—prep. 2. from, away from, out of.

—adj. 3. wrong, incorrect, inaccurate, mistaken, in error; misguided, misled; barking up the wrong tree, off base.

4. abnormal, Sl. dotty, Inf. nutty, Sl. flaky, Sl. dip-py, Sl. oddball; offbeat, unconventional, peculiar, ec-centric, strange.

5. substandard, subnormal, inferior, not up to par or snuff, irregular.

6. (of time) leisure, non-working, idle, vacation, free, open, unscheduled, discretionary.

7. more distant, farther, further; outlying, faraway, far.

8. get off on enjoy, take pleasure in, take satisfaction in; rejoice in, revel in, Sl. groove on; feast on; savor, appreciate, Inf. smack one's lips over, eat up; have a good time, Inf. have a ball, Inf. get a bang or kick or boot out of.

offal, n. 1. guts, innards, liver and lights, entrails, gizzards, carrion, putrefying flesh, remains, carcasses.

2. refuse, rubbish, trash, junk, chaff, Yiddish, trash, chaff, slop, garbage, waste, mess, dreck,_SI. crap, SI. scrap, SI. deck, slash; junk, litter, riffraff, flotsam and jetsam, odds and ends, remnants, scraps; leftovers, lees, sediment, dregs; sweepings, scourgings, castoffs, castaways, rejects, discards; debris, detritus.

off-color, adj. 1. risqué, indecent, indecorous, inelegant; unseemly, improper, inappropriate, indiscreet; racy, salty, spicy, suggestive, broad, not fit for mixed company, untreated, not fit for a family newspaper; earthy, Sl. raunchy, smutty, dirty, blue, offensive; obscene, indecent, pornographic, X-rated, scabrous.

2. unwell, out of sorts, washed-out, Sl. punk, peaked, run-down; poorly, drabby, aching, full of aches and pains, droopy, languid.

offend, v. 1. affront, chagrin, insult, humiliate,


3. violate, transgress, trespass, infringe upon, encroach upon, intrude upon, step on the toes of; sin, desecrate, profane, defile, debase.

4. injure, hurt, harm, smart, wound, damage; wrong, malice.

5. All Biblical. tempt, seduce, lead astray, entice, allure, sway.

6. sin, go astray, fall from grace, go to the devil; transgress, trespass; break the law, fault, commit a crime; err, make a mistake, go wrong, blunder, go to the dogs, slip up, lapse, trip; misbehave, *Rare.* misde-mean.

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**offense**

**n.** 1. violation, infraction, breach, transgression, trespass, infringement; misdeed, wrongdoing, dereliction, slip, lapse, shortcoming, peccadillo; malefaction, sin, desecration, profaneness, blasphemy, sacrilege, peccancy.


3. atrocity, enormity, abhorrence, abomination, odium, outrage.

4. umbrage, resentment, pique, huff, *Inf.* miff; petulance, indignation, annoyance, iff, displeasure; repugnance, disgust, repulsion, revulsion; aversion, disapproval, opposition, alienation; antipathy, animosity, animus, enmity, hostility, hatred, detestation.

5. attack, assault, onslaught, bombardment, storming, *of troops* dragonnade, aggression, assailment, encounter; offensive, onset, push, thrust, charge, lunge, *of troops* sortie, sally; invasion, incursion, raid, escala(de).

6. attackers, aggressors, assailers, assailants, besiegers, raiders, invaders; opposition, enemy, foe.

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**offensive**

**adj.** 1. affronting, insulting, insolent, disrespectful, *Archaic.* affrontive; rude, discourteous, unmanly, unmanumed, uncivil, ungentle; irritating, aggravating, nettling, chafing, galling; unbearable, unendurable, intolerable, insufferable; off-putting, *Brit.* offensive, beastly, unpleasant, disagreeable; vexatious, annoying, provoking, provocative, incensing, exasperating, distressing, disturbing; irksome, fretting, rattling, ruffling, rankling.

2. noisome, nauseating, nauseous, *Med.* nauseant; fetid, rancid, sour, putrid, putrescent, graveolent, rotten, stinking, rank, four, mephitic; odorous, odoriferous, stenchful, strong, whiffy; distasteful, unpalatable, unsavoury.

3. repugnant, disgusting, obnoxious, shocking, nasty; repulsive, repelling, repellent, revolting, objectionable; foul-smelling, bilious, gross; abominable, odious, heinous, detestable.

4. attacking, on the attack, on the offense, on the move; assualting, assailing, invading, invasive.

5. aggressive, combative, incursive, martial, warlike, *Archaic.* assailant, bellicose; truculent, belligerent, pugnacious, pushing; contentious, quarrelsome, antagonistic, hostile.

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**n.** 6. aggressiveness, combative ness, bellicosity, bellicoseness; belligerence, pugnacity, pugnaciousness, pushiness; contentiousness, quarrelsome ness, antagonism, animus, enmity, hostility.

7. attack, assault, onslaught, aggression, assailment, offense, encounter; charge, onset, push, thrust; invasion, incursion, raid.

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**offer**

**v.** 1. tender, proffer, present, hold out, extend, put or place at [s.o.’s] disposal.

2. propose, pose, put forward, suggest, recommend, advance, propound; submit, set before, put to choice; move, make a motion.

3. volunteer, come or step forward, present or proffer oneself, offer one’s services, be at [s.o.’s] service or disposal, not wait to be asked, need no invitation.

4. sacrifice, offer sacrifice, make sacrifice to, offer up, offer up an oblation.

5. put up for sale, put up, put on the market, put on the block, ask bids for, offer for sale, offer at a bargain.

6. bid, bid for, make a bid, make an offer, offer to buy.

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**offering**

**n.** 1. sacrifice, sacrificial lamb, oblation, immolation.

2. contribution, subscription, donation, donative; gift, present; alms, charity, dole, pittance, *Sl.* hand-out.

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**offertory**

**n.** hymn, hymn-tune, psalm, chorale, motet, oratorio, canticle, anthem, doxology.

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**offhand**

**adv.** 1. impromptu, extemporaneously, extempore, unprepared, spontaneous, ad-lib, *Inf.* off-the-cuff.

2. informally, unceremoniously, without ceremony; nonchalantly, casually, easily, offhandedly; cursorily, perfunctorily, once over lightly, as a matter of form, for the sake of form.


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**officer**

**n.** 1. base, residence, location; region, province, territory, district, precinct; building, place, seat, spot, room.


3. duty, function, obligation, business; responsibility, trust, charge, care.

4. assignment, chore, task, routine, job, work; requirement, burden, onus, devoir; mission, calling; part, role, bit.

5. offices word, referral, advocacy, backup; auspices, aegis; intercession, intermediation.

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**officer**

**n.** 1. military officer, naval or Navy or Army or Air Force or Marine Corps officer, commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, NCO; general, admiral, flag officer, colonel, commander, commandant, major, captain, *Inf.* brass.


3. skipper, ship’s captain, master, *Inf.* old man; mate, first mate, ship’s mate, helmsman, pilot, steersman.

4. officeholder, officerbearer, official, *Brit.* place-man, *Rare.* officiary, pooh bah; functionary, government or public official, bureaucrat, public or civil serv-
official

ant; minister, commissioner, secretary, commissary, (in the U.S.S.R.) commissioner, governor, regent, dean; executive, administrator, corporate officer, VIP, big man, big shot, heavy, power broker, SL. big cheese, SL. big gun; leader, chief, head, principal, Inf. kingpin, Inf. number one, Inf. Mr. Big, SL. top dog, SL. top banana; director, manager, superintendent, overman, overseer, overlooker, boss, Inf. bossman, SL. the man, SL. head honcho, Brit. gaffer.

— n., v. 5. command, direct, run the show, quarterback, Inf. call the plays or shots; rule, rule the roost, govern, control, be in control or charge of, have the upper hand; administer, manage, superintend, conduct, run, operate, engineer, orchestrate, carry out, regulate; steer, drive, pilot, navigate, hold the reins, be at the helm, be in the driver's seat or saddle.

official, n. 1. officer. See officer (def. 4).

— adj. 2. authorized, duly authorized, rightful, lawful, legitimate, legal, licit, warranted, sanctioned, approved, allowed; certified, licensed, accredited, validated, authenticated; authentic, valid, genuine, real, bona fide, verified, documented, Inf. kosher; elected, duly elected or appointed or invested, ordained; recognized, accepted, established, canonical, orthodox.

3. authoritative, from the top, Latin. ex cathedra, SL. from the horse's mouth; imperative, commanding, directive, ordered, prescribed.

4. (of an activity or event) formal, functional, observant, ceremonial, solemn, serious; routine, standard, regular, customary, conventional, ritual, ritualistic, set, fixed, exact, stiff, Latin. pro forma; stuffy, decorative, proper, seemly; ceremonial, pompous, elaborate, ornate.

officialize, v. 1. perform or carry out the duties or functions, fulfill or discharge the responsibilities, exercise one's role, do the job; handle or transact business, look after or maintain affairs, carry on or forward; fill or serve in an office or a position, serve the government, work for the government; do one's duty, do duty, serve time.

2. preside over, moderate, emcee, head up, run, occupy the throne, wear the crown; direct, conduct, run, be in charge of, lead, quarterback, Inf. call the plays or shots, make the decisions; manage, administrate, govern, control, regulate, supervise, superintend, oversee, boss; (of a sports contest or game) referee, umpire, judge, adjudicate, mediate; keep score or time.

officious, adj. 1. meddlesome, meddling, intermeddling, interfering, intrusive, intruding, pragmatic; prying, inquisitive, busbody, Inf. nosy; obstructive, forward, overbold, Inf. pushy; overkind, overzealous, overly solicitous; importunate, persistent, troublesome, annoying.

2. gratuitous, unwarranted, unwanted, unasked for, unnecessary.

offing, n. 1. distance, background, horizon, skyline.

2. in the offing in the wings, near, close at hand; in the near future, in the foreseeable future.

offscouring, n. Often offscourings filth, dirt, dust, sweepings; refuse, Dial. culch, garbage, rubbish, waste, Brit. wastrel; dregs, grounds, sediment, settings, lees, draft; remains, leavings, leftovers, scraps, orts, hogwash, swill; remainder, residue, residuum, scum.

offset, n. 1. compensation, Latin. quid pro quo, recompense, repayment, reimbursement; satisfaction, damages, Law. solutum, indemnification, indemnity, recoupment; restitution, penalty, fine; requital, quittance, return, redress; atonement, amends, expiation, reparation, retribution.

2. antidote, counterbalance, counterpoise, balance, check, countercheck; weight, stabilizer, equalizer, neutralizer, makeweight, ballast.

3. start, beginning, commencement, outset, onset, outbreak, dawn, conception, birth, genesis, exordium; opening, inauguration, Inf. ribbon-cutting, Inf. kick-off, Inf. jump-off, Inf. send-off, Inf. take-off, Inf. blast-off; rise, arising, beginnings, emergence, incipience, nascence, infancy.

4. offshoot, branch, stem, twig, shoot. See offshoot (def. 1).

— adj. 5. off-center, out of balance, out of alignment, to one side, out of line; at an angle, crooked, slanted, slanting, SL. cockeyed, askew, awry.

— v. 6. juxtapose, compare, collate, contrast, set side by side, oppose, set against, SI. stack up.

5. compensate for, make up for, Inf. even things out, counterbalance, counterpoise, counteract, antidote, neutralize, nullify, cancel or cancel out; balance, equalize, handicap, even, square, equate; adjust, adapt, accommodate, Naut. (of sails) trim.

8. recompense, repay, reimburse, indemnify, refund; make restitution, make amends, require, satisfy, make up for, redress, atone, expiate, make good.

9. project, protrude, stick out, jut out; branch, diverge, divide, fork.

offshoot, n. 1. branch, bough, limb, twig, stem; sucker, spur, shoot, switch; runner, tendril; sprout, leafstalk, Bot. petiole.

2. descendant, offspring, scion, heir, son, daughter, child; relation, relative, kin, cousin; kindred, offset.

3. outgrowth, upshot, outcome, ramification, result, consequence; issue, product, effect, fruit, by-product; aftermath, trail, wake, backwash, aftereffect, fallout; addition, adjunct, annex, amendment, supplement.

offspring, n. 1. children, young, brood, spawn, litter, fry.

2. child, son, junior, daughter, scion, heir, heir apparent, chip off the old block; kid, calf, lamb, whelp, foal, cub, pup, puppy, chick, chicken.

3. descendants, successors, issue, seed, progeny, offshoots, offset; posterity, lineage, succession, progeniture, younger or rising generation.

4. result, product, end product, effect, offshoot, consequence; upshot, outcome, outgrowth, ramification; fruit, creation, invention, design; idea, thought, brainstorm.

often, adv. frequently, repeatedly, Poetic. oft; generally, usually, habitually, regularly, as a common thing, commonly, in many cases; periodically, ever and anon, now and again; time and again, time and time again, time after time, over and over, day-in-day-out; quite a bit, a lot.

ogre, n. 1. monster, ogress, giant, Cyclops, Minotaur, Gorgon; cockatrice, basilisk; chimera, incubus, succubus; vampire, Count Dracula; barghest, hogbob-
lin, goblin, bog, boogeyman, bugbear, bugaboo, specter.

2. fiend, sadist, brute, demon, devil, hellhound; miscreant, malefactor, badman, Brit. bad hat, Sl. bad news, Sl. bad actor; villain, scoundrel, Iago, Sl. rat, blackguard, cad, Inf. heel, Sl. no-goodnik, Sl. bastard; beast, mad dog, shark, hyena; killer, mad-dog killer, murderer, slayer, cutthroat, manslayer, butcher, slaughterer, Bluebeard; ripper, mauler, Jack the Ripper, bloodsitter, strangler, garotter, thriller killer, homicidal maniac; hatchet man, hit man, brave, hired gun, gun-slinger, gunman, Sl. torpedo, executioner, Sl. trigger man, Sl. gunfist; exterminator, liquidator, annihilator, mass-killer, mass-murderer, mass-slayer, Hitler, Genghis Khan, Attila the Hun.

3. ruffian, rowdy, ugly customer, Inf. plug-ugly, Sl. creep, Sl. rooter, Sl. mug, thug, desperado, Sl. tough; bandit, gangster, hoodlum, Sl. hood, outlaw, holdup man, highwayman, robber, thief, Sl. gone, Inf. crook, racketeer, Inf. mobster; Sl. strong-arm man, Sl. muscle man, Sl. goon; torturer, rapist, mugger; cannibal, anthropophagite, ghoul, barbarian, savage; scum, scum of the earth, bad person, low person, Sl. putz; hag, harpy, beldam, witch, harridan, hellhag; werewolf, apeman, Frankenstein’s monster, gargoyle, Caliban, gorilla.

oil, n. 1. lubricant, lubricator, Inf. lube, Pharm. oleum, petrolatum, petroleum jelly, Trademark. Vaseline, baby oil; Chem. glycerol, Chem. glycerin; graphite, plumago, black lead; mineral oil, vegetable oil, olive oil, corn oil, cod-liver oil; grease, drippings, fat, lard, shortening; butter, margarine, oleomargarine, oleo, oleo oil; unguent, ointment, liniment, balm, salve, lotion, cream. See ointment.

2. crude oil, unrefined oil, petroleum, fuel oil, motor oil.

3. pour oil on troubled waters, calm, smooth, quiet, pacify, soothe, allay.

—v. 4. lubricate, Inf. lube, grease, smear with oil; anoint, embrocate, dress, pomade, smear, daub; soap, wax; slick, smooth, make slippery or smooth; smooth the way, soap the way, oil or grease the wheels.

5. bribe, Sl. grease [s.o.’s] palm, pay off, buy off, suborn, corrupt.

—adj. 6. oily, oleaginous. See oily (defs. 1, 2).

oillstone, n. whetstone, rubstone, hone, sharpener, grinder, grindstone.

oily, adj. 1. oil, oil-like, oleaginous, olesinous.

2. greasy, greased, lubricated, lubricous, unctuous, unguinous, slippery, slithery, smooth; buttery, butyraeous; fat, fatty, adipose, lardaceous, lardlike, lardy, piggud, Physiol. sebaceous; soapy, saponaceous, waxy.

3. (all of speech) smooth, unctuous, suave, urbane; glib, fluent, smooth-talking, honey-tongued.

ointment, n. unguent, Pharm. inunction, (in pre-scriptions) unguentum, balm, balsam, salve, vulnerary, Pharm. cerate; liniment, embrocation, emollient, demulcent, Med. abrèirant, palliative; collyrium, eye-wash; nard, spikenard, pomade, pomatum; lubricant, oil, baby oil, petrolatum, petroleum jelly, Trademark. Vaseline; lotion, liquid cosmetic, moisturizer, skin softener, cream, face or hand cream, cold or cleansing cream, lanolin, skin or body lotion, after-shave lotion, skin bracer.

old, adj. 1. older, aging, elderly, aged, vintage, on or up in years, along or advanced in years, past one’s prime, Inf. over the hill, Derog. long. in the teeth; gray, gray-haired, gray-headed, grizzly, grizzled; hoary, Rare. hoar, venerable, patriarchal; senile, (of women) anile, decrepit, senescent; superannuated, immemorial, olds as the hills, remote.

2. of age, in existence, elaps’d, lapsed.

3. past, bygone, Archaic. olden.

4. obsolete, extinct, out, outdated, out-of-date, outworn, outmoded, out of style, out; superseded, disused, out of use, replaced, retired; obsolescent, dated, on the way out.

5. ancient, antique, antiquated, archaic, archaistic, fossil, fossilized, fossilize; autochthonal, autochthonous, aboriginal, orginal; prehistoric, preglacial, pre-adamic, Noahian, Noachian, Noahical, antediluvian, before the Flood or Deluge.

6. early, earliest, pristine, primeval; primitive, primordial, primigenial; elementary, basic, fundamental, rudimentary.

7. experienced, knowledgeable, versed; veteran, accomplished, practiced, proficient, adept, Fr. au fait.

8. enduring, lasting, long-lived, longevous; age-old, longstanding, long established, time-honored, traditional, old-line.

9. time-worn, dilapidated, worn out; dull, faded, paled, dusty, subdued; deteriorated, crumbling, ramshackle, tumble-down, broken-down, run-down; decayed, disintegrated, stale; weathered, weather-beaten, battered.

10. wise, sage, sagacious; sedate, sensible, reasonable, rational.

11. dear, beloved, loved, precious, esteemed; familiar, well-known, intimate.

12. former, erstwhile, quondam, previous, foregoing, precedent, preceding; anterior, antecedent, prior, earlier, fore.

—the old, adj. elderly, aged, oldsters, senior citizens, Inf. old-timers, Euph. golden-agers; retired, retirees, pensioned, pensioners.

14. past, long ago, early ages, ancient times, olden days, Chiefly Literary. yore, Archaic. efd.

old age, n. declining years, winter of one’s life; agedness, oldness, elderliness, senescence, antiquity, ancientness, superannuation; senility, ability, dotage, second childhood; caducity, decrepitude, infirmity, feebleness, weakness.

older, adj. elder, senior, of greater years, more advanced in age; aging, elderly, aged, along or advanced in years, up or on in years; former, previous, foregoing, precedent, preceding; anterior, antecedent, prior, earlier, fore.

oldest, adj. eldest, first born, primogenital, primogenitary, senior; original, primordial, Obs. primigenial; earliest, pristine, primeval, initial, first.

old-fashioned, adj. 1. outmoded, unfashionable, out of fashion, out of style, outworn, moss-grown; outdated, out-of-date, out, oldfangled, unmodern, dated, Inf. old hat, behind the times; obsolete, extinct, dead, passé, gone by; out of use, disused, superseded, replaced; obsolete, on the way out.

2. old-time, bygone, past, Archaic. olden, atavistic, quondam, erstwhile; quaint, horse-and-buggy, old-world; antiquated, antique, ancient, archaic, archaistic; prehistoric, fossil, fossilise, antediluvian.

3. traditional, old-line, conventional, of the old school, clinging to old ways, formal; conservative, die-hard, right-wing, Sl. square, Sl. straight, Inf. standpat; nonprogressive, unprogressive, unchanged, backward, rinky-dink; old-fogeyish, stodgy, Inf. corny.

old man, n. 1. graybeard, old-timer, Inf. pop, Inf. pa, Inf. pops, Inf. ward, rinky-dink; old-fogyish, stodgy, Inf. straight, hard, right-wing, school, clinging to old ways, formal; conservative, die-outdated, out-of-date, out, oldfangled, unmodern, dated, Inf. old hat, behind the times; obsolete, extinct, dead, passé, gone by; out of use, disused, superseded, replaced; obsolete, on the way out.

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Inf. dad, Inf. daddy, Brit. Inf. pater.

3. husband, man, spouse, mate, partner; lover, cohabitant, Fr. convivant, Fr. intime; boyfriend, Inf. steady, sweetheart.

4. Sometimes Old Man employer, boss, Inf. bossman, Sl. the Man, manager, foreman, superintendent, supervisor, Inf. super; commanding officer, superior, commander.

5. (all used in direct address) old friend, old boy, Chiefly Brit. old chap, Inf. old pal, U.S. Inf. old bud.

6. old stager, old hand, past master, veteran, Inf. old pro, trooper.

old-time, adj. old-fashioned, bygone, past. See old-fashioned (defs. 1-3).

old-womanish, adj. finical, finicky, hard or difficult or impossible to please, funny, Inf. fuss-budget, Inf. persnickety; overparticular, overfastidious, overmeticulous; prim, priggish, prudish, overmodest; straitlaced, hidebound, fuddy-duddy, stiff-necked; spinsterish, old-maidish.

old-world, adj. old, aged, antique, antiquarian, archaic, ancient; conservative, traditional, old-fashioned, outmoded, outdated; European, continental; gallant, chivalrous, courtly; formal, ceremonious, rigid, strict, hidebound.

oleaginous, adj. oil, oilike, oily, greasy, unctuous. See oily (defs. 1-3).

oligarchy, n. diarchy, duarchy, duumvirate; triarchy, triumvirate; theocracy.


2. mishmash, hodgepodge, Brit. hotchpotch, jumble, tumble, scramble, tangle, mess, confused mess, confusion; conglomeration, paste, pasticchio, patchwork, Farrago, gallimaufry, Chinese menu; clutter, litter, heap, mass, bunch, huddle.

3. medley, mélange, potpourri, variety, mixture, Sl. mixed bag. Inf. grab bag; miscellany, omnium-gatherum.

omen, n. 1. portent, sign, token, foretoken, harbinger; premonition, preindication, forewarning, foreshadowing, handwriting on the wall.

2. prognostic, prognostication, prediction, forecast, prophecy, prefigurement, augury, auspice, vaticination, divination.

3. presage, presentiment, foreknowledge; feeling, vague feeling, Inf. funny feeling, Inf. feeling in one's bones, intuition, suspicion, Inf. sneaking suspicion; anxiety, misgiving, apprehension, bonding; dread, fear, ill feeling, bad feeling, chill along the spine, Std. bad vibes. —v. 4. portend, forebode, foretoken, foreshadow, foreshow, augur, presage, presignify, preindicate; be a token, signify, mean, indicate, point to.

5. foretell, forecast, forewarn, divine, Rare, premonish, Obs. auspicate; prognosticate, prophesy, predict, soothe, vaticinate.

ominous, adj. 1. portentous, foreboding, bodeful, ill-boding, boding evil, ill-omened, of evil portent; inauspicious, unpropitious, unfavorable, unpromising, unfortunate, unlucky, ill-fated, ill-starred, starcrossed, doomed from the start; threatening, menacing, lowering, looming, dark, black, sinister, heavy gloomy; bad, evil, malign, malignant.

2. oracular, augural, divinatory, vaticinal, mantic, sibylline; prophetic, predictive, prognostic, foretelling, forecasting, forewarning; premonitory, significant, meaningful; preindicative, foretokening, foreshowing, foreshadowing.

omission, n. 1. exception, exclusion, noninclusion, preclusion, nonadmission; (all of a written text) deletion, cancellation, erasure; expungation, bowdlerization, censorship.

2. disregard, ignoring, overlooking, passing over, preterition; failure, dereliction, delinquency, default, nonfulfillment, neglect, negligence, Law. nonfeasance eschewal, avoidance.

3. oversight, miss, Inf. go-by; inadvertence, lose thread, (pl.) paralipomena; gap, break, hiatus, lacuna, interval; mistake, error, fault, flaw, slip, Inf. slip-up, Inf. misfire, Obs. balk.

omit, v. 1. except, exclude, leave out; miss, give a miss, fail to mention; overlook, pass over, skip, jump; ignore, disregard, pay no attention to; (all of a written text) delete, cancel, erase, expunge, eradicate, rub or blot out; edit, edit out, blue-pencil, strike, cross out, rule out, kill, cut.

2. neglect, forget, forget about, not think of, let slip, let slide, let go, Sl. let ride, leave undone, not trouble oneself with; eschew, avoid, shun, shirk, abstain from, steer clear of.

omnibus, n. 1. bus, motorbus, autobus, coach, motor coach, double-decker, jitney, Trademark. Greyhound.

2. anthology, reader, collection, treasury; compilation, collectanea, chrestomathy, analects; miscellany, garland, ana; corpus, collected works, complete works, Fr. oeuvre.

—adj. 3. inclusive, comprehensive, sweeping, over-all, across-the-board; encyclopedic, compendious, far-ranging, wide-ranging.

omnifarious, adj. omniform, omnigenous; multiformal, multifold, manifold, multitudinous, multiplex, multiphase, multiple; various, divers, of all shapes and sizes.

omnipotence, n. 1. almightiness, all-powerfulness.

2. supremacy, supreme or unlimited power, undisputed sway, divine right.

omnipotent, adj. 1. almighty, all-powerful, Rare. cunctipotent.

2. supreme, absolute, unlimited, plenipotent; sovereign, ruling, preeminent.

—n. 3. the Omnipotent God, Lord, Jehovah, the Almighty, the All Powerful, the Supreme Being, the Omniscent, God Almighty, Almighty God, the Eternal Being, the Creator, the Deity, the King of Kings.

omnipresent, adj. all-present; infinite, boundless, limitless; ubiquitous, universal, pervasive.

omniscient, adj. 1. all-knowing, all-wise, all-seeing, all-perceiving; wise, sagacious, pansophic.

—n. 2. the Omniscent God, the Omnimon. See omnipotent (def. 3).

omnium-gatherum, n. miscellany, medley, mishmash, hodgepodge. See olio (defs. 2, 3).

omnivorous, adj. pantopathic, Rare. pamphagous, all-devouring; greedy, rapacious, voracious, edacious, ravenous.

on, prep. 1. upon, in contract with, attached to, suspended from, hung from; around, about.

2. by, near, proximate to, next to, beside, in the direction of.

—adv. 3. fast, firmly, securely, tightly, for dear life, close, onto.

4. onward, forward, ahead, before one, along, toward, beyond.

5. steadily, without ceasing, unceasingly, without interruption, continually, continuously; perseveringly, doggedly.
6. on and off intermittently, discontinuously, interrup-
tedly, brokenly; remittently, fitfully, spasmodi-
cally.
7. on and on at great length, unceasingly, continu-
ously, endlessly, interminably.
—adj. 8. in use, operating, running, going.
9. taking place, occurring, happening, in existence;
scheduled, planned, organized.
10. performing, broadcasting, on the air.

once, adv. 1. formerly, previously, aforetime, at one
time, before once, Archaic. erenow, heretofore;
some time back, some time ago, awhile ago; long ago,
in the old days, in the good old days, years ago, ages
ago, before you were born, once upon a time.
2. single time, one time, on one occasion.
3. ever, at any time, at a single time; possibly, by
chance, by a fluke.
4. once and for all decisively, positively, decidedly,
finally, conclusively, determinately.
5. once in a while at intervals, periodically, occa-
sionally, sometimes, at times, from time to time, now
and then, every now and then.
6. once or twice very few times, very little, infre-
cuently, hardly ever, rarely, sporadically.
—n. 7. single occasion, single time, one time only.
8. at once a. together, simultaneously, at the
same time, at one and the same time, in the same in-
stant, in the same breath; b. immediately, right
away, straightway, straightforwardly, directly, forthwith;
promptly, posthaste, without delay, instantly, on the
spot; in no time, in less than no time, Inf. before you
can say Jack Robinson, in the twinkling of an eye,
quick as a bunny, in a second, in a moment, in a
minute.

once-over, n. Informal. quick look, quick appraisal,
check, inspection; superficial job, hasty going-over.

oncoming, adj. approaching, nearing, close, looming,
bearing down, onrushing.

one, adj. 1. single, individual, Zool., Bot. azygous;
a, an; only, sole, solitary, lone, odd; (of a day) some;
any.
2. complete, whole, entire; joined, unified, united,
allied; wedded, married, bound, bonded, cemented,
inseparable; agreeing, agreeable, like-minded, of one
mind, in accord, accordant, harmonious, concordant,
congenial, compatible.
3. alike, the same, one and the same of a single kind;
idential, equal.
oneness, n. 1. singleness, individuality, isolation,
separation, distinctness; unity, undividedness, integ-
rality, completeness, wholeness, unification, coales-
cence, solidarity; consistency, sameness, identity, iden-
ticalness.
2. agreement, consensus, concord, concordance,
accord, accordance, consentaneity, chime, harmony;
amity, friendship, congeniality, sympathy, under-
standing, compatibility; sisterliness, sisterhood,
brorinlessness, brotherhood, fellowship, comradeship;
union, unanimity, conformance; rapport, connection.
onerous, adj. burdensome, oppressive, grievous,
heavy, crushing, hard to bear, unbearable, unendur-
able, intolerable; laborious, arduous, strenuous,
herculean, toilsome, difficult, operose, hard, hard to
deal with, trying; irksome, galling, thorny, harassing,
harrowing, troublesome; exhausting, taxing, tiring,
wearying, wearesome, fatiguing, wearing, corrosive,
corroding; destructive, deleterious, detrimental; dis-
tressing, afflictive, hurtful, painful, cruel, severe,
harmful, injurious, noisome, malefic, baneful.
oneself, pron. 1. Number One, Numero Uno; the
1; the self, ego.
2. by oneself a. alone, solitary, single; unaccom-
panied, unattended; isolated, separate; lonely, lone-
some, companionless, friendless. b. unaids, unas-
sisted, without help; independently, on one's own.
on-sided, adj. 1. lopsided, unsymmetrical, asym-
metrical, unbalanced, unequalized, uneven, unequal,
disproportioned, disproportionate, irregular.
2. partial, inequitable, unjust, unfair; biased, preju-
diced, close-minded, narrow-minded, intolerant,
bogted, partisan, illiberal; insular, parochial, provin-
cial, limited, myopic, near-sighted, short-sighted,
fanatical, dogmatic, opinionated, unreasonable.
on-time, adj. 1. prior, earlier, former, previous,
foregone; preceding, precedent, last, foregoing,
tecedent, anterior; erstwhile, whileon; preexistent,
preliminary; quondam, Archaic. sometime.
2. past, bygone, long-ago, ancient; old, gone, long
over, done with, late, departed.
on-going, adj. 1. uninterrupted, continual, con-
tinuous, unbroken, constant, incessant, ceaseless, unces-
ning, nonstop; unremitting, unintermitting, relentless,
persistent; recurrent, repeated, frequent, habitual,
regular; around-the-clock, day-in and day-out, dawn-
to-dusk.
2. unending, endless, never-ending, interminable,
Sisyphean; eternal, perpetual, everlasting, lasting, en-
during, perennial, permanent.
onlooker, n. bystander, observer, witness, eye-
ewitness; spectator, watcher, viewer, beholder, gazer,
gawker. Sl. rubberneck; passer-by, looker-on; in-
pector, scrutinizer, examiner.
only, adv. 1. solitarily, solely, singly, alone, exclu-
sively; separately; individually, distinctively, apart.
2. just, merely, simply, purely; but, nothing but, not
more than, at most.
3. only too very, extremely, exceedingly, excessive-
ly, inordinately, exorbitantly, drastically, radically.
—adj. 4. lone, alone, solitary; sole, exclusive,
single; individual, unique, one and only.
—conj. 5. but, on the contrary, on the other hand,
nevertheless, yet; except, save, notwithstanding, how-
ever; unless, if not, except that, but for the fact that.
onrush, n. stampede, charge, salary, push, drive;
rush, zoom, dash, race, run, flight, course, career;
torrent, avalanche, landslide, Niagara, cascade, cata
cart; falls; rapids, millrace, swift current, tidal wave,
flood; deluge; surge, swell, wave, gush, spurt, spout, jet,
spring, geyser, fountain; outrush, outflow, outpour,
outpouring, effusion, flow, flowing, stream, current,
tide, afflux, flux, efflux, effluence, effusion.
onset, n. 1. the beginning, start, starting point, incep-
tion, early days, very first, first, top, rise of the cur-
tain; opening, dawn, threshold, conception, birth,
genesis, origin, embryo, inchoation, exordium; com-
cencement, inauguration, first step, outset, embarks,
Inf. kick-off, Inf. jump-off, Inf. take-off, Inf. blast-off;
first appearance, debut, outbreak, outburst.
2. onslaught, attack, assault. See onslaught.
onshore, adv. 1. landward, landwards, coastward,
coastwards, shoreward, toward the land or coast or
shore, inland; off or away from the water or sea or
lake; with the waves.
2. coastwise, along the coast, following the coast,
hugging the shore, Archaic. coastways.
3. ashore, into or at a port or harbor or dock or pier;
tied up, on land.
—adj. 4. landward, shoreward, coastward, inland.
5. littoral, shore, shoreline, coastal; on shore, on
land, on the beach, on terra firma; docked, in port,
landed, Naut. beached, aground, grounded, shoaled,
stranded, marooned, high and dry.
onslaught, n. rush, charge, blitz, blitzkrieg, storming, raid, foray, sortie, sally, invasion, Fr. coup de main, Obs. brunt; bombardment, strafing, air raid, pepperling, salvo, fusillade, Both Mil. barrage, enfilade, Navy. broadside; attack, assault, besetment, onset, hit, strike.
onus, n. burden, weight, load, cross, millstone, albatross; obligation, debt, liability, responsibility, duty, charge, demand, tax; encumbrance, hindrance, obstruction, stumbling block, impediment, handicap, disadvantage; trouble, care, anxiety, worry; hardship, difficulty, affliction, oppression; trial, tribulation, ordeal; woe, grief, misery, sorrow, suffering. Arch. bale.
onward, adv. 1. onwards, forward, frontward or frontwards, in advance, ahead, along, on; toward the front, toward the bow, toward the fore, toward the foremost, toward the head.
2. up or out in front, in front, ahead, up ahead, in the fore, in the forefront, in the van, in the vanguard.
—adv. 3. forward, advancing, progressing, on-going, moving ahead; progressive, forward-looking, forward-moving.
ooze1, v. 1. transude, flow or flow out, exude, bleed, seep, filter, filtrate, leach, percolate; escape, leak, drain, strain, trickle, drizzle, dribble, drip, drop, weep. 2. sweat, perspire, secrete, discharge; send out, give off, emit, transpire, send forth; emanate, come from, issue, vent out or forth; pour out or forth, effuse, dis-seminate, shed, release, lose or let loose.
—n. 3. transudation, exudation, exudate, secretion; discharge, sweat, perspiration.
ooze2, n. 1. mud, clay, muck, mire, sludge, silt, sediment, alluvium, deposit; slime, Inf. gloop, Inf. gunk, Sl. guck, Inf. goo, Sl. goop; slush, slush, mush, squash, mess, slop, swill, Irish. slob.
2. marsh, bog, morass, swamp, wash, Brit. fen, quagmire; quacksand, wallow, slough, swamp, Brit. sough, Brit. Dial. sump.
oozy, adj. oozing, seepy, seeping, exuding moisture; weepy, weeping, leaking, leaky, dripping, drippy; sweating, sweaty, perspiring, persipry; damp, moist, dewy, wet.
oozy2, adj. muddy, clayey, mucky, miry, sludgy, silty, sedimentous, alluvial; slimy, Inf. glooppy, Inf. gunky, Sl. gucky, Inf. gooey, Sl. goopy; messy, sloppy, slushy, slushy, mushy, soft, spongy, squashy, squishy, splasy, plasy; marshy, marshlike, boggy, bogish, swampy, swampish, Brit. fenny, quaggy, quimply, slougy, sloughy.
opacity, n. 1. opaqueness, nontransparency, cloudiness, filminess; muddiness, murkiness, fuliginosity, smokiness, darkness; obsfuscation, obscurity, blurriness, fuzziness, unclarity, uncleanness, vagueness, haziness, fogginess, mistiness; overclouding, dimming, obnubilation, shadowing, overshadowing; obscuration, darkening, blackening, obscuration, obumbration.
2. smokescreen, cloud, dust, pall; shadow, fog, mist, frost, smoke, film; cover, camouflage, drape, curtain.
3. vagueness, indefiniteness, uncertainty; abstruseness, reconditeness, profoundness; ambiguity, equivocation; confusion, perplexity, bafflement, puzzle, jumble; mystification, Inf. mumbo jumbo, muddle, befuddlement.
4. unintelligence, dullness, obtuseness, slowness, stupidity; backwardness, doltishness, simplicity; empty-headedness, unimaginativeness; unperceptiveness.
opalescent, adj. multicolored, multicolor, polychromatic, polychromic, of many colors or shades or hues, prismatic, prismatical, spectral, rainbowy, bowlike, colorful, brilliant; iridescent, opaline, milky, pearly, nacreous, nacred; kaleidoscopic, kaleidocapical, changeable, changeful, variable, variant, varying; shot, variegated, varicolored, marble, marby, marmoreal, glittering, shimmering, streaked, motled, mottled.
opaque, adj. 1. nontransparent, untranslucent, nontranslucid, impervious to light; clouded, cloudy, nubious, filmy; turbid, dense, murky; shady, hazy, foggy, misty, blurred, frosty; dirty, dingy, muddy, sooty, smoky, fuliginous; dark, black, overcast, gloomy.
2. dull, lusterless, dim, tarnished, not bright or shining, unglazed, mat.
3. obscure, vague, unclear, indefinite, uncertain, doubtful, dubious; abstruse, recondite, arcane; ambiguous, equivocal, cryptic, enigmatic; unfaithful, impenetrable, mysterious, perplexing, puzzling, confusing, confused.
4. unintelligent, witless, slow-witted, dull-witted, dull; solid, obtuse, crass, Boeotian, bovine, blockish, lumpish; dense, thickheaded, Inf. thick, slow, stupid, Australian Inf. dill, Scot. and North Eng. dowl; backward, doltish, Sl. birdbrained, simple; empty-headed, vacuous; unimaginative, undiscerning.
open, adj. 1. unclosed, unshut, wide open, agape, gaping, yawning, ratulent, ringent, dehiscent; (of a door) unlocked, unboltered, unatched,ajar, sprang, jimmied; (of a window) raised, up; (of a drawer) pulled out, sticking out, protruding; (of a box) unlidded, lidless, topless, coverless, unsealed; (of a tap) uncurked, unplugged, tapped, broached, abroach, on.
2. unenclosed, unscreened, unbarred, unbounded; uncovered, unsheltered, roofless, unprotected, unfortified; unveiled, exposed, bare, naked, open to view, on display or exhibit.
3. wide, extensive, broad, wide-open, spacious, roomy, uncrowded, uncluttered, unconfined; free, unobstructed, clear, unblocked, passable, navigable; developed, rebuilt, not built up.
4. holey, full of holes or spaces, airy, (of military ranks) loose, sloppy; porous, honeycombed, lacy, spongy, spongeline, sievelike, cribiform, crible, alveolate, faveolate, faveolous; perforated, punctured, pinpricked, pierced, riddled, pitted.
5. unfolded, unfurled, unentangled, straightened out, unrolled; extended, stretched out, drawn out, spread out, sprawled out.
6. public, open to the public, open to outsiders; general, inclusive, non-exclusive, nondiscriminatory, free or open to all.
7. accessible, enterable, reachable, within reach, obtainable, at hand; available, on hand, on call, on tap, at one’s beck and call; for sale, buyable, purchasable, rentable, there for the asking or taking, stealable.
8. vacant, empty, void, unoccupied, untenable, there for the asking or taking, stealable.
9. unbooked, unscheduled, uncommitted, uncompromised, free.
10. unrestricted, unqualified, unconditional, unregulated, no strings attached; ungoverned, laissez-faire, no-holds-barred, free-wheeling.
11. (of weather or water) unfrozen, ice-free, frostless, frost-free, thawed; mild, moderate, temperate, even.
12. undecided, unsettled, indeterminable, undefined, fixed, chosen, yet to be decided, up in the air; debatable, controversial, contestable, arguable, disputable, disputed, questionable, problematic, moot,
doubtful, dubious; experimental, indefinite, uncertain, undemonstrated, unproven, unconfirmed.

13. open-minded, receptive, amenable; broad-minded, unprejudiced. See open-minded (defs. 1, 2).

14. Uso. open to liable, prone, disposed, predisposed, tending, leaning, inclined; subject, susceptible, pregnable, defenseless against, vulnerable.

15. manifest, overt, evident, obvious, apparent, visible, in plain view or sight, noticeable, conspicuous, out in the open, unhidden, unconcealed, undisguised; express, avowed, advertised, published, broadcast; palpable, patent, clear, plain, transparent, sheer, out-right, downright, out-and-out, unmitigated; blatant, flagrant, glaring, egregious, barefaced, baldfaced, flaunting, brazen, shameless, arrant.

16. unreserved, heart-to-heart; candid, sincere. See open-hearted (defs. 1, 2).

17. generous, liberal, charitable. See open-handed. —v. 18. (of a door) unlock, unbolt, unlatch, throw open, spring, jimmy; (of a window) raise, lift, throw up; (of a drawer) pull out; (of a box) take off the top, uncase, unseal; (of a package) unwrap, undo; (of a tap) uncork, unstopp, tap, broach, turn on; break into, blast through, cut into or through, lance, incise, cut open, cleave; dilate, distend, become open, dehisce, burst forth, come apart, split, crack.

19. unblock, unobstruct, unstop, unclog, flush out, rout out, clear out; purge, clean out, cleanse, defeate; make clear, free up, let flow.

20. give access to, open to access, make accessible or available; reopen, unclog; reexamine, re-inspect, take another look at.

21. uncover, unveil, unshroud, uncover, unveil, inspect, take another look at; open for business, hang out one's shingle; establish, institute, start, starter, beginning, onset; introduction, inauguration, initiation.

22. can open, Brit. tin opener, fr. boîte-ouvrir, corkscrew, bottle screw, bottle opener. Inf. church key; gadget, device.

23. preliminary, preliminary bout, Sl. prelim; top of the inning, top of the first, starting game, kickoff; curtain raiser or lifter, overture, prologue, first act, preamble, first installment, preface; maiden speech, inaugural address; ice-breaker, introduction; appetizer, taster, first course.

24. open-eyed, adj. 1. wide-eyed, goggle-eyed, agog, agape; astonished, astounded, surprised, amazed, awed, impressed.

25. watchful, alert, vigilant, on the qui vive; attentive, observant, awake, with one's ear to the ground, heedful; all-eyes, hawk-eyed, eagle-eyed, sharp-eyed, Argus-eyed; wary, leery.

26. intentional, willful, deliberate, calculated; knowing, aware, conscious, wit, cognizant.

27. open-handed, adj. generous, liberal, free-handed, bounteous, bountiful, munificent, prodigal, giving, unstinting, unselfish; charitable, eleemosynary, humanitarian, philanthropic, altruistic; benevolent, beneficent, free-hearted, magnanimous, big-hearted, large-hearted.

28. open-hearted, adj. 1. kindhearted, kind, kindly, goodhearted, good, bounteous, bountiful, munificent, prodigal, giving, unstinting, unselfish; charitable, eleemosynary, humanitarian, philanthropic, altruistic; benevolent, beneficent, free-hearted, magnanimous, big-hearted, large-hearted.

29. open-ended, adj. unlimited, undefined, unconstructed, unrestricted, Inf. wide-open; broad, general, liberal; up in the air, indefinite, undetermined, unsettled, vague, fuzzy, indiscriminate.

30. open-minded, adj. 1. receptive, open to suggestions, amenable, acquiescent, compliant; tolerant, forbearant, catholic, latitudinarian, understanding, sym-
pathetic; broad-minded, liberal, good-hearted, good, kind, fair, reasonable, just, equitable, square, even-handed; thoughtful, thinking, enlightened, open.
2. unprejudiced, unbiased, unwarped, unbiassed, unjaundiced, unswayed; dispassionate, broad, impartial, impartial, disinterested.

**open-mouthed**, adj. 1. gaping, agape, wonder-struck, thunderstruck, dumfounded, stupefied; astounded, Inf. flabbergasted, astonished, surprised, amazed, startled, shocked; awoke, spellbound.
2. greedy, rapacious, voracious, edacious; ravenous, famished, starving.
3. clamorous, uproarious, clamant, blustering, noisy; vociferous, loud, vocal; brassy, bold, brash, mouthy, loud-mouthed; unruly, boisterous, obstreperous.

**operable**, adj. in working condition, usable, serviceable, functional, operational; practicable, workable, feasible; possible, achievable, attainable.

**operate**, v. 1. work, perform, act, go, Sl. fly; function, serve, Sl. do one's thing or stuff.
2. run, manage, handle, manipulate, conduct, maneuver, make go; use, utilize, employ, practice, ply.
3. effect, effectuate, engineer, bring about, produce; induce, elicit, evoke, call forth, summon up.

**operation**, n. 1. employment, utilization, effectuation, manipulation, handling; performance, execution, discharge, dispatch, enactment; doing, exercise, practice; action, activity, Rare. operance, Rare. operancy.
2. agency, influence, power, potency; effect, result, consequence.
3. business transaction, commercial transaction, Inf. deal, Inf. business deal, Stock Exchange. turn, bargain, agreement; undertaking, venture, project, enterprise, task.

**operative**, n. 1. workman, workingman, worker, laborer, Sl. working stiff; industrial or factory worker, factory hand, blue-collar worker, proletarian; artisan, artificer, craftsman, handicraftsman; skilled laborer, mechanic.
2. detective, private detective, investigator, private investigator, sleuth, plainclothesman; All Sl. dick, gumshoe, flatfoot, eye, private eye, fly ball, fly bull.
3. secret agent, undercover agent, undercover man, espionage agent, intelligence agent; spy, counterspy, double agent.

—adj. 4. active, functional, operational, Inf. go; functioning, performing, operating, acting, working, running, going; engaged, in operation, in action, in play.
5. influential, instrumental, forcible, forceful, potent, powerful; employed, utilized, in force, in effect.
6. effective, effectual, efficacious, efficient; serviceable, adequate, sufficient, Inf. good enough; useful, advantageous, beneficial, helpful.

**operator**, n. 1. doer, performer, actor, executor, operative, operant; worker, handler, manipulator, practitioner.
2. telephone operator, switchboard operator, PBX operator, Obs. central.
3. Slang. maneuverer, machineman, Inf. finangler, Inf. wire-puller, Sl. wheeler-dealer, Sl. big-time operator; Sl. slicker, Sl. smoothie, Sl. smooth-talker, Sl. fast-talker.

**operose**, adj. 1. industrious, hard-working, diligent, assiduous, sedulous, studious, intent; plodding, unflagging, indefatigable, tireless, undrooping, unsleeping; persistent, pertinacious, constant, earnest, patient, painstaking, exacting; workmanlike, business-like, enterprising, hustling, on the go, on the move; at work, in harness, hard at it, astir, active, up and doing, up and coming.
2. laborious, arduous, toilsome, heavy, strenuous; troublesome, trying, hard, difficult, burdensome, onerous; uphill, full of obstacles, herculean, Inf. wick-ed, Inf. rough, Inf. tough, Inf. nasty; tiring, wearying, wearisome, fatigueing, exhausting, taxing; rigorous, not easy, tedious, unmitigating, endless, tiresome, boring.

**ophthalmologist**, n. oculist, eye doctor, eye specialist, (loosely) optometrist.

**opiate**, n. 1. Informal. drug, narcotic, depressant, sedative, tranquilizer, soporific, somnifacient, hypnotic, stupefacient; painkiller, analgesic, Pharm. hyoscymine, Pharm. belladonna; morphine, opium, laudanum; barbiturate, Sl. barbs, Inf. down or downer, quaalude, Sl. lude, Sl. red; heroin, Sl. H. S. horse, Sl. smack, Sl. junk, Sl. seag, Sl. crank; Sl. dope, marijuana, U.S. Sl. Mary-Jane or MJ, Sl. po, Sl. grass, Sl. weed, Sl. reefer; hashish, Sl. hash.
2. anodyne, lenitive, palliative, assuager, nepenthe, Med. calmative.

**opine**, v. reckon, fancy, deem, conceive, imagine; feel, think, view, see, regard; hold, consider, maintain, esteem, count; suppose, assume, surmise, Dial. allow, conclude, conjecture; presume, guess, suspect, Inf. expect, Inf. have a hunch, have an inkling; look upon, take for, be under the impression, have the impression.

**opinion**, n. 1. belief, judgment, idea, thought; impression, notion, fancy, assumption; conception, concept, concept; conviction, mind, persuasion, thinking, way of thinking; tenet, doctrine, dogma, principle, doxy, creed, precept.
2. view, sentiment, feeling, apprehension; observation, perception, image; attitude, viewpoint, point of view, slant; stand, stance, position, angle, posture.
3. appraisal, judgment, appreciation, valuation; estimate, estimation, consideration, assessment; verdict, diagnosis, prognosis, decision, finding; determination, deduction, inference, conclusion; supposition, theory, speculation, guess, two cents' worth; surmise, conjecture, premise.

**opinionated**, adj. 1. prejudiced, biased, bigoted, jaundiced, colored, one-sided, partisan, prepossessed; stubborn, obstinate, bullheaded, pig-headed, mulish; willful, headstrong, pertinacious, self-willed, dogged.
2. dogmatic, pontifical, oracular, dictatorial, doctrinaire; positive, confident, assured, convinced; overconfident, overweening, overbearing, hubristic; arrogant, inflated, lofty, pompous, lordly, cocky; conceited, self-important, egotistic, vain.

**opiniveness**, adj. 1. credal, doctrinal, canonical, dogmatic, taught; authoritative, orthodox, recognized, standard, accepted, held.
2. obstinate, willful, headstrong; self-important, conceited. See opinionated (defs. 1, 2).

**opponent**, n. 1. antagonist, adversary, foe, enemy, assailant; rival, competitor, contender, contestant, vier; opposer, opposition, oppositionist, objector, prosecutor, dissident.

—adj. 2. opposing, antagonistic; contentious. See opposing (defs. 1, 2).

**opportunism**, n. (all of opportunities) exploitation,
opportunity, n. favorable time, good moment, perfect occasion, right season, right set of circumstances; chance, contingency, possibility; opening, golden opportunity, once-in-a-lifetime chance. Inf. shot, Sf. break, stroke of luck, turn or turn of events. Sl. twist of fate.

oppose, v. 1. confront, face, encounter; resist, defy, withstand, repulse, repel. Archaic. retract, recalcitrate; counteract, contravene, neutralize, cancel, militate against, countervail. 2. attack, assault, assail, collide with, clash with, combat, contest, strive against, contend with or against, cope with, struggle with or against, antagonize; battle, joust, tilt, enter the lists, tourney, cross swords; box, spar, wrestle, fence, duel, thrust and parry, come to blows, bandy blows; skirmish, jostle, scuffle, grapple or close with; fight, war on, make war, march against. 3. hinder, obstruct, impede, block, check, curb, restrain, restrict, inhibit, interfere, barricade, debar; thwart, foil, frustrate, cross, traverse. Scot. throw; prevent, forbid, prohibit, proscribe, veto, interdict, embargo, blockade, bar, preclude. 4. contradict, dispute, refute, controvert, repugn; protest, take issue with, take exception to, take a stand against; side against, join issue. 5. compare, contrast, offset, balance, counteract, contravene, neutralize, cancel, or break, stroke of luck, turn of events, Inf. twist of fate.

opposition, n. 1. oppositionist. 2. opposed, diametrically opposed, antithetical, antipathetic, contradictory, counter, antagonistic, conflicting, oppugnant; jarring, clashing, incompatibility, discordant, discrepant, dissident, antagonistic. 3. opposite, adversary, rival, competitor, opposer; antagonist, enemy, foe, oppugner, Rare. oppugnant; Brit. Parl. oppositionist.

oppress, v. 1. burden, trouble, encumber, cumber, charge, weigh; strain, break, grind, press; handicap, hamper, tax; work, drive, overwork, overdrive, fag, task; exhaust, wear, wear down, weary; overload, overcharge, load, surcharge, overwhelm. 2. tyrannize, despotize, repress, overbear, overwhelm; persecute, harry, harass, hound, beset; compel, coerce, subjugate, rule with an iron hand, weigh down, press down, put down, saddle, bridle; suppress, smother, keep down. Inf. clamp down, stamp down, ride roughshod over.

oppression, n. 1. persecution, despotism, tyranny, fascism; iron hand, iron fist, heavy hand, high hand: compulsion, coercion, subjugation, enslavement; harassment, dogging, hounding, tormenting; cruelty, severity, harshness, hardness; ruthlessness, mercilessness, pitilessness, hard-heartedness. 2. charge, pressure, strain, drag, drain, tax; burden, Arch. burthen, cross, encumbrance, cumbreance, trouble, vexation; load, weight, millstone, albatross. 3. hardship, misery, suffering, unhappiness, infelicity, wretchedness; bitterness, anguish, agony, melancholy, sadness; dejection, downheartedness, dejectedness, discouragement, disheartening; depression, affliction, sorrow, grief, woe. 4. heartache, desolation, despair, distress, grievance; torture, rack, torment, passion, dolor, ache, throes, pang; trial, tribulation, bitter pill, thorn in the side, crown of thorns.

oppressive, adj. 1. burdensome, onerous, cumber-some; laborious, toilsome, arduous, operose, wearisome; grinding, wearing, exhausting, racked, trying; unbearable, unsufferable, undeniable, intolerable. 2. tyrannical, despotic, draconian, inquisitorial; overwhelming, domineering, high-handed, iron-fisted; harsh, cruel, crushing, heavy, brutal; ruthless, merciless, pitiless; relentless, remorseless, unrelenting, implacable, inexorable; hard, severe, stiff, rigid, rough. 3. discomforting, uncomfortable, stuffy, suffocating; close, stifling, airless, breathless, unventilated, windowless; breezeless, windless, sultry, sweltering, hot. 4. distressing, grievous, painful, afflicting, baleful; depressing, dispiriting, disheartening, discouraging; sorrowful, dolorous, miserable, mournful, sad, lugubrious; wretched, woeful, dire, grim, harrowing.

opprobrious, adj. 1. disgraceful, dishonorable, shameful, degraded, inglorious; infamous, ignominious, odious, contemptible, despicable, detestable, sordid, degenerate, debased, horrid, heinous, vicious, atrocious, flagitious; corrupt, reprehensible, unprincipled, debased, base, vile, evil, sinful, bad, wrong, low, arrant, nefarious, Obs. scelerous; mean, villainous, ignoble. 2. derogatory, discrediting, disapproving; unfavorable, disapprovable, censorious, reproachful, impeaching, inveighing, reproving, recriminating, reprehensible, reprobative, revolting; defamatory, denigrating, vituperative, vilifying, vilipenditory; slanderous, libelous, calumnious, calumniatory.

opprobrium, n. 1. disgrace, dishonor, shame, degradation, debasement, vitiation, ill repute, ingloriousness; ignominy, infamy, odium, obloquy, disrepute, notoriety. 2. discredit, disfavor, disapproval, disapprobation, disesteem, loss of face; belittlement, disparagement, depreciation, defamation, derogation, depreciation, devaluation.

oppunug, v. 1. criticize, attack, assail, impugn, flay, light into, Inf. face into, Sl. rip or tear into; Inf. pan, put down, Inf. knock, shoot down, Sl. blast, Sl. let [s.o.] have it; haul or take over the coals, Sl. cut up or to pieces, pick apart, pick to pieces, Inf. pick holes in, nit-pick, find fault, carp, cavil.
opt

2. call into question, bring into question, question, contest, dispute, debate, argue; take exception, demur, object, protest, disagree, dissent, differ.

opt, v. *Usu. opt for* make a choice, choose, pick, select, single out, go for, lean toward; determine, de cide or decide on, make up one's mind.

optic, adj. 1. optical, visual, ocular, ophthalmic.

—n. 2. lens, eyepiece, *Optics.* ocular.


optimism, n. cheerful or bright or rosy outlook, Polyannism, looking on the bright side; cheerfulness, buoyancy, enthusiasm, radiance, sanguininess, sunniness, keeping one's sunny side up; high hopes, bright hopes, fond hopes, great expectations, happy expectancy, anticipation; hopefulness, hope, faith, trust, reliance; fool's paradise, *Inf.* pipe dream, looking for pie in the sky; assurance, confidence, certainty, conviction.

optimist, n. hoper, hopeful dreamer, daydreamer, romantic, rosy, Pollyanna, cockeyed optimist; castlebuilder, visionary, utopian, idealist, Candide, Pangloss; enthusiast, ball of fire.

optimistic, adj. 1. hopeful, expectant, full of hope, anticipative, looking forward to; assured, confident, bullish, assuring, reassuring; auspicious, favorable, propitious; promising, upbeat, looking up; encouraging, heartening, fortifying, vivifying.

2. idealistic, utopian, visionary; dreaming, dreamy, romantic, starry-eyed, castle-building, quixotic; unrealistic, impractical, impracticable, infeasible.

3. cheerful, cheery, full of cheer, sunny; blithe, blithesome, light-hearted, lightsome, buoyant, positive, upbeat, beamish; carefree, free and easy, breezy, airy, untroubled, happy-go-lucky; elated, jubilant, exhilarated, energetic, energized.

4. metaphorical, symbolic, figurative, allegorical, la
dic, enigmatic, not easily understood, obfuscated, vague, indefinable.

5. portentous, fateful, indicative, significant, bod
ning, suggestive, allusive, allusory, pregnant; ominous, sinister, frightening, disquieting, disturbing; premonitory, foreboding, direful, alarming, fear-inspiring; threatening, menacing, minatory, making one's flesh crawl or creep, making one's hair stand on end, *Inf.* creepy.

oral, adj. 1. spoken, uttered, said, vocalized, voiced, sounded, pronounced, enunciated, intoned;
vocal, expressed, articulated, verbal, conversational.
2. unwritten, word-of-mouth, parol, nuncupative, viva voce.
3. mouthlike, orificial, mandibular, maxillary, Anat. buccal.

—n. 4. oral examination, examination, quiz, quizzing, questioning, trial, test, doctor’s oral, master’s oral, viva voce examination, Inf. viva; audition, hearing.

**orante**, v. declaim, speak, perorate, proclaim, hold forth; make a speech, soapbox, make an address, pretext, lecture; sermonize, preach, eulogize; soliloquize, apostrophize; speechify, harangue, rant, rail, spout, Inf. sound off; mouth, talk big, rodomontade.

**oration**, n. formal speech, allocution, address, valedictory, lecture, peroration; recitation, monologue, soliloquy, apostrophe; sermon, preaching, homily, eulogy, panegyric; declamation, discourse, disquisition, dissertation; treatise, harangue, Inf. stumped speech, Inf. spiel.

**orator**, n. public speaker, speechmaker, declaimer; lecturer, prelector, speaker, reader, reciter; rhetor, rhetorician, Speech. elocutionist; sermonizer, preacher; demagogue, spellbinder.

**oratorical**, adj. 1. rhetorical, Speech. elocutionary, declamatory; eloquent, articulate, well-spoken, silver-tongued, Arch. faculty, Obs. facundious, Ciceronian; (all of speech) poetic, graceful, easy, facile, flowing, fluent, glib, slick, smooth, smooth-tongued.

2. (all of speech) expressive, cogent, telling; forceful, emphatic, spirited, vigorous, impassioned, trenchant, vehement, burning; effective, persuasive, impressive.

3. mouthy, ranting, railing, spouting; bombastic, pompous, orotund, fistian, pretentious, grandiose, magniloquent, grandiloquent, Johnsonian, Ossianic, sonorous, sesquipedalian.

**oration**, n. the act, performance, delivery, or performance of a speech, sermon; public speechmaking, public speaking; art of public speaking, declamation; eloquence, power of speech, forcefulness, expressiveness, cogency; elocution, diction, address, articulation, enunciation; gift of gab, command of words, way with words, Arch. faculty; (all of speech) fluency, faculty, ease, glibness, slickness, smoothness.

**oratory**, n. art of public speaking, declamation; eloquence, power of speech, forcefulness, expressiveness, cogency; elocution, diction, address, articulation, enunciation; gift of gab, command of words, way with words, Arch. faculty; (all of speech) fluency, facility, ease, glibness, slickness, smoothness.

**orbit**, n. 1. heavenly or celestial body, sun, star, planet, moon.
2. sphere, globe, orbit, ball, round, globoid; globule, spheredule, spheric, oval.
3. eye, Anat. orbit, eyeball, Sl. glim, Sl. peepers.

**orbicular**, adj. orbiculate, orblike, round, roundened, rotund, bulbous, bulb-shaped; spherical, spheric, spheric, spheroid, sphericoid, sphericell, spherulur; global, globular, globulous, globe-shaped, globate, globoid, globe, globule, globelike; oval, ovate, oviform, ovoid, egg-shaped; elliptical, ellipsoidal, circular, cycloidal, cycloidal, ringlike, annular, ring-shaped; cylindrical, cylindroid; bell-shaped, campanulate, pear-shaped, pyriform.

**orbit**, n. 1. revolution, circumvolution, circle, circuit, cycle, round; turn, circumvolution, rotation, circumrotation; path, course, track, trajectory.
2. course, pattern, routine.
3. orb, sphere, ball. See orb (def. 2).

—v. 4. revolve, circle, encircle; rotate, turn, circumrotate, circumvolve.

**orchestra**, n. 1. symphony orchestra, symphony, philharmonic, string orchestra, Music. string ensemble; chamber orchestra, quartet; symphonic band, band, combo.
2. orchestra pit, pit; U.S. main floor, parquet, parquet circle, orchestra circle, parterre.

**ordain**, v. 1. flock; induct, install, inaugurate, swear in, administer the oath of office, instate, Rare. auspicate; invest, chair, establish in office; crown, en- throne; consecrate, anoint.
2. exact, make into law, legislate, pass into law, establish, set or set up, arrange or arrange for; decree, rule, adjudge, determine; order, command, dictate, pronounce, proclaim, declare; give orders for, authorize, warrant, sanction; charge, bid, enjoin, direct, prescribe, instruct; exact, demand, require, tax with.
3. destine, fate, doom, predestine, predetermine, foreordain, foredoom.

**ordeal**, n. trial, test, trying experience, tribulation, trouble, affliction; hardship, suffering, deprivation, privation, infliction, oppression, persecution; pain, agony, torture, hell; distress, anguish, misery, grief, woe, sorrow, sadness; adversity, misfortune, tragedy, calamity, disaster; All Sl. drag, bummer, bad trip.

**order**, n. 1. command, commandment, mandate, dictate, dictum, direction, directive, instruction, behest, Arch.ic. haste, imperative, ultimatum; prescribe, prescription, enjoynment, rule, regulation, act, law, ordinance, statute, etc., decree, fiat, ukase, proclamation, pronouncement, manifesto; exactation, imposition, requirement, demand, assignment; admonition, charge, injunction, exhortation; bidding, summons, call, request, notification; All Law. writ, subpoena, mandamus, mittimus, habeas corpus.

2. arrangement, grouping, dispersion, disposition; organization, systemization, systematization, method; classification, codification, categorization; structure, framework, form.

3. uniformity, regularity, symmetry, system; harmony, accord, apple-pie order; tidiness, neatness, trimness, orderliness, fitness.
4. condition, shape, state, health, status, situation.
5. class, sort, ilk, genre, type, kind; nature, kidney, temper, humor, disposition, spirit, constitution, character; manner, style; mold, grain, cast, stamp, brand, cut; species, breed, genus, category, variety.
6. rank, degree, grade, estate, caste, station, position; stock, stiprs, lineage, descent, ancestry.
7. lodge, knighthood, Knights of Columbus, Masons, guild; club, society, sodality, secret society, Skull and Bones; fraternity, brotherhood, fellowship; sorority, sisterhood; commune, community, coterie, clique, cabal, circle, school; party, organization, machine, company, band, team, body; confederacy, alliance, junta, council.
8. denomination, sect, faction, cult; church, parishioners; persuasion, belief, ism, religion, affiliation.
9. lawfulness, law and order, quiet, peace and quiet; calm, silence, serenity, tranquillity, concord.
10. regime, regimen, government, reign, management, control.
11. usage, mores, customs, manners, the way it is.

**out of order** a. inappropriate, unsuitable, out of place; unclean, indecorous, unfit, Sl. not kosher, improper. b. inoperative, nonfunctioning, broken, out of commission, in disrepair, Sl. busted; gone haywire, Sl. out of whack, Inf. out of kilter, Sl. on the fritz, Inf. on the blink, Sl. kaput, Sl. shot, Sl. gone kerflooie.

—v. 13. command, direct, adjure, charge, instruct; bid, tell, require, stipulate, demand, exact; compel, force, coerce, make; prescribe, enjoyn, lay down the law, give the word, determine; decree, ordain, assign.
14. regulate, conduct, manage, run, operate; supervise, oversee, administer, steer; maintain, handle, discharge, discipline; fix, plan, plot, adjust.
15. organize, marshal, put to rights, set to rights; systematize, systematize, methodize, classify, codify,
ordinary, adj. 1. neat, tidy, uncluttered, trim, Brit. trig, neat as a pin, neat as a box; shipshape; snug, nick-and-span, picked up, Inf. in apple-pie order, in good shape, with a place for everything and everything in its place; spruce, smart, well-groomed; balanced, well-balanced, apollonian, well-proportioned, well-arranged, harmonious, symmetrical, well-designed; regular, uniform, constant, even; steady, on an even keel, unchanging, undeviating, alike.

2. methodical, systematic, scientific; precise, sharp, keen, exact, meticulous, discriminating; efficient, businesslike, correct, careful, attentive, alert, clear-headed, clear-witted, level-headed; thorough, straightforward, direct, conventional, formal.

3. law-abiding, peaceable, well-behaved, well-man-nered, mannerly, civil, courteous, polite; disciplined, obedient, dutiful, self-controlled, restrained; nonvio- lent, peaceful, pacific, serene; quiet, gentle, mild, placid, serene, tranquil; civilized, considerate, thoughtful, neighborly; nonresisting, yielding, submissive.

4. -n. 4. attendant, assistant, adjutant; nurse’s aide, tender, steward; messenger, runner, Sl. gofer, errand boy; underling, factotum, menial, servant, Brit. Mil. batman.

ordinance, n. 1. decree, edict, Law. writ, rescript; dictate, dictum, order, command, injunction, fiat, sanction, prescript, prescription, mandate, fir-man; commandment, behest, dictation; word, word of command, direct order, Inf. the word; charge, com-mission, directive, direction, instruction; ruling, proc-lamation, pronouncement, declaration, ukase, bull; precept, canon, rubric; guideline, working principle, guiding principle.

2. law, regulation, rule, bylaw, statute; enactment, act, measure, bill; control, prohibition, ban, restriction.

3. Eccles. rite, ceremony, institution, form, pre-scribed form, mode of worship; sacrament, commun-ion.

ordinarily, adv. 1. generally, in general, in ordi-nary cases, under usual circumstances, usually, in the usual course of things, customarily; habitually, from habit, as a rule, from day to day, regularly, routinely, daily, Inf. like clockwork; frequently, for the most part, by and large, most often, often enough, Inf. right along.

2. plainly, simply, modestly, without fuss, quietly, unpretentiously, matter-of-factly; in an ordinary way, commonly, commonplace, prosaically, without dis-tinction.

3. reasonably, to the usual or expected extent, in most cases or instances, mostly, chiefly, mainly, all things considered, on balance, all in all; in the ordinary way, familiarly, normally, as a matter of course, as a rule, conventionally, Inf. by the book.

ordinary, adj. 1. usual, conventional, regular, nat-ural, normal, average; typical, general, prevalent, pre-vailing, common, current, popular; understood, approved, accepted, recognized; customary, wonted, ac-customed, habitual, routine, repeated, recurrent; established, acknowledged, ritual, traditional, ortho-doxy, consuetudinary; familiar, known, everyday, standard, Inf. G. I.; known, well-known, set, fixed, cut and dried, predetermined.

2. plain, simple, native, domestic, homespun, garden-variety, run-of-the-mill or -mine, household, commonplace, salt-of-the-earth; middle-class, stereo-typical, homely, workday, workaday, vernacular, colloquial, informal, prosaic, pedestrian, plebian, bourgeois, refined, provincial, Inf. down-home; un-exceptional, undistinguished, insignificant, somewhat inferior, second-rate, indifferent, unimpressive; medium, humdrum, so-so, passable, tolerable, fair; in-ferior, of no value, worthless, low-bred, low-brow, ill-bred; nameless, ignominious, inglorious, ignoble, Sl. cotton pickin’, Sl. no great shakes, Inf. dime-a-dozen.

3. hackneyed, overdone, dull, stale, tired, stock, cliché; dry, trite, unimaginative, insipid, wishy-washy, tame, banal, tedious, uninspired, Inf. old hat, Inf. pat; oft-repeated, oft met with, expected, predictable, over-used, worn-out, well-trodden, in the beaten path.

4. humble, modest, unpretentious, unpretending, un-assuming, unostentatious.

5. inconsequential, of little or small no or no im-portance, insignificant, small, minute, trivial, paltry, petty, puny, trifling, piddling, Inf. measly, Sl. small pota- toes, Sl. small-time, Inf. bush or minor league, Sl. twobit.

6. mean, low, vile, cheap, base; coarse, vulgar, poor, shabby, drab, ignoble, uncouth, uncultured; —n. 7. average, standard, norm, par; ordinary condition, the common way, the way things are, status quo, the normal order of things; convention, conventional usage, fixed practice, Brit. Inf. the drill; for-mality, habit, settled way, fashion; usual rut, groove, expected routine, beaten track or path, usual run, wont, standard round.

8. out of the ordinary unusual, strange, different, singular, curious, quaint, eccentric, outlandish, bizarre, weird, Inf. oddball, Inf. kooky; out of the way, uncommon, unwonted, unfamiliar, unheard of, undreamed of, off the beaten path or track, unex-pected, offbeat, stray, rare, unique, Fr. recherché; ex-traordinary, exceptional, remarkable, wonderful.

ordination, n. 1. Eccles. ordination, holy orders, orders, consecration, ecclesiastical office.

2. investiture, empowering, accrediting, conferment, installment, charging, presentation; installation, in-duction, nomination, designation, election, appoint-ment, admission, acceptance, initiation, Inf. tapping, Inf. tabbing; dedication, commitment, enlistment, enrollment.

3. decreeing, ordaining, ordering; commandment, instruction; exaction, prescription, requirement; declaration, lawgiving, ruling, Inf. laying down the law; dictation, enjoinder, bidding, behest.

4. arranging, planning, organization, methodization, systematization; disposition, distribution, settlement, disposal; classification, codification, categorization, tabulation, alphabetization, collocation, allocation, coordination, graduation, gradation, construction, composition.

5. arrangement, order, system, routine, method; structure, form, plan, scheme, line-up, setup, layout.

ordination, n. 1. cannon, artillery, field artillery, heavy or light artillery, mortars, mounted guns, Mil. field pieces. See artillery.

2. weapons, arms, armament, munitions, equipment; provisions, materials of war, army or military supplies, stores; ammunition, Inf. ammo, missillery; musketry, powder and shot.

ordure. n. manure, dung, muck, fertilizer, compost, dressing; excrement, guano, night soil, droppings, cow or buffalo chips, U.S. West. cow pies, coprolites, coproliths, Sl. sops; feces, stools, fecula, fecal matter, feculence; refuse, filth, offal, garbage, rubbish, waste.

ore, n. metal, element, mineral, bullion, Metall. pig. organ, n. 1. pipe organ, reed organ, melodeon, harmonium, electronic organ; barrel organ, hand
organize, v. 1. form, make, make up, create, devise, formulate, develop; originate, start, begin, initiate, spawn, give birth to, give rise to, produce; set up, found, institute, establish; build, erect, construct; frame, shape, mold, arrange, dispose, adjust, regulate.

2. systematicize, methodize, standardize; coordinate, arrange, order, place; size, rank, rate, grade; graduate, assign a place.

3. form a union, organize a union, unionize; unify, unite, combine, associate, incorporate, consolidate; merge, fuse, blend, amalgamate, coalesce; group together, brigade, band together, ally, join together, team up, league, federate, confederate.

4. informal. organize oneself, collect one's thoughts, sl. get it together, sl. get one's head together, sl. get one's stuff together.

organism, n. 1. being, body, entity, living thing, something; creature, living creature, beast, animal; plant, vegetable; Biol. cell, microscopic plant or animal; individual, human, human being, man, person, fellow, earthling.

2. organization, company, corporation, association, alliance, league, union. See organization (def. 4).

organization, n. 1. systematization, methodization, standardization; arrangement, order, ordering, ordination, disposition, disposal; coordination, grouping, group, collection, array, selection, assortment, arrangement, collocation, set, series, line-up; class, classification, category, categorization, placement, place, pigeonhole, bracket; file, index, catalog, codification, tabulation; sizing, ranking, rating, grade, grading, graduation, denomination, division.

2. system, scheme, method, plan; design, pattern, format, outline, frame, framework; construction, structure, formation, configuration, constitution; composition, make-up, chemistry, constitution; form, shape, figure, build, physique, body.

3. unionization, unification, unity, combination, affiliation, association; incorporation, consolidation, blend, amalgamation, coalescence, assimilation, design, planned, patterned, laid out; methodized, systemized, ordered, classified, filed, arranged in order, tabular, alphabetical, alphabetized; in order, in sequence, in place, neat, tidy, trim, shipshape.

4. anatomical, constitutional, structural; inherent, innate, intrinsic, natural, true; native, indigenous, instinctive, rooted, ingrained; essential, indispensable, vital; primary, fundamental, radical, basic, basal, rudimentary, elementary, elemental.

organism, n. 1. (defs. 3-5). See Oriental.

2. the Orient, the East, Levant, Eastern Hemisphere, Asia, Far East, the China coast, east of Suez, East Indies, the Pacific, land of the sunrise.

—adj. 1. lustrous, opalescent, pearly, nacred; iridescent, glossy, glowing.

—v. 3. orientate, adjust, adapt, accommodate, conform, compromise; familiarize, habituate, make used to, get used to, break in, condition, season, train; reconcile, acclimatize, acclimate, regulate.

orient, v. 1. bear, bearing, bearings, orientation, directional, orientation, directional, orient.

2. bearing, placement, placing, orienting; attunement, setting up, coordination, squaring, straightening out, fixing; alignment, collimation, truing, synchronization.

3. adjusting, getting one's bearings, acclimatization, assimilation, fitting in; domestication, habituation, naturalization; adjustment, adaptation, accommodation, settlement, conformity, compromise.

**origin, n.**
1. source, provenience, provenance; root, taproot, *Bot.* radicle, *Bot.* radix, etymology, derivation, etymon; fountainhead, fount, fountain, font, wellspring, well, spring, rise, upspringing, wellhead, base, basis, foundation, fundamental, rudiment, ground.
2. beginning, genesis, alpha, dawn, dawning; incipience, inception, commencement, start, outset, the word "go!"; germ, seed, conception, germination, embryo; budding, sprouting, emerging, first flowering, *Both Embryol.* primordium, aleurage; matrix, womb, cradle, hotbed.
3. birth, nativity, parentage; ancestry, extraction, stock, stem, stirps, lineage, line, descent, pedigree, genealogy; family, house; breed, race.

**original, adj.**
1. primary, primordial, primigenial, incipient, prime, initial, first, first birth; primeval, primal, primitive, pristine, earliest; aboriginal, autochthonal, autochthonous, indigenous, endemic, endemical, native; radical, basic, fundamental, elemental, underlying, underlying; intrinsic, inherent, inborn, innate, in nate, connate, congenital.
2. novel, new, newfangled, unprecedented, unknown, unheard-of; fresh, young, maiden, virgin, untried; unique, singular, special; rare, peculiar, uncommon, signal, extraordinary, different, unusual, out of the ordinary, *Latin. in sui generis.*
3. creative, seminal, imaginative, ingenious, inventive, resourceful, originative, initiative, instituted; individualistic, independent, self-reliant, self-sufficient, self-contained, autonomous; diverse, divergent, unorthodox, unconventional, nonconforming, unimitative, unimitating, unimitated, borrowed, unborrowing.
4. prototypical, prototypic, prototypical, protoplastic; archetypal, archetypic, archetypal, exemplary, genuine, authentic, *Archaic.* authentic, actual, true.
5. prototype, pattern, archetype, model, exemplar, type, form, mold; ideal, paragon, standard; example, specimen, sample; ancestor, precursor, precedent.

6. creation, ingenuity, breath of fresh air; protoplast, first copy.
7. source, origin, genesis, root, *Both Bot.* radix, radicle; subject, referent, actuality, the genuine article, the real thing, *Sl.* the real McCoy.
8. creator, neoteric; originator, mastermind; individualistic, independent, eccentric, oddity, *Inf.* character; freethinker, bohemian, nonconformist, nonpartisan, dissenter, heretic.

**originality, n.**
1. creativity, creativeness, imagination, imaginativeness, ingenuity, ingeniousness, inventiveness, resourcefulness, initiative; individuality, independence, self-reliance, self-sufficiency, autonomy; divergence, nonimitativeness, unorthodoxy, unconventionalness, nonconformity, break with tradition.
2. novelty, newness, innovativeness, newfangledness, unprecedentedness, unknownness; freshness, virginity; uniqueness, singularity, specialness, raresness, unusualness, unusuality, uncommonness, extraordinariness; peculiarity, unexpectedness.

**originally, adv.**
1. by birth, by origin.
2. at first, initially, in the beginning; at the start; from the beginning; from the start, *Inf.* from the word go, *Inf.* from day one, *Latin. ab ovo, Latin. ab initio, Latin. ab origine.*
3. in the first place, primarily, principally, mainly, chiefly; essentially, fundamentally, basically; in essence, in substance, in the main; at core, at heart, at bottom, *Fr. au fond.*
4. personally, individually, distinctively, singularly, characteristically; uniquely, uncommonly, unusually, peculiarly.

**originator, n.**
1. initiator, actuator, instigator, agent, starter, mover, prime mover, catalyst, *Inf.* spark or spark plug; founder, inaugurator, inventor, deviser, organizer; author, architect, conceiver, shaper, designer, idea man, *Sl.* the brains; creator, maker, producer, begetter, engenderer, parent, mother, father, sire.

**ornament, n.**
1. decoration, frill, filigree, flourish, adornment, decoration, embellishment, trimming; garnish, garnishment, garniture, *Archaic.* ouch; embroidery, elaboration, trappings, festoons; array, be dizened, enrichment, beautification, prettification; emblazonment, emblazonry, illumination; luster, finish, veneer, gloss, gilt, gilding.
2. finery, frippery, frills, frills and furbelows, finery, adornment, decoration, embellishment, trimming; adornment, decoration, embellishment, trimming; ornament, adorning, embellishing, dressing up, attire, accouter; spangle, bespangle, stud, bestud, —v. 6. adorn, decorate, embellish, trimming, adornment, decoration, embellishment, trimming; garnish, garnishment, garniture, *Archaic.* ouch; em broidery, elaboration, trappings, festoons; array, be dizened, enrichment, beautification, prettification; emblazonment, emblazonry, illumination; luster, finish, veneer, gloss, gilt, gilding.
3. sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretense, sham, pretense, pinchbeck; affectation, pretend, pretension, pretentiousness; ostentation, meretriciousness, flamboyance, showiness, show, flashiness, *Sl.* flash; gaudiness, garishness, tawdriness.

—v. 6. adorn, decorate, embellish, trim, garnish, ornament, *Archaic.* ouch; embroidery, elaboration, trappings, festoons; array, be dizened, enrichment, beautification, prettification; emblazonment, emblazonry, illumination; luster, finish, veneer, gloss, gilt, gilding.
8. enhance, enrich; intensify, deepen, heighten,
ornamental, adj. 1. decorative, decorating, embellishing, adornning, garnishing, ornamenting; sightly, fair, attractive, graceful, enhancing, becoming, agreeable.

2. ornate, fancy, elaborate, busy; baroque, rococo, arabesque; florid, flowery.

3. ostentatious, meretricious, flamboyant, showy, flashy, Sl. flash; gawdy, garish, tawdry; grandiose, high-flown, Inf. highfalutin.

ornamentation, n. 1. adornment, embellishment. See ornament (def. 4).

2. finery, frippery, frilliness, frills, frills and furbelows, folderol, trumpery, gaudery, fuss, Inf. fopfaraw, Sl. jazz; ostentation, meretriciousness, flamboyance, showiness, show, flashiness, Sl. flash; gaudiness, garishness, tawdriness.

3. ornateness, fanciness, elaborateness, business; baroquefulness, baroque, rococo, arabesque; richness, luxuriance; brilliance, splendor, magnificence.

4. decoration, frill, ornament. See ornament (def. 1).

ornate, adj. 1. elaborate, involved, busy; fussy, frilly, baroque, rococo, arabesque.

2. elegant, fine, fancy; rich, lush, luxurious, luxuriant, sumptuous; brilliant, dazzling, glittering; gilt, begill.

3. labored, richly-wrought, highly-wrought; overdone, overworked, overlabored; overelegant.

4. (all usu. of speech or writing) affected, stilted, lofty, fulsome, high-flown, high-flying, Inf. high-falutin; pompous, orotund, grandiloquent; florid, flowery, euphuistic; grandiose, high-sounding, big-sounding.

ornament, n. 1. ornament. See ornament (def. 1).

2. (all usu. of speech or writing) affected, pretentious, stilted, lofty, fulsome, high-flown, high-flying, Inf. high-falutin; pompous, orotund, grandiloquent; florid, flowery, euphuistic; grandiose, high-sounding, big-sounding.

ornery, adj. Informal. 1. cantankerous, surly, irascible, irascible, crabby; ill-natured, unagreeable, obnoxious, choleric; ill-tempered, bad-tempered, short-tempered, quick-tempered; brusque, peppy, crusty, grumpy, grouchv, dyspeptic, bearish, snappish, snarling, cross, feisty, huffy, irritable, cranky, peevish, bilious, testy, touchy, tetchy; argum-

mentative, quarrelsome, fractious, contentious, disputatious, disagreeable, Inf. bitchy, Inf. ugly; uncivil, sharpt, curt, short, terse, blunt, rough.

2. stubborn, stubborn as a mule, mulish, mule-headed, pigheaded, bullheaded, bullish, headstrong, obstinate; willful, self-willed, contrary, perversive, wrongheaded, cross-grained, balky, uncooperative, U.S. Inf. notionate, Inf. cussed, Archaic. untoward; froward, refractory, recalcitrant, contumacious; unmanageable, uncontrollable, difficult, recalcitrant, unreasoning, incorrigible.

3. base, low, vile, mean, base, low-down-dirty-rotten.

ornndonu, adj. 1. (all of the voice) strong, powerful, mighty; full, rich, mellifluous; deep, sonorous; resonant, resounding, reverberating, rolling, ringing; big, booming, thundering.

2. (all of a style of speaking) pompous, bombastic, fustian, grandiloquent, grandiose, lofty, stilted; turgid, swollen, inflated, overblown, puffet-up, Inf. windy, Inf. gassy; magniloquent, high-flown, high-sounding, Inf. high-falutin, big-sounding, lexicographic, Rare. grandisonant; overdrawn, strained, affected, put-on; sesqui-pedal, polysyllabic, Inf. jawbreaking.

orthodox, adj. 1. (all of theological or religious doctrine) sound, correct, accurate, faithful, true, right, proper; of the faith, of the true faith, doctrinal, Latin. ex cathedra; accepted, recognized, acknowledged, admitted, kosher.

2. conventional, customary, accustomed, according to custom or usage, usual, regular, standard, prevailing; conformist, traditionalist, in line, in step, in keeping, in accord; middle-class, bourgeois, middlebrow, middle-of-the-road, Inf. square, Inf. straight; fixed, established, set, cut-and-dried.

3. conservative, ultraconservative, right-wing, fundamentalist; purist, hidebound, creedbound, rigid, rigorous, strict, dogmatic; straitlaced, puritanical; ob-
durate, inflexible, unbending, unyielding, uncompromising.

orthodoxy, n. 1. religious belief, belief, faith, credo; faith, true faith, truth, gospel truth, word of God; authoritiveness, authenticity, canonicalness, doctrinalness; soundness, correctness, ac-
curateness, faithfulness, rightness, properness, trueness.

2. conformity, conformance, compliance, observance, obedience; conventionality, traditionalism; custom, tradition; line, keeping, step, accordance, agreement.

3. conservatism, ultraconservatism, fundamentalism, puritanism; purism, literalism, precisionism; straitlacedness, stiff-neckedness, hideboundness, creedboundness; firmness, strictness, rigidness, rigidi-
ty, rigorousness, stiffness; obduracy, inflexibility, un-
compromisingness, unbendingness, unyieldingness.

oscillate, v. 1. vibrate, move to and fro, swing, move backward and forward, come and go, librate, move from side to side, ebb and flow, seesaw, wig wag.

2. fluctuate, vacillate, wave, vary, yo-yo, teeter-totter; about-face, change, change one's mind, Brit. Dial. chop, U.S. Inf. back and fill; shift, swerve, veer; hesitate, scruple, falter; be uncertain, be unsure, be doubtful, be undecided, be undetermined, not know one's own mind, not know where one stands, hang in the balance, hang; equivocate, shilly-shally, hem and haw, blow hot and cold, tergiversate, straddle the fence, be on the fence, be of two minds, debate.

oscillation, n. 1. vibration, vibrating, swing, swinging, Astron. libration, seesawing, wigwagging, coming and going, moving to and fro, moving backward and forward; ebb and flow, rise and fall, flux and reflux.

2. single swing, swing, wave, stroke, beat.

3. fluctuation, vacillation, wavering, instability, unsteadiness; change, variation, alternation; hesitation, ambivalence, irresolution, indecision, undecidedness, uncertainty, infirmity of purpose; fickleness, changeableness; equivocation, shilly-shallying, blowing hot and cold, tergiversation, straddling the fence.

oscillate, adj. 1. drowsy, groggy, dozy, nodding, dozing, heavy-eyed, yarning; sleepy, sleeping, asleep, half-asleep, somnolent, slumberous, slumbery; off in a world of one's own, with one's head in the clouds, in the clouds, a million miles away; oblivious, detached, distracted, faraway, off guard, caught napping, inattentive.

2. sluggish, torpid, lethargic, lentitudinous, hebetudinous, phlegmatic, lymphatic; otiose, lazy, slow, lackadaisical, indolent; dull, drugged, dazed, Inf. dopey; lifeless, dormant, inactive, weary, listless.

oscillate, v. 1. kiss, Inf. buss, Inf. smack, Inf. smooch, Inf. canoodle, Inf. make out, Inf. fool around, neck, Inf. park, bundle, Inf. spoon.

2. come into contact, be contiguous, touch, graze, skim, brush, rub; clasp, hug, embrace; meet, merge, blend, combine, insepolate; connect, join, adjoin, conjoin.
oscillation, n. 1. kiss, Inf. buss, Inf. smack, Inf. smooch, Inf. peck; kissing, Inf. smooching, Inf. making out, Inf. fooling around, necking, Inf. spooning. 2. close contact, touch, tacton, tangency, contiguity; clasp, grip, hug, embrace; connection, link, bond, oscillation; meeting, merging, adjoining, blend, blending, combination, conjunction, junction.

osseous, adj. bony, skeletal; ossified, indurated, indurate, callous, hard, hardened, rigidified, rigid; stiff, inflexible, unbending, impliable; ossiferous.

ossification, n. bone formation, Physiol. ostosis, ossification, hardening; fossilization, petrifaction.

ossified, adj. hardened, hard, indurated, rigidity, bony, callous, rigidified, rigid, stiffened, stiff; fossilized, petrified.

osyly, v. 1. convert into bone, become bony, harden, stiffen, indurated, callous; fossilize, petrify.

2. become rigid, become inflexible, become unyielding, become obdurate, become resistant, become un-receptive.

ostensible, adj. 1. external, outward, superficial, pretended, feigned, assumed, put-on; supposed, presumed, reputed, inferred; professor, claimed, purported, avowed, alleged, so-called, nominal, in name only.

2. apparent, plain, clear, obvious, evident, apparent, plain, clear, obvious, evident, apparent, plain, clear, obvious, evident.

ostentation, n. display, ritz, Inf. swank, splash, flourish, flashiness, frills; blazon, tinsel, trappings, spectacle, show, parade, pageantry, pomp; gilding, conspicuous consumption, window dressing, Inf. front, veneer, Inf. dog, Inf. keeping up with the Joneses, tasteless show, vulgar show; pomposity, pompous, bombastic, vain, vainglorious; egotistical, self-important, high-hat; shun, spurn, turn one's back on, set one's face against, neglect, disregard, ignore, refuse to associate with, send to Coventry.

ostracism, n. banishment, exile, rejection, prohibition, exclusion, repulsion, rejection, abandonment.

ostracize, v. 1. exclude, shut out, bar, debar, segregate, blacklist; repudiate, disinherit, disown, cast aside; reject, discard, blackball; isolate, maroon, keep at arm's length, leave out in the cold; snub, Inf. cut, Inf. cold-shoulder, give [s.o.] the cold shoulder, Inf. high-hat; shun, spurn, turn one's back on, set one's face against; neglect, disregard, ignore, refuse to associate with, send to Coventry.

banish, exile, proscribe, repel, expel, deport, transport; ostracize, expel, banish, make homeless.

other, adj. additional, additive, addivitary; further, extra, supplementary, supplemental, second, spare; added, appended, attached, annexed; augmented, increased, raised.

2. different, distinct, separate; unidentical, dissimilar, variant, unlike; disparate, contrary, contrasting, contradistinct; diverse, divergent, discrepant, differing; incongruous, incompatible, inharmonious, inconsonant.

3. former, earlier, previous, anterior, antecedent, preexistent, prior, preceding; bygone, gone, past, old-time, ancient; aforesaid, aforementioned, before-mentioned.

otherwise, adv. 1. elsewise, if not, on the other hand, under other circumstances, if this were not the case, otherwise, if it were possible.

2. differently, in another way, contrarily, inversely, in reverse, otherwise, in an inverse, in defiance, in contempt, in disagreement, in opposition, regardless.

3. excluding, excepting, in other respects, besides, save, without, apart from this.

otherworldly, adj. 1. unearthly, supermundane, supramundane, extramundane; transcendent; metaphysical, spiritual; supernatural, supranatural, preternatural; fabulous, remarkable, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, out of this world.

2. spectral, astral, ethereal, ghostly, phantom-like, wraithlike; incorporeal, Obs. incorporeal, un-substantial, impalpable, intangible, bodiless, disembodied; magical, fey, unreal, insubstantial, fantastic, illusory, visionary, chimerical, chimerical.

3. occult, cabalistic, mystic, mystical, transcendent; mysterious, arcane, esoteric, unknown; eerie, weird, strange, bizarre, uncanny.

otiose, adj. 1. leisureed, idle, inactive, unoccupied, doing nothing; unemployed, workless, not working, out of a job; Inf. collecting, on the dole, on welfare; vagrant, Inf. on the bum; indolent, lazy, listless, lethargic, inattentive; loafing, lagging, loafing, lagging, lagging, loafing, lagging.

2. ineffective, inefficacious, effete, impotent, lame; ineffective, inefficacious, effete, impotent, lame; weak, feeble, powerless, inadequate, inefficient, incompetent, unserviceable, inoperative, unrewarding, unrenumerative, unpaying; profitless, unprofitable, gainless, for naught, flat, stale and unprofitable; abortive, fruitless, barren, sterile, unproductive; fallow, still, dormant, not in operation.

3. superfluous, redundant, extra, not needed; pointless, to no purpose, to no avail, unsuccessful; futile, unavailing, bootless, vain; useless, inutil, worthless, valueless, meritless, nugatory, Inf. throwaway.

ottoman, divan, backless sofa, beanbag chair, cushiony seat; footstool, footrest, hassock, taboret.

oust, v. 1. expel, drive out, force out, thrust out; extrude, eject, run [s.o.] off or out; suspend, Sl. kick out, dismiss, fire, show the door, cashier, drum out; Inf. give [s.o.] his walking papers, All Sl. sack, can, give [s.o.] the boot, bag, bump, bounce, give [s.o.] the heave-ho; disown, repudiate, reject, discard; exile, expatriate, banish, proscribe, outlaw, segregate, deport, excommunicate, unchurch, ostracize, blackball, exclude, isolate, maroon.

2. Law. possess, evict, put out, Inf. put on the street, make homeless.

ouster, n. 1. expulsion, discharge, evacuation, dislodgement; rejection, repudiation, dismissal, removal; All Sl. the boot, the old heave-ho, sack, bouncing; firing, cashiering, disbarment, drumming out; exile, banishment, expatriation, deportation, transportation; banishing, ostracization, excommunication, proscription, ban, exclusion, disqualification, segregation, outlawing.

2. Law. eviction, ejection, dispossession; wrongful exclusion.

out, adv. 1. absent, abroad, away, elsewhere, gone, not at home, forth, flown, missing, not present.
2. outside, out of doors, without, beyond.

3. passé, antiquated, out of date, fallen into disuse, disused; obsolete, archaic, extinct; antique, ancient, primitive, antediluvian; timeworn, discarded, expired, bygone, forgotten; unfashionable, not in vogue, finished.

4. revealed, disclosed, unfolded, brought to light, in the open, out of the closet; apparent, evident, obvious, overt, manifest; published, broadcast, bared, exposed, made known.

5. thoroughly, completely, entirely, effectively. —adj. 6. exposed. See out (def. 4).

7. incorrect, inaccurate, erring, faulty, wrong, false, off at odds, erroneous; wide of the mark, short of the mark, off the mark, missing the mark; aberrant, distorted, perverted.

8. finished, ended, concluded, terminated, over.

9. at variance, at odds, in conflict; unfriendly, hostile, uncordial, unneighborly, unresponsive, unsociable, uncommunicative.

10. inoperative, extinguished, serviceable, broken, not functioning, out of order, out of commission; Inf. on the blink. Inf. on the Fritz. Inf. out of kilter. Sl. out of whack. Sl. gone kerflooie. Sl. kaput. Sl. on the bum.

—prep. 11. through, across, over.

—n. 12. excuse, alibi, pretext; evasion, escape, loophole; shelter, harbor, isle of safety.

13. misfit, unperson, nonperson; outcast, pariah, castaway, derelict.

14. on the outs or at outs Inf. alienated, estranged, unfriendly, on bad terms, in conflict.

—v. 15. go out, come out, proceed, move out, go forth, advance, progress, pass on, pass forward.

16. become public, become evident, be revealed, be disclosed, be made known, be published, be broadcast, be brought to light, be made open.

17. Usu. out with tell, utter, make known, reveal, disclose, publish, broadcast, make manifest.

out-and-out, adj. thorough, throughgoing, exhaustive, in-depth, A to Z, Brit. A to Zed, Brit. Dial. grade-ly, comprehensive, sweeping, all-encompassing; complete, total, utter, absolute, sheer, radical, rank, gross; full-fledged, dyed-in-the-wool, hard-core, invertebrate, confirmed, hardened; unqualified, unmodified, uncompromised, unconditional, unconditioned, unreserved, unmitigated; unrestricted, unlimited, unhampered, unimpeded, unbound; unequivocal, clear, unambiguous, explicit, express.

outbalance, v. overbalance, outweigh, overweigh, preponderate; exceed in value, transcend, surpass, overmatch; outrank, be superior to, overtop, override, take precedence over; have the edge on, hold the advantage, tip the scales, turn the tables.

outbreak, n. 1. outbreak, eruption, explosion, burst, flare-up. See outbreak (defs. 1-3).

2. manifestation, appearance, materialization, emergence, rise, outcrop.

3. public disturbance, riot, disorder, disruption; strike, picketing, protest, protest march, demonstration, sit-in; civil disorder, anarchy, mob law, street-fighting, fighting in the streets, violence; insurrection, rebellion, revolt, revolution, insurgency, insurgency, uprising, rising, peasant revolt, jacquerie; mutiny, insubordination, sedition, subversion; coup d'état, coup, overthrow, takeover, Ger. putsch.

4. clash, argument, controversy, combat, contention, disagreement, discord; altercation, dispute, row, quarrel, squabble, dustup, spat, tiff, Brit. Dial. fray; encounter, meeting, engagement, embroilment, confrontation, showdown, duel, contest; fight, gunfight, battle, struggle, strife, conflict; tussle, bout, Scot. sturt, Inf. scrap, Inf. run-in, Inf. set-to, brush; skirmish, action, fray, affair; brawl, Donnybrook, free-for-all, melee, hand-to-hand fight; fracas, uproar, tumult, turbulence, excitement, perturbation, agitation, unrest, turmoil, disquiet, confusion, jumble, imbrolio; stir, fuss, commotion, Inf. ruckus, Inf. rumus, hubbub, noise, racket, clatter.

outburst, n. 1. outbreak, eruption, burst, flare-up; fit, tantrum, convulsion, spasm, seizure, attack, paroxysm; explosion, blow-up, blast, discharge, detonation, fulmination, bang, boom; dissilience, dissility, bursting or flying apart, splitting open, rupture; earthquake, quake, tremor, Chiefly U.S. temblor, upheaval, Phys. Geog. cataclysm.

2. outpouring, outburst, effusion, volley, barrage, battery, gush, stream, rush; outflow, outflowing, effluent, efflux, outflux; outwell, outstream, outgush, outrush, overflow.

3. burst, spurt, spree, Sl. tear.

outcast, n. 1. pariah, castaway, Ishmael, unper- son, nonperson; exile, expatriate, political refugee; fugitive, runaway, outlaw; excommunicate; wail, cry, call, shout, yell, bellow, leper, rejectee; evictee, expellee, evacuee.

2. wanderer, vagabond, rover, itinerant, nomad, bird of passage, knight-of-the-road; beachcomber, vagrant, hobo, tramp; beggar, panhandler, scavenger; derelict, down-and-out. U.S. Inf.: bum.

—adj. 3. abandoned, forsaken, forlorn, neglected, shunned, scorned; hopeless, wretched, friendless; ostracized, blackballed, blacklisted.

4. ousted, expelled, ejected, driven out or forth; departed, transported, expatriated, exiled, banished; disowned, disenfranchised, disenfranchised, excommunicated.

5. rejected, discarded, thrown out or away, unwanted, sloughed off.

outclass, v. exceed, outexcel, excel, surpass, overtop, go beyond, outshoar, transcend; outrank, outrate, come first, be superior to, take precedence over, over- ride, overrule; outweigh, overweigh, outbalance, tip the scales, preponderate; be a cut above, be head and shoulders above, outmatch, overmatch, outrival; outdo, outplay, Inf. run rings or circles around, Inf. do [s.o.] one better, one-up, get the better of, top, cap, trump, beat, win over or win out over, prevail over, overcome, defeat. See also outdo (defs. 1, 2).

outcome, n. consequence, sequel, result, end, end result, upshot, Inf. payoff; effect, issue, product, crop, yield, harvest, fruit, flower, blossom; offshoot, development, outgrowth; aftermath, aftermath. See also outcome (defs. 1, 2).

outcry, n. 1. exclamation, ejaculation, outburst, burst, blurt; cry, call, shout, yelling, bell, bray, bellow, howl, yelp, yap; cheer, hurrah, huzza, whoop, Inf. hoist. Inf. whoop and holler; scream, screech, squeal; war cry, war whoop, battle cry, rallying cry; hunting cry, Chiefly Brit. tallyho, Fox Hunting. huic, Fox Hunting. Rare. yoicks.

2. lament, plain, moan, groan, sob, wail, wail of woe; keen, bawl, ululation; gibe, scoff, jeer, hoot, boo, catcall, Sl. raspberry, Sl. Bronx cheer.

3. clamor, racket, din, noise, clanger, clap, clatter, rattle, jangle; hoot and cry, vociferation, flap, uproar, hullabaloo, hubbub, ballyhoo.

4. auction, auction sale, public auction, vendue.

—v. 5. vociferate, cry out, call out, yell out, bellow out, shout out, sing out, Inf. holler out; cry aloud, shout or cry at the top of one's lungs or voice, rend the air, awake the dead.

outdistance, v. outgo, outrun, outstrip, Inf. leave in
the dust, outpace, outmarch, outwalk, outswim, out-
row, outride, outsidal; Infl. get the jump on, have
the edge on, hold the advantage over; outdo, Infl. run rings
or circles around, Infl. do [s.o.] one better, one-up, get
the better of, top, cap, trump, beat, win over or win
out over, prevail over, overcome, defeat. See also out-
do (defs. 1, 2).

outdo, v. 1. surpass, exceed, out excel, excel, over-
top, out-Herod, go beyond, outsoar, transcend; out-
class, outrank, outrate, come first, be superior to, take
precedence over, override, outrule, outweigh, over-
weigh, outbalance, overbalance, tip the scales, pre-
ponderate; be a cut above, be head and shoulders
above, outmatch, outmatch, outtrivial; outlay, Infl.
run rings or circles around, Infl. do [s.o.] one better,
one-up, go [s.o.] one up; get the better of, top, cap,
trump, outtrump, beat, Infl. beat out, win over or win
out over, prevail over, overcome, defeat; outflank,
outjockey, outmaneuver, outgeneral; outsport, out-
wit, outfox, outthink, overreach.

outdoor, adj. open-air, alfresco, out-of-doors or
out of-door, outside, outdoors; outdoorly.

outdoors, adv. 1. in the open air, in the open, al-
freSCO, out of doors, outside.

—n. 2. the open air, the open, the out of doors, the
great outdoors, the wide open spaces, the outside.

outer, adj. external, exterior, extrinsic; outlying,
outward, peripheral, fringe; out, outside.

outmost, adj. outmost, furthest, furtthest-off, far-
thermost, ultimate, extreme, remotest; remote, dis-
tant, far-off, faraway, far-flung, removed; ulterior,
thither, yonder, yon, farther, further, more distant.

outface, v. 1. outstare, stare down, stare out of
countenance, outface, face down, face out, outlook,
outdare, outbrave, brazen out or through; withstand,
stand, endure, hold up, hold out, brave, not flinch or
shrink from, Infl. bite the bullet.

2. defy, bid defiance, set at defiance, thumb one's
nose at, cock a snoot at, snap one's fingers at, flout,
slap in the face; confront, front, meet, meet
to face, face down, face off; face, face up to; face,
stand up to, face down to, stand up to, face
out, face in the face, look straight in the eyes.

outfit, n. 1. kit, set; rig, turnout, outfitting.

2. equipment, equipage, apparatus, gear, accouter-
ments, paraphernalia, appurtenances, appointments,
furnishings, furniture; fixtures, fittings, habiliments,
Infl. things; tools, instruments, contrivances, machin-
ery; implements, appliances, utensils, conveniences;
supplies, material, wherewithal; paraposition, trappings,
tack, tackle, harness, rigging.

3. belongings, effects, chattels, possessions, prop-
erties, Sl. stuff, Sl. junk; baggage, bag and baggage,
duffel, luggage, dunnage, impediments.

4. dress, garb, apparel, attire, clothes, wardrobe,
livery, Archaic: vesture, Infl. togs, Infl. dusks, (for a
newborn) layette; investiture, adornment, ornamenta-
tion.

5. ensemble, costume, Infl. getup; best clothes, best
Infl. Sunday-go-to-meetings, Sl. glad rags, Sl. heavy
threads.

6. provision, providing, supply, supplying, accouter-
ment, furnishing, furnishment, equipment; outfitting,
fitting out; preparation, preparing, readying.


8. ability, capability, makings, Sl. the stuff, Sl.
the goods, Sl. what it takes; knowledge, expertise, tech-
ique, Infl. know-how, Sl. savvy; experience, back-
ground, qualifications.

—v. 9. fit out, fit up, fit, rig, rig up, rig out, turn
out, gear; array, deck, deck out, bedeck, caparison,
trap, adorn, ornament; dress, dress out, clothe, vest,
garb, attire, apparel, habit, Sl. dude up; robe, gown,
drape.

10. equip, furnish, supply, provide, purvey, render,
accommodate, Archaic. right, Obs. appoint; gird,
ready, prepare, Infl. prep or prep up, store, stock,
stock up, fill up, Chiefly Scot. plenish; endow, endue
or indulge, invest; All Mil. arm, forearm, munition, Sl.
heel, Archaic. harness.

outfitter, n. clothier, haberdasher, hosier; costumer,
costumier; modiste, couturier, couturière; furrier,
cloakmaker; tailor, Humorous. sartor; seamstress,
tailoress; dressmaker.

outflank, v. bypass, avoid, give [s.o.] or [s.t.] the
go-by; circumvent, get around, Infl. do an end run,
Infl. short-circuit; elude, evade, go over [s.o.'s] head,
outreach; outthink, outwit, outfox, outsmart, get the bet-
er of [s.o.], pull the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes, put [s.t.]
over on [s.o.]; outjockey, outmaneuver, outdo, out-
general.

outflow, n. outflux, efflux, effluence, outflowing,
flow; outwell, outstream, outpour, outpouring,
effusion, outgush, outrush, overflow; outgo, Geol.
extravasation; issue, emigration, drainage, leakage,
discharge; spout, spurt, burst, jet, gush, rush.

outgoing, adj. 1. departing, leaving, withdrawing,
taking off; outbound, outward bound, going out.

2. open, unreserved, familiar, easy, free and easy,
easygoing; friendly, amicable, congenial, neighborly,
sociable, hospitable; affable, approachable, accessible,
communicative, conversive; extrovert, extroverted,
other-directed, gregarious; at home, comfortable, Infl.
chummy, Sl. buddy-buddy, Sl. palsy-walsy; demo-
strative, affectionate, loving, warm.

outgrow, v. grow too large for, grow beyond, leave
behind, shed, discard; give up, relinquish, lay aside;
abandon, turn one's back on, renounce, repudiate,
disclaim, disown, reject.

outgrowth, n. 1. product, consequence, result,
outcome, Infl. payoff; effect, aftereffect, aftermath;
conclusion, upshot, final issue, eventuation, yield.

2. addition, supplement, postscript, sequel.

3. excrescence, offshoot, shoot, spout, bud,
burgeon, blossom, flower, fruit; projection, pro-
tuberance, bulge, knob, node, nodule, Anat., Biol.
process, Bot. caruncle.

outhouse, n. 1. outbuilding, backhouse, shed,
toolshed, toolhouse, lean-to, shack; coop, stable,
barn.

2. privy, Chiefly Dial. jakes, stool, closet, cloaca,
Chiefly New Eng. necessary, Brit. Sl. bogs, latrine.

outing, n. excursion, pleasure trip, airing, drive,
ride, spin, tour; picnic, junket; promenade, turn,
stroll, jaunt, ramble; walk, hike, trek, tramp,
peregrination, pilgrimage.
outlander, n. 1. foreigner, alien, stranger, unwelcome visitor, intruder, interloper, barbarian, invader, tramp, trampamante, ultramante; visitor, tourist, Inf. visiting fireman; exile, refugee, émigré, displaced person, D. P.; transmigrant, migrant, sojourner, passing stranger, pilgrim, traveler, wanderer; Disparaging. gringo, Disparaging. wetback.

2. immigrant, arrival, new arrival, greenhorn, in-comer, entrant; colonial, utlaloner, colonizer, settler, pioneer, homesteader, squatter, nester, sooner, encroacher; bushman, backwoodsman, mountainman, mountaineer, Inf. hillbilly; newcomer, upstart, arriviste, parvenu, Inf. gate-crasher, Inf. crasher; tenderfoot, Inf. new guy in town, Inf. Johnny-come-lately, Inf. new kid on the block or in school, Brit. Inf. new boy.

outlandish, adj. 1. strange, unfamiliar, unknown, foreign, exotic, alien, bohemian, unconventional, unorthodox, different, foreign looking; rare, fanciful, original, exceptional, striking, unique, wonderful, wondrous, marvelous, remarkable, fascinating.

2. bizarre, odd, unusual, uncommon; queer, peculiar, curious, singular, off-beat, Inf. funny, quaint, eccentric; ludicrous, ridiculous, comical, droll, weird, Inf. freaky, Inf. campy, Inf. kooky; unbelievable, incredible, unheard-of, extraordinary, unthought-of; undreamed-of, unexpected, unimagined, unprecedented, Inf. out-of-this-world; inconceivable, preposterous, indescribable, nondescript, unparalleled.

3. monstrous, abnormal, freakish, unnatural, Biol. teratogenic, Biol. teratological, grotesque, fantastic; erratic, irregular, aberrant, deviative, divergent.

4. barbarous, barbaric, barbarian, uncivilized, wild; rustic, rude, uncouth, boorish, coarse, raw, savage; rural, provincial, clodish, Inf. from the sticks or hills, hick, backwoods, backwoodsly, wild-and-woolly, rough-and-ready.

5. out-of-the-way, remote, distant, faraway, far-off, infrequent; isolated, inaccessible, secluded, insular, forsaken; lonely, Godforsaken, in a backwater, forgotten by the world; off the beaten path, removed, separate, apart; uncharted, unexplored, unplumbed, undiscovered; back-country, up-country, Australian backwater, backwoods, backwoodsly, beyond the mountain or hills, tramontane, ultramontane, across the sea, over the water, extraterrestrial; unearthly, extra-terrestrial.

outlast, adj. 1. outlive, Archaic. overlive, live on, survive, remain after; stand, prevail, endure, endure beyond, perish, defy or defeat time, last; last out, come through, live or last through, weather, weather the storm, live to fight another day, rally, resurge; recuperate, get over, rise from the ashes, recover from; continue, run on, go on, subsist, dwelt on, bide, linger on, carry on, keep on, persist; wear well, hold up, hold on, Inf. hang in there, Inf. stay in the game, Inf. stay on one's feet, Inf. make it to the last round or last bell, Inf. drink everyone under the table.

2. outwear, wear down. See outwear (def. 1).

3. outtalk, outspoke, talk down, filibuster, stone-wall, talk [s.o.'s] ear off.

outlaw, n. 1. fugitive, escapee, runaway, deserter, Sl. AWOL, Sl. lamster, Archaic. runagate; renegade, undesirable, Latin. persona non grata; reprobate; ex-ile, outcast, social outcast, outcast of society, pariah, man without a country, expellee; convict, Inf. jailbird; known offender, wanted criminal, wanted man, desperate criminal, cutthroat, mad dog, desperado, public enemy.

2. bandit, brigand, highwayman Zorro, Scarlet Fimpernel, footpad, road agent, Sl. yegg or yegman, Sp. bandolero, Southwest U.S. ladrone, Sl. bandito, Robin Hood, Australian. bushranger, picaroon; gangster, criminal, mafioso, mobster, racketeer; thug, ruffian, rogue, tough, Inf. toughie, Inf. hired gun, Inf. plugly, hoodlum.

3. pirate, rover, viking, corsair, buccaneer, privateer, freebooter, rapparee, (in the Scottish Highlands) cateran; rustler, hijacker, skyjacker, air or sky pirate, terrorist, Fenian; smuggler, contrabandist, runner, bootlegger.

4. pillager, plunderer, marauder, despoiler, ran-sacker, sacker, looter, vandal, rifer, raider.

5. robber, felon, thief, Inf. crook, Inf. hold-up man, Sl. stick-up man, armed robber; safecracker, Jimmy Valentine; housebreaker, Sl. cracksman, Brit. picklock, Raffles, sneak thief, cat burglar, Inf. second-story man.

—v. 6. disallow, rule out, bar, exclude, shut out, shut the door on; ban, proscribe, prohibit, forbid, interdict, issue an injunction against, lay under interdiction, put under ban, taboo, embargo, boycott; repress, suppress, smother; limit, disallow, keep under, keep within bounds, hold back, check; withhold, stop, preclude, circumscribe, deny; segregate, cordon, cor-don off, cut out, cut off, strike out or off, eradicate, purge, not allow; isolate, quarantine, set or keep apart, put beyond the pale.

7. ostracize, banish, expel, cast out, blackball, blacklist, repudiate, exile, deport, transport, send away, Brit. rusticate, Inf. ship out of town, Inf. run out of town; put a price on [s.o.'s] head, put on the wanted list.

outlawed, adj. illegal, unlawful, illegitimate, Sl. il-legit; lawless, criminal, felonious; illicit, nonlicit, non-legal, unallowed, impermissible, irregular, chargeable, wrongful against the law; unlicensed, unauthorized, wildcat, unofficial, unsanctioned, unwarranted, anarchic, anarchistic; contraband, black-market, under-the-counter, under-the-table; prohibited, banned, under the ban, tabooed, barred, unal-allowed; excluded, ruled out, off limits, out of bounds; proscribed, interdicted, forbidden, Fr. défundu, Ger. verboten.

outlay, n. expenditure, disbursement, expense, cost, charge, price, fee; payment, compensation, recom pense, settlement; amount, rate, fare, figure, amount expended; remuneration, reward, pay, payment, investment, spending, expenses, allowance, per diem, expense account, Inf. swindle sheet.

outlet, n. 1. exit, way of escape, escape, way out, loophole; passageway, passage, egress; door, back-door, postern, fire door, escape hatch, trap door; Naut. booby hatch, porthole, portal, hatch, port, debouch.

2. vent, vent hole, valve, safety valve, duct, blow-hole, spiral, cock, stopcock, spout, spigot, faucet; opening, mouth, aperture, gate, floodgate, trap, weir, chute, sluice, race; avenue, artery, channel, watercourse, trough, trench, ditch, canal, waterway, aqueduct; gorge, ravine, gully, culvert, cut, chasm, flume, cylinder, tube, pipe, conduit, main, drain, Naut. scupper, sewer, cloaca, gutter, Brit. sough.

3. electrical outlet, socket, wall socket, Inf. plug; terminal, connection.

4. market, marketplace, open market, mart, farmers' market, street market, flea market; concession, trading post, retail market, wholesale market, distribution center, salesroom, show room, auction room; store, shop, cooperative, emporium, bazaar, shopping center or plaza or mall, supermarket, department store, chain store; fast food outlet, vending machine.

5. means of expression, release, escape, escape mechan-ism, safety valve; catharsis, purgation, emotional re-
lease.

**outline, n.** 1. contour, boundary, limit, silhouette, profile; lineaments, delineation, configuration, conformation; horizon, coast, brim, perimeter, circumference, periphery.

2. sketch, draft, plan, lines, skeleton; framework, scenario, layout, diagram, map, study, design; tracing, suggestion, cast, rough draft, delineation, penciling.

3. summary, epitome, synopsis, compendium, symposium, compilation, digest, prospectus; condensation, abridgment, reduction, compression, abbreviation; analysis, recapitulation; résumé, abstract, brief, précis; aperçu, sketch, review, syllabus, prospectus; docket, bulletin, minute; extracts, fragments, cuttings, analaects, clippings, citations; skeleton, thumbnail sketch; schedule, roster, agenda, slate.

—v. 4. draw, design, frame, project, plan out; rough out, rough map, chart, sketch, draft; define, delineate, silhouette, profile, skeletonize; pencil, trace; diagram, block, shape, fashion.

5. summarize, epitomize, abbreviate; sum up, highlight, recapitulate.

**outline, v.** 1. survive, endure beyond, remain after.

2. outlast, survive, abide, persist, persevere, come through, pull through, recuperate, rally, resurge.

**outlook, n.** 1. view, vista, exposure, aspect, scene; landscape, picture, spectacle, panorama.

2. expectation, expectancy, anticipation, prospect, future prospect, contingency; promise, hope, probability, likelihood, chance; possibility, susceptibility, liability, liability; assumption, presumption, speculation, reckoning, calculation; apprehension, anxiety.

3. perspective, mental viewpoint, attitude, point of view, frame of mind, disposition, emotional tone; temper, vein, grain, mood, humor, cast, spirit; position, standpoint, interpretation, side, slant, angle, light.

4. lookout, watchtower, Naut. crow's nest, observatory, observatory post, lookout point, gazebo, belvedere.

**outlying, adj.** remote, distant, faraway, a long way off, Inf. a good ways off, far-off; detached, isolated, impossible, out-of-the-way, secluded, insular, lonely, forsaken, Godforsaken, in a backwater, forgotten by the world; unfrequented, off the beaten path, removed, separate, apart; peripheral, bordering, rimming, skirted, bounding, marginal, borderline; shoreline, coastal, littoral; out, outermost, ulterior, yonder, yon, farther, further, remotest, most distant; frontier, provincial, rustic, rural, country, hinterland, backcountry, upcountry, Australian. Outback, wild, wilderness, backwood, backwoods, Sl. in the boondocks or boorishes; back of beyond, up in the hills, over the mountain or hills, tramontane, ultramontane, extraterritorial, exterior, external; extreme, terminal, last, farthest.

**outmoded, adj.** 1. old-fashioned, out-of-style, un-fashionsh, out-of-fashion, outdated, out-of-date, old, out-fangled, unmodern, dated, behind the times, Inf. old hat, Inf. back-number, out-of-season, second-hand, used, Inf. hand-me-down, 82 Sl. early-Salvation-Army.

2. former, older, previous, foregoing, oldtime, sometime, onetime; stale,usty, worn, timeworn, moth-eaten, moss-grown, old, hoary, tired, Inf. rinky-dink, Inf. square, Inf. old-foggy, Inf. old-ladyish, Inf. corny, Inf. fuddy-duddy, stodgy, conservative.

3. neglected, forgotten, abandoned, forsaken, old as the hills, remote, vintage, past its prime, Inf. over the hill; prior, earlier, long-forgotten.

4. discredited, refuted, repudiated, renounced, dismissed, spurned, scorned, abjured, rejected, cast-off, done with, on the shelf, all over with, Inf. has been, Inf. washed-up, Inf. down the drain, Inf. kaput, Inf. dead, Inf. as a doornail, Inf. dead as yesterday's news.

5. retired, lapsed, elapsed, expired, run out, defunct, superseded, replaced, outlawed.

6. obsolete, obsolescent, passé, past, gone by, fallen into disuse, out of use, disused, derelict; quaint, old-world, by-gone, horse-and-buggy, vanished, never to return, Inf. infi, Inf. dead for.

7. prehistoric, antiquated, antique, ancient, fossilized, petrified; anachronistic, anachronous, antediluvian, before the Flood; archaic, archaistic, extinct, Archaic. olden, primitive, atavistic, quondam, erstwhile.

8. traditional, old-line, old-school, conventional, die-hard, nonprogressive, unchanging, backward.

**out-of-the-way, adj.** 1. distant, remote, secluded, outlying. See outlying.

2. unusual, uncommon, exceptional, extraordinary, singular, strange, curious, odd; eccentric, irregular, erratic, capricious, flighty, Inf. odd-ball, idiosyncratic, unconventional, original; unheard-of, exotic, rare, rarely seen, once-in-a-lifetime; unparalleled, unexampled, unprecedented, unaccepted, peculiar, abnormal, outlandish, queer, weird.

3. improper, incorrect, false, erroneous, mistaken, wrong, way off the mark, off the mark, on the wrong track, faulty, amiss, remiss, off base, unsound; inappropriate, inapt, unmeet, unfitting, unbecfifying; unwarranted, uncalled-for, out of place, out of keeping, inopportune, ill-timed, untimely, infelicitous; unfavorable, inconvenient, uncongenial, unlikely; unsuitable, unsuited, unfit, ill-adapted; inexpedient, inadvisable, impractical, inapplicable, unfeasable.

4. unseemly, unbecoming, indecorous; unladylike, ungentlemanly, ungentle, impolite; undignified, unreined, inelegant, indelicate; impolitic, imprudent, indiscreet, tactless, injudicious, insensitive, unwise; inapplicable, inapt, unmeet, unfitting; untoward, off-key, out-of-bounds, out-of-line, out-of-order; vulgar, gauche, uncouth, crude, crass, rude, uncivil, discourteous, in bad taste; coarse, rough, base, tarty, Inf. tacky; ignoble, raffish, low.

5. indecent, immodest, shameless, indeclicate; unsuitable, tawdry; gross, rank, repulsive, offensive, dis-
gusting, distasteful, risqué, suggestive, off-color, Inf. blue; outrageous, lurid, sensational, scandalous; shocking, surprising, unexpected, Sl. sick; abusive, ribald, scurrilous, profane, foulmouthed; racy, salty, spicy, not fit for mixed company, unprintable, not for a family newspaper; smutty, dirty, obscene, indecent, Sl. raunchy; filthy, foul, nasty, scatologic, scatological; loose, prurient, unchaste.

6. embarrassing, disconcerting, discomforting, humiliating, mortifying; disturbing, upsetting, bothersome, distracting.

outplay, v. outdo, outstrip, top, overturn, overtake, v. put [s.o.] off, displease, hurt [s.o.'s] feelings; vex, annoy, provoke, incense, exasperate, distress; irk, rankle, roll, Chiefly U.S. role, rattle, ruffle; irritate, aggravate, nettlesome, chafe, gall, disturb; anger, enrage, infuriate, madden; add insult to injury, add fuel to the flames, make one's blood boil.

5. disgust, repel, repulse, Sl. gross [s.o.] out, Sl. turn [s.o.] off; nauseate, sicken, turn [s.o.'s] stomach; horrid, shock, traumatize; numb, paralyze, immobilize; overwhelm, astonish, Inf. flabbergast.

4. offend, affront, chagrin, insult, humiliate, slight, slap in the face; pique, Inf. miff, disgruntle, Inf. put [s.o.] off, displease, hurt [s.o.'s] feelings; vex, annoy, provoke, incense, exasperate, distress; irk, rankle, roll, Chiefly U.S. role, rattle, ruffle; irritate, aggravate, nettlesome, chafe, gall, disturb; anger, enrage, infuriate, madden; add insult to injury, add fuel to the flames, make one's blood boil.

3. altruism, selflessness, friendliness, other-directedness, charity, good works.

outrider, n. 1. attendant, mounted attendant, esquire, accompanier, companion; squire, aide, guard, bodyguard, armed guard, guardian, protector; Navy.
outside, adv. 1. completely, totally, categorically, dead, unequivocally, unconditionally, incontestably; thoroughly, comprehensively, fully, exhaustively, to the utmost, to the full; absolutely, utterly, sheerly, starkly, arrantly, rankly; perfectly, positively, veritably, consummately.

adv. 3. completely, totally, categorically, dead, unequivocally, unconditionally, incontestably; thoroughly, comprehensively, fully, exhaustively, to the utmost, to the full; absolutely, utterly, sheerly, starkly, arrantly, rankly; perfectly, positively, veritably, consummately.

outskirts, n. outskirts suburbs, edges, outlying districts, fringes; periphery, borders, confines, perimeter; bounds, boundary, verges; surrounding area, area, environs, general neighborhood, vicinage.

outsmart, v. 1. outwit, outthink, overreach, outmaneuver, outdo, slip one over euchre out; trick, hoax, take in, Inf. slip one over on [s.o.], SL. pull a fast one on [s.o.], SL. snow, SL. bone-doggle, Inf. dupe, Inf. beguile, Inf. guil, Inf. pull a fast one on [s.o.], Inf. humbug, Inf. bamboozle, fool, Inf. boof, make a fool of, SL. make a monkey of.

outspoken, adj. candid, frank, forthright, direct, straightforward, straight-from-the-shoulder, foursquare; plain, plain-spoken, plain-speaking, straightforwardly, explicitly, unequivocally, undisguisedly, plainly, in plain words or English, with no nonsense, all joking aside; freely, boldly, unreservedly, unstrainedly, without restraint, unconstrainedly, uninhibitedly, unabashedly, unshrinkingly.

outstanding, adj. prominent, conspicuous, unmistakable, noticeable, salient, bold, in bold or high or strong relief, in relief, in the foreground, pronounced, SL. sticking or hanging out; striking, impressive, memorable, unforgettable, never to be forgotten, SL. stunning; eminent, notable, noteworthy, celebrated, famed, famous, renowned; remarkable, extraordinary, outstanding, out of the ordinary, signal, marked, of mark.

outstanding, n. outstanding. 4. overtly, openly, up front, heart to heart; candidly, frankly, forthright, forthrightly, directly, straightforward, straightforwardly; explicitly, unequivocally, undisguisedly, plainly, in plain words or English, with no nonsense, all joking aside; freely, boldly, unreservedly, unstrainedly, without restraint, unconstrainedly, uninhibitedly, unabashedly, unshrinkingly.

out-of-this-world, superlative, SI. marvy, out-of-this-world, SI. famed, famous, renowned; remarkable, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, signal, marked, of mark.

out-of-this-world, smashing, superlative, superb, SI. terif, sensational, marvelous, SI. marvy, SI. out-of-this-world, smashing, superfine, superexcellent, SI. super, Inf. super-duper, Australian. bonzer; first-class, superior, standout, exceptional, cut or stroke above, nothing to do with.
outstretch, v. 1. extend, offer, hold out, put forward, stretch out, reach out, _Archaic._ outreach. 2. stretch beyond, overextend, overpass, pass all bounds, know no bounds, go overboard; tax, strain, outdo, overdraw, overstrain. 3. expand, stretch out, sweep, reach, spread, sprawl; open, open up, open wide, outspread, widen, broaden.

outstrip, v. 1. outdo, outvie, outrival, outclass, outshine, outperform, outplay, _Inf._ run rings or circles around; excel, exceed, surpass, trump, transcend, overcome, better, _Inf._ go one better, cap, top, overtop; beat, best, worst; overshadow, throw into the shade, eclipse, put to shame, _Inf._ show [s.o.] up. 2. outrun, outpace, outdistance, distance; lap, pass, overpass, overtake, outdraw, get ahead of, shoot ahead of, leave behind, leave in the dust, leave standing flatfooted.

outward, adj. 1. superficial, surface, exterior, exoteric; visible, seeable, observable, showing, shown, manifest, apparent, evident; ostensibly, seeming, appearing, supposed, assumed, presumed, reputed, inferred; alleged, avowed, professed, claimed, purported, pretended, so-called, nominal, in name only; asserted, assevered, averred, stated, declared, predicated. 2. physical, bodily, body, corporeal, carnal, fleshly; mundane, worldly, terrestrial, temporal, secular. 3. extrinsic, extraneous, adventitious, foreign, alien; impersonal, objective; public, civil. 4. emanent, emanating, effluent, exudative; spreading, fanning, radial, divergent, diverging, centrifugal; dispersive, dispersing. 5. outer, outermost, outside, external; outlying, remote, out-of-the-way; perimetric, peripheral. —adv. Also _outwards._ 6. out, without, toward the outside. 7. superficially, externally, outwardly; openly, visibly, manifestly, apparently, evidently; ostensibly, seemingly, supposedly, allegedly, avowedly, nominally.

outwear, v. 1. outlast, wear down, tire out, exhaust, weary, fatigue, weaken, lag, lag out, poop out; waste, dissipate, deplete, erode, destroy; protract, prolong, draw out, drag or spin out. 2. See _outlast_ (defs. 1, 3).

outweigh, v. overweigh, outbalance, overbalance, preponderate; exceed in value, transcend, surpass, overmatch, outweigh; outrank, be superior to, overtop, override, take precedence over; have the edge on, hold the advantage, tip the scales, turn the tables.

outwit, v. 1. outsmart, outthink, overreach, get the better of, get the best of, _Inf._ euchre out; outmaneuver, outflank, outjockey; outdo, outperform, outplay, outgeneral, outguess; force, work or get around, circumvent, evade, elude, frustrate, steal a march on, _Sl._ give [s.o.] the slip or runrounder. 2. trick, hoax, take in, _Inf._ slip one over on [s.o.], _Sl._ pull a fast one on [s.o.], _Sl._ snow, _Sl._ hornswoogle; dupe, deceive, beguile, gull, pigeon, humbug, bamboozle, fool, befoul, make a fool of, _Sl._ make a monkey of.

outworn, adj. 1. obsolete, disused, lapsed, abandoned, discontinued, discarded, cast aside, rejected; dead, defunct, expired, extinct, wound up, prehistoric, antediluvian; retired, pensioned off, put away, laid on the shelf, neglected, gone to seed; bygone, gone by, past, forgotten.

outmoded, antiquated, superannuated, outdated; passé, dated, out-of-date, horse-and-buggy, _Inf._ has been, _Inf._ old hat, _Inf._ back number; out, out of fashion, old-fashioned, unfinished, out of style, behind the times; old, antique, archaic, ancient, primitive, aged, moss-grown.

outgrown, adj. outmoded, antiquated, superannuated, outdated; passed, dated, out-of-date, horse-and-buggy, _Inf._ has been, _Inf._ old hat, _Inf._ back number; out, out of fashion, old-fashioned, unfinished, out of style, behind the times; old, antique, archaic, ancient, primitive, aged, moss-grown.

outspoken, adj. 1. obsolete, disused, lapsed, abandoned, discontinued, discarded, cast aside, rejected; dead, defunct, expired, extinct, wound up, prehistoric, antediluvian; retired, pensioned off, put away, laid on the shelf, neglected, gone to seed; bygone, gone by, past, forgotten.

outer, outermost, outside, external; outlying, remote, over there, in that direction; down by, up by,
overabundant, superabundant, plethoric, adj.
1. overabound, v. superabound, overrun, run riot, in the market, or 2. surplus, surfeit, satiety, glut, plethora, excess, charge; profusion, more than enough, enough and to overflow, overspill; flood, deluge, inundation, spate, redundancy; repletion, engorgement, congestion, sur- whelm, sweep; sate, surfeit, gorge, glut, stuff.

overabundance, n. 1. superabundance, overfullness, overabundance, overfulness, overplentifulness, overplentiness, overpleny, oversufficient, overmuch; overflowing, overabound, v. superabound, overrun, run riot, in the market, or 2. surplus, surfeit, satiety, glut, plethora, excess, charge; profusion, more than enough, enough and to overflow, overspill; flood, deluge, inundation, spate, avalanche, landslide, riot, drug on or in the market, supersaturation; oversupply, overmeasure, overload, overburden; overdose, too much of a good thing.
overabundant, adj. 1. superabundant, plethoric, overfull, overprofuse, overplentiful, overplentious, overpleny, oversufficient, overmuch; overflowing, overabound, v. superabound, overrun, run riot, in the market, or 2. surplus, surfeit, satiety, glut, plethora, excess, charge; profusion, more than enough, enough and to overflow, overspill; flood, deluge, inundation, spate, avalanche, landslide, riot, drug on or in the market, supersaturation; oversupply, overmeasure, overload, overburden; overdose, too much of a good thing.

overtake, v. Theat. Sl. ham or ham up; affect, put on, counterfeit, sham, make a show of; overdo, overstress, overcharge, overcolor, oversize, the make it out of a molehill, make much ado about nothing, make much of; color, paint, paint in glowing terms, oversell, Inf. play up, exaggerate, Inf. build up or on; Inf. pile it on, Inf. lay it on, Inf. lay or spread it on thick, Sl. bull; embellish, overdevelop, magnify; romance, em- broider, stretch, stretch the point.
overall, adj. entire, extensive, extended, long-term, long-range; complete, total, whole; wholesale; comprehensive, universal, all-embracing, inclusive, all- inclusive, blanket, umbrella; panoramic, sweeping, general; unbroken, undivided, all in one.
overawe, v. intimidate, cow, awe, daunt, dismay, abash, disconcert, Inf. faze, frighten, appall; dominate, browbeat, bully, threaten, hector, buffalo out of or into, slaughter, bulldoze, coerce, compel, dragon; dominate, lord it over, subdue, bend to one's will, keep under one's thumb, lead by the nose, make a puppet of; oppress, terrorize, override, ride roughshod over, rule with an iron rod.
overawed, adj. intimidated, daunted, cowed, dismayed, abashed, disconcerted, disheartened, discouraged, unnerved, unmanned; restrained, subdued, submissive, docile, cowering, cringing; fearful, frightened, timid, timorous, apprehensive; taken aback, nonplused, bewildered, stunned, stupefied, amazed, overcome, astonished, dazed, dumfounded, Inf. bowed over, Inf. shaken.
overbalance, v. 1. outweigh, overweigh, outbal- ance, preponderate; overshadow, throw into the shade, eclipse, put to shame, Inf. show up. See outweigh.
2. push over, tip over, tilt, knock over, knock down, topple, turn turtle, upend; overturn, overset, capsise, upset.
overbear, v. 1. bear down or down on press down, weigh down, push down, force down.
2. overcome, conquer, triumph over, defeat, win out over, get the better of, beat, Inf. beat out, Inf. whip; overpower, overwhelm, destroy, crush, trounce, Inf. stomp, trample, ruin.
3. dominate, domineer, lord it over, play the lord, master, control, rule, govern; command, order, lay down the law, call the shots or plays, Inf. wear the pants, run the show, rule the roost, wear the crown, occupy the throne, have the whip hand; have the upper hand, be master of the situation, be on top of, have [s.o.] under one's thumb; wield the sceptor, wield the power, sway, bend to one's will, force, coerce.
4. tyrannize, rule with a rod of iron, rule with an iron or hard hand, boss or boss around, tell [s.o.] what to do; browbeat, intimidate, threaten, bully, ride rough- shod over, ride herd on; oppress, suppress, repress, keep down or under; step on, walk all over, use [s.o.] for a doormat; break, humble, subdue, subjugate, subject, subordinate, enslave, reduce to slavery, hold captive, hold in bondage.
overbearing, adj. domineering, imperious, high-and-mighty, lordly, magisterial; high-handed, arbitrary, presumptuous, overweening, cocky, cocksure, overconfident; arrogant, haughty, insolent, contemptuous, cavalier, disdainful, supercilious; proud, prudish, overpowering, vain, stuck on oneself, swell-headed, Inf. bigheaded, egotistical, egotistic; pompous, pretentious, lofty, Inf. highfalutin, hoity-toity, self-important, stuffy; conceited, Inf. stuck-up, conceited, patronizing, stuck-up, condescending, peremptory, despotic, autocratic, tyrannical, iron-minded; self-important, self-assertive, aggressive; willful, forceful, imperative, commanding, masterful, authoritative, authoritarian, Inf. bossy; peremptory, despotic, autocratic, tyrannical, iron-handed; heavy-handed, oppressive, harsh, strict, hard, tough.

overblown, adj. 1. overdone, excessive, extravagant, lavish, profuse, copious. See overdone (def. 2). 2. oversize, outsize, overlarge, overbig.

overcast, adj. 1. cloudy, overclouded, clouded over, overshadowed, shadowy, gray, dreary, dismal, gloomy, somber, lowering, heavy, leaden, oppressive, promising rain; darkened, dark, sunless, starless, moonless; hazy, nubilous, foggy, fogged, misty, misted, Archaic. caliginous, vaporous, murky, murk. —v. 2. cloud, overcloud, overshadow, overspread, adumbrate, becloud, befog; lower, darken, smoke, dim, bedim, dusk, blind, blacken; grow cloudy, gloom, darken, promise rain; nebulize, fog, pale, mist, haze, shade, shadow; eclipse, hide, conceal, occult; dull, blur, blur; shroud, cover, cloak, veil, screen, curtain.

overcharge, v. 1. charge too much, Sl. soak, Sl. sting, cheat, Inf. gyp, rook, short-change, Inf. rip off; Sl. take, take advantage of; Inf. diddle, Inf. do, Sl. burn. 2. overload, overcharge, fill too full, fill to the brim or gills, fill to overflowing, overfill, overstuff, overcrowd; overburden, overtask, overtax, strain. 3. exaggerate, overstate, overdo, make much of, overstress, make a mountain out of a molehill, make much ado about nothing; hyperbolize, overdramatize, romance, embroider, stretch, stretch the truth or the point, strain the imagination; overcolor, color, paint, paint in glowing terms, oversell, Inf. play up, Inf. build up or on; Inf. pile it on, Inf. lay it on, Inf. lay it on thick, Inf. spread it on thick, Sl. bull; embellish, overdevelop, enlarge on, elaborate, add to, augment, magnify, enhance, enrich, deepen, heighten.

overcoat, n. topcoat, outer coat, surcoat, Chiefly Brit. greatcoat, winter coat, heavy coat, fawnmouth, drennouth; ulster, paletot, raglan; surcoat, frock coat; fur, fur coat, parka; coat, wrap, cloak, mantle, Obs. manteau, cape, inverness.

overcome, v. 1. conquer, vanquish, defeat; best, checkmate, outmaneuver; win over, prevail over, Inf. gain the day; subdued, quell, squash, beat, worst, trample in the dust, floor; rout, whip, drub, get the better or best of, put down; master, subjugate, break the back of [s.t.], subject, break. 2. surmount, rise above, triumph over; put aside or away, get rid of, resist successfully, Inf. kick. 3. overpower, whelm, overwhelm, sweep off the feet; sweep over or through, pervade, dominate.

overdone, adj. 1. (all of food) overcooked, overbaked, overroasted, overbroiled, overbrowned; charred, scorched, singed, scalced; burn, burn to a crisp, carbonized. 2. excessive, immoderate, extravagant, lavish, beyond all bounds; profuse, copious, plentiful, plentiful, abundant, prolific; superabundant, overabundant.
overdue

adv. 1. over one's head, above, aloft. See over.

overhead

n. 1. operating cost, expense; outlay, disbursement. 2. service, repair, mend, patch up, fix, fix up, overhauling, mending; recondition, overhaul, repair, reparation, overhauling, fixing, mending; restore, repair, recondition, revamp, renovate.

overheat

v. 1. cover, grow over, swarm over, teem, overhang, overhanging; salient, projection, protuberance, jutting.

overindulge

v. eat too much, overindulge, overindulgence; glut, gorge, stuff, cram, glut, cloy, overeat.

overestimate

v. overcalculate, overreckon, overcount, overmeasure, overassess, overvalue, overpraise.

overeat

v. eat too much, overeat, overindulge, surfeit; feast, banquet, gormandize, fress, gorge, engorge, glut, Archaic. glutonize, Sl. pig out, Sl. stuff one's face, eat like a horse, raven; devour, tuck in, wolf, Inf. pack away or in, Chiefly Brit. Sl. scoff or scoff up, Sl. scarf down, Sl. garbage in, garbage down.

overfeed

v. 1. gorge, stuff, cram, glut, cloy, choke, fill, overfill, satiate, surfeit, feed to excess.

overfill

v. 1. fill up, fill to the brim, fill to overflowing, stuff to the gills, overstuff, crowd, congest; lade, overload, burden, overburden; cram, force in, ram down, pack in, push in, shove in, press in, jam, squeeze; stuff, overload, overburden, weigh down, oversupply.

overflow

v. 1. flow over, run over, overrun, spill over, overspill, slop over, brim over, teem, teem over, well over, swarm, swarm over; overspread, spread over, overgrow, grow over, know no bounds.

overhang

v. hang over, suspend over, Rare. impend; bridge, span, arch over, overarching, vault, bristle, bristled.

overheat

v. strain, overtax, prostrate, spent, drained, worn, worn out, effete; tired, fatigued, weary, wearied, drooping, weak, faint; fagged out, fagged, played out, Inf. beat, beaten, Inf. bushed, U.S. Inf. tuckered out, Sl. pooped, Inf. dog-tired, dead tired; ready to drop, on one's last legs, more dead than alive.

overdue

adj. 1. past due, late, tardy, behind, behindhand, behind time or schedule, not on time, unpunctual, slow; delayed, belated.

2. unpaid, payable, owed, outstanding, unsettled; in arrears, back.

overeat

v. 1. overexert, v. strain, overtax, do too much, overdo, overestimate.

overestimate

v. 1. overrate, overvalue, overesteem, overprize, exaggerate, exaggerate [s.t.'s] worth, make too much of, attach too much importance to, think too much of, expect too much of.

overmeasure

v. overcalculate, overreckon, overcount, overmeasure, overassess, overpraise.

overprice

v. overestimate, overvaluation, overappraisal, overassessment.

overreact

v. strain, overtax, prostrate, spent, drained, worn, worn out, effete; tired, fatigued, weary, wearied, drooping, weak, faint; fagged out, fagged, played out, Inf. beat, beaten, Inf. bushed, U.S. Inf. tuckered out, Sl. pooped, Inf. dog-tired, dead tired; ready to drop, on one's last legs, more dead than alive.

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overestimate

v. overrate, overvalue, overesteem, overprize, exaggerate [s.t.'s] worth, make too much of, attach too much importance to, think too much of, expect too much of.
overhear, v. hear, take in. Sl. get an earful; hear of, Dial. hear tell of. Inf. catch, Inf. get, Inf. catch or get wind of; learn, discover, descry, become conscious or aware of; come to one’s knowledge, get the facts.

overindulge, v. 1. do to excess, carry too far, not know when to stop, go overboard, go off the deep end, go to extremes.

2. be intemperate, run riot; overdrink, Guzzle, overimbibe; eat too much, surfeit, feast, banquet, gormandize, fress; gorge, engorge, glut, Archaic glutonize, Sl. pig out, Sl. stuff one’s face, eat like a horse, raven.

3. spoil, baby, coddle, pet, wait on hand and foot, cater to, dote on, humor, favor; pamper, cocker, cosset, dandle, mollycoddle, Obs. fondle.

overleap, v. 1. imbricate, imbrile, lie over, overlap, lay over, lap over, reach over, extend over; overspread, spread over, overstretch, stretch over; shingle, cover.

2. coincide, intersect; correspond, parallel.

3. imbrication, overlapping, lap, overlay.

overlay, v. 1. superimpose, superpose, lay over; overlap, lap over, imbricate, lie over; overspread, spread over, overstretch, stretch over; shingle, cover.

2. finish, inlay; decorate, ornament, adorn, embellish, embroider, enrich; festoon; gild, varnish, trick out.

3. covering, overlayer, appliqué; imbrication, overlap, overlapping, lap.

overpass, n. 1. bridge, railway bridge, trestle, highway, Brit. flyover; cloverleaf; arch, archway, via-duct, aquaduct; walkway, skywalk; underpass.

2. pass over, traverse, cross, cut across; span, bridge, arch, ford; stretch or reach across.

3. overstep, overstep one’s bounds, go too far, not know one’s limits; infringe, trespass, cross the line, transgress.

4. surmount, overcome. See overcome (def. 2).

5. exceed, surpass, overtake, catch up with, leave behind; gain on, gain ground on, gain the ascendancy.

6. overlook, disregard. See overlook (def. 2).

overplus, n. excess, nimiety, superfluity, redundancy, supererogation; surplus, surplusage, superflux, overflow, overload; overabundance, superabundance, profusion, plethora, oversupply; repletion, surplus, glut, oversufficiency, more than enough, enough and to spare, enough and then some, overkill.

overpower, v. 1. overcome, overwhelm, floor, demufound, daze, stagger, stupefy, stun, nonplus, take aback; Inf. knock off one’s feet, Inf. bowl over, Sl. knock for a loop, Inf. blow one’s mind; move, stir, affect, touch, touch to the quick; reach, Inf. get or get to, come home to, strike, impress strongly, melt, soften, tug at the heartstrings.

2. overmaster, surmount, master, subdue, get the upper hand, prevail; disappointed, rout, vanquish, conquer; subjugate, subject, defeat, beat, put down; smash, crush, squash, Inf. mop or wipe the floor with, trounce, drub, thrash; worst, checkmate, outmaneuver, outwit.

overpowering, adj. overwhelming, uncontrollable, irresistible, unbearable, unendurable; onerous, oppressive, burdensome, weighty; ponderous, prodigious, monstrous; moving, mind-blowing. See overwhelming (defs. 1, 2).

overrate, v. overestimate, overvalue, overesteem, overprize, exaggerate [s.t.’s or s.o.’s] worth, make too much of, attach too much importance to, think too much of, expect too much of.

overreach, v. 1. overshoot, overextend, extend beyond, exceed; outstretch, outreach; overdo, overexpert.

2. overreach, be hoisted by one’s own petard, be caught in one’s own trap, defeat one’s own purpose, cut one’s own throat; have one’s plans backfire or boomerang; get in a tizzy, get excited, get overexcited, or out of all proportion; overplay, overact, carry on; SI. make a fool of, SI. make a sucker of; cheat, con.

3. outwit, outsmart, outfox, outjockey, outflank, outmaneuver, outplay; get the better of, best, worst, make a fool of, Sl. make a sucker of; cheat, con, Sl. con, trick, gull, hooed; swindle, defraud, Sl. beat, bilk, gyp, Sl. sucker, Sl. take, Sl. do; deceive, fool, delude, beguile, humbug, Sl. rope in; victimize, Inf. dud, dupe, Inf. biff, Inf. flimflam; betray, Inf. double-cross.

overreact, v. 1. exaggerate, make a mountain out of a molehill, make much ado about nothing, make a big thing out of nothing; enlarge, Inf. blow up, blow out of all proportion; overplay, overact, carry on; stretch out, overstretch, overcolor.

2. get excited, Inf. get in a tizzy or dither, Inf. get all excited, get overexcited, Sl. get all hyper, Sl. go
override, v. 1. crush, trample, stamp, Inf. stomp, S1. tromp; subdue, put down, overwhelm, overpower; defeat, beat, ruin, annihilate, destroy, razee.
2. defy, flout, rebel against, fly in the face of, snap one's fingers at, close one's mind to, turn a deaf ear to; snub, ignore, disregard, pay no heed, Inf. cold-shoulder; follow one's own advice, assert oneself, hold one's own, be one's own man, have a mind of one's own.
3. pre- dominate, win out, overwhelm, prevail over, overcome, surmount; outweigh, preponderate, take precedence over; annul, reverse, nullify, set aside, abrogate, cancel, void, overturn, supersede.

overriding, adj. taking precedence, overruling, preponderating, overtopping, paramount, chief, main, foremost, top; most important, uppermost, central, focal, pivotal.

overrun, v. 1. invade, attack, irrupt, assail, as- sess, Inf. overrule, overseen, v. 1. pass, overreach, outlet, go too far; exceed, outstrip, overshoot; overpass, overreach, extend.
2. spread through, overspread, grow over, cover, mantle; fill, glut, engulf, infest, saturate, super-saturate, inundate; load, choke, clog, flourish, grow wild, Inf. run amuck, Inf. run riot, overwhelm, spread like wildfire.
3. overwhelm, crush, suppress, subdue, quell, quash, put down, squelch, scotch; vanquish, overcome, overpower, ride roughshod over, Inf. crush under the heel, trample, confound, baffle, persecute, plague.
4. exceed, transcend, surmount, surpass, go beyond, run beyond, overshoot; overpass, overreach, extend past, ovetextend.
5. overflow, slop over, run over, spill, spill over.

overseas, adv. 1. abroad, over or across the sea, in foreign parts, in foreign service.
—adj. 2. foreign, alien, barbarian, exotic; external, colonial; ultramarine; U.S. European.

oversee, v. 1. administer, orchestrate, quarter back, Inf. call the plays, run the show, mastermind; make decisions, dispose, direct; manage, superintend, run, operate, carry out, handle, manipulate; supervise, preside, counsel, advise; boss, be master over, S1. honcho, dominate, dominate, ride herd on, Inf. keep tabs on; command, take charge, wield one's power or authority; control, have control over, regulate, rule, govern, be on top of, be master of; be in command, be in the driver's seat or saddle, wear the pants or trousers, Inf. be where the buck stops.
2. pilot, navigate, steer, drive, hold the reins, be at the helm; guide, lead, conduct, point, aim, steer [s.o. or s.t.] toward, show the way, point out the way.
3. glimpse, witness, view, attend, note, notice, see by chance, observe inadvertently.

overseer, n. supervisor, director, manager, line manager, superintendent, Inf. super, foreman, bugleman; overlooker, overman, headman, boss, Inf. bossman, U.S. Inf. straw boss, gang boss, S1. the man, Inf. honcho, Inf. head honcho, Brit. gaffer; master, commander, overlord, taskmaster; administrator, executive, bureaucrat, functionary, official, marshal; president, head, headmaster, chief, principal; governor, regent, dean, chairman, chairwoman, chairperson; provost, monitor, proctor, captain; matron, guard, forest ranger; keeper, nurseryman, babysitter; tutor, teacher, governess; watchdog, bodyguard, protector, guardian angel.

overshadow, v. 1. dominate, dwarf, overtop, rise above, tower over or above, stand head and shoulders above, bestride; outshine, minimize, reduce, detract from, steal the spotlight from, put in the shade, Inf. run circles or rings around.
2. dim, bedim, obfuscate; cloud, becloud, overcloud; blear, fog, darken; conceal, shroud, veil, eclipse, obscure, screen.
3. spoil, sour, blight, impair, take the edge off of, chase the bloom from, take all the pleasure from.


overshoot, v. 1. miss, miss aim, fly wide, fall short or wide of the mark.
2. pass, overreach, outreach, go too far; exceed, transcend, surpass, go beyond, run beyond; overpass, overextend, extend past, exceed the limit.

oversight, n. 1. neglect, neglectfulness, negligence, inattention, lack of attention, inconsideration, inadvertence, inadvertency; disregard, indifference, nonconcern, carelessness, thoughtlessness, heedlessness, unheedfulness; oblivion, forgetfulness, unmindfulness; laxity, laxness, slackness, remissness; failure, lapse, default, delirium, disenchantment, nonfulfillment, nonperformance; fault, slight, omission.
2. mistake, error, inaccuracy, inaccuracy, error, inaccuracy, error; slip of the tongue or pen, Inf. slip-up; All S1. pratfall, fool mistake, dumb trick, foul-up, louse-up, screw-up, boner, boo-boo, goof, blooper, clunker, clinker.
3. supervision, superintendence, surveillance, watchful care; management, ministration, ministry, administration, government, governance; dominion, jurisdiction; direction, guidance, tutelage, command, control; care, custody, charge, keeping, ward, hands; auspices, protection, protectorship, guardianship, stewardship, patronage.

overspread, v. spread over or through, grow over, cover, mantle; film, wrap, overlay, cost; fill, glut, engulf, infest, superin- fest, oversell, play up; Inf. blow up, Inf. blow up, Inf. inflate, Inf. stretch, Inf. draw the longbow; amplify, swell, blow, dilate, distend; increase, enlarge, make larger, intensify, maximize; embroider, make much ado about nothing, make a mountain out of a molehill, paint in glowing colors, overstate, Inf. put up; Inf. ploe it on, Inf. lay it on, Inf. lay or spread it on thick.

overstep, v. exceed, go beyond, transcend, surpass; push in, encroach, infringe, trespass, intrude, invade,
overstock, n. 1. oversupply, excess, surfeit, surplus, superfluity, superabundance, superflux, glut; redundancy, plethora, overabundance, overprofusion, nimity; overload, overfill; repletion, more than enough, enough with overmeasure, enough and to spare.

—v. 2. oversupply, glut, load, overload, overfill; cram, stuff, fill to overflowing; saturate, super-saturate.

overstrung, adj. 1. high-strung, tense, emotional, excitable, easily excited; susceptible, easily hurt, quick to tears; hot-tempered, inflammable, volatile.

2. neurotic, nervous, Inf. uptight, temperament, unpredictable; apprehensive, anxious, phobic, suggestive, obsessive, Psychol. compulsive; hysterical, emotionally disturbed, irrational, Psychiatry. paranoiac.

overt, adj. plain, plain to see, manifest, apparent, clearly apparent, unconcealed; clear, clear-cut, plain as day; explicit, definite, unmistakable; public, exposed, in full view; open, visible, naked, bald, unhidden; unveiled, unshrouded, uncurtained, unobscured; obvious, patent, palpable, conspicuous, prominent, blatant, flagrant, egregious, impossible to miss; professed, avowed, conscious, deliberate, willful, premeditated.

overtake, v. 1. catch up with or up to, gain upon, reach, overhaul; go by, run by, pass; chase, run down, catch. 2. happen to, befall, fall on or upon, engulf, overwhelm; come up on or upon, strike, hit; surprise, take by surprise, catch off guard or unprepared.

overtax, v. 1. surcharge, overcharge; fleece, gouge, screw, extort, bleed white, make pay through the nose; Afl. Sl. rob, rip off, hold up, soak, clip, stick.

2. overtask, overwork, overexert, overexert, overexercise, overstrain, overdrive; fag or fag out, exhaust, enervate, debilitate, jade, tire out, wear out, prostrate, run into the ground; oppress, overload, overladen, overburden, overwhelm.

overthrow, v. 1. vanquish, conquer, subjudget, Sl. shellac; defeat, beat, rout, discomfit, worst, thrash; overpower, overmaster, be victorious over, Inf. whip; subvert, overturn, overcome, overwhelm, prevail over, surmount; quash, quell, squash, squelch; suppress, crush, humble, master, subdue, put down.

2. depose, oust, unseat, dethrone, remove from office, uncrown, discrown, unrobe; disembarrass, disenact.

3. overturn, turn over, upset, overseat, throw over, knock over, knock down; upend, tip over, capsiz, turn topsy-turvy, turn upside down, reverse, invert; topple, tumble, precipitate, Inf. spill.

4. revolutionize, revolt, rise up, rebel; disrupt, interrupt, break up, displac, disorganize, disarrange; agitate, convulse, disturb.

5. nullify, abolish, quash; cancel, discharge, set aside, render unnecessary, obviate; countermand, counterorder, override, override; veto, reverse; invalidate, disprove, refute, confute, rebut; dispute, deny, oppose, controvert; contradict, belie, negate.

6. annihilate, disannihilate, exterminate, extinguish, cut to pieces, smash, waste, destroy, ruin, devastate, desolate, demolish, lay waste; ravage, work havoc upon, destroy, ruin, Dial. ruinate, bring to ruin, lay in ruins; wreck, Sl. total, knock to pieces, dash to pieces, smash, waste, Sl. trash, reduce to nothing.

7. pulverize, crush, squeal, smash; crush, shatter, batter, break; fracture, splinter, tear, crack, split, rend, tear apart, wrench apart; mutilate, mangle, main, make mincemeat of.

8. raze, tear down, pull down, break down, throw down, beat down, batter down; cast down, knock down, hurl down; fell, lay level, prostrate, level, build, flatten; cut down, chop down, hew down, mow down.

—n. 10. vanquishment, conquest, subj_detection, mastery, victory, triumph; defeat, rout, discomfiture; subversion, overturn, suppression, subdual; ruin, fall, downfall, labefaction, collapse, undoing.

11. quashing, quelling, squashing, squeleching; overcoming, overwhelming, mastering, crushing, putting down.

12. deposition, disposal, ouster, unseating, dethronement, discouragement, unrukling, disappearance; disestablishment, disenactment; dismissal, expulsion, discharge, removal.

13. throwing over, oversetting, knocking over, knocking down; upending, tipping over, capsizing, capsize, reversing, reversal, inverting, inversion.

14. revolution, insurrection, uprising, mutiny, revolt, coup d'état, rebellion; overturn, upset, breakup, debacle, cataclysm, catastrophe; disruption, erup, eron, interruption, displacement, disorganization, breakdown, disarrangement, derangement; agitation, upheaval, confusion, convulsion, disturbance.

15. nullification, abolition, abolishment; cancellation, discharge, setting aside; countermand, counter-order, overruling, overriding; veto, reversal; invalidation, Rare. disproval, refutation, conutation; disputation, denial, opposition, contradiction.

16. annihilation, destruction, extermination, extirpation, extinguishment, extinction; erasure, erosion, effacement, eradication, expulsion, obliteration; excision, cutting out, cutting off; blotting out, striking out, stamping out, crushing out, wiping out, rubbing out; killing, slaying, slaughter, murdering, finishing off, Sl. doing in; purging, leaving no vestige or trace of, liquidation, removal; termination, dissolution, putting an end to, doing away with, bringing to an end.

17. devastation, desolation, demolition, havoc, laying waste; ravagament, destruction, perdition, ruin, ruination, wreckage.

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overturn, n. hidden meaning, secondary meaning, connotation, implication, Inf. inference, intimation, innuendo, hint, suggestion, insinuation; drift, intent, purport, import, point, purpose; sense, significance, signification, value, force; tenor, tone, vein, spirit; coloring, slant, bias, direction, bent, leaning.

overturn, n. 1. offer, proposal, proposition, proffer, tender; invitation, suggestion, advance, motion, move; appeal, request, solicitation, petition, suit.

2. exordium, preface, prologue, introduction, pream, preamble, foreword, prolegomenon, voluntary.

overturn, v. 1. overthrow, subvert, vanquish, conquer, triumph over, win out or out over, Inf. beat out, be victorious over, get the better of; overcome, overawe, overpower, overmaster, prevail over, surmount, rise above, transcend, master, control; defeat, beat, rout, discomfit, worst, thrash, Inf. whip, Sl. cream, Sl. shellac; destroy, crush, trounce, Inf. stomp, trample ruin, demolish; quash, quell, squash, squelch, suppress, put down, stamp out, extingush; repress, keep down or under, break, humble,
subdue, subjugate, subject, subordinate.

2. annul, nullify, abolish, cancel or cancel out, invalidate, void, negate; countermand, counterorder, overrule, override; veto, nix. Inf. put or turn thumbs down; reverse, repeal, rescind, retract, recall, take back.

3. upset, overthrow, throw over, push over, knock over or down, turn over; upset, tip over, capsize, keel or keel over, turn topsy-turvy, turn upside down, invert, reverse; topple, tumble, precipitate, Inf. spill.

overvalue, v. overestimate, overrate, overesteem, v. overdo, overlabor, overuse, overemploy, overemploy, overdo, overwork, overdrive.

also overwork, overstrain, overburden, overweight, overcharge, surcharge.

overwork, v. work hard, work like a horse, work like a slave or galley slave, slave, Inf. sweat and slave, Inf. work one's head or tail off, work one's fingers to the bone; do double duty, work overtime, work double hours, work day and night; work late, burn the midnight oil, lucubrate.

1. power over, destroy, crush, rout, rout; overmatch, outmatch; outrank, be superior to, overtop, override, overpower, take precedence over; have the edge on, hold the advantage, tip the scales, turn the tables.

2. oppress, burden, trouble, tax, encumber, cumber, charge, crush, weigh down; exhaust, wear, wear down, weary; overload, overcharge, load, overload; strain, work, drive, overwork, overdrive.

overweight, n. 1. overweight, overbalance, outbalance, preponderate; overshadow, throw into the shade, eclipse, put to shame, Inf. show up; exceed, transcend, surpass, overmatch, outmatch; outrank, be superior to, overtop, override, overpower, take precedence over; have the edge on, hold the advantage, tip the scales, turn the tables.

2. obesity, fatness, excess weight, Exph. weight problem, over heaviness, overponderousness; heaviness, heftiness, weightiness, ponderousness, ponderosity; rotundity, portliness, stoutness, chubbiness, tubbiness; pugniness, plumpness.

—adj. 3. over heavy, too heavy, overponderous, in excess of or above the allowance, over; weighty, bulky, overloaded, overloaded, loaded down, heavy-laden, laden, loaded, weighed down.

4. obese, fat, corpulent, pursy, flabby, fleshy, Scot. fadge, tipping the scales; heavy, hefty, portly, stout, rotund; paunchy, potbelled, big-bellied, round-bellied, large-bellied, great-bellied, abdominal, Inf. bay-windowed, Inf. corporeal, Inf. fleshy, Obs. gorbellied; chubby, tubby, pudgy, plump, rounded.

overwhelm, v. 1. overpower, destroy, crush, route, discomfit, overthrew, overbear, worst, ruin, extirpate, annihilate; override, subdue, suppress, quash, quell, subjugate, master, overmaster, vanquish, conquer, triumph over, defeat, beat, overburden, overwhelm, weigh down, oppress, burden, overtax, bow down, prostrate, encumber, hamper, saddle.

2. overcome, whelm, engulf, swallow, submerge, immerse, flood, swamp, deluge, inundate, bury, suffocate, glut, choke, overrun, infest, Inf. snow, Inf. snow under, Inf. blitz; overlay, cover, spread over, over spread.

3. daze, stagger, stupefy, dumbfound, astound, confound, bewilder, stun, nonplus, take aback, astonish, amaze, Inf. bowl over, Inf. knock off one's feet, SL knock for a loop, Inf. blow one's mind.

overwhelming, adj. 1. overpowering, uncontrollable, irresistible, knockdown; unbearable, unendurable, unyielding, inexorable; onerous, oppressive, burdensome, weighty, crushing, arduous, exhausting, wearing, wasting, despoiling, decisive, irrefutable, formidable, inevitable, inescapable.

2. prodigious, monstrous, stupendous, cataclysmic, stupefying, mind-blowing, mind-shattering, mindboggling, breathtaking, awesome, awe-striking, awe-inspiring, awful; engulfing, profuse, inordinate.

overwork, v. 1. overtax, overtask, overextert, overextend, overexercise, overstrain, overdrive; fag or flag out, enervate, exhaust, jade, wear out, prostrate, run or drive into the ground; oppress, overload, overladen, overburden, overweight, overcharge, surcharge.

2. work hard, work like a horse, work like a slave or galley slave, slave, Inf. sweat and slave, Inf. work one's head or tail off, work one's fingers to the bone; do double duty, work overtime, work double hours, work day and night; work late, burn the midnight oil, lucubrate.

3. foment, agitate, suscitate, excite, overexcite, impasion, inflame, stir up, work up, wind up, whip up, fire up; madden, infuriate, lash into a fury, whip into a frenzy.

4. overdo, overabor, overuse, overemploy, overplay, Inf. overplay one's hand; overstress, overemphasize, play up.

5. decorate, ornament, adorn, embellish, overlay.

—n. 6. overexertion, overexercise, overexpenditure, overstrain, strain, overtaxing, overtasking.

overworked, adj. 1. all worked-up, all wrought-overwrought, overtax, overtask, overexert, overwork, v.

2. prodigious, monstrous, stupendous, cataclysmic, stupefying, mind-blowing, mind-shattering, mindboggling, breathtaking, awesome, awe-striking, awe-inspiring, awful; engulfing, profuse, inordinate.

3. overburden, overweight, overcharge, surcharge.

**ovoid**, *adj.* 1. egg-shaped, ellipsoidal, elliptoid, oviform, ovular, obovoid; oval, elliptical, ovate, obovate.


**owe**, *v.* 1. *Usu.* owe to be indebted to, be beholden to.

2. be under obligation to, be obligated to, *Scot.* aught; be in arrears, have unpaid bills; be in debt to, have a loan from.

**owing**, *adj.* 1. due, unpaid, in arrears, owed; payable, immediately payable, mature, outstanding, receivable.

2. owing to due to, because of, thanks to; attributable to, assignable to, ascribable to, imputable to, chargeable to, accountable to; derivable from, deriving from, resulting from, through.

**own**, *v.* 1. have, possess, *Scot.* aught; keep, hold for use, hold, retain, preserve, maintain; occupy, tie up, use.

2. recognize, see, allow as valid, concede, grant; consent to, accede to, yield to, submit to; accept, go along with, agree, concur with.

3. *Often own up* admit, acknowledge, confess, *Sl.* fess up, *Inf.* make no bones about; avow, profess, express, utter, declare, tell; make known, *Inf.* let on, divulge, let out, disclose, reveal, expose.

4. *one own* *Informal.* alone, by oneself, single, independent, autonomous, self-reliant, inner-directed, standing on one's own two feet; free-wheeling, foot-loose, unconfined, at liberty, at large.

**owner**, *n.* proprietor, proprietress, holder, possessor; landlord, landlady, householder, landowner; lord, lady, master, mistress.

**ox**, *n.* 1. bullock, steer; longhorn, shorthorn, zebu, bison, buffalo, water buffalo.


pace, *n.*
1. rate of speed, velocity, *Inf.* clip, stride, career; tempo, time, meter, measure; progress, movement, motion.
2. celerity, swiftness, rapidity, quickness, *Inf.* lick; slowness, creep.
3. gait, walk, step, stride, tread; manner of going, bearing, carriage; stalk, saunter, run; (*all of horses*) rack, single-foot, amble, trot, jog, canter, gallop.

pace, *v.*
4. walk, foot, tread; roam, rove, range, traverse, trek, travel; go for a walk, take a walk, stretch one's legs.
5. walk the floor, walk back and forth nervously; run, jog, trot; hit the road, pound the pavement.

paced, *adj.* counted out, measured, metered, regulated, modulated, proportioned; like clockwork, precise, exact, determined; steady, regular, constant, uniform, even; with a steady beat, at a steady pace, rhythmic.

pacer, *n.*
1. pacemaker, pacesetter; standard-bearing, leader; trend-setter, forerunner.

pachydermatous, *adj.*
1. elephantine, hippopotamian, rhinocerotic.
2. thickskinned, callous, tough, obdurate, hardened, hard, hard-boiled, steeled; inured, case-hardened, insensitive, insensate, numb, unfeeling, insensitive, insensible.

pacifiable, *adj.* placable, forgiving, appeasable, conciliatory, propitiatory, able to be won over; mollifiable, able to be soothed, able to be calmed down, able to be comforted.

pacific, *adj.*
1. conciliatory, propitiatory, propitiative, appeasing, mollifying, placating; pacificatory, peacemaking, accommodating, mediatory, diplomatic; soothing, calming.
2. peaceable, peace-loving, irenic, dovish; pacificist, nonviolent, unwarlike, noncombative, unbelligerent, unbellicose, unpugnacious, uncontentious; mild, tender, gentle, soft, soft-hearted, tender-hearted, sensitive; merciful, lenient, Clement, easy, easy-going, forgiving, tolerant; easy-natured, gentle as a lamb, good-natured, good-tempered, amiable, affable, genial; docile, tame; uncomplaining, unassertive, passive, nonopposing, submissive; unassuming, meek, quiet, subdued, tractable.
3. at peace, peaceful; calm, still, motionless, smooth, undisturbed, unperturbed, unagitated, unruffled; windless, waveless, stormless; stationary, becalmed; tranquil, serene, restful, reposeful, placid, halcyon.

pacification, *n.*
1. tranquilization, quieting, calming, lulling, soothing, comforting, consoling, solacing; assuagement, allaying, alleviation, palliation, relieving; mitigation, abatement, remission, relief; reduction, lessening, diminution, moderation, modulation; tempering, softening, mollifying, mollification.
2. appeasement, placation, propitiation, conciliation; atonement, reconciliation, reconciling, reconciliation, reunion; sacrifice, compromise, accommodation, adjustment; peace-making, mediation, arbitration, negotiation, intervention; settlement, terms, truce, treaty, armistice; suspension of hostilities, moratorium, relaxation of tensions, détente, peace.
3. subdual, suppression, quelling, quashing; satisfaction, satisfying, slaking, quenching; dulling, blunting, stifling, smothering.
4. peacefulness, rest, repose, tranquility, calm, serenity; relief, comfort, consolation, solace.

pacificatory, *adj.*
1. pacifying, appeasing, conciliatory, propitiatory, propitiating, placatory, placative; peace-making, mediative, mediatorial, intermediatory, intercessory, intervening, instrumental; negotiable, reconciliable; compromising, accommodating.
2. peaceable, agreeable, agreeing, accordanl; harmonious, concordant, compatible; peaceful, pacific, peace-loving, congenial, amicable, amiable, friendly.

pacifier, *n.*
2. bribe, sop; inducement, lure, reward.

pacify, *v.*
1. quiet, calm, tranquilize, lull, soothe, compose, comfort; alleviate, relieve, palliate, allay, assuage; mitigate, abate, moderate, temper, lessen.
2. appease, placate, pacificate, *Archaic* attemper; humor, dulcify, mollify, soften; reconcile, *Archaic* accord, bring to terms, make peace, settle differences, defuse, pour oil on troubled waters; propitiate, concili-
pact, agreement, covenant, concordat, compact, Rare. pacton, contract, bond; treaty, cartel, entente, understanding, meeting of minds; league, alliance, confederation; settlement, arrangement, deal, bargain; temporary settlement, truce, cease-fire; transaction, business agreement; conspiracy, collusion, secret agreement; promise, pledge, word or word of honor, unwritten agreement, gentleman’s agreement; assurance, guarantee, written guarantee, warranty.

pad', n. 1. cushion, Inf. sit-upon, pillow, bolster; padding, filling, stuffing, wadding. See padding (def. 1).

2. pad of paper, tablet, writing pad, note pad, memo pad.

3. (all of animals) foot, Zool. forefoot, paw, forepaw.


5. Slang. a. apartment, flat, room or rooms, studio or studio apartment, efficiency or efficiency apartment; home, place, residence, dwelling, abode. b. bed, pallet, mattress.

—v. 6. fill up or out, stuff, wad; pack, wrap, cushion.

7. expand, fill out, flesh out, add to, augment; enlarge, increase, make larger, aggrandize; inflate, dilate, puff out, swell, distend; stretch out, stretch, extend, lengthen, widen, broaden.

pad², n. 1. road horse, riding horse, palfrey, saddle horse, bidet.

—v. 2. travel on foot, walk, peregrinate, journey on foot; traverse, walk through, pass or travel through, perambulate; range, roam, stray, rove; migrate, move or move on, S.R.O., roll, wander, ramble, meander; step, stride, stroll, promenade, saunter, amble, shamble, shuffle; go on foot, S.I. hoof it, foot it; hike, trek, tramp, trapse, trudge, plod.

padded, adj. 1. fiber-filled, filled, stuffed.

2. expanded, filled out, fleshed out; enlarged, inflated, swollen, distended; extended, stretched, lengthened.

padding, n. 1. pad, stuffing, wadding, filling, fiber fill, filler, lining, Obs. bombast; wrapping, wrapper, wrapping paper; packing, packing material, shredded newspaper, tissue paper, Trademark. Styrofoam, Chem. polystyrene, plastic bubbles.

2. verbiage, wordiness, verbosity, verboseness, prolixity, prolixness, redundancy, redundance; surplusage, superfluity, superfluousness, superabundance, exuberance, extravagance; overflow, extra, surplus, excess, surfeit, glut.

package, n. 1. parcel, bundle, pack, bale, packet; box, case, carton, receptacle, container, crate.

2. entity, unit, package deal, combine, amalgamation.

packed, adj. cramped, filled, jammed, stuffed, choked, gorged; bursting, overloaded, swollen, plethoric; crowded, swarming, dense, like a beehive, like an anthill; full, filled to capacity, S.R.O., standing room only, filled wall-to-wall; filled to the brim, filled out, stuff, wad; pack, wrap, cushion.

—v. 3. cram, fill, jam, stuff, choke, crowd, press, ram, lamp; compact, compress, constrict.

package, n. 1. parcel, bundle, pack, bale, packet; box, case, carton, receptacle, container, crate.

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3. monastic, monk, friar, brother, mendicant, man of prayer.

padrone, n. 1. master, overlord, lord, lord and
painful, adj. 1. achy, aching, hurtful, sore, Med. algetic; throbbing, palpitating, tingling; biting, raw, piercing, sharp, bitter; burning, stinging, smarting. 2. tormenting, distressing, distressful, disquieting, disturbing, worrying, worrisome, perturbing, harrowing, afflicting; pestering, harassing, irritating, annoying, irksome, troublesome, Archaic. troublesome, wearisome; vexatious, vexing, aggravating, exasperating, galling. 3. unpleasant, unpleasing, disagreeable, distasteful, uninviting; undesirable, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, unpalatable; insufferable, hateful, execrable, loathsome, horrible; disgusting, odious, revolting, nauseating, repelling, repulsive, nasty, hideous. 4. grievous, sad, dolorous, tragic, tragical; dismal, disheartening, dreary; melancholy, unhappy, unfelicitous, infelicitous; piteous, pitiful, deplorable, lamentable, rueful; affecting, moving, touching, poignant. 5. laborious, toilsome, operose, exacting, demanding; difficult, hard, tough, strenuous, rigorous, arduous, uphill; hard-earned, hard-fought, hard-won; burdensome, onerous, heavy, cumbrous, hefty, weighty, ponderous; oppressive, insupportable, unbearable, endurable; destructive, ruinous, calamitous, disastrous. paint, n. 1. analgesic, aspirin, acetylsalicylic acid, sodium salicylate, buffered aspirin, headache powder; anodyne, parergic, Inf. pain pill; soporific, hypnotic, barbiturate, Sl. barb, phenobarbital, Pharm. hyoscyamine, belladonna; narcotic, opiate, opium, laudanum, morphine. 2. palliative, alleviative, lenitive, assuasive, assuager, sedative; depressant, drug, remedy, cure-all. 3. balm, soothing balm, liniment, embrocation; lotion, salve, ointment; labdanum, laudanum. 4. cocaine, laughing gas, novocaine, tetracaine, hyoscyamine, belladonna; narcotic, opiate, Pharm. 5. laborious, toilsome, operose, energetic; persevering, unremitting, untiring, tireless, never-tiring. painter, n. 1. analgesic, aspirin, acetylsalicylic acid, sodium salicylate, buffered aspirin, headache powder; anodyne, parergic, Inf. pain pill; soporific, hypnotic, barbiturate, Sl. barb, phenobarbital, Pharm. hyoscyamine, belladonna; narcotic, opiate, opium, laudanum, morphine. 2. palliative, alleviative, lenitive, assuasive, assuager, sedative; depressant, drug, remedy, cure-all. 3. balm, soothing balm, liniment, embrocation; lotion, salve, ointment; labdanum, laudanum. 4. cocaine, laughing gas, novocaine, tetracaine, hyoscyamine, belladonna; narcotic, opiate, opium, laudanum, morphine. 5. Informal. alcohol, whiskey, Inf. booze, Sl. hooch. See alcohol. painted, adj. 1. unreal, artificial, ersatz, sham, mock, fake, Inf. phony; unnatural, assumed, put-on, affected; fictitious, feigned, simulated, faked, counterfeited. 2. exaggerated, overstated, overworked, overlabored; overdrawn, played-up, hyperbolized; colored, embroidered, embellished, enhanced, enriched, intensified, maximized; dressed-up, deodorized. 3. misrepresented, falsified, distorted, twisted, perverted, slanted, warped, garbled, slurred; misconstrued, misconstrued, misreported, misrepresented, misrepresented; disguised, camouflaged, masked, whitenashed, glossed over, varnished. 4. colorful, high-colored, deep-colored, bright-hued, full-toned, intense, luxuriant, lustrous, brilliant, rich; multicolored, many-colored, variegated, kaleidoscopic, psychedelic. painting, n. 1. picture, picturization, depiction, delineation, representation, portrayal, illustration; sketch, drawing, image, likeness; work, study, design, composition; work of art, object of art, Fr. objet d'art, masterpiece, masterwork, Archaic. master, chef d'oeuvre, classic; portrait, portrayal, head, profile; canvas, oil painting, oil; water color, fresco, Fr. aquarelle; scene, view, scape, tableau, diorama, cyclorama, panorama, montage; landscape, seascape, waterscape; still life; miniature; mural, wall painting. 2. classicism, neoclassicism; romanticism; impressionism, post-impressionism, neo-impressionism; pointillism; symbolism; realism, surrealism; cubism; Dadaism; modernism; op art, optical art, pop art; photo realism; daubery, dabbling. 3. coloring, coloration, pigmentation, dyeing, staining; tinting, tinture; illumination, emblazonry; enameling, glazing, glossing; varnishing, shellacking, lacquering; priming, undercoating; Art. distemper, white-washing, calcimining; fresco, fresco secco, dry fresco, secco, buon or true fresco. pair, n. 1. twosome, couplet, doublet, duo, dyad, binary, matched set, two of a kind; twins, Siamese twins, Astron. Gemini. 2. couple, lovers, man and wife, husband and wife, married or married partners or pair, conjoints; (all inseparable) partners, sidekicks, companions, friends, comrades, cronies, Inf. pals, Inf. bosom buddies, U.S. Inf. buddies. 3. brace, span, yoke, tandem, team; two, both, Archaic. twain. 4. Chiefly Dialect. set, suit, suite, group, grouping, collection, combination, Clothing. coordinates.
—v. 5. pair up, match up, put together, accompany, *Archaic* company; couple, partner, twin, double, geminate; marry off, wed, join in holy matrimony or wedlock, hook up, Sl. hitch, Sl. splice, *Obs.* conjugate; conjoin, join, unite, yoke, bind or tie together, chain, shake; coalesce, associate, affiliate, ally, bring or draw together, make close, connect, bracket, attach, link.

6. *pal* off hook up, become affiliated with, partner, form a partnership, go in together, team up, be a team, join forces, cooperate; go around together, fraternize, associate, keep company, consort, *Inf.* pal around, *Inf.* hang around together, *Inf.* knock around together, *Sl.* hang out together; be seen together, go out together, go steady, stick together, look like; marry, get married, intermarry, interwed, wife, espouse, become man and wife, say “I do,” say one’s vows, walk down the aisle, take the plunge, become one, *Sl.* hitch up with, *Archaic* husband.

7. match, suit, fit, go with, correspond, agree with, coordinate or harmonize or blend with, complement, complete; resemble, look like, take after, *Inf.* favor.

8. (of animals) mate, breed, copulate.

**pal**, *n.* *Informal.* 1. comrade, chum, crony, *Fr.* ami, *archaic* advocate, defender, vindicator, paladin, royal residence, royal house, royal palace, 

2. tasty, good-tasting, savory, palatable,

3. agreeable, pleasing, pleasant, enjoyable, satisfying; delightful, nice, attractive, acceptable.

4. *Inf.* tasty, good-tasting, savory, palatable,

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6. taste, *Fr.* goût, appetite, tongue, stomach, taste buds.

7. appreciation, liking, enjoyment; zest, gusto, enthusiasm, relish, delight.

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1. pallor, pallidness, sallowness, whiteness, wan, pale, anemic, sickly, pastiness, lividity, pallid, pallidness, sallowness, paleness.

2. to palliate, to mitigate, alleviate, reduce, weaken, abate; allay, assuage, Rare. lenify, appease, soothe, Artistic. temper; relieve, ease, cushion, mollify, calm, compose, tranquilize, still, quiet, hush, lull; solace, console, succor, remedy; quell, slake, deaden, dull, obtrude, blunt, take the edge off of; soothe, check, curb, tame, subdue.

palliation, n. 1. extenuation, minimizing, minimization, playing down; justification, vindication, exculnation, exoneration; excite, rationalization, apology; whitewash, cover-up, varnish, gloss, veneer; sugar-coating, candy-coating; softening, lightening, lessening, diminution; moderation, tempering, qualifying, (of words) mencing.

2. mitigation, alleviation, reduction, weakening, abatement; assuagement, appeasement, soothing; relief, relieving, ease, easement, reprieve, lull, deliverance; consolation, solace, remedy, comfort.

palliative, adj. 1. alleviative, alleviatory, mitigative, mitigatory, lenitive, Med. abirritant; mollifying, soothing, calming, Med. calmsative, assuasive, demulcent; relaxing, numbing, dulling, anesthetic; pain-killing, anodyne, Med. analgesic, deadening.

2. sedative, sedation, Med. calmsative, tranquilizer, narcotic, opiate, drug, anesthetic; painkilling, anodyne, Med. analgesic; softener, sweetener, demulcent, lenitive, Med. emollition, Med. abirritant; balm, salve, unguent, ointment, liniment.

pallid, adj. 1. pale, wan, faceless, anemic, sickly, Obs. blate; waxen, sallow, pasty, ash, ash, livid; ghostly, ghastly, deathlike, cadaverous, lurid; bloodless, white, drained; whey-faced, sallow-faced, unhealthy looking, unworthy looking, peaked looking; deathly pale, drained of color, pale as a ghost, like death.

2. insipid, uninteresting, unentertaining, unexpressive, unimaginative, colorless, jejunum, Sl. blath; unanimated, spiritless, restless, sapless, tame, lifeless, empty; Sl. dead, Sl. nothing; pointless, weak, feeble, anemic, sterile, Inf. washed out; dull, boring, monotonous, humdrum, tedious, tiresome; stale, tired, tiresome, banal, platitudinous; indistinctive, run-of-the-mill, ordinary, commonplace, average, bland, vapid, thin, watered-down.

pallor, n. waneness, unnatural paleness, ashenness, lividity, bloodlessness, anemia; ghostliness, deathliness, sickness, ghastliness.

palm, n. 1. hand, open hand; extremity, Sl. mitt, Sl. paw, Sl. fin, Sl. flipper; (all of animals) paw, foot, foot, Zool. foot, Anat., Zool. manus.

2. cross or grease someone's palm give money to, bribe, pay off, buy, pay off, suborn, corrupt; fix, Inf. rig, Inf. square; induce, tempt, lure, entice, coax, influence.

3. conceal, hide in the hand; take surreptitiously, take away, snatch, Inf. snitch, Sl. lift, filch, purloin, Sl. pinch, pilfer, cabbage, Sl. mooch, Sl. cop, steal.

4. Usu. palm on or upon foist on, force upon, impose upon, thrust upon, lay on or upon, unload upon, take advantage of.

5. touch, brush lightly, caress; pat, stroke, rub gently, massage.

6. shake hands, give a grip, Sl. slap [s.o.] five, Sl. give [s.o.] some skin.

7. palm off pass off, forb off, foist off.
palm², n. victory, triumph, success; laurels, honor, glory, fame, distinction; crown, wreath, garland, chapelet; prize, trophy, award, decoration, badge.

palmistry, n. reading, chirocery, fortunetelling; clairvoyant, see, soothsayer, foreseer, foreteller, presager, prognosticator, predictor, forecaster; diviner, augur, prophet, prophetess, vaticinator, sibyl.

palmitate, v. pulsatilizing, pulsatile, pulsatilatory, pulsating, beating, throbbing; trembling, tremulous, tremulant, shaking, shaky, quivering; vibrant, vibrating, vibratile, vibratory; fluttering, twittering, twittery, flickering; agitated, disquised, discomposed, excited; turbulent, tumultuous.

palpitation, n. pulsatilizing, pulsatile, pulsating, pulsating, beating, throbbing; trembling, tremulous, tremulant, shaking, shaky, quivering; vibrant, vibrating, vibratile, vibratory; fluttering, twittering, twittery, flickering; agitated, disquised, discomposed, excited; turbulent, tumultuous.

palpation, n. handling, touching, feeling; examination, probe, physical; massage, stroke, knead, manipulatis, rub, caress; finger, thumb.

palpable, adj. 1. evident, manifest, apparent, self-evident, manifestative, Fr. en évidence; visible, see-able, in full view, open, public, exposed, showing, naked, bared, uncovered, unveiled, unshrouded, uncurtained; obvious, patent, conspicuous, promi- nent, glaring, blatant, flagrant, egregious; overt, dis- played, shown, presented, professed, avowed, ostensi- ble; plain, clear, clear-cut, plain as day, plain as the nose on your face; distinct, definite, unmistakable, unambiguous, indubitable, unquestionable; discernible, perceivable, perceptible, recognizable, ascertainable, salient.

2. tangible, tactile, actual, touchable, sensible, ponderable, appreciable, nonabstract; incarnate, embodied, corporeal, physical, material, bodily, somatic; concrete, real, solid, substantial, substantive.

palpate, v. handle, touch, contact; examine, feel, probe; massage, stroke, knead, manipulatis, rub, caress; finger, thumb.

palsy, n. paralysis, Pathol. cerebral palsy, Pathol. spastic paralysis; Pathol. shaking palsy, Pathol. paralysis agitans, Pathol. Parkinson’s disease, Pathol. Parkinsonism.
pampas, n. plain, (in South America) campo, prairie, grassland, savanna, veld, meadow or meadowland, pasture or pastureland; steppe, tundra, champaign, Brit. heath, Chiefly Brit. moors or moorland; wold, plateau, tableland, mesa.

pamper, v. coddle, mollycoddle, cocker, cosher, cos- set, pet, dandle; indulge, caress, favor, baby, Obs. fondle, humor; dote on, cater to, wait on hand and foot, overindulge, spoil, Sl. spoil rotten.

pamphlet, n. brochure, booklet, leaflet, folder, chap- book; treatise, monograph, tractate, tract, essay; bill, playbook, program; bulletin, notice, advertisement, Inf. ad, circular; handbill, U.S. flyer, broadside, broad- sheet, handout, handbawdy.

pamphleteer, n. (all of pamphlets) writer, author.

pan, n. 1. frying pan, griddle, skillet, spider; bread pan, cake pan, pie plate or pan, baking dish, ramekin, patty pan, omelet pan, pizza pan; saucepan, stewpan, Chiefly Brit. casserole, small kettle or pot, Chiefly Brit. pannikin; chafing dish, pressure cooker, steamer, roaster, broiler or broiler pan.

2. bedpan, metal pot, potty, chamber pot.

3. Slang. face, visage, Sl. mug, Sl. phiz, Sl. puss, Sl. kisser.

4. depression, indentation, dent, dint, dip; hollow, crater, concavity, cavity, pit, hole, excavation.

—v. 5. (all of gold, etc.) pan for, sift for, search for, look for.

6. Informal. criticize, find fault, pick apart, take apart, pick to pieces; Inf. knock, Sl. put down, shoot down, Inf. slam.

7. pan out Informal. turn out, work out, come out or along.

panacea, n. 1. cure-all, elixir, cure for all ills, cure for what ails you, universal cure or remedy, nostrum; alem- bic, philosopher’s stone, magic wand, magic potion, magic ingredient; magic solution or answer, magic or secret formula, abracadabra, open sesame.

panache, n. 1. plume, feathers, tuft, crest; embellishment, ornament, decoration.

2. brilliance, glitter, splendor, magnificence, grand- ness, grand manner; flamboyance, razzle-dazzle, os- pulsive, grace, style, magnificence, splendor.

3. hell, perdition, inferno, the pit, the bottomless pit, the abyss; Hades, netherworld, underworld, infernal regions, abode of the damned.

pander, n. 1. panderer, pimp, procurer, whore- monger, flibber-gibber, Sl. hustler, U.S. Sl. sweet- man, Fr. maquereau; white slaver, smuggler, runner; go-between, intermediary, middleman, agent, solicitor; purveyor, supplier, provider, furnisher; procurer, Ar- chaic. bawd, madam.

2. manipulator, exploiter; toady, toadater, syco- phant, fawner, flatterer, puffier, Inf. apple-polisher, Sl. brown-nose; parasite, leech, scavenger, scavenger, Inf. sponger or sponge, Sl. moocher or mooch, freeloader, scavenger, Sl. bum, hanger-on.

—v. 3. procure, pimp, solicit, Sl. hustle; purvey, supply, provide, furnish.

4. Usu. pander to gratify, indulge, satisfy, please, humor; cater, pamper, attend, wait upon; toady, fawn, Sl. fall all over, truckle, Sl. suck up to, Sl. play up to, Inf. apple-polish, Sl. brown-nose; licksplitter, lick [s.o.’s] shoes, lick or kiss [s.o.’s] feet, Sl. bootlick, kowtow, bow, bow and scrape, stoop, kneel, grovel, crawl, creep, crouch, slither.

pane, n. plate of glass, glass, window glass, window pane; panel, sheet, partition, part.

panegyric, n. 1. eulogy, eulogium, eulogization, encomium, citation; testimonial, declaration, dis- course, oration, announcement.

2. tribute, credit, recognition; exaltation, glorification; homage, reverence, devotion, veneration; blessing, Eccles. benediction, Archaic. benison; honor, crown, glory.

3. praise, exultation, kudos, Archaic. magnification; approval, approbation, endorsement, sanction, commendation, recommendation, advocacy, espousal; ac- claim, acclamation, applause, plaudits, salvo, accol- aide; celebration, paean, congratulation, Archaic. gratulation; compliment, flattery, adulation; hosanna, huzzah, hurrah.

—adj. eulogizing, eulogistic, eulogial, encomiastic, encomiastical; laudatory, praising, praise- ful, acclamatory; approving, approbatory, approbative, commendatory; complimentary, flattering, uncritical, unencumbered; celebrative, celebratory, favorable, posi- tive; glorifying, benedictory.

panel, n. 1. wainscoting, woodwork; wood, plank, board, sheet, lamina, lamination; portion, section, seg- ment, division, part, partition; wall, divider, Naut. bulkhead.

2. pane, window pane, window glass, plate of glass.

3. inset, insert, gore, godet.

4. jury, review board, council, cabinet, committee, advisory group; board, advisors, directors, trustees; All Law. coroner’s jury, inquest, grand jury, petty jury.

pang, n. 1. spasm, twitch, kink, stitch, crick, kink, tic; twinge, pinch, smart, ache; stabbing pain, sharp pain, shooting pain.

2. misgiving, qualm, scruple, mental pain, mental suffering; hesitation, hesitancy, recoil, shrinking; un- easiness, discomfort, malaise.

—v. Infomal. beg, scrounge, Inf. bum,
panhandler, n. Informal beggar, mendicant, Inf. bum. Inf. bummer, Sl. schnorrer; cadger, sponger, scrounger, parasite; loafer, idle, wastrel, good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well.

panic, n. 1. alarm, terror, horror, fear, fright, dread, trepidation; stark horror, abject fear, scare of one's life; hysteria, mental turmoil, confusion, consternation, nervousness, jitters, Inf. whim-whams, Sl. jimjams, agitation; dismay, perturbation, inquietude; cold sweats, shakes.

2. Slang. hilarious person, joker, Inf. card, Inf. howl; laugh a minute, clown, wit.

—v. 3. be alarmed, be stricken with terror, feel sudden dread or fright; overreact, Sl. push the panic button, throw up one's hands, break out in a cold sweat, run around like a chicken with its head cut off, Sl. go into a tizzy or dither.

panic-stricken, adj. alarmed, aghast, terrified, horrified, frightened, terror-stricken, horror-stricken; appalled, petrified, stupefied, stunned, knocked out, floored, overwhelmed; startled, fearful, overcome with fear; nervous, panicky, agitated, perturbed, dismayed; frozen, frozen with terror, numb, pale as a ghost, white as a sheet, shaken, shaking, shaking like an aspen, goose-pimply.

pant, n. basket, bushel basket, fruit basket, wicker basket, wicker; dossier, backpack, pack, carrier, container, bag, saddlebag.

pantaloons, inf. trousers, drawers, slacks, ducks, Brit. pants, n. 1. huff, puff, huff and puff, blow, breathe v. n. violet, viola.

panorama, n. 1. view, overall view, full view, uncluttered view, bird's-eye view, air view; vista, sight, scene, spectacle, vision.

2. cyclorama, Trademark. Cinerama, landscape, seascape, cityscape, tableau.

3. survey, overview, comprehensive view, big picture, whole picture; range, gamut, sweep, stretch, extent, full extent.

panoramic, adj. extensive, extended, far-reaching, far-ranging, wide, sweeping; all-encompassing, universal, general, all-embracing, all-inclusive; overall, bird's-eye.

pansy, n. 1. violet, viola.

2. Slang. a. Derogatory. homosexual, homosexualist, homophile, sexual invert; All Sl. queen, limp-wrist, camp, three-dollar bill, Brit. ginger or ginger boy, B. poof or poofette, All Derog. homo, queer, faggot, fag, fruit, fli, fair, fancy, nance, auntie. b. effeminate, Inf. pantywaist, sissy, Sl. wimp; mollycoddle, milquetost, milksop, mama's boy, namb-y-pamb- by, weak sister, nancy.

pant, v. 1. huff, puff and puff, blow, breathe hard, suck wind; wheeze; gasp, gasp for breath, gulp; (of a locomotive) chug.

2. yearn for, long for, pine for, languish for, sigh for, wish for, ache for, Inf. have a yen for; thirst for, hunger for, burn for, lust for, be dying for, Inf. hanker after; desire, desireate, want, crave, covet, want with all one's heart, want in the worst way, set one's heart on, Sl. give one's right arm or eyeteeth for.

3. throb, beat, pulse, pulsate, palpitate, go patapat, beat a tattoo; heave.

—n. 4. huff, puff, breathe, wind; wheeze; gasp, gulp.

5. throb, beat, pulse, pulsation, palpitation, tattoo; heave.

pantaloons, n. 1. Usu. pantaloons pants, trousers, (among Scottish Highlanders) trews; breeches, knee breeches, Inf. britches, knickers, knickerbockers, plus fours, Scot. and North Eng. breeks; pantalets, bloomers.

2. (all in the modern pantomime) dupe, butt, fair game, laughstock, everybody's fool, Inf. goat, U.S. Sl. fall guy, Brit. Sl. mug; straight man, foil.

panthelm, n. Rare. cosmosmoeism; nature worship; animism; paganism, heathenism, idolatry.

panther, n. 1. cougar, puma, wild cat, black panther, painter; mountain lion, catamount, catamountain.

2. leopard, Archaic. pard, jaguar, cheetah, jungle cat.

3. Informal. wild man, savage, brute, beast, wild beast, animal, tiger, Inf. fire-eater, Inf. ugly customer, Sl. bad dude.

—adj. 4. fierce, ferocious, savage, violent, sanguinary, Sl. kill-crazy.

panning, n. 1. breathlessness, shortness of breath, windedness, short-windedness; huffing, puffing, puffing and puffing, gasping, heavy breathing; wheezing, labored breathing, Pathol. dyspnea, (usu. of horses) broken-windedness.

2. pulse, pulsation, palpitation, pitapat, pitter-patter, beating, throbbing; heaving.

3. lust, desire, longing, yearning, wanting, craving, hunger, Sl. salivating.

—adj. 4. breathless, out of breath, short of breath, winded; huffing, puffing, gasping, heavy breathing; wheezing, short-winded, (usu. of horses) broken-winded, Pathol. dyspneal.

5. eager, anxious, agog, all agog; impatient, champing at the bit, Inf. rarin' to go.

pantomime, n. 1. charade, dumb show, Brit. panto.

2. mime, miming, pantomiming, pantomimicry; mimicry, impersonation.

3. pantomimist. See pantomimist.

pantomimist, n. mime, Rare. mimester, pantomime, pantomimic, mummer, mute, mimic; actor, performer.

pantry, n. cupboard, cuddy, stillroom, Brit. Dial. spence; larder, buttery, food room, cold room.

pants, n. 1. trousers, drawers, slacks, ducks, Brit. Inf. strides, Brit. Sl. bags; breeches, knee breeches, Inf. britches, knickers, knickerbockers, plus fours, (among Scottish Highlanders) trews, Scot. and North Eng. breeks; pantalets, bloomers; orals, chaps, chapsarajos, palazzo pants, (in the Orient) pajamas, harem pants; pegtops, Sl. drainpipes, straightlegs; bell-bottoms, hip-huggers, flares; jeans, bluejeans, dungarees, Trademark. Levi's, denims; chinos, khakis, fatigues, whites, tweeds, flannels, corduroys, Inf. cords, Sl. whistle britches; clag diggers, pedal pushers; shorts, Bermuda shorts, Bermudas, walking shorts, (in Bavaria) lederhosen, Inf. cut-offs; short-shorts, hot pants.

2. underpants, underdrawers, underwear, underclothes, Brit. smallclothes, briefs, slacks, Brit. skivvies, Sl. undies, Trademark. BVDs, Trademark. Fruit of the Loom, Trademark, Fruit of the Loom Men's Underwear. Shorts or trunks; panties, Brit. knickers, panty girdle, panty hose, Trademark. Underalls; long underwear, long drawers, Sl. long Johns, thermals.

3. wear the pants dominate, rule, control, Inf. rule the roost; determine, decide, dispose, Inf. call the shots, be in the driver's seat or the saddle.


2. Slang. (all gained through political patronage) favors of office, U.S. Sl. pork, U.S. Sl. pork barrel;
profits, gains, takings, dividends, rake-off; favors, special favors, privileges, dispensations, indulgences, loop holes; appropriations; appointments.


papa, n. 1. father, sire, parent; *All Inf.* dad, daddy, pop, pops, pappy, the old man, the old gent; *Brit. Inf.* pater, *Brit. Inf.* governor; *Babytalk.* dada, daddums.


papacy, primacy, pontificate, the See of Rome, the n. pap.

Anat., papistry, Catholic. papist, papery, adj. silver paper money, pontifie, apostolic, apos.

papal, pontifical, n. writing governor; dada, dad-

papalism, papality, popedom; Catholic Church, papalism, papality, popedom; *See papistry.

2. All *Usu. Disparaging.* papistical, papistic, papist, 2.

pop, pops, pap, pappy, the old man, the old gent; *See papal.

papalism, papality, popedom; religious; state

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gold certificate, greenback, yellowback, 8. papery, paperlike, chartaceous. See adj.

—v. 7. wallpaper, line, interline, interlineate, face; overlaid, overspread, cover, wrap, blanket, mantle, carpet.

—adj. 8. papery, paperlike, charteous. See *papery.*


paperly, adj. paperlike, charteous, papyrine, papy-
ral, papyrion, papritious; paper-thin, paper-shelled, tissuey, tissue, onionickin; thin, flimsy, lightweight, light; sheer, diaphanous, gossamer, translucent, transparent, see-through; fragile, breakable, frail, delicate, unsteady, unsound, insubstantial; pasteboard, paste-


papism, n. 1. *Disparaging.* papalism. See *papacy and pontificate* (def. 1).

2. *Disparaging.* Roman Catholicism. See *papistry.

papist, n. *Disparaging.* See *Catholic.

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2. insipid, wishy-washy, namby-pamby, watery, milk and water.


par, n. 1. parity, equality, coequivalence, equivalence, equipollence, parallelism; identity, oneness, synonymity, sameness, interchangeability, unity; correspondence, agreement, accordance, coincidence, conformity; similarity, similitude, analogy, likeness, resemblance, semblance; comparison, comparability, analogousness; symmetry, proportion, balance, equilibrium.

2. average, norm, normal, mean, medium; standard, rule, constant, *Inf.* usual ration.

3. above par a. superior, excellent, first rate, of the first water; exceptional, standout, outstanding, striking; superior to one's choice, prime, select, very good; fine, admirable, noteworthy; capital, *Inf.* tip top, *Inf.* A-1, *Sl.* bang-up, *Inf.* smashing, *Brit. Sl.* ripping, *Inf.* great; marvelous, wonderful, more than one could expect. b. healthy, feeling good, in fine fettle, *Inf.* in fine or high feather, *Inf.* in the pink, full of vigor. c. happy, on top of the world, cheerful, full of cheer, in good or high spirits.

4. below par a. inferior, substandard, below standard, lesser; low grade, *Inf.* not up to snuff or scratch, below the mark; unsuitable, wanting, lacking, found lacking, inadequate, deficient; imperfect, faulty, flawed, second, not up to specification, *Inf.* not up to spec; below scale, unacceptable. b. diseased, marked down, Sl. knocked off, cheap. c. unhealthy, sickly, *Inf.* off one's feed, *Inf.* poorly, not one's usual self. d. sad, depressed, *Inf.* down in the dumps, unhappy; blue, melancholy, in low spirits, dispirited.

5. par for the course standard, average, typical, or

average, usual, commonplace; unremarkable, mediocre, garden-variety; expected, predictable, not surprising.

6. on a par equal, the same, much the same; well-
matched, on equal or even terms, having the same hand-
cap; running abreast, keeping pace with one another, *Inf.* neck and neck.

7. up to par acceptable, up to standard or grade, up to the mark; adequate, satisfactory, respectable, passa-

ble, all right, presentable, admissible, enough, good enough, sufficient.

parable, n. 1. allegory, allegorical story, morality tale or play; moral bestiary, fable; tale, apologue, les-
son, sermon, homily; legend, myth, chronicle, history, narrative, Bible story.

2. proverb, maxim, axiom, aphorism, saying, old saying, adage, dictum, apothegm, wise saying, didactic saying, *Inf.* grandmother's wisdom; truism, obvious truth, self-evident statement; cliché, platitude, *Inf.* old saw.

parabolie, adj. hyperbolic, hyperbola-shaped, curved, elliptical.

parabolici, adj. allegorical, figurative, representa-
tive, symbolic, metaphorical, metaphorical; aphoristic, proverbial, axiomatic; typical, allusive, referential, comparative.

paraclete, n. 1. advocate, defender, champion, vindicator; pleader, apologue, friend at court; pro-


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paradox, puzzle, maze, quandary, dilemma,
keeping; equivalence, symmetry, accord, concord, harmony; rapport, consonance, cooperation; conformity, synchronism, Inf. sync, uniformity, regularity.

3. comparison, contrast, opposition, distinction, juxtaposition; connection, correlation, relation, likeness, affinity, kinship; likening, analogy, simile, metaphor, similitude, similarity, resemblance.

**paralyze**, v. 1. coextend; be parallel; align, colinear, match, correspond. See parallel (def. 2).
2. draw a parallel, make a comparison, compare to or with, colate; connect, relate, contrast, oppose, differentiate; juxtapose, place alongside, set side by side; balance, weigh, measure; liken to, make an analogy, equate, associate, correlate.

**paralysis**, n. 1. numbness, insensibility, insensibilities, dullness, deafness, loss of sensa-
tion, stupefaction; inactivity, immobility, inaction, motionlessness.
2. paralyzation, stoppage, suspension, arrest, standstill, halt, stop, cessation, full stop, dead stop, grinding halt; strike, work stoppage; breakdown, slowdown, blockage, shut-down, checkmate, stalemate, deadlock, Inf. standoff; suspended animation, stagnation, dormancy, vegetation, inertia, idleness.
3. impotence, powerlessness, disability, feebleness, lameness, inability, incapability, incapacity, incapacitation, crippling, infirmity, debility, debilitation.
4. physical disability, neural disability, motor paralysis, palsy, stroke, paralytic stroke, apoplexy; All Pathol. paresis, diplegia, paraplegia, hemiplegia, Parkinson's disease, paralysis agitans, St. Vitus's dance, chorea, general paralysis, infantile paralysis, poliomyelitis, Inf. polio.

**paralytic**, n. 1. paralysis victim, paralyzed person, cripple, handicapped person, palsy victim.

—adj. 2. paralyzed, numb, insensient, sensible, dull, dead, stupefied; immobile, immobilized, inert, static, stationary, motionless, dormant, inactive, idle.

3. impotent, powerless, disabled, feebleminded, incapacitated, crippled, lame, debilitated, halt, handicapped, laid up, physically disabled, palsied; All Pathol. diplegic, paraplegic, hemiplegic, Parkinson's disease, paralysis agitans, St. Vitus's dance, chorea, general paralysis, infantile paralysis, poliomyelitis, Inf. polio.

**paralyze**, v. 1. numb, benumb, dull, deaden, anesthetize, freeze, drug, obtund; immobilize, disable, incapacitate, make powerless, prostrate, weaken, enfeebled, debilitate, cripple.

2. shock, stagger, astound, astonish, stupefy, confound, stun, take away one's breath, jolt, strike with wonder or awe, Inf. flabbergast. Inf. scare the life out of; unman, unnerves, devitalize, sap, sap the strength of, lay low.

3. halt, arrest, check, stop, stay, impede, block; call a halt, put a stop to, put an end to; stop cold, stop dead, bring up, bring up short, pull up, stop short, bring to a grinding or screeching halt, bring to a standstill; put out of order, Inf. put out of commission, throw off gear, sabotage, wreck. Inf. throw a wrench or monkeywrench into the works or machinery, Inf. kibosh, Inf. put the kibosh on, Inf. spike. Inf. spike the guns, Inf. put a staff in the wheels, All Sl. queer, queer the works, screw up, crab, foul up, lose up, bollix or bollox, snafu, gum, gum up the works, put a crimp in.

4. thwart, frustrate, foil, checkmate, contravene; dam, prevent, bar, deter, obstruct, slow down; stymie, hobble, hamstring, clip the wings of, put out of action; delay, retard, drag, hold up, hinder, bog down, hogtie, tie up, tie the hands of, tie up with red tape; put aside, table, pigeonhole, shelve, Inf. put on ice; stand in the way of, disrupt, confound, Sl. flummox. Inf. stonewall; undermine, castigate, massacre, break, take the wind out of [s.o.'s] sails.

5. throttle, strangle, choke off; shut up shop, close shop, lock up, shut down, lock out, close down; strike, walk out; stalemate, deadlock.

6. drag or stretch out, hang fire, protract, prolong, extend, hang back, hang fire, stall, stall off, stall for time, Inf. drag one's feet, Sl. choke up.

**paramount**, adj. 1. dominant, predominant, superior, over, highest; supreme, preeminent, sovereign, governing, ruling, leading; top-rank, ranking, chief, principal, prime, foremost, primary, main; premier, first, top, topmost. Inf. number-one, Inf. numero uno, in the front rank; important, significant, cardinal, uppermost.

2. superlative, greatest, outstanding; unapproachable, inimitable, unparalleled, matchless, unmatched, peerless; unequalled, unrivaled, unexcelled, unsurpassed, incomparable, beyond compare; champion, prize, very best, of the first rank; sterling, splendid, Inf. splendidulous, Sl. super, Sl. terrific; best, optimum, model, superb, choice.

—n. 3. overlord, master, ruler, sovereign, monarch, crowned head, potentate; superior, commander, chief, top dog, Sl. head honcho, Sl. big cheese, Sl. top man on the totem pole.

**paramountcy**, n. 1. dominion, ascendency, predominance, control, power, sovereignty, suzerainty, hegemony; supremacy, primacy, preeminence, upper or whip hand, sway; control, rule, command, mastery, domination; reign, empery, lordship, mastership, leadership, authority, jurisdiction, power, Inf. say or say-so.

2. importance, significance, consequence, matter, value, account, concern, moment, weight, weightiness, substance; greatness, mark, notability, fame, renown, illustriousness, glory; superiority, eminence, note, distinction, prominence, rank, standing, prestige. Inf. top billing; reputation, repute, name, estimation, regard, Inf. first place.

3. matchlessness, peerlessness, unrivalledness, superlativeness, unsurpassability.

**paramour**, n. 1. mistress, fancy woman, inamorata; courtesan, concubine, kept woman, Sl. doxy, odalisque.
2. lover, fancy man, inamorato; gallant, suitor, amorist; infatuate, swain, spark, sparkler, wooer, courter, Romeo; ladies' man, playboy, Inf. wolf, Sl. sheik, Sl. stud; philanderer, Fr. bon ami, adulterer; Lothario, rake, libertine, Casanova, Don Juan; gigolo, It. ciccioso, escort, cavalier.

3. beloved, darling, honey, sweetheart, sweetie, lady-love, flame; girlfriend, boyfriend, young man, beau, admirer.

**paranoia**, n. 1. madness, insanity, psychosis, mental illness, mental disease, Psychiatry, dementia, psychopathy, derangement, lunacy; delusion, mania, monomania, obsession; persecution complex.

2. Informal. suspicion, mistrust, distrust; apprehension, uneasiness, apprehensiveness, Inf. butterflies, nervousness, queasiness; angst, fear and trembling, anguish, anxiety; fear, dread, fright, Inf. funk, fearfulness; terror, horror, panic, alarm, perturbation, trepidation; Sl. heebie-jeebies, the jitters, Sl. the willies, Sl. the creeps.

**paranoid**, adj. 1. mad, insane, lunatic, lunatical, crazy, crazed, demented, deranged; of unsound mind, Latin. non compos mentis, mentally ill; unbalanced, unhinged, distracted, possessed.

2. Informal. suspicious, mistrustful, distrustful; un-easy, apprehensive, nervous, anxious, worried, quesy, scared, fearful, frightened, afraid; terrified, horrified, panic-stricken, alarmed, perturbed.
parapet, n. fortification, breastwork, outwork, barricade; elevation, wall, fence, palisade, barricade, barrier; bastion, bulwark, rampart, redoubt, demilune, redan, ravelin; abutment, embankment, bank, buffer, buttress; defense, protection.

paraphernalia, n. 1. belongings, personal belongings, effects, personal effects, chattels, possessions, properties, Sl. stuff, Sl. junk; baggage, bag and baggage, kit, duffel, luggage, dunnage, impedimenta. 2. equipment, equipage, gear, apparatus, accouterments, appurtenances, appointments, furnishings, furniture; fixtures, fittings, habiliments, Inf. things; tools, instruments, contrivances, machinery; implements, appliances, utensils, conveniences; outfit, outfitting, turnout, rig; supplies, material, materials, material, merivel, wherewithal; caparison, trappings, tack, tackle, harness, rigging.

paraphrase, v. 1. reword, rephrase, restate, rehash; summarize, recapitulation, explanation, elucidation, gloss; indirect discourse, indirect quotation; translation, paraphrase, rendition, version, interpretation, reading. —v. 2. reword, rephrase, restate, rehash; summarize, recapitulate, explain, elucidate, gloss; translate, paraphrase, interpret, read.

parasite, n. 1. bloodsucker, Sl. bleeder, Biol. en-tozoon, cestode, louse, plant louse; barnacle, bur, appendage. 2. leech, Inf. sponge or spung, Sl. mooch or moocher, Inf. free-loader, hanger-on, Inf. panhandler; courtier, minion, follower, attendant, satellite; flunky, lackey, yes man, jackal, spaniel, bootlicker, bootlicker, footlicker, licksip, lickspittle; kowtow, Sl. oreo, cringer, groveler, sniveler; syco, toady, toadeteer, tuft-hunter, fawner, fawning flat-tler, truckler; flatterer, wheeler, purfer, backslapper, timeserver, Inf. apple-polisher, Sl. brown-nose, Sl. brown-nose, Sl. brownie, Obs. Rare. blander, Archaic. pickthawk.

parasitical, adj. 1. blood-sucking, sucking, draining, depleting, exhausting; absorbing, grasping, taking; leechlike, Sl. sponging, Sl. mooching, Inf. freeloading, Inf. panhandling, dependent. 2. sycophantic, sycophantish, toadying; flattering, truckling, wheedling, ingratiating, timeserving, Sl. bootlicking, Sl. footlicking, Inf. apple-polishing, Sl. brown-nosing, Obs. bandling; groveling, crawling, kowtowing, crouching, fawning, obsequious.

parasitism, n. 1. bloodsucking, dependency, dependence; Sl. sponging, Sl. mooching, Inf. freeloading, Inf. panhandling. 2. sycophancy, sycophantism, toadying, tuft-hunting, fawningness, flattery; truckling, Sl. falling all over, Inf. honeying, Inf. buttering, Inf. apple-polishing; All Sl. shining up to, playing up to, brown-nosing, buttering up; courting, paying court to, curry ing favor, dancing attendance upon, licking [s.o.’s] shoes, kissing [s.o.’s] feet, Sl. bootlicking; groveling, crawling, kowtowing, crouching.

parasol, n. sunshade, umbrella, beach umbrella, Fr. parapluie, Brit. Sl. brolly, Brit. Facetious. gamp, Inf. bumbleshoo.

parboil, v. precook, blanch, scald, simmer; cook, boil, roast, stew, steam.

dare, v. 1. package, bundle, bale, packet, pack, Sl. bundle, Australian Sl. swag; box, carton, case, container, receptacle, crate. 2. lot, division, plot, plat, tract, patch, cantle, corner. 3. batch, bunch, heap, pile, conglomerate; collection, assortment, group, assemblage, congeries, aggregation. 4. part, portion, piece, moiety; fragment, fraction, detail, section, segment, share, shred. —v. 5. meet, apportion, dose, allot; deal out, distribute, hand out, divide, Inf. divvy, share. 6. bag, bale, bundle; package, wrap, gift-wrap, envelope; tie up, do up, bind, tape.

parcelling, n. allotting, apportioning, meting, dosing; assorting, dividing, Inf. divvying; distributing, giving out.

parcel, n. 1. dry, sun-dry, sun, dry out, dry up; evaporate, dehydrate, exsiccate, desiccate; bear, wither, wilt, shrivel, shrink. 2. make dry, make hot, make thirsty. 3. heat or heat up, warm or warm up, roast, toast, brown, bake.

parched, adj. 1. dry, dried, sun-dried, dried up, dried out; evaporated, dehydrated, exsiccated, desiccated, Chem. anhydrous; bear, sere, withered, wilted, shriveled or shriveled up; heated or heated up, warmed or warmed up, roasted, toasted, browned, baked; burned, scorched, adust. 2. juiceless, sapless, undampened, unmoistened, thirsty, unwatered, waterless; arid, rainless, droughty; bare, barren, fruitless, sterile, unproductive.

parcelling, v. 1. drying, evaporating, dehydrating, exsiccating, desiccating; bearing, withering, wilting, shriveling. 2. hot, heating, warm, warming; roasting, toasting, baking.

parcement, n. 1. paper, papyrus, vellum, bond or bond paper, writing paper, stationery. 2. scroll, manuscript, palimpsest; legal document, instrument, title, deed, grant, contract; official or public document, charter, constitution. 3. diploma, graduation certificate, Inf. sheeppkin, degree, academic title.

pardon, n. 1. clemency, indulgence, indulgency, indulging, lenience, leniency, lenity; forbearance, tolerance, allowance, permissiveness; mercifulness, mercy, grace, humanity, compassion; condonation, condoning, overlooking, disregarding. 2. amnesty, reprieve, reprieving, remission, remitting; forgiveness, forgiving, excusal, excusing, pardoning, absolution, absolving, shrinking; acquittal, acquittance, acquitting, excution, excutional, clearance, clearing, exonerating, exonerating, vindication, vindicating. —v. 3. remit, reprieve, amnesty, respite; forgive, absolve, shrieve.

parcelling, v. release, free, set free, let go, liberate, emancipate, deliver; dismiss, let off, Inf. let off the hook, Inf. let out of, Law. discharge; acquit, exculpate, clear, clear one’s name, prove or declare innocent, uphold innocence, pronounce or declare not guilty, remove guilt, free from blame; exonerate, vindicate, right.

3. excuse, make allowances for, overlook, pass over, Inf. declare not guilty, remove guilt, or declare innocent, uphold innocence, pronounce or declare not guilty, remove guilt, free from blame; exonerate, vindicate, right.

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paradon, adj. 1. forgivable, excusable, solvable, redeemable, justifiable, warrantable, defensible, supportable. 2. venial, minor, unimportant, insignificant, inconsequential, trivial, trifling, nugatory; condonable, sanc tional, allowable, permissible; tolerable, bearable, endurable; unobjectionable, inoffensive, harmless.

3. unblamable, inculpable, irreproachable, unreproachable, unreprovable, unreprehensible; uncon demnable, uncensurable.

pare, v. 1. peel, skin, decorticate, excoriate, bark,
cut or strip the skin from; shell, husk, shuck.

2. prune, crop, top, cut back, reduce, cut down to size; trim, clip, shear, shave, mow, cut short, dock; cut off or away, clip, tear, retrench.

3. cut down, cut back, retrench, curtail, limit; reduce, diminish, decrease, cut, slash, lower, lessen.

parent, n. 1. genitor, father, Inf. old man, Brit. Inf. pater, paterfamilias; mother, Inf. old lady, Brit. Inf. mater, materfamilias; parents, Sl. fossils; (both of animals) dam, sire; foster parent, foster mother, foster father, guardian; stepfather, stepmother, stepfather; mother-in-law, father-in-law, in-law; godparent, godmother, godfather.

2. ancestor, antecedent, forefather, forbear, Archaic. sire, patriarch, matriarch; progenitor, progeny, genitor, Archiac. predecessor; procreator, beggetter.

3. cause, source, root, origin, fountainhead, main-genitor, sire, patriarch, matriarch; progenitor, primo-genitor, Archiac. precursor, predecessor, forerunner; prototype, model, exemplar.

4. precursor, predecessor, forerunner; prototype; model, exemplar.

5. protector, protectress, guardian, guardian angel, watchdog, defender, preserver.

—v. 6. foster, raise, bring up, rear; mother, care for, take care of, cherish, nurture, nourish.

parentage, n. ancestry, ancestral line, lineage, descent, birth, origin, derivation, extraction, filiation; family, dynasty, tribe, clan; race, strain, stock, breed, bloodline, pedigree, stem, branch, stirps; heredity, genealogy, family tree; heritage, patrimony, background, past, history, roots.

parental, adj. paternal, fatherly, fatherlike; maternal, motherly, motherlike.

parenthetical, adj. parenthetical, incidental, by-the-way; subordinate, secondary, inconsequential; extrinsic, extraneous, external, nonessential, unessential, inessential, adventitious; inserted, interposed, interjacent, intermediate, intermediary, intervening; explanatory, descriptive, justificatory, explicative; elucidative, commentarial, illustrative, expressive, qualifying, limiting.

pariah, n. 1. outcast, castaway, Ishmael, unperson, nonperson; exile, expatriate, political refugee; fugitive, runaway, outlaw; excommunicate, rejectee, leper, un-touchable.

2. wanderer, vagabond, rover, itinerant, nomad, of-the-road, tramp; beggar, panhandler, scavenger; derelict, degenerate, down-and-out, U.S. Inf. bum, U.S. Inf. stumblerum; Sl. scum, Sl. dregs.

paring, n. peel, peeling, skin, rind, bark, shell, husk; slice, sliver, shave, shaving, piece, bit; scrap, remnant, shred, snip, snippet, cutting; splinter, flake, scale, fragment, shard.

parish, n. 1. (all usu. ecclesiastical) district, vicarate, bishopric, precinct, prefecture, constituency, arrondissement, ward, province, borough, canton, quarter, region, territory, demesne, Brit. glebe.

2. parishioners, congregation, flock, fold, laity, laymen, brethren.

parity, n. 1. equality, coequity, equivalence, equipollence, equipollency, parallelism, evenness, levelness, (of rights) oneness; identity, par, oneness, same-ness, unity; symmetry, proportion, balance; homogeneity, monony, uniformity, consistency; equilibrium, equation; equal terms, quits.

2. correspondence, correspondency, agreement, accordance, concurrence, conformity, conformance, compatibility; consonance, consonancy, coherence, congruence, congruency, congruity; coincidence, connection; concert, harmony, union; similarity, similitude, analogy, likeness, resemblance, semblance; closeness, approximation, affinity; comparison, comparability, comparableness, analogousness.

park, n. 1. village green, green, greens, common, commons, square, greensward, quadrangle, quad, plaza; parkland, woodland, woods, forest, grove; grassland, field, meadow; grounds, lawn, yard; garden, pleasure garden, pleasance, formal garden.

2. British. reservation, reserve, preserve, sanctuary, Chiefly Brit. chase.


4. parking lot, car park, parking garage, car port, driveway, lot, parking space.

5. enclosure, stadium, ballpark, bowl, arena, coliseum.

—v. 6. (all usu. of cars, bicycles, etc.) pull over, pull up, pull in, garage, curb it.


parkway, n. 1. highway, main road, highroad, thoroughfare, public road, roadway; drive, avenue, boulevard, strip, Inf. drag; turnpike, pike, tollroad, state highway, U.S. Inf. interstate; freeway, Brit. clearway, expressway, causeway, throughway; speedway, (in Germany) autobahn, superhighway.

2. sidewalk, pedestrian way, footpath, promenade, esplanade, walkway.

parlance, n. 1. idiom, vernacular, tongue, dialect, speech, talk, language; phraseology, wording, manner or style of speech, diction, Linguistics. idiolect; patois, brogue, twang, accent; jargon, Inf. lingo, cant, argot; slang, street language, Obs. flash; colloquialism, provincialism, regionalism, localism.

2. discourse, discussion, parley. See parley (defs. 1, 2).

parley, n. 1. discussion, palaver, dialogue, inter-change, discourse, consultation, debate, deliberation, negotiation, Archiac. parle; conference, huddle, meeting, summit, colloquy, colloquium, forum, round table; convention, conclave, congress, caucus, session, council, parliament, assembly.

2. conversation, exchange, talk, word, tête-à-tête; chat, confabulation, Inf. confab, Sl. rap or rap session, Sl. bull session.

—v. 3. confer, hold a conference, palaver, consult together, deliberate, negotiate, Inf. powwow, Inf. put heads together, Inf. talk turkey; discuss, talk over, exchange views, compare notes, have a dialogue or inter-change; meet, convene, sit down together, Inf. huddle, Inf. go into a huddle.

4. converse, talk, have a word with, chat, confabulate, Inf. confab, Sl. jaw, Sl. rap, Sl. shoot the breeze or bull, Sl. schmooze, Archiac. chin.


3. meeting, convention, convocation, conclave, summit, caucus, session; colloquy, colloquium, forum, round table; conference, parley, palaver, consultation, huddle, Archiac. parle.
parliamentary, adj. 1. legislative, legislatorical, con- gressional, senatorial, Senate, House, synodical; law- making, law-giving, governmental.
2. democratic, representative, republican; orderly, by the rules, by the book, by Roberts Rules of Order.

parlor, n. 1. living room, sitting room, front room, drawing room, salon; lounge, smoking room, reading room, study, den; reception or visiting or visitors’ room or area, locutorium, waiting room, anteroom, antechamber, lobby, vestibule, foyer.
2. shop, store, establishment, business, place of business, office.

parochial, adj. 1. provincial, regional, microcultur- al, small-town, local; regionalistic, Sociol. ethnocen- tric, inf. limited, confined, constricted, illiberal, unphilathic, nonelectic; small-minded, little-minded, narrow-minded, mean-minded; short-sighted, myopic, near-sighted, wearing blinders or blinkers, not able to see beyond the end of one’s nose; deaf, unhearing, deaf to reason or new ideas; narrow, restricted, circumscribed, hidebound; intolerant, bigoted, prejudiced, biased, unable to walk in the other person’s shoes or moccasins, unsympathetic, unempathetic; opinionated, dogmatic, one-sided, partial, close-minded; stiff, rigid, set, set in one’s ways, stiff-necked, stiff-backed; petty, small, little.
2. unadorned, uncultivated, uncultured, gauche, backward, countryish; traditional, conventional, un- progressive, old-fashioned, backward-looking, strait- laced, Inf. grannysied; rooted, settled, unchanging, un- changeable, immovable, intractable, uncompromising; smug, complacent, self-righteous, sanctimonious; Inf. stick-in-the-mud, fogyish, conservative, opposed to change; Inf. stuffy, Sl. square, Sl. straight; uninter- esting, dull, vapid, Sl. no pizzazz.

parodist, n. satirist, ironist, lampooner, pasquinader, caricaturist, burlesquer, mocker; mimic, mime, pantomime, impersonator; comic, wit; writer, author, essay- ist, critic.

parody, n. take-off, spoof, Sl. put-on, Brit. send- up, amphigory; satire, lampoon, pasquinade, bur- lesque, caricature, exaggeration, mockery, travesty; imitation, apery, mimicry.

parole, n. 1. Penology. conditional release, proba- tion, trial period, furlough, leave, leave of absence.
2. word of honor, promise, solemn promise; pledge, vow, avowal, Archaic. plighted, oath, word; solemn word; assurance, undertaking, guarantee, warrant; gentle- man’s agreement, handshake; covenant, compact, agreement.

paroxysm, n. 1. fit, convulsion, Pathol. eclampsia, spasms, Pathol. tetanus, throe, qualm, Pathol. jacta- tion; attack, seizure, epilepsy, spell, stroke, Pathol. ic- tus, tantrum; tremor, shakes, quavering, twitching; cramp, charley horse, contraction, orgasm; outbreak, outburst, storm, explosion, eruption, upheaval, explosion, flare-up.
2. agitation, excitement, frenzy, furor, Pathol. phrenitis, Inf. dither, Inf. tizzy, Inf. stew, ferment; tempestuousness, turbulence, boisterousness, rage, fume, fury, Inf. connition, Inf. cat fit; violent emo- tion, emotional upheaval, pique, huff, dudgeon; rav- ing, hysterics, delirium, delirium tremens, Pathol. calenture, tarantism.

parquet, n. 1. inlaid flooring, patterned floor, tile floor, tesselated floor.
2. front seats, orchestra; (esp. in U.S.) theater seats, seating, audience.

parquetry, n. marquetry, mosaic work, tiling, tesse- lation, patterned inlay, floor inlay, checkering; orna- mentation, decoration.

parricide, n. patricide, father-killer, matricide, mo- ther-killer, kin-killer, fratricide, sororicide; regicide, assassinator; homicide, murderer, slayer, slayer, killer; traitor, criminal, sinner.

parrot, n. 1. cockatoomaney, lory, mackaw, parakeet, myna.
2. mimic, mimicker, imitator, copyist, Inf. copycat; ape, monkey, echo, mockingbird.

parry, v. 1. ward off, fend off, divert, deflect, turn aside; shield from, defend against, stave off, Archaic. forfend; repulse, repel, drive back, keep off, keep at a distance, hold off; aver, prevent, obviate, preload, forestall, debar, hinder, inhibit.
2. avoid, dodge, evade, elude; shun, stay clear of, get around, circumvent, sidestep, whiffle; fence, hedge, beat around the bush, qualify, prevaricate, quibble, equivocate, Inf. waffle, fudge, sidetrack; tergiversate, vacillate, blow hot and cold, shilly-shally.

parsimonious, adj. stingy, miserly, carking, skin- flinty, mean, tight, tight-fisted, closefisted, cheap, Sl. chintzy, moneygrubbing, grasping; niggardly, Rare. il- liberal, cheeseparing, penurious; scrimping, penny- pinching, grudging, begrudging, ungenerous, stingy; thrifty, frugal, sparing, chary; economical, prudent, saving, penny-wise.

parsimony, n. 1. miserliness, niggardliness, penu- riousness, meanness, churlishness, nearness; stinginess, tightness, tight- fistedness, closefistedness, cheapness, Sl. chintzinis; graspingness, avidity, avarice, avariciousness, greed, cupidity, rapacity, rapacious- ness, tenacity, covetousness; mercenary, vanity, usuriousness, usury, extortion, sordidness; selfishness, hard-heartedness, unyieldingness, misanthropy.
2. scrimpiness, shabbiness, grudgingness, begrudging- kness, skimpiness, ungenerousness, ungenerosity; thrift, thriftiness, frugality, spareness, chariness, econ- omy.

parson, n. 1. clergyman, cleric, clergy, ecclesiastical, churchman, reverend, cassock, man of God, man of the cloth, shepherd of souls, Brit. blackcoat; minister, divine, padre, priest, father, confessor; theologian, hierophant.
2. preacher, minister of the Gospel, sermonizer, sermonist, Obs. Rare. sermonner, All Us. Disparaging. pulpitiser, pulpitarian, gospel-monger.
3. dean, pastor, rector, vicar, canon, prebendary, chaplain, U.S. Mil. Sl. sky pilot, curate, curé, abbé.

2. English Eccles. Law. benefice, pastorate, episco- pate, bishopric, diocese, see, deanery, chaplaincy, curacy.

part, n. 1. portion, division, majority, proportion; department, compartment, branch, group, subgroup, species, family; piece, parcel, fragment, fraction, can- tle; section, sector, segment, subdivision, detail, de- tachment; constituent, component, ingredient, comple- ment; factor, element, part and parcel; appurte- nance, leaven, accoutrement.
2. particular, item, particle, bit, scrap, shred, crumb, morsel; snippet, cutting, wisp, rag, remnant, hank; slice, wedge, rasier, sliver, finger; hunk, lump, stump, butt, chunk; fraction, half, third, quarter, fifth, etc.
3. attribute, feature, mark, characteristic, trait; quali- ty, property, character, nature; grade, kind, tone, col- or; stamp, caliber, grain, aspect, type.
4. chapter, column, phrase, clause, subclause, sen- tence; stanza, verse, verselet, strophe; meter, measure,
partake, n. or 1. or share in, participate
par- v. share
5. member, limb, organ, appendage, arm, leg, ex-
graph, passage, article; serial, fascicle, number, issue, installment; book, volume, edition.
6. share, allotment, lot, apportionment, assignment;
dividend, commission, stock, stake, consignment, Sl. cut, Sl. rake-off, Sl. whack; dose, measure, quantum,
meed, contingent, modicum; quota, proportion, per-
centage; pittance, dole, deal, allowance, moiety, ra-
tion, budget, Sl. chunk, Sl. slice of the pie.
7. partis region, territory, area, place; zone, ground,
terrain, Sl. turf; quarter, district, ward, bailiwick, pre-
cinct; neighborhood, vicinity, purileus, environs,
confines, neck of the woods.
8. participation, say, responsibility; interest, con-
cern, care, regard, business, affair.
9. duty, function, line, office, capacity; realm, prov-
ence, sphere, scope.
10. character, person, role, cast, lead; cue, lines, side.
11. for the most part in the main, on the whole, by
and large, all in all; mostly, mainly, chiefly, princip-
ally; for all practical purposes, essentially, to all intents
and purposes.
12. in part in some measure, to some degree, to some
extent; partially, partly, comparatively, moderately,
tolerably, relatively.
13. on the part of on behalf of, in the name of, for
the sake of, for, by proxy for, acting for, under orders
from.
14. take part participate, engage in, play a part in,
be a party to, join in; partake, associate, have a
hand in; contribute, chip in, enter into, sit in on, have
a voice in, vote.
—v. 15. divide, break, cleave, split; dissect, anato-
mize, dismantle, take apart, break up; subdivide,
sectionalize, segment, fragment; divaricate, splay,
deploy, fan out, spread; diverge, deviate, radiate, fork,
bifurcate; ramify, branch out, swerve off.
16. keep apart, put apart, separate; dissolve, decom-
pose, disintegrate, disorganize; sunder, dissever, sever,
abscind; disconnect, disjoin, detach, dissociate;
disunite, divorce, isolate; segregate; cut apart, cut adrift,
hive off, split off.
17. come apart, break away, separate; loose, get
loose, disengage, unclinch, ungear, unmoor, unmoor,
cast off.
18. distribute, apportion, allot, allocate, divide,
deal, parcel; divide, Sl. divvy up, halve, carve up; ad-
minister, assign, dispense, mete, partition.
19. depart, part company, go separate ways, split
up, break up; quit, vacate, go away, go off; get up and go,
be gone, take leave, withdraw, retire, make an exit;
disband, disperse, scatter, dispel; break away, push
off, Sl. hit the road.
20. part with give up, relinquish, abandon, renounce;
forge, have done with, be rid of, forsake; surrender,
yield, cede, release; discard, get rid of, dismiss, lay
aside, throw away, jettison.
—adj. 21. half, partial, partly; bi-, semi-, hemi-
demi--; a bit, a little, a wee bit.
partake, v. 1. share or share in, participate or par-
ticipate in, have a part in, take part in, have a share in,
have a finger in the pie.
2. Usu. partake of share, break bread, take, receive.
partaker, n. participant, participant, communici-
ant; sharer, shareholder, partner, copartner, associ-
ate, colleague; joint owner, coparcener, joint leir,
joint heiress, coheiress, coheir; joint tenant, room-
mate, housemate.
partaking, n. sharing or sharing in, participating,
participation, communion; association, partnership,
copartnership; joint ownership, coparcenary, joint
heirship, coheirship; joint tenancy, joint occupancy.
parted, adj. 1. clef, cloven, rift, cut, riven; split,
rent, slit, divided.
2. separated, set apart, isolated, segregated; de-
tached, divorced, disjoined, disunited.
parterre, n. (all of a theater, opera house, etc.) par-
quett circle, parquet, orchestra pit, pit, main floor.
partial, adj. 1. fractional, segmental, segmentary,
segmentate; local, sectional, regional; a fraction of a,
half or a quarter of a, a part of a, a piece of a, a slice of a.
2. incomplete, fragmentary, fragmental, limited,
inexhaustive, not total, not entire, not absolute; incho-
ate, crude, rough, sketchy, scanty; deficient, lacking,
undeveloped, immature, unfinished, imperfect; inade-
quate, insufficient, slight, meager.
3. component, composing, constituent, constituting,
forming; elemental, factorial, integral, integrant.
4. biased, prejudiced, one-sided, partisan; influenced,
persuaded, affected, jaundiced, colored; unfair, in-
equitable, unjust, unbalanced, uneven, discriminatory.
5. partial to in favor of, fond of, taken with, at-
tracted to; care for, have a liking or taste for, like,
have an affinity for, have a weakness or soft spot for.
partiality, n. 1. favoritism, partialness, parsi-
anship, partisany, partisanship, one-sidedness, unilater-
alism, unilaterality; discrimination, inequality, unfair-
ness, unjustness, injustice.
2. bias, prejudice, predilection, prepossession, pre-
disposition or predisposal for; leaning or bent or in-
clination toward, proclivity or propensity or mind for;
disposition, temperament, humor, nature.
3. preference, favor, fancy, eye, taste, appreciation;
attraction, affinity, weakness, soft spot; liking, relish,
fondness, love, special feeling or spot, attachment.
partible, adj. divisible, dividable. Arch. dividu-
al; separable, spittable, scissile, discernible, portion-
able; reducible, capable of being broken down, Math.
factorable.
participant, n. 1. participant, partaker, commu-
nicant; member, part, sharer, shareholder, partner, co-
partner, associate, colleague; copartner, worker,
helper, contributor; joint owner, coparcener, joint
heir, coheir; joint heiress, coheiress; joint tenant,
roommate, housemate.
—adj. 2. participating, sharing, partaking.
participate, v. 1. Usu. participate in partake, par-
take in, share, share in, have a share in, have a part in,
be a part of; play a part in, have something to do with,
have a finger in the pie, have a say in.
2. take part in, join in, enter in or into, engage in;
contribute, Inf. pitch in, give or lend a hand, pull
an oar, help or help out; cooperate, do one's share or
part, pull one's weight, work; audit, sit in on.
participation, n. 1. participating, taking part, con-
tributing, cooperation, helping, help, cooperation, co-
operating.
2. sharing or sharing in, partaking, communion;
asociation, partnership, copartnership; joint ownership,
Law. coparcenary, joint heirship, coheirship; joint ten-
ancy, joint occupancy.
participant, n. participant, partaker, sharer. See
participant (def. 1).
particle, n. 1. bit, mote, Scot. hate or haet; mite,
spick, smidgen, Inf. smitch, iota, molecule, atom, jot,
parti-colored adj. variegated, varicolored, varied, shot; multicolored, multicolor, polychromatic, polychromic, of many colors or shades or hues, versicolor, kaleidoscopic; prismatic, prismatical, spectral, rainbowy, colorful, brilliant, pavonine; marble, marbly, marmoreal, marmorean, motley, streaked, striated, striped; piebald, pied, (esp. of horses) skewbald, dappled, brindled, spotted, mottled, speckled, flecked; checked, checkered, plaid, tartan.

particular adj. 1. specific, unique, sole, peculiar, individual; separate, distinct, discrete; exact, precise, explicit, definite, express; pointed, strict, absolute, unconditional.

2. noteworthy, notable, marked, special, unusual, remarkable; exceptional, especial, outstanding, momentous.

3. detailed, minute, circumstantial, fine, nice, thorough, searching; scientific, mathematical, severe, rigorous, rigid, strict, close.

4. fussy, finicky, particular, overparticular, finical, meticulous; picky, Inf. choosy, dainty, Inf. fuddy-duddy, Inf. pernickety; discriminating, highly selective, careful; fastidious, hard to please, critical, difficult; overcritical, hypercritical, overdemanding, over-exacting.

—n. 5. item, feature, particularity.

particularism n. partisanship; denominationalism, cultism; nationalism.

particularity n. 1. individuality, distinctness, separateness, difference, definiteness, distinction, originality, uniqueness.

2. carefulness, attention to details, criticalness; fastidiousness, fussiness, finickiness, finicalness, meticulousness; pickiness, Inf. choosiness, daintiness, Inf. persnickiness.

3. brand, trademark, hallmark, stamp, print, earmark; singularity, peculiarity, characteristic feature, trait; idiosyncrasy, quirk, mannerism.

particularize v. 1. individualize, make distinct, make unique, make original; separate, differentiate.

2. specify, spell out, delineate; relate, recount, narrate, set forth; describe, depict, portray, mention; cite, note, mark, point out, designate, indicate; detail, mention or list in detail, give full account, Sl. give or cite chapter and verse; tick off, count off, itemize, list, record, enumerate, tabulate.

3. treat in detail, dot one's i's and cross one's t's, be meticulous, be fastidious, be fussy, be critical; be finicky or finical.

particularly adv. 1. especially, specially, in particular; singularly, peculiarly, exceptionally, extraordinarily, strikingly, uncommonly, unusually, excessively, surprisingly.

2. specifically, individually, markedly, distinctly, uniquely, explicitly; mainly, principally, above all; only, solely.

3. in detail, minutely, critically, scrupulously, meticulously; fastidiously, finically, fussyly.

parting n. 1. division, schism, partition, separation, scission, cleavage; rift, divorce, split, severance, disunion, disjunction, disruption; disengagement, disassociation, disconnection; fissure, rupture, fracture, break; cutting, breaking, splitting, rending, sundering; separating, divorcing, disengaging, disconnecting.

2. departure, leave-taking, farewell, going, going away; leaving; saying good-by or God-speed, making one's adieu or farewells, valediction; slamming the door behind one, walking out, Inf. scampering, taking off; removal, release, withdrawal, retirement.

3. death, decease, demise, expiration, passing, passing away; end, cessation, termination, exit; going to sleep, going west, crossing the Great Divide; All Sl. kicking the bucket, croaking, conking out.

4. branching off, fork, crossroads, breach; divergence, deviation, detachment, bifurcation; juncture, crisis, crisis point.

—adj. 5. farewell, Inf. send-off, departing, valedictory.

6. dying, deathbed, last, final, ending, closing, finishing, concluding; sinking, dropping, crumbling, tottering, toppling; passing, failing, nodding, sleepy; waning, ebbing, fading, withering, flickering, spent.

partner n. 1. adherent, devotee, follower, supporter, upholder, backer; champion, rooter, booster, fan, enthusiast, well-wisher; disciple, votary, sectary, believer; party man, party faithful; sympathizer, ally, henchman, hanger-on, heelor.

—adj. 2. partial, one-sided, taking sides, ex parte; biased, bigoted, prejudiced, seeing only one side of the picture; narrow, limited, parochial, close-minded, narrow-minded; myopic, short-sighted, near-sighted, wearing blinders or blinkers, unable to see beyond the end of one's nose; restricted, circumscribed, constricted, confined; dogmatic, arbitrary, opinionated, (of politics) hewing to the party line; stiff-necked, stiff, rigid, unbending, dogged.

3. faithful, dedicated, supportive, devoted, sympathetic; true, true-blue, trusty, trusted, trustworthy.

partition n. 1. division, dividing, Inf. divvying up, subdivision, subdividing; apportionment, admeasurement, measuring off or out; allotment, allocation, assignment; meting out, portioning out, parceling out, dealing out, doling out, rationing out, Inf. dishing out; passing out, handing out, giving out, distribution, distributing, dispensation, dispensing.

2. separation, partitionment, segmentation; disconnection, detachment, disjunction, splitting, scissure; severance, partition, division, split, break, rupture.

3. separator, divider, room divider, screen; dividing wall, wall, barrier, fence; brattice, Civ. Eng. bulkhead.

4. part, division, subdivision, section, subsection; portion, area, sector, segment, piece, square; compartment, booth, stall, cell; pigeonhole, cubby, cubbyhole, niche, cranny, nook, recess, corner.


—v. 6. divide into parts, divide up, Inf. divvy up, subdivide, cut up, cut into equal shares, split or split up, separate, segment; apportion, admeasure, measure out or off; allot, allocate, assign; mete out, portion out, parcel out, deal out, dole out, ration out, Inf. dish out; pass out, hand out, give out, distribute, dispense.

partly adv. in part, partially, partway, somewhat, to some extent, to some degree, to or in some measure; after a fashion, in a way, comparatively, relatively, comparatively or relatively speaking; to a degree, to a point, up to a point or certain point, up to a limit, to a limited extent, within limits; not wholly, not entirely, not completely, incompletely, half, mostly.

partner n. 1. associate, consociate, colleague, co-worker, co-partner, co-aid, Sl. pard, U.S. Dial partner; counterpart, special or limited or general partner, silent or secret partner, Obs. coperate or copesmate, Biol. septic, Anat. mediastinum, diaphragm, membrane, Anat. diaphragm.
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Scot. and North Eng. marrow, Australian. cobber, yokelfellow or yokemate, helpmate, helpmeet, Obs. helpellow, right hand, right-hand man; ally, comrade, consort, confreere, sidekick, friend, Inf. pal, Inf. buddy, Chiefly Brit. mate.

1. accomplice, Law. accessory, Law. accessory before or after the fact, Law. principal, partner in crime, Sl. gun moll or moll, Law. particeps criminis, socius criminis; confederate, abettor, aider, collaborator, cooperator, contributor, cohort, conspirator, fellow conspirator, conspirer, conniver, participant, participator; helper, aide, attendant, acolyte, deputy, subsidiary, auxiliary, ancilla, second, henchman.

2. party-going, partying, dancing; cocktail, dance, ball, evening; special, good, dressy, fancy, frilly.

—adj. 7. partisan, coalitional, sectarian, factional, divisional, ex-partie, special interest, Both U.S. Gov't.

parvenu, n. 1. arrivée, arriviste, nouveau riche, newly rich, social climber, status seeker, snob; Sl. pig in clover, Inf. codfish aristocrat; upset, nobody, impostor, intruder, pretend, adventurer, Inf. would-be.

—adj. 2. nouveau riche, newly-rich, upright, risen from the ranks; common, plebeian, base-born, earthy, boorish, pretentious, precocious, presumptuous, Sl. cocky, obtrusive; bluffing, pretending, feigning; forward, brash, brazen, Sl. brassy, Sl. cheeky, audacious, arrogant, impudent, insolent, impertinent.

pass, v. 1. go by, move past, flow, roll, run, stream, course; glide, slide, sweep, drift; proceed, progress, advance, gain ground; move onward, work one's way, bend one's way; run along, tie, hasten, make haste, hurry along, jog along, rush, zip, fly, swoosh, whoosh.

2. disregard, overlook, pass over, omit; skip, miss, let go, let slip, waive; slight, snub, brush off, blink at; slur over, gloss over, skip over; ignore, not heed, pay no attention to, turn a deaf ear to, close one's eyes to, be blind to; put aside, push aside, forget, drop, shelf; Inf. pass the buck, shift, Inf. buck; avoid, evade, shun, elude, dodge.

3. traverse, go over, go across, cross, ford; cut across, get through, make it over; overpass, overleap, overjump.

4. quality, satisfy, succeed, graduate; accomplish, achieve, finish, reach, Sl. connect, Sl. click, Sl. make a hit; come through, get through, pass with flying colors, Sl. ace; Sl. hook, Inf. get by, pass by the skin of one's teeth, Sl. cut it, Sl. hack it; stand the test, meet the requirements, come up to scratch; hold up, stand up, endure, live through.

5. transcend, surmount, exceed, surpass, excel, go further, go one better; outgo, override, outstrip, overtake, take the lead; overrun, overstep, overshoot, overreach; outdistance, distance, get ahead of, get in front of, lap, over lap, leave in the lurch.

6. spend, occupy, employ, use, take up, fill; while, abide, beguile; squander, fritter away, dissipate, kill.

7. spread, circulate, disseminate, propagate, pass out; vent, air, promulgate, report, make known; tell; publicize, make public, broadcast; herald, blazon, trumpet, bru et, hawk; divulge, put forth, bring into the
open, bring to the public eye; advance, promote.

8. gain currency, be current, go about, circulate; get afloat, go down; be the rage, have a run, be on everybody's lips, be the talk of the town; go the rounds, go from mouth to mouth, spread like wildfire.

9. convey, transfer, transmit, consign, grant; deliver, render, put in the hands of, hand over, give over; forward, send, post; give, confer, present.

10. discharge, void, expel, eliminate, empty; eject, eject, emit, evacuate, defecate; excrete, stool, go to stool, ease oneself, move one's bowels, empty one's bowels.

11. sanction, accept, approve, ratify, legislate, adopt; legalize, legitimize, clear, validate; charter, license, let, power, warrant, authorize; decree, ordain, prescribe, enforce; enact, formulate, set up, institute, establish, constitute.

12. express, pronounce, offer, deliver, announce, announce, aver; impart, utter, declare, state, speak, make known, declare; voice, communicate, articulate, enunciate, enunciate, enounce.

13. depart, go away, leave, go out, exit; go forth, go off, be off, set out, set forth; withdraw, retire, recede, abscond, retreat; decamp, abandon, take off, *Jocular.* absquatulate.

14. die, perish, pass away, pass on, expire, succumb; come to an end, end, cease, terminate, go; be gone, be all over, come to naught, be all up with; run out, come to an end, close, run out, run its course; lapse, lapse; become void; dissolve, melt; sink, recede, ebb, *Inf.* peter out; vanish, disappear, fade away, die out, become extinct; evanescence, evaporate, go up in smoke.

15. lapse, pass away, flow, lapse, crawl, drag, linger; slip by, glide, flit, fleet, drift; endure, last, continue, go on.

16. interchange, exchange, alternate, reciprocate, change; go to and fro, go back and forth, come and go; trade, bandy, traffic, counterchange; dicker, swap, barter.

17. convert, change, alter, vary; transmute, transform, metamorphose, transfigure, metabolize; trans-substantiate, transmogrify, translate; become, turn, turn into.

18. go unheeded, go unnoticed, escape notice, not enter one's head; slip by, sneak by, get by, get around; go unchallenged, go unchallenged, go uncontested, let it pass, *Inf.* let it go, *Inf.* let one off, turn the other way.

19. come to pass occur, happen, take place, come off, go on; befall, betide, present itself, bechance; appear, arise, come up, issue, ensue, come about.

20. pass for be accepted as, be taken for, be mistaken for, be regarded as; act the part of, pretend to be, assume the air of, sail under false colors; serve as, go for, go as, answer for; impersonate, pose as, masquerade as, make like, act like, play.

21. pass out *Informal.* faint, lose consciousness, black out, swoon; *Inf.* keel over, drop, fall, go out.

22. pass up *Informal.* reject, dismiss, waive, refuse, forswear, decline; neglect, miss, ignore, let go; brush aside, spurn, put aside, discount; throw out, discard, turn out, brush off, *Inf.* check out; forget, give a miss, draw a bye, be out, not bid, fold.

—n. 23. road, way, path, trail, course; channel, passage, canal, conduit, passageway; corridor, hall, alley, lane; defile, tunnel, ingress, way through; neck, bottleneck, isthmus; ravine, gully, gulch, gully, crevasse, canyon, narrows; *Phys. Geog.* col, vale, valley, cwm, cirque.

24. permission, authorization, warrant, grant, fiat; license. authority, privilege, allowance, certification; approval, approbation, OK, blessing; release, waiver, liberty, freedom, leave, special permission; passport, visa, password, ticket, safe-conduct; green light, go-ahead, all clear, clearance, clean bill of health, *Rom. Cath.* Ch. nihil obstat, *Rom. Cath.* Ch. imprimatur; free hand, carte blanche, blank check.

25. free ticket, free admission, key, key to the city; permit, free pass, complimentary ticket, *Inf.* twofer; press card, courtesy card, *Sl.* Annie Oakley.


28. slight, slight of hand, prestidigitation, legerdemain; juggle, juggle, trick, trickery, illusion, magic.

29. thrust, lunge, *Archaic.* foin, stab, jab, cut and thrust, swipe, feint.


**passable. adj.** 1. traversable, crossable, penetrable, navigable, fordable; unblocked, unimpeded, unobstructed; open, free, clear.

2. respectable, tolerable, acceptable, adequate; satisfactory, all right, unexceptional; presentable, admissible, allowable, fairly good, *Inf.* not that good, not too good; fair, *Inf.* no great shakes, mediocre, middling, average, indifferent, so-so, *Inf.* nothing to write home or brag about; ordinary, common, commonplace, usual, moderate; inferior, second-rate, of sorts, paltry, scant, meager.

3. sound, valid, authentic, orthodox; current, prevailing, recognized.

**passably. adv.** fairly, moderately, tolerably, mildly; rather, somewhat, pretty much, appreciably; relatively, partly, partially, comparatively; to a certain degree or extent, to some degree, to a degree; in a way, in a manner of speaking, after a fashion; at best, at most, at any rate, at least, at worst.

**passage. n.** 1. portion, section, part, bit, article; selection, excerpt, extract, *pl.* anectades; paragraph, verse, line, sentence, clause, quotation, citation; chapter, column; fascicle, installment, serial, number.

2. phrase, measure, strain, bar; verse, stanza, division; refrain, response, chorus; ornament, cadence, flourish; theme, melody, air, coda.

3. passing, transition, transit, traverse, crossing; movement, motion, growth, going, transportation; conversion, change, becoming, turning into; switch, shift, changeover; assimilation, assumption, naturalization, acclimatization; migration, transmigration, emigration, immigration, deportation.

4. permission, allowance, vouchsafe, authorization; right, privilege, authority, grant, warrant, license; passport, ticket, visa, safe-conduct; freedom, liberty, unconstraint, leave; entry, access, entrance, admission.

5. route, course, set, career; trail, path, track, road; channel, canal, conduit, duct, artery, capillary; ditch, furrow, trough, trench, gutter, anfractuosity, *Mining.* adit; defile, tunnel, channel, ingress, way through; ravine, pass, gully, gulch, crevasse, canyon, narrows; *Phys. Geog.* col, vale, valley, cwm, cirque; neck, bot-
passageway

6. hall, corridor, alleyway, alley. See passageway.

7. opening, aperture, hole, orifice; vent, porthole, mouth, spiral, blowhole; eyete, eye of a needle, pore; entrance, entry, entrar, access, approach; inlet, ingress, intake, way in. Inf. in; exit, outlet, egress, way out. Inf. out, gangplank.

8. voyage, trip, journey; crossing, cruise, sail, steam, run.

9. lapse, passing, expiration; flow, course, current, stream; drift, career, sweep, flux, tide, flight; progress, progression, march, step, advance; continuity, continuance, extension; period, space, stage, spell, duration.

10. enactment, ratification, legislation, establishment, constitutionalization; legalization, validation, legitimation; sanction, approval, approbation, acceptance, ascription, endorsement; ordainment, fixing, prescription.

11. interchange, exchange, give and take, intercourse, interplay, reciprocity; transaction, trading, traffic, trafficking, commerce; correspondence, communication, connection, liaison, union, congress; discussion, negotiation, interlocution, dialogue, colloquy, Sl. rapping.

12. transmission, transfer, transmittal, transferece, Pathol. metastasis; transposition, transposai, transposition; assemblage, agglomeration, conglomeration; quantity, heap, mass, mess; array, assortment, speculation.

passage

1. out-of-date, outmoded, antiquated; aged, ancient, old, elderly, archaic, fossil, antique; used, fallen into disuse, shelved, on the shelf, stale, past its prime, out of style; superseded, out of use, disused, fallen into disuse, shelved, on the shelf, stale, gone to seed, discarded; rejected, discredited, forgotten; bygone, past, Archaic. olden; old-fashioned, old hat, old-time, old-fogey; unmodem, of the old school, old-world, horse-and-buggy.

2. aged, ancient, old, elderly, archaic, fossil, antique; old as the hills, over the hill, timeworn, moss-grown; venerable, gray, hoary, patriarchal, retired.

pass because, adjoin, succeed, follow, succeed, succeed, succeed, succeed.

3. desire, hunger, thirst, appetite, or-appetence, craving; lust, aphrodisia, carnal or sexual passion, coveting, concupiscence, estrous or eustorous, rut, goatishness, horniness, Sl. hot pants; flaming desire, frenzy of desire, desideration; urge, irresistible urge, drive, itch, ache, pang; arousal, distress, impatience, passion, longing, Inf. yen, Inf. hungering;

passenger

1. rider, fare; equestrian, horseman; train patron, airplane passenger; sailor, boatman; hitch-hiker.

2. wayfarer, journeyer, voyager, trekker; tourist, sightseer, commuter, cruiser, traveler, globetrotter, jet-setter. Inf. bird of passage, world traveler; walker, hiker, wanderer, explorer, roamer, rover; peripatetic, itinerant, nomad, drifter, Inf. bum, vagabond.

pass by

1. bystander, witness, spectator, passer; pedestrian, passing motorist, onlooker, watcher; dispassionate person, uninvolved bystander; good Samaritan.

passing

1. elapsing, lapsing, expiring, departing, dying; dwindling, disappearing, fading, evaporating, fading away; slipping away, flitting, streaming, gliding by, going by, running its course, becoming a thing of the past, running out; proceeding, progressing, ongoing, mobile; sliding, slipping, Inf. slipping away.

2. transient, fleeting, transitory, caducous, fugacious; not lasting, mortal, vanishing, transitional, transitory, short-lived, perishable, here today and gone tomorrow; momentary, impermanent, ephemeral, temporary, nonpermanent, meteoric, cometary, flashing, flash-in-the-pan; flickering, unstable, precarious, fragile, unsubstantial; changeable, ever-changing, capricious, fickle, impulsive, impetuous, fly-by-night, wayward, vagrant; provisional, intermediate, short-term, short-termed; moving, shifting, inconstant, fugitive.

3. ephemeral, hasty, superficial, shallow, slight, surface; casual, off-hand, extemporaneous, extempore; brief, quick, glancing, short; fleet, speedy, breezy, brisk, sudden, rapid, swift; abrupt, brusque, summary, impatient, unthinking.

4. qualifying, admissible, worthy; acceptable, satisfactory, sufficient, sufficing, adequate, commensurate; unobjectionable, tolerable, average, par, Inf. par for the course, Inf. OK or okay, Inf. all right or alright; bordering, just over the line, safe, marginal, fair, fair to middling, middling, undistinguished.

—n. 5. going by, disappearance, disappearing, vanishing, dissipation, dissipating, dissolving, evaporation, eclipse, end; passing away, dying, death, demise, expiration, parting, cessation, exit. See parting (def. 3).

6. passage, adoption, yes vote, acceptance; promotion, selection, election; preferment, appointment.

7. in passing by the way, incidentally, parenthetical, Fr. en passant, by the by.

passion

1. rage, blind rage, fit, fit of anger or temper, paroxysm, convulsion, spasm, seizure; storm, eruption, explosion, outburst, rampage, tornado, whirlwind, tempest, towering rage, frenzy, blaze, blaze of temper or anger, Inf. conflagration or conflagration fit, Inf. dither, Inf. tizzy, Inf. tantrum or temper tantrum, Inf. huff, Sl. swivet, Inf. lather; pother, furor, ferment, bluster, dudgeon, high dudgeon, pique, pet; anger, wrath, fury, hot blood, hot temper, fire, wrathfulness, vehemence, agitation, Inf. strew; fierceness, temper, spleen, bile, choler, ire, irefulness; resentment, seething, indignation, Inf. dander.

2. ardor, zeal, fervor, frenzy, excitement, enthusiasm; strong feeling, intensity, tentativeness, fervidness, spirit, vitality; exhilaration, eagerness, earnestness, avidity, zest, zestfulness, vivacity, animation, zest, gusto, flair, rush, rush or surge of emotion, impetuousness, abandon, vehemence, overzealousness, overeagerness, overenthusiasm, fanaticism, zealotry; excitation, explosiveness, tempestuousness, passionateness, impassionedness; theatricality, sensationalism, emotionalism, emotiveness.

3. desire, hunger, thirst, appetite, or-appetence, craving; lust, aphrodisia, carnal or sexual passion, coveting, concupiscence, estrous or eustorous, rut, goatishness, horniness, Sl. hot pants; flaming desire, frenzy of desire, desideration; urge, irresistible urge, drive, itch, ache, pang; arousal, distress, impatience, passion, longing, Inf. yen, Inf. hungering, ardor, amorousness, ecstasy, ravishment, transport, rapture, delirium, intoxication; palpitation, throb, throbbing, quiver, shiver, tremor; warmth of feeling, warmth, flush, thrill.

4. love, strong affection, predilection, partiality, Inf. infatuation or infatuation; passion, Inf. enthusiasm, keen interest, seriousness, application, preoccupation, fascination, dedication, compulsion; idolatry, idolization, Inf. hero worship, adoration; involvement, immersion, rapt attention, a bend the knee; lust for learning, thirst for knowledge; prepossession.

5. loved one, beloved, object of one's affections; idol, hero, favorite, Inf. heartthrob, Inf. dreamgirl or
dreamboy, Inf. dreamboat; heart's desire, dearest wish, fondest dream or hope, craze, obsession, mania; interest, intense curiosity, matter of interest, Inf. hobby-horse; fancy, desideratum; aspiration, ambition; magnet, temptation, object of passion, fixation, Psychoanal. cathexis, Psychoanal. hypercathexis; ruling passion, fixed idea, Fr. idée fixe, possession.

**passionate** adj. 1. impasioned, impassionate, ardant, vehement, zealous; overzealous, overeager, overanxious, Inf. gung-ho; fervent, fervid, per servid; earnest, eager, animated, enthusiastic, enthused, Inf. psyched or psyched up; excited, sparkling, glowing; lively, alive, full of life, vivacious, Inf. bright-eyed and bushy-tailed; enlivened, inspired, inspired, invigorated, energized, energetic, vivified, vitalized; vigorous, forceful, dynamic, high-powered.

2. heated, white-hot, inflamed, flaming, flared up, flaring; irate, wrathful, wroth, incensed, very angry; enraged, raging, fuming, infuriated, infuriate, furious; overwrought, distraught, upset, feverish, hysterical, not rational; violent, unrestrained, uncontrollable; ranting, raving, foaming at the mouth, rabid, fanatical, frenzied; frantic, crazed, Pathol. delirious, mad, Inf. wild.

3. intense, acute, strong, fierce, severe; grievous, distressing, poignant, harrowing, affective; grave, critical, serious; profound, deep, intensified, consuming.

4. sexually stimulated, aroused, burning, blazing, Inf. hot, Inf. turned on; inflamed, infatuated, lusty after, Sl. hot for, Sl. latching after, mad about, Inf. wild about; desirous, intense, amorous, sensual, sexual, erotic.

5. testy, choleric, touchy, huffy, peppy; irritable, cross, snappish, petulant, peevish; splenetic, spleenful, bilious, cranky; irascible, quick-tempered, short-tempered, Inf. short-fused; quarrelsome, contentious, belligerent, pugnacious, bellicose; volatile, volcanic, explosive, hot-tempered, hot-headed; fiery, inflammable, kindsled, enkindled; excitable, temperamental, emotional, emotive, high-strung; head-strong, stubborn, impatient, impetuous, impulsive, hasty; agitated, nervous, tense, fretful; unquiet, disturbed, shaken, perturbed, worked up; stirred up, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent, tumultuous.

**passionless** adj. 1. cold, unemotional, rigid, frozen, icy, cold-hearted; emotionless, emotionally dead or numb, unresponsive, unconscious, unloving, immovable, untouched; undesirous, desireless, inappropriate, unenthusiastic, unfeeling, cold as nails; indifferent, unconcerned, uncaring, oblivious, unimpressed, unemotional, apathetic.

2. cold-blooded, hard, callous, calloused, insensitive, thick-skinned, hard-hearted, hardened, impervious, steel-eyed, cold, mean, sordid, dispassionate, impassive, stolid, bovine, hopeless, numb, benumbed, stupefied, Inf. dull as dishwater, Sl. blah; sophisticated, jaded, blasé, insouciant, nonchalant, unanxious, pockocurante, lackadaisical.

3. inexorable, imperturbable, equanimous, self-possessed, self-controlled, self-restrained, restrained, controlled, in control; stable, untroubled, collected, cool-headed, poised, Inf. cool as a cucumber; Inf. calm, cool, and collected; Inf. unflappable, nerveless; unru ffled, even-tempered, calm, composed, placid, tranquil, serene, sedate, staid, sober, sober-minded, stoic, steadfast, philosophic; at peace, at peace with oneself, at peace with the world, resigned.

4. detached, unprejudiced, unopinionated, undogmatic, open-minded, reasonable; impartial, impersonal, disinterested, unbiased, neutral, uncommitted, uncommitted, uninvolved, uninvolved, neither hot nor cold, unpartisan.

**passive** adj. 1. unresponsive, undemonstrative, unemotional, dispassionate, stoic, philosophical, philosophical; impassive, unmove, stolid, bovine; imperturbable, unprovokable, unperturbed, unagitated, unaffected, untouched, cool.

2. nonparticipating, uninvolved, uninterested, indifferent, unconcerned, apathetic, neutral; lazy, indolent, otiose, drowsy, parasitic, fast asleep; languid, languorous, listless, feeble, weak, faint; sluggish, lymphatic, phlegmatic, torpid, torporous, comatose; lethargic, hebetudinous, heavy, leaden, dull.

3. inactive, lifeless, restless, insipid, bland; quiet, still, idle, recumbent, supine, inert; quiescent, peace-ful, pacific, calm, tranquil, serene, placid, reposeful, restful; motionless, unmoving, static, suspended, abeyant, stagnating, stagnant.

4. nonresisting, nonresistant, unresisting, unopposing, submissive; yielding, acquiescent, compliant, pliant; obedient, docile, tractable, conformable, bidable; malleable, pliable, influenceable, flexible, irresistible; unassertive, unasserting, obliging, agreeable, amenable, compliant; subdued, meek, humble, lamblike, gentle, tame; deferential, servile, obsequious, toadyish.

5. tolerant, tolerating, forbearing, patient; accepting, receptive, resigned; long-suffering, enduring, endurant.

6. dormant, latent, dormant, sleeping; unexpressed, undisclosed, unrevealed, unmanifested, implicit; potential, unrealized; internal, interior.

**passiveness, passivity**, n. 1. unresponsiveness, undemonstrativeness, passivity, stoicism, philosophic nature; impassiveness, impassivity, stolidity, stolidness, bovinitude; imperturbability, unprovokability; cool, coolness, composure.

2. inactivity, nonparticipation, indifference, apathy; unconcern, uninterestedness, disinterest, dispassionateness, objectivity, neutrality; inaction, nonintervention, noninterference, laissez-faire.

3. nonresistance, acceptance, submission; yielding, acquiescence, compliance, resignation, resignedness; tolerance, toleration, forbearance, patience; endurance, sufferance, long-suffering, longanimity.

4. submissiveness, docility, unassertiveness, meekness, humbleness, humility, gentleness, tameness; deference, servility, servility, obsequiousness, toadyism.

5. obedience, tractability, tractableness, confor-mability, conformableness, biddability, biddableness; mealleableness, pliableness, pliability, pliability, flexibility; obligingness, agreeability, agreeableness, amenability, amenability, complaisance.

6. languor, lassitude, listlessness, feebleness, weakness, faintness, laziness, indolence, idleness, otiose-ness, otiosity, supineness; sluggishness, phlegm, lethargy, hebetude, heaviness, dullness, torpor, inertia.
passport, travel authorization, travel permit, n.

1. Fr. mot de passe, word of identification; key to the city, Inf. the secret word, key to the city, Inf. the run of Inf. me, Inf. blank check. 4. access, admission, admittance, permission to enter, right of entry, entry, entrée, Fr. carte d'entrée; go-

4. unsubstantial, nonsubstantial, insubstan-
tial, unsolid, hollow; flimsy, thin, fragile, frail, weak, jelly-bitted, jerry, unsound, infirm, unstable, break-
able, frangible; shaky, unreliable, precarious, hazard-
ous, not to be depended or relied upon.

5. trumped-up, made-up, make-believe, faked, feigned, unreal, brummagem, tinsel; mock, pseudo, sham, fake, imitation, false, synthetic, counterfeit, unreal, bogus; deceptive, misleading, paste, spurious, unguineine, Inf. phony; bastardly, supposititious.

pasta, n. noodles, macaroni, elbow macaroni, spaghetti, spaghettini, fettucini, fusilli, vermicelli, taglia-
rini, gnocchi; shells, conchiglie, ravioili, tortellini; tubes, ziti, manicotti, cannelloni, rigatoni, rigatoni. cal-
zon, linguini, lasagna; pasta, alphabets, macaroni wheels, rotelle, farfalle, ditali, cappelletti, little hats.

pasta, n. 1. adhesive, adherent, binding, binder; cement, gum, library paste, lime, luting, lute, mastic, mucilage, putty, rubber cement, glue, plaster, adhesive plaster, Sl. stickum, Sl. gunk; parget, plaster of Paris. 2. compound, blend, concoction, combination, ma-
ga; emulsion, emulsoid, colloid.

3. dough, batter, fritter or pancake batter, Cookery. sponge; sourdough, starter, biscuit dough, beancurd, curd, pastry. 4. pâté, spread, Inf. dip, Inf. dunk; pâte; gruel, porridge, pabulum, pap, Dial. loblolly; gluten, starch paste, corn starch paste, soda paste, Trademark. Play-doh, Trademark. Silly Putty.

5. pulp, mush, mash, poultice, Med. cataplasm, plaster, pastille, pith, paper pulp, wood pulp, white lead; sticky mess, sludge, slime, clay. Inf. mishmash, Inf. sticky pie. Inf. soupsey mess, All Sl. yuck, ick, ook, goop, goo, gloop.

6. (all of jewelry) fake, sham, imitation, counterfeit, simulation, Sl. phony, Inf. junk.

7. stick, affix, attach, secure, cement, set, make fast, stick on, glue, gum; stick together, bind, join, bond, unite, paste together, fix together, mend, piece together, knit.

8. spread, spread on or over, coat, cover, plaster, parget; smear, smear on, besmear, dab, daub, bedaub, slather.


pastingboard, n. 1. cardboard, strawboard, paper-
board, pulpboard, Bookbinding. millboard, binder's board.

Slang. card, calling card, visiting card; (plural) playing cards, pack, deck, Inf. fifty-two.


—adj. 4. unsubstantial, nonsubstantial, insubstantial, unsubstantial, hollow; flimsy, thin, fragile, frail, weak, jelly-bitted, jerry, unsound, infirm, unstable, break-
able, frangible; shaky, unreliable, precarious, hazar-
dous, not to be depended or relied upon.

pastel, n. 1. shade, tint, hint, tinge, suggestion, tincture, Literary. tint; softness, soft color, subtle color, tone, cast.

2. sketch, drawing.

3. crayon, chalk, pastille, drawing pencil.

4. probe study, sketch, vignette, light piece.

—adj. 5. shaded, soft, pale, faint, subdued, delicate; soft-colored, soft-hued, softened, muted.

pastiche, n. (all of a literary, musical or artistic piece) melange, medley, pasticchio, mosaic, collage, patchwork; potpourri, olla-podrida, combination, Inf. combo; mixture; blend, intermixture, admixture, com-

4. earshot or call, within a stone's throw, Inf. in spitting distance or range, at one's side, within one's reach or grasp; farther, further.

—prep. 6. after, later than, subsequent to, beyond, over; in excess of, over and beyond, above and be-
yond.

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cellanea, omnium-gatherum, manegaire, motley, mishwash, hodgepodge, Brit. hotchpotch, gallimaufry, farrow, jumble, scramble, tangle.

pastille, n. 1. lozenge, tablet, pill, Pharm. troche, jujube, drop, cough drop, Pharm., Vet. Med. bolus; hard candi, candy, confection, bonbon, sugarplum, sweetmeat, comfit.

2. deodorizer, room deodorizer or deodorant, air freshener, Trademark. Airwick Solid.

pastime, n. diversion, recreation, relaxation, diversissement, entertainment, distraction; amusement, fun, play, sport, game; hobby, avocation, sideline, side interest; Inf. cup of tea, Sl. thing, Sl. bag.

pastoral, adj. 1. bucolic, simple, idyllic, pastoral, Edenic; serene, tranquil, halcyon, quiet, restful, peaceful, placid, pacific, ize; modest, uncomplicated, uncomplex, unsophisticated, innocent, untainted, unblemished; sweet, lovely, gentle, harmonious; quiet, slow, untroubled, easy, lazy, carefree; charming, gracious, happy.

2. rural, country, countrified, rustic, Arcadian; outdoorsy, back-country, provincial; common, humble, lowly; rustic, peasantries, agrarian, agricultural.

3. ministerial, clerical, churchly, ecclesiastical.

—n. 4. idyll, eclogue, bucolic, georgic; Music. pastorale; pastoral poem, pastoral painting.

pastor, n. rector, vicar, shepherd, (in France) curé; abbott, prior, abbe; chaplain; minister, priest, reverend, father, parson, divine, Dial. dominie; ecclesiastic, churchman, clergyman, cleric.

pastorate, n. pastorate, rectorship, vicarship, canonicship, deanship, presbytery, deaconry, chaplaincy, abbacy, prelacy; pastorate, vicarage, parish, church, flock; episcopate, bishopric, canonry, presbytery; see, see; over, superintend, supervision, superintendence, surveillance, oversight, concern, regardful.

—v. 5. copyright, trademark; register, certify; originate, create, invent, discover.

—adj. 3. patented, copyrighted, copyright, trademarked, with all rights reserved; licensed, franchised, franchised.

patent, n. 1. copyright, right, certificate of invention, Law. letters patent; trademark, registered trademark, trade name; license, permit, grant, charter, franchise.

2. invention, creation, brainchild; work, production, contrivance; process, procedure, method.

—adj. 2. lineage, line, bloodline, descent, parentage, patriarchy, paterfamilias, kind, kindly, kindhearted; kind, kindly, kindhearted; fond, loving, devoted; indulgent, solicitous; concerned, regardful.

—n. 2. patrilineal, patrimonial; patrilateral.

2. lineage, line, bloodline, descent, parentage, patriarcial, patriarchic, paternalist, kind, kindly, kindhearted; fond, loving, devoted; indulgent, solicitous; concerned, regardful.
lineage; blood, strain, stock, extraction.

3. origin, origination, creation, production; authorship, composition, inditement; formation, fabrication, fashioning, forming, shaping, molding.

path, n. 1. footpath, Brit. footway, towpath, bike path, bikeway; pathway, trail, track; walk, walkway, sidewalk; median, centerstrip, mall, island; passage, passageway, alley, by-path, byway, crosscut, short cut; by-road, by-street, side road or street; lane, road, roadway, pavement; street, avenue, strip, boulevard; route, highway, turnpike; entrance, runway, ramp, access, approach, adit, inlet, ingress.

2. route, course, run, track; circuit, circle, sphere; orbit, trajectory, revolution, turn, loop; cycle, compass, lap, round, beat, ambit.

3. course, procedure, process, method, manner, mode, form, fashion, system; approach, way, means, channel, avenue; plan, project, scheme, strategy, stratagem, design, arrangement; idea, conception, device, contrivance.

4. cross one's path encounter, come upon or on, run into, come across, meet unexpectedly.

pathetic, adj. 1. pitiable, pitiful, piteous, to be pitied, wretched; sad, doleful, dolorous, dolorific, sorrowful, mournful, grievous, plaintive; lamentable, regrettable, deplorable, rueful, woebeogone.

2. touching, moving, affecting, affective, affecional, melting, heartrending, heart-moving, heart-breaking; tender, poignant, emotional, emotive.

3. paltry, puny, petty, piddling, poky, picayune, beggarly, Inf. measly, Sl. crummy, Sl. lousy, Sl. rotten; slight, skimpy, scrimp, meager; (all to an extreme degree) insufficient, inadequate, unsatisfactory, dissatisfactory, unsatisfying, ungratifying.

pathfinder, n. trailblazer, trailbreaker, explorer; paver of the way; scout, guide, point; pioneer, frontiersman; forerunner, precursor, front or lead runner.

pathless, adj. trackless, wayless, untracked, unpathed, unexplored, uncharted, unpenetrated, untrodden, unopened; closed, impassable, impenetrable, inaccessible, impervious, imperviable, impermeable; dense, overgrown; closed, impassable, impenetrable, inaccessible, impervious, imperviable, impermeable; dense, overgrown, jungled, jungly; waste, wild.

pathological, adj. morbid, diseased, bad, infected, contaminated; mortified, gangrened, gangrenous, sphychedale; poisoned, septic.

pathology, n. 1. pathobiology; diagnostics, pathognomy, symptomatology, Pathol. etiology; nosology, nososcopy, nosogeography.

2. pathogenesis, nosogenesis.

pathos, n. pity, commiseration, condolence; sympathy, sympathetic response, fellow feeling, feeling, responsiveness; care, concern.

patience, n. 1. composure, containment, aplomb, sang-froid, poise, self-possession; self-control, self-command, equanimity, equilibrium, disparion, Inf. coolness, placidity, quiescence, quiet, recollection, calmness, calmness, peace; tranquility, serenity, imperturbability, inaccessibility, unflappiness, even-temperedness, even temper.

2. forbearance, tolerance, toleration, endurance, sufferance, restraint; leniency, brooking, bearing with [s.o.]; long-stoicking, stoicism, resignation; docility, tractability, pliancy, amenability; agreeableness, acquiescence, willingness to go along.

3. stamina, indefatigability, perseverance, singleness of purpose; persistence, staying power, tenacity, Inf. stick-to-it-iveness; assiduity, assiduousness, diligence, constancy.

patient, n. 1. sick or ill person, infirm person, hospital case, case; asylum inmate, convalescent, outpatient, shut-in, valetudinarian; sufferer, victim, disease victim, accident victim, surgical case.

—adj. 2. uncomplaining, long-suffering, enduring, un murmuring, stoical; resigned, passive, accepting, unresistant; amenable, compliant, complying, cooperative, accommodating, agreeable; forbearing, forgiving, tolerant, clement; willing, disposed, assenting; acquiescent, capitulating, submissive, yielding, lamblike.

3. calm, quiet, reposeful, serene, unruffled, unexicted, unexcitable, imperturbable, unflappable; philosophical, tranquil, placid, peaceful, pacific; poised, balanced, steady; self-controlled, self-possessed, composed, collected, contained, Inf. together; nonchalance, at ease, dispassionate, Inf. cool; even-tempered, easy-going, relaxed, easy to get along with.

4. assiduous, sedulous, persistent, pertinacious; hardy, indefatigable, indomitable; persevering, plodding, tenacious, unremitting, Inf. stick-to-it-ive; resolute, resolved, inexorable, uncompromising; plucky, Inf. spunky, Sl. gutsy; unflinching, staunch, steadfast, unshakeable; unswerving, undeviating, unleathering, firm, fixed; unwearyed, untiring, unflagging.

patio, n. terrace, brick or flagstone terrace, porch, piazza; yard, compound, court, courtyard, quadrangle, Inf. quad; Archit. peristyle, Archit. cloister.

patois, n. 1. regional or provincial speech, vernacular, vulgar tongue, peasant dialect, native or mother tongue; idiom, parlando, dialect, Inf. lingo, colloquial speech.

2. trade language, lingua franca, peddler's French, St. Giles Greek, pidgin, pidgin English.

3. jargon, cant, argot; educationese, computerese, academese, legalse, juralex, medicalse, newsperease; shop talk, newspaper, offi celease, bureaucratease, Washingtonese; gobbledygook, patter, mumbo jumbo, gibberish, gibber; nonsense, humbug, flummery, Sl. bunk, rubbish, tommyrot, Inf. rot, Sl. gar blage, Sl. horsefeathers; baldardash, hogwash, stuff and nonsense, Inf. bosh.

patriarch, n. 1. antediluvian patriarch, early Biblical leader, leader of the early Israelites; Gk. Orthodox and Eastern Churches. ecumenical patriarch or arch bishop; Rom. Cath. Ch. Pope or Pontiff; Mormon Ch. highest dignitary or Evangelist; hierarch, prelate, rever end; chief, high or chief, chief, inf. senior, upper.

2. elder, senior, old man, wise man, dean, statesman, councilman, master, advisor, generarch; chief leader, pillar of the community, Inf. plunkowner; veteran, retired statesman, graybeard, emeritus, grand old man; teacher, mentor, prototype; senior citizen, sexagenarian, septuagenarian, octogenarian, nonagenarian, centenarian.

3. progenitor, primogenitor, Archiac. predecessor, inf. precursor; founder, source, forerunner; ancestor, forefather, forebear; pater fam ilias, Archiac. sire, progen cretor, begetator, originator, generator, ini tor, prime mover, architect, fram er, designer.

patrician, n. 1. aristocrat, nobleman, noble, silk-stocking, Inf. blue blood, gentleman; peer, lord, duke, marquis, earl, viscount, baron; grandee, magnifico, don, hidalgo, Fr. Hist. chevalier.

—adj. 2. aristocratic, blue-blooded, silk-stocking, noble, genteel, genteel, wellborn, highborn; royal, prince ly, kingly, titled.

3. elegant, stately, grand, majestic, queenly; grace ful, Scot. genty, thoroughbred, fine, delicate, exquisite; well-bred, polite, civil, mannerly, well-mannered, courteous; decorous, formal, proper, Fr. comme il faut, fitting, becoming, seemly; gracious, ladylike, ladyish, courtly, gentlemanly, gentlemanlike; debonair, charming, chivalric, chivalric, gallant, cavalier; honorable, upright, virtuous, estimable, admirable, worthy, respectable.
4. polished, finished, cultivated; urbane, suave, sophisticated, cosmopolitan, worldly; fashionable, stylish, à la mode, modish, high-toned, Sl. tony, high-class, Sl. classy, Inf. swank.

5. affected, mannered, unnatural; pretentious, Inf. highfalutin, Inf. high-hat, on one's high horse; haughty, lordly, hoity-toity, arrogant, proud, snobbish, disdainful.

**patrimony**, adj. patrimony, heritage, birthright; maintenance, maintaining, sustenance, support; advocacy, advocating, defense, defending, protection, protecting, safeguard; assistance, helping, aiding, assisting; support, sustaining, mainstaying, maintaining, preserving, sustenance, support; : patronizing, patronage, favorable; : patron, sponsor, patronizer; : patronage, favor, backer, supporter, booster, fiend,Saint.

**patriot**, n. nationalist, loyalist, jingo, jingoist, chauvinist, flag-waver, hundred-percenter, U.S. spread-eagle, lover of one's country.

**patriotic**, adj. patriotic, national, nationalist, loyal, allegiance, jingoist, jingoistic, chauvinistic, flag-waving, public-spirited, U.S. spread-eagle.

**patriotism**, n. nationalism, national loyalty, allegiance, jingo, jingoism, U.S. spread-eagle, love of country.

**patrol**, v. make the rounds, walk a beat, keep watch, perform sentry duty, police; keep watch, hold watch, Inf. keep an eye out, Inf. keep one's eyes peeled, Inf. be on one's toes; guard, protect, watch over, monitor; stand guard over, secure, defend, safeguard; escort, conduct, convoy, ride shotgun.

**patron**, n. patron, sponsor, supporter, backer, booster, financier, angel, benefactor, benefactress, Maecenas, benefactor, landlord, lord and master, patriarch, keeper; founder, benefactor, angel; benefactor, benefactress, Maecenas, patronizing, patronage, favorable; patron, sponsor, patronizer; : patronage, favor, backer, supporter, booster, financier, angel, benefactor, benefactress, Maecenas, patronizing, patronage, favorable; patron, sponsor, patronizer; : patronage, favor, backer, supporter, booster, financier, angel, benefactor, benefactress, Maecenas, patronizing, patronage, favorable; patron, sponsor, patronizer; : patronage, favor, backer, supporter, booster, financier, angel, benefactor, benefactress, Maecenas.
2. chatter, gabble, Sl. yak, Sl. yakety-yak, jabber, prattle, gibber, babble, blab, blabbing; small talk, idle talk, jaw-chatter, Inf. gab, Inf. gabfest, chitchat, chitter-chatter, buzzing, gabbing; Scot. clatter-claw; palaver, Sl. hot air, Sl. gas, Sl. bull; nonsense, gibberish, hogwash, poppycock; rambling, maundering, Sl. running off at the mouth; chattering, gabbling, jabbering, babbling, prattling, prating, twaddling.
3. jargon, cant, argot, vernacular; lingo, patois, idiom, slang, dialect; language, diction.

—v. 4. spiel, hold forth, spout forth, spout, harangue, Sl. yak, Sl. yak at, Sl. give a lot of flak; chatter, jabber, prattle, cackle, gibber, Sl. jabber-jabber; babble, babble like a brook, prate, tattle, twaddle, Brit. twattle, gabble, blather, driivel; splutter, sputter, chitter-chatter, chitchat, chaffer; bandy words about, Sl. shoot the breeze, Sl. shoot the bull, Sl. chew the rag, Sl. shamooze, pass the time of day, Inf. gab; gossip, buzz, Sl. gas, whisper; palaver, clack, clatter, rattle; run off at the mouth, Sl. have diarrhea of the mouth; gush, blab, carry on, talk nonstop, let the words roll out, be carried away by the sound of one’s voice.

pattern, n. 1. design, patterning, figure, motif, decoration, decorative scheme, ornamentation; configuration, delineation, outline, conformation, formation, composition, layout.
2. type, stripe, variety, classification, class, genre; sort, cast, kind, ilk, genus; form, manner, style, brand, make, build; shape, format, cut; feather, color, kidney, strain, grain.
3. method, plan, arrangement, order, ordinariness, system; consistency, repetition, sameness.
4. original, archetype, matrix, prototype; exemplar, paragon, mirror, model, ideal, beau ideal; standard, criterion, yardstick, touchstone, measure, gauge, test; example, paradigm.
5. guide, blueprint, draft, sketch; mold, die, templet, template, stamp, seal, frame, stencil.
6. flight path, skylane, airlane; landing procedure, landing direction, flight direction.

—v. 7. copy, duplicate, follow, stencil; imitate, echo, match, twin, clone, parallel, reflect; emulate, simulate, ape, mimic; take after, resemble, mirror.

paucity, n. scarcity, sparseness, sparsity, scantiness; paucity, scarcity, sparseness, sparsity, scantiness; fatigue, boredom; Sl. gas, Sl. bull; nonsense, gibberish, hogwash, poppycock; rambling, maundering, Sl. running off at the mouth; chattering, gabbling, jabbering, babbling, prattling, prating, twaddling.

pawn, n. 1. stop, stay, halt, rest; rest period, respite, summerhouse, parkhouse, garden-pavilion, Sl. pavilion, Sl. pavilion, Sl. pavilion, Sl. pavilion, Sl. pavilion.
2. paved road, highway, thoroughfare, causeway; sidewalk, pavé.
3. macadam, asphalt, concrete, cement; tar, pitch; revet; cobble, flag, brick, lay stones, slab; tile, floor; surface, face, level, smooth.
4. pave the way for or to prepare the way for, smooth the way for, clear the way for, open the door for, make way for; make ready or easy, ready, facilitate; lead up to, contribute to, conduct to.

pave, v. 1. macadamize, asphalt, concrete, tar, pitch, revet; cobble, flag, brick, lay stones, slab; tile, floor; surface, face, level, smooth.
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pavement, n. 1. paved road, highway, thoroughfare, causeway; sidewalk, pavé.
2. macadam, asphalt, concrete, cement; tar, pitch; cobblestones, flagstones, flagging, brick, stone, stone, stone, stone, stone, stone.

pavilion, n. 1. summerhouse, parkhouse, gardenhouse, gazebo, (in Turkey and Iran) kiosk, open-air shelter; pergola, arbor, bower; bandshell, music shell, orchestra shell, bandstand; arcade, gallery.
2. tent, canopy, canvas, Chiefly Brit. marque; awning.

pawn, v. 1. Informal. hock, put in pawn, Rare. impawn; deposit, put up or give as security, impignorate, pledge, plight, commit, obligate, bind, mortgage, hypothecate; stake, lay, wager, bet, Poker. ante, Archaic. gage, gamble, speculate; risk, venture, chance, hazard, jeopardize, endanger, imperil.

—n. 2. security, collateral, gage, pledge, Archaic. plight, impignoration; assurance, guaranty, guarantee, surety, warrant, bond, bail; deposit, down payment, partial or initial payment, handseal; Law. mortgage, Marine Law. bottomry; stake, wager, bet.
pawnbroker, n. instrument, tool, cat's paw, puppet, creature; jackal, flunky, lackey, attendant, (in India and Ceylon)peon, servant, handmaid, menial; minion, follower, toady, sycophant, yes man; hireling, underling, employee, subordinate, assistant, accomplice, henchman, sl. stooge; dummy, dupe, sl. pigeon, gull, gudgeon, Inf. sucker.
pawnbroker, n. sl. uncle, lender, loaner, moneylender, usurer, Inf. loan shark, Shylock.
pawnshop, n. pawnbrokerage, pawnbrokery, Fr. mont-de-piété, Inf. hock shop, Inf. sign of the three balls, sl. my uncle's, Brit. sl. pop-shop, Brit. sl. spout.

pay, v. 1. compensate, remunerate, reward, recompense; reimburse, indemnify, refund; (usu. of debts, etc.) settle, satisfy, liquidate, discharge, clear off, square, honor, meet.

pay off, a. settle, discharge, liquidate, satisfy.

peace, n. 1. peacefulness, warlessness, nonwar, lack of warfare, absence of conflict or hostilities.

peaceful, adj. 1. pacific, pacifist, pacificistic, peaceloving, dovish, iringic; nonaggressive, nonquarrelsome, nonquarreling, uncontentious, unbelligerent, nonbelligerent, unpugnacious, unwarlike, nonviolating, neutral; gentle, gentle as a lamb or kitten, mild-mannered,
mild, easy-going, good-natured, imperturbable, even tempered, temperate; compatible, agreeable, cooperative, easy to get along with, congenial, genial, affable, amiable, amicable, friendly, pleasant, nice, cordial, civil; patient, forbearing, clement, merciful, lenient, forgiving, giving in; acquiescent, compliant, consentient, consentaneous, passive, meek, lamblike, nonresistant, obedient, docile, tame.

2. pacificatory, peacemaking, conciliatory; propitiatory, propitiative, appeasing, mollifing, placating, soothing, calming; mediatory, negotiating, arbitrating, diplomatic.

3. tranquil, calm, serene, placid,
adj.
n.
1. sacrifice, sacrificial offering,
2. peacemaker,
3. peak
1. pinnacle, summit, tor, crest, ridge, inf.
2. quiescent, halcyon, restful, at rest, reposeful, at peace;
3. cease-fire or truce.

4. horn, beak, nib, neb; bill, brim, visor; jut, projection, protrusion, protuberance, protuberancy, prominence.

—v. 5. crest, rise, spire, tower; culminate, climax;
6. beetle, overhang, project, protrude, protuberate, bulge.

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peak
1. v. waste away, wither away, decay, die away, rot; languish, droop, fade, fail, flag, wilt; weaken, decline, soften, sag, yield; go downhill, come apart at the seams, sl. poop out, sl. fizzle out, sl. peter out; fag, weary, tire, exhaust, fatigue, wind down.

peaked
1. adj. 1. pinnacle, crested, crowned, capped; cusped, cuspat, cuspatelike, cuspidal, cuspidate, cuspated, nible, Brit. nibbed.
2. sharp, pointed, pointy, acute, tipped, Both Bot., Zool. mucronate, mucronated; tapered, awl-shaped, subulate; spiculate, spicular, needlelike, spiky, spike-like, spiny, spinelike.

peasantry
1. salt of the earth, tillers of the soil, Both Bot., Eccles. gaffer, swain, kerne; peasants; commonalty, the common people, commoner, laborer, commoner, worker.

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petty offense, violation, infraction, n.
peccable, liable to sin, weak, frail, unstable, in-

pebble, small stone, small rock, (collectively) gravel, pellet; jackstone.
peccable, adj. 1. liable to sin, weak, frail, unstable, in-
firm; wayward. Objs: errant, errant, prodigal, proli-
file, abandoned, immoral; peccant, repentant, recre-
ant, sinning, sinful, iniquitous, unvirtuous, unright-
eous, ungodly, unholy, unsaintly; wanton, remiss, slack, lax, unmindful, negligent, reckless, heedless, careless.

peccadillo, n. petty offense, violation, infraction, breach, trespass, infringement; fault, Law. misde-
meanor, Law. delict, Law. malfeasance, delinquency; petty sin, transgression, dereliction, misconduct, mis-

deed, wrongdoing, slip, lapse, forthcoming; false step, wrong step, misstep, stumble, trip, false move, bad move, wrong move; mistake, error, blunder, botch, bungle, Inf. slip-up, Sl. boo-boo, Sl. boner; faux pas, gaffe, social blunder, slip in conduct, mistake in con-
duct or etiquette or manners.
peccant, adj. 1. sinning, transgressing, transgres-
sive, offending, peccable; criminal, lawless, reprehen-
sible, objectionable, censurable, blameworthy, culpable, guilty, delinquent; bad, wicked, damned, sinful, iniqu-
itous, nefarious, felonious; shameless, corrupt, rep-
robate, recreant, prolifile, abandoned, immoral; wan-
toll, dissolve, debauched, depraved, degenerate.

2. at fault, faulty, wrong, in error, erring, incorrect, inaccurate, erroneous; wayward, deviant, erratic, aber-
rant; inexpedient, inadvisable, unwise, injudicious, im-


period, loads, bushel, bushels, ton, tons, barrel, barrels, bag, bags, acres, ocean, oceans, sea, world, worlds, galaxy; bunch, heap, heaps, pile, piles, stack, stacks, mountains, mass; army, legion, bevy, flock, host, array, multi-
tude; whole lot, lot, lots, plenty, a mountain or good deals, quite a little, sight, as much as or more than one can handle or manage; whole slew, slew, mess, gob, gobs, oodle, oodles, Sl. scad or scads, Sl. boodle, Sl. caboodle, Chiefly Brit. lashing or lashings; galore, Dial. aplenty; abundance, plenitude, bounty, cornucopia, endless supply, Scot. and North Eng. routh, Scot. scotch, a great or considerable quantity or amount or number, one thousand and one, scores; volume, quan-
tity, quantities, fund, mine, store, min, quite a few.

peck, v. 1. tap, rap, dab, pat, stroke, kiss; strike, hit, knock, blow, poke, jab, dig. 2. indent, dent, dint, depress; prick, scratch, scrape, score, dot, mark, flaw; chip, notch, nick; punctuation, poke a hole, pinpoint, pit. 3. (of food) nibble, gnaw, take small bites, nosh; pick, pick at or over one's food, eat like a bird.

Usu. peck at n. pick, henpeck, pull to pieces, carp, criticize, harp, find fault with, Yiddish. kvetch; ride, harass, harry, heckle, hector, bullyrag, goad, egg, tease, bait, torment, torture, plague, persecute; pester, badger, hound, fret, vex, chafe, nettle, irritate, dis-
turb, grate on, Inf. drive up the wall.

—n. 5. tap, rap, pat, kiss; stroke, hit, strike, knock, thump, blow; poke, jab, dig.

6. indentation, dent, dint, dimple, concavity, depres-
sion, impression; scratch, scrape, mark, spot, speckle, speck, flaw, fault; chip, nick, chink, notch, groove, crevice, furrow, rut; hole, pit, hollow, cavity, crater, excavation.

pectoral, adj. 1. thoracic, chest, breast, bosom, bust; ventral, front.

2. heartfelt, deep-felt, poignant, Archaic. homefelt; intense, wholehearted, enthusiastic, fervent, fervid, perfervid, ardent, zealous, passionate, impassioned; genuine, Inf. for real, earnest, sincere, serious, sober, profound; innermost, inmost, deep-seated, deep-rooted. Scot. Irish. benmost, most private or privy, per-

sonal, intimate, confidential; near and dear, cherished, precious, close, beloved.

3. Speech. (of a vocal quality) resonant, sonorous, full-toned, full, rich; deep, low, bass, baritone, low-pitched, in the low register; resounding, booming, big, strong, heavy.

4. pulmonary, lung, lobar, respiratory.

peculate, v. embezzle, misappropriate, Law. defal-
cate, misapply, misuse; steal, rob, purloin, abstract; dip into the public purse, Inf. rob the till, Inf. have one's hand in the till; defraud, swindle, thief, filch, cheat; pluck, fleece, root, ilk.

peculiar, adj. 1. odd, curious, queer, offbeat, quizz-
ical, cranky, Inf. funny; deviate, deviant, aberrant, anomalous, anomalistic, abnormal, irregular, incongruous, erratic; strange, weird, bizarre, grotesque, Sl. freaky, freakish, Sl. rum, Sl. far out; monstrous, heteroclite, heteroclitical, unnatural; quaint, eccentric, droll, comical, laughable, Inf. quirky, Sl. squirrely, Sl. buggy; fanciful, whimsical, capricious, waggish, no-
tional, maggoty, crotchety, Sl. ballym, Chiefly Brit. barmy; fantastic, incredible, inconceivable, ridiculous, ludicrous, absurd, preposterous, outlandish, extrav-
agant; nondescript, amorphous, indescribable, un-
classifiable.

2. unconventional, uncommon, unusual, unique, un-
orthodox, uncustumary, unwonted, rare, out of the or-
dinary, out of the way; atypical, original, singular, ex-
ceptional, individual, lone, sole, solitary, select; unex-
sampled, unparalleled, unprecedented, unfamiliar, un-
comfortable; extraordinary, egregious, astonishing; ex-
otic, unreal, fey, supernatural, preternatural.

3. distinct, distinctive, distinguished, diacritical, striking, marked, conspicuous, remarkable, notable, signal, outstanding, especial.

4. (usu. followed by of) characteristic, indicative, representative, typical, denotive, designative, conno-
tative, suggestive, symptomatic, symptomatologic, symptomatological, diagnostic, Med. pathognomical, Med. pathognomonical; (usu. followed by to) in-
digenous, intrinsic, innate, endemic, significant, signifcative, meaningful; idiomatic, idiosyncratic, idiomatic; diachronic; indicative, evocative, expressive, evidential, discriminative; distinguishing, identifying, defining, signifying, signalizing, denominative, differential, quintessential.

5. exclusive, unique, special, particular, limited, proper, specific, individual, personal; private, secret, confidential, intimate, inner, esoteric.

peculiarity, n. 1. idiosyncrasy, idiocrasy, eccentric-
ity, mannerism, quirk, twist, kink, hobby-horse; quip, crotchet, whim, caprice, flight of fancy; aberr-
ation, aberrance, aberrancy, deviation, anomaly, Rare. anomalism.

2. oddity, curiosity, rarity; irregularity, incongruity, variation, abnormality, discrepancy, difference, vari-
ance, dissimilitude, disparity, inconsistency; excep-
tion, singularity, particularity.

3. oddness, strangeness, querness, bizarreness, cu-
riousness, quirkiness, incongruousness; uncommonness, uncommonality, unconvolution, unusualness, uniqueness, exception, singularity, individuality, individualness, distinctiveness; monstrousness, unnaturalness, freakishness; whimsicality, capriciousness, fancifulness, waggishness; outlandishness, preposterousness, extravagance.

4. characteristic, trait, quality, property, attribute, part; feature, distinction, mark, earmark, hallmark, specialty, stamp, lineament; badge, indicator, indication, erraticism, mannerism, affectation, idiom, twitch, tic; style, form, idiom, mode, cast, vein; habit, propensity, tendency, predilection, inclination, proclivity, proneness, leaning, twist, bent, warp, set, turn; disposition, attitude, mettle, temper, temperament.

pecuniary, adj. monetary, money, fiscal, financial, nummery, nummular, bread-and-butter.

pedagogic, adj. 1. educational, educatory, instructional, teaching, preceptorial, tutorial; academic, academician, scholastic; professorial, instructorial, schoolteacher; methodological, disciplinary.

2. pedantic, pedagoguish. See pedantic (defs. 1-6).

pedagogism, n. pedantry, pedagogery. See pedantry (defs. 1-3).

pedagogue, n. 1. educator, educationist, Educ. methodologist, teacher, schoolteacher; professor, doctor, master, tutor, fellow, Brit. don, instructor, preceptor, lector, lecturer, docent; schoolman, scholastic, academician, academe, gownsman.

2. pedant, Inf. know-it-all; precisionist, perfectionist. See pedant (defs. 1, 2).

pedagogy, n. 1. teaching, instruction, education, tutelage, tuition; guidance, direction, training, discipline; coaching, preparation, preparing; indoctrination, inculcation, instillation.

2. instructional methods, teaching methods, didactics, pedagogics; educational psychology, science of learning.

pedant, n. 1. intellectual, pedagogue, Inf. know-it-all; bibliophile, bookworm, scholar, highbrow, Inf. egghead, Inf. walking encyclopedia; aesthete, Inf. longhair, bluesstocking; platitudinizer, Inf. bromide, bore, stuffed shirt; attitudinarian, attitudinizer, philosopher, philosophe, moralizer.

2. precisionist, perfectionist; petitfogger, hairsplitter, quibbler, Inf. nitpicker; casuist, Logic. paralogist, sophist, scholastic, subtilizer; caviler, faultfinder, prig; formalist, literalist, precisionist, dogmatist, conformist, conventionalist, philistine.

3. doctrinaire, impractical theorist, ivory-tower dreamer, ideologist, visionary.

pedantic, adj. (all in reference to one's learning) pretentious, show-offish, ostentatious, pompous, haughty, vain, conceited; pedagogish, scholastic, pedantic; professorial, didactic, preachy; dogmatic, pragmatic, opinionated, bigoted.

2. punctilious, precise, exact; overscrupulous, scrupulous, perfectionist, overconscientious, conscientious,meticulous; fastidious, fussy, finicky, finical, overparticular, particular; overcritical, hypercritical, priggish, schoolmarmish, faultfinding, caviling, quibbling, hairsplitting, petitfogging, Inf. nitpicking.

3. formal, stilled, stiff; bookish, donnish, stuffy, dry; rigid, narrow, hidebound; platitudinous, unimaginative, unoriginal, uninteresting; boring, dull, tedious, tiresome.

4. unrealistic, impractical, ivory-towered, ivory-towerish; utopian, visionary, starry-eyed, quixotic, chimeral; irrelevant, nongermane, immaterial, useless.

5. sonorous, rhetorical, bombastic, euphuistic, grandiloquent, high-fown; wordy, verbose, turgid, prolix.

6. studious, scholarly, erudite, learned, academic.

pedantry, n. 1. (all in reference to one's learning) pretension, affectation, pomposity, pomposousness, haughtiness, conceit, attitudinarianism; pedagogism, pedagogy, didacticism, preachiness, pedantism, pedanticism, pedanticalness; bookishness, stuffiness, dryness, tediousness, tiresomeness, dullness.

2. precisionism, perfectionism, meticulousness, particularity, fastidiousness, finicality, finickiness; punctiliousness, scrupulousness, scrupulousness, exactitude, exactitude, precision, preciseness, minuteness; sophistry, casuistry, quibbling, hairsplitting, Inf. nitpicking, petitfogging.

3. formalism, literalism, rigidity, conformity, conventionalism; unimaginativeness, unconcernedness, unconcernedness; narrow-mindedness, bigotry, dogmatism, positivism, hideboundness.

4. fine point, subtlety, punctilio, particular; nicety, delicacy, refinement.

peddle, v. 1. hawk, vend, sell, Sl. push, retail, market; go door-to-door, sell on commission; Inf. try to make a buck or dollar; tout one's goods, show one's wares.

2. deal out, pass out, dole out, dispose of, distribute, dispense, disseminate; sprinkle, scatter, stew, broadcast.

3. trifle, niggie, fribble, fiddle, fiddle around, fritter, fritter one's time away, idle, frivol, laze, waste time, loaf, daydream; piddle, dawdle, dillydally; procrastinate, put off.

peddler, n. hawk, cheap-jack, vendor, huckster, monger, seller, Sl. pusher, salesman, money changer, pedlar, pedler; packman, Inf. faker, Sl. duffer, rag-and-bone man, junk dealer, butter-and-egg man, costmonger, cost, Sl. shmahtah salesman, rag dealer, Armenian rug peddler, medicine man, snake-oil salesman; higgler, itinerant, tinker; traveling salesman, door-to-door salesman, colporteur, Bible salesman, Fuller Brushman, Avon lady; merchant, dealer, push-cart entrepreneur, shopman.

pedestal, n. 1. base, support, foundation, rest, platform, understructure, bottom, foot; stand, pillar, column.

2. set or put on a pedestal idealize, glorify, exalt; exot, praise, praise to the skies, sing paean to; treat like a Dresden doll, show great respect for; dematerialize, spiritualize, put a halo on; bow down to, worship, idolize, revere; adore, honour, ennoble.

3. spiritless, lifeless, without a spark of life, robot-like, unmanned; tiresome, boring, tedious, prosy, wearisome, Sl. yawn-making, Sl. draggy, plodding, uninteresting, like a cold or dead fish; unimaginative, uninspired, uncreative, without an idea in one's head, empty-headed, doltish; insipid, jejune, vapid, Sl. blah, stale, flat as flat as stale beer or stale ginger ale; undistnguished, unimpressive, without merit, inferior, lacking distinction; colorless, wan, pale, gray, dim, dreary, fitting into the background; dull, prosaic, stodgy, commonplace, common as dirt, humdrum, trite, platitudeous, ordinary, banal, hackneyed, dull as dishwater; tepid, lukewarm, indifferent, Fr. comme ci comme ça, so-so, average, middling, mediocre; unexcited, unexciting, unadventurous, afraid of one's own shadow, Sl. creepy; trivial, frivolous, piddling, unimportant, insignificant; everyday, matter-of-fact, oft-repeated, monotonous, stock, unvaried, unchanged, without a surprise in a carload, totally predictable.
pedigree, n. 1. ancestry, ancestral line, lineage, descent, parentage, birth, derivation, extraction, filiation; family, dynasty, house, tribe; race, strain, stock, breed, bloodline, stem, branch, stirps; heredity, heritage, past, roots. 2. genealogy, family tree, family record, list of ancestors. 3. nobility, noble or high birth, aristocracy, blue blood; purebred, pure blood, pure ancestry. 4. derivation, origin, origination, source; history, background.

pedigreed, adj. purebred, pure-blooded, full-blooded, thoroughbred; royal, aristocratic, high-born, noble, blue-blooded, patrician, gentee.

peek, v. 1. peep, peer, squat at, sneak a look at or peek; glance, look quickly or briefly; cast a brief look at, glimpse, catch a glimpse of, snatch a glimpse, look hurriedly, regard hastily; take a look at, Inf. give the once-over, Inf. have a looksee; observe, witness, view, behold, contemplate, see. —n. 2. peek, glimpse, brief look, look, glance, furtive glance, Archaic. eyeshot, quick view, Scot. gisk, Fr. coup d'œil, Scot. blink; Inf. once-over, Inf. looksee, Sl. gander.

peel, v. 1. skin, pare, decorticate, exocorticate, flay, scale, hull, bark; shell, husk, shuck; strip, denude, ex-coritate. 2. (of skin, bark, etc.) come off, detach, separate, split; exfoliate, Pathol. desquamate, shed, slough, molt, exuviate, flake. 3. Informal. undress, disrobe, take off one's clothes, doff, remove, cast off, strip, strip down, Euph. do a strip tease, Sl. drop one's drawers, Sl. drop trow.

keep one's eyes peeled Slang. watch closely, be on watch, be on the lookout, look out for; be on guard; be alert, be on the wall. —n. 5. skin, integument, rind, Bot. epicarp, hull, bark, shell, husk; pellicle, membrane, coating, coat, cover, covering.

peep1, v. 1. peer, sneak a look at, glimpse, peek. See peek (def. 1). 2. begin to appear, show, become visible, become manifest; come forth, break through, see the light, emerge, rise, arise, issue, spring up, pop up. —n. 3. quick look, furtive glance, glimpse, peek. See peek (def. 2).

4. first appearance, manifestation, materializing; emergence, rise, rising, issuance, springing; beginning, dawning, breaking forth, unfolding; revelation, exposure.

5. aperture, opening, eye, Photog. viewfinder, peep-hole. See peephole.

peep2, n. 1. cheek, chirp, chirrup, chip; tweet, twitter, tweedle; chitter, squeak. —v. 2. cheek, chirp, chirrup, chip, pip; tweet, twitter, tweedle, trill, sing; chatter, chitter, squeak.

peephole, n. aperture, opening, hole, eye, eyefilet, eyehole, keyhole, peep; pinhole, puncture, perforation, interstice, pore, bore, airhole, spiracle; slit, crack, vent, slot; chink, cleft, cranny, rift, crevice, fissure, Archaic. scissure; mousehole; porthole.

peer1, n. 1. equal, coequal, match, like, compeer; partner, conferee, colleague, associate; mate, fellow, companion, twin, double, counterpart, equivalent, equipollent, other half, equal ego; rival. 2. nobleman, noble, aristocrat, patrician, silk-stocking, Inf. blue blood, gentleman; grand duke, archduke, lord, milord, duke, marquis, Hist. margrave, earl, viscount, baron; grandee, magnifico, don, hidalgo; baronet, lordling, Scot. Hist. thane, princeling; seigneur, feudal lord, Japanese Hist. daimyo, signior, sir; gnor; squire, Scot. laird, Russian Hist. boyar, (in medieval Germany) landgrave.

peer2, v. 1. squat at, try to see, try to discern, look narrowly; glimpse, glance, peep, peek, see. See peek (def. 1). 2. come forth, become visible, break through, appear, or peek (def. 2).

peerage, n. nobility, aristocracy, patriciate, royalty, baronage; upper classes, Inf. upper crust, ruling classes, privileged class, dominant class; upper strata, Inf. upper crust, Fr. crème de la crème, Sl. silk-stockings, Inf. bigwigs, Sl. biggies, Sl. high muck-a-mucks, the high and the mighty; the Four Hundred, (often cap.) establishment, high society, elite, gentry; First Families of Virginia, F.F.V.; the House of Rothschild.

peerless, adj. unequalled, matchless, unmatched, unparalleled, nonpareil, Fr. sans pareil; unsurpassed, unexcelled, second to none, Latin. nulli secundus, unprecedented; a first; unrivalled, incomparable, inimitable; superlative, best, finest, greatest, highest, prime, select, choicest; supreme, Latin. ne plus ultra, paramount, preeminent, superior, sovereign, transcendent; sublime, consummate, perfect, Sl. the living end; excellent, first-rate, of the first order, capital, Inf. top-tip, Inf. A-1, Inf. A number 1, first-class, classic.

peeve, v. 1. annoy, irritate, vex, provoke, pique, irk, nettlesome, chafe, get on [s.o.'s] nerves, tauten on [s.o.'s] toes, go against the grain, Chiefly U.S. rile, Inf. aggravate, Inf. miff, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain, Inf. rub [s.o.] the wrong way, Inf. get under [s.o.'s] skin, Inf. get in [s.o.'s] hair; exasperate, ruffle, disturb, disquiet, discomfort, discontent, put out, put off, try [s.o.'s] patience, Inf. put [s.o.'s] nose out of joint, get, Sl. get [s.o.'s] goat; stick in one's craw or crop, Inf. grate on or grate on one's nerves. 2. bother, pester, hector, harass, Sl. bug, Sl. hassle, Sl. drive [s.o.] nuts or crazy or bananas, Sl. drive [s.o.] up the wall; trouble, plague, worry, Scot. thaw, Scot. fash. —n. 3. nuisance, bother, pest, annoyance, irritant, bur, thorn in the side or flesh, pea in the shoe, salt in the wound, Inf. headache, Inf. pain, Sl. pain in the neck or rear, Sl. hassle; trouble, problem, affliction; trial, ordeal, tribulation; gripe, complaint, grievance, pet peeve, sore spot, sore point, Inf. touchy subject or matter, skeleton in the closet.

peeved, adj. annoyed, irritated, vexed, provoked, piqued, irked, nettled, aggravated, miffed; exasperated, ruffled, disturbed, disquieted, decomposed, discontented, put out, put off. 2. bothered, harassed, Sl. bugged, Sl. hassled, troubled, plagued; offended, affronted, displeased, on the outs with, indignant; worked up, Inf. hot under the collar, Inf. sore, Sl. ticked off, Sl. teed off; stirred up, kindled, enkindled, passionate, impassionate, over-excited.

peeveish, adj. 1. ill-tempered, touchy, testy, thin-skinned, waspish, petulant; cross, irascible, choleric, ill-tempered, splenetic; crabby, cranky, grouchy, grumpy, cantankerous, crotchety, crusty; irritable, out of sorts, snappish, snippy, huffish, huffy, curt, short, impatient; piqued, in a pique, in a fume, Archaic. in a pucker, Inf. in a stew. 2. moody, sulky, dour, gloomy, dyspeptic, sullen, morose; injured, wounded, sore, offended, indignant; angry, irate, in high dudgeon, wrathful, worked up. 3. captious, disputatious, quarrelsome, contentious, churlish, tart, churlish, surly; spiteful, malicious, malevolent, hateful.
pelage, *n.*

globule, spherule, spheroid, oval; pill, *n.*

disparaging,
pellicle, *adj.*
disparaging, deprecatory, depreciative;
dissipate, *v.*
take a peg down, take a peg on, take a peg at, take a peg at; take a peg off, take a peg off; take a peg off, take a peg off.

carpentry, *n.*

journal, banner story, lead story, *Journ.*

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penetrate, v. 1. (all with pencil) sketch, draw, trace, outline; delineate, diagram, depict, portray, mark out, Archaic. limn; write, pen, scrawl, scribble, scratch; draft, compose, indite; transcribe, copy, inscribe.

pend, v. 1. be undecided, be unsettled, be up in the air; be pending, be awaiting action, be in abeyance, be on a back burner, be in a holding pattern; hang in the balance, hang fire.

pendant, n. 1. necklace, lavaliere, locket, medallion, gorget, torse, riviere, Archaic. carcanet, chain, string; cardrop, dangling earring; necklace, scarf, tip-top, turban, turbanette.

pendent, adj. 1. hanging, suspended, pendulous; dangling, drooping, sagging, Bot. nutant, nodding, bowing, lowering; swinging, swaying.

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penalize, v. 2. enclose, confine, corral, crib, mew, Archaic. pound; coop in up, close in, up, shut in, in, box up; contain, bound, fence in, wall in, rail in.

penal, adj. punitive, disciplinary, penalizing, retributive, castigatory; corrective, correctional.

penalize, v. 1. punish, amerce, mulct, chasten; discipline, correct, inflict a penalty on; castigate, chastise, make [s.o.] pay the piper, Inf. throw the book at, make [s.o.] take his medicine; distrust, constrain; sentence, pass sentence on, impose a fine or sentence, fine, judge, imprison, send up the river.

3. impending, imminent, approaching, coming, near-in, impending, imminent, approaching, coming, near-in, 3. impending, imminent, pending. See pending (def. 3).

4. undecided, undetermined, pending. See pending (def. 2).

penetrate, v. 1. pierce, transpierce, pass through; stab, gore, go in, in, into; strike, hit; touch to the quick, go deep, transfuse, infiltrate, impregnate, leaven.

penetrate, v. 1. pierce, transpierce, pass through; stab, gore, gouge, spear, lance, spike, run through, Sl. let the daylight in; bore, drill, ream, ream out, auger; perforate, puncture, prick, punch, riddle, Sl. fill full of holes; impale, transfix, fix, spith, skewer, Sl. shish kebab.

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penalty, n. 1. punishment, penalization, amercement, penance; sentence, condemnation; chastening, castigation, chastisement; deserved reward, just deserts, what one asked for, Inf. comeuppance; pay, payment, wages; discipline, punitive action, correction; retribution, nemesis, requital, retaliation, revenge.

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penetrating, adj. 1. sharp, pointed, piercing, in-n.
2. repentant, contrite, compunc-
tation, understanding.
3. keenness, acuteness, sharpness, sensitivity, dis-
4. intelligence, smartness, brightness,
penetrating n. 1. incision, cutting, piercing; punc-
ture, perforation; impalement, transfixion, skewering; in-gress, entrance, entry, ingoing, infux, in-flow; permeation, pervasion, saturation, inoculation, introduction, interpenetration; imbusement, insul-
ment, infusion, diffusion, transfusion, infiltration, impregnation.
2. cogency, decisiveness, pointedness; morbidity, trenchancy, mordaciousness, pungency, cuttingness, bitiness, stinginess.
3. keenness, acuteness, sharpness, sensitivity, discern-
ment, discrimination, perception, perception, perspicacity, insight; consciousness, cognizance, awareness, sentience, sensibility, comprehension, apprehension, understanding.
4. intelligence, smartness, brightness, Inf. braininess, Inf. brains, Inf. smarts, Inf. savvy; sharp-wittedness, keen-wittedness, ready-wittedness, quick-wittedness, nimble-wittedness, clear or quick thinking.
peninsula, n. chersonese; cape, hook, spur, neck, tongue; point, promontory, foreland, headland, head, Scof. null.
penitence, n. contrition, Theol. imperfect contri-
ition, attrition, repentance, acknowledgment; com-
promise, regret, requites, regrets, remorse, re-
morefulness, sorrow, sorrowfulness, sadness, grief, sorrows, sackcloth and ashes, breast-beating; self-reproach, self-reproof, self-accusation, self-condem-
nation, self-punishment, shame, shamefacedness.
penitent, adj. 1. repentant, contrite, compunc-
tious, abject, humble, humbled, apologetic, sheepish; self-blamed, self-condemned, self-sorry for one's sins, remorseful, regretful, rueful, conscience-stricken, in sackcloth and ashes; self-reproaching, self-accusing, self-condemn-
ing.
—n. 2. confessor, penitential; sinner, prodigal son.
penitentiary, n. 1. prison, state prison, maximum-
security prison, minimum-security prison, penal in-
stitution, house of correction or detention, Sl. pen, Sl. big house, Sl. slammer, Sl. stir; reformatory, reform school, (in England) borstal institution.
2. jail, jailhouse, lockup, Scof. tollbooth, Inf. clink, U.S. Inf. calaboose, Brit. Inf. bridewell; guardhouse, guardroom, U.S. brig; All Sl. can, cooler, coop, hoosegow, jug, booby-hatch, pokey, Brit. choky, Brit. quod.
—adj. 3. penal, punitive.
penitent. See penitent (def. 1).
pensioner, n. 1. scribe, scrivener, amanuensis, secre-
tary, clerk, recorder; copier, copyist, engrosser, tran-
scriber, Judaism. sopher.
pension. See pension (def. 1).
penman, n. 1. handwriting, script, manuscript, longhand, Inf. fist, Scot. hand of writ, chirography; calligraphy, good hand, Palmer method; cacomography, bad hand, scribble, scrawl, scratch.
pen name, n. nom de plume, pseudonym, anonymous, allonym, alias; assumed name, Fr. nom de guerre, stage name, Fr. nom de théâtre.
pennant, n. banner, banded, banner, pennon, streamer, bargee, bunting, jack; flag, colors, standard, gonfalon, vexillum, labarum, eagle; ensign, insignia, oriflamme, tricolor.
2. Baseball. championship, title, crown.
penniless, adj. 1. without a cent, Fr. sans sou, poor as a churchmouse, poor as Job's turkey, unable to keep the wolf from the door; moneyless, Inf. broke or flat broke, busted, Inf. hard up, Sl. stony or stone broke; bankrupt, out of pocket, without funds, im-
pecunious, penurious; short of cash, depleted, drained, strapped, pinched, straitened, pressed; tight, stinted, restricted; limited; deprived, bereft, empty-handed.
2. impoverished, needy, destitute, indigent, necessitous; poverty-stricken, destitute, extremely poor; out at the elbows, down at the heels, shabby, shoddy, seedy, in rags; reduced, pauperized, ruined, bad or badly off, Inf. on the rocks.
pennon, n. pennant. See pennant (def. 1).
penny, n. 1. copper, cent, U.S. Inf. red cent, Brit. pence or p.
2. a bad penny undesirable, Latin. persona non grata, bad person, bad man or woman or child, Inf. bad news, Inf. bad egg; rascal, scoundrel, knave, rogue, Sl. bad actor; worthless fellow, good-for-noth-
ing, good-for-naught, ne'er-do-well.
3. a pretty penny Informal. considerable sum of money, mint, pile, heap, wad, Inf. boodle, Sl. bundle, Sl. big bucks.
penny pincher, n. pinchpenny, lickpenny, Inf. tightwad; nigard, miser, skinflint, Sl. skin, Sl. cheapskate, Inf. piker, muckworm, Sl. screw; cheeseparer, hoarder, save-all, Scof. cari; scrooge, Harpagon, money-grubber, harpy; curmudgeon, churl, hunks.
pension, n. 1. retirement income, old age income or benefits, survivor's income or benefits, disability income or benefits, U.S. Social Security or veteran's benefits, fixed income; annuity, annuity certain, tontine.
2. allowance, subsistence allowance or payment, allotment, pittance, Law. alimony, child support; sub-
sidy, subvention, grant, stipend, fellowship, scholarship; relief, aid, help, support, maintenance, dole, handout, aims, welfare, public assistance, U.S. unemployment compensation, workmen's compensa-
tion; check, money, payment.
3. (in Europe) boarding house, boarding school; room and board, bed and board; lodging, guest house, inn, hotel, motel.
pensioner, n. pensionary, annuitant; beneficiary, recipient, grantee, dependent.
pensive, adj. dreaming, dreamy, dreamful, in a reverie, daydreaming, gazing out the window, in a trance, absent-minded; thoughtful, thinking, cerebrational, absorbed, immered, engrossed, lost in thought, bemused, Archaic. museful; cogitative, cogitating, contemplative, contemplative, meditative, contemplative, meditating, musing, pondering, reflective; ruminative, ruminant, ruminating, chewing, chewing one's cud, mulling over, brooding, in a brown study; sulking, sulky, moody, gloomy, glum, somber, sullen, morose; dispirited, cheerless, joyless, wistful, yearning, melancholy, sad; heavy-hearted, heartbroken, woeful, woe-begone, forlorn, sorrowful, dreary, doleful, rueful, mournful, lamenting, bemoaning, bewailing, grieving.

pent, or up, encaged, caged, cribbed, or up, closed in, confined; fenced in, walled in, railed in, corrammed in, hedged in, bound, enclosed; interned, impounded, immobilized, cloistered, entombed, imprisoned, incarcerated, or up, shut in

pensiveness, n. humans, human beings, human race, humanity, individuals; everybody, Fr. tout le monde, the whole world.

pent-up, adj. bottled up, corked up, shut up or in, closed up or in, confined; held in, sealed off, kept inside or within or secret, hidden; held back, restrained, constrained, checked, curbed, bridled, repressed, suppressed.

pervious, adj. 1. stingy, parsimonious, miserly, carking, skinflinty; mean, tight, tight-fisted, close-fisted; cheap, Sl. chintzy, moneygrubbing, grasping; niggardly, Rare. illiberal, cheese-pie; scrimping, pinching, pinching, begrudging, ungenerous, stingy; thrifty, frugal, sparing, chary; economical, prudent, saving, penny-wise.

2. poverty-stricken, destitute, extremely poor; in- digent, necessitous, in need, needy, distressed, impoverished; out at the elbows, shabby, shoddy, in rags, bad or badly off; pauperized, reduced, ruined, Ineff. on the rocks.

3. penniless, Ineff. broke or flat broke, busted, Inf. hard up, Sl. stony or stone-broke; bankrupt, out of pocket, without funds, moneyless, impoverished; depleted, drained, strapped, pinched, straitened, pressed; tight, stinted, restricted, limited; deprived, bereft, empty-handed.

4. lacking, wanting, shy, deficient; insufficient, inadequate, beggarly; skimpy, scanty, meager, scrimp, scant; very little, paltry, poor, piddling, insubstantial, Ineff. on the rocks.

penury, n. 1. poverty, extreme poverty, destitution, need, want; straits, straitened circumstances, beggary, pauperism, pauperage; mendicancy, mendicity; scant; very little, paltry, poor, piddling, insubstantial, Ineff. on the rocks.

2. deficiency, lack, deficiency, shortage, shortness, stint, not enough to go around; scantiness, paucity, exigency; meagerness, rareness, sparseness, seldomness, fewness, poorness, barrenness; depletion, exhaustion, emptiness, vacuity.

people, n. 1. humans, human beings, human race, members of the human race, humankind, mankind, race of man, Latin. Homo, Homo sapiens; mortals, persons, souls, living souls; men, women, children, individuals; everybody, Fr. tout le monde, the whole world.

2. race, tribe, clan, community; nation, country, state; society, public, populace, population; members, fellows, membership, voters, constituency, residents, clientele.

3. relations, relatives, kin, kindred, kinsmen, next of kin, kith and kin; family, Inf. folk, parents, father, mother, spouse, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, Inf. kissing cousins, extended family, old friends; ancestors, strain, house, line, dynasty.

4. common people, masses, hoi polloi; the vulgar, Archaic. the vulgar, commonality, Inf. common run, commonages, demons; proletariat, plebeians, Inf. plebs; bourgeoisie, third estate, the multitude, the many, the millions, Derogatory. boobybirds, Chiefly Brit. admass, rank and file, Contemptuous. ragtag and bobtail; grass roots, Inf. the silent majority, the man in the street, Archie Bunker; U.S. Middle America, Main Street USA; the vulgar herd, the great unwashed, the rabble, the mob, King Mob, the crowd, the huddled masses; general public.

—v. 5. populate, settle, colonize, inhabit, live in, habitat, fill; supply, stock, sow.

peppery, adj. Informal. 1. spirit, animation, liveliness, vivacity, dash, elan, zest, verve, Sl. moxie, zing: fire, sprightliness, breeziness, buoyancy, cheer, vitality, life; ebullience, Inf. zip, sparkle, effervescence; vigor, vim, It. brio, energy; exuberance, enthusiasm, passion, fervor, intensity.

—v. 3. pep up animate, vivify, quicken, vitalize, enliven, breathe life into, invigorate, energize, fortify, strengthen; encourage, hearten, enthuse, give heart up to, embolden; elate, gladden, cheer, Inf. buck up, cheer up; actuate, activate, Inf. get going, rouse, awaken; incite, stimulate, arouse, fire, Inf. fire up, Inf. light a fire under; prompt, Inf. spark, excite, work up, Inf. wind up.

pepper, n. 1. condiment, spice, black pepper, white pepper; red pepper, cayenne; green or bell pepper; hot pepper, sweet pepper.

—v. 2. season, spice, spice up, Inf. give some zip.

3. sprinkle, speckle, mottle, stipple, dapple; dot,Inf. Archaic, Arch. plink, chink, chink, small shot, daub, fleck, speck, maculate.

4. pelt, shower, bombard, fire upon or at, shoot at, Inf. blast; stone, lapidate, hurl things at, shell, barrage, Inf. give prang, Inf. strafe; riddle, Inf. fire under; prompt, Inf. spark, excite, work up, Inf. wind up.

peppy, adj. Informal. 1. energetic, energetical, Informal. 1. energetic, energetic, vigorous, dynamic, electric; active, alive, full of energy, Inf. full of pep, full of vim and vigor, Inf. snappy, Inf. zippy, Inf. full of oomph; eager, ready to go, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed; lively, spirited, Sl. go, go, full of life, animated, vibrant, vital; sprightly, spry, Chiefly U.S. Inf. chippy; brisk, exertive, physically fit and active.

2. ebullient, irrepressible, bubbling over, Inf. bubbly, effervescent; demonstrative, emotive, expressive, effusive.

3. jumping, hopping, cracking, busy, on the go or
move; industrious, hard-working, enterprising, forceful, strong, high-powered.

peptalk, n. encouragement, buoying up, stimulation, motivation, inspiration; rallying lecture, Inf. half-time talk, Inf. one for the Gipper, inflammatory talk, firing or stirring up, Inf. psyching up.

peptic, adj. digestive, Physiol. assimilative, enzymatic, gastric, stomachic, stomachical.

per, prep. a, the, each, for each, every; through, by.

peradventure, n. 1. uncertainty, hesitation, indecision, undecidedness, irresolution; question, faltering, vacillation, lack of conviction, indefiniteness, indetermination, insecurity; doubt, incertitude, dubiety, dubiousness.

2. guess, conjecture, surmise, supposition, assumption, presumption, guesswork; chance, random shot, pot shot, Inf. shot in the dark, Inf. shot, sl. crack, sl. guestimate.

3. fortune, luck, stroke; accident, fortuity, stroke; accident, fortuity, fluke, chance.

pepsitalk

2. apparent, seeable, visible; open, in full view, revealed, uncovered, unveiled, naked, bare; conspicuous, observable, well-marked, distinct; plain, clear, evident, obvious, manifest, patent, palpable; plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face, lucid, in focus; prominent, noticable, salient, bold.

perceivable, adj. 1. perceptible, appreciable, recognizable, noticeable, discernible, distinguishable, detectable; recognizable, knowable, intelligible, comprehensible, understandable.

2. apparent, seeable, visible; open, in full view, revealed, uncovered, unveiled, naked, bare; conspicuous, observable, well-marked, distinct; plain, clear, evident, obvious, manifest, patent, palpable; plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face, lucid, in focus; prominent, noticeable, salient, bold.

perceive, v. 1. intuit, sense, feel, find, be conscious of, be aware of; hear, smell, taste; see, see through, see the light, make out, notice, spot, sight, catch sight of, catch, glimpse, discern, read, Brit. twig, make heads or tails of; appreciate, sl. dig, sl. savvy, Inf. catch on, get the picture, Inf. get through one's head, Inf. get it, Inf. have it; observe, behold, notice, espy, descry, remark, detect, mark, discover, witness, identify; fathom, penetrate, realize, Inf. lay hold of, gain insight into.

2. apprehend, comprehend, understand, grasp, Archaic, hent; take in, receive, Chiefly Scot. ken; decipher, figure out, ascertain, determine; differentiate, make a distinction, discriminate, judge, distinguish, pick out; appreciate, cognize, recognize, be cognizant of, know; conclude, gather, deduce, derive, infer.

percentage, n. 1. percent, rate per hundred.

2. proportion, ratio, quota, part, share, portion, allotment, dividend.

3. royalty, duty, allowance, commission, factorage, discount, deduction.

4. Informal. Sl. take-off, Inf. cut, Sl. slice, gain, gains, profit, profits, Inf. take.

perceptible, adj. perceptible, appreciable, recognizable, discernible. See perceptible (defs. 1, 2).

perception, n. 1. understanding, comprehension, apprehension, grasp, mental hold; awareness, consciousness, Obs. conscience, ken, perspicacity, percieption, sagacity, wisdom, knowing, knowledge, intelligence; cognition, discernment, cognizance, enlightenment.

2. sensation, sense, feeling, intuition, impression; realization, revelation, insight; instinct, prompting, second sense, divination, clairvoyance, prompting, foreknowledge, foresight, prescience.

3. perceive, concept, idea, notion; image, view.

perceptive, adj. sensitive, responsive, responding, open, open-pored, impressionable, impressionable; aware, cognizant, familiar, knowing, perceiving, insightful, perceiving, perceiving, perceiving, knowing; conscious, sentient, sensible, alive; percepient, perspicacious, clear-sighted, alert; intelligent, smart, quick-witted, quick, sharp, keen, sl. on the ball; wise, sagacious, sage, sapient; shrewd, astute.

perch, n. 1. pole, rod, branch, twig; roost, rest, seat, nest, aerie, eyrie; position, spot, site, location, habitation, domicile, quarters; role, station, vantage point, distance, angle of viewing, perspective.

—v. 2. alight, land; sit, rest upon, roost, nest; settle, plop down; set, place, put, lay, deposit, position, situate.

percipience, n. discernment, insight, comprehension, understanding, perception; shrewdness, long-headedness, astuteness, judgment; awareness, cognizance, alertness, acuteness, keenness, acumen, sharpness; intelligence, smartness, sl. smarts, sense, good or common sense; clear or unclouded vision, perspicacity, perspicuity; sagacity, sageness, wisdom; cleverness, ingenuity.

percept, concept, idea, notion; image, view.

percepient, adj. discerning, perspicacious, discriminating, selective; sapient, knowing, perceiving, comprehending; intelligent, smart, sharp, quick-witted, quick, bright, alert, aware, open-eyed, undeceived, not easily fooled or taken in; wide-awake, alive, astute, sharp-sighted, far-sighted; prudent, discreet, provident, politic, tactful, judicious, shrewd, long-headed; acute, keen, penetrating, perceptive, sensitive, feeling; sagacious, wise, sage, sensible, clear-headed, clear-eyed, rational.

percolate, v. 1. filter, strain, filtrate; permeate, leech, ooze, seep, exude, transude, drip or pass through, leach; (usu. of coffee) brew, Inf. perk, bubble.

2. pep up, liven up, grow lively, come alive, become active, start moving, start jumping or hopping; bubble, enthuse.

perception, n. impact, appulse, collision, crash, crush, striking, beating, drumming, sounding; bump, slam, bang, knock, thump, whack, thwack; blow, stroke, punch, smash, slap, Inf. clip, smash; buffet, concussion, shock, force, full force, blunt.

perdition, n. 1. damnation, loss of soul, spiritual ruin, reprobacy; destruction, ruination, undoing, downfall, fall, fall, comedown; abandonment, degradation, wretchedness, desolation.

2. hell, hellfire, fire and brimstone, bottomless pit, abyss.

perdurable, adj. permanent, eternal, Literary, sempiternal, immortal, undying, deathless, imperishable, indestructible, indissoluble, unending, everlasting, amaranthine, perennial; enduring, standing the test of time, going on and on, long-lived, life-long, long-standing; abiding, continuing, persisting; perpetual, unending, endless, never-ending, ceaseless, unceasing, ineradicable, unremitting; constant, durable, steady, stable, solid, like the Rock of Gibraltar, fixed, firm, steadfast; immutable, unchangeable, changeless, unalterable, invariable; established, deep-rooted, strong, entrenched; surviving through thick and thin or for better or for worse.

perdue, v. endure, last, stand the test of time, go on and on, continue, live on; subsist, survive, exist, remain; be permanent, be eternal, be immortal, be imperishable, be indestructible, be everlasting, be perpetual, be endless, be constant, be durable.
peregrinate, v. 1. travel, journey, rove, itin-erate, wayfare, jaunt; range, globe-trot, go abroad, go overseas, see the world, sight-see; walk, ambulate, trek, hike, march, wend, take the road, take to the road, hit the road; proceed, pass, go, hie, Scot. gang, progress; meander, ramble, gad, gallivant; divagate, travel the open road. 2. traverse, perambulate, travel over, cross, ford, cut across.

peregrination, n. 1. journeying, wayfaring, roam-ing, roving, walking, hiking, trekking, rambling; trav-ersing, traveling over, crossing, fording, cutting across. 2. journey, travel, itinerancy, globe-trotting; trip, tour, excursion, jaunt, junket, outing; walk, trek, hike, sally, expedition.

peregrine, adj. foreign, alien, unindigenous, heterocho-thous; tramontane, ultramontane, transalpine; ultra-marine, transmarine, transatlantic, transpacific; un-familiar, strange, peculiar, exotic, outlandish.

peremptory, adj. 1. imperative, commanding, com-manding, incumbent, mandatory, obligatory, Fr. de rigueur. 2. imperious, arbitrary, dictatorial, despotic, tyrannical, high-handed; dogmatic, pontifical, opinionated, oracular; overbearing, oppressive, autocratic, over-confident, overweening; arrogant, supercilious, pom-pous; assertive, positive, emphatic, insistent.

perfect, adj. 1. ideal, exemplary, admirable, model; inimitable, incomparable, paragonless, paramount, pre-eminent; superlative, supreme, transcendent, crowning, sublime, august, infinite; excellent, superb, capital, ex-ceptive, decretive, decretal; hard and fast, binding, incumbent, mandatory, obligatory, res. 2. actuality, factuality, literalness, truth, verity, veracity; assurance, certain, confident, infallible; conclusive, unquestionable, positive, indubitable, undeniable; undeniable, indisputable, undisputed; fundamental, radical, essential, real, genuine; demonstrable, demonstrated, apodictic; peremptory, imperative, imperious.

perpetual, adj. 1. enduring, constant, incessant, continual, perdurable; lasting, unalterable, stable, chronic, abiding; durable, unchanging, evergreen; immutable, undeviating; continuing, recurrent, uninterrupted, continuous, everflowing. 2. perpetual, everlasting, eternal, permanent, Literary. semipermanent; immortal, unending, undying, inalterable, ceaseless, endless, timeless; imperishable, unde-caying, indestructible, hardy, hearty, long-evived, macrobiotic.

perfection, n. 1. ideal, ideality, inimitability, inimitableness, incomparability, incomparableness; superior, extraordinary, preeminent, supereminence, transcendence, sublimity, infinity; goodness, holiness, virtue. 2. completeness, entirety, entireness, fullness, fulfillment; totality, wholeness, thoroughness, utterness; soundness, integrity, completeness, faultlessness, flawlessness, pureness, innocence, chasteness, spotlessness, stainlessness, taintlessness, immaculateness; impeccable, irreprouchability.

perfectly, adv. 1. thoroughly, throughly, through and through; totally, completely, entirely, successfully, completely, in all respects; in every respect, in every particular; in every way, in every manner; in every degree, in every instance; in every instance. 2. completely, entirely, thorough, throughly, throughly, through and through; totally, completely, entirely, successfully, completely, in all respects; in every respect, in every particular; in every way, in every manner; in every degree, in every instance; in every instance.
perfectionism, n. fastidiousness, criticalness, overcriticalness, hypercriticalness, overdemandingness, demandingness, exactingness; fussiness, particularity, overparticularness, daintiness, finicalness, finicality, Inf. pernicketyness, meticulousness, meticulosity; minuteness, detailedness, fineness, niceness, thoroughness, completeness; painstakingness, care, carefulness, conscientiousness, scrupulosity, scrupulousness, punctiliousness; exactness, preciseness, precision, accuracy, accurateness, correctness; rigidity, rigidity, strictness, severeness, severity, rigorousness, rigorism.

perfectionist, n. 1. precisionist, pedant, formalist, academic, purist.

stickler, Inf. fuddy-duddy, fussbudget, Sl. grind. —adj. 3. scrupulous, meticulous, conscientious, exacting, precise, punctilious; discriminating, discriminative, selective, picky, Inf. choosy; fastidious, particular.

perfectly, adv. 1. ideally, admirably, inimitably, incomparably, preeminently; superlatively, supremely, sublimely, infinitely; superbly, exquisitely, extraordinarily; faultlessly, flawlessly, spotlessly.

2. completely, entirely, purely, fully, plenarily; wholly, consummately, absolutely, thoroughly, utterly, quite; positively, unconditionally, implicitly, undoubtedly, indubitably; unequivocally, unambiguously, clearly, explicitly, unmistakably, officiously; categorically, surely, certainly, inallisively, conclusively; actually, really, truly, verily, assuredly; essentially, fundamentally, radically.

perfervid, adj. intense, fervid, impassioned, keen, ardent, zealous, Inf. gung ho; heated, fervent, feverish, inflamed, white-hot; fiery, raging, blazing, burning, flaming; seething, simmering, boiling; earnest, eager, animated, excited, passionate; high-spirited, wrought-up, overwrought, enthusiastic.

perfidious, adj. treacherous, traitorous, treasonous; faithless, disloyal, dutless, untruthful, unfaithful; deceitful, dishonest, insidious, false-hearted, knavish; double-dealing, dissembling, Janus-faced, two-faced, overwrought, enthusiastic.

—v. 3. aromatize, make fragrant, scent, incense, parfume.

definition, emendation, editing, revision, clarification; regeneration, rehabilitation, repairing; restoration, regaining, reviving, resuscitating, redoing; enrichment, refinement, elaboration, embellishing, adorning; expansion, development.

training, teaching, educating, education, preparing, preparation; drilling, exercising, disciplining, practicing; nurturing, fostering, rearing; cultivating, raising, acclimatizing, adapting, inuring.

perfectionism

perfect

performance

perfume

performer

performative

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perfuse, v. 1. overspread, bespread, overlay, coat, film, cover; color, tint, tinge; paint, stain, lacquer, enamel, varnish, shellac, oil, polish; saturate, super-saturate, permeate, imbue, soak, drench, wet, dampen, moisten. 2. (of a liquid, color, etc.) spread, diffuse, disperse, circumsfuse; pour, splash, drip, drop, slop, slop.

pergola, n. 1. arbor, lady's shelter, bower, trellis, lattice pavilion, gazebo; (in Turkey and Iran) kiosk; summerhouse, gardenhouse. 2. retreat, refuge, haven, shelter, hermitage; asylum, resort, sanctuary, covert, mew.

perhaps, adv. maybe, it may be, as the case may be, perhaps, maybe, it may be, as the case may be, adv.

arbor, leafy shelter, bower, trellis, 1. n.

overspread, bespread, overlay, coat, perfuse, 1. v.

decennium, quinquennium; year, twelvemonth, calendar year, fiscal year; month, week, day, date, hour, period, 1.

eon, era, epoch, age, time, days, years; n.

perimeter, n. 1. circumference, boundary, bound, bourn, frontier, limits, outer limits; periphery, edge, rim, fringe, verge, skirt, brink; margin, border, frame; line, delineation; length, depth, extent, range. 2. generation, teens, middle age, middle years, twilight years, golden years, sunset years; spring, summer, autumn, fall, winter; millennium, century, decade, decennium, quinquennium; year, twelvemonth, calendar year, fiscal year; month, week, day, date, hour, minute, second, split-second, point in time, moment; round, half, quarter, inning; sentence, session, semester.

3. end, ending, limit, finish, finale, omega; close, closing, closure, termination, term, conclusion, discontinuation, halt, stop, SI. thirty, windup, wrap-up, final curtain, end of the line, end of the road; death, expiration, wipe-out.

4. Physiology. menstrual period, menses, Inf. flow, Inf. flows, Inf. falling off the roof. See menstruation. 5. full stop, full point, Fr. point, dot.

periodic, adj. periodical, intermittent, alternating, alternate, remittent, recurrent, recurring, cyclic, cyclical; episodic, on-again-off-again, spasmonic, sporadic; occasional, infrequent, rare, every-once-in-a-while, predictable, foreseeable; pulsating, systematic, ebb-and-flow; regular, regulated, rhythmic, isochronal, isochronous, clocklike; centennial, annual, biennial, monthly, bimonthly, semimonthly, weekly, hebdomadal, biweekly, semimonthly, daily, diurnal, hourly, minute-by-minute.

periodical, n. 1. publication, magazine, Inf. book, serial, review, digest, comic book, funny book, house organ, employee publication; newsmagazine, newsletter, daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, almanac, yearbook; All SI. girlie magazine, skin magazine, nude book, cheesecake or beefcake magazine. 2. newspaper, paper, newspaper of record, journal, bulletin, gazette; tabloid, SI. tab, SI. sheet, SI. yellow journal, SI. rag, scandal sheet, SI. Daily Blat, SI. Daily Bugle; throwaway, giveaway, Dial, shopper, fler, handbill, circular.

periodically, adv. intermittently, alternately, remittently, recurrently, cyclically; episodically, spasmodically, sporadically; occasionally, infrequently, frequently, rarely, from time to time, now and then, once in a while, now and again, off and on; regularly, repeatedly, repetitiously, redundantly; systematically, rhythmically, isochronally; annually, biannually, monthly, weekly, nightly; night after night, day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, down through the centuries, down through the years.

peripatetic, adj. 1. itinerant, itinerating, traveling, journeying, wayfaring, peregrinating; walking, ambulating, ambulatory, pedestrian; roving, roaming, wandering, rambling, rambler, roam, roamer, rovist; employee, employee publication; newsmagazine, newsletter, daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, almanac, yearbook; All SI. girlie magazine, skin magazine, nude book, cheesecake or beefcake magazine. 2. newspaper, paper, newspaper of record, journal, bulletin, gazette; tabloid, SI. tab, SI. sheet, SI. yellow journal, SI. rag, scandal sheet, SI. Daily Blat, SI. Daily Bugle; throwaway, giveaway, Dial, shopper, fler, handbill, circular.

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periphrasis, n. 1. circumlocation, pleonasm, tautology, redundancy. Infl. circumdenbibus; verbage, verbosity, wordiness, pleonasm, redundancy, tautology, diffuse, long-winded, longiloquent, repetition, repetitiveness, tediousness, batology; digressiveness, discursiveness, maudering, convolution, circuitousness, wandering, rambling, meandering, roundaboutness, indirection, Archaic. ambiguities; ambiguousness, vagueness, beating around the bush; newspaper, bureaucratic, gobbledygook.

2. digression, excursus, cloud or smokescreen of words. Rare. Tautology.

periphrastic, adj. circumlocutory, pleonastic, tautological, redundant; verbose, wordy, prolix, profuse, diffuse, long-winded, longiloquent; repetitive, tedious, batological; digressive, discursive, excursive, circuitous, roundabout, ambigulous, indirect, maudering, wandering, rambling; ambiguous, vague, obscure.

perish, v. 1. lose one's life, be killed. Inf. be wiped out, lay down one's life; die, expire, decease, meet death, Sl. bite the dust, Sl. kick the bucket, Sl. kick it; give up the ghost, breathe one's last, draw one's last breath, Sl. croak; pass away, pass on, be no more, go the way of all flesh, Sl. cash in, Sl. cash in one's chips, be numbered with the dead, Euph. go west. 2. end, come to an end, come to nothing, die away; degenerate, fall off, Chiefly Biol. retrograde, deteriorate, go to pot, break down; molder, crumble, fall to pieces, disintegrate, wear away, corrode, decay, wither, shrivel, sear, go to seed, go bad, go to waste, rot; decline, fall, atrophy, waste away, ebb, wane, fade away; melt away, dissolve. 3. vanish, disappear, be gone, be heard of no more, leave no trace, be lost to view; be destroyed, be ruined, be burned up, be demolished, be eradicated.

perishable, adj. destructible, decaying, decomposable, biodegradable; undurable, fragile, frail, weak, delicate; impermanent, transitory, caducous, fugacious, transient, temporary, temporal; momentary, short-lived, ephemeral, evanescent, volatile, passing, fleeting, fading, flitting; mortal, corruptible, nonpermanenet; mutable, changeable, changeable, alterable, variable, permissible, inconstant; unstable, unfixed, unsteady, unsettled.

peristyle, Archit. 1. colonnade, columnation, pilaster, row or file of columns or pillars; columns, pillars, pilaets, posts, piers, poles, shafts, uprights, verticals, supports. 2. courtyard, court, quadrangle, Inf. quad, Archit. cloister; square, plaza, yard, mall, park, open space; patio, portico, porch, veranda, gallery, arcade, Chiefly Brit. piazza.

periwig, n. peruke, powdered wig, Georgian wig, wig; toupee, hairpiece, scratch, scratch wig, Sl. rug.

perjure, v. lie under oath, give false testimony, bear false witness, forswear; lie, tell a lie or falsehood, be untruthful, pervaricate, fib.

perjurier, n. forswearer, false witness; liar, prevaricator, falsifier, fibber.

perjury, n. Law. (all under oath) lying, giving false testimony, bearing false witness, forswearing; tell a lie or falsehood, falsehood, mendacity, pervarication; falsification, misstatement, untruthfulness, dishonesty.

perk', v. 1. be jaunty, be lively, Chiefly U.S. Inf. be perkier, be chipper, act alive, Inf. be pepful or full of pep. 2. Uso. perk up cheer up, liven up, Inf. pep up, show signs of life, brighten up; take heart or courage, Inf. buck up, U.S. Inf. chirk; recover, Inf. snap out of it, Inf. come around, recuperate, regain strength, get back on one's feet; rally, Inf. come back, Inf. make a comeback.

3. (all of oneself) flaunt, display, Inf. sport, exhibit; air, hold up, flash; put forth or forward, emphasize, spotlight, draw attention to, show off, snazz, make a splash, splurge, make a splurge, make a show, cut or make a figure, Sl. cut a dash, Sl. cut a shine, Sl. cut a feather; swagger, swank, swashbuckle, strut, Sl. strut one's stuff, peacock; boast, blow one's own horn, brag, vaunt, talk up; put on airs, put up a front, U.S. Sl. put on the dog, Sl. put on, Sl. put on the ritz.

4. Often perk up or out raise, lift up, turn up, turn upward; show sudden interest, prick up one's ears, listen attentively, be all ears.

5. dress up, Sl. jazz up, liven up, brighten up; spruce up, smarten up, make smart, Sl. spiff up; trim, decorate, adorn, add to, fix up.

—adj. 6. perkier, jauntier. See perky (def. 1).

perky', n. Informal. perquisite, esmolument, fringe benefit, bonus, extra. See perquisite.

perky, adj. 1. perk, jaunty, pert, lively, full of life, alive, sprightly, Chiefly U.S. Inf. chipper, Inf. in fine fettle; active, energetic, dynamic, spirited, brisk, vigorous, full, robust; spirited, zestful, spirited, zesty; enthusiastic, enthused, excited, eager, Inf. gung ho; animated, bouncy, vivacious, Inf. full of pep, Inf. pepful, full of vim and vigor, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed; aglow, glowing, alight, lit up, bright, enlivened, shining, shiny; sparkling, ebullient, bubbling, bubbly, effervescent; cheery, cheerful, full of cheer, gay, sunny, in good or high spirits; blithe, blithesome, light-hearted, lightsome, buoyant, optimistic, Inf. upbeat, beamish; debonair, free and easy, carefree, easygoing, breezy, airy, happy-go-lucky, untroubled.

2. smart, dapper, spruce, Sl. spiffy, trim, Chiefly Brit. trit, neat, Inf. natty, well-groomed, slick; attractive, becoming, good; fine, smartly dressed, elegant, well-dressed, stylish, chic, fashionable, Sl. classy.

permanence, n. 1. perpetuity, everlastingness, immortality, deathlessness, athanasia; imperishability, indestructibility, indissolubility, incorruptibility; lastingness, longevity, long-livedness, endurance, abidingness, constancy; duration, durability, continuance, continuity; persistence, maintenance, sustentation, sustenance, prolongation, perpetuation, preservation.

2. immutability, unchangeableness, changelessness, unalterableness, incommutable, invariability; perma- nency, stability, stabilization, fixity, fixedness, soundness, substance, solidity; dependability, reliability.


2. perpetual, unending, endless, never-ending, ceaseless, unceasing, incessant; unintermitting, uninterrupted, continuous, continual, unbroken; enduring, abiding, lasting, continuing, constant, durable; maintained, sustained, prolonged, protracted, perpetuated, preserved, conserved, surviving.

3. immutable, unchangeable, changeless, unalterable, incommutable, invariable; stable, stationary, unalterable, unchangeable, changeless, unalterable, incommutable, invariable; perma- nency, stability, stabilization, fixity, fixedness, soundness, substance, solidity; dependability, reliability.

permanently, adv. once and for all, for good and all, for all time, for ever and ever; forevermore, for ever hereafter, till the end of time, till hell freezes over, till the cows come home, till Niagara Falls; forever, al-
permeability, noun; permeableness, perviousness, porosity, porosity, penetrability, penetrableness, passability, openness, accessibility; vulnerability, vulnerability, openness, accessibility. 

Permeable, adjective; permeable, pervious, porous, penetrable, passable, reachable; vulnerable, penetrable, open to attack.

Permeate, verb; permeate, pass through, go through, walk through, cut through, slice through; penetrate, shoot through, perforate, pass into, enter; osmose, blend, fuse, insulate, interosculate; pervade, interpenetrate, overspread, overrun, take over; infiltrate, filter into, invade, spread over or into, spread throughout, honeycomb, diffuse; saturate, fill, extend throughout, leave no void; percolate, filter through, seep through, leak through, come through, show through, soak through; imbue, infuse, infiltrate, sulfuse, transfuse, impregnate, leaven.

Permeation, noun; permeation, penetration, perforation, entrance, entry, passing through; osmosis, blending, fusing, insolation, interosculatation; spreading, diffusion, overspreading, pervasion, interpenetration, infiltration, invasion, overrunning, saturation; imbue ment, infusion, interfusion, suffusion, transfiguration, impregnation.

Permissible, adjective; permissible, allowable, lawful, legal, licit, allowable, lawful, legal, licit, sanctioning, ratifying, ordaining, endorsing.

Permeability, noun; permeability, pene trability, passability, accessibly; vulnerability, vulnerability, passability, accessibility.

Permitted, adjective; permitted, leave, license, franchise, consent. See permission (def. 2).

Permutability, noun; permutability, alterability, changeability, variability; mutability, changeableness, convertibility, modifiability, adaptability; interchangeability, commutability, exchangeability.

Permutable, adjective; permutable, changeable, alterable, mutable, modifiable, alterative, convertible; adaptable, interchangeable, commutable, exchangeable, returnable.

Permutation, noun; permutation, transformation, transposition, translucation, Physiol. metastasis, metathesis; mutation, metabolism, metamorphosis, translation; transubstantiation, consubstantiation, transamination, transmogrification.

Permute, verb; permute, alter, change, mutate, turn into; translate, metamorphose, convert, transform, modify; transfigure, metabolize, transubstantiate, consubstantiate, transmogrify.

Pernicious, adjective; pernicious, ruinous, destructive, damaging, fell, baleful; injurious, hurtful, harmful, baneful, dangerous, bad; deleterious, detrimental, unwholesome, insalubrious, nocuous.

Perpendicular, adjective; perpendicular, upright, vertical, on end, upright, at right angles to, right-angular, Geom. at 90 degrees to; plumb, straight, straight-up-and-down, up-and-down; bolt-upright, standing, standing upright.

Peroration, noun; peroration, recapitulation, recapping, recount; summation, summary, conclusion, close, concluding; closing words, closing or concluding remarks, last words, parting shot.
trustworthiness; righteousness, uprightness, goodness, purity, impeccability; veracity, probity, truthfulness; conscientiousness, scrupulousness, honor, fidelity, faithfulness.

5. cliff, precipice, crag, bluff, rocky eminence; scar, escarpment, incline, tor, spine, ridge, headland.

**perpetrate**, v. 1. (all of crime or wrong) commit, perform, execute, Inf. put off; effect, effectuate, succeed in, mastermind, make happen; accomplish, carry through, Sl. knock off, Sl. polish, expedite.

2. (all of pranks or deception) carry out, act, enact, actuate, practice, transact, bring about; pursue, exercise, produce, work out, discharge, Inf. put over.

**perpetration**, n. (all of wrongdoing) execution, performance, enactment, carrying out, exercise, practice; acting; proceeding, doing; undertaking, enterprise, job, commission, production.

2. incessant, constant, unending, ever-flowing, perpetual, chronic, confirmed, habitual, longstanding.

5. cliff, precipice, crag, bluff, rocky eminence; scarp, stopped.

2. involved, complicated, entangled, involuted; ceaseless, endless, unending, unceasing, interminable, nonterminable; unending, uninterrupted, unceasing, unbroken.

**perpetually**, adv. 1. everlastingly, eternally, semiperpetual, never-ending; permanent, perdurable, long-lived, longevous; immortal, deathless, undying, preserved; timeless, ageless, dateless, infinite; lasting, indestructible, imperishable, perennial; unchanging, durable, unvarying, evergreen; immutable, undeviating, abiding, enduring, lasting, inviolate; inerterate, chronic, confirmed, habitual, longstanding.

2. incessant, constant, unending, ever-flowing, persistent, longstanding; continuous, uninterrupted, unintermitting, never-stopping, broken, marathon, around the clock; rhythmic, recurrent, nonstop, repeated; ceaseless, endless, unending, unceasing, interminable, nonterminable; unending, uninterrupted, unceasing, unbroken.

**perquisite**, 1. emolument, profit, gain, advantage;酬劳, bonus, premium, payment, compensation, recompense, remuneration, repayment; reward, gift, present, honorarium, altersage, token acknowledgement, token of appreciation,
perse a little something; tip, gratuity, douceur, lagniappe, Fr. pourboire, Ger. Trinkgeld, Archaic. vail, (in Chinese ports) cumshaw, (in India and Turkey) bakshesh.
2. due, privilege, right.
per se, in itself, by its very nature, by definition, intrinsically, inherently, innately, immanently, Archaic. in generality; alone, taken alone, solitarily, solely; separately, individually, apart, apart from anything else, taken out of context.
perse, v. 1. torture, agonize, excruciate, martyr, rack, crucify, dragoon; pain, hurt, scathe, wring, put someone through the wringer; punish, castigate, abuse, beat, beat up, Sl. work over, Sl. give one the works, Archaic. belabor; molest, mistreat, maltreat, ill-treat, ill-use; oppress, tyrannize, subjugate, grind, trample, burden, weigh down; aggrieve, outrage, wrong, discriminate against, Sl. kick around, Sl. do [s.o.] dirty.
2. afflict, torment, plague, horror, vex, annoy, harass, harry, badger, hound, importune, bother, pester, Brit. cheat; exasperate, aggravate, irritate, gall, rub, chafe, rile, Chiefly U.S. rile; provoke, needle, nettle, bullyrag, tease, Brit. rag; anguish, distress, harrow, worry, trouble, disturb, Scot. fash; perturb, upset, disconcert, disquiet, Inf. faze.
persecute, n. 1. torture, torturing, excruciation, agony, misery, martyrdom, suffering, infliction, cruel fixation, cruel punishment, punishing, castigation, abuse, beating, flagellation, flogging, lashing, whipping; molestation, mistreatment, maltreatment, ill-treatment; anguish, distress, affliction, torment, plague, harrowment; atrocity, insistency, intransigence, intransigency, obstinateness, obdurateness, contumacy, contumacious.
2. resolve, determination, purposiveness, purposefulness, decision, decisiveness, firmness of mind, toughness of mind, pertinacity. See perseverance (def. 2).
perseverance, n. 1. steadfastness, persistence; continuance, endurance, abidingship, patience; stamina, indefatigableness, backbone, courage, grit, Inf. sand, pluck, Sl. guts, hardness of spirit; application, zeal, ambition, devotion, diligence, persuasion, sedulity, sedulousness, tenacity, Inf. stick-to-itness.
2. resolve, determination, purposiveness, purposefulness, decision, decisiveness, firmness of mind, toughness of mind, pertinacity. See perseverance (def. 2).
persevere, v. 1. continue, keep on or at, keep going, be steadfast, endure, abide; strive, labor, struggle, toil, moil, grub, grind, drudge. See perseverance (def. 1).
2. remain, last, endure, perdue, subsist, survive; abide, linger, carry on, stay, Inf. hang in there, Inf. never say die; be constant, be steadfast, be permanent; hold good, remain valid, remain unchanged.
3. insist, stand firm, stand fast, stick to one's guns, hold one's ground, be unyielding, be obstinate, be resolute. See persevere (def. 2).
persiflage, n. banter, badinage, repartee, word play, verbal wit, Wittiness; pleasantry, frivolity, fun and games, clowning or fooling around, buffoonery; jesting, joking, levity, humor, drollery, jocularity, jocosity, waggery; teasing, teasing, taunting, Inf. joshing, Inf. funning, Inf. kidding, Inf. ribbing, Sl. jiving; (all in jest) raillery, ridicule, derision, mockery, Inf. ragging, Brit. quizzing.
persist, v. 1. continue, persevere, keep on, keep going, be steadfast, endure; strive, labor, struggle, toil, moil, grub, grind, drudge. See persevere (def. 1).
2. remain, last, endure, perdue, subsist, survive; abide, linger, carry on, stay, Inf. hang in there, Inf. never say die; be constant, be steadfast, be permanent; hold good, remain valid, remain unchanged.
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2. resolve, determination, purposiveness, purposefulness, decision, decisiveness, firmness of mind, toughness of mind, pertinacity. See perseverance (def. 2).
persistent, adj. 1. persevere, assiduous, tenacious; diligent, zealous, ambitious, industrious, sedulous, careful, attentive, painstaking, plodding; indefatigable, indomitable, untiring, unwearying, unflagging, never-sleeping, never-wearying, never-tiring; frequent, chronic, repetitious, incessant, unceasing, unstoppage, unrelenting, relentless, unremitting, continuous, continual, intransigent.
2. resolve, determined, sturdy, firm, stalwart, grim, decided, decisive, undistracted, purposive, purposeful; uncompromising, unshakable, unaltering, unanswerable, unwavering, unyielding, never-sleeping, never-wearying, never-tiring, undeviating. See persistent (def. 2).
persnicketiness, adj. Informal. 1. fastidious, fussy, finical, finicky, Inf. nitpicking; particular, discriminative, highly selective; Inf. choosy; picayune, hairsplitting, trifling; petticoat, fanny, Inf. fuddy-duddy; punctilious, precise, exact, attentive to detail; overscrupulous, scrupulous, meticulous, methodical, thorough, thoroughgoing, searching, careful, attentive, conscientious; overcritical, hypercritical, critical, hard or difficult to please; overwhelming, demanding, overreaching, exacting, strict, rigid, severe, sparing no pains.
2. painstaking, tedious, detailed, fine, minute; rigorous, arduous, difficult, hard; back-breaking, exhausting, fatiguing, tiring, tiresome, wearisome.
person, n. 1. human being, human, being, creature, mortal, life, member of the human race, earthly, Adamite; individual, entity, personage, personality, persona; soul, living soul, spirit; one, someone, body, somebody; Fig. head, Fig. hand, Fig. nose; All Inf. character, customer, party, fellow, chap, lad, actor, guy, scout; All Sl. cat, gent, joker, warm body, joe; Brit. Sl. bloke, Brit. Sl. skate.

2. body, physical body, material body, flesh and blood, flesh, clay, mortal coil; figure, form, frame, physique, build, bulk, Dial. built, torso; appearance, shape, mold, cast, Inf. anatomy, Inf. corpus, Inf. car cass, Sl. bones, Sl. bod.

3. in person personally, bodily, in one's person, Latin. in propria persona, Inf. in the flesh.

persona, n. 1. person. See person (def. 1).

2. personae cast of characters, characters, dramatis personae, cast, players, troupe, company, stage people, persons of the drama, creatures of the author, people in the story.

3. exponent, speaker, voice, relator, narrator, story-teller.

4. personality, public face, public image; mask, façade, exterior, shell, surface; role, assumed role, part, capacity, relation, status, position; portrayal, representation, show, display.

personal, adj. 1. attractive, handsome, good looking, shapely, well-proportioned, well-built, well-made, well-proportioned; good to look at, comely, pleasing to the eye, pleasant to see, Sl. easy on the eyes, Sl. not hard to look at.

2. agreeable, friendly, easy-going, outgoing, sociable, gregarious; amiable, companionable, easy to get on or along with; likable, pleasant, good-natured, cordial, warm; amicable, affable, neighborly.

personage, n. 1. dignitary, notable, very important person, Inf. V. P., Archaic. dignity; person of note or consequence, well-known figure, public figure, celebrity, Sl. celeb, somebody, something, famous or well-known person, household name, Inf. big name, Inf. name; luminary, worthy, high official, leader, pillar of society or of the community or of the church, patriarch; immortal, one of the greats, leading light; person to be reckoned with, politico; Inf. the people's choice, man at the top; standout, heavyweight, Sl. heavy, biggest frog in the pond, Inf. honcho, lion, social lion, toast of the town; hero, heroine, popular hero, Sl. pop hero, folk hero, star, superstar, headliner, idol, matinée idol, movie idol, screen idol; magnate, captain of industry, Inf. tycoon, Inf. baron, Inf. power, Inf. top brass, Inf. brass hat, mogul, nabob, pooh bah, panjandrum, Sl. big man at the top, All Sl. big noise, big-time operator, BTO, big shot, big, big gun, big wheel, big cheese, Fr. grand fromage, hotspot.

2. person. See person (def. 1).

3. role, part, piece, Inf. bit, portrait, characterization; actor, actress, character, principal, lead, hero, heroine, protagonist, villain, antagonist, Inf. heavy, supporting player or role.

personal, adj. 1. individual, own; inner, internal, inward, inwardly felt, innermost, close to one's heart; private, secret, unrevealed, confidential, Inf. nobody else's business or affair; particular, especially, inherent, exclusive, intrinsic, essential; special, peculiar, idiosyncratic, subjective.

2. intimate, familiar, thick, Inf. chummy; one to one, Inf. face-to-face, face to face, tête-à-tête.

3. insulting, offensive, slighting, disparaging, derogatory, deprecating, depreciating; derogative, ridiculing, mocking, belittling, Inf. nasty.

personality, 1. identity, self, ego, character, make-up, psyche, essence, nature, traits; mind, disposition, temperament, stripe, spirit, humor, affection.

2. individuality, distinctiveness, separateness, difference, definiteness, distinction, particularity, originality, uniqueness; personal identity, particularism, specialness.

3. person. See person (def. 1).

4. charisma, charm, magnetism; attraction, personal force or power, drawing power, winning ways, taking ways; likability, pleasantness.

5. celebrity, Sl. celeb, star, superstar, headliner. See personage (def. 1).

personalize, v. 1. take personally, be subjective, define or explain in terms of oneself; take upon oneself, take the weight of the world on one's shoulders.

2. personify, embody, typify, represent; name, denote, designate; individualize, particularize, individualize, make special or unique, distinguish; define, differentiate, separate, characterize, set apart or set off, mark off, make individual, make distinctive.

3. earmark, hallmark, give one's personal touch; initial, monogram, brand, stamp with one's own brand, mark or have marked as one's own, label, tag, sign, Sl. tag with one's moniker.

personally, adv. 1. as a person, for oneself, for one's part, from one's own viewpoint, in one's own view, as far as one is concerned, from where one stands or sits, in one's own consideration, as one sees it.

2. privately, individually, particularly, specially, especially, specifically, expressly, individualistically, idiosyncratically, in one's own way or style, characteristically.

3. in person, on one's own. Inf. in the flesh; without anyone else, by oneself, alone, independently, under one's own power, Inf. all by one's lonesome, Inf. on one's own say-so.

personate, v. 1. act, portray, play, playact, perform; represent, depict, play or perform a role, take a part, create a role or character; make believe, act out, enact; interpret, characterize, read, delineate, draw, paint, sketch, render; project, realize or develop a character, throw oneself into a part or role.

2. impersonate, assume the guise of, appear as, pretend to be, take the part or place of, assume the role or character of, do a study or characterization of, mask oneself as, take on the coloration of, represent oneself as; pass for, be taken as, pass, go as; imitate, mirror, reflect, represent, ape, take off, do a takeoff of or on, Inf. do a number on, do an impression of; mimic, mock, parody, caricature, burlesque; monkey, parrot, echo, simulate, Sl. make like.

3. personify, embody, exemplify, incarnate; bring to life, breathe life into.

personation, n. 1. role, part, portrayal, performance, representation, characterization, interpretation, reading; delineation, sketching, rendering; acting, playacting, playing, performing, taking a role or part, Inf. doing a turn or bit; (all of a role) projection, realization, development, immersion.

2. impersonation, disguise, pretense, posing, masquerade, misrepresentation; imitation, mime, mimicry, pantomime, parody, simulation, caricature, burlesque; copying, mocking, making fun of, parroting, mimicking, aping.

3. personification, embodiment, incarnation.

personator, n. 1. actor, performer, player, trouper, stage player, playactor, role player, thespian, Roscian, histrio, histrion, mime, pantomime, pantomimist, personifier; mimic.

2. impersonator, pretender, imitator, masquerader,
personification, n. 1. figure of speech, figure, image, *Rheta.* prosopopoeia, pathetic fallacy; metaphor, conceit.
2. embodiment, incarnation, materialization; manifestation, appearance, likeness, semblance; reproduction, duplication, recreation, reincarnation.
3. representation, delineation, portrayal, depiction, rendition; characterization, picturization, figuration, presentation, portrayal; drawing, rendering, realization, projection.
4. impersonation, personation, imitation, *Rheta.* mimesis; mimicking, miming, simulation, pantomime.

personify, v. 1. embody, incarnate, personate, illustrate, demonstrate, exemplify, image, mirror, reflect, simulate; make corporeal, give human qualities to, make human, imbue with character; breathe life into, give life to.
2. (as a person) represent, depict, characterize, portray; picture, paint, draw, delineate.
3. typify, signify, symbolize, be a living example of, be a good example of, stand for, be regarded as, be the equivalent of.

personnel, n. employees, staff, help, hired help, the help, help, force, work force, labor force, office force; workers, laborers, labor supply, manpower; members, association; a multitude, group, crew, gang, troupe, company, *Inf.* bunch, troops, units, firepower, fighting force; forces, reserves, backup, spares.

perspective, n. 1. view, vista, sweep, scope; viewpoint, point of view, standpoint, vantage point; viewpoint, point of view, standpoint, vantage point; perceptiveness, insight, perspicaciousness, intellect, intelligence, knowledge, profundity, depth; perception, acumen, perceptiveness, insight, perspicaciousness, penetration, awareness; cleverness, astuteness, shrewdness, ingenuity, ingeniousness; perception, *Psychol.* apperception, perception, sensitivity, flair; ascertainment, determination, observance, notice.
2. apprehension, understanding, *Observe.* skill, comprehension; intelligence, knowledge, profundity, depth; sagacity, sagaciousness, wisdom; intuition, divination, clairvoyance; foresight, farsightedness, long-headedness; mother wit, wit, esprit; sense, common sense, good sense, judgment, prudence, brains, smartness, brightness; clearheadedness, clear-sightedness, clear vision.

perspicacity, n. 1. lucidity, lucidness, clarity, clearness, plainness, unambiguousness, unambiguity, unmistakability; explicitness, preciseness, precision, exactness, definiteness, distinctness, clear-cutness; comprehensibility, comprehensiveness, understandability, understandableness, intelligibility, intelligibility, penetrability; perceptibility, discernibility, apprehensibility, decipherability, legibility, obviousness, apparentness, evidentness, manifestness, palpability, patentability.
2. perspicacity, perspicaciousness, sharpness, acute ness. See perspicacity (def. 1).

perspicacious, adj. 1. clear, lucid, intelligible, understandable, easily understood, comprehensible, penetrating; plain, distinct, plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face, evident, apparent, manifest, obvious, patent, palpable, tangible, evident, self-evident; clear-cut, crystal-clear, well-defined, vivid, graphic; explicit, unequivocal, unmistakable, unambiguous; discernible, undisguised, unloaked, unseen, revealed, disclosed, overt, bare, naked; simple, direct, pointed, to the point, concise, cogent; specific, absolute, unqualified, loud and clear, certain.
2. perspicacious, discerning, astute, perceptive, clear-eyed, penetrating. See perspicacious.


perspire, v. sweat, *Observe.* sudate, glow; excrete, transude, exude, emanate; be damp, be wet, drip, be dripping wet, swelter, pour sweat, be drenched with sweat; reek, have body odor, have b.o.

persuadable, adj. 1. receptive, susceptible, open-minded, open to suggestions, amenable, acquiescent, compliant, agreeable; broad-minded, liberal, just, equitable, reasonable, thoughtful, thinking, open; unopinionated, dispassionate, broad, impersonal, impartial, disinterested.
2. persuadable, inducible, convincible; yielding, deferential, submissive, unresistant, unresisting, obeisant; influenceable, susceptible, impressionable, impressible, pliable, malleable, bendable, flexible, moldable; young, undeveloped, inexperienced, immature, eager.

persuade, v. induce, prevail upon, affect, influence, sway, bend, incline, dispose; bribe, suborn, pay off; tempt, allure, entice, inveigle, vamplify wet, swelter, pour sweat, be drenched with sweat; reek, have body odor, have b.o.

persuasion, n. 1. inducement, suasion, advice, exhortation, a conversion, proselytization, enlistment; bribery, subornation; temptation, allurement, enticement, inveiglement, seduction; coercion,
intimation, sl. strong-arm; cajolery, blandishment, soft soap; salesmanship, sales talk, hard sell.

2. power, force, potency, inf. clout, sl. muscle; effec-
tent, moment, consequence, importance, weight, say; influence, pull.

3. creed, credo, belief, firm belief, fixed opinion, un-
shakable faith, faith; opinion, conviction, idea, con-
vincement.

4. sect, cult, denomination, ism, communion, order, school, school of thought; group, body, organization, association, affiliation, fellowship, fraternity, brotherhood, society; faction, wing, caucus; party, in-
terest, camp, side.

persuasive adj. 1. convincing, impressive, satisfac-
tory, satisfying; cogent, telling, effective, effectual, efficacious; weighty, authoritative; absolute, decisive con-
clusive, determinative.

2. suasive, inducive, compelling, impelling; exhor-
tenative, admonitory, advisory; cajoling, wheedling.

—n. 3. incentive, inducement, provocation, incite-
ment, fillip, stimulus, stimulation, wot, fig. carrot; encouragement, invitation; interest, percentage, inf.
cut, personal advantage or benefit, inf. sweeter.

persuasiveness n. 1. invitingness, temptingness, seduciveness, alluringness, attractiveness.

2. plausibility, tenability, credibility, believability; logicality, soundness, validity; cogency, tellingness, effec-
tiveness, efficacy, efficaciousness; convincingness, impres-
siveness, compellingness; weightiness, authoriousness, pert adj. 1. impertinent, impudient, flippant, saucy, fresh, smart-alecky, smart-aleck, smart, smartmouthed, malapert, inf. cheeky, inf. flip; audacious, out-of-line, disrespectful, rude, impolite, unman
erly, uncivil; forward, presumptuous, brazen, brazen-faced, bold, brash, outspoken, loud-mouthed, shameless, inf. brassy, sl. mouthy.

2. perky, perk, jaunty, bouncy, brisk, breezy, inf. peppy, inf. full of pep, inf. chipper, both dial. peart, yare, scot. and north eng. crouse; lively, full of life, alive, vigorous, sprightly, frisky, spirited, animated, full of vim and vigor, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, energetic zestful; vivacious, sparkling, bubbly, ebullient, effervescent; cheery, cheerful, gay, sunny, sanguine, in good or high spirits; healthy, in good health, fit as a fiddle, in fine fettle or shape, in A-1 condition, well, good, fine.

pertain v. 1. relate to, have reference to, bear upon, be pertinent to, enter into, appertain; fit in or with, be appropriate to or for, be suited to or for.

2. belong to or with, go with, go along with, be an adjunct or accessory to, be a concomitant of; be a part of, be included in, fall under, come under; be the property of, be owned by, held by.

pertinacious adj. 1. stubborn, inf. orneriness, pigheaded, mulish, stubborn as a mule; unyielding, in-
tractable, obdurate, obstinate; inflexible, unyielding, adamantine, rigid, stony, fixed, stiff, stiff-necked; unswerving, undeviating, uncompromising, relentless, unrelenting, unshrinking, stern; perverse, opinionated, headstrong, self-willed, willful, per-
vicacious; refractory, contrary, intransigent; unmanageable, ungovernable, immovable, unshakable.

2. persistent, insistently, tenacious, dogged, dogged, determined; persevering, steadfast, staunch, stalwart; resolute, purposeful, purposeful, firm; tough, tough-minded, plucky, stout, sturdy, sturdy as the rock of Gibraltar, strong; enduring, patient, with the patience of Job, lasting, game, game to the last; assiduous, sedulous, industrious; constant, unremitting, unwearying, continuous, continuing; tireless, untiring, unslumbering, unwearying, indefatigable; unflagging, un-
drooping, unflinching, unaltering.

pertinacity n. 1. stubbornness, pigheadedness, bullheadedness, mulishness, inf. orneriness; obstinacy, inf. stubbornness, perversiveness; obduracy, intractability,

inflexibility, intransigence, intransigency; rigidity, will of iron, sternness, stiffness; perverseness, con-
tumacy, contrariness, willfulness; mind of one's own, sticking up for one's ideas.

2. persistence, insinuation, tenacity, holding fast, holding one's course, doggedness, determination, perseverance; constancy, the constancy of Penelope, devotion, steadfastness, steadiness; resolution, resoluteness, resolve, purposefulness, purposiveness, inf. plugging away; firmness, inf. stick-to-it-iveness, inf. stick-at-it-iveness, seeing it through, riding it out, never giving up, never saying die; assiduity, assiduousness, diligence, sedulity, sedulousness, in-
dustriousness, hard work, hustle, knocking on every door, going back for more; toughness, sl. hanging tough, sl. hanging in there, sl. hanging on through hell or high water; sturdiness, strength, stamina, indefatigability; endurance, weathering the storm, putting up with anything, patience, patience of Job, pa-
tience of a saint; grit, inf. spunk, inf. sand, pluck, mettle, backbone, courage.

pertinence n. pertinency, relevance, relevancy, germaness, relatedness; aptness, suitability, suitability, appropriateness, appositeness, felicity, felicitousness; fitness, correspondence, consonance, harmony, harmoniousness, congruousness.

pertinent adj. 1. relevant, germane, related, to the point, to the purpose, short and sweet, Latin. ad rem, applicable, at issue; apt, appropriate, apropos, ap-

posite, pat, bearing on, felicitous.

2. fit, suitable, well-suited, well-adapted, fitted, useful, convenient; proper, due, meet, seemly, decorous, right, correct, fitting, befitting; corresponding corre-

csponding, corresponding, analogous, coherent; concerning, regarding, appurtenant, pertaining to; conforming, consonant, congruous, harmonious, consistent, com-
patible.

pertness n. sauciness, freshness, boldness, brazen-
ness, brazenness, boldness, shamelessness, inf. cheekiness, inf. sassiness, inf. brassiness; insolence, impertinence, impudence, audacity, effrontery, presumption, presumptuousness; pompousness, cockiness, self-
assertiveness, chutzpah, forwardness; impoliteness, disrespect, contemptuousness, unmannersomeness, illmanneredness, incivility, rudeness; meddlesomeness, intrusiveness, officiousness.

perturb v. 1. disturb, disquiet, discompose, shake, shake up, agitate, discountenance, ruffle, fluster, flutter, distract, disconcert, unsettle, put out; alarm, trouble, upset; shock, jolt, jar, stagger, rock, rattle, pull one up short; arouse, excite, irritate, fo-

ment, impression, stir up, work up, wind up, whip up, fire up.

2. anger, nettle, gall, chafe, vex, madden, infuriate; provoke, pique, irritate.

3. confuse, addle, muddle, unbalance, unsettle, confound, perplex, bewildered, baffle, mix up; derange, disarrange, disorder, throw into disorder, disorganize, turn topsy-turvy.

perturbation n. 1. disturbing, composing, ruf-
fling, inf. shaking up, bothering, pestering, harassing, sl. bugging, sl. hassling, sl. driving [s.o.], nuts or crazy or bananas; irritating, annoying, vexing, provoking, aggravating; getting on [s.o.'s] nerves, Chiefly U.S. riling, inf. giving [s.o.] a pain, inf. getting in [s.o.'s] hair.

2. perturbament, disquiet, disquietude, unquietness, uneasiness, unease, inquietude, restlessness, unrest;
perturbed, adj. 1. disturbed, disquieted, discomfited, agitated, unsettled, unquiet, uneasy, 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sion, downfall, labefaction, detriment; degradation, depredation, vitiation, debasement, abandonment, impairment, reduction, lowering; pollution, contamination, adulteration, infection; defilement, desecration, debauchery, profanity; violation, abuse, injury, harm, ruination.

**perversity**, n. 1. contrariety, contrarietiness, contrarietiousness, *Archaic* contrarienseness, contrariety, commutability, contumacy, courtrayness, frowardness, seditiousness, refractoriness, querulousness; waywardness, disobedience, intraterrarity, contumaciousness, contumacity, contumacy, Archaic, depredation, vitiation, debasement, abasement, impairment, injury, harm.

2. aberration, aberrance, aberrancy, deviation, irregularity, variation; abnormality, anomaly; oddity, peculiarity, incongruity; monstrosity, freak, mutant, heteroclist; strangeness, oddness, incongruousness, queerness.

3. cantankerousness, quarrelsome ness, irascibility, irascibleness, contentiousness, obstreperousness, touchiness, testiness, churlishness, crustiness, edginess, Fig. grouchiness, Fig. crabbin ness; peevishness, crossness, captiousness, petulance, Rare. petulancy, pique, vexation, pettiness, huffiness; sultness, bearishness, curtness, Sl. bitchesness; sullenness, sourness, moodiness, spleen, fraudulenciness, putrescibleness, filthiness, coarseness, vulgarity, acerbity; spinalfulness, hatefulness, invidiousness.

4. persistence, persistency, tenacity, tenaciously, perseverance, indomitability, indomitableness, constancy, assiduousness, sedulousness, diligence, zeal, zealotousness, zealotry; obstinacy, obstinacy, intractability, intractableness, obstruction, obstruction, inflexibility, inflexibleness, stubbornness, doggedness, mulishness, hard-headedness, pigheadedness; willfulness, wantonness, deliberation, intent.

5. perversion, perverseness, corruption, corruptedness, immorality, unprincipledness, unscrupulousness, dissolution, profligateness, depravity, degeneracy, degeneration, deterioration; malevolence, malignancy, maliciousness, maleficence, evil-mindedness; evil, evilness, iniquity, iniquitousness, baseness, foulness, lowness, sinfulness.

**perversive**, adj. 1. perverting, corrupting, corruptive, deteriorating, degenerating, degenerative, corrod ing, corrosive; vitiating, debasing, degrading, lowering, reducing; defiling, demoralizing, seducing, subverting, leading astray, desecrating, debauching, deflowering, profaning, violating, abusing, ruining; polluting, contaminating, adulterating, diluting, alloying, infecting, poisoning, tainting, spoiling, marring, fouling, befouling, soiling, sullying; weakening, debilitating, enervating.

2. distorting, twisting, warping, garbling, Fig. butchering, Fig. mutilating; prejudicial, biased, unfavorable, disadvantageable.

3. harmful, hurtful, nocent, pernicious, deleterious, injurious, detrimental, insalubrious, noxious, virulent, ruinous, destructive; crippling, damaging, scathing, impairing; dangerous, hazardous, unsafe; deadly, mortal, lethal.

**pervert**, v. 1. divert, deflect, turn, turn away, turn aside, avert, sidetrack, switch, Obs. prevaricate; wrench, wrest, wring, skew, shunt.

2. seduce, corrupt, subvert, demoralize, lead astray, lead away; tempt, allure, entice, inveigle; trap, entrap, snare, ensnare.

3. mislead, misguided, misdirect, misadvice, sophisticate; misinformation, misexplain, misexpound, misexplicate; misinstruct, misteach, miseducate, miscorrect; delude, beguile, deceive, trick, hoax, dupe, take in.

4. misuse, prostitute, exploit, misapply, misemploy, misappropriate, mishandle, mismanage, maladminister; squander, waste, throw away.

5. (all deliberately) misconstrue, misconstruct, misinterpret, mistranslate, misread, misrender, misreport, miscite; misquote, misstate, lie, miscolor, bele, misrepresent, falsify; distort, warp, twist, Scot. thrash, Fig. mutilate, Fig. butcher, garble; torture, contort, bend, squeeze, stretch, strain; bias, color, slant; exaggerate, blow out of proportion, play up; tarnish, gild, gloss, gloss over, whitewash, evade, dodge, Inf. fudge; embroider, embellish, adorn, decorate, garnish, titivate, dress up.

6. vitiate, debase, base, impair, reduce, lower; pollute, contaminate, adulterate, infect, poison, taint, spoil, mar, alloy, foul, befoul, soil, sulfate, make impure; defile, desecrate, debauch, deflower, profane; violate, abuse, ruin.

—n. 7. (all with reference to sexual relations) deviate, deviant, degenerate, fiend, maniac, psychopath, criminal; sadist, masochist, fetishist, lecher, voyeur, scrophulous, erotomaniac, narcissist, nymphomaniac; sodomist, sodomite, bugger; pederast, pedophilic, child-molester, catame, Sl. gunsel, Sl. punk, Sl. chicken; coprophilic; necrophilic; zoophilic.

8. apostate, backslider, recidivist, reversionist, schismatic, schismatic, dissentier, sectary, lost soul, lost sheep, fallen angel; heretic, unbeliever, non-believer, infidel, anticrist, antiChristian; secessionist, seeder, seditionist, separatist; renegade, recreant, traitor, turncoat; deserter, turntail.

**perverted**, adj. 1. Pathology. abnormal, anomalous, anoma listic, aberrant, deviate, deviant, irregular, variable; strange, odd, incongruous, peculiar, queer; monstrous, freakish, unnatural, heteroclist, heteroclitic, heteroclitical.

2. misguided, misled, misdirected, misadvised; deluded, beguiled, deceived, tricked, hoaxed, duped, taken in; seduced, subverted, led astray, debauched, demoralized; violated, abused, ruined, deflowered, defiled, profaned.

3. distorted, twisted, warped, garbled, Scot. thrashed, Fig. mutilated, Fig. butchered.

4. false, fallacious, untrue, mendacious, baseless, unfounded, groundless, unsupported, unsupportable, preposterous, ridiculous, ludicrous; unsound, invalid, erroneous, mistaken, wrong, peccant, faulty, at fault, in error, errant, heretical, heterodox; unauthentic, unguenuine, imperfect, defective, abortive.

5. licentious, lascivious, lewd; sadistic, masochistic, Sl. s-m, Sl. kinky.

6. perverse, corrupt, corrupted, vice-ridden, immoral, unprincipled, dissolute, abandoned, profligate, wanton, depraved, degenerate, degenerated, deteriorated; Inf. gone to the dogs, evil, wicked, iniquitous, base, foul, low, sinful; wayward, devious, untrustworthy, unreliable; vitiated, debilitated; polluted, adulterated, contaminated, corrupted, befouled, befouled, rotten, tainted, infected, poisoned.

**pervious**, adj. permeable, porous, penetrable, permeable, pierceable, enterable; open, passable, accessible; reachable; vulnerable, penetrable, open to attack.

**pesky**, adj. Informal, annoying, irksome, irritating, nettlesome, vexatious, vexing, gallling, chafing, harassing; troublesome, worrisome, worrying, provoking, gnawing, nagging, dogging, hounding, tormenting, bothersome; aggravating, exacerbating, maddening, infuriating, Sl. driving up the wall, driving crazy; ruffling, disturbing, perturbing, Inf. getting under one's skin, Inf. getting in one's hair, disquieting; disagreeable, distasteful, obnoxious, offensive, objectionable, unwelcome, unwanted; intolerable.
pestilence, n. 1. cynicism, doubt, suspicion, distrust, disbelief, expecting the worst, Murphy's Law; hopelessness, seeing things in black, seeing the shadows instead of the sun, discouragement, dejection; depression, Ger. Weltschmerz, Latin taedium vitae, despair, desperation, heaviness of heart, Sl. blues, sadness, unhappiness, gloom, gloomy outlook, gloominess, glumness; despondency, Psychiatry. hypochondria, melancholy, Psychol. melancholia, black dog melancholy, self-flagellation, joylessness, Psychol. anhedonia, emotional sclerosis; trepidation, waiting for the sky to fall in; eosophobia, fear of the new day; borrowing or buying trouble. 2. seeing the hole instead of the doughnut, seeing a glass half empty instead of half full, carrying an umbrella on a sunny day, wearing pants with suspenders and a belt.

pessimist, n. cynic, doubter, doubting Thomas; prophet of doom, Cassandra, alarmist, Gloomy Gus, Inf. gloom and doomer, Sl. crapehanger; defeatist, Sl. cop-out, underachiever, dropout; hypochondriac, Inf. worrywart, Chicken Little, Inf. scaredy-cat; grumbler, complainer, dog in the manger, fuddy-duddy, fanatical, sarcastic, disparager, detractor, Inf. knocker; spoilsport, Inf. wet blanket, Inf. grouch, Inf. sad sack, Sl. sour-puss, Dial. night crawler, kill-joy, depressor, malcontent; weeper, Niobe, mourner, moper.

pessimistic, adj. cynical, doubting, distrustful, untrusting; leery, wary, suspicious, gloomy, Inf. downbeat, glum, morose, dreary, dismal, bleak; hopeless, depressed, despondent, despairing, Inf. down, downhearted, Sl. in the pits, desperate; forlorn, desolate, unable to see the end of the tunnel, without a shred of hope; blue, sad, unhappy, Inf. in a funk, Inf. in a blue funk, melancholy, seized by the black dog melancholy, oppressed, weighed down; anxious, worried, critical; disparager, detractor, Inf. knocker; spoilsport, Inf. wet blanket, Inf. grouch, Inf. sad sack, Sl. sour-puss, Dial. night crawler, kill-joy, depressor, malcontent; weeper, Niobe, mourner, moper.

pest, n. 1. gadfly, buttonholer, Inf. pain, Sl. pain in the neck or rear, Sl. nudnik; nag, pesterner, annoyer, harasser, heckler, badgerer; tease, teaser, tormentor, persecutor, Sl. itch. 2. nuisance, bother, annoyance, vexation, Inf. headache, Sl. hassle; irritable, bur, thorn, thorn in the side or flesh, pea in the shoe; bore, crashing or frightful bore, proser, twaddler, dryasdust.

pestiferous, adj. See pestilent.

pestilenal, adj. See pestilential.

pestilentious, n. 1. epidemic, pandemic, pandemia, plague, zymosis, (of animals) Pathol. epizootic, (of animals) epizooty, (of plants) epiphytic; bubonic plague, black plague, black death; white plague, tuberculosis, TB, consumption, phthisis, pulmonary phthisis. 2. curse, bane, scourge, affliction, infliction, visitation, torment, calamity; canker, cancer, blight, rot.

pestilential, adj. 1. pestilential, pestiferous, infective, infectious, contagious, infested, pest-ridden, diseased, disease-ridden, infected, septic, leprous; contagious, communicable, catching; epidemic, pandemic, endemic, epizootic. 2. pernicious, dangerous, deleterious, detrimental, destructive, ruinous; deadly, lethal, fatal, mortal, mortifying, Archaic. lethiferous; harmful, injurious, nocuous, hurtful, noxious; noxious, hurtful, morbiferous, venemous, poisonous, virulent, toxic, morbid, Rare. morbiferous; fell, baneful, mephitic, virulent, Rare. virose, (in prescriptions) venemous, Archaic. venenose; insalubrious, unhealthy, unhygienic, insanitary, unhealthy. 3. evil, wicked, iniquitous, heartless, sinister; vicious; base, vile, foul, mean, low, bad, odious; dire, dark, black, dreadful, grim; damnable, damatory, cursed, cursed; maleficient, malefic, malevolent, evil-minded, demonic, diabolic, devilish; criminal, felonious, wrong, reprehensible, immoral, corrupting, polluting, debauched, debrayed. 4. mischievous, impish, elfish, prankish; vexatious, troublesome, naughty, annoying, irritating.

pestilential, adj. See pestilent (defs. 1-3).

pestle, n. 1. pulverizer, grounder, mulleter, blayer, pounder, masher. —v. 2. pulverize, triturate, comminute, bray, powder, reduce or grind to powder.

pet', n. 1. favorite, minion, jewel, apple of one's eye, Inf. number-one son, Inf. the fair-haired boy; cosset, fondling, darling, spoiled child; teacher's pet; loved one, dear, Inf. dearie, sweetheart, Inf. sweetie, honey, honey pie or bunch, baby, doll, baby doll, angel, lamb, lambkin, Inf. snookums. —adj. 2. domesticated, tamed, tamed, housebroken.

prized, cherished, loved, beloved, adored, treasured, held dear, dear to one's heart, precious; favorite, favored, dear, dearest, darling.

affectionate, fond, tender, loving, adoring.

pet', n. 1. pique, Huff, tiff, miff, fume, temper, ill temper, bad mood, ugly mood, Inf. stew, Archaic. pucker; sulk, sulks, petulance, Inf. slow burn. —v. 2. sulk, mope, look sullen, look black, pull or make a long face, pout, frown, scowl; grumble, grim, petard, n. 1. firecracker, squib, cherry bomb, ashcan.

2. hoist by or with one's own petard caught in one's own trap, tangled in one's own web; defeated by one's own plot; outsmarted or outwitted by oneself.

peter, v. Informal. 1. weaken, decline, fade, pine, fail, flag, wilt, droop; languish, dwindle, wither on the vine; tire; get or grow tired, grow weary, run out or down, Inf. run out of steam, burn out, Inf. give out, Inf. conk out, Inf. peg out, Inf. poop out. 2. Informal. peter out dissolve, melt away, pass away, fade out of the picture; wane, die out or away,
cease to be or exist; cease; go downhill, Sl. hit the skids; come to nothing, come to naught, hang fire, flash in the pan; fall through, fall flat, get bogged down, go up in smoke.

divine, n. adj.
divinations, 

1. the common people, the masses, the hoi polloi, Jocular. the booboisie; Middle America, the silent majority, the grass roots; commonality, the public, the general public, citizenry.

petition, n. 1. suit, request, requisition, application, address.
2. supplication, obsecration, obtestation, impetra
tion, solation, invocation, adjuration, imploration, beseechment, Eccles. rogation; plea, prayer, orison, appeal, entreaty, humble request.

v. 3. request, apply to, appeal to, call on or upon, adjure; solicit, sue, address, bid.
4. beg for, pray for, plead for; supplicate, implore, entreat, adjure, obtest; solicit, beseech, obsecrate, imprecate, impetrante, importune.

petitioner, n. solicitor, suitor, suppliant, supplicant, beseecher, petitioner; applicant, bidder, solicitant; candidate, aspirant, postulant, seeker; claimant, complainant, plaintiff, appellant, party.

pet name, n. diminutive, hypocorism; nickname, sobriquet, cognomen, agnomen, appellation.

petrification, n. 1. ossification, fossilization, petrifaction; calcification, crystallization; induration, hardening, solidification, stiffening.
2. numbing, benumbing, dulling, blunting; drugging, anesthetization, stunning, paralysisation, incapacitation, insensitization; stupefying, shocking, dazing, electrifying.
3. scaring, frightening, terrifying, shocking, appall
ing, unnerving; terrorizing, intimidating, intimidating, disturbing, distressing.
4. hardness, firmness, solidity, compactness, density; stiffness, firmness, stoniness, bonelessness, rigidity, rigidity.
5. fear, dread, fright, Inf. funk, fearfulness; terror, horror, panic; alarm, perturbation, consternation, trepidation; apprehension, worry, disquietude, concern.

petrified, adj. 1. ossified, osseous, fossilized, turned to stone, Both Archaic. lapidified, lapidific; mineralized, horned, corneous, bony, sclerotic; calcified, vitrified, vitreous, crystallized, crystalline; indurate, indurated, hard, hardened, hard as a rock, hard as stone, stony, stonelike, lithoid, lithoidal, rocky, rock-like, aphanaic, porphyritic; solid, solidified, dense, densified; concrete, granitic, flinty, adamantine, steely, callous, strong.
2. stupefied, paralyzed, benumbed, numbed, numb, incapacitated, insensitized; anesthetized, stunned, frozen; staggered, taken aback, floored, shocked, jarred, jolted, Inf. bowled over; dumbfounded, speechless, struck dumb, Inf. flabbergasted; shocked, electrified, dazed.
3. panic-stricken, terrified, horrified, terror-stricken, horror-stricken, scared out of one’s wits; startled, overcome with fear, overwhelmed, afraid, frightened; frozen with terror, pale as a ghost, white as a sheet; shaken, shaking, shaking like an aspen, quivering, quavering.

petrify, v. 1. ossify, fossilize, turn to stone, Archaic. lapidify, mineralize; calcify, vitrify, crystallize; indurate, harden, make hard, become hard, strengthen, stiffen, starch; solidify, densify, insipissate, Pharm. incrassate, thicken; steel, toughen, vulcanize.

2. numb, benumb, deaden, obtund, hebetate, dull, blunt; drug, anesthetize, stun, paralyze; chill, freeze.
3. scare, terrify, frighten, fright, horrify, strike terror into, make fearful, scare out of one’s wits; stupefy, paralyze, benumb, numb, incapacitate, insensitize; stun, stagger, take aback, astound, astonish, amaze, dumbfound; startle, surprise, disconcert, take unawares, alarm; shock, electrify, daze, Inf. take one’s breath away.


petroleum, n. rock oil, fossil oil, crude oil, Archaic. petrol.

petticoat, n. 1. half-slip, slip, shift, underskirt, skirt, hoop skirt, farthingale, crinoline; undergarment, underwear, lingerie.
2. Informal. woman, lady, female, young lady, girl, mademoiselle, miss, young woman, Inf. filthy, Sl. chick.

—adj. 3. feminine, female, delicate, gentle, tender.

petitfog, v. 1. quibble, cavil, Inf. nitpick, be labor a point, split hairs, chop logic, trifle, beg the question; bicker, bandy words, moot, sift, Inf. kick around, Sl. hash over; wrangle, altercate, jangle, quarrel, squabble, haggle, Sl. hassle, Scot. argle-bargle.
3. chican, hoodwink, trick, delude, deceive, fool, bamboozle, overreach; All Inf. jive, fast-talk, flam, hype, buffalo, buildoze; All Sl. con, snow, suck or sucker in, Murphy.

petitfogger, n. dishonest lawyer, Sl. mouthpiece, ambulance chaser, shyster, Brit. Sl. greenbag; Inf. nitpicker, quibbler.

pettigfory, n. jobbery, underhand practice or dealing, corruption, dishonesty, falseness, humbuggery, artifice, subterfuge; bamboozling, cheating, cozenage, swindling, fleecing; fraud, fraudulency, deceit, deceptions, chicanery, duplicity, guile, double-dealing, Sl. monkey-business, Sl. dipsy-doodle; trickery, guill
ning, knavery, rascality, hoodwinking, duping, hoaxing, befooling; wiles, sophistry, Inf. nitpicking, artfulness, craftiness, treachery.

pettigfogging, adj. 1. trifling, niggle, frivolous, Inf. nitpicking, paltry, insubstantial, insignificant; circumlocutory, fencing,equivocating, sophistical, sophistic, casuistical, casuistical; hairsplitting, caviling, monkey-business, Artificer, subterfuge; bamboozling, cheating, cozenage, swindling, fleecing; fraud, fraudulency, deceit, deception, chicanery, duplicity, guile, double-dealing, Sl. monkey-business, Sl. dipsy-doodle; trickery, guilling, knavery, rascality, hoodwinking, duping, hoaxing, befooling; wiles, sophistry, Inf. nitpicking, artfulness, craftiness, treachery.

pettish, adj. 1. peevish, ill-humored, touchy, testy, thin-skinned, waspish, petulant; cross, irascible, choleric, ill-tempered, splenetic; crabby, crabbed, cranky, grouchy, grumpy, cantankerous, crotchety, crusty; irritable, out of sorts, snappish, snappy, huffy, huffy, curt, short, impatient; piqued, in a pique, in a fume, Archaic. in a pucker, Inf. in a stew.
2. moody, sulky, dour, gloomy, dyspeptic, sullen, morose; grumpy, mooping, mopish, mokey; injured, wounded, sore, offended, indignant; angry, in high dudgeon, worked up.
3. captious, quarrelsome, fractious; complaining, querulous, cavil, carping; antagonistic, inimical, ill
tended, hostile; argumentative, short-tempered, quarrelsome, disputatious; contrary, perverse, Scot. thrawn; unaccommodating, unkindly, unamiable, un-
1. petty, adj. trivial, paltry, Archaic. petting, Brit. potty, puny, picayune, niggling, minor; trifling, piddling, fiddling, frivolous, frivole; inconsequential, unimportant, insignificant, inconsiderable, negligible, nugatory, worthless, uselees; inane, silly, foolish, pointless, Inf. dumb, idiotic; small, dinky, Sl. small-time, Sl. two-bit; of minor importance, of little or no account, nothing great, no great shakes, Inf. no big deal, nothing to write home about, Inf. nothing to get excited or worked up about.

2. secondary, subordinate, junior, second-fiddle, lower, inferior; subsidiary, ancillary; second-class, one-horse, bush, bush-league, Sl. small potatoes. Sl. mickey mouse.

3. narrow-minded, narrow, prejudiced, biased, bigoted; little-minded, small-minded, mean-minded; warped, twisted, jaundiced, partial, one-sided, closed-minded, closed, intolerant, illiberal, unreasonable; insular, parochial, provincial, Sociol. ethnocentric, limited, confined, constricted, unliberal, unacademic; blind, myopic, near-sighted, short-sighted, purblind.

4. stingy, niggardly, miserly, parsimonious, carking, Chiefly Brit. jinrikisha.

1. phase, n. 1. assemblage, assembly, group, circle; gathering, meeting, audience; concourse, rally, throng, number; entourage, cavalcade, caravan, drive; conclave, congregation, council, synod, consistory, conventicle; levy, muster, mobilization.

2. association, affiliation, society, fellowship, fraternity, brotherhood; guild, union, league; faction, splinter group, pressure group; confederation, alliance, coalition, Bund.

3. visualization, conceptualization, mental image, mental picture.

phantasmagoric, adj. illusory, delusory, unreal, phantasm, chimerical, imaginary, visionary; spectral, apparitional, ghostly; dreamy, dreamlike; nightmarish; hallucinatory, phantasmagorical; surreal, surrealistic, Kaffaquesque; psychedelic, kaleidoscopic.

phantasmal, adj. unreal, illusory, delusory, imaginary, imagined, phantasmagoric, phantasmagorical; chimerical, fanciful, fancy-bred, fancied, figurant, figmentary; aerial, unsubstantial, incorporeal, airy, vaporous, ethereal, cloud-built, air-built; spiritual, apparitional, spectral, specterlike, ghostly, ghostlike, phantomlike, wraithlike, shadowy.

phantom, n. 1. incubus, succubus, evil spirit, nightmare, bad dream, Sl. bad trip; chimer, figment, fragment of the imagination, trick of the imagination, phantasm of the mind, illusion, delusion. See also phantasm (def. 2).

2. apparition, specter, shade, shadow, spirit. See phantasm (def. 1).

—adj. 3. unreal, illusory; phantasmal. See phantasmal.

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phantasm, n. 1. apperition, vision, specter, shade, shadow, spirit, soul, revenant, wraith, eidolon, phantasma, materialization; ghost, phantom, (in Irish Folklore) banshee, Inf. spook; demon, devil, evil spirit, nightmare, incubus, succubus.

2. chimera, figment, fragment of the imagination, phantom of the mind, illusion, delusion; fancy, idle fancy, fantasy, crotch, bubble, vapor, dream, daydream, Sl. mirage, illusion, hallucination, Fata Morgana, trick of the eyesight, optical illusion.

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phenomenal, adj. 1. extraordinary, prodigious, remarkable, wondrous, marvelous; amazing, astounding, astonishing, miraculous, surpassing belief; fabulous, fantastic, Sl. far-out; indescribable, inefflable, mind-boggling, Sl. mind-blowing; staggering, breathtaking, Sl. stunning.

2. worthless, matchless, unmatched, nonpareil; unusual, uncommon, unconventional, unorthodox, uncustomary, unkontected, unfamiliar, unheard-of, unseen, surprising; curious, odd, peculiar, queer; strange, weird, bizarre, freakish.

phenomenon, n. 1. event, occurrence, incident, happening, episode, experience, occasion; fact, matter of fact, particular, circumstance.

2. marvelous, wonder, wonderful thing, amazing thing, quite a thing, really something; prodigy, miracle, sensation, oversight, sensation, Sl. phenom; sight, spectacle, eyeopener, Sl. stunner, Sl. mind-boggler, Sl. mindblower, Sl. triple; curiosity, rarity, nonunique, nonpareil, one of a kind, one in a thousand; marvellment, wonderment, gaspingstock, Brit. Dial. gapedess; All Inf. one for the book, something to write home about, something else.

philander, v. 1. trifle, daily, toy, toy or trifle with [s.o.'s] affections, play at courtship; flirt, coquet, Sl. hustle, Sl. put or slap the make on.

2. debauch, wanton, rake, cruise, gallivant, womanize, chase women, Inf. chase around, Sl. chase skirts; have a woman in every port, Inf. play the field, Inf. fool around, Inf. screw around, Inf. sleep around, Inf. love 'em and leave 'em, Inf. find 'em and forget 'em; Sl. whipam-bam thank you ma'am.

philanderer, n. trifter, dallier, gay dog, gay deceiver, gallant, flirt, Obs. coquet, Inf. two-timer; womanizer, ladies' man, man about town, woman-chaser, Sl. skirt-chaser, Sl. wolf, Sl. lover boy, Sl. tomcat, Sl. masher, Sl. make-out artist, Sl. man on the make; debauchee, rake, rakehell, roué, profligate, wanton, libertine, playboy, Inf. rip, Sl. swinger; Don Juan, Casanova, Lothario, Romeo, charmer, Inf. lady-killer, Sl. stud, Sl. sheik.

philanthropic, adj. 1. benevolent, beneficent, aiding, helpful, helpful, ministerial, gracious; charitable, leemosemary, almsgiving, philanthropical, philanthropic, charitable, almsgiving, generous, bountiful, bounteous, liberal, open-handed, free-handed, giving; lavish, ungrudging, un sparing, un stinting.

2. altruistic, humanitarian, humane, human, public spirited, socially aware or concerned, solicitous, officious, well-meaning, well-intentioned; unselfish, selfless, other-directed, Psychol. introverted; kind, kindly, kindhearted, benign, benignant; big-hearted, big, large-hearted, magnificent, warm-hearted, loving, affectionate, friendly, well-disposed; thoughtful, considerate, compassionate, sympathetic, feeling, Disparaging. bleeding-heart, truthful, pitying, Rare. pitiful.

philanthropist, n. 1. benefactor, benefactress, do- gooder, donor, donator, giver, contributor, grantor, almsgiver, Lady Bountiful, Both Archaic. almsman, almswoman; patron, patroness, sponsor, fairy godmother, good fairy, angel; Maecenas, Rockefeller, Carnegie, Mellon; supporter, backer, booster, financier, maintainer, sustainer, mainstay; helper, aider, abetter, succoror, Good Samaritan.

2. altruist, humanitarian, public servant, do-gooder, friend, well-wisher, sympathizer, pitier, Disparaging. bleeding heart.

philanthropy, n. 1. benevolence, beneficence, helpfulness, ministration, ministry, public or social service, do-goodism; charity, Latin. caritas, alms giving, charitableness, munificence, generosity, bounty, bountifulness, liberality, liberalness, open-handedness, free-handedness.

2. altruism, humanitarianism, humanity, humaneness, love of mankind, Christian love, agape; public spirit, public spiritedness, other-directedness, other-direction, Psychol. extroversion; unselfishness, selflessness, self-sacrifice; kindness, kindliness, kindheartedness, benevolence, benignity, goodness, good will; open-heartedness, big-heartedness, magnanimity; thoughtfulness, consideration, compassion, compassionate- ness, sympathy, pity.

3. contribution, donation, alms, offering, offertory, obliteration, largesse, benefaction; good, service, ministration, favor, courtesy; aid, assistance, help, succor.

philippic, n. diatribe, invective, tirade, screed, jere miad, stream of abuse, bitter harangue, verbal onslaught; vituperation, revilement, curse, execration, imprecation, anathematization, denunciation, condemnation, censure; vilification, censuration, reproof, rebuke, reprimand, admonition, dressing-down, tumely, berating, upbraiding, scolding, Inf. tongue-lashing, Sl. dressing-down, Sl. bawling out, Sl. chewing out; reproof, rebuke, reprimand, admonition, re proval, slap in the face, Inf. rap on the knuckles.

philistine, n. 1. middlebrow, Inf. lowbrow, Boec tian, conventionalist, conformist; bourgeois, materialist, capitalist; traditionalist, formalist, precisian; boor, lout, Goth. barbarian, yaho.

—adj. 2. Inf. lowbrow, uncultivated, uncultivated, unrefined, rude, uneducated, untutored, untaught, unlearned, unlettered, unread, unenlightened; commonplace, common, conventional, ordinary, prosaic, dull, unimaginative, uninteresting, plain; conformist, middlebrow, conservative, Sl. upright, Sl. button-down, Sl. square, Sl. straight; bourgeois, materialistic, capitalistic.

philistinism, n. middlebrowism, Inf. lowbrowism, conventionalism, conventionality, conformism, conformance, conformity; traditionalism, formalism, precisianism; obtuseness, dullness, boorishness, yahoolism.

philologist, n. archivist; (all of linguistics) linguist, Rare. linguistickian, phonologist, phonemics, phonetician, morphologist, dialectologist, philologist, semanticist, semasiologist, etymologist, historical linguist, lexicographer; grammarian, scholar.

philology, n. (all of linguistics) linguistics, linguistic science, Obs. glotto logic, dialectology, phonetics, phonology, phonemics, morphology, morphophonemics, syntax, tagmemics; semantics, semasiology, etymology, historical linguistics, glotto logic, lexicology, lexicography.

philosopher, n. philosopher, philosophe, Derog. philosophaster, thinker, reasoner, ratiocinator, rationalist; theorist, theorizer, metaphysician, metaphysicist, logician, aesthetician; seeker or student of truth, scholar, sage, wise man, pundit, guru.

philosophical, adj. 1. philosophic, Philos. metaphysical, metaphysical; abstract, abstruse, recondite, esoteric.

2. thoughtful, thinking, pensive, reflective, reflecting, meditative, meditating, contemplative, contemplating, cogitative; grave, serious, sober, deep, deep-
philosophy, n. 1. study of truth, natural philosophy, metaphysics. Philos. aesthetics, epistemology, logic, logistic, symbolic logic, Aristotelian logic.
2. philosophical system, philosophical doctrine or teaching, school of philosophy, school of thought.
3. critical study, analysis, investigation, examination, probe, research, exploration.
4. ethics, system of moral principles, moral code or philosophy, moral standard.
5. stoicism, composure, aplomb, sang-froid, poise, self-possession, self-control, self-command; presence of mind, level-headedness, cool-headedness, coolness, equability, equableness, equanimity.
6. opinion, attitude, viewpoint, view, point of view, feeling, sentiment, idea.

philter, n. love potion, aphrodisiac, cantharides, blister beetle, cantharis, Spanish fly, ginseng; magic potion or drug, wonder drug, elixir, panacea, cure-all.

phlegm, n. 1. mucus, Inf. snot.
2. dullness, lethargy, hebephrenia, listlessness; sluggishness, slowness, languor, slassitude, indolence, torpidity, torpidness, torpor; inertia, inactivity, inertness, passiveness, passivity; apathy, indifference, unconcern, nonchalance, uninterestedness, disinterest; coolness, coldness, frigidity; unresponsiveness, dispensation, dispassionateness, lack of feeling or emotion, insensibility, insensitiveness, insensitivity, unfeelingness, numbness.
3. self-possession, self-control, composure, aplomb, sang-froid, poise; presence of mind, level-headedness, cool-headedness, coolness, Inf. cool, collectedness; philosophicalness, even-temperedness, equability, equableness, equanimity, equilibrium; calm, calmness, repose, quiet, quiescence, quiescency, stillness; peace, peacefulness, placidity, placidness, tranquillity, tranquillity, tranquillity, serenity, sereneness; impassiveness, impassivity, imperturbability, imperturbableness, Sl. unflappabilility, unexcutability, unruflledness.

phlegmatic, adj. 1. phlegmatical, lethargic, lethargical, hebetudinous, listless; sluggish, lymphatic, slow, slow-moving, languid, indolent, torpid; inactive, inert, passive, dormant, unmoving, inanimate, lifeless; apathetic, indifferent, unconcerned, nonchalant, uninterested, disinterested, unimpassioned; unresponsive, cold, cool, frigid, frosty, icy; impulsive, dispasionate, emotional, emotionless, passionless, stolid, stoical, stoic; unfeeling, insensitive, insensible, insensitiveness, insensitive, insensitive, numb, dull.
2. self-possessed, self-controlled, composed, poised, collected, Sl. together; level-headed, cool-headed, cool, equable, steady, balanced, equilibratory, equibiliuous; even-tempered, equanimous, philosophical, moderate, temperament; imperturbable, unperturbable, Sl. unflappable, unexcitable; unexcutied, unruflled, unflustered, undisturbed, unperturbed; calm, reposed, quiet, quiescent, still, placid, peaceful, tranquil, serene; untouched, unaffected, unimpassioned, dispassionate, unemotional.

phobia, n. 1. fear, irrational fear, abnormal fear, obsessive fear; dread, horror, panic, terror, angst, fear and trembling, anguish, anxiety; apprehensiveness, apprehension, misgiving, suspicion, distrust, qualm; worry, disquiet, disquietude.
2. aversion, hatred, dislike, distaste, peevish, pet peevish; disgust, odium, detestation, abhorrence, antipathy, repugnance; abominadion, loathing, execration, detestation; disrelish, displeasure, repulsion, revulsion, nausea; craze, obsession, neurwosis, mania, monomania, paranoia.
3. agoraphobia, claustrophobia, acrophobia; androphobia, gynephobia, pedophobia, anthropophobia, xenophobia; theophobia, demonophobia, phasomophobia; ailurophobia, cynophobia, musophobia, ophiophobia, ornithophobia, arachnophobia; koniophobia or amathophobia, myophobia, necrophobia, hydrophobia; chromatophobia, chetaophobia or trichophobia or pagonophobia; astraphobia, brontophobia, keraunophobia, pyrophobia, eosophobia, acliophobia; peniaphobia, tachophobia, triskaidekaphobia. autopobia, karorraphiaphobia, gephyrophobia, holophobia, ergophobia, phagophobia, thaophobia, katagelophobia, pnigophobia.

phonix, n. paragon, perfection, consummation, nonpareil, shining example, crownling glory; culmination, pinnacle, height, top, acme, summit, peak; the last word, ultimate, pride and glory; example, standard, pattern, model, ideal, beau ideal, exemplar, classic, apotheosis, cynosure, very model, quintessence, archetype, prototype.

phone, n. 1. Informal. telephone, telephone set, receiver, mouthpiece; extension, extension phone, wall or desk phone, Inf. intercom; headphone, headset, earphone, radiophone, ship to shore phone; Inf. line, Sl. horn, Sl. Ameche.
—v. 2. telephone, call, Inf. call on the phone, Inf. ring or dial up, Inf. give [s.o.] a ring or buzz, Inf. buzz, put in or make a call, Sl. get [s.o.] on the horn.

phonetic, adj. 1. spoken, vocalized, vocal, intoned, pitched; sounded, voiced, said, noised, phonie, sounded out, enunciated, articulated, pronounced.
2. oral, verbal, unwritten, parole; as pronounced, as heard, by ear, said as written.
—n. 3. symbol, character, sign; logographic symbol, pictogram, ideograph, hieroglyph, hieroglyph, rune; kana, katakana, hiragana; shorthand symbol.

phonetics, n. study of speech sounds, speechcraft, phonemics. See phonology.

phonograph, n. record player, recording machine, stereo, phono, Phonograph. Trademark. Graphophone, Trademark. Victrola; graphophone, phonogram, phonograph, audiograph, hi-fi, high-fidelity system, jukebox, nickelodeon; tape recorder, recorder, tape deck, tape player, cassette player.

phonography, n. sound transcription, phonetic spelling, spelling, orthography, phonetics, stenotype, stenography, tachygraphy.

phonology, n. phonetics, phonemics, speechcraft; acoustics, phonics, diaphonics, acoustic phonetics, articulatory phonetics, auditory phonetics; morphophonemics, morphology, etymology, orthoepy, study of word sounds; linguistics, Ob. glottology, dialectology.

phony, adj. 1. Informal. spurious, counterfeit, bo-
phosphorescent, adj. luminous, radiant, bright, lucent, fulgent; luminescent, triboluminescent, electro-luminescent, chemiluminescent; shining, lustrous, luminiferous, rutilant, Biol. photogenic; fluorescent, luminal, tinselled, star-spangled, irradiate; sparkling, coruscating, scintillating, shimmery, shimmering, glistening; twinkling, glintening, blinking, glittering.

photograph, n. 1. picture, Image, Inf. photo, snapshot, Inf. shot, Inf. snap, Inf. candid; color print, color print, Trademark. Kodak, Trademark. Heliographic; Trademark. Polaroid; slide, transparency, lantern slide, diapositive, frame, exposure, negative, positive; daguerreotype, tintype, collotype, calotype, talbotype, photocolloyte, plate; photographure, Obs. heliogravure, rotogravure; portrait, glossy, matte, blowup, enlargement, reduction, Inf. pin-up, Sl. mug shot, Inf. close-up; copy, photostat, photcopy, facsimile, Trademark. Xerox or Xerox copy.

—v. 2. take a picture, snap, kodak, shoot, film, capture on film.

photographer, n. photographer, cinematographer, camera man, photog; snapshotter, daguerrotypist, calotypist, talbotypist; camera bug, Sl. shutterbug, Inf. lensman, Sl. shutterer, It. paparazzo.

photographic, adj. 1. pictorial, representing, representative, descriptive; photo, photosensitive, tele-photographic, telephoto, photogenic.

2. detailed, realistic, lifelike, graphic; minute, exact, precise, typical; true to life, true to type, faithful, natural, close in all particulars.

phrase, n. 1. word group, unit, construction, term; clause, sentence, verse; portion, part, passage, excerpt; noun phrase, verb phrase, adverbial phrase, adjectival phrase.

2. phraseology, way of speaking, phrasing, manner of expression, mode of speaking; style, mode, manner, strain, mannerism, peculiarity; language, locution, words, wordage, verbiage, usage, choice of words; vocabulary, parlance, idiom, dialect; diction, speech, Inf. talk; colloquialism, regionalism, argot, slang, patois, jargon.

3. expression, saying, proverb, maxim, aphorism, gnome; epithet, saw, mot, prossais, witticism, axiom, words of wisdom, sentence, stock saying; platitude, trite expression, cliché, banality, Inf. bromide, Sl. chestnut; commonplace, triviality, hackneyed saying.

4. utterance, remark, saying; statement, comment, communication, pronunciation, declaration; mention, note, thought; Inf. two cents' worth, Sl. crack, Sl. shot; assertion, allegation, averment, asseveration, affirmation.

—v. 5. express, word, term, style, put, couch; frame, formulate, cast, put in words, clothe in words; pronounce, enunciate, accentuate.

6. report, say, utter, recount, relate, relate, recite, tell, speak, make known, quote; deliver, present, impart, set out; mention, observe, note; convey, communicate, comment, parley, come out with; aver, asseverate, assert, state, declare, allege; pronounce, announce, sound, enounce.

phraseology, n. 1. speech pattern, phrasing, wording, word order, syntax; verbiage, verbalism, manner of expression, usage, Linguistics. idiolect; delivery, style, writing, locution, elocution, speaking, oratory, rhetoric, declamation; dictation, word choice, intonation, inflection, pronunciation, accent, stress, articulation, Lautgesetze. prosody; dialect, patois, cant, argot, parlance, tongue, speech, language, Inf. lingo, Inf. talk; jargon, vocabulary, terminology.

2. phrases, idioms, verbosity; colloquialism, regionalism; expressions, sayings. See phrase (def. 3).

philyactery, n. an image, talisman, amulet, peripatetic, abracadabra; fetish, obi, obeah, notion; jugglery, jugglery; apotropaic, scarab, swastika, triskelion, safeguard, protector, preservative, charm, good luck charm, lucky piece, horseshoe, rabbit’s foot, Brit. merrymaking.

physic, n. 1. laxative, cathartic, purgative, aperient, ingle, carminative; purifier, depurative, cleanser; castor oil, ricinus oil, mineral oil, salts, Pepsin salts, mineral water.

2. medicine, medication, medicament, drug, pharmaceutical; corrective, antidote, restorative, specific; remedy, cure, cure-all, elixir, panacea, wonder drug; preparation, potion, solution, concoction, home remedy; dose, draft, drink, spoonful of medicine, pill, tablet, lozenge, capsule, Pharm. troche, Both Pharm., Vet. Med. bolus, electrolyt.

—v. 3. purge, depurate, purify, cleanse, clean out, wash out. See purge.

4. medicate, drug, dope, dose, administer medication or medicine, prescribe medicine; treat, minister, doctor, nurse; remedy, cure, heal, correct, relieve, take care of [s.o.], fix [s.o.] up.

physical, adj. bodily, corporeal, corporal, fleshly, carnate, carnal, somatic; earthly, unsensual; external, surface, visible; material, substantial, tangible, palpable, solid, concrete, real, true, actual, existent; alive, living, vital.

physician, n. doctor, medical practitioner, M.D., medical doctor, medical man, healer, Sl. pill peddler, Sl. doc, Sl. medic, Sl. medicus, Sl. croaker; allopath, osteopath, homeopath; general practitioner, G.P., specialist, gynecologist, internist, ophthalmologist; ear, nose, and throat doctor; dermatologist, neurologist, psychiatrist; resident, intern; paramedic.

physicist, n. scientist, physical scientist, natural philosopher, applied mathematician; nuclear physicist, astrophysicist, applied physicist, theoretical physicist.

physics, n. science, natural philosophy, applied mathematics; theoretical physics, applied physics, astrophysics, aeroastronomy, aerodynamics, aeromechanics, aeronautics, mechanics, kinematics, statics, aerodynamics, acoustics; electrothermics, electromagnetics; hydraulics, hydrodynamics, hydromagnetics, hydrostatics, hydrokinetics.

physiognomy, n. 1. face, Archaic. mazzen, countenance, visage, All Sl. mug, map, pan, phiz, puss, kisser.

2. features, lineaments, configuration, conformation; silhouette, profile, outline, contour; appearance, outside, façade; expression, look, mien, brow, aspect, air, demeanor.

physique, n. figure, body, Sl. bod, Sl. chassis; shape, frame, build, form, structure, configuration, organization.
pianist, n. piano virtuoso, piano player, keyboard artist; Sl. ivory tickler or thumbr, accompanist; Fr. pianiste, It. pianista; musician, artist, concert artist, virtuoso.

piano, n. pianoforte, grand piano, baby grand, concert grand; Trademark. Steinway; spinet, square piano, upright, Sl. box, player piano, Trademark. Pianola; harpsichord, clavichembalo, cembalo, clavicembalo, virginal, clavicymbel, harpsichord, celesta, dulcimer, hammer dulcimer, kalimba, clavier, Sl. eighty-eight or 88, ivories, Inf. keyboard.

piazza, n. square, open square, plaza, place, mall, circle; marketplace, arcade, rialto, forum, agora.

pick, v. pick up, take up, raise, raise up, elevate, hoist, heft, heave. b. recover, recoup, get better, improve, mend, perk up, Inf. shape up; advance, progress, make progress, make headway, gain, gain ground; recover, rally, make a comeback. c. Slang. find, purchase, obtain, buy; locate by chance, come across, stumble over, dig up. d. obtain casually, earn, make, Inf. pull down, win, net, bag, come by, Inf. glom. e. accelerate, speed up, move along. f. take [s.o.] along, give [s.o.] a ride or lift; get, go to get, go for or after, call for. g. strike up an acquaintance with, introduce oneself to, meet casually; encounter, run across, fall in with, take up with.

pick up a. pick up a. lift, take in, bring in, hay; cull, glean, winnow.

pick off, v. pick off, pick ax, mattock, grub ax, adz, hewer, n.

pickings, n. picking, infanticide, extinguish, bear upon; bear to, bear to the ground; recover, rally, make a comeback, c. progress, make progress, make headway, gain, gain shape up; advance, progress, make progress, make headway, gain, gain.

pick on, v. pick on, pick on, pick on; pick out, pick up, pick off, pick off, shoot, shoot down, fire on at; strike, hit, Sl. plug, drill; gun down, fell, drop.

picking, n. picking, harvest, glean, crop, fruit; gathering, winnowing, winnows, fall, drops, windfall.

pickings, n. pickings, scraps, remains, leftovers, dregs; orts, remainder, residue, residuum; sweepings, debris, fragments; remnants, lag ends, bits and pieces.
odd and ends; castoffs, castaways, rejects, discards.

3. pickings spoils, booty, loot, plunder, stealings, steal, ill-gotten gains, pilferage, Inf. grab, Inf. take, Inf. haul, Inf. swag; stolen goods, Sl. hot goods, Sl. boodle.

4. profits, earnings, emolument, perquisites, Inf. perks; return, returns, profits, receipts, proceeds, gains, gain, income.

pickle, n. 1. cucumber pickle, cornichon, gherkin, dill pickle, dill, sweet pickle, sour pickle, bread-and-butter pickle, pickled watermelon rind; relish, piccalilli, chili, chili sauce, chowchow, chutney.

2. brine, marinade, sauce, soy sauce, vinegar.

3. Informal. predication, Inf. jam, Inf. fix, scrape, Sl. bind; tight or tough spot, Inf. box, corner, cul-de-sac; hole; mess; pretty kettle of fish, fine how-do-you-do, Sl. screw-up, pretty pass; dilemma, quandary, Archaic: hobble, straits, pinch; crisis, exigency, emergency; problem, trouble, plight, distress, difficulty.

4. in a pickle between Scylla and Charybdis, between a rock and a hard place, up the creek, on the horns of a dilemma, all at sea, up against the wall, with one's back to the wall, in the middle, up to one's arm-pits or neck.

—v. 5. marinade, steep, brine, corn; devil, curry, spice; preserve, conserve, can; put up; cure, kipper.

pickled, adj. 1. preserved, brined, marinaded, corned, cured, steeped or soaked in vinegar, salted, salted down, spiced, devilled, kippered, preserved, conserved; canned, put up.

2. Slang. drunk, inebriated, sodden, besotted, soaked, soused, Sl. crocked, Sl. crocked to the eyeballs, Sl. potted, Sl. stewed, Sl. stewed to the gills, Sl. canned, Sl. ossified. See drunk (defs. 1-3).

pick-me-up, n. Informal. 1. pick-up, refreshment, stimulation, enlivenment, invigoration, vivification, revival, Inf. shot in the arm, Inf. boost, Inf. lifesaver; stimulant, stimulus, stimulator, energizer, restorative, restorer, bracer, tonic, roborant, cordial; Inf. just what the doctor ordered.

2. alcohol, libation, drink, potion, spirits, Inf. eye-opener, Inf. help of the dog that bit one; Inf. quick one, nightcap, cocktail, highball, parting cup, Inf. one for the road; draft, quaff, bender, nip, spot, tot, shot, Inf. a finger or two; sip, sup, Inf. swig, Inf. snort, Inf. jolt; swallow, Inf. slug, Inf. guzzle, Inf. gargle; dram, drop, a wee drop or nip, peg, tipple, cheering cup, the cup that shall wash your sins; All Euph. medicine, something to keep the chill off or keep the wind out, something good for what ails one; bull's milk, grape juice, the receipt; old faithful or old reliable, mother's milk.

pickpocket, n. thief, Fagin, Artful Dodger, petty criminal, Sl. dip, Sl. light-fingered Louise; purse snatcher, cutpurse.

pickup, n. 1. rapid acceleration, speed-up, increase in speed or velocity, speed, power, response.

2. small truck, open truck, delivery truck, farm truck, quarter-ton truck, carrier.

3. Informal. chance meeting, encounter, casual date, flirtation, impromptu friendship, spur-of-the-moment alliance, informal introduction, Sl. one-night stand.

4. Informal. improvement, change for the better, getting on the road to recovery, recovery, rally, Inf. comeback; mending, healing, perking up; advance, progress, making progress, making headway, gaining ground.

5. freight, load, shipment, cargo, haul, burden, charge, goods, stuff, truckload; passenger, rider, customer, fare; hitchhiker.

6. See pick-me-up.

picnic, n. 1. outdoor meal, cookout, alfresco meal; barbecue, steak fry, clambake, fish fry, Inf. hotdog or wienie roast, Fr. déjeuner sur l'herbe; feast, Inf. spread, Sl. feed; outdoor party, garden party, Fr. fête champêtre; outing, excursion.

2. Informal. a. celebration, revel, spree, wing-ding, carnival, Inf. hoopla; fun, funmaking, fun and games, good or pleasant time, Inf. high old time, time of one's life, Inf. action, Sl. laughs, Sl. ball, Sl. blast.

b. child's play, All Inf. cinch, snap, pushover, setup, breeze, a piece of cake, duck soup.

—v. 3. eat outdoors, eat in the open air, dine alfresco, cook out, bring sandwiches, bring a lunch.

pictorial, adj. 1. illustrated, pictured, sketched, photographed, painted; diagrammatic, charted, delineative, delineated.

2. vivid, striking, telling, picturesque, expressive, cogent; lucid, clear, crystal-clear, manifest, plain, obvious, unmistakable.

3. graphic, illustrative, representative; realistic, particular, detailed, distinct, well-defined, well-delineated, well-drawn, effective; realistic, explicit, express, specific, definite, precise.

—n. 4. illustrated magazine, photojournalistic publication, picture supplement, Sunday supplement, rotogravure; school annual, yearbook, Inf. rogues' gallery.

pictorialize, v. illustrate, depict, portray, show in pictures. See picture (def. 8).

picture, n. 1. likeness, semblance, similitude, icon, representation, simulacrum, portrait, depiction, depiction; artwork, painting, drawing, line drawing, black and white, pen and ink, oil painting, pastel, watercolor, gouache, wash drawing, engraving, etching; realistic painting, impressionistic painting, surrealistic painting, cubist painting; illustration, sketch; photograph, Inf. photo, snapshot, Inf. snap, Inf. candid, Inf. pin-up; tableau, Inf. black-out, Inf. still.

2. image, reflection, reflected image, shadow, silhouette.

3. description, portrayal, report, detail, recountal, recreation, reenactment, recital, recitation, Inf. reproduction; represent, show, exhibit, manifest, display; Inf. animation, Inf. recreation, reenactment, recital, recitation, Inf. representation, simulacrum, portrait, depiction, depiction; Inf. just what the doctor ordered.

4. film, movie, motion picture, moving picture, Dial. picture show. See motion picture.

5. counterpart, replica, copy, duplicate, facsimile, faithful copy, reproduction; twin, living or very image; double, look-alike, carbon copy, match, exact match, perfect likeness, Inf. spit and image or splitting image, chip off the old block, Sl. ringer, Sl. dead ringer.

6. epitome, typification, archetype, prototype, model, example, perfect example; embodiment, living embodiment, living example, incarnation, corporealization, incorporation, personification.

7. Usu. the picture situation, state, the state of things, state of affairs, circumstances, the way things are; conditions, status quo, the times; background, reasons, causes, motives; factors, details, pros and cons, pluses and minuses, risks, contingencies, possibilities, options, predictions, possible outcome, Inf. war map; turn of events, course of events, explanation, commentary, version; plight, predicament, difficulty, dilemma.

—v. 8. draw, paint, sketch, depict, delineate, pictorialize; portray, illustrate, Archaic, limn, trace, reproduce; represent, show, exhibit, manifest, display; disclose, bring to view, put before [s.o.}'s eyes.

9. imagine, conceive of, envision, Inf. feature; visualize, hypothesize, theorize, conjecture, Inf. dream up, fancy, call to mind, remember, summon up, Inf. dredge up; fantasize, romanticize, give free rein to
pie, French n. tart, turnover, piddling, adj. trifling, peddling, fribbling, niggling; v. piddle.

piebald, pied, parti-colored, black and white, adj. charming, delightful, exquisite, picturesque

pie in the sky dream, fantasy, utopia, hope, pipe dreams, Inf. courting talk; Utopia, daydreams, goals; self-deceit, self-deception, Inf. pie in the sky

castles in the air, pipe dreams, Inf.

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pie, n. 1. tart, turnover, U.S. panned, French Cookery. quiche, pastrycr. pâtisserie; cream pie, fruit pie, meat pie, Boston cream pie.

pie in the sky illusion, false hope, delusion, unrealistic aspirations or goals; self-deceit, self-deception, vague dreams of the future; false promises, Inf. campaign promises, Inf. courting talk; utopia, daydreams, Inf. pipe dreams, Inf. castles in the air, romantic visions, Inf. pietistic, sentimental, Inf.

piebald, adj. pied, parti-colored, black and white.

brown and white, (esp. of horses) skewbald; dappled, brindled, spotted, mottled, speckled, flecked, checked, checkered; varicolored, variegated, multicolored, multicolor, polychromatic, polychromic, versicolor, kaleidoscopic; rainbowy, colorful, brilliant, pavonine; marble, marbled, motley, streaked, striated, striped.

piece, n. 1. part, segment, section, subdivision; constituent, component, ingredient, element, factor; parcel, fragment, fraction, shred, shard; particle, bit, scrap, crumb, morsel; snippet, cutting, clipping, wisp, remnant; slice, helping, serving, rasher, sliver; hunk, lump, chunk.

artistic production or product, creation, masterpiece, chef-d'œuvre, meisterwerk, art object, Fr. objet d'art; novel, story, essay, article, report; poem, verse, rhyme; drama, play, sketch, pageant; painting, portrait, sculpture, statue, bust; dance, ballet; composition, symphony, opera, oratorio; performance, number, routine, Sl. bit, Sl. shitik.

portion, share, percentage, Sl. cut, Sl. slice of the pie; commission, dividend; measure, dole, allotment, allocation, allowance; quota, proportion, ration.

token, charm, amulet, talisman, fetish; lucky piece, rabbit's foot, wishbone, horseshoe.

example, specimen, instance, case, sample, sampling, illustration.

in pieces a. broken, smashed, shattered, pulverized, in smithereens, in shards; fallen to ruin, disintegrated, crumbling, dilapidated. b. fragmented, partial, incomplete; not unified, incoherent, disjointed, choppy, disorganized, disordered.

v. 7. mend, patch, patch up, sew, darn; repair, fix, make serviceable; strengthen, reinforce, cover.

piece out complete, enlarge, extend, augment, add to, supplement, expand, enhance, complement.

piece together join, fit, attach; assemble, put together, compose; connect, unite, relate.

piecemeal, adv. piece by piece, part by part, bit by bit, little by little, in installments; gradually, by degrees, slowly, inch by inch, inchmeal; at intervals, irregularly, fitfully, intermittently, sporadically, in fits and starts.

pied, adj. See piebald.

pier, n. 1. quay, wharf, landing place, anchor, jetty, jetty, dock; breakwater, embankment.

2. pillar, post, pile, piling, upright, column, foundation; support, buttress, brace.

pierce, v. 1. penetrate, puncture, pass through or into, transfix; enter, tunnel, bore, drill, perforate, make a hole or holes in, pierce, honeycomb, riddle; run through, stab, lance, pricking, prick, stick, pinch, go, cut, gash, slit, glide. See also penetrate (def. 1).

2. comprehend, grasp, fathom, get to the bottom of; understand, apprehend, seize, Inf. lay hold of, Sl. psych out; discern, read, see. See also penetrate (def. 4).

3. affect, move, touch, cut to the quick, Inf. hit home, Inf. hit [s.o.] where it hurts, Inf. get or get to [s.o.]; make an impression, make a dent, Inf. sink in; melt, soften, mellow, play on, tug at the heartstrings; strike, thrill, excite, stir. See also penetrate (def. 3).

pierced, adj. (usu. for decorative purposes) perforated, punctured, riddled, honeycombed; pitted, pocked, dent, indented; hammered, distressed, marred, blemished.

piercer, n. needle, stiletto, awl, Carpentery. bradawl, bodkin; gimlet, broach, auger, borer, trepan, Surg. trephine, drill, punch, dibble, corkscrew; chisel, gouge, probe, Surg. trocar; poignard, dagger, stylet, lancet, sword, rapier, épée, spear, assegai; javelin, pike, harpoon, shaft, gaff, arrow; knife, scalpel, lancet, blade, cutter.

piercing, adj. 1. (usu. of sound) loud, piercing, shrill, high-pitched, high; earsplitting, ear-shattering, eardrum-puncturing, air-rending; strident, grating, shrieking.

2. (usu. of eyes) penetrating, probing, searching, analyzing; mesmerizing, mesmeric, hypnotizing, hypnotic, basilisk; spellbinding, arresting, gripping, engaging, holding; enthralling, entrancing, fascinating.

3. (usu. of weather) cold, freezing, arctic, frigid, wintry, numbing, raw; bitter, biting, keen, nipping, nippy.

4. perceptive, perceptive, perspicacious, discerning; quick-witted, quick, alert, ready; aware, informed, shrewd, astute; subtle, keen, sharp-minded, sharp, smart, Sl. brainy.
pietism, n. 1. sanctimony, sanctimoniousness, Tar-
tuffery, formalism, hypocrisy, pharisaism, pharisee-
sim; self-righteousness, Inf. goody-goodness, Inf.
goodness; false piety, excessive piety, religiosity; dis-
simulation, feigning, dissembling; Machiavellism,
Machiavellianism, double-dealing; cant, lip service,
mouth honor, mealy-mouthedness; affectation, pre-
tense, false pretense, bluff.

2. piety, piouness, religiousness, devotedness, de-
voutness. See piety (def. 1).

piety, n. 1. devoutness, godliness, saintliness, spirit-
uality, holiness, sanctity, religiousness, devotion,
faithfulness, religiosity, pietsim, religious zeal.
2. respect, veneration, reverence, awe, regard, defer-
ence, obesiance, dedication.
3. dutifulness, rectitude, goodness, righteousness, vir-
tuousness, purity, chastity, humility, grace.

pig, n. 1. hog, sow, boar, razorback; peccary, wart-
pig, n. 1. hog, babirusa; porker, grunter, oinker, tusker; swine,
barrow; shoat, shote, piglet, pigling, piggy, suckling-
pig, hogging.
2. pork, pork chops, ham, bacon, pigs' feet, pigs'
knuckles.
3. Informal. a. glutton, cormorant, gormand, eat-
er; trencherman, big eater, wolf, Inf. hog.
b. vulgarian, barbarian, boor; sloven, slattern, frump.

pigeon, n. 1. bird, dove, squab, homing pigeon, carrier pigeon.
2. Slang. dupe, gull, gudgeon, Brit. Dial. call, Ar-
chaic. cully, Inf. chump, Sl. sap, Sl. schnook, Sl.
schlemiel, Sl. boob; greenhorn, sitting duck, easy or
soft mark, easy or soft target, Inf. sucker, Inf. cinch.
Sl. patsy, U.S. Sl. fall guy, Sl. softie or soft touch, Sl.
pushover.

pigeonhole, n. 1. compartment, partition, section, part, department; area, sphere, space, place.
2. cubbyhole, cubby, niche, nook; drawer, tray, box,
bin, hold, receptacle, bunker; booth, stall, cubicle,
carrel, slot, alcove; closet, locker, storage space.

—v. 3. file, interfile, insert, put in place, replace.
4. postpone, put off, table, shelve; sleep on it, let the
matter stand.
5. catalog, categorize, classify, codify, alphabetize;
rank, group, sort, assort, order, arrange; slot, peg.
piggish, adj. 1. hoggish, porcine, swinish, piglike,
hoglike; coarse, boorish, animal, animalistic, beastly.
2. greedy, glutonous, ravenous, voracious, devour-
ing, edacious, cormorant, rapacious; insatiable, in-
sati ate, unquenchable, open-mouthed; glutton, gorg-
ing, omnivorous, crupulous.
3. filthy, dirty, foul, slimy, Inf. gloppy, Sl. cruddy,
mucky, mudd y; sloppy, sloshy, sludgy, miry; musty,
smelly, rotten.
4. un washed, unhygienic, unclean, bedraggled, sloven-
ly, unkempt, sloppy, sleazy; squallid, wretched, shab-
by, deteriorated, ramshackle; miserable, uncared-for,
dingy, Sl. slummy.

pigheaded, adj. 1. stubborn, stubborn as a mule,
mulish, muleheaded, bullheaded, bullish, headstrong;
willful, self-willed, contrary, perverse, wrongheaded,
cross-grained, b Aly, uncouoperative, froward, refrac-
tory, recalcitrant, contumacious; stupid, dense, blunt,
crass, undiscerning, uncomprehending; moronic, idi-
otic, imbecile, mindless, witless, brainless; slow-wit-
ted, numskulled, thick-skulled, clodhod.
2. obstinate, inflexible, immovable, not to be moved,
adamant, adamantine, stiff-necked, set, set, set in one's
ways, Inf. hard-core, Inf. hard-shell; inexorable, im-
placable, intransigent, intractable, uncompromising,
unbending, unwavering, unyielding; unmalleable, un-
persuadable, unimfluenceable, unwavayable, unpleiable;
persistent, persevering, pertinacious, tenacious, dogg-
ged, bulldogged, relentless, unrelenting, single-

3. narrow-minded, narrow, prejudiced, biased, big-
oted; closed-minded, closed, intolerant, illiberal, un-
reasonable; little-minded, small-minded, mean-minded;
insular, parochial, provincial, Sociol. ethnocentric,
confined.

pigment, n. 1. dye, dyestuff, stain, paint, tempera,
Obs. tincture, colorant, colorer, coloring agent.
2. color, coloring, tone, shade, hue, tint, tinge, tinc-
ture, Literary. tint.

—v. 3. color, add pigment or color to, tinge, tint,
tinture, Obs. tinct; shade, paint, dye, stain.
pigmen, n. 1. pigsty, Chiefly Brit. piggy, hogsty,
hogpen; enclosure, stockyard, compound.
2. hovel, shack, Both Sl. dump, hole; rat hole,
hole, garbage pile or heap, Inf. snake pit, mare's nest,

pigtail, n. braid, plait, plat, queue, cue, ponytail.
pike, n. spear, lance, spoo ntoon, half-pike, harpoon;
shafted weapon, halberd, bill, poleax; javelin, jereed,
assegai, shaft.
pike, n. 1. turnpike, toll road, highway or state
highway, U.S. Inf. interstate, freeway, Brit. clearway,
expressway, parkway, causeway, throughway; speed-
way, autobahn, superhighway.
2. tollgate, toll bar, tollbooth, tollhouse; toll, pay-
ment, fee.
pile1, n. 1. heap, stack, mass, accumulation, bulk,
drift, cumulus; hoard, store, stock, stockpile, supply,
lump, deposit, swell, mound, tumulus; bank, hillock,
hummock, hill, mountain; bale, bundle, cock, shock,
rick, mound, load, barrow, cartload, wagonload, car-
load, cargo.
2. collection, amassment, assemblage, aggregation;
concentration, agglomeration, conglomerate, clus-
ter, congeries; clump, bunch, batch; assortment, varie-
ty, medley, miscellany, jumble, hodgepodge; clutter,
Inf. mess.

— Informal. abundance, bounty, volume; plenty;
quantity, profusion, Inf. lots, Inf. raft, storm, shower,
ocean, sea, world; multitude, throng, array, legion,
crowd; numbers, scores, pack, host, swarm, mob.

— Informal. hoard, store, quite a little, considerable,
deal, great deal; Inf. lots, mess, peck, Inf. load,
Oodles, Inf. tons; chunk, lump, Inf. hunk, gob, Sl.
scad, Inf. slew.

— Informal. money, wealth, fortune, treasure; fund,
holdings, savings, Inf. loot; Inf. bundle, money to
burn, barrel of money, Sl. wad, Sl. pot, mint, sockfull,
cool million, generously sum.

—v. 6. Often pile up accumulate, heap, roll up,
pyramid, stack, pack; compile, amass, cumulate; hoard,
squirrel away, load up, stow away.
7. gather, glean, take in, pull in, harvest, reap;
garner, store up, stock up, lay by, lay up, lay in, salt
away, Inf. stash away, reserve, set aside; save, save up.
8. group, cluster, bunch up or together, huddle;
mass, crowd, congregate, agglomerate.
pile, n. post, pillar, column, pier, beam, I-beam,
bar, rib; upright, stanchion, standard; support, founda-
tion, piling.
pile, n. 1. hair, down, silk, fuzz, fluff, fleece, plush;
wool, fur, bristles, Zool. seta, pelage.
2. cord, corduroy, Turkish toweling, velvet, velveteen,
rep, shag; nap, tooth; loop, fiber, strand.
pilfer, v. 1. steal, thieve, rob, filch, finger, pick, Inf. snitch, cabbage, abstract, Chiefly Brit. prig, Brit. Slang, snaffle, Euph. borrow, Archaic, nim; peculate, embezzle, Law, defalcate, misappropriate, convert; shoplift, palm, Slang, boost, walk off or away with, Euph. remove; All Slang. heist, pinch, hook, swipe, hustle, rip off, frisk, crook, cop, lift.

2. pirate, plagiarize, copy, Inf. lift, Inf. crib; forge, counterfeit, imitate, reproduce; appropriate; expropriate; appropriate, arrogate, usurp.

3. mooch, scrounge, freeload, sponge, scavenge, Slang. bunch, pack, wad, lot, fistful, mass, gob. SI. cumulation; heap, mound, hill, mountain; pile, stack, gyp, clip, pluck, Inf.

4. swindle, defraud, mulct, shark, cheat, fleece, SI. 3. mooch, scrounge, freeload, sponge, scavenge, Slang. gyp, clip, pluck, Inf.

5. devastation, laying waste, desolation; destruction, ruin, burning, razing, leveling, vandalism; desecration, defilement, outrage, violation.

6. brigandage, piracy, buccaneering, freebooting, banditry, highway robbery, Obs. latrocinny, privateering, filibustering; robbery, theft, thievery, stealing, Law. larcey.

7. spoils, loot, plunder, booty, Archaic, boot, Archaic, prey, Scot. Obs. ref. prize, profits, pickings, gain, grab, Inf. haul; All Slang. the take, the goods, boodle, swag.

pilfer, n. 1. petty thievery, theft, filching, pilferage, Slang. swiping, Slang. hustling, Slang. copying, Psychol. kleptomania; peculation, embezzlement, Law, defalcation, misappropriation; shoplifting, palming, Slang. boosting; smuggling, bootlegging; purse-snatching, Inf. mugging, Slang. jumping.

2. plagiarism, copying, Inf. cribbing, Inf. lifting.

3. expropriation, appropriation, arrogation, usurpation, accroachment, assumption.

pilgrim, n. 1. palmer, Fr. pèlerin, Islam. hadji. crusader; worshipper, devotee.

2. tourist, sightseer, world traveler, Sl. W.T., excursionist, Brit. Inf. tripper, junketeer, globetrotter, Nelly Bly, Phineas Fogg, traveler, wanderer, journeyer, wayfarer; rambler, roamer, rover, peregrinator, or periipetetic.

3. refugee, displaced person, D.P., exile, émigré, W.T., excurionist, accroachment, assumption.

4. settler, pioneer, homesteader, sooner; new arrival, newcomer, greenhorn, immigrant, emigrant.

pilgrimage, n. holy or sacred expedition, Fr. pardon, Islam. hadji; special trip, side trip, detour; excursion, expedition, trip, voyage, journey, trek; cruise, crossing, passage; peregrination, safari; tour, grand tour, world tour, Ger. Werdenschafter.

pil, n. 1. tablet, capsule, pellet, vitamin pill, diet pill, Med., Pharm. placebo, Pharm., Vet. Med. bolus; pastille, troche, lozenge, drop, cough drop; medicine, remedy, cure, medicament, medication, physic, drug, pharmaceutical.

2. dose, bitter cup, bitter draft, bitter pill.

3. the pill birth-control pill, oral contraceptive.

4. Slang. disappearable person, Inf. pain in the neck, Sl. pain, Inf. crank, Inf. grouch, Sl. grump.

pillage, n. 1. plunder, rob, despoil, Archaic, spoil, spoliata, Chiefly Scot. reave; ravage, harry, rape, maraud, devastate, lay waste, depredate; ransack, sack, loot, gut, fleece, strip, rifle, steal; desecrate, defile, outrage, violate.

2. desolate, wreak havoc upon, destroy, damage, ruin, vandalize; burn, level, raze, demolish.

3. pirate, freeboot, buccanneer, privateer, filibuster; burglarize, burglary.

—n. 4. plunder, plundering, plunderage, rapine, depredation, spoliation, despoliation, despoilment, Obs. direction, raven or ravin; ravaging, harrying, marauding, Archaic, maraud, sack, sacking, Rare, sackage; raid, razzia, foray; foraging, looting, ravishment, seizure, grab, rape.

pin, n. 1. bolt, peg, dowel, thole, tholepin; nail, spike; screw, rivet; tack.

2. brooch, clip, stickpin, breastpin, chatelaine, Archaic, ooch; tieclas, tie clip, tie tack; jewel, gem; ornament, decoration, adornment.

3. trifle, gewgaw, gimcrack, bauble, trinket, hair button, straw, molehill, Inf. beans, Inf. hill of beans, Inf. row of pins.

—v. 4. fasten, secure, fix, affix, attach; nail, bolt, screw, rivet, tack, staple, peg; transfix, skewer, freeze, immobilize, stabilize.

5. pin down a. bind, hold, constrain, tie, tie down, tie [s.o.'s] hands, leave [s.o.] no option or choice. b. force, make, have, cause or cause to, compel, press, Inf. pressure or high-pressure, Inf. lean on, Inf. squeeze, Inf. put the screws on or to, Inf. twist [s.o.'s] arm. c. determine, specify, name, designate, indicate, put or lay one's finger on, pinpoint, zero in on, home in on.
pinch, v. 1. squeeze, compress, constrict, tighten, yearn for, long for, languish for, ache

pinch-hit, v. substitute for, pinch-hit, sub for, subrogate,

pink, n. 1. pinkish; rose, rosy, rose-colored, rose-hued; flesh-pink, flesh-color, flesh-colored; salmon, salmon-pink, salmon-colored.

pinch-hit, v. substitute for, Inf. sub for, subroginate, act for, double for, fill in for, fill or take the place of, cover for, stand in lieu of, Sl. step into [s.o.'s] shoes, Inf. fill [s.o.'s] shoes; replace, succeed, supplant, supply, supersede; fill a vacancy or space or hole.

pioneer, n. 1. frontiersman, backwoodsman, settler, homesteader; pathfinder, trailbreaker, trailblazer, explorer, paver of the way; scout, guide; forerunner, antecedent, precursor, predecessor, foregoer; outsider, front or lead runner, vaunt-courier, avant-courier.

innocent, adj. 6. initiatory, initial, initiating, initiative, introductory, inaugural; creative, formative, drawing-board.

piquant, adj. 1. devout, devoted, godly, God-fearing, God-loving, religious, spiritual; humble, worshipful, reverent, reverential, venerative; righteous, moral, virtuous, good, right-minded, clean-minded, clean of mind, clean of spirit, clean-spirited, pure-spirited, pure in spirit, pure in heart; holy, saintly, pious, Christly, Christlike.

pipe, n. 1. tube, cylinder, conduit, duct, conveyor; reed, straw, stem; pipe, cather, funnel, tube, tulla, nipple; passage, capillary, artery, vein; hose, garden hose, rubber hose; flue, chimney, smokestack; gas pipe, pipeline, steampipe, fuel pipe, oil pipe, oil line, siphon.

nipple; passage, capillary, artery, vein; hose, garden hose, rubber hose; flue, chimney, smokestack; gas pipe, pipeline, steampipe, fuel pipe, oil pipe, oil line, siphon.
squelch, shrill; sing, warble, twit, chant; ululate, wail, keen, whistle, yammer, caterwaul.

channel, tube, flush, funnel, flume, hose; drain, siphon, tap.

pipe down Slang be quiet, quiet down, silence, hush, shush; shut up, button one's lips, hold one's tongue, keep still, not breathe a sound, shut one's mouth.

pipe dream n. Informal. fantasy, illusion, mirage, chimera, castle in the air; notion, vague notion, whim-sy, vagary, figment of the imagination; romance; dream; daydream, revery, vision, delusion.

piper n. 1. horn-player, fifer, flutist, flautist; bugler, oboist, clarinetist, piccoloist; trumpeter, saxophonist, bassoonist, cornettist.

2. pay the piper pay the cost, foot the bill, reckon to play the game, make the payment, account for, pay in full; bear the consequences, face the music, reap what one has sown, SL take the rap, take the responsibility, take one's medicine.

pique, irritate, annoy, irk, vex, pvev, nettlesome, nettle, Chiefly U.S. riled, Inf. aggravated, Inf. miffed, SL buggered; ruffled, riled, disturbed, perturbed, disquieted, decomposed, put out; bothered, pestered, harassed, fretful, troubled, plagued, beset; tormented, teased, taunted, tweaked, bullied; exasperated, fed up, sick and tired.

2. angry, angered, irate, incensed, Inf. mad, Inf. sore, SL hot, SL hot under the collar, SL ticked-off, SL teed-off; furious, infuriated, enraged, maddened, livid, hopping mad, Inf. boiling mad, SL mad as a wet hen, SL madder than hell; galled, embittered, exacerbated, acerbate, envenomed,rankled.

3. offended, affronted, insulted; humiliated, mortified; (all of feelings, pride, etc.) hurt, molested, wounded, injured, nettled, nettled, nettled.

4. (all of the interest, curiosity, etc.) excited, aroused, roused, stimulated, stirred, pricked.

5. provoked, agitated, inflamed, enflamed, fired-up, worked-up, stirred-up, whipped-up, wound-up.

piracy n. 1. robbery at sea, brigandage, buccaneering, freebooting, banditry, highway robbery, Obs. latrocity, privateering, filibustering, U.S. Inf. (usu. of cattle) rustling.

2. commandeering, hijacking, skyjacking, air or sky piracy; (usu. of persons) abduction, kidnapping, SL snatch, capture, impressment, conscription, man-stealing, child-stealing; (all of animals) poaching, deer-jacking, petnapping, dognapping.

3. plunder, plunderage, rapine, pilage, depredation, spoliation, depopulation, despoilment, Obs. direction, raven; ravaging, harrying, marauding, sacking, Rare. sackage, laying waste, devastation, desolation; raid, razzia, foray; foraging, looting, ravishment, seizure, grab, rape, predation.

4. plagiarism, literary theft, copying, Inf. cribbing, Inf. lifting, pirating; forgery, counterfeiting; expropriation, appropriation, arrogation, usurpation, accroachment, assumption.

pirate n. 1. sea robber, sea rover, sea dog, sea wolf; Blackbeard, Captain Kidd, Long John Silver.

2. viking, corsair, buccaneer, privateer; freebooter, rapproance, (in the Scottish Highlands) cavalier; kidnapper, abductor, (usu. of cattle) rustler, hijacker, skyjack, air or sky pirate; predator.

3. highwayman, footpad, Chiefly Scot, rob, thieve, rob; pilfer, purloin, finger, filch, Inf. upon; lay hands on, strip, rifle; raid, foray, forage, prey on or make off with; raider, plunderer, marauder, despoiler, depriver, vandal, predator, ransacker, sacker, looter, rifler, forager, raider.

4. pillager, plunderer, marauder, despooiler, depredator, vandal, predator, ransacker, sacker, looter, rifler, forager, raider.

5. Inf. poacher, deerjacker; smuggler, contrabandist, runner, bootlegger.

6. plagiarist, plagiarizer, Inf. cribber, Inf. copier, Inf. cheat, (of copyrights or patents) infringer; forger, counterfeiter, Brit. Inf. coiner.

—v. 7. buccaneer, privateer, freeboot, filibuster, waylay; commandeering, hijack, skyjack, SL heist.

8. plunder, despoil, Archaic spoil, spoli, spoliate, pillage, Chiefly Scot. reive; ravage, harry, rape, maraud, devastate, depredate; ransack, sack, loot, gut, fleece, strip, ride; raid, foray, forage, prey on or upon; lay waste, desolate, wreak havoc upon.

9. plagiarize, copy, infringe, Inf. lift, Inf. crib, Euph. borrow; forge, counterfeit; appropriate, expropriate, arrogate, usurp.

10. steal, thieve, rob; pilfer, purloin, finger, filch, Inf.
piratical, adj. 1. plundering, pillaging, marauding, buccaneering, privateering, piratic, piratellite; preying, predatory, predacious, rapacious; thievish.
2. criminal, felonious, lawless, unprincipled, unscrupulous, crooked, corrupt; dishonest, fraudulent, underhand, underhanded.
pirouette, n. 1. spin, twirl, whirl; pivot, turn, revolve.
—v. 2. spin, twirl, whirl; pivot, turn, revolve, wheel around.
pistol, n. handgun, revolver, Trademark. Colt, derrier, six-shooter, automatic pistol, repeater, Mil. side arm, zip gun, short firearm; All Sl. rod, piece, gat, Saturday night special, heater, iron or shooting iron.
pit, n. 1. hole, cavity, excavation, quarry, workings; shaft, mine, tunnel, bank, coal mine, gold mine, silver mine; ditch, grave, burial site; dip, sink, gully, gulch, furrow, burrow, trough; foxhole, bunker, entrenchment, trench; well, abyss, chasm, deep, crevasse; crater, pocket, cup, bowl; pothole, chuck-hole, mudhole.
2. trap, trapfall, deadfall, pitfall; snare, gin, meshes.
3. fling, cast, throw, toss; heave, hurl, sling, catapult, launch; dart, bung, fire, shoot, let sail against, light into, Inf. sail into, Inf. put smoke on it, bear away pocket, shark; shoplift, or SI.
4. hover, set up, raise, rear; encamp, pitch.
—adv. peg, throw smoke, put smoke on it, bear around.
5. thrower, flinger, hurler, shot-putter, pitcher, pitcher.
6. patter, pitter-patter, flutter, palpitation; —n. Inf. pizzazz; sub-puissance, puissance.
7. indent, dent, dint, press in; depress, punch, indent, dent, dint, press in; depress, punch, dimple, Biological alveolus; gouge, honeycomb, imprint; stamp; sinus, socket, Anat. lacuna, Anat. antrum.
8. set against, match, oppose, set at odds, put in opposition; juxtapose, contrapose, polarize, contrast.
pitiful, adj. 1. pith, essence, quintessence, quiddity, haecceity; gost, stunt, pocketbook, chyb, toil; —n. trap, snare, trap door, pit, Obs. snare, trap door.
2. piteous, pathetic, pathetical, pitiful, pitiable, pitiably, pitiable.
pithy, n. —Inf. pizzazz; sub-puissance, puissance.
1. pitch, toss, toss; heave, hurl, fling, serve, jaculation.
—v. 2. patter, pitter-patter, flutter, palpitation; drumming, pounding, beating, throbbing, pulsing, pulsation, tattoo.
3. angle, inclination, slope, slant, tilt, cant; declivity, downgrade, decline, dip, drop, descent.
4. highest point, height, summit, top, crown, peak, apex, zenith.
5. (all of music, speech, etc.) tone, tonality, timbre; key; color, modulation, intensity, depth, gravity.
6. throw, toss, Chiefly Brit. shock, Chiefly Baseball Sl. peg, cast, heave, hurl, fling, serve, jackulation.
7. forward plunge, jerk; lurch, list, roll, reel, toss, tumble; swing, sway, veer, swerve, skew; stagger, totter.
8. set against, match, oppose, set at odds, put in opposition; juxtapose, contrapose, polarize, contrast.
pitcher, n. 1. pitcher, jug; urn, samovar; tankard, stein, toby, mug.
2. hazard, peril, danger, real danger, danger point, breaking; tender, poignant, emotional, emotive.
—v. 3. throw, toss, highlight; color, modulation, intensity, depth, gravity.
4. set, set, set against, light into, Inf. sail into, Inf. put smoke on it, bear down, throw a high, hard one.
5. pave, revet, cobble, face, tar.
6. fall down, take a spill; go head over heels, plunge, plummet, dive, take a nosedive; fall over, collapse, slump, crumple, fall into a heap.
7. (usu. of a ship) lurch, roll, reel, flounder, welter, wallow, make heavy weather, be the sport of wind and waves; keel, list, sway, rock.
8. dip, decline, slope, incline, slant, tilt, tip, cant, go downhill.
pitch in contribute, add to, bear a part; join in, help, assist, lend a hand, be of service.
pitch into Informal. assail, attack, assault, set upon, Sl. jump; beset, besiege, importune, harass, harry; revile, vituperate, abuse, belabor, lash, rail against, light into, Inf. sail into, Inf. tear into, Inf. rip into, Inf. face into, Inf. jump down [s.o.'s] throat.
9. position, level, grade, rung, place, station; degrade, extent, reach, compass, range, measure, rate, point.
10. pitch on or upon choose, pick, light on, single out, decide on, determine, elect, opt for.
—n. 11. pitch on or upon choose, pick, light on, single out, decide on, determine, elect, opt for.
12. angle, inclination, slope, slant, tilt, cant; declivity, downgrade, decline, dip, drop, descent.
13. highest point, height, summit, top, crown, peak, apex, zenith.
14. (all of music, speech, etc.) tone, tonality, timbre; key; color, modulation, intensity, depth, gravity.
15. throw, toss, Chiefly Brit. shock, Chiefly Baseball Sl. peg, cast, heave, hurl, fling, serve, jackulation.
16. forward plunge, jerk; lurch, list, roll, reel, toss, tumble; swing, sway, veer, swerve, skew; stagger, totter.
17. Slang. sales talk, approach, Inf. spiel, fast talk, hard sell, Sl. line, Inf. song and dance, Sl. bill of goods.
pitchless, adj. pathetic, pathetical, pitiful, pitiable, to be pitied; sad, doleful, dolorous, dolorific, sorrowful, distressing, mournful, grievous, plaintive; lamentable, regrettable, deplorable, rueful, woeful, woebegone; touching, moving, affecting, affectionate, affectional, melting, heartrending, heart-moving, heart-breaking; tender, poignant, emotional, emotive.
pitfall, n. 1. trap, snare, trap door, pit, Obs. toil; springe, gin, deadfall.
2. hazard, peril, danger, real danger, danger point, where one could go wrong, thing to look out or keep an eye out for, Sl. killer; catch, catch-22, trick, trip, Sl. schnook.
pithy, adj. succinct, concise, compact, tight, tight-knit, finely honed, sharply focused; epigrammatic, laconic, aphoristic, apothegmatic, gnomic, short and sweet, sententious; capsule, condensed, summary, synoptic, in a nutshell, compendious; pointed, to the point, straightforward, direct; powerful, forceful, forcible, effective, telling, potent, Literary. puissant; meaningful, heavy, weighty, meaty, deep, profound;
pitted, pocked, pocky, pockmarked, punctate, adj.

pittance, allowance, subsistence allowance, n.

pitiless, merciless, unmerciful, unpitying, un-
adj.

pitiful, pathetic, piteous, sad, sorrowful, see.

pity, n.

placating, appeasement, mollification, conciliation.

placable, appeasable, placit, appeasable, conciliatory,
reconcilable; forgiving, forgiving and forgetting,
remitting, unresentful, unresentful, forbearing, longan-
omous; magnanimous, unpitiful, generous, noble; in-
dulgent, nonexecuting, soft-hearted, tender-hearted,
big-hearted; merciful, compassionate, ruthless, pitying,
understanding, charitable.

placard, n. 1. poster, bill, public notice, Fr. affiche, broadside, billboard, sign, notice; manifesto, bull.

place, n.

pivot, n. 1. swivel, spindle, reel, spool, bobbin, gimbal; fulcrum, axis, axle; thole, tholepin, pin, pindle.

2. hub, nave, Inf. nub, focal point, center, heart; crucial or critical point, turning point; support, prop, brace, stay, foundation; peg, raison d'être, occasion, cause, basis.

—v. 3. rotate, revolve, pirouette, twist, somersault, flip-flop; spin, spin like a top, whirl, whir like a der-
ivist, gyrate, reel; swivel, wheel, twist, circle; hinge, swing, turn.

pivotal, adj. central, focal, axial; critical, crucial,
vital, decisive; momentous, of great moment, signi-
ficant, important, urgent, pressing, exigent; paramount,
principal, chief, supreme, main, capital, cardinal,
primary, prime; basic, underlying, fundamental, radical.

pixilated, adj. pixivish, eccentric, Sl. oddball, odd,
uncommon, atypical, out of the ordinary; daft, Sl.
wacky, Inf. dafty, Sl. far out, Sl. goofy, Sl. nutty,
freakish, freaky, funny, Sl. funny-haha, Sl. funny-
odd; prankish, playful, mischievous, elfin, impish;
whimsical, fanciful, capricious, unpredictable; kit-
tenish, merry, mirthful; free-spirited, high-spirited,
fey; light-hearted, giddy, sprightly, blithe, frivolous,
shelly, ebullient; amusing, delightful.

pixy, n. sprite, imp, devilkin, nix, nixie, elf, oupe,
grenadin, pixie, fay, peri, fairy, goblin, kobold,
brownie, bogy, boogeyman, puck, Robin Goodfellow;
gnome, Irish Folklore. leprechaun; kobold, poltergeist, ghost, Southern U.S. haunt, Diat. hant,
spirit.

placeable, adj. appeasable, pacifiable, conciliatory,
reconcilable; forgiving, forgiving and forgetting,
remitting, unresentful, unresentful, forbearing, longan-
omous; magnanimous, unpitiful, generous, noble; in-
dulgent, nonexecuting, soft-hearted, tender-hearted,
big-hearted; merciful, compassionate, ruthless, pitying,
understanding, charitable.

placard, n. 1. poster, bill, public notice, Fr. affiche, broadside, billboard, sign, notice; manifesto, bull.

—v. 2. post, plaster, plaster the barns; advertise,
publicize, Sl. plug, Sl. ballyhoo; circulate, publish,
broadcast, promulgate, spotlight, make known, Cir-
us. arrow the route or way.

placate, v. appease, mollify, propitiate, conciliate,
satisfy, please; pacify, calm, quiet, still, lull, soothe;
assuage, relieve, alleviate, temper, moderate, ease;
subdue, win over, reconcile.

placatory, adj. placative, appeasing, conciliatory;
designed to please, aimed to please; calming, nonin-
flammatory, soothing, inoffensive, soft; temperate,
moderate, mitigatory.

place, n.

1. location, locality, locale, whereabouts, hereabouts; spot, scene, scene of the crime, setting, Law. venue; bearings, latitude and longitude, coordinates.

2. position, situation, circumstance, condition, state,
state of affairs; standing, rank, grade, means, class,
estate, status; footing, station, elevation, step, Inf.
notch; niche, slot, berth, billet.

3. job, employment, occupation, work, livelihood,
living, pursuit; vocation, calling, profession, field,
méter, line, forte, Sl. thing, Sl. bag; capacity, office.

4. function, use, purpose, role, operation; charge,
responsibility, duty, task, chore, assignment, mission;
affair, concern, interest, matter, Inf. lookout; scope,
sphere, compass, bailiwick.

5. region, area, sector, section, quarter, zone, pale,
division; territory, realm, province, shire; district, precinct, neighborhood.

6. court, lane, way, drive, circle; alley, Chiefly Brit. mews, Chiefly Brit. terrace; road, avenue, street.

7. house, home, abode, dwelling, domicile, residence, habitation, Scot. howf; lodgings, quarters, living quarters, rooms, accommodations, housing, roof over one's head, Inf. pad, Brit. Inf. digs; apartment, flat, tenement, walk-up, Brit. chambers.

8. lieu, stead, substitution, exchange.

9. go places Slang. progress, make progress, advance, gain, proceed, get along, come on, come along, make steps, make headway, make strides or rapid strides; succeed, make it, make it big; Sl. go far.

10. in place in position, in trim, in order, set in order, set up, ordered, arranged, Inf. to rights.


12. put someone in his place humble, humiliates, mortify, bring down, Inf. take or bring down a notch or peg. Sl. put down, make [s.o.] eat humble pie, Inf. make [s.o.] eat crow. Inf. make [s.o.] eat his words, Inf. make [s.o.] swallow his pride.

13. take place happen, Archaic. hap, occur, come to pass, come to be, come about, come, Inf. come off; befall, supervene, betide, change, Archaic. bechance, Archaic. arrive; transpire, intervene, crop up.

—v. 14. arrange, order, dispose, array, sort, catalogue; group, sort, classify, class, categorize, bracket; size, grade, graduate, rank.

15. lay, set, put, seat, posit; locate, situate, position, pinpoint; quarter, house, reposit, deposit; consign, localize, post, station.

16. hire, engage, employ, retain, secure the services of, contract with; enlist, sign on, take on, Inf. take on board.

17. appoint, commission, charge, entrust, commit, depute, delegate; invest, install, induct, ordain; specify, fix, determine, prescribe.

18. identify, recognize, know, make out, Inf. spot; Inf. nail, Inf. peg.

place ment, n. 1. arrangement, disposition, disposal, deployment, ordering, arraying; employment, situation, positioning, locating, stationing; categorization, classification, stratification, ranking; grouping, pigeonholing; assortment, sorting, sorting out; attribution, ascription, imputation.

2. employment, engagement, hiring, Inf. taking on; appointment, assignment, installment, instalement, ordination, investiture; commission, delegation, deputation.

placid, adj. 1. quiet, quiescent, calm, tranquil, serene, undisturbed, halcyon, Brit. Dial. (of places) bonny; still, stock-still, Chiefly Literary, stilly; unmoving, unmoved, immovable, immobile; motionless, stationary, becalmed.

2. peaceful, peaceable, pacific, restful, reposeful; sleepy, sleeping, slumbering, slumberous, slumbery, dozing, dozy, drowsing, drowsy, somnolent; inactive, latent, dormant, dormant.

3. composed, collected, self-possessed; steady, equable, level, level-headed; even-tempered, temperate, moderate, cool, cool-headed; unexcited, inexcitable, unruffled, unagitated, unperturbed, imper turbable; unemotional, unimpassioned, unimpassionate; impassive, dispassionate; stoical, philosophical.

4. reserved, reticent, taciturn, uncommunicative; sedate, meek, mild, gentle.

plagi a rism, n. 1. (all chiefly in reference to literary material) piracy, theft, thievery, robbery, stealing, pilferage; appropriation, usurpation, assumption, arrogation; deception, imposture; plagiarism.

2. (all chiefly in reference to literary material) copy, imitation, reproduction; counterfeit, sham, fraud; pirated manuscript; Inf. ripoff.

plagiarist, n. (all chiefly in reference to literary material) pirate, thieve, robber, thief, pilferer, stealer, Inf. ripoff; imitator, forger, copier.

plagiarize, v. (all chiefly in reference to literary material) pirate, thieve, rob, steal, pilfer, purloin, Inf. crib, Inf. lift, Inf. rip off, Euph. borrow; appropriate, assume, arrogate, usurp, make use of, help oneself to, pass off as one's own; forge, counterfeit, imitate, copy.
plaint, complaint, grumble, grievance, objection, n.
adj. plaintive, melancholy, wistful, sad, saddened, solemn, doleful, mournful, heavy-hearted, grieving, grievous, dolorous; unhappy, heartstricken, Inf. broken up, miserable, wretched, woeful, woebegone, disconsolate, inconsolable; heart-stricken, grief-stricken, heartbroken, broken-hearted, crushed, Inf. broken; lachrymose, tearful, teary, weeping, crying, sobbing, wailing; funereal, gloomy, morose, dismal, dreary, dull, Scot. and North Eng. dowie, cheerless, glum, under a cloud, Archaic. wan; disappointed, discouraged, despondent.
plain, adj. 1. braid, plat, pigtail, twist, queue, cue. 2. pleat, fold, plication, plication, ruck; crease, line, wrinkle, ridge, groove, furrow, corrugation, crimp, flute, ruffle; gather, shirr, pucker, tuck, dart.
v. 3. braid, plat, pleat, weave, twill; interweave, interthread, interlace, intertwine, interknit, Brit. Dial. raddle, Brit. Dial. wattle; entwine, knot, mat, interwind, interlock, interdigitate; twist, ravel, twine, tangle, entanglement; wind, intort, coil, convolve, roll, cornrow; twirl, fold, enfold, curl, wreath, loop, knit, tangle, thread.
pleat, adj. 1. scheme, design, arrangement, disposition, layout, blueprint; order, array, distribution, grouping, organization, classification; configuration, form, pattern, construction, constitution.
2. procedure, plan, design, tactics, strategy; plot, formula, program, policy, course, order, system, method, way, means, rhyme or reason; itinerary, schedule, roster, agenda, syllabus.
3. project, purpose, proposal, idea, conception, cognition; prospect, view, intent, intention, ambition, hope, aspiration.
4. representation, diagram, map, scale drawing, chart, ground plan, floor plan; pattern, model; drawing, sketch, draft, copy; cast, skeleton, delineation, depiction.
—v. 5. arrange, line up, schedule; map out, block out, work out, strategize; devise, design, develop, form, formulate, fashion, shape, mold, contrive, frame, purpose, intend; fabricate, construct, build, erect; concoct, conceive, envision, see, plot.
6. project, look ahead, prearrange; make plans, mark out a course, shape a course, draw up a plan, mastermind; think, contemplate, premeditate.
7. outline, draw, scratch, draft, chart, trace, sketch, mark out; diagram, represent, figure, Archaic. limn; delineate, depict, measure, line, strike out.
plane, n. 1. level surface, level, flat surface; flat; level, skyline, Astron., Navig. azimuth; sea level; water level; table, homaloid; plain, flatland, champagne, plateau, steppe, plainsong, prairie, grassland, meadow, savannah, Brit. heath,Chiefly Brit. moor, (both in South America) pampas, campo, plateau, tableland, mesa.
plain, plain-spoken, n. plainchant, Gregorian chant, chant; liturgical music; hymn.
plain-spoken, adj. 1. plain, plain-speaking, pointblank, blunt, to the point; abrupt, bluff, brusque, tactless, rude, downright, explicit, unequivocal, Inf. flat-footed; outspoken, free, free-spoken; unreticent, bold, unrestrained, uninhibited, uninshrinking.
2. candid, frank, forthright, direct, straightforward, straight-from-the-shoulder, man-to-man, heart-to-heart; open, open and sincere, open-hearted, genuine; straight-from-the-shoulder, man-to-man, heart-to-heart, uninhibited, unshrinking.
3. remove, pare, shave, grade, shear.
plain, complaint, grumble, grievance, objection, demur, Inf. kick, Inf. gripe, Inf. grous; All Sl. bitch, squawk, bellyache, beef.
plain-tive, melanchoaly, wistful, sad, saddened, solemn, doleful, mournful, heavy-hearted, grieving, grievous, dolorous; unhappy, heartstricken, Inf. broken up, miserable, wretched, woeful, woebegone, disconsolate, inconsolable; heart-stricken, grief-stricken, heartbroken, broken-hearted, crushed, Inf. broken; lachrymose, tearful, teary, weeping, crying, sobbing, wailing; funereal, gloomy, morose, dismal, dreary, dull, Scot. and North Eng. dowie, cheerless, glum, under a cloud, Archaic. wan; disappointed, discouraged, despondent.
plant, n. 1. vegetable, worth, herb, flower, shrub, tree; (all collectively) flora, vegetation, herbage.
2. seeding, young plant, sap, scion, cutting.
3. factory, shop, workshop, laboratory, lab, sweat-
shop; manufactury, mill, foundry, metal works, works; business, establishment, institution; buildings, equipment, machines, apparatus.

—v. 4. (all of seeds, young plants, etc.) sow, seed, scatter; put in, set in, place in, inset, inlay, bury; transplant, replant, reset.

5. establish, implant, fix, infix, lodge, imbed, ingrain, root; instill, infuse, interface, insinuate, inculcate; train, teach, imprint, impress; impregnate, infect, imbue, tincture, contaminate; inoculate, indoctrinate, introduce, insert, interject, inject; bring in, import, innovate; inspire, breed, engender, foster, cultivate, encourage, promote; propagate, disseminate, sow the seeds of.

6. insert, put in or into, inset, inlay, set or place in; tuck in, pop in, slide in, slip in; work in or into, press in, push in, thrust in, force in, drive in, wedge in, jam in, cram or stuff in, ram in or up, stick in or up.

7. station, post, assign; locate, situate, place, put; Inf. park, put down, set down.

8. (all of a colony, city, etc.) establish, set up, found, institute, make, build, erect, construct; colonize, settle, people, populate.

plantation, n. manor, manor farm, Inf. spread; grange, homestead, farm, farmstead, farmplace, Archaic. farmhold, Brit. farmery, Brit. croft, Scot. and North Eng. plantation; manor, manor farm, spread; Inf. estab.; settle, settle up, establish, set up, found, institute, make, build, erect, construct; colonize; settle, people, populate.

planter, n. 1. farmer, agriculturalist, agronomist, granger, yeoman, landsman, husbandman; plowman, plowboy, sodbuster, stuff, gaffer, swain, Archaic. steader, squatter.

2. lord, property owner; squire, lord, Scot. laird.

3. container, pot, urn, vessel, holder, plant-holder.


5. Archaic. plowboy, sodbuster, chuff, gaffer, swain, plowboy, sodbuster, stuff, gaffer, swain, Archaic. steader, squatter.

6. hackneyed, cliché, stereotyped, overworked, commonplace, sayings, platonic, aphoristic, axiomatic, gnomic; formulistic, epigrammatic, pithy, terse.

7. triteness, banality, insipidity, vapidity, inanity; triviality, prosaicism, stereotyped expression.

8. drugstore philosophy, old story, twice-told tale, old saw, old song, familiar tune; hackneyed expression, triviality, prosaicism, stereotyped expression.

plastic, adj. 1. moldable, easily molded, figtile, soft, clayey, claylike, ductile, shapeable.

2. creative, artistic, imaginative, inventive, inspired, original; expressionistic, clever, innovative; perceptive, feeling, intuitive.

3. impressionable, impressive, malleable, pliable, pliant, flexible; yielding, compliant, waxy, persuadable, tractable, manageable, governable, docile; susceptible, receptive, responsive, sensitive, open, uniform, undeveloped, inexperienced; amenable, agreeable, easy, easy to lead, without a mind of one's own, spineless, wishy-washy.

plasticity, n. malleability, flexibility, pliability, suppleness, adaptability, versatility; tractability, manageability, docility, trainability; susceptibility, receptiveness, responsiveness, openness.

plate, n. 1. plot, lot, tract, patch, parcel, piece; yard, enclosure, close; quadrant, field, quarter, square.

2. map, chart, plan, diagram, outline; figure, delineation, drawing, tracing, sketch.

3. award, trophy, honor, prize.

4. bandage, dress, poultice, put in a cast.

5. cover, superimpose, overspread, overlay, lay over, bandage.

6. insert, put in or place in; introduce, insert, interject, inject; bring in, import, innovate; inspire, breed, engender, foster, cultivate, encourage, promote; propagate, disseminate, sow the seeds of.

7. sheet, panel, pane, slab; ply, flap, slat, table; layer, leaf, lamina, plating; covering, coating, coat, foil, peel, patina.


9. illustration, frontispiece, print, lithograph, zincograph; impression, intaglio, engraving, etching, imprint.

—v. 6. coat, cover, overlay, face, back, enamel, veneer; gild, silver, nickel, platinize, electroplate, anodize.

plateau, n. 1. highland, tableland, table, mesa, upland; elevated plain, bench, berm.

2. lull, relief, respite, letup, resting point, quiet spell, intermission, break, interim.

3. level, grade, plane, rung, degree, stair, step; interval, period, space, measure.

4. stand, stage, dais, estrade; scaffold, emplacement, Archit. perron; catafalque; ros-trum, pulpit, podium, bema, tribune, floor; soapbox, stump, hustings.

5. program, plank, principles, creed; plan, plan of action, policy, course, position, line; position paper, campaign promises.

platitude, n. 1. cliché, truism, commonplace, saying, phrase; Inf. bromide, Sl. chestnut, banality; Inf. drugstore philosophy, old story, twice-told tale, old saw, old song, familiar tune; hackneyed expression, triviality, prosaicism, stereotyped expression.

2. triteness, banality, insipidity, validity, vanity, dullness, plizziness, flatness, monotony, un inventive- ness; unimaginativeness, matter-of-factness, prosaicness; unoriginality, staleness, Sl. corniness, Sl. square-ness.

platitudinous, adj. 1. sententious, proverbial, aphoristic, axiomatic, gnomic; formulative, epigrammatic, pithy, terse.

2. hackneyed, cliché, stereotyped, overworked, commonplace, common; trite, banal, truistic, Sl. old hat, Inf. bromide, set, stock, familiar; stale, dull, flat, dry, warmed-over, vivid, insipid, jejune; moldy, musty, moth-eaten, threadbare, timeworn, worn-out; unimag- inative, un inventive, cut and dried, matter-of-fact, Sl. square, Sl. corny.

platonic, adj. (all of love) nonphysical, spiritual, unfeeling; ideal, idealistic, transcendental; philosophical, contemplative, rational, objective, intellectual; cool, dispassionate, tranquil, serene, calm.
platoon, n. 1. squadron, squad, battery, team, combat team, patrol, outfit.
2. company, group, body, band, gang, crew.

platter, n. plate, dish, Archaic. trencher, Archaic. charger; tray, salver, palette, mortboard.

plaudit, n. Usu. plaudits acclaim, acclamation, éclat; cheer, hurrah, huzzah; applause, round of applause, burst of applause, peal or thunder of applause, hand, big hand, ovation, standing ovation.

plausible, adj. credible, believable, tenable, colorable, reasonable, likely, probable; conceivable, imaginable, thinkable; cogent, logical, rational, sound, admissible, sensible; specious, meretricious, ostensible, apparent, seeming; overrefined, oversubtle, casuistic, Jesuitic, sophistical; illusive, deceptive, misleading, hollow, empty.

play, n. 1. drama, dramatic play, stage play; stage show, show; theatrical piece, theatricals, piece, work, vehicle; screenplay, photoplay, photodrama, Inf. opus; teleplay, television drama or play, TV drama or play; radio drama or play, broadcast drama; spectacle, extravaganza, pageant; comedy, farce, burlesque; tragedy; melodrama.
2. amusement, pastime, entertainment, recreation, cheer, good fun, Brit. beer and skittles, Inf. fun and games, Sl. jollies; pleasure, enjoyment, delight, gaiety; diversion, distraction, sport; merrymaking, merriery, revelry, jollification, joviality, Inf. whoopee; tomfoolery, skylarking, Sl. monkey business, Sl. high jinks.
3. fun, joke, gag, lark; toying, trifling, fooling, make-believe.
4. pun, wordplay, play on words, double entendre.
5. pretense, feign, make believe; affect, assume, put on, do for effect.
6. gambling, gaming, betting, wagering, hazarding, risking, staking, Inf. plunging, speculation.
7. conduct, behavior, Archaic. havior, deportment, demeanor, comportment, actions, ways, manners, Archaic. gest; bearing, carriage, posture, port, guise, gait, air, address; lifestyle, way of life, Latin. modus vivendi.
8. action, activity, movement, motion; agency, operation, Rare. operance or operancy, function, performance, execution, enactment, discharge, dispatch; exercise, practice.
9. latitude, liberty, license, freedom, indulgence; free or unrestricted use, carte blanche, blank check; field, free play, free scope, free swinging, full swing, swing; margin, room, spare room, elbow room, room to spare, wide berth; rope, enough rope, long rope or tether.
10. (all by or in reference to the news media) press, coverage, time, space, mention.
11. make a play for Slang. woo, court, pay court to, make love to, serenade, Inf. spark; Inf. court and spark, Sl. hustle, Sl. put or slap the make on, Sl. put a move on; pursue, chase, chase after, pounce after.
—v. 12. portray, represent, depict, personate, impersonate; act, enact, act out, give a show, tread the boards; perform, Jazz. jam, Music Sl. riff.
13. engage in, take part, become involved, be occupied, occupy oneself; undertake, take up, embark on, set or go about; throw oneself into, launch into, plunge or dive into, tackle; try, make an effort, have a go, Sl. take a crack at, Sl. take a whack at.
14. contend, compete, vie, rival, contest; oppose, challenge, pit oneself against, play against, take on, face, confront, meet; All Fig. battle, join battle with, set to, engage, encounter, struggle, tussle, scuffle, clash.
15. employ, use make, use of, utilize, apply; wield, ply, operate, work; handle, manipulate, put to use or good use.
16. gamble, bet, wager, stake, try one’s luck or fortune, make a bet, lay a wager or bet, Brit. punt, Inf. shoot craps, Inf. play the ponies, Brit. Inf. birl, Brit. Sl. gaff; speculate, venture, play the market, Inf. plunge, Inf. take a flyer, Inf. take a leap or shot in the dark.
17. do, perform, execute, carry out, accomplish, discharge, fulfill, consummate; cause, effect, effectuate, bring about, make happen.
18. sport, disport, frolic, frisk, gambol, have fun or a good time or a good old time; dance about, jump about, romp, rollick; cavort, caper, cut capers, curvet; revel, carouse, wassail, roister, whoop it up, Inf. make whoopee.
19. clown, clown around, play the clown; horse around, fool around, kid around, Inf. cut up; joke, jest, fool, tease, Inf. josh, Inf. kid, Inf. put [s.o.] on, Inf. pull [s.o.’s] leg; banter, chaff, make merry with.
20. daily, trifle, toy, make light with; potter, putter, smatter, tinker, fiddle, Inf. fool with.
21. play at pretend, feign, make believe; affect, simulate, take on the appearance of, Sl. make like; assume, put on, Inf. do for effect.
22. play down belittle, disparage, decry, deprecate, demean, detract, derogate, Inf. talk or cry down; minimize, slight, underrate, undervalue, beggar, misprize, extenuate, understate, underreckon, think little or nothing of, set no store by, fail to count on; deemphasize, underplay, make light of.
23. played out a. weary, tired, tried out, Inf. dog-tired, dead-tired, dead, dead on one’s feet; over-tired, done in, all in, ready to drop; weary, fatigued, worn out, flagged, fagged out. b. hackneyed, trite, overused, overemployed, overworked; banal, set, stock, familiar, Inf. bromidic, Sl. old hat; stale, dull, flat, vapid, insipid, jejune, warmed-over; moldy, musty, moth-eaten, timeworn, shopworn. c. expended, used up, finished, finished up, gone, all gone, no more, Sl. eighty-sixed.
24. play for time stall, stall for time; temporize, make or gain time, Inf. drag one’s feet; procrastinate, hesitate, hang, hang back or fire; filibuster.
25. play it by ear improvise, extemporize, ad lib, Inf. take it, Sl. wing it; rise to the occasion, ride with the waves, roll with the punches.
26. play on or upon exploit, take advantage or unfair advantage of, abuse, misuse, walk all over [s.o.], take [s.o.] for all he’s worth; impose on, trade on.
27. play out a. finish, complete, carry through, go or follow through with; settle, resolve, terminate, end, bring to an end, conclude, close, wind up, clinch, seal, Inf. wrap up. b. exhaust, consume, use up; expend, spend, dissipate, Sl. blow; waste, squander, fritter away, fool away, run through.
28. play the game Informal. a. go along with, conform, follow the crowd, do as others do; keep in step, toe the mark, stay in line, follow the rules, keep one’s nose clean; yield, acquiesce, defer, compromise, give in; toady, Inf. bootlick, truckle. b. play fair, be a good sport, play by the rules, Inf. be up front.
29. play up a. emphasize, stress, lay stress or emphasis on, accent, punctuate; underline, underscore, italicize, point up, call attention to, mark, bring home, press home; feature, highlight, spotlight, give prominence to, bring to the fore. b. dramatize, overempha-
playbill, n. (all of a play) program, slate, bill, card; notice, announcement, advertisement, poster, placard; flier, leaflet, handout.

playboy, n. womanizer, ladies' man, man about town, woman-chaser, Skirt-chaser, sl. wolf, sl. lover boy, sl. tomatc, sl. masher, sl. make-out artist, sl. man on the make; rake, rakehell, roué, profligate, man, debaucheau, libertine, Inf. rip, sl. swinger; philanderer, trifer, dallier, gay dog, gay decoy, gallant, flirt, Obs. coquet, Inf. two-timer; Don Juan, Casanova, Lothario, Romeo, charmer, Inf. lady-killer, sl. stud, sl. sheik.

player, n. 1. fummer, frolicker, sport; reveler, carouser, wassailer, merrymaker, sl. cutup; hedonist, pleasure-seeker, pleasure-lover.

2. athlete, sportsman, sporter, Inf. jock; ballplayer, baseballer, footballer, basketballer; competitor, contestant, deber, vier, participant.

3. actor, actress, performer, entertainer, stage player, stage performer, playactor, role player; trouser, sl. ham, theatrician, thespian, Roscan, histro, histrion, Archaic. histrionic; personator, impersonator, mimic, mummer, mime, Rare. imitator, pantomimist.

4. musician, music man, music man, minstrel, Inf. tunester; virtuoso, master; classical musician, Inf. longhair; jazz musician, jazzman; rock and roller, rocker, hard rocker, punk; folk singer, Inf. folkie.

5. gambler,bettor, wagerer, gamester, Brit. punter, Inf. piker, Inf. tinhorn, Inf. crapshooter, sl. bone-shaker, sl. big-timer; speculator, adventurer, adven-turist, risk-taker, hazarder, Inf. plunger.

playful, adj. 1. sportive, gamesome, frolicsome, full of fun, fun-loving; high-spirited, frisky, coltish, skittish, Inf. full of beans, Inf. feeling one's oats; mischievous, full of mischief, scampish, devilish, impish, elfish; waggish, pranksk, tricksy.

2. humorous, amusing, funny, witty; joking, jesting, Inf. joshing, faceticous, half-serious, tongue-in-cheek.

playground, n. park, recreation area or field, field, playing field, sand lot, tot lot.

playhouse, n. theater, amphitheater, theater in the round; odeum, hall, music hall, concert hall, opera house, auditorium.

plaything, n. 1. toy; bauble, knicknack, gimmick, gawgaw; doll, Baby Talk. dolly; hobbyhorse, rocking horse; top, whirligig; ball; jack-in-the-box.

2. dupe, fool, pigeon, Sl. fall guy; tool, instrument, puppet, minion, pawn, dummy, creature, cat's paw, Sl. stooge.

playtime, n. recess, time out; recreation, leisure time; vacation, Brit. holiday; liberty, shore leave; red letter day, festival day, fete day; legal holiday, Brit. bank holiday.

playwright, n. dramatist, dramaturge, dramaturgist; scriptwriter, screenwriter, scenario writer; tragedian, comedian, Fr. Jaceur; melodramatist; monodrama-tist; dramatic poet; Theat. play doctor.

plaza, n. public square, town square, common, town common; green, town green, rialto, piazza, forum, (in ancient Greece) agora; quadrangle, Inf. quad.

plea, n. 1. defense, vindication, argument, apology, justification.

2. excuse, pretext, reason; apology, extenuation, pal-liation.

3. appeal, entreaty, request, petition, supplication, solicitation, suit; imploration, invocation, prayer.

4. cop a plea Slang. plead guilty, Inf. cop one, plea bargain; dodge the issue, evade the real issue, Inf. beat around the bush; get around the results, avoid the penalty, Inf. go out the side door.

plead, v. 1. appeal, entreat, beg, beseech; supplicate, ask, apply for; seek, request, call for; appeal to, implore, Brit. Inf. prig; pray, petition, solicit, supplicate, test, adjure, conjure, Rare. sue; press, impor-tune, demand.

2. argue against, reason with, debate, enjoin; counsel, exhort, urge, recommend, try to influence; suggest, persuade, push, Inf. lean on, coerce, use pressure.

3. argue, use as an excuse, put forward, present; assert, declare, proclaim, allege, aver, attest, asseverate; maintain, hold, profess, avow, affirm, acknowledge, admit, own.

pleasant, adj. 1. pleasing, agreeable, enjoyable, delightful, pleasurable, gratifying, satisfying; delectable, delicious, palatable, tasty, toothsome, savoury; lovely, nice, good, Sl. swell, Sl. fine; comfortable, easeful, Sl. cushy, luxurious, voluptuous.

2. of persons, manners, disposition, etc.) adept, adroit, suave, polished, finished, smooth; courteous, polite, courteously; deferential, well-behaved, well-bred, genteel; cultivated, urbane, gallant, chivalrous, diplomatic, tactful, decorous, compliant, gentlemanly, dandylike, gracious, hospitable, sociable, affable, approachable, communicative, conversive, outgoing, outgoing, easy, unrushed, gregarious, Inf. chummy, amiable, congenial, simpatico, sympathetic; friendly, cheerful, Ger. gemütlich, cheery; neighborly; Inf. comfortable as an old shoe, homely, Inf. homey; companionable, fun to be with, good company.

fair, balmy, sunny, warm; bright, cloudless, clear, rainless, dry; fine, calm, halcyon.

pleasantry, n. 1. satisfaction, content, gratification; gladden, charm, cheer, delight, Inf. tickle pink; do one's heart good, Inf. hit the spot, delectate; entertain, interest, amuse, divert; placate, appease, humor, pacify, pacify; soothe, mollify, dulcify.

2. like, want, desire; wish, choose, prefer, elect, opt, select.

pleased, adj. happy, glad, contented, gratified, sat-
pleasing, v. 1. please, delight, gratify; make content, make one feel good, do one's heart good; delight, make happy, warm the cockles of one's heart. 2. gratify, give pleasure, satisfy; content, make content, make one feel good, do one's heart good; delight, make happy, warm the cockles of one's heart. 3. delight in, take pleasure in, enjoy, be pleased with; relish in, rejoice in, revel in, Sl. groove on. 4. gem, jewel, treasure; treat, delight, thing of beauty, sight for sore eyes; prize, charm, find, flower, one in a million. 5. gratify, give pleasure, satisfy; content, make content, make one feel good, do one's heart good; delight, make happy, warm the cockles of one's heart. 6. delight in, take pleasure in, enjoy, be pleased with; relish in, rejoice in, revel in, Sl. groove on. pleat, n. 1. pleat, box pleat or plait, accordion pleat, kilt pleat; fold, crease, plication, plicature, ruck, Chieftly Scot.,ipl., Anat. pleca; plaiting, kitting, gaffer, flutting; gather, shirring, tuck, dart, pucker, corragation, flute, crimp. 2. pleat, kilt, tuck, ruck, Surgery. plicate; fold, crease, double, double over, turn under, enfold; crimp, flute, gaffer, purcer, purse, corragate; gather, shirr, ruffle, Sewing. full. plebeian, adj. 1. lower-class, low-class, proletarian, working class, blue-collar; lowly, low, lowborn, base-born; untitled, inglorious, insignificant, obscure; base, inferior, humble, ignoble, mean, raffish; poor, shabby, tawdry; simple, plain, homespun, homely, peasantlike, provincial, rustic, countrified, earthy, salt-of-the-earth, down to earth. 2. common, ordinary, average, commonplace, undistinguished; mass, of the masses, popular, prevailing, current, of the streets. 3. coarse, raw, rough-hewn, unrefined, unpopular, unsophisticated, low-brow; crude, crass, uncouth, gauche, rude, ill-bred, low-bred, unbred, ill-mannered, unmannerly, unadorned, ungentlemanly, indecorous; churlish, boorish, loutish, brutish; indelicate, immodest, shameless. 4. plebe, plebeian, proletarian, peasant, common, common person, ordinary citizen, the common man, one of the people, average guy, Inf. John Doe, Inf. John Q. Public, Inf. John Smith, Inf. one of the crowd or mob, Inf. man in the street, Sl. Joe Blow, Sl. Joe Doakes. plebiscite, n. election, referendum, public or popular vote, vox populi; direct vote, vote, poll, ballot. pledge, n. 1. promise, assurance, word, word of honor, Archaic. troth, vow, oath, sworn statement, Archaic. plighted; endorsement, testimonial, attestation; contract, compact, covenant, obligation, engagement, agreement; guarantee, guaranty, warrant, warranty, Law. covenant of warranty, Law. warranty deed, Obs. vouch. 2. collateral, surety, Law. security, earnest, deposit, Law. earnest money; pawn, gage, bail, Insurance. bond, Law. mortgage, Law. mortgage bond, Law. bail bond, Rare. hostage. 3. tentative member, newcomer, initiate, neophyte, beginner, catechumen. 4. toast, salute, cheer. —v. 5. engage, bind, adjure, draft; press, compel, oblige, require, charge, command, enjoin. 6. plight, affiance, betroth; promise, give one's solemn word or promise, vow, state on one's honor, swear to, state under oath; assure, offer assurance, asseverate, avouch, aver, affirm. 7. guarantee, ensure, secure, Finance. bond, Law. mortgage; pawn, Rare. impawn, gage, put up collateral, give earnest money, make a deposit, oblige; warrant, vouch, attest to, testify to, endorse; contract, covenant, enter an agreement; make a bargain or deal, shake on it. 8. toast, drink to, drink to the health of, salute, give three cheers, cheer. plentiful, adj. full, entire, whole, complete, thorough; absolute, unqualified, out-and-out, unconditional; unlimited, limitless, stintless, unrestricted, unbounded, large, ample, great. plenitude, n. 1. abundance, profusion, bounty, cornucopia, horn of plenty, endless supply, Scot. scotch or skotch, Scot. and North Eng. routh; quantity, quantities, volume, mass, fund, mine, store; full supply, good supply, full measure, good or great deal, quite a little. 2. fullness, amplitude, plethora, completeness, wholeness, totality, entirety, entireness, Rare. impletion; completion, fulfillment, culmination, consummation, realization. plenteous, adj. abundant, plentiful, copious. See plentiful. plentiful, adj. 1. abundant, plenteous, plenitudinous, Inf. plenty, fat, bountiful, bounteous, copious; ample, enough and to spare, enough and then some, more than enough, more than adequate; big, large, great, huge, bountiful; immeasurable, unmeasured, unlimited, inestimable, inestimable; infinable, incommensurable; much, many, numerous, multifarious, Inf. dime a dozen; in quantity or quantities, in plenty, Inf. aplenty, Inf. galore. 2. profuse, abundant, exuberant, superabundant; bursting, overflowing, overspilling, spilling over, running over; rampant, bristling, thick, thick with, teeming, teeming with, swelling, swelling with, crawling, crawling with, alive with, Sl. lousy with. 3. ripe, replete, well-supplied, well-provided, well-stocked, well-furnished; full, filled, abrim, chock-a-block, Brit. Inf. chocker, Inf. chock-full, jammed, packed, Inf. jam-packed, Archaic. fraught. 4. rich, lavish, luxuriant, luxurious, rank, thriving; fruitful, fertile, fecund, yielding, productive, prolific, prolificuous.
plenty, n. 1. quantity, quantities, volume, mass, fund, mine, store; multitude, number, numbers, scores, host, hoard, legion; sea, ocean, oceans, world, worlds, galaxy, great quantity or quantities; lot, lots, heap, heaps, mountain, mountains, stack, stacks, pile, piles, load, loads, mess, slew, swaths, whole slew, full supply, full measure, good supply, supply or great deal, quite a little, Sl. scads or scad, U.S. L. boodle; All Inf. ton, tons, bag, bags, barrel, barrels, gob, gobs, oodles, Chiefly Brit. lashings or lashing.

2. plenteousness, plentifulness, bountifulness, bounteousness, copiousness; amplitude, ampleness, fullness; numerousness; richness, exuberance, luxuriance, luxuriousness, lavishness, lavishment; teemingness, rankness, prodigality.

3. abundance, profusion, plenitude, bountiness, cornucopia, horn of plenty, endless supply.

4. excess, surplus, surfeit, satiety, oversupply, overteousness, copiousness; amplitude, ampleness, fullness; plenteousness, plentifulness, bountifulness, bountal.

riches, fortune, treasure; means, resources, wherewith; copia, horn of plenty, endless supply.

luxuriousness, lavishness, lavishment; teemingness, bountifulness, bountal.

plenteousness, plentifulness, bountifulness, bountal.

in the market, supersaturation, supersaturated.

overplenteousness, overplenty, superflux; supererogation; overprovision, overabundance, supersaturation, riout, landside, bonanza.

5. affluence, wealth, wealthiness, prosperity, prosperness; opulence, opulency, comfort; money, riches, fortune, treasure; means, resources, wherewithal.

pleonasm, n. 1. redundancy, tautology, paraphrases, paraphrase, circumlocution, Inf. circumbendibus; verbiage, verbosity, wordiness, prolixity, profundity, diffuseness, long-windedness, longiloquence; repetitiveness, repetitiveness, tautology, batology; digressive, suggestiveness, wandering, convolution, circumlocution, wandering, rambling, meandering, roundaboutness, indirection, Archaic. ambages; ambiguous, vagueness, beating around the bush; Newspeak, bureaucratese, gobbledygook.

2. digression, excursus, cloud or smokescreen of words, Rare. tautologism.

pleonastic, adj. redundant, tautological, paraphrastic, circumlocutory; verbose, wordy, prolix, profluse, diffuse, long-winded, longiloquent; repetitive, tedious, batological; digressive, discursive, circuitous, ambiguous, roundabout, indirect, maundering, convolution, circumlocution, wandering, rambling, meandering, roundaboutness, indirection, Archaic. ambies; ambiguous, vagueness, gisting around the bush; Newspeak, bureaucratese, gobbledygook.

plethora, n. 1. overfullness, superabundance, overabundance, overprovision, overprofligacy, overplenteousness, overplenty, superfluousness; supererogation; oversufficiency, superfluity, superfluousness, redundancy, employment, engrossment, congestion, surcharge, profusion, more than enough, enough and to spare, enough and then some.

2. surplus, surplus, satiety, glut, excess, overflow, overspill; flood, deluge, inundation, spate, avalanche, landslide, riot, drug on or in the market, supersaturation; oversupply, overmeasure, overload, overburden; overdose, too much of a good thing.

plethoric, adj. 1. overfull, overabundant, superabundant, exuberant, overflowing, overspilling, spilling over, running over, bursting; bloated, swollen, bulbous, bulging, tumorous, tumescent, Pathol. edematous; bulging, swelling, turgescence, Obs. turgent; gorged, satiated, jaded, replete, cloyed, stuffed, saturated, supersaturated.

2. (all of speech or writing) turgid, timid, pompous, bombastic, inflated, puffed-up, puffy, overblown, overcharged; (all of speech or writing) overrun, extended, distended, dilated, redundant.

plexus, n. network, reticulum, tissue, Optics. reticile; net, mesh, meshwork, web, webbing, lace; lacework, lacing, bobbinet; tracery, intertexture, interlacing, intertwining, interweaving, weave, tapestry; maze, jungle, labyrinth, jungle, tangle; wilderness, snarl, knot.

pliability, n. 1. flexibility, flexibleness, bendability, pliancy, suppleness, litheness, softness, limberness, liseliness, malleability, plasticity, tractility, ductility, flaccidity; plasticity, stretch, stretchability; give, spring, springiness, resilience.

2. persuasibility, persuadableness, susceptibility, impressionability, impressibility; yieldingness, willingness, readiness, amenability, agreeability; adaptability, conformability, adjustability, adjustableness, tractability, tractableness, compliancy, compliance; passive-ness, passivity, docility, obedience, deference, submissiveness, manageability.

pliable, adj. 1. flexible, flexible, flexuous, bendable, pliant; elastic, supple, lithe, limber, willowy, lisome; malleable, extensile, extensible, ductile, tractile, plastic, stretchable; bending, shapable, moldable, fic-tile.

2. persuasible, persuadable, susceptible, impressionable, impres-sible, responsive, receptive, sensitive, influenceable; yielding, willing, amenable, agreeable; adaptable, adjustable, resilient, movable, mobile; compliant, tractable, manageable, governable, corrigible, domitable; formable, teachable, educable, trainable, tamable, domesticable; passive, submissive, deferential, docile, obedient.

pliers, n. long-nosed pliers, snub-nosed pliers, extractor; pincers, pinchers, nippers, tweezers, forceps, tongs.

plight, n. condition, state, shape, situation, position, circumstances; predicament, dilemma, quandary, strait, juncture, crisis, emergency, extremity, exigency, pinch, Inf. squeeze; Inf. pickle, hole, bind, double-bind, tight spot, box, corner, embarrassing situation; scrape, Inf. jam, Inf. fix, trouble, Sl. hot water, hornet's nest; problem, difficulty, stumbling block, complication; fine kettle of fish, pretty pass, pretty state of affairs, fine mess, Inf. fine how-do-you-do, awkward situation, ticklish or delicate situation; muddle, jumble, tangle, mix-up, confusion; catch-22, vicious circle; cul-de-sac, deadend, impasse, standstill, stalemate, deadlock.

plight!, v. affliction, betroth, promise to marry, become engaged to; pledge, promise, give one's solemn word or promise, give one's oaths of honor, vow; engage, bind, obligate, obligate; state on one's honor, promise, give one's word of honor, vow; engage, bind, obligate, obligate; state on one's honor, swear to, state under oath; assure, offer assurance, severate, avouch, aver, affirm.

plod, v. 1. trudge, pace, tramp, walk heavily, lumber, Inf. galumph; drag oneself along, move laboriously, shuffle, shamble, drag one's feet; walk or over, tread, step on, stamp, Inf. stomp, crush, trample.

2. drudge, work or work hard, toil, moil, labor, Brit. fag; grub, grind, work one's fingers to the bone, slave or slave away, work like a slave, work like a Trojan, Sl. kid oneself; work day and night, burn the midnight oil, burn the candle at both ends, overdo, overwork, overexert oneself; sweat, struggle, Sl. beat one's brains out; work at, make an effort, apply oneself to, work away at, Inf. go at or to it; peg away at, Inf. plug away at, Inf. hack away at, hammer away at, Inf. bang away at, pound away at; Inf. chip away at, Inf. peck away at, Inf. go at or attack bit by bit or one piece at a time; go slowly but surely, carry on, continue, keep trying, keep one's nose to the grindstone, keep one's shoulder to the wheel; persevere, stick to or at or with it, persist, hang or hold on, Sl. hang in there, keep at it, keep doggedly at it; force oneself, push oneself, make oneself, exert oneself, strain oneself; do what has to be done, see [s.t.] through, see [s.t.] through to the finish, not give up, never say die.

plop, v. 1. drop, fall, plump, Inf. plunk, throw, toss; thud, thump, bump, slap, smack, hit, strike.
plot, n. 1. secret plan, scheme, intrigue, counterplot, machination; procedure, plan of action, tactics, maneuvers, stratagems, strategy; complot, conspiracy, confederacy, cabal.

2. main story, story line, action, intrigue; chain of events or incidents; plan, scheme, design, layout, blueprint; outline, skeleton.

—v. 3. plan secretly, conspire, complot, cabal, scheme, intrigue, counterplot, make plans, draw up a plan; premeditate, preplan, prearrange, set up, organize, mastermind, machine; devise, design, develop, make, form, formulate, fashion, shape, mold; fabricate, construct, build; erect; contrive, bring about, concoct, invent, compose, hatch; dream up, think up, come up with, conceive, imagine, envision, envisage, visualize, see in one's mind's eye.

4. mark on a map, chart, layout, mark out a course, map out or shape a course.

5. map, graph, diagram, draw to scale; blueprint, outline, draw in, block in; depict, represent, picture.

pluck, v. 1. separate, pluck, pluck off, pluck out, draw, pull, pluck, v.

stratagem, maneuver, gambit, move; ruse, n.
ploy, plow, 1.
tiller, tiller of the soil, plower, plowman, 1.
secret plan, scheme, intrigue, counterplot, make plans, draw up a plan; premeditate, preplan, prearrange, set up, organize, mastermind, machine; devise, design, develop, make, form, formulate, fashion, shape, mold; fabricate, construct, build, erect; contrive, bring about, concoct, invent, compose, hatch; dream up, think up, come up with, conceive, imagine, envision, envisage, visualize, see in one's mind's eye.

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pluck, v. 1. pull, pull off, pull out, draw out, draw out, withdraw, remove, extract, take out; collect, gather, gather or get in, cull, glean; harvest, reap, crop, pick, cut.

2. tug, tug at, pull, pull at, hitch, hitch up, hike, hike up; twitch, vellipicate, weak, twinge.

3. yank, yank out or away, jerk, jerk out or away, snatch, snatch away, snake, wrest, wrest out or away, grab, grab away, grasp, grasp away, catch, clutch, Inf.; nip; rip, rip out, rip out, tear, tear out or away.

4. deplume, displeume, denude, denudate, fleece, remove, divest, skin, strip bare or clean; cut, crop, sheen, trim.

5. Slang. rob, steal, thief, pilfer, purloin, finger, filch; All Sl. pinch, hook, swipe, cop, crook, rip off, lift, hustle; plunder, despoil, spoliate, pillage, Chieflty Scot. reive; ransack, sack, loot, gut, fleece, strip, rifle; steal, defraud, masquer, cheat, Inf. filthlam, rook, bilk, Inf. welsch, Inf. gyp, Inf. bunko, Inf. diddle, Inf. take [s.o.] for a ride, Inf. take [s.o.] to the cleaners, chisel, clip.

6. plank, twang, thrum, strum, pick, fingerpick, finger.


8. pluck up a. exterminate, obliterate, annihilate, erase, eradicate, sweep away, wipe or blot out, Sl. mop up, efface, dissolve, eliminate, abolish, extirpate, destroy totally; ravage, raze, tear to the ground, level, tear to the ground, gut, devastate, ruin, demolish, desolate, wreck, smash, blast, blow up, lay in ruins; uproot, root up, root out, pull up or out by the roots, deracinate. b. summon, summon up, muster, Inf.
plume, n. plumes, feather, quill, pinion, egret, aigrette; plumage, feathers, feathering, plumosity, down, portliness, stoutness, fatness, fleshy, fattish, fat, plump out
plumule, penna, covert, tectrix, remex, All Ornithol.

1. lead, weight, plummet, plumb bob, bob, sinker.

—adj. 2. true, right, perpendicular, vertical, straight, square; level, erect, straight up and down, flush.

3. Informal, absolute, utter, unmitigated, outright, perfect, consummate; downright, thorough, pure, total, complete.

—adv. 4. perpendicularly, vertically, up and down, straight up and down; square, squarely, at right angles.

5. Informal, absolutely, completely, totally, utterly, fully; stark, sheer, plain, clean, quite, wholly.

—v. 6. sound, fathom, measure, mark, gauge; take soundings, plumb-line, plumb the depths.

7. examine, inspect, scrutinize, probe, search out, investigate; delve into, dig into, poke into, go into, explore; ferret out, root out, get to the bottom of.

plume, n. 1. feather, quill, pinion, egret, aigrette; All Ornithol. plumule, penna, covert, tectrix, remex, scapular.

2. feather, aglet, aiguillette, bow, ribbon, knot; pa-

—v. 3. Usu. plume oneself on pride oneself, con-
gratulate oneself, pat oneself on the back, hug oneself; puff, crow, boast, flourish; gloat, brag, vaunt; exult, gloriate oneself, pat oneself on the back, hug oneself; break a leg.

—adj. 2. true, right, perpendicular, vertical, straight, square; level, erect, straight up and down.

plunder, v. 1. rob, despoil, Archaic. spoil, spoli-

ate, pilage, Chiefly Scot. reive; ravage, harry, rape, maraud, devastate, depredate; ransack, sack, loot, gut, fleece, strip, rifle; raid, foray, forage, prey on or upon; lay waste, desolate, wreak havoc upon.

2. pirate, freeboot, buccanneer, privateer, filibuster; seize, capture, steal, thieve, carry off.

—n. 3. rapine, pilage, depredation, spoliation, despoilation, Obs. direption, raven or ravin, plundering, plunderage; ravaging, harrying, marauding, saiking, Rare. sackage, laying waste, devastation, desolation; raid, inroad, Archaic. maraud, razza, foray; foraging, looting, ravishment, seizure, grab, rape; kidnapping, hijacking, skyjacking, air or sky piracy, commandeering.

4. brigandage, piracy, buccaneering, freebooting, banditry, highway robbery, Obs. latrocinio, privateering, filibustering, U.S. Inf. (usu. of cattle) rustling; robbery, theft, thievry, Law. larceny.

5. spoils, loot, pilage, booty, Archaic. boot, Ar-

chaic. prey, Scot. Obs. ref; stolen goods, Inf. steal, Sl. hot goods, Sl. boodle, Sl. the take, Sl. the goods, Sl. swag; prize, profits, pickings, gain, grab, Inf. haul.

plunge, v. 1. dive, nosedive, dip, go down; fall, drop, collapse. See plunge (def. 2).

2. drop, fall, plummet, plunge, nose-
dive; sink, collapse, descend, fall headlong, pitch; slump, slap, clump, crump.

3. deposit, set down, plop, plunk, plump; swoop, swoop down, pounce, stoop, lunge, sprawl.

Often plunge out blunt, utter, let fall, spill; an-

ounce, declare, come out with, proclaim; divulge, give away, speak out, Sl. spill the beans, Sl. let the cat out of the bag.

—n. 4. fall, dive, dip, slip, plop, plunk; thump, crump, clump, thunk; thud; drop, collapse, descent, nosedive, crash dive, skydive, plunge.

—adv. 5. precipitously, unexpectedly, suddenly, all of a sudden, all at once; pop, bang, plunk, plop, ping, zap; surprisingly, without warning, out of the blue, like a thunderbolt, on short notice.

6. directly, bluntly, forthright, abruptly, point-

blank; to the point, not beating around the bush, not putting any punches, straight from the shoulder.

7. squarely, plumb, fully, right, straight; smack, smack-dab, plunk, kerplunk; exactly, directly, precisely.

—adj. 8. blunt, forthright, abrupt, plain, down-

right; direct, straight, straightforward, forward, matter-of-fact.

plumpness, n. portliness, stoutness, fatness, fleshi-
ess, rotundity, Fr. embonpoint; chubbiness, tubbi-
ess, pudginess, podginess, beefiness; paunchiness, dumpiness, squattiness, pursiveness, Inf. chunkiness; squattiness, stockiness, roly-poliness, blowyness, bloatedness, puffiness; bosominess, buxomness, top-

heaviness, Inf. busines; hippiness, beaniness, statopogia.

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plunge, v. 1. dive, dive, plummet, go down, go to the bottom, descend; nosedive, fall, skydive, crash dive; plop, plunk, plump; drop, collapse, have the bottom fall out; pitch, jump, fall headlong, lurch; throw oneself, leap, spring, dart; swoop, swoop down, pounce, stoop, hurl, lunge.

3. rush, dash, hasten, hurry, scurry, hie, speed; hus-

cend; nosedive, fall, skydive, crash dive; plop, plunk, plump; drop, collapse, have the bottom fall out; pitch, jump, fall headlong, lurch; throw oneself, leap, spring, dart; swoop, swoop down, pounce, stoop, hurl, lunge.

—n. 4. dive, leap, fall, jump, Inf. header; dash, lunge, spring; plop, plunk, plump.

5. immersion, submersion, submersion, baptism; dip, dipping, duck, ducking, dunk; inundation, drowning, burial, engulfment.

6. drop, fall, decline, descent, decline and fall, collapse, denouement; dip, declivity, declination, down-

grade.

potlability, n. 1. most, greatest or greater amount or number, greater or greatest percentage or part; more than anyone else or the others, lion's share, bulk, mass; decisive or winning number, enough to win.

2. majority, more than half, over fifty percent; pre-

ponderance, overwhelming number, nearly all.

3. many, a number, quite a few, several; quantity, lot, whole lot, bunch, whole bunch, Inf. oodles, Inf. slew, Inf. raft, Sl. scad; a thousand and one, scores, numbers, large or great number or amount, Inf. scli-
lions, Inf. zillions.

4. multiplicity, multiditudinousness, plenty, abundance, profusion; multitude, host, array, army, legion; herd, drove, bevy, flock, swarm; mass, crowd, throng, crush, horde, pack, Sl. mess; river, torrent, flood, deluge, ocean, sea, world, galaxy.

plus, prep. 1. and, increased by, with an increment of; and also, and [s.t.] to boot; added to, put together with, joined with, coupled with, in conjunction with.

—adj. 2. addition, adding, summation, summing, summational, totalling; All Math. positive, greater than zero, in the positive domain.

—n. 3. bonus, added bonus, fringe benefit, perqui-
plush, adj. luxurious, luxury, deluxe, custom, special, sumptuous, elegant, posh, Sl. classy, Sl. snazzy, Sl. ritzy, Inf. swank, Inf. swanky; ornamental, decorative, decorated, adorned, embellished, embroidered; extravagant, grand, gorgeous; opulent, costly, dear, rich; elaborate, lavish, ornate, baroque, rococo, gingerbread; forlorn, shabby, flowery, frilly, busy; ostentatious, pretentious, overdone.

plutocratic, n. rich man, man of means, moneybags, capitalist, millionaire, multimillionaire, billionaire; nabob, Sl. fat cat, Sl. big fish; silk-stocking, aristocrat; Midas, Croesus, Dives, Class. Myth. Plutus.


ply¹, v. 1. utilize, use, make use of, employ busily, put to use, work with, apply; wield, manipulate, handle, bend; exploit, press or enlist into service.

pocket, n. 1. bag, pouch, sack, Midland U.S. and Scat. poke, Southwestern U.S. alforja, Obs. budget; saddle bag, sabretache; mail bag, mail pouch; pack, packet, satchel, container, receptacle, reticule, compartment, envelope.

2. budget, purse, pocketbook; resources, means, assets, capital, funds, finances, moneys.

3. cavity, hole, hollow, cave, cavern, crater, cup, scoop, concavity; pit, shaft, chamber, mine, bore, tunnel, excavation; abyss, crevasse; opening, aperture, orifice, fissure, crack, cleft, chin, notch, gap.

4. vein, lode, ore body.

5. cul-de-sac, impasse, bottleneck, blind, Inf. blind alley, Inf. deadend; trap, snag, quandary, predicament.

6. small, bantam, diminutive, tiny, miniature; portable, compact, (of books) paperback; (all of books) condensed, abbreviated, encapsulated, condensed, abridged.

7. appropriate, take, assume; swindle, mulct, shark; peculate, embezzle, Lax. defalcate, misappropriate; steal, rob, thrive, pilfer, purloin, filch, Inf. snitch, cabbage, abstract, Chiefly Brit. prig; Euph. borrow, Archaic. nimb; shoplift, palm, Sl. boost, walk off or away with, Euph. remove; All Sl. heist, pinch, hook, swipe, hustle, rip off, crook, cap, lift.

8. suffer, endure, bear, tolerate, brook, brave, take patiently, abide, stand, submit to, put up with; let pass, overlook, disregard, swallow, digest, stomach; face the music, take one's medicine, take it; accept, accommodate oneself to, reconcile oneself to, resign oneself to.

9. conceal, cover, hide, shroud, cloak, veil; screen, mask, disguise, camouflage; withhold, keep to oneself, suppress, bury, bottle up, stifle, smother, muffle; seal up, lock up.

10. confine, enclose, shut in, hem in, surround, bound; set, seclude.

pocketbook, n. 1. handbag, shoulder bag, purse, clutch, evening bag, disco bag; change purse, (in Scottish Highland costume) sporran, wallet, money bag; bag, tote bag, sack, case, pouch, pocket; grip, valise, carpetbag; ditty bag.

2. budget, resources, means, pocket. See pocket (def. 2).

pocketknife, n. jackknife, clasp knife, penknife, folding knife, Swiss Army knife; switchblade.

pococurante, adj. carelessly, carelessly, careless, negligently, negligently; wantonly, wantonly, wantonly, wantonly, wantonly, wantonly, wantonly, wantonly, wantonly.

poem, n. verse composition, lyric, sonnet, villanelle, ode, Class. Prosody. epode, palinode, anacreontic; dithyramb, elegy; rhapsody, epic; rondelet, Prosody. rondeau; pastoral, idyl, eclogue, bucolic, geometric; nuptial song, epithalamion; rhyme, limerick, jingle, doggerel; ditty, song, lay, ballad.

poet, n. poetess, versifier, versemaker, rhymer; imagist, vers-ivist, lyricist, lyricist, idyllist, sonneteer, elegist; balladmonger, bard, minstrel, scop, skald; poet-aster, rhymster.

poetic, adj. lyrical, lyrical, sonnetlike, idyllic, pastoral, bucolic, georgic, elegiac; rhapsodic, epic; dithyrambic; metrical, metered, rhythmical, rhythmic, rhyming, sing-song.

songlike, singing, musical, melodic, tuneful, melodious; aesthetic, artistic, beautiful, graceful, flowing.
poetry, n. verse; versification, Archaic. poesy; rhetorical composition, metrical composition; light verse, free verse.

pogrom, n. massacre, carnage, wholesale or general slaughter, mass slaying, mass murder, mass killing, mass execution, mass homicide, noyade; bloodbath, bloodshed, effusion or fusillade of blood, Rare. internecion, Rare. truncation; slaughter, slaying, butchery, homicide, murder, killing, execution; genocide, organized murder, extermination, obliteration, eradication, elimination, annihilation, extinction, liquidation, blotting or wiping out, Euph., Hist. Final Solution; holocaust, decimation, devastation, total destruction, laying waste, wasting; purge, purification, depur- ration, scouring.

poignancy, n. 1. pathos, evocativeness, emotivity, emotion, emotionalism; sensitivity, tenderness, feeling, affectionateness, sentiment; intentness, earnestness, sincerity; keenness, intensity, acuteness, profundity, deepness, extremeness.

2. patheticalness, pitiableness, piteousness, pitifulness;plaintiveness, wistfulness, forlornness, woefulness, woebegoneness.

point, n. 1. tip, nib, tapered end, sharp end, ex- 

2. projection, promontory, head, foreland, head-
nitty-gritty, gist, Inf. position.

3. peninsula, Chersonese; strip, reach, stretch.

4. pungency, piquancy, piquantness, tartness, sharpness; flavorfulness, tastiness, spiciness, hotness; bitterness, sourness, acidity, vinegariness, harshness; acerb- ity, mordancy, trenchancy, astringency.

pointed, adj. 1. sorrowful, doleful, mournful, grieving, tearful, woeful, woebegone, wretched, miserable, Archaic. woesome; heartbreaking, heart-rending, crushing, distressing, upsetting; agonizing, tormenting, tortuous, excruciating, unbearable; lamentable, regrettable, deplorable, rueful; tragic, dreadful, disastrous, calamitous, terrible, awful; pathetic, pathetical, pitable, piteous, pitiful; plaintive, wistful, blue, melancholy, sad.

2. keen, acute, deep, profound, intense, stimulating, interesting, extreme, compelling, intent, earnest, sincere; magnetic, appealing, attractive, tantalizing, pro- vocative; impressive, striking, vivid, telling, effective, breath-taking, electric, galvanic, scintillating.

3. heartfelt, heart-moving, heart-swelling, stirring, soul-stirring, deep felt, Archaic. homely, domestic; moving, touching, affecting, melting, sensitive, tender, affect- ionate; emotional, emotive, affective, affectionate, dramatic.

pungent, piquant, tart, sharp, nippy; tangy, spicy, highly seasoned, peppery, hot.

point, n. 1. tip, nib, tapered end, sharp end, extremity; tine, prong, spike, pike; pinnacle, needle, peak, pointed tip; Naut. bill, Naut. pea.

2. projection, promontory, head, forehead, headland, bluff, Archaic. ness; spit, tongue, cape, isthmus, peninsula, chersonese; strip, reach, stretch.

3. mark of punctuation, period.

4. place, area, locality, locale; position, location, C.B. Radio. twenty, site, spot.

5. direction, compass direction, compass point.

6. degree, extent; stage, condition, circumstances, position.

7. point in time, time, second, instant, moment, minute, hour; stage, stage of the game, phase, period.

8. verge, brink, edge.

9. feature, central or main idea, subject, keynote, fo- 

cus, focal point; essential or important part, sub-
stance, meat, essence, quiddity, quintessence, sum and substance; marrow, pith, heart of the matter, crux, nitty-gritty, gist, Inf. nub; core, inner core, heart, center, nucleus, kernel; base, bottom, root.

10. meaning, significance, signification; underlying meaning, connotation, implication, import, purport, drift; spirit, tenor, tone, vein.

11. aim, end, purpose, object, objective, goal, inten-
tion, intent, motive; reason, reason behind [s.t.], cause, motivation, motivating force or factor.

12. subject under discussion, issue, matter, question, point in question.

13. pointer, piece of advice, hint, helpful hint, tip, suggestion.

14. consideration, thought, idea, point to remember or keep in mind.

15. item, particular, specific, detail, fine point, nice-
ty, punctilio.

16. part, element, constituent, component, ingredi- ent, essential or fundamental part.

17. points (all of animals) extremities, limbs, legs, feet, paws, pads, hooves, trotters.

18. unit of measure, mark, score, notch.

19. in point of as regards, in reference to.

20. to the point pertinent, relevant, apropos, fitting, appropriate, suitable, germane, applicable.

—v. 21. point to, point at, point or direct one's finger to or at.

22. Usu. point out indicate, show, direct or call attention to; specify, list, name, designate.

23. sharpen, edge, whet, grind, stop.

24. aim, direct, level.

25. signify, indicate, denote, bespeak; promise, look like, bode, presage, omen, augur, portend; foreshadow, foreshadow, foreshade.

point-blank, adj. 1. direct, true, sure, accurate, on target, on the mark; right, straight, undeviatingly, unswervingly.

2. downright, outright, out-and-out, explicit, unequivocal, Inf. flat-footed; plain, plain-spoken, blunt, to the point, abrupt, blunt, brusque, tactless; candid, frank, forthright, straightforward, straight-from-the-shoulder; aboveboard, open and aboveboard, up front, on the level, honest, truthful, on the up and up, no-nonsense.

—adv. 3. directly, straightforwardly, in a straight line, right, undeviatingly, unswervingly.

4. bluntly, plainly, explicitly, unequivocally; frankly, candidly, forthrightly, straightforwardly; openly, sincerly, genuinely, honestly, truly, truthfully.


2. sharp, piercing, incise, trenchant, cutting, bit- ing; penetrating, keen, acute; forceful, powerful, po- tent, striking, effective; telling, impressive, significant, cogent; vivid, graphic, unmistakable, conspicuous, salient; marked, stressed, emphasized.

3. epigrammatic, terse, tight, succinct, concise; brief, short, to the point, pithy; exact, precise, neat; ingenious, witty.

4. directed, aimed, targeted, focused, sighted, trained on.

pointer, n. 1. indicator, index, sign, indicant; clue, key, reference, reference mark, landmark; arrow, di- rector, guide; guiding star, polestar, lodestar, com- pass, needle.

2. advice, useful information, tip, recommendation, suggestion, word to the wise, hint; rule, law, doctrine,
pointless, adj. 1. blunt, dull, unsharp, unsharp-
ened; unedged, edgeless, rounded, worm down, obtuse, unpointed, Naut. bluff.
2. meaningless, purposeless, hollow, empty, vain; in-
ane, worthless, senseless, without rhyme or reason; unre-
asonable, irrational, nonsensical, preposterous; fool-
ish, fatuous, silly, asinine, absurd, stupid; irrelevant, non-
germane, inapposite, impertinent; inapplicable, im-
material, foreign, alien, unrelated, unconnected; ex-
traneous, gratuitous, unessential, insignificant; beside
the point, neither here nor there, beside the question,
beside the mark, nothing to do with it; Inf. off base,
not to the point. Inf. off the beam, Inf. off the wall;
incorrect, illogical, inconsequent, self-contradicto-
ary, incongruous.
3. weak, forceless, impotent; ineffectual, inade-
quate, worthless, valueless, meritless, nugatory; futil-
ity, vain, idle, bootless, useless, unavailing; unproductive,
unyielding, unprofitable, fruitless, gaineless, unre-
munerative, unpaying; unsuccessful, to no avail, to no purpose,
for naught, all for naught.

poise, n. 1. balance, equilibrium, equipoise, equi-
pollence, equi-pollency, equiponderance, equiponder-
ance; equivalence, equality, parity, par; correspond-
ence, evenness, levelling; equalization, uniformity,
symmetry, parallelism.
2. composure, aplomb, confidence, self-
assurance, self-confidence, self-possession, self-
command, self-control, collectedness; equanimity,
calmness, cool, coolness, sang-froid, imperturbability;
sedateness, staidness, reserve; polish, grace, refine-
ment, urbanity, suaveness, savoir-faire.
3. steadiness, stability, stableness, stasis; suspension,
waver, hovering.
4. posture, carriage, pose, attitude.
—v. 5. balance, equilibrate, counterbalance, counterpoise; level, even, square; stabilize, steady.
6. hover, hang suspended, hang in midair; float,
ride, fly.

poised, adj. composed, calm, cool, Inf. together; self-
assured, self-possessed, self-confident; dignified, man-
nered, decorous, polished, urbane, suave; nonchalant,
unruffled, unflappable.

poisonous, adj. 1. venomous, virulent, (in pres-
scriptions) venenous, toxic, morbific; fell, baneful,
mephitic, viperous, Archaic, venenose; pestilential, pestiferous, infective, infectious, pestilent,
contaminative, contagious, leprous, septic.
2. pernicious, dangerous, hazardous, deleterious, det-
ritional, destructive, ruinous; deadly, lethal, fatal,
mortal, mortiferos, Archaic. lethiferous; harmful,
iminious, nocuous, hurtful, nocent, baleful, noisome;
noxious, malicious, malign, malignant, menacing; in-
salubrious, unhealthful, unhygienic, unsanitary.
3. malevolent, maleficient, malefic, devilish, demon-
ic, diabolic; vicious, rancorous, invidious; vindictive,
revengeful, vengeful, spiteful, slanderous, libellous,
calamious, defamatory; acrimonious, caustic, bitter,
envenomed, virulotic.

poke, v. 1. push, butt, jab, dig, nudge, jog, punch;
thrust, force, drive, stir, impel, goad, prod; jolt, jostle,
elbow, shove.
2. Usu. poke out extend, project, protrude, over-
hang, hang out.
3. poke into intrude, meddle, Inf. kibbitz, Inf.
butt in, Inf. horn in, stick one's nose where it doesn't
belong; muscle in, worm in, interloper.
4. poke about or around ransack, rummage,
forge, rake, scour; look around, sift through; ex-
amine, investigate.
5.Usu. poke along dawdle, delay, loiter, loll, Inf.
lallygag, lag behind, take one's time or one's own
sweet time; idle, loaf, potter, fiddle, diddle, dillydally,
Inf. diddle; meander, saunter, shuffle, roam aimlessly;
window-shop.
6. poke fun at mock, ridicule, jeer, make fun of,
fler, guy; tease, kid, rib, rally, chaff, taunt, twit, need-
le, make sport of, Inf. roast; deride, flout, put down,
insult, run down, abuse, disdain.
—n. 7. thrust, dig, push, shove, jab, nudge, jog,
punch, jolt; finger in the ribs.
8. Informal. spook, snail, tortoise; dawdler, lag-
gard, lingerer, loiterer; lazybones, slugabed, procrasti-
inator, dillydally.
poky, adj. Informal. dawdling, dillydallying;
linger, lagging, putting, crawling, slinking, tortoise-like;
slow, unhurried, leisurely, relaxed, easy.
2. indecisive, hesitant, uncertain, hanging back, ten-
tative; faltering, hesitating, wavering, fluctuating.
3. tardy, late, unpunctual, behind time, behindhand.
4. small, cramped, incommodious, unroomy, cell-
like, boxy; narrow, confined, tiny.
5. dowdy, frumpy, dumpy, frowzy, tacky; sloppy,
slatternly, messy, unkempt.
—n. 6. Slang. jail, jailhouse, lockup, police station,
estation house. See jail (def. 1).
polar, adj. 1. opposite, cont'asting, contradictory,
contrary, different, radically different; antagonistic,
repugnant, conflicting, hostile, inimical, opposed,
diametrically opposed; antithetic, antithetical, an-
tipodal.
2. central, pivotal, key, crucial, cardinal; chief, prin-
cipal, fundamental.
3. guiding, leading, directing, beacon-like.
polarity, n. 1. opposition, repugnance, contra-
riety, antithesis; antagonism, conflict, antipathy,
hostility.
2. duality, Inf. twoness, doubleness, dualism; am-
biguity, ambivalence, paradox, self-contradiction.
pole1, n. 1. shaft, rod, post; flag pole, flagstaff; mast,
spare, timber, tree; beam, stanchion; pillar, column,
upright.
pole2, n. 1. extremity, extreme, limit; end of the
earth, end of the rainbow, ultima Thule or Thule.
2. cynosure, polestar, lodestar, magnet; focus, focal
point, center of attention, center of attraction, center
of interest.
3. poles apart at opposite extremes, at opposite ends,
worlds apart, widely apart or separated; (all in the ex-
treme) different, dissimilar, distinct, separate, sepa-
rate, like night and day, like black and white; incomparable,
incongruous, irreconcilable, unconfordable; disagree-
ing, in disagreement, at odds, at variance.
polemie, n. 1. debate, dispute, argument, contro-
versy, altercation, verbal engagement, war of words,
logomachy, pilpul.
2. debater, polemist. See polemist.
—adj. 3. controversial, polemical, argumentative,
argumental, dialectic, logomachic, eristic, pilpulistic;
quarrelsome, contentious, disputatious, litigious; pud-
nacious, belligerent, bellicose, aggressive.
polemics, n. argumentation, argument, dispute,
dispute, contention, controversy, litigation, wrangling,
bickering, Rare. disceptation.
polemist, n. controversialist, debater, arguer, moot-
er, disputing, disputant, wrangler, Rare. disceptator;
dialectician, polemic, polemist, pilpulist, logom-
achor; logician, ratiocinator; casual, Jesuit, Phila-
delphia lawyer.
police, n. 1. constabulary, police force, law enforcement agency, Inf. the cops, Inf. the law, Sl. the long arm of the law, Sl. the fuzz, Sl. the heat, Sl. New York's finest; highway patrol, Mil. shore patrol, military police; Royal Canadian Mounted Police or RCMP, Inf. Mounties, (in Great Britain) Scotland Yard.

—v. 2. regulate, control, maintain order, keep the peace; patrol, go on one's beat.

Military. 3. clean, clean up, tidy, tidy up, pick up, trim up, put in trim, straighten up or out.

policeman, n. 1. constable, officer, officer of the law peace officer, keeper of the peace, law enforcement agent, bluecoat, Fr. gendarme, It. carabiniere; patrolman, roundsman; traffic cop, Brit. pointsman; sheriff, marshal; military policeman, MP; All Inf. cop, copper, Brit. buddy; All Sl. the man, John Law, bull, fuzz, shamus, beetle-crusher, U.S. Offensive, pig, Brit. Obs. peeler, Fr. flic.

policy, n. 1. course or line of action, strategy, design, plan, game, scheme; mode of management, line of conduct, rule of action; system, way, custom, habit; program, platform, schedule, organization; means, means to an end, ways and means, tactics; protocol, rules, code, manner.

2. expediency, suitability, suitableness, seemliness, appropriateness; properness, correctness, rightness, goodness; sensibleness, reasonableness, rationality, intelligence, prudence, advisability, desirability, desirableness, practicality, usefulness, utility.

3. cleverness, astuteness, shrewdness, ingenuity, geniouness; sagacity, sagaciousness, wisdom; acumen, discernment, insight, perception, percipience, flair; foresightedness, farsightedness, long-headedness.

polish, v. 1. wax, buff, burnish, rub down smooth; shine, gloss, luster, brighten, glaze, Scot. and North. Eng. sheen; abrade, grind, pumice, scour, clean.

2. sparkle, glitter, gleam, glister, shimmer, glow, beam, radiate.

3. perfect, consummate, finish; improve, meliorate, ameliorate, better, work out the kinks; refine, cultivate.

—n. 4. wax, lemon oil; abrasive, abrading, emery, pumice, rouge, cleanser, rubbing compound.

5. waxing, buffing, burnishment, burnishing, rubbing down, smoothing; shining, lustering, brightening, glazing; abrasion, abrading, grinding, pumicing, scouring, scrubbing, cleaning.

6. smoothness, glaze; shine, gloss, luster, shear, shimmer, shimmering; sparkle, sparkling, glitter, glistering, glistening, gleam, gleaming, glow, glowing, beam, beams, brightness, brilliance, radiating, radiating.

7. perfection, culmination, finish, excellence, outstandingness, superiority; expertise, masterliness, masterfulness, adeptness, proficiency.

8. refinement, good breeding, cultivation, culture, elegance, elegance; suavity, urbanity, urbaneness. Sophistication, savoir-faire.

polished, adj. 1. buffed, burnished, rubbed down smooth; smooth, velvety, silky, slick, slippery, glassy, glasslike, glazed; glazed; waxed, glossy, lustrous, satiny, sheen, glowing, glistering, shimmering, sparkling, shinning, glimmering, gleaming, shining, bright, brilliant, radiant, shining.

2. refined, cultured, cultivated, well-bred, well-mannered, to the manner born, courtly, genteel; well-educated, well-spoken, intelligent, academic, lettered, erudite, wise, Knowing, sophisticated, worldly; elegant, graceful, debonair, top-hat.

3. finished, perfected, perfect, flawless, unblemished; expert, skillful, masterly, masterful, proficient, adept, accomplished, well executed or performed or done; excellent, great, extraordinary, outstanding, remarkable, noteworthy, super; exquisite, superlative, consummate, supreme, superior, transcendent.

polite, adj. 1. courteous, mannerly, well-mannered, civil, respectful, deferential, deferent; decorous, proper, formal, Fr. comme il faut, ceremonious; civil, diplomatic, polite; cordial, genial, affable, good-humored, pleasant, sociable; pleasing, winning, charming, ingratiating, complaisant, agreeable, obliging, attentive.

2. well-behaved, well-bred, refined, polished, civilized; genteel, gentle, ladylike, gracious, kind; gentlemanly, gentlemanlike, courtly, gallant, chivalrous, chivalric; urbane, suave, debonair, sophisticated, elegant; discriminating, refined.

politic, adj. 1. sagacious, judicious, wise, sapient; discreet, prudent, wary, chary, cautious; watchful, vigilant, Argus-eyed, mindful; clear-headed, thoughtful, sensible, intelligent, reasonable, sound; astute, discerning, perceptive, penetrating, piercing; keen, sharp, acute, queit, quick, eager-eyed, spy, quick-witted, sharp-eyed; perspicacious, perceptive, discriminating, apprehensive; alert, quick-witted, nimble, bright, smart; long-sighted, farsighted, far-seeing, long-headed.

2. clever, cunning, wily, tricky, crafty, arch; artful, ingenious, Machiavellian, Rare. subdolous; shrewd, canny, Inf. cagey,ifty, sly, subtle, foxy, vulpine; conniving, contriving, intriguing, designing.

3. expedient, advisable, recommendable, desirable, practical, useful; to one's best interest, to one's good, all to the good, all for the best; suitable, seemly, appropriate, befitting, fitting, fit, meet; proper, correct, right, good, essential; sensible, reasonable, intelligent.

pootful, adj. civil, civic, public, politic; official, bureaucratic, administrative; state, governmental, national, federal; partisan, bipartisan, factional.

politician, n. 1. politico, Inf. pol, public servant, civil servant; office-holder, incumbent, lame duck; campaigner, office-seeker, aspirant, favorite son, dark horse, Inf. stumper, Sl. baby kisser; old campaigner, war-horse; kingpin, Inf. boss; hack, party hack.

2. statesman, elder statesman; diplomat; administrator, bureaucrat; congressman, senator, representative, lawmaker, legislator, (in Great Britain) Member of Parliament or MP.

3. Machiavellian, political realist; manipulator, machinist, maneuverer, wirepuller, kingmaker, power behind the throne; strategist, tactician; logroller, pork barrel politician, Inf. influence peddler, Inf. power broker; (pl) boys in the back room.

politics, n. 1. political science, Inf. poli sci; government, civics; policy, polity, party line, party position, party philosophy.

2. Machiavellianism, realpolitik, political realism; machination, manipulation, maneuvering, wire-pulling, Inf. influence-peddling, Inf. back-room politics.

3. statesmanship, statecraft, diplomacy.

poll, n. 1. count, nose or head or body count, tally, tabulation, enumeration; statistics, figures, census, demography; opinion sampling.

2. voting list, list, roster, panel; muster roll, tax rolls.

3. head, skull, cranium, Zool. cephalon, brainpan, pate, Inf. scone, Inf. dome, Sl. bean, Sl. gourd; nape, scurf, Anat. occiput.

—v. 4. register as a voter, register, enroll; vote, cast one's ballot, exercise one's franchise.

5. (all in reference to opinion sampling) question,
pollute

pompon, n. 1. fluffy tuft or ball, puff, bit of fluff; shakers, ball of streamers.

2. panache, plume, feather, crest, topknot; rosette, cockade, tassel.

pomposity, n. 1. pompousness, haughtiness, hauteur, arrogance, self-importance, pontification, Inf. stuffiness; pretension, pretentiousness, affectation, airs, attitudinizing, posing, Inf. highfalutin' ways; vainglory, vanity, pride, foppery, dandyism, coxcombry, peacockery, flamboyance, trumpeting, Inf. nutting on the dog or the ritz; brat; swaggerer, bluster, strutting, bravado; boasting, boastfulness, exaggeration, bragging, self-advertising, Inf. blowing one's own horn, self-applause.

2. magniloquence, rodomontade, grandiloquence, orotundity, fustian, humbug, bombast, rant.

3. vainglorious display, glitter, lofty affectation, loftiness, exhibitionism, theatrics, histrionics, dramatics, staginess, Inf. phoniness, Inf. grandstanding; ostentation, grandiosity, fanfare, pomp, show, parade; extravaganza, splash, splurge, gaudery, gaudiness; exhibition, display, elaborateness, Inf. splendiferous.

pomposus, adj. 1. self-important, pretentious,vain, arrogant, haughty, proud, conceited, egotistic, egotistical; puffed up, Inf. uppity, Inf. top-lofty, snobbish, Sl. snooty; pontifical, magisterial, imperious, authoritative, Inf. high-handed; patronizing, condescending, supercilious, disdainful, Inf. high-hat; affected, mannered, showy, ostentatious, grandiose.

2. inflated, bombastic, turgid, high-sounding, high-floated, embossed, ornate, flowery, euphistic, embroi dered; overblown, swollen, timid, stilted, pedantic, Inf. stuffy; declamatory, grandiloquent, magniloquent, orotund, fustian; theatrical, histrionic, Inf. stagey.

3. splendid, magnificent, lofty, solemn, moving, impressive, imposing; stately, dignified, lordly, majestic, august, illustrious; ceremonial, ritual, ritualistic.

pond, n. pool, water hole, still water, water pocket, puddle; small lake, fishpond, millpond, millpool, tidal pond or pool; lagoon, reservoir.

ponder, v. 1. cogitate, think over, rack one's brains, cudgel one's brain, trouble one's head; ruminate, chew, chew one's cud, brood, roll over, dwell on, be in a brown study; reflect, speculate, wonder about, dream about, muse; meditate, contemplate, think about, cerebrate, put on one's thinking cap, be abstracted, be lost in thought; concentrate, focus, have one's mind on, put one's mind to.

2. deliberate, excogitate, consider, take to heart, Archaic. perpend; weigh, evaluate, revolve, review, deliberate, orotund, fustian; theatrical, histrionic, Inf. stagey.

pony, n. 1. small horse, colt, young horse, stallion, filly, jennet, jenny, male, female, pinto, palomino, mustang, Appaloosa, prancer, pinto, leopard.

2. donkey, small, lightweight, horse, pony, burro, shaggy, roan, dun, pinto, palomino, dun, grulla, quarter horse, cayuse, mule.

polyglot, adj. 1. multilingual, learned in languages, bilingual, diglot, diglossic.

—n. 2. linguist, multilingual, bilingual, person of many tongues.

polyglot, n. 1. a person who speaks more than one language fluently, a polyglot.

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2. Rom. Cath. Ch. Bishop of Rome, Supreme Pontiff, pope, Holy Father, successor to Peter, his Holiness, vicar of Christ, the Servant of the Servants of God, Rare. papa.

pontifical, adj. 1. papal, prelatical, episcopal, sacred, official, religious, ecclesiastical, liturgical, archiepiscopal, pontifical; All Disparaging. papistical, papistical, popish.


3. pontificals (all of a pontiff) vestments, vestures, canonicals, robes, garments, attire; cope, alb, surplice, stole, maniple, cassock; insignia, miter, crosier, staff, crook.

pontificate, n. 1. papacy, papalism, papacy, papalism, 1. pooh, nonsense, bosh, fiddle-sticks, poppy-

2. swimming hole; swimming pool, natatorium.

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3. pontificals (all of a pontiff) vestments, vestures, canonicals, robes, garments, attire; cope, alb, surplice, stole, maniple, cassock; insignia, miter, crosier, staff, crook.

pony, n. 1. small horse, Shetland pony, Shetland, Island pony, Welsh pony; polo pony, cow pony.

pooh, interj. nonsense, bosh, fiddlesticks, poppycock, bald-faced, rubbish, humbug, applesauce, fiddle-faddle, fiddle-de-dee, ho fudge; anyway hah, what's up, so? what?, who cares?, phaw, pah, pooh-pooh, tut, tut-tut, tisk-tisk, pish, pishtash, bah, phoo, phooey; come-come, come now, now really, really.

Slav. baloney, Slav. crap, Slav. crapola, c'mon now, aw c'mon.

2. trust, syndicate, cartel, combine, consortium, SI.

3. swimming hole; swimming pool, natatorium.

pooch, n. 1. pond, tarn, small lake, tidal pool, lagoon, inlet, bayou, Brit. Dial. swamp; water hole, standing water, still water, water pocket; puddle, mud hole, mud puddle, stagnant water, swamp pool, plash; quarry, reservoir.

2. swimming hole; swimming pool, natatorium, plunge, wading pool, splash pool; birdbath.

—v. 3. collect, accumulate, flow together, converge, seethe, mill, stream, run together; back up, well up, bubble up.

pool, n. 1. funds, fund, purse, reserves, reserve; All Inf. pot, jackpot, bank, kitty, ante.

2. trust, syndicate, cartel, combine, consortium, Sl. plunderbund; combination, stock company, shareholders, speculators, gamblers, take players, plungers.

—v. 3. combine, join forces, associate, unite, unify, ally; merge, consolidate, amalgamate, league, collaborate, band together; go into, come or get into, sign up or on, team up with, share, Inf. share the wealth.

poor, adj. 1. destitute, poverty-stricken, impoverished, penurious, imppecunious, beggar, pauperized; penniless, indigent, poor as Job's turkey, needy, necessitous, bad off, badly off; pinched, straitened, distressed, Inf. strapped, Inf. up against it; Inf. on one's uppers, Inf. hard up; financially embarrassed, out of cash, out-of-pocket, Inf. short, Brit. Sl. skint, All Inf. broke, dead broke, flat broke, stone broke; bankrupt, ruined, wiped out, Inf. on the rocks, insolvent, overdrawn, in the red; down and out, out at the elbows, down at the heels, seedy.

2. meager, scarce, scanty, scant, sparse, exiguous, in short supply, at a premium, not to be had, Inf. scarce as hen's teeth; lacking, wanting, short of, not enough, too little, slight, skimpy, skinny, stinted, shabby, beggarly, miserably, niggardly, stingy, puny, lit-tle, dinky, paltry, petty, piddling, Inf. picayune, pathetic, Inf. chintzy, Inf. measly; insignificant, unimportant, Archiep. seedy, negligible, nugatory, incon siderable, inconsequential.

3. barren, unproductive, unyielding, unfruitful, unfruitful, fruitless, infecund, unfecund, Bot. acarous, sterile, effete; uncultivable, un cultivatable, fallow, uncultivated, unused, neglected; exhausted, depleted, drained, worn-out, impoverished; lean, empty, forlorn, bare, dry, arid, bald, waste, desolate, dead, naked.

4. unsatisfactory, inadequate, unacceptable, below standard, under or below par; inferior, low-grade, cheap, catchpenny, bargain-basement, U.S.S. cheesy, Brit. Sl. humpety, flimsy, jerry-built; weak, feeble, thin, defective, faulty, imperfect; second-rate, second-class, third-class, third-rate; mediocre, unprofessional, amateurish, not up to par or snuff; sorry, half-baked, Sl. half-assed, sloppy, haphazard, careless, shoddy, slipshod, sleazy; mean, grubstreet, Inf. no good, Inf. junky, trashy, rubbishy, Chiefly Sp. footy, worthless, useless, valueless; bad, Inf. lousy, Sl. crummy, Sl. crapy, Sl. rotten, miserable.

5. lean, thin, thin or skinny as a rail, skinny, lank, lanky; gaunt, scraggy, scrummy, emaciated, underfed, undernourished, underfed, malnourished, half-starved; bony, spindly, emaciated, underfed, rotten, miserable.

6. cowardly, abject, mean, low, low-down, base, base-spirited, ignoble; honorable, disreputable, discreditable, disgraceful, shameful; contemptible, despicable, execrable, abominable; corrupt, wicked, depraved, perverted, debased, miscreant.

7. humble, modest, plain, simple, homespun, homely, rustic; plebian, common, commonplace, ordinary, everyday, average.

8. unfortunate, unlucky, luckless, out of luck, down on one's luck, hapless, unhappy, miserable, wretched, pitiable, pitiful, sorry, unsuccessful, unpromising, forlorn, unblest, star-crossed, ill-starred, ill-fated, ill-o mened, doomed, born under an evil star, jinxed.

poorhouse, n. eleemosynary institution, house for paupers, Chiefly Brit. almshouse, beadhouse, Brit. workhouse; asylum, retreat, shelter, haven.

pop, v. 1. explode lightly, detonate, go off, fulminate, burst, bang, boom, report, shoot, shoot off or out.

2. Usu. pop in or off come or go suddenly drop by, stop by, come by; leave quickly, depart, Sl. split, rush out or off, take off.

3. insert, put in or into, set or place in, tuck in, slide in, slip in, push in, thrust in, stick in; put out, thrust out, stick out.

—n. 4. light explosion, detonation, fulmination, boom, bang, report, shot, discharge.

5. soda, soda pop, soft drink, Inf. tonic, carbonated drink; cola, Trademark. Coca-Cola or Coke, Trademark. Pepsi-Cola or Pepsi.

pope, n. Rom. Cath. Ch. Bishop of Rome, Supreme Pontiff, Holy Father, his Holiness, the Vicar of Christ, the successor of Peter, the Servant of the Servants of God, Rare. papa; Eastern Ch. patriarch of Alexandria.
popedom, n. 1. papal government, papality, papalism, Derog. papism; the papal see, the See of Rome, the Holy See, the See of Peter, the Vatican, Vatican City, the States of the Church, the Papal States. 2. Roman Catholicism, the Roman Catholic Church, Derog. papistry, Derog. popery.

popinjay, n. cocky, dandy, jack-a-dandy, top, dude, beau, spark; blade, Chiefly Brit. blood, buck, jackanapes, whippersnapper; Fr. petit maître, Beau Brummel, macaroni, Archaic. pricxox; exquisite, Sl. peacock, prinner, preer, show-off; fashion plate, male clotheshorse, silk-stocking, Brit. Inf. toft.

poppycock, n. 1. nonsense, falderal, gibberish, Jabberwocky; babble, babbling, babblement, Fr. babaverage; twaddle, twaddling, Both Brit. twattle, twattling; blathe, blathering, drive, drivel, drool, drooling; jargon, Sl. jive, Greek, Chiefly Southern U.S. Choclaw; hocus-pocus, mumbo jumbo, abracadabra, fiddle-de-dee; moonshine, gobbledygook, foolish humbug, foam, froth, bunkeum or buncoume, Sl. bunker, U.S. Sl. blash; flummery, Inf. hokum, Sl. apple-sauce, Sl. eyewash.

2. idle talk, Inf. gab, Sl. gas, palaver, palaverment; claptrap, rodmodtane, fustian, bombast, rant, Sl. hot air; jabber, prate, patter, gabble; clack, clutter, rattling, Sl. running off or on at the mouth; chatter, prat, chittering, cackling; chitchat, chitter-chatter, small talk, Anglo-Indian. bukh.

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4. middlebrow, middle-of-the-road, MOR, middle-class, bourgeoisie, Inf. straight, Inf. square, Inf. plastic.

5. lowbrow, exoteric, simple, simplified, popularized, geared-down, Inf. pop; commercial, accessible, direct, straightforward, understandable, easily understood, easy to understand. 6. inexpensive, cheap, low-priced, popularly-priced, priced to fit the pocketbook; reasonable, moderate, modest, manageable, within means.

popularity, n. 1. repute, reputation, fame, re-nown, note, notoriety, name, mark, distinction; glory, kudos, plaudits, éclat, acclaim, public acclaim, acclamation. 2. acceptance, recognition, a place in the sun; favor, approval, approbation, sanction; esteem, regard; adulation, idolization, idolatry, adoration, lionization, worship, hero worship. 3. prevalence, currency, fashionableness, stylishness, modishness; fashion, vogue, style.

popularize, v. 1. simplify, gear down, water down, gild the pill, make palatable, put in plain words or English, Inf. spell out; vulgarize, coarsen, bring down, prostitute. 2. generalize, universalize, broadcast, spread, make available to all, produce in quantity; give currency to.

populate, v. 1. inhabit, reside in, dwell in, live in, Archaic. bide, tenant, stay at; domicile, domiciliate, take up residence, occupy, settle down, locate, Inf. hang up one's hat. 2. people, Obs. empeopple, denizen, colonize, settle, settle in; take or strike root, plant oneself, anchor, moor.

population, n. habitancy, body of inhabitants, pop-ulate, inhabitants, residents, citizens, citizenry; peo-ple, folk, commonality; census, Inf. head-count; population profile, demography, statistics.

populous, adj. 1. heavily populated; peopled, Obs. empeopled, settled, inhabited, occupied. 2. teeming, swelling, crawling, bristling, alive with, thick with, close, dense, solid, serried; jammed, packed, Inf. jam-packed, crammed, crowded.

porch, n. veranda, stoop; portico, gallery, galilee, vestibule, loggia; solarium, sun porch, sleeping porch.

pore1, v. 1. ponder, brood, dwell, muse, meditate, ruminate, Inf. chew the cud, dwell on; contemplate, consider, reflect, weigh, deliberate; think over, mul over, revolve in the mind, turn over in the mind. 2. gaze upon, view, inspect, survey, eye, look over; examine, scrutinize, take a close or careful look, take a long, hard look, Brit. Inf. vet.

3. study, peruse, con, go over; read, delve into, dig into, wade through; make a close study of, go over step by step, go deep into, examine thoroughly, examine point by point.

pore2, n. orifice, opening, outlet.

pornographic, adj. obscene, prurient, salacious, indecent, lewd, smutty, Sl. raunchy; filthy, dirty, foul, vile, nasty, fleshy, offensive, off-color, blue, bawdy, ribald, vulgar, coarse, gross; (all usu. in reference to books or films) nude, skin, porny or porno.

pornography, n. bawdry, ribaldry, indecency, obscenity; erotica; smut, filth, dirt, hard-core or soft-core pornography; pornographic literature, girlie books, sexplotation, Sl. leg art, Sl. cheesecake; blue movies, stag films, X-rated films, peep shows, skin flicks; Sl. nudie, Sl. porn or porno.

porous, adj. 1. spongy, sponge-like, absorbent, bil-ulous; sievelike, cribrose, cribriform; riddled, perforated, honeycombed, like Swiss cheese.

2. permeable, pervious, penetrable, passable.

port, n. harbor, haven, seaport; harborage, anchor-age.

porte`, n. manner, demeanor, air, attitude, tempera-ment; carriage, gait, bearing, posture, pose; comport-ment, behavior, conduct, deportment; front, mien, aspect; appearance, look, cast, presence.
portable, adj. 1. movable, conveyable, transferable, transportable, portable. 2. compact, small, bantam, pocket, pocket-sized, vest-pocket; handy, convenient, manageable.

portfolio, n. 1. carriage, conveyance, cartage, haulage, portage, waftage, waft; transport, transportation, transference; shipment, freight, freighting, truckage.

portent, n. entrance, entry, entryway, entre'e, inlet, portal, carriage, conveyance, cartage, haulage, portage, 1. n. portal, case, folder, folio.

portentous, adj. 1. momentous, fraught, charged, heavy, laden; serious, grave, weighty, consequential, significant; crucial, critical, climactic, eventful, pivotal, decisive; major, landmark, considerable, vital, of vital interest, all-important, of the utmost importance, high-priority, earthshaking; important, of importance, of significance, of consequence, of weight, of moment, of concern, of interest, not to be overlooked. Inf. not to be sneezed at.

portray, v. draw, cartoon, caricature, illustrate, drawing, sketch, line drawing, pen and ink, caricature, cartoon; photograph, Inf. photo, snapshot, Inf. shot, Inf. candid, Inf. pin-up; close-up, Inf. still, tableau.

porthole, n. opening, aperture, orifice; Naut. port, window, Archit. fenestra, deadlight; slot, peephole, keyhole, vent; squint, hagioscope; casement, embrasure, crenel, loophole, grill, lattice, wicket; bull's-eye, Fr. œil-de-boeuf.

portico, n. porch, veranda, stoop; gallery, gallery, vestibule, loggia.

portion, n. 1. part, section, segment, division, proportion, majority, minority; piece, parcel, fragment, cantle, batch; sector, subdivision, detail, detachment; particle, scrap, morsel, bit, handful, cupful; slice, wedge, sliver, finger, rassher; cutting, sample, specimen; some; hunk, chunk, lump, stump; bit, corner; fraction, percentile, half, third, quarter, fifth, etc.

portent, v. forebode, foretoken, foreshadow, foretell, warn, forewarn, warn in advance; foretell, forecast, predict, prophesy, prognosticate, vaticinate, Obs. auspicate, Rare. premonish.

portent, n. omen, augur, presage, portend, forebode, foretoken, foreshadow, foretell, predict, prophesy, prognosticate, vaticinate, Obs. auspicate, Rare. premonish.

portentous, adj. 1. omens, indications, tokens, forebodings, omen, augur, presage, portend, forebode, foretoken, foreshadow, foretell, predict, prophesy, prognosticate, vaticinate, Obs. auspicate, Rare. premonish.

portrait, n. 1. representation, likeness, facsimile, representation, likeness, facsimile, 1. representation, portrait-painting; painting, drawing, sketching, coloring, photograph, photography.

portray, v. 1. represent, picture, paint, sketch, draw, cartoon, caricature, illustrate, Archaic. character; delineate, Archaic. limn, trace, figure, contour, rub; diagram, map, chart, draft, block out.

portray, v. 2. play, pose as, characterize, personify, assume, play or act the part of; reproduce, impersonate, personate, enact, Inf. take off.

portray, v. 3. describe, depict, figure, characterize, render; picture, paint a mental picture, paint in words, set forth, put in words; define, detail, outline, specify, elucidate, flesh out, fill in the details; recreate, revivify, evoke.
brings to life; narrate, relate, recite, give an account of, recount, retell. tell, romance; record, chronicle.

**portrayal, n.** 1. portraying, drawing, representation, figuration. See **portraiture** (defs. 1, 2).
2. portrait, study, painting, sketch. See **portrait** (defs. 1, 2).

**pose**
1. v. affect, attitude, act, play to, make a show of; assume, put on airs, Sl. put on the dog, profess; feign, pretend, fake, sham, go through the motions; bluff, deceive, dissemble, posture; show off, swank, be vain, talk big, boast.
2. model, sit, sit for, serve as a model or example.
3. place, arrange, put, position, locate; situate, seat, assign, allocate, dispose; set, lay, park, fix, establish, base; group, order, array, range, distribute; line up, align, file, space.
4. assert, propound, allege, postulate, predicate, posit; state, declare, say, pronounce; present, submit, broach, advance; aver, asseverate, affirm, avouch.

—n.
1. posture, stance, set, position, stand; bearing, poise, presence, carriage, demeanor, port; men, look, face, visage, countenance; cast, attitude, air.
2. affectation, pretense, airs and graces, Sl. dog, mannerism, artifice; hypocrisy, crocodile tears, playing; theatricality, histrionics, melodramatics; pretentiousness, artificiality, affectedness, tushery, magniloquence, preciousness, euphuisms; ostentation, display, parade, pomp, pomposity, fanfaronade, exaggeration, Inf. front; foppery, peacockery, coxcombrery, dandyism; modishness, cock modesty, prudery, sanctimony, demureness; quackery, charlatanism, humbug.

**pose**
1. v. baffle, stump, puzzle, confound, perplex, pose
2. affect, attitude, act, play to, make a portrayal, illustration, figuration. See **portrayal**.
3. assumption, postulate, predication; hypothesis, thesis, contention, assertion, allegation; conception, notion, thought, mind, belief, opinion.

—v.
1. place, put, arrange, pose, set, dispose, say; place, arrange, put, position, locate; situate, seat, assign, allocate, dispose; set, lay, park, fix, establish, base; group, order, array, range, distribute; line up, align, file, space.

**position**
1. location, situation, placement, disposition, arrangement, order, array, assignment, collocation; placing, emplacement, localization, positioning, deposition; localizing, pinpointing, centering; establishment, settling, settlement; fixation, lodgment; installation, investiture, insertion.
2. site, place, situation, spot; locality; seat, stand, emplacement, point, bearing, latitude and longitude; scene, Law. venue, Latin. locus, Fr. lieu.
10. affirmative, affirmative, assenting, assertory, agreeing, concurring; concordant, accordant, yes.

positively, adv. 1. absolutely, with certainty, emphatically, categorically, unqualifiedly, dogmatically, confidently, surely; undeniable, incontrovertibly, unmistakably, unquestionably, undoubtedly, indubitably, decidedly, definitely; beyond question, beyond a doubt, beyond the shadow of a doubt.

2. really, actually, in actuality, in fact, de facto, truly, in truth, truly; indeed.

posse, n. posse comitatus, vigilantes, lynch mob, troopers, mounted police, militiamen, police, state police, highway patrol, mounted police, moutains.

posses, v. 1. own, be the owner of, have or hold title to, hold, be the proud possessor of, count or number among one's possessions or belongings, Scot. aught; receive, acquire, gain, inherit, come into, come into possession of, win; obtain, get, secure, procure, take possession of, take.

2. have, be instilled or invested with, be gifted with, be born with; embody, contain, include, embrace, comprise, incorporate, take in; show, exhibit, display, demonstrate, evidence, manifest.

3. know, comprehend, understand, fathom, grasp, Inf. get through one's head, Inf. have the hang of, laid hold of, Inf. have it, Inf. get it, Sl. savvy; know inside out, know backward and forward, know backwards, know to the ground, know from A to Z, Brit. know from A to Zed; have memorized, have learned by heart, have stored, have in one's head, have at one's fingertips or at the tip of one's tongue; retain, remember, hold or keep or bear in mind.

4. Often possess of or with inform, apprise, advise, acquaint, familiarize, let [s.o.] know, notify, send word to, communicate [s.t.] to; brief, fill [s.o.] in, Sl. clue [s.o.] in, Brit. Sl. give [s.o.] the gen, Sl. background; enlighten, illuminate, make [s.o.] aware, Sl. give [s.o.] the low-down, Sl. give [s.o.] the inside story or dope, Sl. put [s.o.] wise, instruct, teach, school, inculcate, impart knowledge to; arm, forewarn, warn.

5. control, exercise control over, govern, be master of, (of oneself) keep under control; constitute, hold in, constrain, restrain, keep in check, leash, curb, hold or keep back.

6. (of an evil spirit or feeling) engross, absorb, enwrap, consume, devour, preoccupy, obsess, take up all one's time, prey on one's mind; fascinate, entrance, put into a trance, captivate, hold one's attention; enchant, cast a spell over, charm, bedevil, bewitch, witch, ensorcell, voodoo, diabolize, demonize; occupy, dwell in, live in, inhabit, invade, haunt; take over, assume control, use, employ, put to work for oneself, take advantage of; affect, affective, rule, master, command, dominate, make [s.o.] into a slave, enslave, hold in bondage or thrall,enthral, subject, hold captive or prisoner.

possessed, adj. 1. driven, ridden, pushed, pressed, spurred, moved, forced, compelled, impelled, constrained; obsessed, preoccupied, monomaniacal, engrossed, absorbed, consumed, devoured, taken; fascinated, entranced, captivated, held, riveted; enchanted, under a spell, bewitched, witched, bedeviled, voodooed, demonized, haunted; occupied, inhabited, taken over; controlled, under the control of, dominated, ruled, commanded, under the command of, dominated; enslaved, held in bondage, held captive or prisoner, enthralled, subjected; used, abused, taken advantage of.

2. poised, self-possessed, in control of oneself, master of one's emotions, under control; comfortable or at ease with oneself, self-assured, self-confident, sure of oneself, confident, secure; calm, cool, composed, collected, at ease, Inf. together; steady, balanced, on an even keel, in equilibrium; unflappable, inexcitable, even-tempered, imperturbable.

3. possessed of possessing, possess, having, have. See possess (defs. 1, 2).

possession, n. 1. ownership, proprietorship, title, vested interest, possessory interest, possessiveness, desmesne, Law. domain, Archaic. aught; tenure, holding, hold, retention; occupancy, occupation, tenancy, dominion, residence, habitat, habitation, Law. comorancy; custody, keeping, care, guardianship, protection.

2. possessions belongings, holdings, effects, personal effects, chattels; paraphernalia, accouterments, appointments, appariances, appendages, accessories, trappings, Inf. things, Sl. stuff, Sl. junk; goods, moveables, baggage, luggage, furniture; fixtures, machinery, inventories, stock, Commerce. good will; property, properties, estate, appanage, freehold, real property or estate, land, land, Law. personality, Law. choses in action; inheritance, legacy, heritage, patrimony, Law. heirloom; patrimony, property; Inf. reversion, doory, doory; Law. jointure; wealth, worth, all one's worldly goods, assets, resources, riches, fortune, money, capital, wherewithal, Disparaging. self.

possessive, adj. 1. acquisitive, greedy, eager to own or have, covetous, desirous, envious, grabby; own.

2. tenacious, holding, grasping, clinging; jealous, distrustful, mistrustful, suspicious; domineering, controlling, overprotective; insecure, anxious, threatened.

possibility, n. chance, prospect, potentiality, realm of possibility, conceivability, conceivableness; feasibility, workability, practicability; risk, hazard, gamble, off chance, outside chance, rare chance; good chance, favorable chance, odds-on chance, distinct possibility; probability, probableness, likelihood, likelihood, likelihood, liability; good prospect, favorable prospect, well-grounded hope.

possible, adj. 1. likely, probable, liable to be, with good odds, Inf. odds-on; potential, among the possibilities, Inf. in the running, promising, hopeful.

2. feasible, reasonable, practicable, workable; doable, performable, achieveable, attainable, obtainable, within reach, affordable, realizable, procurable, composable, accomplishable, completable, feasi.

3. conceivable, imaginable, thinkable, credible; admissible, supposable, picturable, visualizable; believable, tenable, knowable, understandable, comprehensible, apprehensible, perceivable, cognoscible.

possibly, adv. perhaps, maybe, mayhap, Chiefly Brit. Dial. mayhap, Literary. per chance, Archaic. peradventure; haply, it may be, as the chance may be, as luck will have it, for all or aught one knows; if possible, if at all or humanly possible, God willing, if God will, Latin. Deo volente; wind and weather permitting, time and tide permitting, schedule permitting, in all likelihood, contingently.

post, n. 1. shaft, pier, Naut. bollard, pole, pylon; picket, stake, pale, palisade, pile; prop, brace, stay, strut, shore; pillar, column, newel, stock, support, standard, stanchion, mullion, caryatid, atlas, telamon, Archi. column, caryatid, upright, baluster, baluster, etc.

—v. 2. affix, tack up, hang up; placard, publicize, advertise, announce, broadcast, make known, publish, Archaic. divulgare, report; circulate, propagate, dis-
pot, n. 1. round deep container, receptacle, vessel; kettle, cauldron; pan, saucepan, Chiefly Brit. skilllet; decanter, cruse, pitcher, ewer, bottle, carafe, demi-john, flank; jug, jar, crock, amphora; bowl, jorum, saucer, porringer, boat, tureen, flagon; urn, samovar; tankard, mug, cup, stein, toby, rummer, noggin, Chiefly Scot. tass, Scot. and North Eng. stoup, Chiefly Brit. panniken; goblet, glass, tumbler, beaker, Literary, chalice; alembic, Metall. retort, crucible, Metall. melting pot.
2. Slang. kitty, jackpot, bundle, bank, draw pile.
3. Slang. marijuana, dope, reefer; All Sl. joint, jay, jay bar, jay smoke, j. 

drug, alcoholic beverage; draft, quaff, bumber, libation, Brit. Sl. bevy; nip, spot, tot, jigger, Inf. finger or two.
2. drinking, imbibing, sipping, supping, Archaic. bibbing. Inf. swigging. Inf. wetting one's whistle; draining, washing down, tossing off; gulping, swallowing, Sl. guzzling, Sl. swilling.

potbellied, adj. paunchy, round-bellied, big-bellied, Sl. beerbellied, large-bellied, great-bellied, Obs. gorbellied, full-bellied, Dial. swagbelled, Inf. baywindowed, Inf. corporational, abdominal; obese, fat, corpulent, overweight, Scot. fodge; chubby, tubby, pudgy, plump; round, rounded out, rotund, portly; fleshy, well-fed, bloated, distended, bulging.

potbelly, n. paunch, Inf. bay window, Inf. corpora-

potency, n. 1. potentness, powerfulness, power, strength, force, energy, vigor, Inf. punch, Inf. kick, Inf. zip. See power (defs. 2, 3).
2. power, authority, control, command, rule, mastery, domination, dominion, sovereignty; influence, Inf. clout, weight, sway, Sl. pull. See power (def. 4).
3. efficacy, efficaciousness, effectiveness, forcefulness, force, effectualness, effectuality, operationalness, operativeness, efficiency.
4. potentiality, potential, capacity, capability, ability. See power (def. 1).
5. power, potentate, ruler, sovereign, monarch, king, emperor. See potentate.

potent, adj. 1. powerful, mighty, strong, Literary, puissant, Archaic. potential; forceful, Sl. packing a punch or wallop, vehement, intense, great, formidable, overwhelming, overpowering; impregnable, unassailable, invulnerable, unconquerable, indomitable, unsuubdauable, invincible, unbeatable. See powerful (defs. 1, 2).
2. cogent, persuasive, suasive, convincing; moving, rhetorical, eloquent, impressive, winning. See powerful (def. 4).
3. effective, efficaciously, efficacious, efficative, efficient.
4. influential, weighty, carrying a lot of weight, Inf. carrying clout; eminent, prestigious, recognized, important. See powerful (def. 5).

potentate, n. 1. sovereign, monarch, king, majesty, crowned head, dynast, prince, emperor, power, potent; lord, master, tyrant, dictator; president, premier, chief executive, head of state; superior, commander, commandant, general, chief, chieftain, captain; head, headman, Inf. boss, Inf. bozeman, man-in-charge.
2. mogul, magnate, tycoon, U.S. baron; personage, dignitary, notable, official, Inf. V.I.P., Inf. bigwig, Sl. big shot, Sl. biggie, Sl. big gun, Sl. big wheel, Fr. grand fromage, Sl. fat cat, Sl. heavy, Sl. high-muck-a-muck; celebrity, Sl. celeb, luminary, somebody, name, Inf. big name.

potential, adj. 1. possible, probable, prospective, likely, Latin. in posse; conceivable, imaginable, unrealized, undeveloped; latent, dormant, quiescent, abeyant, passive, inactive; covert, hidden, concealed, unapparent, undisclosed, implicit, unexpressed.
2. capacity, capability, the stuff, Inf. what it takes, U.S. Inf. the goods; potentiality, potency, possibility; probability, prospect, likelihood, likeness.
3. promise, hope, expectation; ability, aptitude, talent, gift, endowment.

potentially, adv. possibly, probably, prospectively, likely; conceivably, imaginable, hopefully, expectantly, implicitly.

potter, n. 1. commotion, turmoil, tumult, turbulence, storm, storm and stress, squall, tempest, hurly-burly; uproar, pandemonium, noise, hubbub, Inf. ruckus, rumpus; fracas, melee, hullabaloo, brouhaha, affray, brawl, broil, embroilment, imbroglio.
2. disorder, chaos, confusion, upheaval; disquiet, unrest, disturbance, distraction, excitement, favor, agitation, disruption, perturbation; bother, trouble, fuss, fuss and feathers, Inf. to-do, much ado about nothing, tempest in a teapot; fluster, Inf. toofaraw, Inf. stew, Inf. tizzy, Inf. dither, Sl. slather, Sl. flap, Sl. hoo-ha; flurly, ado, bustle, stir, activity, motion, movement.
3. worry, bother, fret, trouble, plague; vex, irritate, annoy, pique, rail, chafe, nettle, provoke; pester, disturb, harass, harry, Sl. bugging, get on [s.o.'s] nerves, 5/. drive [s.o.] up a wall; hound, dog, nag, pick on or at, get on [s.o.'s] back, Inf. give [s.o.] a hard time, Inf. jump or get on [s.o.'s] case, Sl. ride; torment, taunt, bedevil, tease, tweak, mock, or poke fun of, heckle, Inf. needle.

potion, n. drink, beverage, quaff, draft, potion, libation, Brit. Sl. bevy; tonic, stimulant, Pharm. elixir; mixture, concoction, brew; philter, love potion.

potpourri, n. medley, olio, grab bag, Inf. mixed bag, combination, Inf. combo; mélange, pasteche, pasticcio, mosaic, collage, patchwork; mixture, blend, intermixture, admixture, compound, composite, conglomeration; olla-podrida, miscellany, miscellaneous, omnium-gatherum, menagerie, medley, collection; mishmash, hodgepodge, Brit. hotchpotch, gallimaufry, farrago; hash, stew, goulash, salmagundi, Fr. Cookery. ragout, (in China, India, etc.) chow-chow, Chinese menu; jumble, scramble, tangle, mess.

pottery, n. ceramics, crockery, earthenware, stone-

pouch, n. 1. bag, sack, Midland U.S. and Scot. poke, Southwestern U.S. alforja, Chiefly Scot. pocket, Obs. budget; pack, packet, satchel, container, receptacle, reticule.
2. purse, (in Scottish Highland costume) sporran, change purse, money bag; pocketbook, handbag; grip, valise, carpetbag; ditty bag.
3. backpack, knapsack, kitbag, hasersack, rucksack; gunnysack, gunny-bag, duffel bag.
4. saddle bag, sabretache; change purse, money bag; pocketbook, handbag; grip, valise, carpetbag; ditty bag.
5. feed bag, nose bag; doggie bag.
6. pouch, belly, abdomen, stomach, Inf. tummy, gut, (both of ruminating animals) first stomach, rumen, Scot. and North Eng. wame, Sl. breadbasket; potbellly, Inf. bay window, Inf. corporation, Sl. pot,
poultice, n. 1. plaster, mustard plaster, cataplasm, plaster, mustard plaster, cataplasm, n. Inf. v. rain cats and dogs, 1. pour, 1. v. n. poverty, or v. pull a long pout, 1. kennel, doghouse, dog pound; con-

poultice, n. 1. plaster, mustard plaster, cataplasm, sinapism, embrocation, fomentation; compress, dressing, application, pledge; bandage, bandaging.  

poultry, n. fowl, domestic fowl, barnyard fowl; chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, guinea fowl. 

pounce, v. n. 1. v. pounce, poultry, 1. plaster, mustard plaster, cataplasm, n. Inf. v. rain cats and dogs, 1. pour, 1. v. n. poverty, or v. pull a long pout, 1. kennel, doghouse, dog pound; con-

pound, v. 1. sloop down, descend, fall upon, come down on or upon; drop down from the clouds, come out of nowhere, come out of the blue; surprise, take by surprise, catch or take unawares.  

2. lunge at, leap at, spring upon, jump at; dash at, go at, have at, come at, make a move towards, make a grab at; pitch into, light into. 

3. v. 1. beat, batter, pommel, pelt, lay on, Sl. paste, Archaic. belabor; cudgel, bludgeon, baste, bastinado, cane, club, hammer, fistigate; man, man-handle, rough up, Inf. give it to, Sl. knock around or about, Sl. give [s.o.] the business, Sl. give [s.o.] the works, Sl. work [s.o.] over, let [s.o.] have it, Sl. lay into [s.o.]. 

4. pulverize, triturate, comminute, levigate, bray, grind or reduce to powder or dust; smash, mash, crush, smash or crush to bits, Sl. smash or crush into smithereens. 

5. beat, throb, palpitate, pulse, go pitapat; drum, thump, beat a tattoo. 

6. stroke, blow, bastinado, Scot. dunt, Scot. and North Eng. painq, punch, Inf. whomp, Inf. wallop, U.S. Sl. biff; Sl. bop; buffet, hit, strike, cuff, thwack, smack, Inf. whack, Inf. clout, Sl. conk, Sl. bash. 

7. n. 1. pound voidoripous, lb., lb. av.; pound troy, lb. t.  

8. pound sterling, Brit. Sl. quid; pound Scots; Irish pound. 

9. n. 1. kennel, doghouse, dog pound; confine, pen, yard, corrall, kraal. 

10. jail,lockup, Inf. clink, U.S. Inf. calaboose, Brit. Inf. bridewell; guardhouse, guardroom, U.S. brig; All Sl. can, cooler, coop, jug, hoosegow, booby-hatch, pokey, Brit. choky, Brit. quod. 

11. v. 1. rain, rain hard, Inf. rein cats and dogs, Inf. rain buckets, Inf. rain pitchforks, Inf. come down in buckets, Inf. come down in sheets. 

12. emit, let out, give vent to, discharge; expel, disperse, spit out; open the sluices. 

13. (all in great numbers) move, proceed, go, go forth; issue, issue forth, emerge, come forth, come out, sally forth. 

14. move, stream, course, run; rush, gush, gush out, spout, spurt, spew out, jet, outpour, outflow; cascade, cataract. 

15. rainstorm, torrent, torrent of rain, downpour, downfall, Scot. drush, Scot. spate; flood, deluge, heavy rain, driving rain. 

16. v. 1. suck, mope, brood, make or pull a long face, hang the lip, look sullen, be out of sorts or humor; grimace, make a wry face; frown, scowl, glower, knit the brows, look black, look daggers. 

17. 2. frown, scowl; grimace, wry face, Archaic. mow, Fr. mowe; long face, hangdog look. 

poverty, n. 1. indigence, impoverishment, penury, impo 
vigoroussness, robustness, halesness, fitness, able-bodiedness; sturdiness, stalwartness, ruggedness, toughness, steeliness; hardness, firmness, solidness, solidity, stoutness, thickness, soundness, staunchness, substantiality, substantialness; physical strength, thaws, sinews, brawn, beef, muscle, physique, musculature, build, size, bigness; Inf. huskiness, Inf. heftiness, Inf. beefiness, burliness, brawniness, sinewiness.

4. control, command, rule, mastery, domination, dominion, sovereignty; omnipotence, almightiness, unlimited power, unconditioned authority, carte blanche; authoritativeness, authority, influence, Inf. clout, weight, sway, Sl. pull; ascendancy, political ascendancy, supremacy, primacy, predominance; superiority, stature; seniority, rank, importance, significance, consequence; eminence, preeminence, prominence, prestige, distinction, reputation.

5. potentate, sovereign, monarch, ruler, king, chief, lord, master. See potentate.

6. superpower, world power, world leader, powerful nation or state, leading or dominant country.

7. military force, military strength, army, navy, air force, marines.

8. Often powers deity, divinity, god, goddess; extraterrestrial or supernatural power.

9. horsepower, Sl. soup; energy, electricity, hydroelectric power, solar energy, water power, nuclear energy, thermodynamic energy.

10. energy, Inf. steam, force, momentum, impetus.

—v. 11. supply with energy, energize, make [s.t.] run or go, run, make [s.t.] tick.

powerful, adj. 1. potent, mighty, strong, Literary, Archaic. potential; forceful, vehement, intense, great, formidable, overwhelming, overpowering. Such or so as to punch or wallop; impregnable, unassailable, unvulnerable, unconquerable, indomitable, unyielding, impenetrable, inviolable, invincible; irresistible, almighty, omnipotent, all-powerful, incontestable, unbeatable, more than a match for; armed to the teeth, invincible, submarines.

2. sturdy, stalwart, rugged, tough, sinewy, steely; firm, solid, solid as a rock or oak, made of iron; stout, thick, sound, staunch, staunch, substantial; having the strength of ten, strong as a bull or horse or lion, sturdy as an ox, Inf. husky, big, Inf. hefty, Inf. beefy; able-bodied, well-set, well-built, well-muscled, burly, brawny, musclebound; hale, hardy, robustous, robust, dynamic, dynamical, energetic, enertical, vigorous, virile, athletic, active; hearty, lusty, strapping, doughty, full-blooded, red-blooded.

3. effective, forcible, effectual, efficacious, operative, efficient.

4. cogent, persuasive, suasive, convincing, believable; logical, rational, factual, valid, sound; moving, rhetorical, eloquent, impressive, winning; conclusive, decisive, definitive.

5. influential, weighty, carrying a lot of weight, Inf. carrying clout; eminent, prestigious, recognized, reputable, significant, important; ascendant, dominant, predominant, hegemonic, leading, prepotent, preeminent, supreme; dominating, authoritative, authoritarian, commanding, Sl. take-charge.

powerless, adj. 1. impotent, impuissant, strengthless, harmless, ineffectual, ineffective, inefficacious, nugatory, null and void, inoperative; incompetent, inept, inapt, unfit, inefficient, inadequate, insufficient, incapable, useless, inutile, worthless, valueless, no good, vain, futile.

2. helpless, unable to do anything, dependent, unable to help oneself; weak, feeble, frail, infirm, Pathol. asthenic, Rare. imbecile; disabled, incapacitated, Fr. hors de combat, sidelined, debilitated, decrepit, invalid, crippled, lame, hobbled, paralyzed, paralytic, Pathol. paraplegic; enervated, devitalized, enfeebled, effete, sapless, emasculated, faint, washed-out, Sl. wasted, Pathol. dynemic; exhausted, spent, worn out, all in, done in or for, laid up, flat on one's back, prostrate.

3. defenseless, unarmed, weaponless; unguarded, unprotected, unfortified, open to attack, wide open, exposed, naked, uncovered; vulnerable, penetrable, invadable, attackable, assaultable, expugnable, vincible, conquerable; insecure, unsafe, dangerous, perilous, precarious; assailable, without defense, resourceless, with nowhere to turn; without recourse, over a barrel, on the ropes.

powwow, n. 1. (among North American Indians) ceremony, ceremonial, rite, ritual, formality, service; celebration, festival, fete, carnival, feast; party, festivity, dance, happening, extravaganza, Inf. shin-dig, Sl. wing-ding.

2. conference, parlé, Archaic. parle, palaver, consultation, huddle, tête-à-tête, Sl. rap or rap session; dialogue, interchange, discourse, discussion, talk; colloquium, forum, round table; meeting, summit, congress, caucus, council, conclave, assembly, parliament; deliberation, negotiation.

—v. 3. confer, hold a conference, palaver, consult, Inf. put heads together, Inf. huddle, Inf. go into a huddle; discuss, talk over, exchange views, compare notes, have a dialogue or interchange; deliberate, negotiate, Inf. talk turkey; converse, meet, caucus, sit down together.

pox, n. 1. Pathology. smallpox, Pathol. variola; chicken pox, Pathol. varicella.

2. Informal. venereal disease, WD, social disease, Sl. Cupid's itch; syphilis, Inf. syph, French pox.

practicability, n. 1. feasibility, possibility, workability, attainability, doability, achievability.

2. usefulness, practicality, efficaciousness, effectiveness; use, handiness, value, advantageousness, advantage, expedience.

practicable, adj. 1. feasible, possible, within the realm of possibility, within one's powers; workable, doable, accomplishable, performable, achievable, attainable, effectible, likely, suitable.

2. useful, utilitarian, banausic. See practical (def. 2).

practical, adj. 1. commonplace, matter-of-fact, Sl. nuts-and-bolts, workaday, everyday, day-to-day; mundane, ordinary, customary, usual, undistinguished.

2. utilitarian, useful, Obs. utilile, banausic; pragmatic, applicatory, efficient, workable, serviceable; efficacious, effective, working; handy, profitable, worthwhile, valuable, advantageous.

3. experienced, knowing, versed, practiced, skilled, trained; proficient, qualified, competent, capable, able, skillful.

4. sensible, down-to-earth, realistic, wise, sagacious; businesslike, all-business, hard-nosed, hard-headed, tough, unemotional, unromantic; judicious, prudent, politic, expedient, shrewd, canny, sharp, astute, clever; cunning, crafty, subtle.

5. humdrum, prosaic, dull, vapid, flat, insipid, uninteresting; tedious, tiresome, boring, uninteresting; banal, trite, hackneyed, platitudeous, bromidic.

practically, adv. 1. virtually, in effect, substantially, morally, for all intents and purposes; actually, essentially, fundamentally, basically.

2. realistically, matter-of-factly, clearly, unsentimen-
practice

tally; sensibly, with common sense, prudently, judiciously; getting down to business, getting down to brass tacks, to the point, pointedly; simply, with no frills, ordinarily.

3. almost, Inf. most, nearly, very nearly, all but, well-nigh, nigh, close to, tantamount to; about, just about, not quite.

practice, n. 1. habit, custom, consuetude, wont; manner of operating, Latin. modus operandi, Inf. M.O., common practice, usual run of things, general or usual procedure; rule, routine, convention, the way it is, the way it's done, the way it's done around here; method, system, procedure, way, manner, observance, use, usual mode, fashion; bent, inclination, disposition, penchant.

2. exercise, drill, training, preparation, study, discipline, application; workout, warm-up, run-through, rehearsal, try-out.

3. action, performance, doings; deed, act, accomplishment, achievement, work, move.

4. (of a profession) pursuit, conduct; business, trade, patronage, clientele.

—v. 5. do as a rule, follow or observe habitually or customarily; be wont to, be accustomed to, accustom oneself to; be habituated to, be wound up in, be addicted to, be hooked on; get in rut or groove.

6. train, drill, exercise, study; prepare, try and try again, repeat, try out, go over and over; work out, warm up, run through, go through, rehearse, Inf. lick into shape, Music. noodle.

practiced, adj. 1. experienced, versed, skilled, skillful; knowledgeable, practical, seasoned, prepared, primed, ready; expert, masterful, masterly, Sl. crackerjack, crack, cracking good; proficient, able, capable, competent, adept, deft, good at, dexterous; accomplished, qualified, talented, gifted; adroit, ingenious, clever; consummate, excellent, superior, superb, perfect.

2. cultivated, finished, developed, perfected; schooled, trained, educated.

pragmatic, adj. 1. practical, utilitarian, practicable, efficient, effective; matter-of-fact, sensible, down-to-earth, realistic, wise; businesslike, hard-nosed, hard-headed, unsentimental, unromantic; concrete, non-abstract, basic, fundamental.

2. busy, busy as a bee, busy as a one-armed paperhanger, hard-working, occupied, industrious; diligent, assiduous, persistent; active, energetic, on the move, alert, alive, animated, vigorous.

prairie, n. grassland, pasture, campo, veldt, veld; savanna, steppe, The Steppes, pampas, llano; meadow, Arch. meadow. meadowland, lea, downs; heath, moor, moorland, wold, plains, tundra; open country, champagne, campagna.

praise, n. 1. extolment, laudation, acclaim, acclamation, kudos, Archaic. magnification; approval, approbation, endorsement, reference, sanction, commendation; tribute, testimonial, credit, recognition, citation; eulogy, eulogium, eulogization, encomium, panegyric; congratulation, Archaic. gratulation, compliment, flattery, puffery, bouquet; recommendation, good word, glowing terms, honeyed words; applause, cheering, clapping, plaudits, salvo, accolade.

2. exaltation, glorification, honor, crown; homage, devotion, worship, reverence, veneration, adulation; thanksgiving, gratitude; blessing, Eccles. benediction, Archaic. benison; esteem, admiration, appreciation, respect; hosanna, huzzah, hurrah; Te Deum, Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria, Latin. laus Deo, alleluia; celebration, doxology, paean, hymn, song of praise,canticle, psalm, chant, plainsong.

3. glory, honor, dignity; fame, renown, distinction, popularity, popular favor, vogue; celebrity, eminence, prestige, notability.

—v. 4. laud, extol, cry up, Inf. crack up, boost, Archaic. magnify, emblazon; encore, root for; approve enthusiastically, highly, commend, endorse, back, sanction; approbate, preconize; recommend, promote, say a good word for, put in a good word for, stand up for, Inf. stick up for, uphold; acclaim, cheer, celebrate, congratulate, Archaic. gratulate; applaud, clap; compliment, flatter, Inf. pat on the back, hand it to [s.o.], give [s.o.] credit; puff, swell, lionize, belaakmake much of.

5. glorify, give glory to, dignify, ennable, enthrone, canonize; eulogize, panegyrise; honor, adore, worship, crown, bless; pay tribute to, pay homage to; reverence, venerate, revere, consecrate, sanctify, hallow; deify, apotheosize, idolize, idolatrize; give thanks, say grace; appreciate, value, esteem, respect, admire, look up to, think highly of, set or lay store by; bow down before, salam; hymn, chant, celebrate in song.

praiser, n. lauder, laudator, encomiast, eulogizer, eulogist, panegyrist, adulator, trumpeter; extoller, exalter, celebrator, glorifier; applauder, claqueur; complimenter, saluter, flatterer, booster, puffor.

praiseworthy, adj. laudable, commendable, Brit. Dial. gracially, meritorious, estimable, admirable; reputable, creditable, deserving, worthy; sterling, exemplary, excellent, good, noble; honorable, virtuous, righteous, upright, just, right-minded, principled; unimpeachable, irreproachable, blameless.

prance, v. cavort, caper, frolic, frisk, romp, gambol; skip, hop, dance about; leap, jump, spring, bounce, bound; vault, gambado, Dressage. curvet; hop, bob, trip, whirl, turn, caracole; strut, swagger, parade, peacock.

prank', n. trick, caper, stunt, Scot. brogue; mischief, practical joke, Fr. boutade, spoof; antics, Inf. shenanigans, tomfoolery, Sl. monkeyshines, buffoonery, gambado, frolic, Inf. dodo, horseplay; fun, sport, jest, game, play; escapade, lark, spree, reckless or wild or madcap adventure; romp, gambol, skylarking.

prank', v. bedeck, deck out, bedaub, bedizen, over-decorate, decorate gaudily or excessively; dress ostentatiously, Inf. dress up, trick out, Inf. fig out, deck out, prink, Archaic. bedight; adorn, Archaic. dight, embellish, preen, spruce up, gaud, bespangle, spangle.

prankish, adj. 1. mischievous, full of mischief, impish, wagish, elfish, puckish, pixilated, Inf. full of the devil; naughty, rogish, scampish, arch, Scot. humpy; annoying, vexatious, exasperating, teasing.

2. playful, sportive, frolicsome, gamesome, full of fun, fun-loving; high-spirited, frisky, coltish, skittish, Inf. feeling one's oats; lively, jocose, mirthful, gleeful, rollicking.

prate, v. 1. palaver, babble, bleat, Inf. gab; gush, Inf. spout, Sl. run off or on at the mouth; gossip, buzz, tell tales, repeat everything one hears; be loquacious or talkative, ramble, maund.

2. babble, twaddle, Brit. twattle, blather, drive; talk nonsense, Inf. talk through one's hat; jabber, gibber, Sl. gibber-jabber, jargon; chatter, chitter, prattle, cackle; chitchat, chatter-chatter, chaff, Inf. bands,Inf. words; talk idly, Sl. shout the breeze, Sl. gas, Sl. bull.

—n. 3. palaver, palaverment, babbling, bleating,
Inf. gabbling; gushing. Inf. spouting. Sl. running off or on at the mouth; gossiping, buzzing, repeating everything one hears; loquacity, talkativeness, rambling, maun-dering.


prattle, v. 1. chatter, jabber, cackle, gibber, Sl. gibber-jabber, jargon; babble, prate,attle, twaddle, Brit. twattle; pratter, gabble, blather, drivel. See prate (defs. 1, 2). --n. 2. chatter, chattering, cackle, gibber, gibbering; babble, babbling, babblement. Fr. bavardage, blather, blathering; twaddle, twaddling. Both Brit. twattle, twattling, drivel, driving; prate, prating,attle, tattling, excessive talk; jabber, jabbering, Jabberwocky, gabble, gabling, patter, patterning; blab, babbling, gossip, buzzing. Inf. gab, gushing. Inf. spouting. Sl. running off on or on at the mouth; rambling, maun-dering; small talk, Anglo-Indian bukh. 

prattler, n. babbler, prater, twaddler, Brit. twattler, drivelier; pitterer, patterer, rattlebrain, rattlepate; chatterbox, noisy chatterer, palaverer, magpie, poppin-jay, Inf. jay; excessive talker, jabberer, gabbler, blatherer; Sl. windbag, Sl. windjammer, Inf. hot-air artist; blabber, blabbermouth, gusher, gossiper, pratter, tattle-tale, tellabberer.

pray, v. 1. appeal to, call on or upon, invoke, cry to, Rhet. apostrophize; plead, clamor for, cry for, beg for, request; supplicate, beseech, entreat, implore, sue, solicit, obsecrete, impetrate; importune, entreat, ad- jure, obstet, throw oneself at the feet of; urge, press, besiege.

2. offer a prayer, say one’s prayers; commune with God, meditate, contemplate; recite the rosary, Sl. beat the beads.

prayer, n. 1. invocation, entreaty, adjuration, imprecation, imploration, implorings, solicitation, soliciting; request, praying, orison, plea, pleading, intercession; supplication, beseechment, beseeching, ob-testation, obsecration; petition, petitioning, suit, ap- peal; calling upon, summoning, summons.

2. doxology, praise, adoration, glorification, magnification, thanksgiving.


prayerful, adj. devout, devoted, pious, God-fearing, God-loving, religious, spiritual; godly, saintly, holy, humble; worshipful, devotional, reverent, reverential, venerative; angelic, seraphic, heavenly-minded; moral, virtuous, righteous, good, right-minded, clean-minded, clean of mind, clean of spirit; pure-spirited, pure in spirit, pure in heart.

preach, v. 1. sermonize, homilize, evangelize, pred- icate, pulp; spread the Word, spread the Gospel, pro-pagate, disseminate; (usu. disparaging) preachily, Scot. and North Eng. sough.

2. proclaim, profess, make known, promulgate, hold forth, expound, pronounce, declare.

3. advocate, press, urge, exhort; discourse, prelect; indoctrinate, inculcate, imbue, instill, catechize.

4. advise, counsel, enlighten; lecture, moralize, ad- monish, reprimand, chastise.

preacher, n. 1. evangelist, minister of the Gospel, homilist, sermonizer, sermonist, Obs. Rare. sermoner, predicant, Rare. predicat; catechist, missionary, spreader of the Word; Sometimes Disparaging, reviv- alist; All Usu. Disparaging. pulpitter, pulpitarian, pulp drone, pulp-it-thumper, gospel-monger.

2. ecclesiastic, churchman, clergyman, cleric, clerk, reverend, priest, minister, rabbi, parson, divine; doctor, hanging by a thread, vicar, canon, prebendary, curate, chaplain, U.S. Mil. Sl. sky pilot.

3. liturgiologist, liturgist, ritualist.

4. exhortor, discoursor, lecturer, moralizer, prelector.

preaching, n. 1. sermon, homily. Obs. predication; lesson, explanation, interpretation, exegesis; discourse, disquisition, exhortation, prelection; epistle, treatise, pastoral, encyclical; homiletics.

2. sermonizing, pulpitry, religious harangue, moralizing, preaching.

3. evangelization, evangelism, propagation, promulgation, dissemination, indoctrination, inculcation.

preamble, v. opening statement or remarks, opening, beginning, exordium; introduction, proem, preface, prelude, prelusion, prologue, forward, prolegomenon; front matter, prolegomena. Print. preliminaries.

precarious, adj. 1. uncertain, unsure, unpredictable, erratic, fickle, capricious, changeable; unsafe, un- sound, unstable, insecure, infirm, unsteady, shaky, rickety, tottery; touch-and-go, trembling in the bal- ance, hanging by a thread, vicar, canon, prebendary, curate, knees, on one’s knees, prone, prostate.

2. doubtful, dubious, unconvincing, questionable, problematical, open to doubt or suspicion; suspicious, suspect, in doubt, in question, in dispute; debatable, disputable, arguable, questionable, controversial, contro- versial, moot; unreliable, undeniable, not to be relied or depended on, untrustworthy, treacherous.

3. dangerous, full of danger, fraught with danger, perilous, Sl. hairy, Archaic. parlous; hazardous, risky, full of risk, chancy, Brit. Inf. dicy; ticklish, tricky, delicate, Dial. kitele; on thin ice, on slippery ground, walking a tightrope; exposed, open, vulnerable.

4. groundless, ungrounded, baseless, without basis, ungrounded, ill-founded, without foundation, unsus- tained; unsupportable, untenable; unwarranted, un-called-for, idle, vain, empty.

precatory, adj. supplicatory, suppliant, petitionary; prayerful, imploring, beseeching, pleading, appealing; imprecatory, obtestatory, adjuratory, rogatory; mendicant, begging, on bended knee or knees, on one’s knees, prone, prostate.

precaution, n. 1. advance measure or step, prevent- ative measure, pangs; safeguard, safety valve; insurance, ace in the hole; escape, out, way out.

2. foresight, foresightedness, farsightedness, long- sightedness, prevision; providence, prudence, discretion, sagacity; provision, anticipation, readiness, preparation, forethought, forethoughtedness; circumspection, cau- tion, care, solicitude; cautionfulness, carefulness, heedfulness, mindfulness; attention, attentiveness, watchfulness, alertness, vigilance, wariness, leeriness, apprehension, suspiciousness, Inf. exigency.
—v. 3. forewarn, prewarn, Rare, premonish; alert, warn, give fair warning, put on guard, put on the qui vive, Sl. give the high sign to; caution, admonish, advise, say a word to the wise; clue in, tip off, Inf. put a bug in [s.o.'s] ear.

careful, cautious, precautionary, precaution, preventive, preparative; careful, cautious, precaution, circumstances, heedful, mindful; foresighted, foreseeing, forethoughtful, foreboding, forewarning.

precadu, v. 1. antecedu, come or go before, come first, go ahead of, go in advance; lead, lead the way, head, Inf. head up, front, predate, antedate; pressage, anticipate; usher in, herald, introduce. 2. preface, prefix, Prelude, premise, prologize.

precedence. n. 1. rank, seniority; preeminence, superiority, supremacy, primacy, transcendence, ascendancy, predominance; preference, priority, urgency, importance; prerogative, privilege, right, right-of-way. 2. precession, anteposition, front position, the lead. 3. antecedence, anteriority, preexistence, previousness, earliness.

precendent, 1. n. prior instance, previous case; model, pattern, criterion, rule, measure, yardstick, barometer; type, archetype, prototype, paradigm, classic example; lead, example, exemplar. 2. precedent, adj. preceding. See preceding.

preceding. adj. antecedent, precedent, previous, prevenient, preliminary, forerunning, foregoing; prior, earlier, former, preexistent; aforesaid, aforesaid, above-mentioned, above-named, above-stated, stated above; anterior, advanced, forward, placed in advance or at the front or forward, ranged at the front, set in the van or vanguard.

preceptor, n. instructor, teacher, tutor; educator, pedagogue, Educ. methodologist; schoolteacher, schoolmaster, professor; schoolman, scholaristic, academician; mentor, counselor, advisor, explainer, expeditor, interlocutor.

precinct, n. 1. district, ward, voting district; division, section, hundred; constituency, precinct, arrondissement, bailiwick, department, ward; U.S. borough, province, state, county, shire, city, town, community, commune; parish, diocese. 2. region, area, sphere; zone, pale, demesne, territory; locale, parts, locality, Inf. neck of the woods, Inf. stamping grounds. 3. Usu. precincts environs, surrounding area, surroundings, milieu, habitation, Fr. mise en scène. 4. compound, court, courtyard, quadrangle, Inf. quad, square, enclosure, ring; camp, concentration camp, P.O.W. camp, prison camp, prison yard, prison.

preciosity, n. (all of language, style, or taste) over-refinement, excessive refinement, fastidiousness, finickiness; preciousness, mesticulosity, meticulousness; Sl. cutesiness, daintiness, effeminacy, effeminacy, prissiness, prudishness, prudery, Inf. tightness; overniceness, floweriness, pretension, pretentiousness; affectedness, affectation, unnaturalness, studiedness, artificality, conceit.

precious, adj. 1. valuable, costly, high-priced, of high price; expensive, rich, sumptuous, beyond price, priceless; premium, fine, superfine, exquisite, dainty; rare, select, superior, suppletive, supreme, prize; extraordinary, special, uncommon, scarce. 2. estimable, highly esteemed, time-honored, venerable, venerable, venerable, admirable, commendable, worthy of respect; revered, venerated, idolized; held dear, guarded, kept, Inf. keepsake, preserved, memorable, nurtured, Inf. hugged to one's bosom; dear, beloved, cherished, darling; valued, prized, favored, pet. 3. flagrant, gross, blatant, arrant, sheer, perfect; utter, downright, consummate, complete, pure, unabulated; unqualified, clear, unquestioned; absolute, positive, utmost, unequivocal, unconditional; thundering, fu.-scale, glaring, screaming. 4. Informal. beautiful, wonderful, great; terrific, perfect, handsome, pretty. 5. (of style, manner, etc.) overrefined, overwrought, Sl. cutesy, Brit. Sl. twee; overnice, flowery, pretentious, affected, unnatural, studied, artificial; finicky, meticulous, dainty, effeminate, effete, crude, prim, prudish, Inf. tight, Inf. upright. 6. important, irreparable, irretrievable; necessary, requisite, required, essential; wanted, needed, in demand, vital, indispensable. —n. 7. darling, dearly beloved, sweetheart, lover, mistress; Inf. heart's desire, true love, ladylove; sweet, honey, jewel, favorite, apple of one's eye. —adv. 8. Informal. extremely, very, exceptionally, extraordinarily, unusually, uncommonly, abnormally; remarkably, notably, damned, danged, U.S. Inf. darned, Sl. hell of a, exceedingly, excessively, inordinately, disproportionately.

precipice, n. cliff, bluff, crag, steep, Chiefly Scot. Chieftay Scot. linn; inclination, rocky eminence, palisades, palisado, scarps, escarpment, rocky headland, tor; promontory, ridge, edge of a canyon or crevasse.

precipitance, n. 1. swiftness, fleetness, speed, quickness; dispatch, rapidity, hurriedness, expedition, expeditiousness; velocity, acceleration, celerity, instantaneity, immediateness, urgency, promptness; promptitude; briskness, abruptness, swiftness, suddenness. 2. hurry, rush, hustle, bustle, dash, scurry, scramble, helter-skelter, hurry-scurry, pell-mell, Architec. harumscarum; hastiness, impetuosity, rashness, recklessness, foolhardiness; prematurity, untimeliness, precocity, inopportuneness, inappropriateness, inexpedience; impulsiveness, unrestrained, carelessness, heedlessness, thoughtlessness, imprudence, incautiousness; folly, gamble, leap in the dark, bungle, blunder, plunge, blind bargain; audacity, temerity, overconfidence, presumption.

precipitate, v. 1. accelerate, quicken, push forward, advance, hasten; stimulate, arouse, trigger, rouse, animate, vivify, bestir; instigate, motivate, inspire, exhort, excite, provoke, incite; press, prod, shove, jog, move, drive on, urge on, egg on, hound on, goad, whip, flog, prick; boost, prompt, thrust, impel, give an impetus to; hurry on, dispatch, expedite, facilitate; aid, assist, help. 2. throw, hurl headlong, cast headlong, fling; heave, project, joculate, propel; chuck, pitch, shy, discharge,
precipitately

3. snow, rain, drizzle, sleet, pour, *Chiefly Dial*. mizzle, mist.

—adj. 4. headlong, hurried, rushed, hasty; rapid, meteoric, quick, expeditious, speedy, swift, fleet; pressing, pushing, urgent.

5. abrupt, sudden, unexpected, at the spur of the moment, without warning, unannounced, unforeseen, unanticipated; prompt, instant, instantaneous, immediate.

6. unduly quick, rash, hasty; reckless, careless, heedless, thoughtless, pell-mell, helter-skelter, harum-scarum, head over heels; rash, incautious, injudicious, ill-advised, indiscreet, unwise, foolish; impetuous, impulsive, unrestrained, uncontrolled, unchecked, unbridled; feverish, impatient, frantic, impassioned; mad, madly, madcap, madbrained, foolhardy, daredevil, breakneck, adrenalin, helter-skelter, head over heels; posthaste, Archaic, amain, at full speed, at full gallop, tiantity, in double-quick time, by leaps and bounds, full tilt, full pelt, Inf. lickety-split.

precipitately, adv. hastily, quickly, speedily, hurriedly, headlong; abruptly, suddenly, unexpectedly; prematurely, inopportune, too soon, without notice or warning, on the spur of the moment, like a bolt from the blue, like a thief in the night; incautiously, unadvisedly, foolishly, unwise, impulsively, impulsively, impetuously, rashly, recklessly, carelessly, heedlessly, thoughtlessly; slapdash, at half cock, pell-mell, harum-scarum, helter-skelter, head over heels; posthaste, *Archaic*. amain, at full speed, at full gallop, tiantity, in double-quick time, by leaps and bounds, full tilt, full pelt, Inf. lickety-split.

precipitation, n. 1. headlong fall, plunge, nose-dive, dive, fall; casting headlong, projection, thrust, pitch, fling, heave, discharge.

2. acceleration, quickening, pushing, advancing, hastening; stimulation, arousing, triggering, rousing, animation, vivification; instigation, motivation, inspiration, exhortation, excitement, provocation, inciting; pressing, prodding, shoving, jogging, moving, driving on, urging on, egging on, goading, whipping, flogging; boosting, prompting, thrusting, impelling; expedition, facilitation.

3. abruptness, suddenness, haste, rush, hurry; hustle, bustle, dash, shuck, scramble, helter-skelter, hurryscurry, pell-mell, harum-scarum.

4. impetuosity, rashness, recklessness, foolhardiness; prematurity, untimeliness, precocity, inopportuneness, inopportuneness, inexpedience; impulsive, unrelenting, unrelenting, carelessness, heedlessness, thoughtlessness, imprudence, incautiousness, folly, gamble, leap in the dark, bollix, stab in the dark, plunge, blind bargain; audacity, temerity, overconfidence, presumption.

5. Meteorol. condensation, rainfall, rain, dewfall, dew, hail, snow, sleet, shower, drizzle; fog, mist, mizzle; downpour, cloudburst, deluge, blizzard, ice storm.

precipitous, adj. 1. steep, sheer, abrupt, perpendicular, bluff; acclivitous, ascending, uphill, rising; declivitous, downhill, descending, declining, falling away; cliffy, craggy.

2. hasty, hurried, rash. See *precipitate* (defs. 4-6).

—v. 2. summarize, outline, sketch, review; abbreviate, condense, abridge, shorten, curtail, compress.

precise adj. 1. explicit, definite, fixed, distinct, express; clear, plain, obvious, unmistakable, unequivocal; specific, pointed, strict, absolute, unconditional.

2. exact, accurate, close, faithful; correct, unerring, Inf. on the mark, on target, on the money, Inf. right on, *Sl*. spot on, on the button, on the dot, Inf. on the nose; right, just, true, truthful, veracious; factual, actual, strict, literal, true to life; authentic, real, sound, valid; flawless, faultless, perfect, defectless, errorless.

3. particular, finical, fussy; meticulous, careful, punctilious, scrupulous, conscientious; minute, detailed, thorough, nice, scientific, methodical, systematic, critical, demanding, fastidious, strict, rigorous, severe, rigid, unyielding, unyielding, uncompromising.

precision, n. 1. exactness, exactitude, closeness, preciseness, *Math*. degree of error; accuracy, accurateness, correctness, rightitude, unerringness, flawlessness, faultlessness, perfection; literalism, textualism, adherence to the letter or text, faithfulness, fidelity, accordance, agreement; punctuality, punctualness, promptness, dependability, regularity, reliability; conformity, propriety, decorum, niceness, preciousness, preciousness, formality, formality, protocol, form, ceremony.

2. punctiliousness, punctilio, attention to detail, pickiness, particularity, fastidiousness, fussiness, Inf. persnicketiness, Inf. persnickety, meticulousness, painstakingness, methodicalness, rigorousness, thoroughness, exhaustiveness, fineness, detailedness, minuteness, tediousness, care, carefulness, scrupulousness, conscientiousness, strictness, rigidity, rigidity, severity, severeness, inflexibility, stiffness, demandingness, criticalness, exactingness, hypercriticalness, over-exactingness.

preclude, v. 1. prevent, hinder, hamper, impede; stop, put a stop to, check, arrest, abort; curb, inhibit, restrain, constrain, repress, obstruct, block, bar, choke, clog, dam up; interfere, interrupt, intervene, interfere; detain, delay, slacken, slow, retard, forestall; choke, clog, dam up; interfere, interrupt, intervene, interfere; detain, delay, slacken, slow, retard, forestall; avert, avoid, draw off, stave off, nip in the bud; oppose, cross, contravene, counter; defeat, override; frustrate, thwart, foil, balk.

2. debar, exclude, omit, rule out, shut out, eliminate; forbid, prohibit, proscribe, interdict, veto, ban, taboo.

precocious, adj. 1. advanced, forward, far ahead, fast, ahead of one's peers; bright, brilliant, brainy, gifted, intelligent, smart, clever, quick; progressive, ahead of one's time, born before one's time, in the vanguard or van, in the forefront, avant-garde, ultra-modern.

2. premature, early, early-bird, Inf. previous; over-forward, too far along, untimely, undeveloped; over-mature, maturing early, blooming early; prevenient, anticipatory, precipitate, eager.

preconception, n. prejudgment, forejudgment, pre determination, preconceived idea or notion, presentiment, predisposition; conjecture, inference, guesswork, hypothesis, premise; anticipation, presumption, prematurity of opinion, premature judgment, Inf. jumping the gun, Inf. going off half-cocked; presupposition, presupposition, presupposition, prejudice, bias, prepossession, fixed idea, *Fr. idée fixe*, locked-in idea, fixed or settled belief, certitude; apprehension, foreboding, anxiety.

precursor, n. 1. predecessor, forerunner, forerunner, antecedent; ancestor, forebear, progenitor, forefather, father, author, creator, originator, founder, innovator, groundbreaker.
2. pathfinder,advance man,pioneer, trailblazer, explorer; harbinger, herald, messenger, usher, avant-courier; vanguard, apostle, missionary, man from Cook’s; pioneer, Mil. point man, front rider, outrider; leader, bellwether, Judas goat.

precursory, adj. 1. precise, preceding, antecedent, prior, anterior, previous, prevenient; forerunning, foregoing, anticipatory, preparatory; preliminary, introductory, inaugural, preclusive or preliminary, initiatory; prognostic, prognosticative, Pathol. prodromal, premonitory, indicative, warning, presageful.

predicate, v. 1. assert, affirm, maintain, advance, set forth, broach, declare, proclaim, profess, put forth, propose, propound, contend, allege, protest; state, set down, express; aver, asseverate, Archai. assever, depose, avow, avouch, vouch, warrant, certify, attest. 2. signify, represent, connote, imply, suggest, indicate, intimate; implicate; import, purport, betoken, bespeak, speak to.

predict, v. 1. prophesy, prognosticate, forecast, vaticinate, Med. prognose; foretell, foreshoe, augur, divine, Obs. auspicate, soothsay, foresee; read or interpret signs and omens, read palms or tea leaves, tell fortunes, look in the stars; forewarn, Rare, premonish; project, envision, see in the future, see in one’s crystal ball, speculate, guess, theorize, hypothesize, play one’s hunch.

2. foreshadow, presage, portend, forebode, bode, prefigure, foretoken, point to, omen; herald, harbinger, signify, indicate, promise, hint at, tell of, announce, proclaim.

predictable, adj. probable, likely, expected, foreseeable, calculable, determinate, secure, Inf. in the cards, Inf. odds-on, Inf. sure-thing, Dial. sure ‘nuff, Sl. nailed down, Sl. in the bag; reliable, reasonable, dependable, sure.

prediction, n. prophecy, prognostication, forecast, vaticination; augury, divination, soothsaying; projection, prognosis, supposition, surmise, speculation, conjecture, guess, Inf. hunch. See also prophecy.

predictor, n. 1. prognosticator, forecaster, prophet, seer, augur, diviner, soothsayer. See prophet (def. 1). 2. omen, sign, portent, token, foretoken, harbinger; premonition, preindication, forewarning, foreshadowing, handwriting on the wall.

predilection, n. 1. tendency, bias, inclination, bent, warp, ply, cast; proclivity, propensity, proneness, predisposition, penchant, Path. diathesis; mind, aptness, affection, temperament; idiosyncrasy, grain, vein, mettle, humor, drift, set. 2. partiality, preference, liking, taste, fancy, favor; vein, mettle, humor, drift, set.

predetermine, v. 1. prearrange, prepare, ready, make ready; make preparations, lay the groundwork, lay the first stone, lay the foundations, prime, set up. 2. bias, influence, dispose, affect, move; sway, bend, warp, prejudice; persuade, induce, prompt, urge, spur.

predispouse, v. 1. prearrange, prepare, ready, make ready; make preparations, lay the groundwork, lay the first stone, lay the foundations, prime, set up. 2. bias, influence, dispose, affect, move; sway, bend, warp, prejudice; persuade, induce, prompt, urge, spur.

predispousal, adj. inclined, partial, bent, prone, minded; fain, not loath, amenable, agreeable, willing; liable, susceptible, subject, given to, Archai. prone.

predispousion, n. 1. tendency, inclination, propensity; partiality, preference, attraction. See predilection (defs. 1, 2). 2. susceptibility, liability, aptitude, aptness, proneness; vulnerability, susceptibility, openness, exposure; possibility, likelihood, potentiality.

predominance, n. preponderance, Obs. prepollence, ascendancy, dominance, dominion, transcendence; prevalence, mastery, sway, hold, weight, control, rule; supremacy, sovereignty, prepotency, power, potency, Literary. puissance, authority, hegemony, superiority; preeminence, primacy, priority; upper hand, whip hand, edge.
dial; preceding, precedent, previous, prevenient, foregoing, anterior, antecedent.

prefer, v. 1. favor, like better, think [s.t.] best, incline or lean toward, be partial to; select, choose, endorse, elect, opt; fancy, take a fancy to, desire, espouse, embrace, adopt; pick, call, single out; would rather, would sooner, had sooner.

2. put forward, proffer, present, offer, propose, tender; suggest, give, volunteer, render; lodge, charge, place, file.

3. advance, promote, move up, elevate, raise, extalt.

preferable, adj. favored, chosen, selected, favorite; better, best, superior, worthier, more desirable or pleasing; choice, select, fine, superb.

preferably, adv. by preference, by choice, rather, sooner, just as soon, lief, gladly, willingly.

preference, n. 1. choice, first choice, favorite, top of the list, Dial. druthers; desire, apple of one's eye, want; selection, pick; partiality, inclination, bent, leaning, bias, predisposition, prejudice, proclivity; fancy, liking, predilection.

2. advantage, leg up, plus, edge, upper hand, vantage, superiority.

preferment, n. 1. choice, selection, favorite. See preference (def 1).

2. promotion, advancement, elevation, raise; furtherance, betterment, improvement.

prefigure, v. 1. foreshadow, foreshow, foretoken, v. 2. introduce, prefix, premise, prelude, prologue, prologize.

prefix, n. 1. Grammar. affix.

2. name, denomination, designation, title, appellation, epithet, cognomen.

—v. 3. place before; introduce, preface, prelude, prologize.

pregnancy, n. gestation, incubation, gravidity, par- turiency, Inf. the family way.

pregnant, adj. 1. gravid, parturient, gestational; superfetate; with child, heavy or big with child, childing, in a delicate condition, Inf. expecting, Inf. in the family way, U.S. SI. knocked-up.

2. fraught, full, filled, replete.

3. fertile, fruitful, fecund, fructiferous; seminal, rich in, abundant, abounding in, teeming, swarming; productive, prolific.

4. meaningful, significant, suggestive, loaded, charged, charged with meaning or significance.

5. momentous, eventful, pivotal, decisive, consequential, weighty; critical, crucial, climactic, important; potential, full of possibilities.

6. imaginative, inventive, clever, ingenious, original, creative.

prehistoric, adj. 1. primeval, primal, prehistorical, preglacial, Noachial, Noachic, Noachical, predademic, antediluvian; eolithic, Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic.

2. ancient, archaic, fossilized, fossillike, antiquated, antique, superannuated, oldest; immemorial, old, old as the hills, timeworn, aged.

3. primitive, primordial, primigenial; autochthonal, autochthonous, aboriginal.

prejudge, v. forejudge, judge beforehand or prematurely, Obs: prejudicate, jump to a conclusion, Inf. go off half-cocked, Sl. jump the gun; predecide, predetermine, preconclude, have a bias, be biased, entertain a prejudice; preconceive, presuppose, presume.

prejudice, n. 1. bias, warp, twist, slant, bend, turn, blind side; preconception, preconceived notion or idea, jaundice, jaundiced eye; prepossession, predisposition,
prejudiced, prejudgment, forejudgment, premature judgment.

2. partiality, predilection, partisanship, cronyism, favoritism, Inf. back scratching; unfairness, one-sidedness, unevenness.

3. intolerance, bigotry, narrow-mindedness, closed-mindedness, small-mindedness; racism, segregation, Jim Crowism, apartheid, white supremacy or power; color line, color barrier; discrimination, sexism, male chauvinism; superpatriotism, jingoism, chauvinism; class consciousness, class hatred, class social barrier; xenophobia; anti-Semitism; misogyny; misanthropy.

—adj. 1. disadvantageous, detrimental, unpreliminary, 1. adj. premature, prelude, or n. preliminary, introductory step 1.

—v. 3. preface, introduce, prefix, premise, prologize.

premature, adj. 1. too soon, too early, overhasty, precipitate, advanced, anticipatory; ill-timed, untimely, unseasonable.

2. immature, incomplete, imperfect, undeveloped, unprepared; unripe, green, raw, crude; inchoate, embryonic, unhatched, unfledged, vestigial, rudimental, rudimentary, abortive.

prematurely, adv. too early, too soon, too hastily, precipitately; arbitrarily, untimely, inopportune, unseasonably; precociously.

premeditate, v. prearrange, preconceive, predesign, preconcert, preplan; predeliberate, precalculate, predetermine, preresolve, preconsider; plot, scheme, plan, calculate, plan or work out in advance.

premidedated, adj. prearranged, precontrived, presigned, preplanned, planned in advance, prepense, aforesought; planned, plotted, schemed, worked-out, contrived, arranged, set-up; intentional, intended, willful, deliberate, voluntary, conscious, knowing; studied, deliberated, calculated.

premier, n. 1. prime minister, first minister, head or chief of state, president or chief executive.

—adj. 2. chief, principal, cardinal, main, primary, prime, head, headmost, topmost, foremost; highest, uppermost, of the first rank, ranking, top-rank; supreme, paramount, preeminent.

3. earliest, oldest; first, original.

premiere, n. 1. debut, opening performance, opening night, Inf. opening.

2. female lead, female star, leading lady, lead actress, jeune première; diva, prima donna, prima ballerina, première danseuse.

—v. 3. (all for the first time) present, stage, put on, perform, produce.

—adj. 4. main, chief, principal; first, initial, original, earliest.

premise, n. 1. postulate, postulation, axiom; proposition, proposal, hypothesis, thesis, lemma, theorem; presupposition, assumption, Hypoth. prepos; inference, surmise, conjecture; basis, foundation, ground, starting point.

2. premises building, establishment; property, grounds.

3. proof, evidence, grounds, reason; facts, data.

—v. 4. preface, prefix, prelude, prologize, introduce.

5. postulate, theorize, hypothesize, hypothecate; posit, predicate, lay down, set forth, assert.

premium, n. 1. discount, deduction, cut, price reduction, Inf. rollback; refund, rebate, agio, (all on the London stock exchange) contango, continuation, backwardation.

2. prize, award, reward, Literary. guerdon, bounty, Archaic. meed; extra, something extra, bonus, added incentive, Inf. a little on the side, Sl. gravy, Sl. grease, Sl. salve, Sl. palm oil; gift, present, lagniappe, Sl. hand-out; percentage, kickback; consideration, tip, gratuity, commission, doouceur, benefit, fringe benefit, perquisite, Inf. perk.

3. at a premium a. expensive, dear, high-priced, high, beyond one’s means, Inf. a little on the side, Sl. gravy, Sl. grease, Sl. salve, Sl. palm oil; gift, present, lagniappe, Sl. hand-out; percentage, kickback; consideration, tip, gratuity, commission, doouceur, benefit, fringe benefit, perquisite, Inf. perk.

b. in short supply, scarce, scant, scanty, sparse, rare, uncommon, Inf. scarcer than hen’s teeth; not to be had, not to be had for love or money, unavailable at any price.

premonition, n. 1. preindication, forewarning, foreshadowing, handwriting on the wall; omen, sign, portent, token, foretoken, harbinger; prognostic, prognostication, bodement, forecast, augury.

2. presentiment, presage, foreboding, feeling, vague feeling, Inf. funny feeling, Inf. feeling in one’s bones,
suspicion, Inf. sneaking suspicion, Inf. hunch, intuition; anxiety, misgiving, apprehension, apprehensiveness; boding; dread, fear, ill feeling, chill along the spine, Sl. bad vibes.

premonitory, adj. forewarning, foreshoenix, foreshadowing, preindicative, prognostic, predictive, monitory, augural; ominous, portentous, foreboding, bodeful.

preoccupation, n. abstraction, raptness, engrossment, engrossing, absorption, absorbing, immersion, immersing; concentration, intensity, pensiveness, musing, preoccupying, fixation, obsession, obsessing, Inf. bag, Sl. hang-up; obliviousness, oblivion, unawareness, unconsciousness, absence of mind, reverie, wool-gathering, daydreaming, castle-building; unmindfulness, insensibility, blindness, blinding; distraction, distracting, diversion, diverting, inattentiveness, unattentiveness, inadvertence, inadvertency, unheedfulness, heedlessness.

preoccupied, adj. 1. abstracted, rapt, engrossed, consumed, lost in, absorbed, immersed, wrapped up, Inf. into [s.t.], busy, occupied; obsessed, Sl. hung up; oblivious, unaware, unconscious, unmindful, insensible, blind; distracted, diverted, distraught, inattentive, unattentive, inadvertent, deaf, unheeding, unheedful, heedless.

2. intent, concentrating, focusing, pensive, cerebrational, thoughtful, thinking, lost in thought, bemused; cogitative, cogitating, deliberative, deliberating, meditative, meditating, contemplative, contemplating, reflective, reflecting; musing, pondering, wondering about, Archaic. museful; ruminative, ruminant, about, reflective, reflecting; musing, pondering, wondering; meditative, meditating, contemplative, contemplating, reflecting, reflective; musing, pondering, wondering about, Archaic. museful; ruminative, ruminant.

3. mulling over, in a brown study. musingful; ruminative, ruminant, about, reflective, reflecting; musing, pondering, wondering; meditative, meditating, contemplating, reflecting, reflective; musing, pondering, wondering about, Archaic. museful; ruminative, ruminant, about, reflective, reflecting; musing, pondering, wondering; meditative, meditating, contemplating, reflecting, reflective; musing, pondering, wondering about, Archaic. museful; ruminative, ruminant.

4. outfitting, accoutering, equipping, furnishing, supplying, providing; outfitting; fitting out or up, rigging up or out, decking out, trapping; All Mil. arm, forearming, Sl. heeling, Archaic. harnassing.

5. preparedness, readiness, fitness. 6. preparative, compound, composition, mixture, concoction, product, drug, pharmaceutical, pharmacetical preparation, Med. prescription, medicine, medication, medicament.

preparatory, adj. preparative, preliminary, prefatory, prescriptive, prelimus, preloury, proemial; introductory, inaugural, beginning, opening, initial, initiatory, first; rudimentary, elementary, basic, primary, fundamental; prerequisite, qualifying, college-preparatory, Inf. college-prep; preceding, precedent, previous, prior, foregoing, anterior, antecedent.

prepare, v. 1. make ready, ready, Inf. prep; clear the decks, prepare for, make preparations for, prime, groom, get ready or set, Inf. square away, Archaic. boun; set up, fix up, arrange, order, put things in order, set one's house in order; lay the groundwork, set the stage, take steps, take the necessary steps, make provisions; draw the waggons tight, make all snug, hang down the hatches; Sl. psyche oneself up, get up one's courage, Inf. gear oneself up, Inf. get oneself in gear, rev up one's engines, Literary. gird one's loins; warm up, rehearse, practice, get into shape or condition, whip into shape, tune up, Music. noodle; study, review, go over, read over, reread, do one's homework; brief, familiarize, train, teach.

2. outfit, accouter, equip, furnish, supply, provide, purvey; fit out or up, rig, rig out or up, gear; array, deck, deck out, bedeck, caparison, trap; All Mil. arm, forearm, munition, Sl. heel, Archaic. harness.

3. (all of a meal) fix, make, do, cook, bake.

4. manufacture, make, produce, turn out; construct, erect, build; fix for, fit for, fashion, style, mold, form, mould, shape, carve, chisel, sculpture; compound, combine, put together, concoct, mix up, whip up, cook up, brew; compose, work up, write up, make up, develop; devise, invent, contrive, fabricate, hatch, come up with, dream up, think up.

prepared, adj. 1. ready, all ready, dressed, ready to go, Inf. on deck; set, all set, Inf. squared away, in order; set up, fixed or fixed up, arranged, in readiness; primed, Inf. prepared, briefed, trained; Sl. psyched up, Inf. in gear, revved up; warmed up, in shape, in condition, in tune, tuned up; equipped, outfitted, accoutered, fitted out, rigg'd out; All Mil. armed, forearmed, Sl. heeled, Archaic. harnessed.

2. processed, precooked, frozen, made-up, premade, heeled, Archaic. harnessed.

3. processed, precooked, frozen, made-up, premade, ready-made, ready-to-serve, ready-to-eat.

preparation, n. 1. preparatory measure, Inf. prep, proceeding, provision, step, arrangement, plan; groundwork, spadework, Inf. homework; foundation, substructure, base, basis; framework, frame, scaffold, scaffolding; outline, sketch, draft, rough draft, layout, blueprint, diagram.

2. teaching, schooling, learning, book learning, education, formal education, instruction; tutelage, tuition, tutorship, training, grooming, basic training, briefing, familiarization, apprenticeship; experience, background, qualifications.

3. priming, Inf. prepping, making ready, readying, getting ready or set; setting up, fixing up, arranging ordering, setting one's house in order; Sl. psyching oneself up, Inf. getting oneself in gear, revving up one's engines; practice, rehearsal, tuning up.

4. outfitting, accoutering, equipping, furnishing, supplying, providing; outfitting; fitting out or up, rigging up or out, decking out, trapping; All Mil. arm, forearming, Sl. heeling, Archaic. harnassing.

5. preparedness, readiness, fitness.

ing, well-favored, good-looking, handsome; delightful, pleasant, agreeable, likable; memorable, signal, notable; forceful, eloquent, well-spoken.

**prepossession**
- **n.** predilection, liking, predisposition, bias, slant, partiality, prejudice. See *prejudice* (defs. 1, 2).

**preposterous**
- **adj.** unreasonable, irrational, illogical, meaningless, senseless; incongruous, inconsistent, unconnected, groundless; high-flown, extravagant, extreme, outrageous, excessive, overdone, exaggerated, hyperbolized; incredible, unbelievable, astonishing; unthinkable, out of the question, impossible.

2. foolish, absurd, inane, fatuous, nonsensical, *Inf. damnfool, Inf. damfoolish, tomfoolish, Scot. and North Eng. glaikit, Sl. cockeyed; stupid, unintelligent, mindless, fatuous, brainless; poppcockish,* Sl. cockamamie, amphinonic; ridiculous, derisible, risible, laughable, ludicrous, *Sl. for the birds;* comical, funny, farcical, humorous, droll; asinine, anserine, idiotic, *Inf. monoric, imbecillic; crazy, crazed,* Sl. kooky, Scot. doiled, mad, wild, insane, demented, crackbrained, *Inf. nutty; All Sl. balmy, dippy, batty, cuckoo, buggy, screwy, wacky, goofy, loony.

**preposterousness**
- **n.** unreasonable, irrational, illogical, meaningless, senseless; incongruous, inconsistent, unconnected, groundless; high-flown, extravagant, extreme, outrageous, excessive, overdone, exaggerated, hyperbolized; incredible, unbelievable, astonishing; unthinkable, out of the question, impossible.

3. condition, provision, proviso, stipulation, qualification; specification, terms, *Inf. fine print, Inf. catch.

**prerequisitiveness**
- **n.** necessary, needful, needed, wanted; essential, indispensable, requisite, unavoidable, necessitous; imperative, demanded, required, called for.

**prerequiste**
- **adj.** necessary, needful, needed, wanted; essential, indispensable, requisite, unavoidable, necessitous; imperative, demanded, required, called for.

—**n.** 1. requisite, necessity, necessary, necessaries, need; essential, *Latin sine qua non,* the essentials; imperative, demand, requisition, requirement, prerequisite, obligation.

3. condition, provision, proviso, stipulation, qualification; specification, terms, *Inf. fine print, Inf. catch.

**prerogative**
- **n.** right, liberty, choice, privilege, rightful power, due, droit, authority; claim, pretension, demand; birthright, advantage, title; authorization, *Law.* prescription, license, legal power, franchise, grant; sanction, vouchsafement, permission, allowance, leave, consent, *Inf. O.K.;* blanket permission, unconditional authority, carte blanche, *Sl.* the run of the place; exemption, exception, immunity.

**prerogative**

2. omen, sign, portent, token, foretoken, harbinger; prognostic, prognostication, bode, boding, prediction, soothishing, forecast, prophecy, prefiguration, augury, auspice, vaticination, divination; premonition, indication, preindication, forewarning, foreshadowing, handwriting on the wall.

3. foresight, prevision, prescience, foreknowledge, clairvoyance, clairvoyancy, precognition, second sight.

—**v.** 4. sense, intuit, feel, foresee, have a feeling, *Inf.* have a funny feeling, *Inf.* feel in one’s bones.

5. foreshadow, forebode, foretoken, foreshow, prefigure, presignify, preindicate; augur, portend, bode, omen; betoken, signify, mean, indicate, point to.

6. forecast, predict, prognosticate, prophesy, divine, soothsay, vaticinate; foretell, forewarn, threaten, *Rare.* premonish, *Ohs.* auspicate.

**presbytery**
- **n.** priest, father, minister, reverend, pastor; lay minister, elder, preacher, sermonizer; prelate, bishop; ecclesiastical, clergyman, cleric, churchman. See also *priest, ecclesiastic.

**prescriptive**
- **adj.** 1. (both collectively) presbyters, elders; clergy, ministry; holy orders, priesthood, the cloth, the pulpit, the desk.

2. ecclesiastical court, council, tribunal, consistory, (in some Reformed churches) classic, chapter, congregation, synod, conclude, diet; committee meeting, conference, session.

3. sanctuary, chancel, altar; sacristy, vestry.


**prescience**
- **n.** foreknowledge, clairvoyance, clairvoyancy, precognition, second sight; foresight, prevision; farsightedness, far-seeingness, long-sightedness; circumspection.

**prescient**
- **adj.** clairvoyant, precognitive, pre cognizant, divinatory, prophetic, vaticinal, oracles, presageful; foresighted, farsighted, farseeing, sagacious, discerning, perceptive, perspicacious, penetrating, shrewed, quick-witted; anticipatory, forward-looking; provident, prudent, cautious, precautious, precautionary.

**prescribe**
- **v.** dictate, impose, set, lay down, lay down the law, *Inf.* call the shots, *Inf.* call the tune, wield one’s power or authority; exact, demand, require, requisition; constrain, oblige, necessitate; charge, bid, tell, enjoin, direct, instruct; urge, advocate, recommend; decree, ordain, pronounce, proclaim, rule, adjudicate, order, command; appoint, authorize, enact, establish, institute, legislate, codify.

**prescript**
- **adj.** dictated, imposed, laid down; decreed, ordained, ruled, adjudged, ordered, commanded; pronounced, proclaimed, authorized, enacted, established; exacted, demanded, required, imperative, requisite; constrained, obliged, necessitated.

—**n.** 1. decree, ordinance, edict, *Law.* writ, rescript, assize, prescription; dictate, dictum, order, charge, injunction, directive, direction, command, commandment, instruction; fiat, sanction, mandate, firman; proclamation, pronunciamento, manifesto, ukase; ruling, verdict, judgement, *Law.* award, finding, sentence; rule, regulation, precept, law, canon, enactment, *Law.* statute, act; warrant, authorization.

**prescription**
- **n.** 1. *Medicine.* (all usu. in writing) direction, instruction, bidding, Rx.


3. *Law.* right, privilege, prerogative, claim, pretension, due; grant, title.


5. axiom, theorem, maxim, principle; doctrine, ruling, precept, regulation.

**presence**
- **n.** existence, entity, substantiality, subsistence, life, being; residence, habitation, inhabitancy; attendance, company, accompaniment, companionship.

2. closeness, close proximity, neighborhood, immediate vicinity; proximation, proximity, adjacency, contiguity.

3. poise, ease, self-assurance, confidence, self-confidence, self-possession; dignity of bearing, fine carriage; urbanity, urbaneness, suavity, suaveness, savoir-faire, elegance, polish, refinement.

4. spirit, supernatural being, manifestation, spiritual manifestation, incorporeality; shade, phantasm, edo-
presence of mind

presage, foretaste; anticipation, expectation, apprehension, misgiving, feeling. Inf. hunch, dread; forecast, foreknowledge, prescience, prevision.

presently, adv. 1. soon, shortly, forthwith, in a while, in a little while; anon, Archaic. eftsoon, directly, by and by; after a while, after a time, Inf. pretty soon, before long, ere long; in due time, at the first chance or opportunity, in due course; in no time, without delay, betimes, in a moment, in a minute.

2. now, currently, at present, nowadays, for the nonce; at this moment, at this very moment, at this time, right now, for the time being, at the present time; at this juncture, at this point in time, at this writing, as of now, as one reads this.

preservation, n. 1. maintenance, upkeep, support, sustenance, continuance, upholding; perpetuation, immortalization, eternalization, eternization; continuation, extension, prolongation, lengthening; conservation, reservation, keeping.

2. salvation, saving, sheltering, safekeeping, safeguarding; protection, defense, guarding; storage, custody, watch.

3. retention, keeping, holding, hold, grip, grasp.

4. drying, dehydration, desiccation, dry storage, jerking; curing, corning, smoking, fuming, salting, brining, seasoning; pickling, kipping, marination; refrigeration, freezing, icing, cold storage, quick-freezing, deep-freezing, freeze-drying; canning, Brit. tinning, bottling, jarring; embalming, mummification, stuffing, taxidermy.

preserve, v. 1. keep alive, conserve, sustain; reserve, save, spare; keep; keep going, extend, lengthen, perpetuate, prolong; maintain, keep up, continue, uphold.

2. keep safe, save, safeguard, shelter, shield, screen; guard, watch over, protect, defend; cloak, harbor, cover, hide; foster, nurse, doctor, care for, cherish.

3. retain, keep; put aside or away, shelve; put away for a rainy day, save, bank; hold, keep hold of, Inf. hang on to, keep a firm hold or grip on.

4. cure, smoke, smoke-cure, salt, brine, corn; dry, jerk, dehydrate, desiccate, evaporate; pickle, kipper, marinate; freeze, refrigerate, put in the deep freeze, freeze-dry, ice, put on ice; can, Brit. tin, put up, bottle, jar; embalm, mummify, stuff; put in formaldehyde.

5. jam, jelly, marmalade, confiture, compit; compote, gelatin, meringue; confection, sweets, candy, sweetmeat.

6. sanctuary, bird sanctuary, reserve, reservation, game reserve, park; domain, enclosure, zoo.

preserver, n. 1. preservative, vinegar, salt, brine, formaldehyde, embalming fluid.

2. savior, defender, protector, saver, safekeeper; keeper, conservator, conservationist; lifesaver, rescuer, lifeguard.

3. life preserver, life jacket, buoy, lifesaver, life ring; life belt, safety belt; lifeline, life rope, life net, safety net; parachute, Inf. chute.

preside, v. supervise, superintend, watch over, oversee, overlook; direct, control, manage, administrate; regulate, head, lead; command, govern, rule, Inf. boss; hold the chair, wield the gavel, officiate, moderate, chair; hold or wield authority, be at the head of, Inf. be in the driver's seat, Inf. be in the saddle, hold the reins, pull the strings, call the shots.

president, n. 1. chief executive, chief of state, head of state, commander-in-chief, first citizen; Mr. President, Sl. prez, the man in the White House.

2. director, manager, controller, chief; administrator, executive, leader; superintendent, supervisor, overseer, Inf. boss, Sl. the man; commander, captain,
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presignify, v. foreshadow, prefigure, pretoken, point to, forebode. See foretell.

press, v. 1. force, push, drive, ram, shove, elbow; impel, propel, thrust, trundle; cram, jam, crush, pinch.
2. compress, squeeze, condense, clamp; cramp, compact, concentrate, roll into a ball; strain, struggle, constrict, constringe.
3. weigh upon, depress, press down, bear down; let one's arms around.
4. embrace, hug, clasp, cleave, embosom; enfold, snuggle, fondle, caress, pet, nuzzle; press to the jawbone.
5. flatten, make flat, iron, steam, calender, mangle, grind, fret, gnaw; oppress, tyrannize, persecute, subjugate; saddle, overwhelm, suppress, repress; burden, disquiet, disconcert, worry; plague, afflict, grieve, one's arms around.
6. beset, torment, assail, besiege; harass, annoy, vex, beset, torment, assail, besiege; harass, annoy, vex.
7. urge, impel, induce, persuade; incite, move, urge, impel, induce, persuade; incite, move, energize, electrify, galvanize, actuate, spark, charge.
8. hasten, hurry, push, rush, dash; speed, hustle, make haste, scurry, scurry, scurry, scamper; bustle, plunge headlong, work under pressure, work against time, put one's nose to the grindstone, work overtime.
9. importune, entreat, beg, implore, supplicate, bid, petition, appeal, sue, pray; enjoin, exhort, insist, summon, impress, draft, conscript, induct; call up, summon, impress, draft, conscript, induct; call up, summon, impress.
10. require, demand, requisition; enforce, compel, coerce, constraint, compulsion, force, coaction; enrollment, instigation, stimulation, actuation, motivation; presses, constrains, compels, forces, compels, forces, compels, forces.
11. impress, draft, conscript, induct; call up, summon, mobilize; levy, recruit, raise; enlist, sign up, sign on, enroll.
12. push forward, advance, forge ahead, progress, drive on; move on, trudge on, drag on, march on, plod on.
13. crowd, throng, crush, mill; swarm, herd, flock, surge, seethe; cluster, conglomerate, huddle, gather round, rally round; merge, converge, gather, meet, Infr.
gang up.
14. newspapers, periodicals, newspaperdom, newspaper world, the papers; fourth estate, journalism, Fleet Street, media, broadcasting, broadcast journalism, radio, television, wire services, news service.
15. news reporters, news photographers, newsmen, journalists, reporters, correspondents, gentlemen of the press, columnists.
16. coverage, play, space, time, air time.
18. pressure, urgency, instance, insistence; provocation, instigation, stimulation, actuation, motivation; incitement, inducement, encouragement, prompting.
19. compulsion, pressure, stress, duress, coercion, force, constraint; enforcement, obligation, necessity; exigency, need, pinch, extremity, crisis.
20. crowd, throng, crush, multitude, mob, pack, Inf.
21. hustle, bustle, hustle-bustle, hurry, great hurry; hum of business, flurry, fluster, ferment; ado, Sl.
22. draft, conscription, enrollment, enlistment, called, call-up, summons; impressment, induction, raising; recruitment, muster, mobilization, levy.
press agent, n. publicity agent, publicity person, public relations person, P.R. man, P.R. person, flak; publicist, publicizer, propagandist, ballyhooer, ballyhoo artist.
pressing, adj. urgent, crucial, exigent, emergent, importunate, imperative, high-priority; demanding, compelling, requiring immediate attention; important, all-important, significant, portentous, of great import; consequential, of great consequence, critical; decisive, determining, pivotal; momentous, climactic, eventful, major, profound; weighty, heavy, ponderous, pregnant, carrying great weight, of substance; grave, serious, severe, acute.
pressure, n. 1. gravity, Physics. gravitation; weight, heaviness, force; compression, density, denseness.
2. coercion, constraint, compulsion, force, coaction; duress, obligation; persuasion, inducement, insistence, armtwisting; urgency, provocation, requirement, necessity, necessity, necessity, need.
3. stress, tension, strain, heat, drain, charge; burden, Archaic. burren, cross, encumbrance, cumbrance, trouble, vexation; All Inf. squeeze, crunch, pinch, push; load, weight, millstone, albatross.
4. oppression, persecution, subjugation, enslavement; harassment, dogging, hounding, tormenting, bullying, intimidation, browbeating; cruelty, severity, harshness, hardness.
5. influence, power, potency, force, strength; control, sway, Inf. jawboning, mastery, hold; guidance, leadership, direction.

—v. 6. coerce, constrain, compel, force, drive, press, oblige, hustle, railroad; impel, urge, impress, provoke, instigate, exhort; goad, prod, egg on; influence, act on, play on, work on, Inf. jawbone; incite, rouse, arouse; cause, require, exact, necessitate, make; persuade, induce, prevail upon, insist upon; pin [s.o.] down, Inf. shove or ram down one's throat; apply pressure, Sl. lean against or on, get on [s.o.'s] back, armtwist, twist [s.o.]'s arm, put the screws on or to, Inf. strong- arm, put the heat on, squeeze; bribe, blackmail, buy.
7. tyrannize, terrorize, threaten, bulldoze, dragoon; bully, hector, torment, harass, abuse, taunt, tease, bully; intimidate, browbeat, cow, frighten, terrify, petrify.
pressed, adj. 1. tense, harried, full of stress, taxed, tired; burdened, troubled, put-upon, weighted down, dragged down, overworked.
2. oppressed, persecuted, subjugated, enslaved; harassed, tormented, intimidated, browbeaten; bribed, blackmailed, bought.
3. influenced, swayed, persuaded, instigated, provoked; driven, pressed, obliged, hustled, railroaded.
presidigitation, n. 1. leggerdemain, sleight of hand, jugglery, juggling, conjuring, hocus-pocus; magic, trickery, thamaturgy.
2. deception, deceit, dissimulation, duplicity, dark and crooked ways, evil ways; fraud, cheating, chickane; trumpery, dupery, fraudulence, shenanigan; craft, wiles, finesse, Inf. razzle-dazzle, cozenage, double-dealing; chicanery, knavery, Inf. hanky-panky, Sl. funny business, Sl. monkey business.

prestidigitator, n. legerdemainist, sleight of hand artist, juggler; magician, trickster, wizard, conjurer; theater artist, theatrical performer, artiste, artiste.

prestige, n. 1. influence, authority, Inf. clout, weight, sway, Sl. pull; ascendancy, supremacy, primary, predominance, stature, superiority, seniority, rank, importance, significance; eminence, preeminence, prominence, distinction, reputation.

2. notability, primacy, fame, repute, reputation; illustriousness, celebrity, stardom, place in the spotlight, notoriety; singularity, uniqueness, impressiveness, stateliness, majesty, grandeur, dignity.

prestigious, adj. 1. distinguished, eminent,-famous, famed, well-known, renowned; illustrious, great, glorious, brilliant, radiant, lustrous; celebrated, honored, exalted, acclaimed, much-touted; peerless, unequalled, matchless, unmatched, unparalleled, nonpareil, Fr. sans pareil; unsurpassed, unexcelled, second to none, nothing to match, unchallengeable.

2. extraordinary, unusual, different, uncommon, rare, singular, exceptional, out-of-the-ordinary, Inf. one for the books, unique, distinct.

3. notable, noteworthy, remarkable, signal, outstand-
ing, noticeable, marked; memorable, memorable, certain, sure, undoubted, indubitable, certain, sure, sure in one's own mind; hopeful, sanguine.

4. striking, impressive, imposing, majestic, grand, august, stately, dignified; awesome, awe-inspiring, lofty, stupendous, amazing, astounding, incredible.

presto, adv. 1. quickly, hastily, speedily, hurriedly; promptly, instantly, straightforward, Sl. pronto, in a wink, in an instant, double-quick, Inf. like greased lightning, like a shot, like a thunderbolt, Sl. like mad, Sl. like a bat out of hell; directly, at once, without delay, in less than no time, before one can say "Jack Robinson," before the ink is dry, Sl. P.D.Q., Inf. lickety-split; swiftly, rapidly, fast, full tilt, as fast as one's legs can carry one; in no time, in no time at all, right away, no sooner said than done, immediately if not sooner.

—adj. 2. quick, hasty, speedy, fast, brisk; rapid, swift, hurried, express; sudden, instant, immediate.

presumable, adj. probable, odds-on, likely, most likely, reasonable, undoubtedly, indubitable, certain, sure, Inf. sure-as-shooting; apparent, expected, anticipated, in the cards; promising, potential, liable, possible, plausible, credible, believable, feasible, practical.

presumably, adv. probably, in all probability, everything being equal, all things considered; likely, most likely, in all likelihood, Inf. as like as not, on the face of it, to all appearances; reasonably, in a fair way, apparently, expectedly, seemingly; undoubtedly, indubitably, no doubt, doubtless, doubtlessly, unquestionably, with no question, certainly, surely, positively, Inf. dollars to doughnuts.

presume, v. 1. assume, suppose, take for granted, presuppose, postulate, posit, predicate, theorize, hypothesize, hypothetical, speculate, suspect, imagine, surmise, conjecture, guess, hazard a guess; believe, fancy, think, think likely, dare say, opine, Northern U.S. calculate, Inf. allow, conclude, judge, realize; infer, Inf. take it, deduce; understand, gather, apprehend, get, Sl. dig; divine, intuit.

2. take liberties, overstep, intrude, go too far, encourage, be so bold, Sl. come on like gangbusters; ven-
ture, dare, stick one's neck out, strike out, surge ahead or forward; usurp, arrogate, take over.

presumption, n. 1. assumption, presupposition, predisposition, posit, postulate; belief, conviction, confidence, bias, feeling, gut feeling; expectation, anticipation, hope, trust; inference, deduction, theory, hypothesis, thesis; thought, view, attitude, position, stand; guess, suspicion, conjecture, speculation, surmise.

2. ground, reason, basis, premise, proposition, evidence; probability, likelihood, plausibility, feasibility.

3. presumptuousness, forwardness, self-assurance, self-assertiveness, self-importance, immodesty, vanity, conceit, Inf. bigheadedness, Inf. swelled-headedness; assurance, Inf. self-confidence, nasiness, Inf. pushiness, Inf. nerve, Inf. gall, brass, Inf. cheek; brazenness, boldness, chutzpah, audacity, audaciousness, temerity; impertinence, effrontery, insolence, impudence, frowardness, obstinacy, willfulness; imperiousness, lordliness, snobbishness, loftiness, disdain, hauteur.

presumptive, adj. 1. reasonable, plausible, credible, believable; logical, sane, sound, firm; making sense, sensible, holding water.

2. inferred, supposed, believed, deduced; assumed, understood, presumable, hypothetical, theoretical; postulated, postulative, predicated, predicted, predictable, probable, likely, in the cards.

presumptuous, adj. 1. confident, presuming, assuming, convinced, persuaded, satisfied; undoubting, unquestioning, trustful, trusting; expectant, anticipatory, anticipating; assured, positive, sure, cocksure, Inf. pretty damned sure, sure in one's own mind; hopeful, sanguine.

2. impertinent, insolent, impudent, saucy, Inf. sassy, fresh, smart-alecky, Sl. wise, Sl. smart-assed, Sl. biggety, Inf. too big for one's britches, Inf. bighanded, Inf. swelled-headed, egotistical; bold, overbold, forward, obtrusive, audacious, brazen;umptious, self-assertive, Inf. pushy, Inf. cheeky, nervous, brassy; arrogant, overconfident, overweening, overbearing, haughty; brash, cocky, lippy, mouthy, loud-mouthed; rude, ill-mannered, disrespectful, discourteous; disdainful, snobbish, lordly, imperious, domineering, dictatorial.

presuppose, v. assume, presume, take for granted, premise; postulate, posit, predicate, theorize, hypothesize, hypothetical, speculate; suspect, Non-standard. suspicion, be inclined to think, imagine, expect, surmise, guess; think, deem, opine, Chiefly Midland and Southern U.S. Inf. reckon, believe, Archaic. trow, fancy, dream; infer, conclude, Inf. take it, take it into one's head, jump to conclusions, rush to conclusions; understand, gather, conjecture, divine, intuit.

presupposition, n. supposition, assumption, presumption, premise; preconception, preconception, preconceived notion, prejudice, bias, slant, foregone conclusion; speculation, view, opinion, belief; guess, guesswork, conjecture; surmise, inference, deduction, understanding; thesis, hypothesis, theory, postulate, postulation, axiom.

pretend, v. 1. simulate, dissimulate, fake, feign, sham, malinger, disguise, act, sail under false colors, make out, Sl. make like, Inf. let on; fake it, go through the motions, seem; affect, assume, take on, put on, put on an act, posture, play the role of, put on a false front, Sl. ham it up.

2. make believe, imagine, fabricate, create, make up, invent, concoct, hatch.

prettended, adj. 1. alleged, so-called, nominal, in name only, ostensible, professed, claimed, purported, avowed.
pretender

pretender, n. 1. humbug, humbugger, masquerader; wolf's clothing, dissembler, hypocrite, pharisee; impostor, fake, Inf. faker, fraud, sham, phony; charlatan, quack, empiric, mountebank, Inf. shyster; deceiver, bamboozler, hoodwinker, trickster; misleader, bluff, bluffer, Inf. fourfusher, deluder, duper; cheat, cheater, defrauder, chiseler, bilker; exploder, confidence man, SL. con man, SL. rip-off artist. SL. flimflam man, smooth or fast talker; sharper, sharpie, shark; liar, prevaricator, fiend.

2. Often Pretender to claimant, claimer, aspirant, seeker, suitor, competitor, rival, candidate.

3. poser, poseur, posturer, attitudinarian; braggart, flimflam man, smooth or fast talker; sharper, duper; cheat, cheater, defrauder, chiseler, bilker; exploder, confidence man, SL. con man, SL. rip-off artist. SL. flimflam man, smooth or fast talker; sharper, sharpie, shark; liar, prevaricator, fiend.

pretend, v. 1. pretending, feigning, simulating; make believe, fantasy, fabrication, concoction, invention, creation; figment, fiction, fable; false show, semblance, appearance, guise, color; disguise, camouflage, mask; semblance, appearance, show, guise, color.

pretentious, adj. abnormal, anomalous, anamorphic, unnatural, supranatural; unusual, uncommon, exceptional, singular; fabulous, remarkable, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, out of this world; wondrous, wonderful, marvelous, miraculous, thaumaturgic, thaumaturgical.

2. supernatural, supernormal, hypernormal, preternormal; superhuman, preterhuman; superphysical, hyperphysical.

3. otherworldly, unearthly, supermundane, supramundane, extramundane; spiritual, transcendental, metaphysical; magical, unreal, fay; occult, cabalistic, mystic, mystical; mysterious, arcane, esoteric, unknown; eerie, weird, strange, bizarre, uncanny.

pretext, n. 1. pretense, pretension, ostensible or alleged reason, motive; reason, basis, grounds, support, justification, vindication; plea, allegation, defense, apology, rationalization, rationale; claim, assertion, profession, avowal, declaration; excuse, U.S. Inf. alibi, explanation, story, cover story, Inf. song and dance.

2. subtler, evasion, SL. cop-out; cover, cloak, disguise, camouflage, mask; semblance, appearance, show, guise, color.

pretify, v. 1. Often Disparaging. pretty, pretty up, make pretty, beautify, make beautiful; dress up, SL. jazz up, liven up, perk up, brighten up; spruce up, smarten up, Inf. titivate, SL. spiff up; embellish, trim, garnish, decorate, adorn, deck, bedeck, deck out, array, ornament; polish, burnish, buff, shine; paint, repaint, redo, redecorate, renew, restore.

2. (usu. of oneself) dress, primp, prink, prank, preen, Archaic. prune, SL. doll up, SL. dude up, dress to the hilt or teeth, SL. gussy up.

3. minimize, downplay, de-emphasize, gloss over, explain away, make light or little of, brush [s.t.] off.

pretty, adj. 1. pleasing, delightful, pleasant, nice, lovely, appealing, attractive, handsome, canny, Inf. eye-catching; pretty as a picture, Both Chiefly U.S. Inf. cute, cute as a button; dainty, delicate, seemly, seemly, Inf. pretty in pink, Inf. la-di-da, preening, mannered, Inf. dandified, foppish, pretty, pretty little, pretty, pretties

2. pleasant to the ear, melodious, tuneful, dulcet, sweet-sounding, musical, silvery, velvety, smooth, golden.

3. Informal. considerable, fairly large, substantial, sizable, goodly, rather big.

—n. 4. Usu. pretties ornaments, jewelry, pretty clothes, pretty things, finery.

—adv. 5. moderately, reasonably, fairly, passably, adequately, decently, acceptably, satisfactorily, sufficiently.

6. quite, fairly, rather, somewhat; very, really.

7. sitting pretty Slang. a. in a good spot, in an advantageous or favorable position, in the catbird seat. b. well-to-do, well-off, in clover, SL. on easy street, Inf. well-fixed, financially set; prosperous, rich, wealthy, fat, Inf. well-heeled, affluent, opulent, flush, moneyed, SL. loaded, SL. in the bucks, SL. rolling in dough.

—v. 8. pretty up, prettify, make pretty, beautify. See prettify (defs. 1, 2).

preval, v. 1. predominate, reign, rule, hold sway, have force, preponderate; lead, win out, succeed, be successful, be a winner or a success, dominate, hold authority, wear the crown, sit on the throne, Inf. sit in the driver's seat; wield the scepter, govern, command, have ascendancy, have mastery.

2. triumph, win, be victorious, be the victor, conquer, overcome, defeat; best, checkmate, outmaneuver, gain a victory, carry the day, win out, win one's spurs; ring the bell, gain the palm, take the crown, Inf. bring home the bacon.

3. endure, last, continue to exist, persist, be durable,
wear well, abide, Archaic. bide, stay, remain, hold on, hold one's ground; hold out against, withstand, sustain without yielding, bear, weather, take it, brave it out, Inf. hang in there, keep one's head above water, weather the storm.

4. **prevail on or upon** persuade, induce, influence, sway, incline, dispose; move, prompt, motivate, stimulate, rouse, inspire; urge, exhort, importune; bring to bear upon, bear down upon, put the pressure on, press. **Inf.** pressure or high-pressure; convince, convert, wean, win or win over, bring round or around, enlist, make [s.o.] see the light; talk into, sell, sell [s.o.] on, wangle, Inf. rope in or rope, Sl. hook, Sl. con; wheedle, cajole, coax, sweet-talk.

**prevailing,** adj. 1. predominant, preponderant, preponderating, dominant, dominating; ruling, regnant, reigning; preeminent, supreme, chief, principal.

2. prevalent, current. See **prevalent**.

3. effective, effectual, telling, moving, affecting, powerful, potent, vigorous, forceful, convincing, persuasive.

**prevalence,** n. 1. predominance, preponderance, ascendancy. See **predominance**.

2. ubiquity, ubiquitousness, omnipresence, universality, catholicity; pervasiveness, diffusiveness; commonness, currency; popularity, acceptation, favor.

**prevailant,** adj. widespread, extensive, ubiquitous, general, rife, rampant; universal, catholic, world-wide, global, nationwide; generally held, common, common-place, everyday, conventional, established, usual; present, current, making the rounds, popular, in fashion, in vogue, modern, Inf. trendy. See also **prevailing** (def. 1).

**prevenerate,** v. 1. lie, equivocate, stretch the truth, be untruthful, be a liar, Inf. tell a story, deviate from the truth; fib, euphemize, shilly-shally, evade, sidestep; dodge, fence, hedge, beat about the bush; elude, shy, weasel, be evasive, evade the truth, shuffle, shift, parry, beg the question, dissemble; fake, counterfeit, Inf. fake it, Inf. make out of whole cloth; exaggerate, make up, trump up; hatch, concoct, Inf. talk through one's hat, Inf. make a fool of oneself, Inf. make a mockery of the truth; slander, defame, libel, make a come-on.

2. hindering, hampering, impeding, impedimental, obstructive, interfering, intrusive, obstructing; restraining, restriction, constrictions, constriction, checkmate, deadlock, foreclosure, defeat; forbiddance, prohibition, interdiction, injunction, proscription, preclusion, ban, embargo, veto, taboo.

**prevent,** v. 1. obstruct, hinder, hamper, block, impede, interrupt, interfere, interpose, intervene; stop, put a stop to, halt, check, arrest, abort, preclude; frustrate, thwart, foil, balk, baffle, restrain, inhibit, repress, constrain; delay, retard, forestall, hold back; oppose, contravene, override; prohibit, proscribe, disbar, disallow, veto, taboo.

2. avert, obviate, avoid, nip in the bud, ward off, fend off, stave off; deflect, parry, turn aside, draw off, sidetrack; neutralize, render harmless.

**prevention,** n. 1. impediment, hindrance, obstacle, block, obstruction, barrier, oppilation, obstruction, interference; interruption, deterrent, stoppage, arrest, check; retardation, forestalling; curb, inhibition, restraint, constraint, restriction, constrictions, checkmate, deadlock, foreclosure, defeat; forbiddance, prohibition, interdiction, injunction, proscription, preclusion, ban, embargo, veto, taboo.

2. preventive, preventative, prophylactic, shield, safeguard; deterrent, neutralizer, counteragent; remedy, medicine, antidote, vaccine, serum.

**preventive,** adj. 1. prophylactic, preventative, deterrent; counteractive, neutralizing, shielding, protective.

2. hindering, hampering, impeding, impedimental, obstructive, interfering, intrusive, obstructing; restraining, restrictive, constraining.

—n. 3. prophylactic, preventative, prevention, shield, protection, safeguard, deterrent, neutralizer, counteragent; remedy, medicine, antidote, vaccine, serum.

4. hindrance, impediment, obstacle, obstruction, oppilation; barrier, stopper, blockage, blockade, block, Archaic. remora; retardation, setback, forestalling, deterrence, stoppage; curb, restraint, constraint, restriction, inhibition; forbiddance, prohibition, interdiction, injunction, proscription, preclusion, ban, embargo, veto, taboo.

**preview,** n. 1. prior or previous view or study.

2. advance showing, private screening, sneak preview, preview of coming attractions; trailer, clip, shots, scenes; foretaste, appetizer, teaser, lure, Inf. come-on.

**previous,** adj. 1. prior, former, earlier, foregone; preceding, antece dent, anterior, precedent, precurrent; erstwhile, ex, onetime, sometime, quondam, whileonfaring, foregoing, forerunning, pre-existent; preliminary, prescriptive, prescient; fore, once, then subsequent, late, last; Fr. & Anc. early, ancient, older, elder; latter, aforesaid, aforementioned, above-mentioned, aforenamed, above-named, named, said, fairy tale, fable, myth, romance; exaggeration, overstatement, coloring, magnification, enlargement, yarn, Inf. tall tale or story, Inf. cock-and-bull story, Inf. shaggy dog story, Inf. fish story; nonsense, Inf. claptrap.

3. counterfeiting, faking, shamming, falsifying; misrepresentation, corruption, inaccuracy; misconstruction, subterfuge, deceptiveness, false coloring, false ness, deception, slanting, straining, torturing; canard, rumor, hoax, forgery; monstrous lie, the big lie, Sl. whopper, Sl. barefaced lie; perjury, forewearing, false swearing, defamation, slander, traducement, calumnium, calumnation.

**prevaricatore,** n. 1. liar, fibber, storyteller, tale-teller, falsifier, fabricator; dodger, equivocator, shuffer, evader, bluffer, bluff, fake, hypocrite; dissembler, sophist, casuist, quibbler, canter; deceiver, beguiler, seducer.

2. humbug, cheat, cozen, deluder, hoaxer, double-dealer, confidence man, Sl. con man; perjurer, false witness.
priceless, of incalculable value, priceless, without price, beyond price, inestimable damages, quarry, game, kill, the hunted; victim, prey, n. victimize, override, trample upon, crush, ride roughshod over, subjugate; coerce, intimidate, sl. strong-arm, bully; bear hard upon, Inf. put the screws to, terrorize; fleece, take advantage of, take for a ride, Inf. con, Inf. filch, cheat.

drive, propel, hound, dog, whip, lash; incite, sic, provoke, instigate, actuate, activate, motivate; foment, agitate, stimulate, Inf. start something; excite, arouse, rouse, whip up, work up, stir up, enflame, inflame, fire up, kindle, light a fire under, touch off; encourage, exhort, pique, Sl. goose, egg on, put up to.

 originally, formerly, at one time, once, aforetime; hithertho, thithertho, heretofore, theretofore, ere now, Archaic. erst, Archaic. erewhile; a while ago, a while back, sometime back; until now, beforetime, then, before, above, ultimo.

once upon a time, on the eve of, yesterday, yester-

weekly, recent, recently; in days of yore, of yore, in days of old, of old, in the past; in times past, back then, long ago, ages ago; in years gone by, ago, one fine day, one fine morning, Archaic. ago; since, back when, way back.

priest, n. 1. priest, archimandrite. 2. monastic, monk, friar, brother, celibate, cénobite,

Buddhism, lama, archimandrite. 4. pope, pontiff, chief priest, high priest, hierarch,
priestly, clerical, canonical, sacerdotal, ultramontanist; vocation, call, calling, sacred calling, holy orders.

2. the clergy, the ministry, the cloth, the pulpit, the desk.

priestly, adj. clerical, canonical, sacerdotal, prelate; pastoral, ministerial, ecclesiastic, ultramontane; churchly, priestly.

priggishness, n. 1. priggish, prudish, puritanical, bluenosed, n. prig, prude, puritan, bluenose; snob, intellectual

priesthood, n. 1. the clergy, the ministry, the cloth, the pulpit, the desk. Clericalism, episcopalianism, sacerdotalism, ultramontanism.

primarily, adv. 1. above all, first and foremost, in the first place, to begin with; essentially, in essence, fundamentally, basically, in substance, at heart, at the core, at bottom, Fr. au fond; especially, particularly; chiefly, mainly, in the main, mostly, for the most part, principally, predominately, on the whole.

primarily, adv. 2. at first, at the beginning, in the beginning, originally, initially; from the beginning, from the start, Inf. from the word go, Latin. ab initio, Latin. ab origine, Latin. ab ovo.

primary, adj. 1. prime, principal, capital, chief, cardinal, paramount, main, major, meat-and-potatoes, central, head, most important.

2. earliest, pristine, primeval, primal; primitive, primordial, primigenial, aboriginal, autochthonal, autochthonous.

3. original, genetic, genetical, incipient, beginning, nascent, embryonic, embryonal, germinal; initiative, initial, premier, first, opening.

4. basic, fundamental, radical, root, elemental, underlying; introductory, preparatory, proemial; elementary, simple, rudimentary, rudimental, inchoate.

5. immediate, noninterventional; direct, without intermediary, straightforward, not roundabout.

—n. 6. first, alpha, beginning; original, antecedent, precedent, ancestor, precursor; zenith, acme, summit, pinnacle, peak; eminence, senior, elder, presbyter; principal, chief; head; paramount, overlord, sovereign, ruler.

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primary, n. 1. Eccles. cardinal, archbishop, metropolitan, bishop, coadjutor, auxiliary, suffragan; prelate, hierarch, high priest, archpriest, Ethiopian Ch. abuna, Eastern Ch. exarch; patriarch, patriarch of Constantinople, patriarch of Alexandria; pope, pontiff, Holy Father, Vicar of Christ, Supreme Pontiff; official, dignitary, overseer, supervisor; (both usu. used as titles) reverence, eminence.

2. mammal, breast-feeder; man, Homo sapiens, biped; anthropoid, ape, monkey, simian, gorilla, orang-utan, chimpanzee, Inf. chimp, baboon, gibbon; lemur, tarsier, marmoset.

prime, adj. 1. primary, principal. See primary (def. 1).

2. supereminent, preeminent, eminent, Archaic, egregious, illustrious; distinguished, famous, famed, renowned, celebrated, prominent, well-known; star, sovereign, ruling; ranking, leading, top drawer; predominant, hegemonic, prevailing; senior, elder.

3. valuable, precious, expensive, costly, worth a lot.

4. first-rate, first-class, ace, grade A, tops, topflight, Inf. tiptop, Inf. topnotch, Brit. Sl. top-hole, second to none; quality, select, choice, picked, selected.

5. supreme, superlative, best, highest, top, crowning, acme, summits; greatest, maximal, nonpareil, unparalleled, matchless, peerless, utmost, uppermost; transcendent, unsurpassed, unapproached; superior, extraordinary, exceptional, excellent, Inf. dandy, Inf. whiz-bang, Inf. crack, Brit. Sl. whizzo; outstanding, great, admirable, remarkable, noteworthy.

6. earliest, pristine, primeval, primal; original, genetical, incipient, beginning, nascent, embryonic, embryonal, germinal; initiative, initial, premier, first, opening; primitive, primordial, primigenial, aboriginal, autochthonal, autochthonous.

7. basic, fundamental. See primary (def. 4).

—n. 8. heyday, efflorescence, flower, full flowering, bloom, blossom, blossoming.

9. maturity, adulthood, adult; manhood, womanhood.

10. peak, pinnacle, summit, apex, acme, zenith, top, the tops; climax, culmination.

—v. 11. prepare, prep, break the ice; ready, make or get ready, break in; educate, instruct, teach, tutor, coach, train, drill; guide, show; supply, equip, fit out or up, Inf. beef up.

12. inform, apprise, notify, tell, brief, prompt, Inf. cue [s.o.] in, Inf. cram, Sl. fill in, Inf. give [s.o.] the low-down.

primed, adj. 1. ready, ready for anything, ready to go, all ready, good and ready, in readiness, set, all set, prepared, Inf. prepped, Sl. loaded for bear; in the sad-
dle, booted and spurred, Inf. itching or dying to get started, Inf. rarín to go, Inf. champing at the bit, Inf. psyched or psyched up; (both of a firearm) loaded, cocked.

2. informed, well-informed, versed, well-versed, up-to-date, up on, Fr. au courant, abreast of; posted, briefed, familiarized, brought up to date; trained, coached, instructed, taught.

**primeval, adj.** primitive, primal, prehistoric, pre-adamic, Noachian, Noachic, Noahical, antediluvian, eolithic, Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic; primary, prime, pristine, early, earliest, initiative, initial, premiere, first; primordial, autochthonal, autochthonous, aboriginal, indigenous, endemic, endemical, native, vernacular; archaic, fossil, fossilized, fossil-like, antiquated, antique, ancient, aged, oldest, old; original, embryonic, embryonal, genetic, primigenial, etiological.

**primitive, adj.** 1. primeval, primal, prehistoric, pre-adamic, Noachian, Noachic, Noahical, antediluvian, eolithic, Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, atavistic; early, earliest; original, autochthonal, autochthonous, aboriginal, native, endemic, endemical, indigenous, vernacular.

2. uncivilized, barbaric, savage, barbarous, wild, untamed.

3. quaint, old-fashioned, unmodern; ancient, oldest, immemorial, remote, age-old, old, elderly, aged, antiquated, fossilized, fossil-like, archaic.

4. primordial, primiginary, elemental, simple, uncomplicated, plain, natural; pristine, uncorrupted, unsullied; unsophisticated, uncultivated, uncouth.

5. crude, unrefined, coarse, rough, unpolished; rudimentary, embryonic, undeveloped.

6. radical, basic, fundamental, elemental, underlying, underived, immediate; essential, requisite, required, necessary, needed, indispensable; innate, conative, congenital, inborn, intrinsic, inbred, genic, genetic, inherent, inherited, hereditary, ingrained, deep-rooted.

7. prime, primary, initial, first.

—n. 8. antediluvian, prehistoric man, preadamate, cave man, ape-man; autochthon, aboriginal, Australian Inf. boong, original, settler, pioneer, Australian, bushman.

9. barbakan, savage, wild man.

10. antiquity, antique, relic, fossil, petroglyph.

11. rudiment, fundamental; essential, requisite, requirement, necessity.

**primordial, adj.** 1. original, primigenial, etiological; seminal, generative, genic, genetic, inherent, inherited, hereditary; elementary, elemental, radical, basic, fundamental, underlying; embryonic, rudimentary, originitive, creative, imaginative, institutive, inventive, formative, initiative.

2. primitive, primal, primary, prime, pristine; early, earliest, initial, first, primeval. See **primeval**.

**primp, v.** 1. adorn, decorate, ornament, trim, garnish, furbish, embellish, Archaic. dight, Archaic. ouch; dress, clothe, garb, habit; outfit, fit up, accouter, gear, turn out; array, bedizen, deck, deck out, be-dock, trap.

2. (of oneself) preen, plume, groom; beautify, prettify, Inf. titivate, Inf. spruce up, Inf. doll up, Inf. gussy up, Sl. trick up or out, Sl. dude up, Sl. swank up, Sl. fig out.

**princely, adj.** 1. liberal, generous, beneficent, bounteous, munificent; magnanimous, big, big-hearted; philanthropic, altruistic, benevolent; open-handed, unstinting, giving; ungrudging, kind, kindhearted, compassionate, gracious; tolerant, indulgent, unprovincical, cosmopolitan, unprejudiced, unbiased, impartial.

2. lavish, profuse, rich, ample, copious, abundant; bountiful, plentiful, plentiful, rife, luxuriant; magnificent, splendid, Inf. splendiferous, resplendent; superb, glorious, brilliant, radiant; luxurious, sumptuous, gorgeous, All Inf. posh, plush, swank, ritzy.

3. noble, royal, titled, highborn, to the manner born; royal, regal; stately, grand, august, imposing, impressive, majestic, dignified, imposing, princely; royal, monarchial, monarchical; of noble blood, of noble rank, of royal blood.

**principal, adj.** 1. chief, prime, paramount; most important, first, highest, leading; main, major, cardinal, supreme; superlative, best, crowning, acme, acme, monumental, summital; greatest, maximal, nonpareil, unparalleled, matchless, peerless; utmost, uppermost, supreme, prominent, preeminent; star, sovereign, ruling; prevailing, hegemonic, dominant, predominate; ranking, leading, foremost; definitive, conclusive, determinative; key, vital, crucial, central, essential; strongest, most effective, ultimate.

—n. 2. chief, head, lead; captain, Inf. boss, Inf. bossman, Inf. kingpin, Inf. number one; Sl. top dog, Sl. honcho or head honcho; director, superior, chairman; manager, overseer, supervisor, foreman, Brit. gaffer; pace-setter, mover, inspirer, firer, spark, Inf. sparkplug; ringleader, bellwether, flagship, Sl. the brains.

3. headmaster, dean, school principal, school superintendent; director, college president, chancellor.

4. capital, capital funds, assets, nonliquid funds, savings, reserves, cash reserves; investments, means, working capital, resources, wealth, treasure, trust money; backing, Inf. seed money.

**principality, n.** 1. realm, kingdom, domain, dominion; principedom, principate, empery, monarchy, duchy, grandduchy, archduchy, dukedom; earldom, palatinate, province, nation, state.

2. authority, position, power, supreme power, sovereignty; dynasty, regency, prerogative; predominance, rule, reign, hegemony; control, sway, mastery; influence, guidance, leadership; authorization, power, force; jurisdiction, domination, administration.

3. **principalities** Theology. archangels, princes, princes, celestial attendants, divine messengers, messengers of God; heavenly host, host of heaven, choir invisible, ministering spirits.

**principally, adv.** chiefly, mainly, in the main, mostly, for the most part, predominantly, on the whole; essentially, in essence, fundamentally, basically, in substance, at heart, at the core, at bottom, Fr. au fond; primarily, above all, first and foremost, in the first place, to begin with; especially, particularly, exceptionally, markedly, signally, notably.

**principle, n.** 1. rule, law, moral law, golden rule; rule of conduct, rubric, precept; guideline, rule of thumb, basic rule; formula, formulary, method, way; model, standard, criterion, convention, customary practice; natural law, general truth, universal truth; regulation, ordinance, commandment; mandate, directive, dictum, canon, Both Rom. Cath. Ch. bull, encyclical.

2. tenet, maxim, axiom, postulate; truism, truth, self-evident truth; mathematical rule, **Math.** formula, theorem, hypothesis, **Math.** proposition, **Math.** corollary.

3. **principles** code, personal code, moral or ethical code; morals, ethics, ethos; standards, platform, ideals, conscience, moral sense, inner monitor, scruples, sense of duty; voice of conscience, that still small voice; morality, probity, uprightness, goodness,
rectitude, righteousness; honesty, integrity, honor, character, decency, respectability; responsibility, fidelity, faithfulness, trustworthiness, constancy, loyalty; equity, justice, fair play, fairness, scrupulousness, justness; virtue, piety, purity, innocence, continence, temperance, restraint.

4. order, system, plan, design; discipline, course, routine, program, line; way, manner, mode, process, procedure, Latin modus operandi, means, technique, practice.

5. essential quality, essence, element; substance, constituent, germ, seed, heart; rudiment, basic component; substratum, bedrock, basis; stuff, brute matter; constituent material.

6. reason, grounds, motive, rationale, call, motivation; Inf. whys, Inf. wherefores; basis, impulse, origin, genesis.

prink, v. 1. dress or dress up, deck or deck out, be deck, bedizen, array, prank; decorate, adorn, ornament, trim, garnish, embellish; prettify, pretty, make pretty, beautify, make beautiful; perk up, brighten up, spruce up, smarten up, make smart, Inf. titivate, Sl. spiff up, Sl. jazz up.

2. (all of oneself) dress or dress up, deck out, Sl. doll up, Sl. dude up, dress to the teeth or hilt, Sl. gussy up; primp, prance, preen, groom, fuss over, Archaic. prune.

print, v. 1. reproduce, Print. strike off, copy, make a copy of, run off, pull a proof, mimeograph, Inf. mimeo, Trademark. Xerox, reprint; lithograph, Print. offset, electrolyte; set, set in print, type-cast, typeset, Print. linotype, put or send to press, Print. put to bed.

2. impress, imprint, indent, mark, stamp, engrave, emboss.

—n. 3. type, Print. face, typeface, lettering, letters, characters; roman type, italics or italic type, Print. block letter, Print. boldface, Print. lightface.

4. typescript, printed page, typewriting, letterpress, newsprint.

5. publication, newspaper, magazine, periodical. See magazine (def. 1).

6. reproduction, copy, replica, duplicate, facsimile, ectype; lithograph, Print. offset, electrolyte; carbon copy, carbon, mimeograph, Inf. mimeo, Trademark. Xerox, reprint; likeness, picture, design, illustration, photograph, Inf. photo, snapshot, Inf. snap, Photog. still.

7. indentation, dent, dint, impression, depression; mark, stamp, seal; imprint, footprint, handprint, thumbnail, fingerprint, smudge.

8. in print a. in printed form, published.

b. available, on the shelves, in the stores or publishing houses.

9. out of print unavailable, not to be found, no longer published, no longer in print.

printer, n. pressman, typographer, compositor, typesetter, type-caster, linotypeer; master printer, journeyman printer, printer's apprentice, printer's devil, Print. devil.

prior, adj. 1. former, anterior, earlier; ex, erstwhile, onetime; latter, aforementioned. See previous (def. 1).

2. prior to before, earlier than, pervious to. See previous (def. 2).

prior, n. 1. officer, superior, general, provincial, vicar, abbot; conventual, monk, monastic, cenobite, friar, brother; ecclesiastic, cleric, priest.

2. prioress, abbess, mother superior, mother general, mother vicar.

priority, n. 1. previousness, antecedence, anteriority, foregoing, preceding, precession; anteposition, foreground, forehand, Prelude, facade; front, van, the lead; antedating, predating, preexistence.

2. precedence, precedence, seniority, rank, tenure; preference, urgency, top priority, prerogative; authority, weight, moment, influence, consequence, eminence; primacy, preeminence, superiority, supremacy, paramountcy, importance, consequentiality, weightiness.

priori, n. monastery, religious house, abbey, cloister, cenoby, friary; convent, nunneries; seminary.

prison, n. penitentiary, Sl. pen, house of detention, penal institution, state prison, state or federal penitentiary, Sl. big house, Sl. slammer, Sl. sit, Brit. Sl. college, Brit. Sl. porridge; jail, jailhouse, station house, lockup, Sl. cell, cell in the lock, U.S. Inf. calaboose, Brit. Inf. bridewell; guardhouse, guardroom, U.S. brig; dungeon, black hole, hold, obblatte; All Sl. can, cooler, coop, jug, hoosegow, boobyhatch, pokey, Brit. chokly, Brit. quod.

prisoner, n. jailbird, convict, Sl. con, trusty or trustee, Inf. lifer, Sl. lag, Sl. lagger; parolee, Brit. (formerly) ticket-of-leave man; recidivist, repeat offender, Inf. chronic crook.

pristine, adj. 1. primitive, primordial, primigenial; primary, prime, early, earliest, initial, first; incipient, basic, fundamental, elementary, rudimentary, inchoate, simple, uncomplicated; original, autochthonous, aboriginal.

2. natural, plain, pure, clean, unsullied; untarnished, spotless, stainless, unmarrned, unblemished, unpolluted; chaste, virginal, virgin, maidenly, maidenish, Archaic. honest, untouched; uncorrupted, undefiled, unfallen, moral, virtuous.

privacy, n. 1. privateness, intimacy, intimateness, seclusion, solitude, retreat, retirement; isolation, aloneness, loneliness, solitariness, loneliness, remoteness, obscureness, obscurity; aloofness, apartness, separateness, separation; withdrawal, withdrawal, hermitry, hermitship, reclusion, unsociability, unsociableness; independence, independency, self-sufficiency.

2. secrecy, secretiveness, secretiveness, mysteriousness; reticence, silence, slileness, reservedness, taciturnity, uncommunicativeness; hagger-mugger, concealment, clandestineness, hiddenness, concealedness, confidentiality, confidentialness; coverty, furtiveness, sneakiness, surreptitiousness, slyness, stealthiness, underhandedness.

private, adj. 1. individual, personal, particular, singular, peculiar, special, special.

2. confidential, strictly confidential, privy, unofficial, off-the-record, not to be quoted, not to be disclosed, not to be made public, Inf. hush-hush, highly secret.

3. nonpolitical, nonofficial, nonpublic.

4. secret, secretive, mysterious, hidden, concealed; underground, clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, sly, stealthy, sneaky, sneaking, underhand, underhanded.

5. not open to the public, off-limits, unaccessorable, inaccessible, closed; exclusive, restrictive, restricted, limited.

6. alone, solitary, Fr. seul, by oneself; secluded, seclusive, withdrawn, retired, sequestered, backwater, isolated; reclusive, hermitic, hermitical, hermitish, hermitlike, shut off, apart; removed, remote, out-of-the-way, off the beaten path or track; deserted, lonesome, lonely, forsaken, desolate.

7. intimate, bosom, most personal.

—n. 8. private soldier, enlisted man, Mil. regular, noncommissioned officer, Inf. noncom, private first class; G.I., G.J. Joe, Tommy Atkins, Tommy; infantryman, Inf. doughboy, foot soldier, Rare. footman,
legionnaire, legionary.

9. in private privately, secretly, behind closed doors, off-camera. See privately.

privateer, n. 1. armed ship, pirate ship, pirate, sea rover, corsair.
2. (all hired or mercenary) pirate, viking, corsair, buccaneer, freebooter, rapprope; raider, plunderer, marauder, depredator, vandal, looter, riffer.
—v. 3. buccaneer, freeboot, pirate, filibuster, waylay; commandeer, hijack.

privately, adv. 1. in private, alone, individually, personally, separately, exclusively; confidentially, off-the-record, unofficially; secretly, sub rosa, behind closed doors, off-camera, out of public view, behind the scenes; secludedly, exclusively, in solitude, in retirement, hermetically.
2. secretively, mysteriously, clandestinely, covertly, surreptitiously; slyly, on the sly, stealthily, sneakily, underhandedly, under the table, through the back door.

privation, n. deprivation, want, need, lack; loss, bereavement, hardship, distress, suffering; difficulty, predicament, plight, strait; seizure, confiscation, forfeiture, divestiture, disinheritance, dispossession; poverty, destitution, beggary, pauperism, indigence, mendicancy, mendicidy, neediness, necessity.

privilege, n. 1. right, prerogative, due, entitlement; birthright; benefit, advantage, authorization, permission, leave, consent, sanction, warrant, allowance; license, power, franchise; liberty, freedom, choice, censure, power, franchise; liberty, freedom, choice, dispensation, indulgence, concession.
2. allowed, granted, admitted, permitted, free, sheltered, exempt, free from, excuse, release; except, trusted, invested, vested.
3. confidential, strictly confidential, off-the-record, privately.

privileged, adj. 1. favored, entitled, advantaged, unaccountable, not liable; exempt, exempted, immune, excused, released, excepted, granted dispensation; indulged, suffered, accommodated, protected, sheltered, spoiled.
2. allowed, granted, admitted, permitted, free, licensed, enfranchised, chartered, accredited; authorized, empowered, sanctioned, commissioned, charged, entrusted, invested, vested.
3. of information confidential, off-the-record, not for publication, private, top-secret, Inf. eyes-only. See privy (def. 3).

privey, adj. 1. privy to informed of, apprized of, cognizant of, aware of, in on; Inf. in the know, Inf. wise to, Inf. hep to, Inf. on to.
2. private, personal, own, close, intimate; individual, particular, singular, peculiar, special, especial; reserved, limited, exclusive, restricted; not open to the public, off-limits, unaccessible, inaccessible, closed.
3. confidential, strictly confidential, off-the-record, not to be quoted, not for release, not to be disclosed, top-secret, Inf. hush-hush, Inf. eyes-only.


prize, n. 1. award, trophy, medal, medallion, decoration, blue ribbon, ribbon, riband, citation; honor, laurels, wreath, palm, bay or bays, garland, plume, crown; cup, loving cup; mention, honorable mention, consolation prize, booby prize; reward, Literary. guerdon, recompense, remuneration, premium; bestowal, endowment, grant, scholarship, fellowship; distinction, glory, honors, high honors; mark or badge of distinction, token, favor, Inf. plum, Inf. feather in one's cap; kudos, accolade, tribute.
2. sweepstakes, jackpot, lottery, stake; windfall, pot at the end of the rainbow, dream come true; take, profit, gain, receipts, winnings, Inf. earnings.
3. capture, seizure, spoil, spoils, loot, booty, plunder, pillage, Archaic. prey; stolen goods, Inf. steal, Sl. hot goods, Sl. boodle, Sl. the take, Sl. the goods, Sl. swag.
4. treasure, gem, jewel, masterpiece, wonder, god-send, Inf. catch, Inf. find; All Inf. pip, lulu, peach, dandy, jimjandy, honey, dilly, humdinger, croker.
—adj. 5. champion, superior, best, best-of-show; outstanding, elect, select, choice, chosen; surpassing, excellent, a cut or stroke above; first-rate, blue-ribbon, A-1; the best, masterful, Inf. all-around, one-in-a-million.

prize, v. 1. value, appreciate, esteem, esteem highly, cherish, hold dear, treasure, set a high value on, rate highly, value highly, make much of; revere, reverence, set great store by, attach importance to, regard, think of as special; admire, hold a high opinion of; like, love, care for, be fond of, hold in affection, adore, hold dear, consider precious; praise, extol, exalt, endorse, hail, respect.
2. evaluate, appraise, Obs. appraise, assess, assay, valuate; price, set a value on, set a price on, fix the price of.
3. gauge, rate, rank, weigh, measure, Archaic, assess, apportion.
4. treasure, gem, jewel, masterpiece, wonder, godsend, Inf. size up; arrive at an estimate; judge, size, compute, calculate, ascertain, determine, figure out, figure, reckon, estimate, guess.

prize fight, n. boxing match, match, pugilistic contest, contest in the ring, bout, fight, sparring match; boxing, fisticuffs, sparring.

prize fighter, n. boxer, pugilist, fighter, combatant, battler, Inf. scraper, Sl. bruiser, Sl. slugger, Sl. pug, Sl. mug, Sl. palooka, Sl. Joe Palooka; contestant, contender, Inf. champ; Inf. has-been, Inf. punch-drunk bum, Inf. stumblebum.

probability, n. 1. likelihood, likeliness, liability, law of averages; expectation, outlook, prospect, distinct possibility; appearance of truth, verisimilitude; chance, possibility, mathematical probability, plausibility, aptitude; good chance, eventuality, favorable chance, even chance; odds-on chance, reasonable chance, sporting chance; good prospect, favorable prospect, well-grounded hope, great expectation; off chance, outside chance, remote possibility, long shot.
2. believability, credibility, conceivability, thinkability; reasonability, plausibility, feasibility, viability, operability, potentiality.
3. favorite, Sl. shoo-in, Sl. sure bet, Sl. sure thing; Inf. front runner, favorite son, best bet.

probable, adj. 1. likely, liable, apt; odds-on, favored, to be expected, in the cards, Inf. two-to-one, potential, contingent; presumable, presumptive, logical, predictable, foreseeable; well-founded, rational, sound, dependable, reliable; doubtless, indubitable, unquestionable.
2. believable, tenable, plausible, credible, admissible, verisimilar; conceivable, thinkable, colorable, imaginable; reasonable, viable, operable, actuable.
3. apparent, ostensible, supposed, alleged, seeming; declared, shown, exhibited, displayed, avowed, said, as it were.

probably, adv. 1. likely, most likely, doubtless, indubitably, unquestionably; in all likelihood, in all probability, Inf. like enough, Inf. as like as not, Inf.
two-to-one, Inf. dollars to doughnuts; all things considered, for all practical purposes, to all intents and purposes; possibly, perhaps, maybe, Archaic. belie; soundly, rationally, dependably, reliably.

2. credibly, believably, conceivably, plausibly; reasonably, logically, feasibly, viably, tenably.

3. apparently, ostensibly, seemingly, supposedly, allegedly; on the first impression, by all appearances, superficially, externally, as far as can be seen.

**probation, n.** 1. test, essay; trial, Inf. tryout, Inf. workout; experiment, test run, dry run, Inf. pilot.

2. trial period, test or testing period.

**probationer, n.** novice, novitiate, abecedarian, catechumen; postulant; candidate, aspirant.

**probate, v.** investigate, look into; scrutinize, study, examine thoroughly, go over step by step, go deep into, percurperate, Obs., Rare. percurse.

2. explore, poke around, feel around, Sl. nose around; question, ask questions, query; sound out, feel out, feel the pulse, send up a trial balloon, put or throw out a feeler, see which way the wind blows, see how the land lies.

—n. 3. investigation, examination, study; scrutiny, close inquiry, careful search, exhaustive study, percurperate; exploration; exploration.

4. inquiry, inquest; feeler, pilot balloon, trial balloon, Fr. balon d’essai.

**probity, n.** honesty, uprightness, upstandingness, rectitude; integrity, virtue, principle, scruples, conscientiousness; justice, justness, fairness, open-mindedness, freedom from bias or prejudice; honor, goodness, decency, sense of decency, morality, moral fiber; straightforwardness, squareness, square dealing, plain dealing, square shooting, straight shooting; truthfulness, veracity, veraciousness, truth-telling, truth-speaking, truth-loving, truth-dealing.

4. rectitude; integrity, virtue, principle, scruples, conscientiousness; justice, justness, fairness, open-mindedness, freedom from bias or prejudice; honor, goodness, decency, sense of decency, morality, moral fiber; straightforwardness, squareness, square dealing, plain dealing, square shooting, straight shooting; truthfulness, veracity, veraciousness, truth-telling, truth-speaking, truth-loving, truth-dealing.

**problem, n.** 1. question, vexed question, knot, knotty point, stickler; moot point, bone of contention, point at issue, subject of dispute.

2. enigma, puzzle, riddle, conundrum, mystery, question mark, Chinese puzzle; puzzle, poser, teaser, Inf. brain-teaser, Inf. hard nut to crack, Inf. mind-boggler, Inf. stumper, Inf. floorez, maze, labyrinth, tangle, intricacy, secret, arcana, closed or sealed book; oracle, dark saying, obscure statement, hidden meaning, riddle of the sphinx.

3. dilemma, quandary, predicament, plight, sorry plight, Inf. pickle, Inf. pretty pickle, Inf. fine kettle of fish, Inf. fine how-do-you-do; complication, mess, imbruglio, stew, hornet’s nest, Pandora’s box, Inf. can of worms; difficulty, trouble, affliction; inconveniency, disadvantage, handicap.

4. nuisance, pest, bother, Inf. headache, Inf. pain, Sl. pain in the neck or rear, Sl. hassel, vexation, annoyance.

—adj. 5. unmanageable, ungovernable, uncontrollable, unruly, restless, obstreperous; intractable, refractory, recalcitrant, contumacious; incorrigible.

**problematic, adj.** doubtful, dubious, open to doubt, questionable, unconvincing, Inf. thin or a bit thin, problematical; debatable, disputable, arguable, contestable, controversial, controvertible, moot; implusiable, untenable, hard or difficult to believe, Inf. hard to swallow; suspicious, suspect, in doubt, in question, in dispute; uncertain, unsure, unreliable, undeniable, not to be relied or depended on or upon, untrustworthy, precarious; ambiguous, vague, indeterminate, indefinite; unsettled, undecided, undetermined, unestablished; open, up in the air, in the balance, in suspense.

**procedure, n.** 1. course, line, plan of action; policy, polity, guidelines; method, methodology, technique, system; attack, tack, approach; way, wise, manner, means, mode, fashion, style, ways and means; wont, custom, practice, praxis, Latin. modus operandi, MO; common practice, rule, standard operating procedure, SOP, Inf. bit.

2. step, measure, move, maneuver; process, operation, course or mode of action; transaction, proceedings.

3. bureaucracy, red tape, rigmarole; routine, rut, groove, beaten path; Inf. rat race, treadmill, merry-go-round.

**proceed, v.** 1. advance, progress, continue, move, move on, move ahead, go, go ahead or forward, pass on, get along, come on, wag; roll, roll on, gather head, steam, cover ground, make headway, make progress; make one’s way, work one’s way, press on, push on, forge ahead.

2. take action, take steps or measures, act on, do something about, Sl. get with it, Sl. get on the stick.

3. issue, issue forth, come forth, sally forth; course, run, flow, stream.

4. Usu. proceed from arise, emanate, spring, stem, come; begin, commence, start, originate; derive, descend; result, ensue, follow, grow out of.

—n. 5. proceeds a. result, final or end result, outcome, consequence; produce, product, yield, output, crop, harvest. b. gross, gross receipts, receipts, handle, returns; gate receipts, gate, box office; revenue, earnings, income; gross profit; total, final tally. c. profits, net profit, net, reward, gain, remuneration, Arch. avail, Inf. percentage, Brit. Sl. get.

**proceeding, n.** 1. step, measure, move, maneuver; act, deed, doing; operation, process, course or mode of action.

2. procedure. See procedure (def. 1).

3. proceedings the record, records, minutes, transactions, Acta; affairs, matters, concerns, dealings, doings, Inf. going on.

**process, n.** 1. procedure; operation. See procedure (defs. 1, 2).

—v. 2. prepare, treat, pretreat; refine, smelt; cure, transformation, change, change over.

3. handle, deal with, contend with, do with; organize, systemize, systematize; classify, categorize, group, bracket; grade, grade, rank; screen, sift, sieve.

**procession, n.** 1. train, cortège, pageant, Obs. pomp; parade, march, line, column, file, string, caravan, cavalcade, motorcade; review, promenade, march past; stream, steady stream.

2. series, sequence, continuation, run, course, string, cycle, round, rotation.

**proclaim, v.** 1. announce, advertise, promulgate, declare, profess, enounce; herald, publish, broadcast, make known; signal, announce, knell; cry, blazon, blare, trumpet, bruil; disclose, reveal, divulgate.

2. pronounce, rule, decree, report, ordain.

**proclamation, n.** 1. announcement, promulgation, pronunciamento, manifesto, statement, formal or authoritative statement or announcement; declaration, pronouncement, enunciation, profession; notification, notice, formal notice.

2. edict, fiat, decree, dictum, ukase, bull, papal bull, Rom. Cath. Ch. encyclical, allocation; command, order, imperative; rule, ruling, law, ordinance.

**procularity, n.** 1. inclination, inclining, propensity, leaning, bent, turn, veering, Biol. tropism, cast; tendency, tending, bearing, verging, gravitation, drift; prone- ness, subjectability, aptness, habitability, likeliness, susceptibility, weakness, openness; mind-set, disposition, Pathol. diathesis, idiosyncrasy, idiosyncrasis, grain,
procrastinate

Archaic. crisis, temperament, temper, mind, humor, vein.

1. Inf. delay, temporize, stall.

2. v. defer, put off, postpone, put on ice. 

3. n. vacillation, hesitation; delaying, dawdling, dalliance. 

4. adj. dilatory, tardy, procrastinating, procrastinate. 

5. n. procrastination.

procure

1. v. obtain, get, acquire, secure, gain, come by, fall into; take possession of, get one's hands on, get a hold of; capture, seize, grasp, net, bag; reap, gather, glean, harvest, garner; buy, purchase, pick up.

2. adj. procurable, available, securable; attainable, reachable, accessible, getatable.

procuration

1. n. procurement, acquisition, obtaining. See procurement (defs. 1, 2).

2. v. pander, pimping. See procurement (def. 3).

3. appointment, assignment, designation; commissioning, deputation.

procuree

1. n. procure, acquire, obtain.

2. v. inf. procure, acquire, obtain.

3. n. procurement, acquisition, obtaining. See procurement (defs. 1, 2).

4. adj. procurable, available, securable; attainable, reachable, accessible, getatable.
horn of plenty, endless supply; amplitude, amplessness, fullness, plentiousness, plentifulness, bountifulness, copiousness; richness, exuberance, luxuriance, lavishness.

3. excess, surplus, oversupply, overflow, nimosity, superfluity; glut, plethora, overabundance, supersaturation; riot, landslide, bonanza, flood, heap, avalanche, profusion.

4. unrestraint, licentiousness, abandon, wantonness; immoderation, intemperateness, inordinateness, Obs. inordinancy; dissipation, overindulgence, incontinence, incontinency, intemperance.

prodigious, adj. 1. tremendous, stupendous, Inf. whopping, Inf. thumping, huge, enormous, immense; monumental, levithian, colossal, titan, gigantic, giant, cyclopean, Brobdignagian; mammoth, mastodontic, monster, gargantuan, Herculean, mighty; vast, far-reaching, extensive, magnificent, sweeping, grand, towering, boundless, unlimited; extraordinary, exceptional, out-of-the-ordinary, unusual; unprecedented, unheard-of, unparalleled, rare, singular, uncommon, Latin. sui generis, unique.

2. wonderful, wondrous, marvelous, marvy, SI. singular, uncommon, rare, strange, funny, SI. far out, 5/. wacky, queer, SI. neat, great, SI. swell, SI. super, Inf. nifty; admirable, estimable, striking, impressive; amazing, astounding, mystifying, astonishing, flabbergasting, mind-blowing, dumfounding, staggering; remarkable, noteworthy, renowned; superb, excellent, superior, surpassing, preeminent, overwhelming.

3. abnormal, unnatural, supernatural, outlandish, outrageous, monstrous, teratogenic; grotesque, freakish, freaky, anomalous, incongruous; strange, passing strange, SI. wacky, queer, Inf. funny, SI. far out, SI. too much, SI. off the wall; peculiar, curious, weird, bizarre, indescribable, beyond description, inexpressible, ineffable, inutterable, unspeakable, unnamable; unbelievable, unimaginable, unthinkable; dreadful, frightful, fearful, terrible, appalling, startling, horrid, horrifying.

4. abstraction, unnatural, supernormal, outlandish, outrageous, monstrous, monstrous, teratogenic; grotesque, freakish, freaky, anomalous, incongruous; strange, passing strange, SI. wacky, queer, Inf. funny, SI. far out, SI. too much, SI. off the wall; peculiar, curious, weird, bizarre, indescribable, beyond description, inexpressible, ineffable, inutterable, unspeakable, unnamable; unbelievable, unimaginable, unthinkable; dreadful, frightful, fearful, terrible, appalling, startling, horrid, horrifying.

prodigy, n. 1. child genius, wonder child, Ger. Wunderkind, Mozart, SI. Whiz Kid, Inf. quiz kid, Joel Kupperman; genius, Inf. natural-born genius, Inf. brain, Einstein, Inf. wizard, Inf. whiz, mental giant, intellect, intellectual; walking encyclopedia or dictionary, one with a mind like a steel trap; sage, savant, expert, past master, virtuoso, SI. crackerjack.

2. exemplar, paragon, example, model, role model, champion.

3. wonder, wonderment, marvel, phenomenon, miracle, sensation, SI. stunner; rara avis, SI. rare bird, one of a kind, SI. oner, one in a million, jewel without price, rare gem.

4. freak, mutation, Biol. monster, jackalope, curiosity, grotesque, grotesquery, trick of nature, gargoyle; abnormality, anomaly, aberration, peculiarity.

produce, v. 1. cause, make, bring about, bring to pass, set off, give rise to; effect, occasion, generate, create; beget, bring forth; beget, bear, produce; be the seed of; spark, initiate, start.

2. create, compose, originate, invent; turn out, SI. knock out or together, hammer out, SI. slap together; form, formulate, draw up, draft; shape, frame, design, fashion, work out; manufacture, construct, carve, chisel out, weave, fabricate, build.

3. bear, give birth to, give life to, bring forth, bring into the world, bring into being or existence, beget, breed, hatch, whelp, drop, throw.

4. provide, supply, furnish, give, yield, render, afford; deliver, come through as promised, perform as desired; propagate, fructify.

5. bring forward, present, set forth; disclose, make plain, reveal; manifest, bring to light, bring before the public; show, display, exhibit, bring out, put on, put before the public.

—n. 6. yield, product, production, result, outcome, outgrowth, output; crop, harvest, gatherings, gleanings, return, proceeds.

7. vegetables, fruits, greens, Brit. green-grocery.

8. offspring, spawn, brood, hatch, issue.

producer, n. 1. creator, grower, maker, builder, fabricator, manufacturer; innovator, initiator, originator; one who gets things done or out, worker, laborer, digger, miner, workhorse.

2. director, auteur, manager, stage manager; entrepreneur, impresario; backer, broker for angels, angel.

product, n. 1. production, produce, by-product; output, turnout, goods, offerings; work, handiwork, artifact, representation, symbol, image, creation.

2. result, effect, outcome, fallout, repercussion, echo, reverberation.

production, n. 1. creation, originiation, producing, manufacture, fabrication, formation, making, shaping; assembling, assemblage, putting together, execution, construction, building, preparation.

2. output, turnout, goods, offerings; work, handiwork, artifact, by-product. See also produce (def. 6).

3. composition, piece; publication, book, volume, tome, novel, story; handicrafts, arts and crafts; painting, work of art, opus, Fr. oeuvre; brainchild, invention.

4. exhibition, display, presentation, staging; disclosure, revelation, opening.

5. drama, theatrical performance, play, show, stage show, theater, performance; concert, opera, musical comedy, musical; film, motion picture, moving picture, movie; artistic direction or management.

productive, adj. 1. generative, fructificative, fruitful, fruit-bearing; reproductive, propagative, propagatory, propagational, progenitive, multiplicative, regenerative; formative, shaping, constructive, making; creative, inventive, imaginative, resourceful, ingenuous; energetic, economical, voracious, dynamic, formidable, effective, worth one’s salt, worthwhile, valuable, invaluable.

2. fertile, yielding, fruitful, fructiferous, feracious; fecund, prolific, proliferative, prolificious; pregnant, copious, rich, rank, Rare. iberous; fructuous, profitable, remunerative, paying, well-paying, fat.

productivity, n. 1. generativity, reproductive ness, progenitiveness, productiveness; creativity, creative ness, inventiveness, imaginativeness, imagination, resourcefulness, ingenuity, originality.

2. fertility, fertility, fruitfulness, Rare. feracity; fecundity, prolificness, prolificfulness, prolificacy; copiousness, copiopiosity, pregnancy, richness, rankness, Rare. ubirtiy.

3. output, yield, production.

profanation, n. 1. irreverence, indevoutness, irre-ligion, impiety, ungodliness, unholiness, profanity, profaning, profaneness; blasphemy, sacrilege, desecration; unrighteousness, unvirtuousness, consciencelessness; immorality; godlessness; sinfulness, iniquity, peccancy, wickedness, reproach.

2. debasement, degradation, dishonoring, prostitution; defilement, perversion, contamination, infection, vitiation, befoulment, pollution; misuse, ill-use, misemployment, misapplication; abuse, maltreatment, violation, outrage.

profane, adj. 1. irreverent, indevout, irreligious, infidel, impious, ungodly; secularist, atheistic, free-thinking, disbelieving, unbelieving, faithless; blasphemous, sacrilegious, desecrative; heretical, not-born-again, unsaved, unchristian, impudent, unrepentant, living in a state of sin, bound for hell; un-
saintly, unvirtuous, unrighteous, conscienceless, immoral, reprobate; godless, iniquitous, sinful, peccant, wicked, satanic, diabolic.

2. lai, lay, nonclerical, nonordained, nonministerial; secular, civil; nonreligious, nonecclesiastical, unholy, unhallowed, unconsecrated, unsanctified; mundane, temporal, worldly.

3. heathen, pagan, barbarian, barbarous, uncivilized, savage, brutish, unenlightened, idolatrous; polytheistic, pantheistic, voodooistic.

4. common, mean, low, vile, cheap, base, degrading, disgraceful, dishonorable, depraved, indelicate, coarse, profane, profane; polluted, disreputable, corrupt, degrading, degenerate, demoralizing, unspeakable, unmentionable, unpardonable, evil, wicked, satanic, diabolic.

Inf. Obloquy, execration, execration.

5. desecrate, misuse, misemploy, misapply; abuse, maltreat, violate, ravage, ruin; defile, pervert, corrupt, debase, degrade, prostitute; vitiate, pollute, infect, taint, contaminate, waste.

—v. 5. desecrate, misuse, misemploy, misapply; abuse, maltreat, violate, ravage, ruin; defile, pervert, corrupt, debase, degrade, prostitute; vitiate, pollute, infect, taint, contaminate, waste.

profanity, n. 1. irreverence, irreligion, impiety, godlessness, blasphemy, desecration, profanation. See profanation (def. 1).

2. malediction, curse, imprecation, damnation, execration, Archaic: mill them on; swearing, cursing, scurrility, rascality, bills of sale, double entendre, Adversaries: bawdry; obscenity, curse word, swearword, oath, expletive, dirty word, four-letter word, U.S. Inf. cuss; vulgarism, filth, dirt, smut.

profess, v. 1. pretend to, lay claim to, purport, alledge, make a pretense of; make out as if, Sl. make like, Inf. let on, dissemble act as if, seem as if; simulate, dissimulate, fake, feign, sham.

2. assert, asserrever, aver, proclaim, declare, predicate; advance, propound, propose, offer, proffer, present, put forward, set forth, broach; emphasize, stress, pronounce, announce, enunciate, state, tell, say, utter; affirm, postulate, protest, claim; admit, avow, own, acknowledge, confess.

professedly, adv. 1. allegedly, purportedly, ostensibly, supposedly, under the pretext of; pretendedly, falsely, Slyly, deceptively, under false pretense.

2. avowedly, admittedly, by open declaration, acknowledged, confessedly.

profession, n. 1. vocation, calling, occupation, career, pursuit, livelihood; métier, trade, craft, art, skill, job, livelihood, living, work, employment, business; forte, field, line, sphere, specialty; office, post, situation, position, walk of life.

2. declaration, avowal, assertion, asseretration, affirmation, avermient; confession, acknowledgement, admittance; avouchment, assurance, guarantee, certification; propounding, protestation, proclamation, predication; deposition, testimony, statement, announcement, enunciation, attestation; vow, oath, pledge.

3. allegation, plea, excuse, pretext, ostensible reason, pretense, pretension.

professional, adj. 1. skilled, knowledgeable, learned, Inf. pro; white-collar; experienced, Fr. au fait, veteran, seasoned, trained; skillful, adept, dexterous, adroit, deft, facile; accomplished, able, apt, gifted, talented; finished, polished, practiced, expert, proficient, masterful, masterly; topflight, top-drawer, first-rate, Inf. topnotch, ace, Inf. crack, Sl. crackerjack, Inf. whizbang, Brit. Sl. whizzo; adept, polished, finished, accomplished, versed, practiced, experienced, Fr. au fait; skillful, skilled, talented, Sl. on the ball; capable, able, competent, efficient, qualified.

—n. 2. adept, expert, master, master hand, Chiefly Brit. Inf. dab hand, Brit. Dial. dabster, maestro, virtuoso; genius, prodigy, Inf. wizard, Inf. whiz, talent, U.S. Sl. crackracker, Sl. shark, Inf. sharp; connoisseur, authority, specialist, professional, Inf. pro, journeyman, veteran, past mistress, past master, old hand, old stager.

profile, n. 1. silhouette, side view, outline, shape, cast, form, contour, line, lineaments, delineation, configuration, conformation, features, face, visage, countenance; drawing, sketch, portrait, picture, bust, statue.

2. analysis, study, examination, review, survey.

3. biographical sketch, biography, characterization, character sketch, thumbnail sketch, portrait, vignette.

profit, n. 1. Usu. profits gain, return, yield, interest; income, revenue, net, bottom line; winnings, proceeds, Sl. take, Sl. velvet, Sl. clean-up, pickings;
profitable, recompense, reward; surplus, excess, leftover, Sl. gravy.
2. advantage, behoof, welfare, interest; benefit, help, aid, service; good, avail, efficacy, use, usefulness, serviceableness; advancement, furthermore, improvement, betterment; increment, augmentation.

—v. 3. benefit, get, help, serve, avail, bestead, Archaic. boot; advance, contribute to, improve, better, further, promote, advantage.
4. avail oneself of, make good use of, make the most of; take advantage of, exploit, use, turn to account, make capital out of, make hay; graft, line one’s pockets.
5. Inf. clean up, Inf. make a killing, Sl. make a haul, Sl. make a bundle, Sl. break the bank.

profitable, adj. 1. remunerative, gainful, rewarding, productive, cost-effective, fructuous, fruitful; lucrative, paying, well-paying, moneymaking, fat, going.
2. beneficial, useful, serviceable, convenient, handy; advantageous, desirable, suitable, appropriate, right; favorable, propitious, opportune, timely; good, worthwhile, valuable, invaluable; helpful, helping, conducive, aidful, aiding.

profitless, adj. 1. unprofitable, gainless, unremunerative, unpaying, thankless; disadvantageous, unhelpful, unbenevolent; worthless, valueless, nugatory, unserviceable, impracticable, ineffectual, not worth the money, not worth the powder to blow it up.
2. vain, unavailing, useless, futile, bootless, idle, ineffective, ineffectual, Sisyphusian, unsuccessful, Inf. no-go, to no avail, to no purpose, for naught; fruitless, nugatory, unserviceable, impracticable, ineffective, availing, avantageous, helpful, aidful, aiding.

proficiency, n. 1. dissoluteness, dissipation, libertinism, lasciviousness, debauchery, dolce vita, profligateness; licentiousness, abandon, unrestrained, wantonness, looseness; lechery, Pathol. satyrism, goatishness, carnality, carnalness, carnalism; eroticism, voluptuousness, voluptuosity, sensuality, sybaritism; obsceneness, lewdness, indecency, dirtiness, indecency; degeneracy, depravity, turpitude, corruption, perversion; immorality, evil, sin, sinfulness, vice, wrongdoing.
2. extravagance, prodigality, waste, wastefulness, squandering, improvidence, thriftlessness; advance, contribute to, improve, better, further, promote, advantage.
3. abundance, plenty, bounty; copiousness, bountifulness, bounteousness, plentifulness, plenteousness, plenitudinousness, plenitude, bounty; copiousness, in quantity quantities, in plenty, in profusion, in abundance, in abundance, in all abundance, in all plenty, in all fullness, in all amply, in all substantially, in all magnificently, in all plenty, in all amply, in all substantially, in all magnificently, in all profuseness, in all abundance, in all plenteousness, in all overabundance.
4. rakes, rakehell, blood, roué, libertine, debauche, dissipater, Inf. rip; voluptuary, sensualist, sybarite, hedonist; reprobate, degenerate, pervert, sodomite; lecher, satyr, satyromaniac; whoremonger, pander, pimp, procurer.
5. wastrel, waster, prodigal, squanderer, spendthrift, scatthorgood, Inf. high liver, Inf. big spender, Inf. free spender, spender.

profound, adj. 1. wise, sagacious, scholarly, intellectual; learned, erudite, educated, informed, well-read, well-versed, well-posted; knowledgeable, knowing, gnostic; comprehensive, encyclopedic, omniscient, all-knowing; philosophical, thoughtful, reflective, reflecting.
2. intense, extreme, acute, keen, sharp, poignant; piercing, pricking, cutting, biting, stinging; indelible, deeply felt, deep-felt, strongly felt, keenly felt, heartfelt, Archaic. homefelt; moving, heart-moving, heart-rending, heart-breaking, heart-stirring, heart-swelling, soul-stirring; overpowering, overwhelming, overcoming, overmastering.
3. difficult, hard, over one’s head, Inf. tough; complex, complicated, perplexed, Inf. tricky; intricate, involved, tangled, knotty, crabbed; deep, esoteric, recondite, abstruse, abstract, heavy, Sl. heavy-duty; impenetrable, incomprehensible, past or beyond comprehension, inscrutable, indecipherable; mystic, transcendent, cabalistic; occult, secret, hidden, cryptic, perdus, obscure, unclear, dark, dim, vague, nebulous; mysterious, arcane, inexplicable; puzzling, enigmatic, enigmatical.
4. sunken, sunk, plunging; deep-down, deep-set, deep-laid, deep-lying, deep-sunk, deep-sunken; deep-reaching, down-reaching, deep-going.
5. complete, total, utter, absolute; thorough, thoroughgoing, downright, outright, out-and-out; pronounced, decided, positive, perfect, consummate, Inf. regular, Brit. Inf. proper; low, low-lying, depressed, abject, desperate, stark.
6. abysmal, yawning, cavernous; bottomless, fathomless, unfathomable, soundless.

profundity, n. 1. depth, deepness, profoundness; abstrusity, abstruseness, reconditeness, abstractness; impenetrability, impenetrableness, incomprehensibility, incomprehensibleness, inscrutability, inscrutableness, unknowableness, mystic, mystical, mysticalness, cabalistic, occult, obscurity, nebulosity, obsfuscation, obscurantism, Inf. mumbo jumbo.
2. difficulty, difficultness, hardness; complexity, complicatedness, Inf. trickiness, intricacy, intricate, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede, tanglede.
3. wisdom, wiseness, sagacity, sagaciousness; acumen, astuteness, penetration; erudition, learnedness.
4. abyss, chasm, cavity, pit, hole, hollow, shaft, well, crater, bottomless pit.

profuse, adj. 1. lavish, extravagant, excessive, exorbitant, inordinate, immoderate, profusive, beyond all bounds; uncalled for, unwarranted; extreme, superlative, overwhelming, overmuch; overgenerous, overliberal, overliberal, too much, too many.
2. wasteful, prodigal, profigate, wanton, dissipative; easy come, easy go; intemperate, incontinent, reckless; improvident, spendthrift, thriftless, pound-foolish, penny-wise and pound-foolish.
3. generous, liberal, free, munificent, bounteous, bountiful, unsparing, unstinting, unstinted, unselfish, openhanded, free-handed; magnanimous, big-hearted, large-hearted, generous, bounteous, bountiful, unsparing, unstinting, unstinted, unselfish, openhanded, free-handed; magnanimous, big-hearted, large-hearted, generous, bounteous.
4. abundant, plentiful, plenteous, plentitudinous, Inf. plenty, fat, copious; ample, enough and to spare, enough and then some, more than enough, more than adequate; in quantity or quantities, in plenty, in profu-
profusion, n. 1. abundance, plenitude, bounty, profusion

prognosis, n. progenitor, ancestor, forefather, forbear, 1.
prophetic, predictive, fatidic, prognostic, n.
progeny, 8. rich, luxuriant, luxurious, rank, thriving; fruitful, fertile, fecund, yielding, productive, prolific, proliiferous.

profusion, n. 1. abundance, plenitude, bounty, cornucopia, horn of plenty, endless supply, Scot. scotch, U.S. Scots or North Eng. or cornucopia, horn of plenty, endless supply,
2. quantity, quantities, volume, volumes, mass, masses, fund, mine, store; multitude, number, numbers, scores, host, hoard, legion; sea, ocean, oceans, world, worlds, galaxy, great quantities or quantity;
3. excess, surplus, surfeit, satiety, oversupply, overabundance; wastefulness, waste, prodigality, profligacy, profusion;
4. lavishness, extravagance, excessiveness, exorbitancy, inordinateness, prodigality, profuseness;
5. wastefulness, waste, prodigality, profilagility, profigitativeness, wantonness, dissipation, dissipativity; intemperance, intemperateness, incontinence, recklessness;
6. plan, attack, approach a problem; calculate, project, predetermine, prepare, engineer; blueprint, sketch, outline, draft, masterplan; method, system, approach, attack, procedure, way; systematization, methodization, schematization, organization.
7. performance, radio show, television show, show, play, production; drama, documentary, docudrama, situation comedy, Inf. sitcom, game show, soap opera, melodrama, cartoon show; broadcast, telecast, showing, viewing, concert, symphony, musical, recital.
8. plank, plan, platform, political platform, creed, principles; policy, plan of action, position, course, line; position paper, campaign promises.

—v. 5. schedule, list, Inf. line up; arrange, slate, book, empanel, bill; budget, calendar, docket.
6. plan, attack, approach a problem; calculate, project, predetermine, prepare, engineer; blue-print, lay out, map out, plan out; systematize, range, frame, design, set up, work out, formulate, contrive.

progress, n. 1. furthermore, upward movement, rise, promotion, improvement in rank, preferment; move up, graduation, elevation, ascension; ascent, climb, mounting, scaling.
2. breakthrough, step forward, stride, gain, major development; discovery, finding; invention, innovation, creation, production.
3. growth, development, advance, advancement, progression, progressiveness; improvement, strengthening, amendment, betterment, upgrading, amelioration, melioration; purification, perfection; enrichment, fattening, enhancement; repairing, fixing, replacement; recovery, revival; increase, increment, addition, augmentation; enlargement, extension, expansion, spread, swell.
4. movement forward, onward movement, headway; gaining ground, pushing forward, forging ahead; moving along, going forward, pressing on, pushing ahead; inching ahead, edging along.
5. in progress going on, under way, being done, Inf. in the works, taking place; happening, occurring.
—v. 6. advance, go forward, make headway, (usu. neg.) Inf. get to first base; move on or onward, march or step forward, stride ahead; proceed, continue, keep going, press or push on, persevere, strive, put one's shoulder to the wheel; get or go on, lose no ground, not let the grass grow under one's feet; gain ground, catch up, take the lead, get or go ahead, shoot or rush ahead, Inf. go full steam ahead; push forward, forge or move ahead, make way, clear the way; edge or inch along, move or go along; move upward, climb, scale, mount, ascend, rise.
progression, n. 1. movement forward, onward, advancement, advance; pressing on, pushing ahead; perseverance; continuance, continuation; inching ahead, edging along; furthermore, upward movement, rise, ascension, elevation; ascent, climb, mounting, scaling.

2. succession, order, sequence, gradation, step; series, cycle, round, catenation, concatenation; course, flow, chain, train.

progressive, adj. 1. reformist, progressivistic, revisionist, revisionalist, meliorist, Fabian; liberal, liberalistic, left-wing, left of center.

2. progressing, advancing, enlightening; improving, ameliorative, melliorating, mending, bettering.

3. advanced, forward, avant-garde; modern, enlightened, twentieth-century, up-to-the-minute, up-to-date, abreast of the times; dynamic, active, motive.

4. forward-going, forward-moving, ongoing, continuing, profliuent; going, moving, running, flowing, fluent, streaming, passing; successive, transitional, sequential, catenary.

5. graduated, gradational, hierarchical, calibrated.

Medicine. increasing, worsening, intensifying, aggravating; extending, spreading, malignant, enlarging.

—n. 7. liberal, progressivist, leftist, left-winger; reformer, reformist, revisionalist, gradialist, meliorist, Fabian.

prohibit, v. 1. forbid, interdict, disallow, proscribe, outlaw, taboo, ban; reject, veto, turn thumbs down, nix, nay, deny, kill; quash, smother, subdue, quell; preclude, exclude, shut out, debar, bar, segregate, except, omit, disqualified; ostracize, banish, expel, exile, deport, throw out, kick out, excommunicate, blacklist.

2. prevent, make impossible, put out of reach, leave no chance, rule out; stop, put a stop to, Archaic. forfend, halt; arrest, check, abort, stay, hinder, obstruct, hamper, block, impede, interrupt, delay; thwart, foil, balk, frustrate; restrain, inhibit, constrain, repress, suppress.

prohibition, n. 1. interdiction, interdict, forbiddance, outlawry; proscription, injunction, disallowance, ban, embargo; rejection, veto, thumbs down, nix, nay, no, denial; exclusion, preclusion, debarment, exception, disqualification, segregation; ostracism, banishment, exile, expulsion, deportation, excommunication, blackball.

2. prevention, restriction, constringtion, suppression; stoppage, determent, interruption, arrest, check, forstalling, retardation; curb, inhibition, restraint, constraint; checkmate, deadlock, foreclosure; block, hindrance, obstacle, impediment, barrier, interference.

prohibitionist, n. teetotaler, nephalist, abstainer, water-drinker, hydropot; temperance advocate, W.C.T.U. member, blue-ribboner, blue-ribbonist, blue-ribbonite, Inf. dry, Chiefly Brit. pussysfoot; puritan, ascetic; Rechabite, Enracitae.

prohibitive, adj. preventive, restrictive, constrictive, constraining, restraining, confining; exclusive, preclusive, exceptional; proscriptive, forbidding, inhibitory, prohibitory, interdictive, repressive, suppressive; segregative, selective, separative.

project, n. 1. plan, scheme, design, prospectus; proposal, purpose, intent, hope, desire, aspiration; intention, ambition, resolution, determination, mind; calculation, figuring, planning, strategy; contemplation, conception, idea, cogitation; aim, end, goal, objective, point.

2. undertaking, enterprise, venture, operation, campaign; program, proposition, deal; job, game, task, effort, work; contract, commitment, obligation; engagement, occupation, activity, assignment.

—v. 3. propose, present, lay down, design, plan, plot, scheme, devise, concert; concoct, contrive, conjure up, brew, invent, hatch; contemplate, purpose, intend, desire; aim, drive at, determine.

4. throw, cast, pass, fling, toss, hurl, snap, hike; eject, expel, ejaculate, emit; jimp, propel, shoot; discharge, fire, launch, blast off; jacular, arch, Archaic. trajectory.

5. calculate, predetermine, prearrange, predesign, arrange; take steps, take measures, cut out, mark out a course of action, shape a course, draw up a plan; set forth, draft, outline, delineate, map out, chalk out, block out; predict, preordain, forfend, forfend, forecast, plan ahead.

6. put on, screen, show; flash-forward.

7. externalize, actualize, extrapolate, objectify; transfer, transmit, impart.

8. jut out, protrude, stick out, poke out; extend, bulge, obtrude, excrude; overhang, hinge, hang over, impend; swell out, protrude, bow, embow, vault; distend, belly, bag, pop; round out, balloon, billow; stick up, bristle, stand up, shoot up.

projecting, adj. protuberant, protruding, protrusive, salient, outstanding; prominent, eminent, Bot. excurrent, protrusive, excrecent; extrusive, extruding, jutting, beading; overlying, overlapping, overhanging, pendulous, pendent, hanging; bulging, swelling, swollen, convex, bowed; arched, vaulted, excurved.

projection, n. 1. protrusion, jut, overhang, extrusion, excrusion; beading, jutting, impendence, hang; prominence, eminence, excrucence, tuberousity, gibbosity, salience, convexness, convexity; protuberance, outgrowth, Anat., Bot. apophysis, Archit. apophyge; bulge, bump, swell, jut, protuberate, bow, embow, vault; jut out, protrude, stick out, poke out; extend, bulge, obtrude, excrude; overhang, hinge, hang over, impend; swell out, protrude, bow, embow, vault; distend, belly, bag, pop; round out, balloon, billow; stick up, bristle, stand up, shoot up.

externalization, objectification, extrapolation, actualization; ascription, transference, transferral, transmittal.

3. scheme, schema, plan, design, program; intention, intent, purpose, plot; proposal, proposition, resolution, resolvement, suggestion; emotion, presentation.

estimation, estimate, guesstimate, Inf. guesstimate, prediction; appraisal, appraisement, appreciation; approximation, calculation, figuring, figure; reckoning, computation.

layout, delineation, diagram, outline, map; ground plan, skeleton outline, prospectus, conspectus; elevation, relief map, blueprint, house plan; sketch, draft, drawing, plot, plat, rough copy, copy.

proletariat, n. laboring class, working class, commonalty, the common people, commoners, lower classes, humbler classes, rank and file, Latin. hoc genus omne; plebians, third estate, bourgoisie; grass roots, Inf. the silent majority, the many, the multitude, the great un-
proliferate, v. 1. increase, enlarge, make larger, aggrandize; spread, expand, extend, spread out, grow rife or rampant, branch out, Pathol. metastasize; win, lengthen, prolong, protract; grow, wax, swell, infiltrate; elevate, raise, boost.
2. multiply, double, duplicate, make twofold, redouble, triple, triplicate, quadruple, quintuple, quintuplicate, sextuple, octuple, decuple, make tenfold, make numerous or multitudinous.
3. escalate, step up, give a boost to, U.S. Sl. soup up, Sl. hop up, Sl. jazz up; accelerate, snowball, mushroom; burgeon, shoot up, rise, skyrocket, boom, develop vigorously; thrive, prosper, flourish.
4. propagate, produce, generate, make fruitful or prolific or fecund, fecundate; reproduce, breed; be prolific, fructify, be fruitful, pullulate, be fertile, breed like a rabbit, bloom, blossom, flower; spring up, sprout, shoot out, sprout out, grow rife, sprout like a weed, sprout up, sprout from the ground, spring from the earth.

proliferation, n. 1. increase, augmentation, build-up, enlargement, expansion, extension; magnification, amplification; spread, spreading out, branching out; growth, waxing, swelling, inflation; elevation, raise, boost.
2. multiplication, doubling, duplication, redoubling, tripling, triplification, quadrupling, quadruplication, quintuplication, quintupling, sextupling, septupling, septuplication, octupling, decupling.
3. escalation, acceleration, intensification, concentration; snowballing, mushrooming, skyrocketing; mounting, rising, ascending; upsurge, upswing, shooting up, step-up; burgeoning, flourishing, blossoming, developing vigorously; thrive, prosper, flourish.
4. propagation, breeding, generation, production; reproduction, procreation, engenderment; fructification, pullulation, fecundation, multiplicity.

prolific, adj. 1. fertile, philoprogenitive, yielding, fruitful, fructiferous, fructuous, fecund; prolific, proliferative, prolificous; productive, generative, fructificative, fruitive, fruit-bearing; propagative, propagatory, propagational, multiplicative, regenerative.
2. profuse, abundant, plenteous, Rare. umerous, full; exuberant, luxurious, lush, rank, rife, rich, flush, copious, bounteous, rich.

prolix, adj. 1. verbose, wordy, long-winded; tautological, redundant, pleonastic, battological; discursive, digressive, rambling, wandering; circumlocutory, roundabout, circuitous, ambiguous; lengthy, very long, extensive, sesquipedalian; extended, drawn out, dragged out, protracted, long-drawn, long-drawn-out, long-spun, spun out, prolonged, prolonged, lengthened, elongated, elongate; profuse, profusive, extravagant, uneconomical; detailed, full of detail, full of verbiage, padded; diffuse, garrulous, talkative, loquacious, voluble; boring, tedious, tiring, dreary, wearisome, monotonous, dry, dry-as-dust, humdrum, prosaic.
2. bombastic, orotonud, grandiose, grandiloquent, Johnsonian, Ossianic; flatulent, turgid, plethoric, bulging, swollen, gibbous, convex, arched, vault-
ed, excused; *Inf.* popeyed, *St.* bug-eyed, goggled; knotty, knurled, burred, gnarled, nubby, burled, nodular; stubbed, snaggled, pinned, pegged, dowelled; edged, flanged, lipped, extended.

3. important, famous, famed, acclaimed, heralded; leading, eminent, preeminent, distinguished, noteworthy; memorable; reputable, creditable, prestigious, honorable, noble; memorable, unforgettable, never to be forgotten; il­lustrious, exalted, splendid, brilliant; popular, respected, well-thought-of, grand.

**promiscuity**, *n.*


2. hodgepodge, mishmash, motley, jumble, scramble, menagerie, gillimaufry, raggare.

**promiscuous**, *adj.*

1. loose, lax, libertine, licentious; Cyprian, improper, intemperate, incontinent; wanton, wild, uninhibited, abandoned, unrestrained, unbridled, fast, *Inf.* swinging; dishonorable, *St.* trashy, *St.* cheap; sluttish, slutty, slatternly, trumpetlike, whoreson, harlot; lustful, lascivious, carnal, licentious, sensual, on the make, *St.* hot or hot for, *St.* hot to trot, *Scot.* cadgy, *Archaic.* lickerish; lewd, lecherous, lubricious, salacious, prurient, concupiscence, satyrice, satyrile, goatish, ruttish, animalistic, animal, *St.* horny; unvirginal, unvirgin, unvirginalike, unchaste, impure, impure, unclean; shameless, immodest, indecent, unvirtuous, of easy virtue, easy, unscrupulous, unprincipled, unchaste, unreserved; dissolute, debauched, rakish, rakehell; rakehelly, dissipated, profligate, depraved, corrupt.

2. hodgepodge, motley, jumbled, scrambled; miscellaneous, heterogeneous, medley, composite, mixed, intermixed, intermingled, mingled, com­mingled, combined, integrated; divers, diversified, varied, manifold; wholesale, general, inclusive, sweeping, broad, wide, extensive; amorphous, arbitrary, unmethodical, methodless, unsystematic, systemless, unorganized, unranged; disorderly, disorganized, disordered, unordered, disarranged, disarrayed, haphazard; harum-scarum, helter-skelter, higgledy-piggledy, confused, chaotic, incoherent; haphazard, random, uncontrolled, hit-or-miss, irregular, thrown together; messy, sloppy, untidy, uneven.

3. indiscriminate, indiscriminating, indiscriminative, undiscriminating, nondiscriminatory, undiscriminating, undifferentiating; uncritical, unsel­ective, unchoosy, unparticular, unfussy, unfastidious; careless, disregardful, heedless, thoughtless, mindless; unscon­scientious, remiss, negligent, neglectful, slack, slipshod, slovenly; perfunctory, cursory, hasty, slapdashed, casual, indifferent, lackadaisical, devil-may-care; reckless, rash, precipitate, capricious, irresponsible; unorganized, unranged; disorderly, disorganized, disordered, unordered, disarranged, disarrayed, haphazard; harum-scarum, helter-skelter, higgledy-piggledy, confused, chaotic, incoherent; haphazard, random, uncontrolled, hit-or-miss, irregular, thrown together; messy, sloppy, untidy, uneven.

4. promising, *adj.*

1. full of promise, advantageous, auspicious, propitious, bright, sunny, rosy, roseate, inviting; hopeful, positive, optimistic, *Inf.* upbeat, *Inf.* looking up; good, encouraging, enheartening, heartening, reassuring, assuring, cheerful, happy, fortunate, lucky, prosperous, halcyon.

2. probable, likely, most likely, liable, apt, possible, assumable.

5. plighted, affiance, betroth, become engaged, pledge to marry.

**promising**, *n.*

1. headland, foreland, head, point, uncurbed, ungoverned, unrestricted, unbridled, fast.

2. hodgepodge, mishmash, motley, jumble, scramble, menagerie, gillimaufry, raggare.

**promontory**, *n.*

headland, foreland, head, point, uncurbed, ungoverned, unrestricted, unbridled, fast.

**promote**, *v.*

1. encourage, inspirit, hearten; boost, build up, raise, lift; support, patronize, sanction, back, sustain, uphold, hold up, maintain; improve, strengthen, amend, make better, upgrade, help develop, ameliorate; enrich, enhance, fatten, add to, increase, augment, contribute to, conduct to.

2. help, aid, abet, succor; assist, lend a hand, give a leg up, do a good turn; facilitate, enable, make easy for, clear the way for; benefit, be good to, be of service to; foster, cultivate, nourish, nurture, care for, nurse along, minister.

3. advance, work up to, move up, pass, graduate; improve in rank or standing, rise to a higher position, *Inf.* kick upstairs.

4. present, propose, submit, recommend, advocate, speak for; advance, bring up, introduce; call attention to, bring to mind, bring into consideration or notice.

5. advertise, publicize, talk up, bill, subserve; announce, blurb, broadcast, make known, publish; declare openly, promulgate, proclaim, herald, trumpet, ballyhoo, beat the drum; push, *Inf.* plug, *Inf.* hype, puff, vaunt; post, display, blazon, placard, circulate; circulate, distribute, propagate, propagan­dize, spread, disseminate, disperse, scatter.

**promoter**, *n.*

publicist, publicity man or agent, press agent, public relations man, P.R. man, *Inf.* flak, spokesman; advertiser, adman, ad writer, copy writer; announcer, broadcaster, blurbit, *Inf.* plugger, pusher, ballyhooer, propagandist; backer, supporter, advo­cate, proponent, patron; distributor, salesman, sales­woman.

**promotion**, *n.*

1. advance, advancement, improvement, graduation, rise, move up, elevation; enhancement, ennoblement, aggrandizement, exaltation; honor, dignity.

prompting, adj. 1. immediate, instant, instantaneous; direct, summary, fast; rapid, fleet, meteoric, quick, swift, brisk, expedient, Inf. Johnny-on-the-spot; timely, seasonal, punctual, early, in good time, Inf. bright-and-early.

2. ready, willing, ready and willing; prone, apt, inclined, disposed, predisposed; agreeable, compliant, unhesitating, Inf. game, Archaic. fain, Sl. into it; zealous, earnest, fervent, fervid, enthusiastic, anxious, eager, keen, avid, agog, Sl. psyched; voluntary, spontaneous, gratuitous, unasked, unsought, unforced.

3. alert, intent, sharp, acute; attentive, observant, alerting, alertness, alertment, awakening, awakening, arousing; whipping up, stirring up, working up, winding up, firing up, kindling, inflaming, enflaming, inflammation, touching off; evocating, evocation, eliciting, elicitation, calling forth, summoning upon, Inf. twist [s.o.’s] arm; coaxing, plying, swaying, talking into, convincing; tempting, luring, alluring, beguiling, beguilement, inveigling, inveiglement, enticing, enticement.

4. stimulating, stimulation, animating, animation, invigorating, motivating, motivation, inspiration, inspiration, rallying, awakening, vivifying, vivification, bestirring, enlivening, livening up, jolting, jogging, shaking up, emboldening, enheartening, building up, bucking up, boosting, boosting up, inducing, producing, occasioning, giving rise to, bringing about; promoting, advancing, forwarding, fostering, favoring; supporting, advocating, patronizing.

5. (all of a speaker) assisting, aiding, helping, rescuing, relieving; suggesting, hinting, putting words in [s.o.’s] mouth; Theat. cue, reminder, assistance, aid, help, relief; suggestion, hint, dictation; Theat. cue, reminder, refresher.

prompter, n. 1. Theat. playreader; All Television. idiot card or sheet or board, prompter’s card, Trademark. Teleprompter; reminder, jogger, memorandum, Inf. memo.

2. n. (inf.) Zinger, impeller, energizer, galvanizer, inducer, actuator, animator, moving spirit; encourager, abettor, inspirer, firer, spark, Inf. spark plug; stimulator, gadfly.

3. instigator, inciter, exciter, urger; provoker, Fr. agent provocateur or provocateur, catalyst; agitator, fomenter, inflamer, agitprop, firebrand, incendiary; rabble-rouser, rouser, demagogue.

promptness, n. punctuality, earliness, promptitude; swiftness, quickness, dispatch, expedition; haste, speed, celerity; readiness, willingness, alacrity, eagerness, zeal, enthusiasm, avidity; liveliness, briskness, alertness, animation.

promulgate, v. 1. proclaim, decree, rule, pronounce, announce, announce, declare; report, make public, publicize, advertise, broadcast, disseminate, propagate; herald, cry, blare, blazon, trumpet, bruise, noise abroad; publish, issue, put out, circulate, give out; make known, bring into the open, let out, come out with, disclose, divulge, reveal.

2. set forth, present, teach, instruct, indoctrinate; preach, lecture; propagandize, proselytize; promote, back, advocate, sponsor.

prone, adj. 1. apt, inclined, tending toward, leaning toward, of a mind to; disposed, predisposed, liable, given, ready, subject, likely, incident, Archaic. propense; open, susceptible, vulnerable.

2. face downward, prostrate, procumbent; laying flat, horizontal, recumbent, decent, accumbent, reclining, lying down, couchant, supine.

3. declivous, declivitous; sloping, slant, slanting, oblique, tilted, inclined, inclining, leaning.
pronounce, v. 1. enunciate, articulate, vocalize, voice, enounce; say, utter, express, breathe, give or let out, come out with; (all of speech) garble, confuse, mispronounce, clip, Fig. butcher, Fig. mutilate.
2. affirm, assert, aver, asseverate, avow, avouch; insist, maintain, contend, hold, stand for; propound, propose, put forward; allege, claim, set forth; depose, testify, attest, swear.
3. declare, pronounce, profess, enounce; rule, decree, report, ordain, proclaim, promulgate; order, direct, command, dictate; pass judgment, deliver judgment, sentence, pass sentence.
4. announce, publish, publicize, broadcast, herald, make known; signal, announce, knell; cry, blazon, blare, trumpet.

pronounced, adj. 1. conspicuous, prominent, salient, noticeable, notable, in the foreground, St. sticking or hanging out; striking, outstanding, bold, vivid, glaring; order or degree; flagrant, flagrant, arrogant, shocking, egregious, rank, gross.
2. clear, crystal clear, clear as day, Inf. clear as the nose on one’s face, plain, manifest, lucid; obvious, patent, evident, clear-cut, recognizable, unmistakable, not to be mistaken, plain to see; broad, round; visible, distinct, definite, well-defined, well-marked.
3. decided, positive, perspicuous; unequivocal, unmitigated, unqualified, undisguised, unhidden; outright, out-and-out, downright; absolute, utter, thorough, thoroughgoing, complete, total; perfect, consummate, Inf. regulat, Brit. Inf. proper.
4. articulated, enunciated, vocalized, voiced, spoken, said, uttered.

pronouncement, n. 1. edict, fiat, decree, dictum, ukase, bull, Papal bull, allocation; command, order, imperative; rule, law, ordinance.
2. proclamation, manifesto, proclamamiento, announcement, promulgation, statement, formal or authoritative statement or announcement; notice, formal notice, notification; declaration, profession, enunciation, announcement; affirmation, averment, asseveration, avowal, avouchment; allegation, accusation, Latin. ipse dixit; protest, formal protest.
3. opinion, observation, reflection; comment, mark, statement, utterance, expression, Inf. one’s two cents’ worth, Sl. crack; decision, resolution, verdict, judgment, determination, ruling, finding.
4. enunciating, articulating, vocalizing, voicing; saying, uttering, expressing; affirming, asserting, avowing; insisting, maintaining, contending; propounding, proposing; alleging, claiming, declaring, pronouncing, professing, ruling, decreeing, proclaiming, promulgating, ordering, directing, commanding, dictating; announcing, publishing, publicizing.

pronunciation, n. articulation, enunciation, utterance, vocalization, voice, voicing, phonation; intonation, inflection, modulation; emphasis, accent, accen- tuation, stress, syllable stress; elocution, diction, dialect, manner of speaking, mode of expression, speech pattern; delivery, presentation, attack, force of utterance.

proof, n. 1. validation, evidence, verification, proof positive, confirmation, ratification, authentication, Law. certification; conclusiveness, certainty, conviction, surety, assurance, guarantee.
2. documentation, document, substantiation, corroboration; support, ground, attestation, testification, certificate, testimony, Law. deposition, warrant, Obs. voucher; data, facts, information, (of guilt) the goods, Inf. ammunition, Sl. ammo.
3. test, trial, trial run, try-out, probation, Obs. essay, Obs. essay; checking, examination, inspection, scrutinization.
4. demonstration, manifestation, illustration, display, exhibition, exhibit; indication, sign, signal, token, mark, denotation; All Printing, impression, print, blueline, proof sheet, galley proof, galley, revise.
5. validity, validness, soundness, realness; strength, strongness, sturdiness, toughness, stamina, resistance, endurance; impenetrability, imperviousness, invulnerability, invincibility.
—adj. 6. strong, sturdy, tough, sound; impenetrable, impervious, impregnable, invincible; resistant, repellent, tight, (both of metal) Both Transpocket, galvanized, tinned-coated; treated, hardened, steel, Metallurgy. tempered.

proper, n. 1. valid, true, right, genuine, genuine; good; standard, true, authentic, genuine, real.

propaganda, n. 1. information, publicity, advertising, advertisement, promotion, Sl. PR puff; new-ad, agitprop; rumors, lies.
2. doctrine, dogma, creed, principles, teachings, tenets; belief, conviction, opinion, view; religion, persuasion.
3. brainwashing, propaganda, dissemination, teaching, indoctrination, spreading. See propaganda.

propagandism, n. 1. propaganda, propagation, promulgation, evangelism, sowing the seeds; dissemination, spreading, transmission, passing on or along, circulation; broadcasting, advertising, advertisement, promotion, pushing, Sl. hyping, Inf. plugging, talking up, ballyhooing; publicizing, publication, making pub- lic or known, printing; giving out, distribution, dispersal, diffusion, dispensation.
2. brainwashing, persuasion, convincing, conver-
sion, proselytism; teaching, instruction, indoctrination, introduction; infusion, instillation, instillation, ingrafting, implantation, infusion, inoculation, inoculation, imburement; infection, contamination, tainting.

propagandist, n. 1. propagator, promulgator, disseminator, circulator, spreader; broadcaster, announcer, advertiser, adman, promoter, pusher, Inf. propagandizer; raconteur; publicist, publicity man or agent, press agent, public-relations man, PR man, Inf. flak, spokesman.
2. brainwasher, agitprop, persuader, converter, proselytizer; teacher, instructor, indoctrinator; evangelist, revivalist, missionary.

propagandize, v. 1. propagate, promulgate, sow the seeds of; disseminate, spread, transmit, pass on or along, circulate; broadcast, advertise, promote, push, Inf. plug. Sl. hype, talk up, ballyhoo; publicize, make public, make known, print, publish; give out, give to the world, distribute, dispense, diffuse, disperse.
2. brainwash, persuade, convince, convert, evangelize, proselytize; teach, instruct, indoctrinate, introduce, infuse, instill, ingrain, implant, infix, inculcate, inoculate, infuse; infect, contaminate, taint.
propagate, v. 1. reproduce, multiply, proliferate; breed, procreate, beget, generate; bear, bring forth, deliver, give birth, (of animals) drop; hatch, spawn.
2. propagate, disseminate, spread, transmit; circulate, give out, give to the world, distribute, dispense, diffuse, disperse; dissipate, scatter, sow; broadcast, air, advertise, Sl. hype, Inf. plug, propagandize; publish, issue, put out; publicize, make public, make known, drop into the open, bring into the open, let out, come out with; tell; proclaim, herald, cry, blare, bandy about, blaze about, blazon, trumpet, bawl, noise abroad.
3. increase, grow, develop, enlarge, wax, become greater or larger; extend, distend, stretch, widen, lengthen, heighten.
propagation, n. 1. reproduction, multiplication, increase, proliferation, growth, development; breeding, procreation, begetting, generation; giving birth, parturition, delivery, bringing forth, bearing, (of animals) dropping; hatching, laying, spawning.
2. promulgation, dissemination, passing on or along, transmission, spreading; circulation, distribution, dispensing, diffusion, dispersion; publication, issuance; reporting, broadcasting, airing, advertisement, Sl. hyping, talking up, promotion, propaganda; proclamation, heralding, blaring, blazoning.
propel, v. 1. move, actuate, get going, set in motion, start, launch; drive, impel, urge, press, push, thrust, shove; spur, prod, goad, induce, compel, make, force, Inf. pressure or high pressure; constrain, obligate, necessitate, require, demand, leave no option or choice.
2. project, discharge, eject, shoot, Sl. zap; hurl, heave, toss, throw; sling, catapult; precipitate.
propensity, n. 1. inclination, inclining, proclivity; proneness, aptness, liabilens, likeness; subjectability, susceptibility, weakness, openness; tendency, tending, bearing, leaning, bent, turn, veering, Biol. tropism, cast, gravitation, drift; mind-set, disposition, Pathol. diathesis, temperament, temper, mind, humor, vein, idiosyncrasy, idiocrasy, grain, Archaic. crisis.
2. penchant, predisposition, predilection, partiality; affinity, attraction, tendentiousness, preference, prejudice, bias; sympathy, liking, fancy, fondness, affection, love, ardor, fervor, zeal, passion; desire, longing, wishing, hankering, craving, relish, appetite, appetency, taste.
3. aptitude, gift, genius, talent, faculty, readiness, skill.
propert, adj. 1. suitable, appropriate, apt, apposite, apropos; fit, fitting, befitting, Brit. Dial. grately, meet, Fr. comme il faut, according to Hoyle; expe- dient, advantageous, advisable; just, right, commen- surate, proportionate, equitable, equivalent, correspondent; in character, in keeping, suited, adapted, compatible.
2. seemingly, decorous, decent, becoming; tasteful, in good taste, dignified, refined, polished, elegant, genteel; stiff, formal, strict, straight-arrow, fastidious, fussy, finicky, finical.
3. accurate, precise, exact, right, correct; regular, usual, customary, accustomed, normal, routine.
4. own, peculiar, distinctive, individual; innate, natural, indigenous, inherent; belonging, character- istic, representative, specific.

property, n. 1. belongings, effects, personal effects, chattels, possessions, Inf. things, Sl. stuff, Sl. junk; baggage, bag and baggage, gear, paraphernalia, accouterments, appurtenances, appointments, goods; All Law. personality, choses, choses in possession or action, choses transitory.
2. means, investments, assets, fortune, capital, worth; income, money, revenue, stock, substance.
3. real estate, realty, land, acreage, grounds; yard, lawn, plot; allodium, estate, demesne, Law. messuage.
4. ownership, possession, tenure, hold, proprietor- ship, lordship, monopoly.
5. quality, attribute, distinction, note, mark, cachet; characteristic, character, feature, trait, trademark, earmark, badge; idiosyncrasy, idiocrasy, singularity; eccentricity, peculiarity, quirk, oddity.

prophecy, n. 1. prognostication, foretelling, prediction; foresight, precognition, foreknowledge, pre- science, prevision, presentiment, second sight, clairvoyance.
2. fortunetelling, augury, divination; palmistry, palm-reading, crystal-gazing; horoscopy, astrology, stargazing; dowser, witching. See also fortunetelling and divination (def. 2).

prophesy, v. 1. foretell, forespread, augur, Obs. auspicate, divine, soothsay, foresee; read or interpret signs and omens, read palms or tea leaves, tell fortunes, see in the stars; forewarn, Rare. premonish; predict, prognosticate, forecast, vaticinate, Med. prog- nosis; project, envision, see in the future, see in one's crystal ball; speculate, guess, theorize, hypothesize, conjecture.
2. foreshadow, presage, portend, forebode, bode, foretoken, point to, omen; herald, harbinger, presage, signify, indicate, promise, hint at, intimate, tell of, announce, proclaim.

prophet, n. 1. diviner, soothsayer, seer, clairvoy- ant, oracle, augur, fortuneteller, prognosticator, forecaster, predictor; palmist, Chaldean, astrologer, horoscope, astromancer, geomancer, (in ancient Rome) haruspex; prophetess, sibyl, witch; sorcerer, conjurer, wizard, magician, necromancer.
2. conjecturer, surmiser, guesser, theorizer, theorist, hypothesis, hypothesis; interpreter, reader, ex- pounder, explainer.
3. spokesman, proclaim, adherent, follower, preacher, publicist, promoter, booster, pusher.

prophetic, adj. 1. oracular, augural, divinatory, vaticinal, mantic, fatidic, sibylic; predictive, prog- nostic, foretelling, forecasting, forewarning; premoni- tory, significant, meaningful; preindicative, foretoken- ing, foreshowing, foreshadowing.
propitiation, n.
1. offering, olive branch, peace pipe, calumet, white flag;
2. portion, part, share, division, lot, percentage, commission, Inf. cut, Sl. whack, Sl. take off; measure, quantity allotted, quota, consignment, allotment, ration, dole, allowance, just degree.
2. portion, part, share, division, lot, percentage, commission, Inf. cut, Sl. whack, Sl. take off; measure, quantity allotted, quota, consignment, allotment, ration, dole, allowance, just degree.
3. proportions dimensions, measurements; size, scope, range, greatness, magnitude, mass, bulk; spread, span, width, breadth, expanse, area, volume, capacity.
—v. 4. regulate, adjust, modulate, arrange, order, balance, poise, equalize, equate; square, true, correct, rectify; harmonize, match; put in proportion, fit, conform, shape.

proportionnal, adj. 1. corresponding, compatible, harmonious, balanced, well-proportioned, symmetrical, on a proper scale; consistent, agreeing, in accordance with, accordant; comparable, like, analogous, akin, commensurate, equivalent, matching, commensurable, parallel.
2. relative, related, correlated, connective, correspondent, complementary.

proposal, n. 1. recommendation, suggestion, proposition; presentation, offer, proffer; overture, suit, request, invitation, bid.
2. scheme, plan, program, project; prospectus, draft, outline, delineation, sketch; pattern, layout, diagram, plot, projection; policy, line, plan of action, platform; terms, conditions, arrangement.

propose, v. 1. offer, proffer, present, tender, submit, advance, recommend, move, make a motion, offer a resolution, lay or bring before, maintain, prefer; court, woo, suit, press one's suit, bid for, make a bid for, make an offer, ask for [s.o.'s] hand, Inf. pop the question.
2. suggest, submit, broach, come up with, initiate, launch, open, throw out, offer for what it's worth, bring to [s.o.'s] attention; project, drive at, urge, press, Inf. push, offer for consideration.
3. present, introduce, nominate, name, designate, offer in nomination; commend, put up, advance, name for membership or office.
4. design, plan, intend, purport, purpose; mean, have every intention, have the best intentions; expect, aim for, aim at, aspire to, set one's sights on, resolve, determine, decide, come to a determination; talk of, dream of, have in mind.
5. state, assert, voice, aver, allege, say, declare; pose, determine, decide, come to a determination; talk of, dream of, have in mind.
6. make sexual advances, offer for what it's worth, bring to [s.o.'s] attention; project, drive at, urge, press, Inf. push, offer for consideration.

proposition, n. 1. proposal, recommendation. See proposal (def. 1).
2. plan, program, project, scheme. See proposal (def. 2).
3. hypothesis, theory, thesis, axiom, postulate; premise, supposition, assumption; statement, declaration, assertion, view, belief.
4. sexual advance or overture, improper suggestion, indecent proposal, Inf. come-on, Inf. the moves.
—v. 5. offer, propose, suggest, recommend; submit, set forth, put, put forward, introduce; present, tender, advance.
6. make sexual advances or overtures, make an improper suggestion or an indecent proposal, Inf. make a pass, Inf. come on strong, Inf. put the moves on, Sl. put the make on.

propound, v. advocate, suggest, offer or present for consideration. See propose (def. 5).

proprietor, n. 1. owner, titleholder, deedholder, landowner, landlord, property owner; proprietor or landed person, person of property, freeholder, possessor, holder; impropreitor, proprietary; master, mistress, landlord, landlady, Scot. laird, lord of the manor, mesne lord, feudatory, feoffee; squire, country
propriety, n. 1. properness, rectitude, correctness; conformity; decorum, decency, suitability, suitableness, appropriateness, seemliness, becomingness, fitness, congruity.

2. etiquette, protocol, punctilio, good form, the thing to do; politeness, good manners, mannerliness, best behavior; gentility, breeding, gentlemanliness, ladylikeness, dignity, sedateness, respectability; modesty, delicacy, grace, refinement.

3. the proprieties accepted conduct or comportment, social code, rules of conduct, formalities, social procedures or conduct, social graces, courtliness; formalities, ceremonies, obsequies, formalities, ceremonials, ceremonials, ceremonials, ceremonials, ceremonials.

propulsion, n. propelling force, impulse, push, thrust, drive; prompting, initiative, motivation, driving force; impetus, impulsion, momentum, power, Inf. steam, energy.

prosaic, adj. 1. commonplace, common, ordinary, everyday, workaday, household, usual, routine, par for the course; mediocre, undistinguished, unimpressive, pedestrian, homely, Inf. run-of-the-mill; dry, matter-of-fact, sober, unimaginative, tame, flat, lifeless, spiritless; vapid, dull, tedious, tiresome, wearisome; banal, monotonous, trivial; amenities, decencies, civilities, proper thing, what is done, social conventions; time-honored practice, tradition, standing custom or practice.

prosperous, adj. flourishing, thriving, palmy, fat city; prosperousness, good life, life of Riley, bask in the sun, live in the clover, live off the fat of the land.

prosper, v. 1. succeed, make good, Brit. Dial. tadge, fare well, be fortunate, have a streak or run of luck; advance, get ahead, go up in the world, progress, make headway, get on or along; grow rich, become wealthy, make one's fortune, add to or increase one's riches; profit, gain, feather one's nest, line one's pockets, make one's pile, get all the gravy, enrich oneself; be well-off, be well-to-do, be on easy street; lead a charmed life, live a life of luxury or ease, live the life of Riley, bask in the sun, live in the clover, live off the fat of the land.

2. thrive, flourish, luxuriate; burgeon, mushroom, develop vigorously.

prosperity, n. wealth, riches, fortune, affluence, opulence, Sl. fat city; prosperousness, good life, life of ease or luxury, Sl. easy street, Sl. life of Riley; bed of roses, Inf. velvet, milk and honey; golden age, prime, heyday, boom, palmy or halcyon days; zenith, height, peak, culmination, high tide, flood; abundance, plenty, bounty, cornucopia, fat of the land.

prosperous, adj. flourishing, thriving, palmy; successful, glorious, booming, ascendant, in the ascendancy, on the rise or upswing, prospering, in full swing; growing, mushrooming, burgeoning, waxing, developing vigorously; lush, luxuriant, exuberant, plentiful, abundant, flush, prolific, rank, rife.

2. wealthy, rich, opulent, affluent, halcyon, fat; well-to-do, well-off, Inf. well-heeled, Inf. like a million dollars or bucks; moneyed, Inf. in the money, Sl. in the bucks, Sl. golden, Sl. on easy street; very comfortable, on a bed of roses, Sl. on velvet, in clover, born with a silver spoon or on easy street.

3. favorable, propitious, good, timely, opportune, seasonal, advantageous, profitable; helpful, con-
prostitute, contributive, expedient; fortunate, lucky, providential, auspicious; optimistic, promising, bright, rosy, roseate, sunny, smiling.

prostitute, n. 1. harlot, whore, demire, slut, hussy, cocotte, demimondaine, loose woman, wanton, fallen woman, woman of ill repute, white slave; lady of the evening, lady of pleasure, woman of the profession, Mrs. Warren, Fr. fille de joie, trollopal, streetwamper, Archiaic, wench, trull, drab, quean, painted woman, woman of the streets, streetwalker, bar girl, Inf. pick-up, call girl, Cyprian, All Sl. cat, tart, hustler, bim, moll, hooker, floozie, working girl, Brit. Sl. bird, Mexican Sl. caliente, bitch, broad, chippy.

2. madam, bawd, procurer, pandering; paramour, pick-up, woman of the streets, streetwalker, bar girl, Inf. evening, lady of pleasure, woman of the profession, rosy, roseate, sunny, smiling.

protection, n. 1. harlotry, whoredom, streetwalking, Mrs. Warren's profession, the oldest profession, chromomongering, whoremastering, pimping, pandering, procuring, procurement, prostitution, hustling.

2. debasement, degradation, lowering, demeaning, belittling, belittlement; perfanation, profaning, desecration, defilement; perversion, perverting, corruption, corrupting; misuse, abuse, misdirection, misapplication, misemployment.

prostrate, v. 1. (all of oneself) fall at [s.o.'s] feet, throw or cast oneself at [s.o.'s] feet; bow before, bow down to, bend the knee to, fall on one's knees before; kowtow, bow and scrape, truckle, grovel, crawl, sneer, eat crow, eat dirt, Sl. lick or bite the dust.

2. overthrow, overcome, overthrow, overpower, overmaster; reduce, disarm, paralyze; cast or throw down, knock down, bowl down or over; floor, Inf. deck; or Inf. lay flat, precipitate, drop, bring down, bring low, take down; crush, smash, humble, bring [s.o.] to his knees.

3. disconsolation, desolation, forlornness, desperation, agony, agony of mind or spirit; despair, depths or bowels of despair, depth of misery, extremity, Sl. the pits; misery, desolation, wretchedness, woe, woe, broken-heartedness, broken heart, heartache, aching heart, heavy heart.

4. exhaustion, enervation, lassitude, weariness; weakness, feebleness, debility; (all in reference to health) breakdown, Inf. crackup, nervous breakdown, nervous exhaustion, Pathol. neurasthenia.

prosy, adj. prose, prosaic, commonplace, ordinary, dull, unimaginative, flat, vapid. See prosaic (defs. 1, 2).

protean, adj. 1. variable, changeable, changeful, ever-changing, mutable, permutatable, labile, kaleidoscopic; polymorphous, polymorphic, metamorphic, metamorphotic.

2. (all of an actor) versatile, Inf. all-around, generally capable; resourceful, flexible, adaptable, adjustable; proteiform, many-sided, multifaceted.

protect, v. 1. defend, forfend, Archiaic, fend, defend tooth and nail, defend to the last man; secure, make safe, safeguard, guard from, guard against; cover, cloak, screen, veil; house, shelter, take in; hide, hide out, conceal; champion, stick up for, Inf. go to bat for, take [s.o.'s] side; run interference for, escort, chaperone, convey, conduct, shepherd, Inf. ride shotgun.

2. keep, keep up, preserve, conserve, maintain, sustain; watch, mind, tend, keep an eye on, look after; care for, take care of, take under one's wing; nurse, nurture, foster, cherish; attend, attend to, minister to.

protection, n. 1. preservation, preservative, conserva- tion, care, safekeeping, maintenance, upkeep; safety, security, immunity.

2. defense, guard, safeguard, palladium, shield; bulwark, barrier, wall, buffer; cover, screen, cloak; covert, cover, hiding place, hideaway; asylum, sanctuary, safehold, safety zone; shelter, refuge, haven, harbor, port in a storm, Scot. and North Eng. bield; convoy, escort, bodyguard; charm, good luck or lucky charm, talisman, amulet; precaution, preventive measure, measure, step, Fig. insurance; steps, measures, steps and measures.

3. patronage, aegis, sponsorship, tutelage, auspices, offices, good offices; ministry, ministration, care, custody, charge, ward, keeping, protectorship, guardianship; support, advocacy, backing, blessing, well-wishes; aid, assistance, help, championship.

4. Informal. a. protection money, extortion, blackmail, Inf. shakedown. b. bribe, sop, Inf. payoff, Sl. payola, Sl. hush money, Sl. boodle.
5. **protective**, adj. preventive, preventative, prophylactic; defensive, defending, shielding, sheltering, screening, protecting, guarding, safeguarding; conservative, conserving, preserving, preservative, conservative, protecting, conservational, conservationist; custodial, ministrant, ministering; guardian, tutelary, vindicator; fostering, nurturing, cherishing, watchful, heedful, watchful, vigilant; possessive, jealous, smothering, overbearing.

**protector**, n. defender, champion, paladin, knight in shining armor; tower or pillar of strength, rock, rock of Gibraltar, Gibraltar; guardian, patron, benefactor, benefaction, patron saint; familiar spirit, guardian angel, fairy godmother; advocate, apostle, vindicator; keeper, safekeeper, steward, custodian, caretaker, warden, warder, protectress; Law. guardian ad litem, Law. next friend, Law. prochain ami; gamekeeper, gamewarden, ranger; escort, chaperon, go-between, duenna; guard, bodyguard.

**protest**, n. 1. objection, exception, disagreement; demur, demurral, scruple, qualm, compunction; challenge; negation, denial, disclaimer; complaint, grievance, Inf. beef, Inf. kick, Sl. squawk, Sl. bitch, peev, Inf. pet peeve, Inf. gripe, Inf. grouse. 2. demonstration, public demonstration, Inf. demo, rally, march, sit-in; walkout, strike, shutdown, close-down, slowdown; boycott. —v. 3. remonstrate, expostulate, plead, argue; demur, scruple, have qualms or scruples, boggle. 4. object to, say no to, dissent, oppose, take exception, beg to differ; mind, balk at, draw the line at, make one's stand against, stand and be counted against, vote against; complain, put up a fight, not take lying down, fuss, make a fuss over, Inf. kick up a fuss, Inf. kick, Infl. beef, Inf. kick, Sl. squawk, Sl. bitch, peev, Inf. pet peeve, Inf. gripe, Inf. grouse. 5. demonstrate, sit in, march, rally; boycott, protest, extrude, jut out, project, extrude, jut out, v. extended, prolonged, prolongated, adj. protracted, v. prolong, prolongate, extend, lengthen.

**protuberance**, n. 1. prominence, eminence, excrescence, gibbosity, tuberosity, convexity. 2. bulge, bow, swelling, bell, lump, hump, tumefaction, outgrowth, outgrowth, keloid, slough, protuberation, examen, subcutaneous projection, swelling, tumid, bulla, blister, bubble, bleb, pimple, welt; wart; knob, knurl, knot, gnarl, node, nodulation, nodosity; protrusion, projection, jut, overhang, extrusion, excruciement, buttressing, jutting, impendence, hang. 3. arrogant, fastuous, overbearing, overweening, overbearing, self-important, arrogant, pretentious, affected, hoity-toity.

**proud**

5. **proud**, adj. 1. content, contented, satisfied, gratified, pleased, well-pleased, Inf. pleased as punch; glad, delighted, happy, sunny, cheerful, delighted, pleased, self-satisfied, self-contented, pleased with oneself, like the cat that swallowed the canary. 2. conceited, self-important, self-esteeming, self-admiring, self-centered, egocentric, narcissistic, Sl. stuck or hung up on oneself; vain, vainglorious, egotistical, puffed-up, inflated, swollen, swell-headed, Inf. big-headed, boastful, bragging, crowing, blistering, Sl. full of hot air; cocky, cocksure, bumptious, arrogant, self-assertive, self-assured, aggressive, Inf. pushy, Scot. vaunt. 3. arrogant, fastuous, overbearing, overweening, presumptuous, assuming, Inf. too much; contemptuous, disdainful, scornful, derisive, insolent; immodest, lordly, magisterial, high-handed, high-flown, high-flown, high-minded, haughty, snobbish, on one's high horse, high-minded, too good for the rest of us, priggish, Inf. high-hat, Inf. nose in the air, Sl. snooty, Sl. snotty, Sl. sniffl, Sl. stuck-up; supercilious, cavalier, condescending, patronizing, Inf. toplofty; aloof, remote, distant, detached, removed, above-it-all; unbending, stiff-necked, unapproachable, forbidding, pompous, pretentious, affected, hoity-toity.

4. creditable, estimable, laudable, admirable, praiseworthy; honorable, righteous, virtuous, high-minded, high-principled, upright, upstanding.

5. noble, sublime, majestic, august, stately; imposing, impressive, commanding, awe-inspiring, Archaic; magnificent; grand, royal, regal, kingly, princely; elegant, pretentious, affected, hoity-toity.
graceful, handsome; magnificent, splendid, Inf. splendid-
eriferous, resplendent, superb, glorious, brilliant, rad-
iant; luxurious, lavish, sumptuous, gorgeous, Inf. out of
this world; All Inf. non, plush, swank, ritzy.
6. eminent, distinguished, notable, noteworthy, noted,
important; illustrious, worthy, reputable; elev-
ated, exalted.
7. vigorous, full of vigor, spirited, lively, full of life,
animated, vivacious, energetic, brisk.
prove, v. 1. establish the truth of, show to be true,
bear out, demonstrate, manifest, evince, evidence, give
credence to, Law. probate; document, back or back
up, support, uphold, sustain; affirm, confirm, Inf. go
to show, corroborate, verify, authenticate, validate,
substantiate; attest to, certify, bear witness to, witness,
testify to, vouch for; Inf. put up or shut up, Inf. put
your money where your mouth is.
2. test, put to the test, put to trial, assay, give a test
or trial run, try or try out, give a tryout; examine,
probe, analyze, check or check out, go over.
3. show, evidence, demonstrate, manifest, evince, ex-
hibit, display.
4. turn out, come out, result, end up, be found to be.
provenance, n. provenience, origin, source; root,
taproot, Bot. radicle, Bot. radix, etiology, derivation,
eymon; fountainhead, fount, fountain, head, well-
spring, well, spring, rise; base, basis, foundation, fun-
damental, rudiment, ground.
proverd, n. 1. (all of livestock) feed, fodder,
forage, silage, ensilage, hay, straw, grass; wheat, rye,
oats, barley, corn, grain, bran, meal, mash; swill, Inf.
glop, Sl. slop.
2. food, nourishment, nutrient, nurture, aliment,
alimentation, pabulum, sustenance, sustentation, sub-
stance; viands, meal, bread, daily bread, grocer,
food; fodder, nourishment, Inf. grub, Sl. slops, Sl.
chow, Chiefly Brit. Sl. scoff; snack, between-meal-
nack, bite, nosh, Sl. munchies; victuals, provisions,
cheer, rations, commons, comestibles, Western U.S.
Sl. chuck, Brit. Sl. prog; board, fare, meals, mess,
menu, table, diet, regimen.
proverb, n. maxim, aphorism, apothegm, gnom,
adage, Archaic word, Archaic sentence; saw, pithy
statement, sententious saying, saying: axiom, precept,
phrase, formula, rule, maxim, proverb, proverbial,
proverbial, proverbially, Inf. proverbial; proverbial,
infamously, proverbially, Inf. infamously; proverbial,
unquestionably, proverbially, Inf. unanswerably;
byword, slogan, motto, catchword, catch phrase.
proverbial, adj. axiomatic, self-evident, aphoristic,
aphorographical, apothegmatical; cliché, trite, hackneyed,
platitudinous, Inf. bromidic; commonplace, common,
ordinary, everyday, familiar; universal, general, well-
known, famed, famous, legendary, traditional.
provide, v. 1. furnish, supply, contribute, accom-
modate; equip, outfit, Archaic. dight, Obs. appoint;
cater, purvey, provision, provider, victual; store,
stock, stock up, fill, gird, Chiefly Scot. plenish.
2. afford, yield, produce; present, serve, give, af-
ford, accord, donate, award, confer; distribute, ad-
minister, deal out, give out, dole out, mote out, Inf.
hand out, Inf. dish out, Sl. shell out Sl. fork out;
grant, tender, proffer, extend, bestow, lavish; endow,
edue, invest.
3. allow for, make allowances for, consider, take in-
to consideration, take into account, take account of;
prepare for, make provision for, make sure, make sure
against, forearm, provide for or against a rainy day;
take precautions, take steps or measures, guard
against, keep on the safe side, Inf. play safe; set one's
house in order; leave nothing to chance, leave no room
for error, consider every angle, leave no stone un-
turned; hedge, hedge one's bets, cut one's losses; clear
the decks, batten down the hatches, shorten sail.
4. lay in provisions, lay up stores, lay by, husband
one's resources, salt or squirrel away.
5. arrange for, make arrangements for; support,
maintain, sustain, secure, uphold; care for, take care
of; book after, take charge of, take under one's wing,
attend or minister to; finance, back, sponsor, fund,
patronize, provide money or capital for, put up the
money, grubstake, Inf. stake, Inf. angel, Inf. bankroll.
provided, conj. on condition that, in case that, in
case, if, if only if, if it should happen that; in the
event that, just in case, in any or either case; providing,
with the proviso that, on condition, on condition that,
with the stipulation or understanding, subject to, con-
tingent upon.
providence, n. 1. divine intervention, God's will,
predetermination; destiny, fate, fortune, lot, cup,
portion, doom; karma, kismet; Fortune's wheel, wheel
of fortune, stars, planets, astral influence; chance, mere
chance, happenstance, fortuity, serendipity, happy
chance; accident, uncertainty, luck, fortune; vicissi-
tudes, ups and downs, fickle finger of fate.
2. foresight, prudence, care, judgment, discretion,
discrimination, sagacity, perspicacity, judiciousness,
presence of mind; caution, readiness, preparation, pre-
caution, heed, watchfulness, farsightedness, long-
sightedness, circumspection.
3. economy, husbandry, careful or thrifty manage-
ment, conservation; conserving, saving, economizing;
thrift, thriftiness, frugality, frugality, sparingness,
cutting corners, making ends meet; keeping, safe-
keeping, care.
provided, adj. providential, farsighted, long-sighted,
sagacious, judicious, thoughtful; prepared, ready, an-
ticipating, equipped, with one's lamps trimmed; pre-
cautious, wary, discreet, precautious, at the ready, in
practice or shape, ready for anything, Inf. all set.
providential, adj. auspicious, propitious, favor-
able, advantageous, ripe; opportune, seasonal, time-
ly, well-timed, just in time, convenient; encouraging,
promising, full of promise; rosy, bright, fair, sunny,
golden, benign, benignant.
2. lucky, fortuitous, happy, felicitous, Scot. and
Irish Eng. sonny, fortunate; favored, blessed, blessed
with luck, with God's blessing granted, bestowed, God-
given, given, allowed, accorded, vouchsafed, gratuitous.
provider, n. 1. supporter, sole support, head of
the household, breadwinner, Inf. one who brings home
the bacon, Inf. one who puts food on the table.
2. patron, giver, donor, contributor, backer, financ-
er; funder, angel; bestower, Law. grantor, imparter,
fairy godmother, Lady Bountiful, Santa Claus, Inf.
sugar daddy, Inf. soft touch; philanthropist, do-good-
er.
3. supplier, furnisher, procurer, purveyor, provi-
sioner, caterer.
province, n. 1. state, territory, region, area, district,
division, zone, section, quarter, estate, pale, lands,
demesne; dependency, dominion, realm, domain; ar-
rondissement, canton, department; precinct, constitu-
cy, parish, borough, county; city, township, town,
village, community; ward, neighborhood.
2. bailiwick, jurisdiction, beat, circuit, round, post,
billet, station, berth; assignment, part, job, situation,
place; sphere, compass, orbit, locale, locality, Inf.
neck of the woods; authority, charge, function, capaci-
ty, role.
3. discipline, field, specialty, forte, specialization,
branch, school, art, science; employment, line, occupa-
tion, business, trade, profession, Inf. racket, Inf.
game, line of business or work; walk, walk of life, category, status; area of activity or pursuit, calling, livelihood, persuasion; scope, latitude, ambit, span; long suit, métier, gift, genius, special genius, endowment.

4. the provinces outlying districts, backwoods, hinterlands, wilds, wilderness, frontier, woods, bush, Sl. boonocks, Sl. boonies, Australian. outback, parts unknown, no man's land; the country, the countryside, small towns, farm country, exurbia, U.S. Inf. the sticks, U.S. Sl. hicksville.

provincial, adj. 1. regional, sectional, territorial, divisional; local, home, independent; topical, topographic, topographical.

2. rural, bucolic, country, countrified, small-town, Inf. one-horse, Inf. jerkwater, Sl. hick-town, Sl. hick; hinterland, backwood or backwoods, backwater; hill-billy, hill-country; rustic, downhome, homegrown, domestic; unsophisticated, unpolished, rude, unrefined, gauche, ungraceful, gawky; rough, hayseed, yokelish, clauchopping, cloidish, oafish, awkward, boorish, loutish, churlish; untraveled, home-town, ingrown.

3. narrow, insular, locked-in, illiberal, hidebound; provincial, provincial, 1. or 2. narrowness, bias, bent, leaning, colored slanted one-horse, Inf. hick-town, SI. hick from Muskogee.

provincialism, n. 1. regionalism, idiom, localism; dialect, patois; local habit or custom, idiosyncrasy, parochialism, cliquishness; illiberality, intolerance.

3. annoyance, irritation, aggravation, disturbance; insult, affront, offense, sting, wound.

provision, n. 1. proviso, stipulation, condition, clause, term, specification, given; restriction, limitation, qualification, Inf. catch, Inf. string, Inf. small or fine print; reservation, exemption, exception; requisite, prerequisite, obligation.

2. supply, supplying, providing, accouterment, furnishing, furnishment; equipment, equipping, outfitting, fitting out, rigging up; giving, bestowal, endowment, donation, donating; purveyance, purveying, catering, victualing.

3. rearrangement, forearming, prior measures or steps, provident steps or measures; organization, arrangement; deliberation, predeliberation, calculation, premeditation, preconsideration; adjustment, adaptation.

4. wherewithal, means, resources, material, materials; equipment, equipage, matériel; apparatus, gear, machinery.

5. stock, store, supply, quantity, fund, lot, Chiefly U.S. Dial, grist; reserve, reservoir; stockpile, collection, cache, hoard, amassment, accumulation; inventory, supply on hand; resources, wealth, savings, capital, nest egg; abundance, plenty, plenitude, cornucopia; treasure, mine, quarry, well; lode, bed, vein; heap, pile, mass, stack, load.

6. provisions food, foodstuff, provender, edibles, eatables, victuals, Inf. vittles, comestibles, viands, board; staples, sustenance, subsistence, Fig. bread, Fig. daily bread, Fig. staff of life; forage, feed, fodder; supplies, stores, rations, groceries, larder, food supply.

—v. 7. cater, purvey, victual, provender; feed, forage; board, sustain.

provisional, adj. 1. temporary, Latin. pro tempore, pro tem, interim, transitional, limited; substitute, substitutional, substitutionary; makeshift, impermanent, temporal; incidental, circumstantial.

2. conditional, dependent, contingent, relative, subject to, based on; experimental, speculative, Inf. iffy.

3. restrictive, restricted, qualified, with reservations; under restriction, limited, limitative, limiting; stipulatory, provisory, provisional, probationary, pending, probative.

proviso, n. provision, stipulation, condition. See proviso (def. 1).

provisory, adj. provisional, conditional. See provisory (defs. 2, 3).

provocation, n. 1. instigating, instigation, actuating, actuation, initiating, initiation, looking for trouble; fomenting, fomentation, agitating, agitation, exciting, excitement, excitation, arousing, rousing, whipping up, working up, stirring up, enfaming, impersoning, enkindling, kindling, firing up, touching off; eliciting, elicitation, evoking, evocation, calling forth, summoning up.

2. inciting, incitement, piquing, provoking, pricking, thrusting, goading, prompting, spurring, egging on, encouraging, encouragement, putting up to; impelling, compelling, constraining, pressing, pushing, moving, forcing, propelling, lashing, driving, hounding; striking, penetrating, penetration, touching to the quick; stimulating, stimulation, animating, animation, reanimation, invigorating, invigoration, motivating, motivation.

3. annoyance, irritation, aggravation, disturbance; insult, affront, offense, sting, wound.

4. stimulus, fillip, motive, incentive, inducement; promotion, furtherance, advance, advancement; temptation, allurement, beguilement, inveiglement, infection, intoxication; poke, prod, prick, thrust, goad, spur, jolt, jog, Inf. start of something; impulse, push, urge, drive, itch, desire; dictate, call.

provocative, adj. 1. alluring, inviting, tempting, tantalizing, irresistible; charming, captivating, intriguing, fascinating, entrancing, beguiling, intoxicating, bewitching, enrapturing; attractive, desirable, seductive, sensuous, Inf. sexy; ravishing, voluptuous, luxurious.

2. angering, incensing, enraging, infuriating, maddening, outrageous, shocking; exasperating, exacerbating, disquieting, discomposing, distressing, ruffling, chafing, vexing, vexatious, galling, grating; annoying, irritating, aggravating, irksome, fretting, pestering, persecuting, harassing, besetting; insulting, affronting, offensive, offending, stinging, wounding, molesting, mortifying, humiliating.

3. instigating, instigative, actuating, initiating, generating, starting, causing, effecting, compelling, establishing, creating, instituting; fomenting, agitating, agitative, agitational, exciting, excitant, excitative, excitatory, arousing, rousing, stirring, enfaming, enfaming, enkindling, kindling, impassioned; eliciting, evocative.

4. inciting, incitant, incitive, poking, prodding, pricking, thrusting, goading, prompting, spurring, encouraging; impelling, compelling, constraining, pressing, pushing, moving, forcing, propelling, lashing, driving, hounding; striking, penetrating, penetration, touching to the quick, stirring, enfaming, enfaming, enkindling, kindling, impassioned; eliciting, evocative.
motivating, inspiring, inspirational, rallying, reviving, awakening, enlivening, livening up, vivifying, electrifying, electric.

5. inducing, producing, productive; promoting, furthering, forwarding, fostering, favoring, favorable, advancing.

—n. 6. stimulus, incentive, motive. See provocation (def. 4).

provoke, v. 1. anger, incense, huff, enrage, infuriate, madden, outrage, raise [s.o.'s] ire, make [s.o.'s] blood boil; exasperate, exacerbate, defy, disquiet, discompose, distress, ruffle, roil, pique, chafe, vex, gall, envenom, grate, put out, try [s.o.'s] patience, Sl. get [s.o.'s] goat; annoy, irritate, aggravate, fret, hector, nettle, disturb, perturb, torment, plague, badger, pester, persecute, harass, beset, bullyrag, get on [s.o.'s] nerves; insult, affront, offend, sting, wound, molest, mortify, humiliate.

2. instigate, actuate, initiate, generate, start, cause, effect, contrive, establish, create, institute, put in motion, sow the seeds of, Inf. start something, look for trouble; foment, agitate, excite, arouse, rouse, whip, whip up, work, work up, stir, stir up, wind up, inflame, enflame, impassion, enkindle, kindle, fire, fire up, touch off; elicit, evoke, call forth, summon up.

3. incite, provoke, 1. anger, incense, huff, enrage, infuriate; U.S. SI. drive, hound; strike, penetrate, disturb, touch to the quick; stimulate, animate, whet, reanimate, infuse, infuse, inspire, inspirit, rally, revive, constraint, press, push, move, force, propel, lash, spur, egg on, encourage, put up to; impel, compel, inflame, enflame, impassion, enkindle, kindle, fire, blood boil; exasperate, exacerbate, defy, disquiet, discompose, distress, ruffle, roil, pique, chafe, vex, gall, envenom, grate, put out, try [s.o.'s] patience, Sl. get [s.o.'s] goat; annoy, irritate, aggravate, fret, hector, nettle, disturb, perturb, torment, plague, badger, pester, persecute, harass, beset, bullyrag, get on [s.o.'s] nerves; insult, affront, offend, sting, wound, molest, mortify, humiliate.

4. induce, produce, occasion, give rise to, bring about; promote, further, forward, foster, favor, advance.

prow, n. (all of a ship or boat) bow, nose, stem, forepart, fore, front.

prowess, n. 1. bravery, courage, valor, valourousness, valiancy, valiance, valiantness, valiantly, valiant, valor, valorous, valorously; bravery, bravery, bravery, valor, valorous, valorously; valor, valorous, valorously; bravery, bravery, bravery, valor, valorous, valorously; valor, valorous, valorously; bravery, bravery, bravery, valor, valorous, valorously; valor, valorous, valorously; bravery, bravery, bravery, valor, valorous, valorously; valor, valorous, valorously; bravery, bravery, bravery, valor, valorous, valorously; valor, valorous, valorously; bravery, bravery, bravery, valor, valorous, valorously; valor, valorous, valorously; bravery, bravery, bravery, valor, valorous, valorously; valor, valorous, valorously; bravery, bravery, bravery, valor, valorous, valorously; valor, valorous, valorously; bravery, bravery, bravery, valor, valorous, valorously; valor, valorous, valorously; bravery, bravery, bravery, valor, valorous, valorously; valor, valorous, valorously; bravery, bravery, bravery, valor, valorous, valorously; 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2. careful, cautious, practical, shrewd, discerning, discriminating, selective, calculating, canny, politic, considerate.

3. provident, prudential, forehad, foreseeing, farsighted, precautionary, precautionary, looking or planning ahead, saving for a rainy day; prepared, safe, forearmed, well-advised, worldly-wise, wide-awake, seeing beyond the end of one's nose; economical, saving, sparing, thrifty, chary, frugal, parsimonious.

prudery, n. coyness, overmodesty; priggishness, puritanicalness. See also priggishness (def. 1).

prudish, adj. coy, demure, reserved, modest, overmodest; squeamish, quesy; priggish, old-maidish, Inf., Derog. nunny. See also priggish (def. 1).

prune, v. 1. lop off, crop, top, cut down, cut short; poll, pollard, truncate, detruncate; dock, nip, pare, shave, mow; chop, sever, dissever.

2. thin out, weed, weed out; clear of, rid, remove, detach, amputate; relieve of, disburden, disencom, unload.

3. curtail, shorten, abbreviate, condense, contract, compact; retrench, cut back on, reduce, diminish.

4. careful, cautious, practical, shrewd, discerning, discriminating, selective, calculating, canny, politic, considerate.

prurient, adj. 1. lascivious, lewd, lecherous, lubrificous, Archaic. lickerish, satyrlic, satyrlike, hircine, goatish, ruttish, Sl. horny; lustful, randy, Sl. hot or hot for; concupiscient, libidinous, salacious; fleshy, carnal, sensual, voluptuous, erotic; licentious, loose, Cyprian, wanton, abandoned, incontinent; debauched, rakish, rakehell, dissolve, disissipate, profili-gate; promiscuous, whorish, of easy virtue, Sl. cheap, shameless; depraved, degenerate, perverted, incestu-ous, masochistic, sadistic, pederastic, coprophilic; immodest, impure, unchaste, unvirtuous.

2. obscene, lurid, blue, pornographic, Inf. porn, porn, smutty, Sl. raunchy; indecent, offensive, suggest-ive, vulgar, coarse, gross, crude; dirty, unclean, foul, filthy, vile; foulmouthed, dirty-minded; ribald, scur-rilous, irreverent; bawdy, Fescennine.

3. desire, covetous, avaricious, grasping, rapacious; open-mouthed, hoggish, piggish, swinish; insatiable, insatiate, unquenchable; anxious, breathless, impatient, restless, longing, burning; hungry, craving, seurient.

psyche, n. 1. spirit, life force or psyche, spirit, soul, mind; immortal soul; immortal, intangible, disembodied, insubstantial, Ar-chaic, spiritualistic, spiritistic.

2. otherworldly, unearthly, supermundane, extra-human; occult, magical, unreal, unrealizable, mystic; mystical, arcane, esoteric, unfamiliar, uneventful, incorporeal, intangible, disembodied, insubstantial, Ar-ch ecstatic, spiritualistic, spiritistic.

psyche, v. Slang. 1. Psy. psych out a. intimate, make nervous or uncomfortable, put [s.o.] off balance; dispose of, upset, unsettle, disturb; agitate, Inf. throw into a tizzy; frighten, scare, Sl. spook, Sl. bug.

b. understand, comprehend, know what makes [s.o.] tick.

2. Usu. psych up a. excite, arouse, rouse, move; inspire, stimulate, impress. b. persuade, urge, prompt, talk [s.o.] into, goad, prod, push.

3. (of oneself!) prepare, get ready, Inf. get up for, get in the mood for, get in the right frame of mind, change one's attitude; steel oneself, Liter. gird one's loins.

psychic, adj. 1. spiritual, mystical, soulful; psychological, subjective; mental, intellectual, cognitive, cerebral, philosophic, metaphysical, psychological.

2. otherworldly, unearthly, supermundane, extra-human; occult, magical, unreal, unrealizable, mystic; mystical, arcane, esoteric, unfamiliar, uneventful, incorporeal, intangible, disembodied, insubstantial, Ar-chaic. spiritualistic, supernormal, superhuman, preternatural, preternatural, superhuman, superpsychical, hyperphysical, extrasensory, supersensible, supersensory, supersensory, telepathic, clairvoyant, telekinetic; hallucinatory, spectral, ghastly, phantom; mediumistic, spiritualistic, spiritistic.

psychological, adj. 1. mental, cerebral, psychical, intellectual, of the mind; conceptual, inward, subliminal, subconscious; perceptual, cognitive, prehen-
sive; sensory, percipient, psychometrical, psychometric.
2. emotional, emotive, irrational, Psychol. affective; psychic, psychical, subjective, personal.

psychotic, adj. 1. psychopathic, insane, mentally ill; deranged, mad, lunatic, demented, Latin. non com-
2. psychotic, adj. general, common, communal, joint,
1. pubescent, adj. teen-aged, in the teens, adoles-
2. psychotic killer.

puberty, n. adolescence, teens, teenage, teen-aged years, adolescence, pubescence, young adulthood; nu-
ubility, ripeness, heyday, springtime of life, flower of youth, bloom or flower of life.

pubescent, adj. 1. teen-aged, in the teens, adolescent;
young, fresh, blooming, budding, new-fledged;
youthful, inexperienced, tender, green, wet behind the ears; downy-checked, untried, undamaged, minor.


public, adj. 1. general, common, communal, joint, united, collective; national, nationwide, statewide, countrywide; widespread, universal, world-wide; euc-
2. unrestricted, not private or exclusive; uncensored, available, accessible; unfenced, unbounded, uncur-
3. disclose, reveal, declare, divulge; tell, impart, in-

publish, v. make known; placard, publish, announce, blazon, herald, report, post, promulgate, propagate; give pub-
li-bility to, air, ventilate, broadcast, circulate, dis-
seminate; play up, glorify, promote, Inf. hype, Inf. plug, Inf. push; Inf. drumbeat, Inf. beat the drum, put into the limelight, put into the spotlight, offer for sale.

public-spirited, adj. unselfish, altruistic, philanthrop-

publish, n. issue, produce, print, get out, Inf. crank, Derog. spew or spit out; set forth, put out,
come out with; circulate, distribute, dispense, dissemin-
ate; sponsor, back.

2. promulgate, proclaim, give out, announce, annunc-
iate; report, make public, publicize, advertise; herald, proclaim, cry, blare, blazon, trumpet, bruit, broadcast, noise abroad, advance, promote.

3. disclose, reveal, declare, divulge; tell, impart, in-
form, relate, utter, Archaic. discover, declare; break the news, let slip, Inf. leak; let the cat out of the bag, spill the beans, blow the lid off of, Inf. blow, blab; re-
lease, Inf. break, Archaic. divulge; tattle, betray, blow the whistle, Sl. squeal, Sl. squeak, Sl. rat, Sl.
4. prominent, well-known, eminent, famous, cele-
brated; important, considerable, substantial, named, renowned, illustrious; exalted, respected, credited, honored, consequential, of consequence, of high or
great reputation or repute; influential, weighty, powerful, prestigious, notable; disreputable, infamous, notorious, on the "most wanted" list.

5. populace, population, community, citizens, nation, voters, voting public; society, men, women, children; ho

publication, n. 1. publishing, printing, issuance, production, putting out, putting together; editing, go-
ing over, proofreading, binding, manufacture.
2. announcement, pronouncement, advertisement, proclamation; broadcast, airing; disclosure, exposure,
exposition, revelation, promulgation, dissemination.
3. edition, issue, copy, printing; magazine, book, serial, review, digest, comic book, funny book, house organ, employee publication; newsmagazine, newsletter; periodical, daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, al-
manac, yearbook; newspaper, paper, newspaper of record, journal, bulletin, gazette; tabloid, Sl. tab, sl.
4. tuberculosis, bedlamite; schizophrenic, Sl. schiz, Sl. schizo; para-
oxic, manic-depressive, megalomaniac, pyromaniac, psychotic killer.

publicist, n. press agent, publicity man, agent, public relations man, Inf. PR man, Sl. flak, Sl. horn-
blower; adman, Sl. plunger, Sl. ballyhoover, Sl. pitch-
man; advance man, Inf. front man.

2. news analyst, commentator, journalist, columnist, editorialist, editorial writer; pressman, critic, political essayist, pamphleteer; political economist, political scientist; correspondent, foreign correspondent.

3. international lawyer, trade lawyer, expert in inter-
national law.

publicity, n. public notice, spotlight, limelight; pro-
motion, build-up, Sl. hype; presentation, broadcast, ventilation, publication, publicity, notoriety; adver-
tisement, advertising, Inf. hype, Sl. ballyhooy, puffy-
ry, Sl. blurbs, Sl. spot, Sl. plug, Inf. write-up, Inf. spread, Sl. blurb, Sl. flak or flack, fanfare, Sl. hoopla, Inf.
whoop-de-doo.

publish, v. advertise, spread about, make public, make known; placard, publish, announce, blazon, herald, report, post, promulgate, propagate; give pub-
li-bility to, air, ventilate, broadcast, circulate, dis-
seminate; play up, glorify, promote, Inf. hype, Inf.
plug, Inf. push; Inf. drumbeat, Inf. beat the drum, put into the limelight, put into the spotlight, offer for sale.

public-spirited, adj. unselfish, altruistic, philanthrop-

publisher, n. publishing house, publishing concern, Inf. house; printer, newspaperman.

pucker, v. 1. gather, shirr, pleat, ruck, ruffle, draw together; compress, shrink, wither, contract, fur-
row, squeeze, tighten, purse, knit, crinkle, corragulate, shrilve, wrinkle, crease; muss, rumple, mess up.
2. wrinkled, puckered, rucked, folded, gathered, pleated, puckered, ruffled, drawn together; compressed, shrunk-
en, withered, contracted, furrowed; squeezed, tight-
ened, knitted, crinkled, corragulated; shrilved, wrinkled,
puckish, adj. mischievous, full of mischief, mischievousness; prankish, impish, imp-like, pixyish, puckish, elfish, elfin, fey; waggish, naughty, roguish, scampish, arch, Scot. hempy; playful, sportive, frolic-some; devilish, trouble-making, unruly, unmanageable, difficult to handle, difficult; annoying, vexa-
tious, exasperating, tiring; obnoxious, Inf. pesky, insufferable, nasty.

pudding, n. custard, flummery, rennet custard, egg custard, junket, blancmange; soufflé, mousse, mousseine, bombe, U.S. pandowdy.

puddle, n. 1. mudpuddle, splash, plashet; pondlet, puddle, n. pudding, n. custard, flummery, rennet custard, egg custard, junket, blancmange; soufflé, mousse, mousseine, bombe, U.S. pandowdy.

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pulp, n. 1. marrow, flesh, pith, succulent part, soft part, heart.
 2. mash, mush, squash; paste, pomace, ooze, slush, pap, dough; gluten, gel, gelatin, starch; jelly, curd, batter; poultice, butter, Fr. Cookery. pâte; wood pulp, papier-mâché.
 3. sensational magazine, thriller, lurid literature; cheap books or magazines, Inf. yellow journalism, tabloid, coarse or vulgar periodicals, Inf. girlie magazines, Inf. skin books, Euph. adult books or magazines, Inf. dirty books.
pulpit, n. 1. lecturn, platform, rostrum, dias, desk, estrado.
 2. the pulpit a. the ministry, the clerical profession, preaching, the cloth, the church, clerical or priestly office; pastorate, holy orders, priesthood, cassock, prelacy, hierarchy, episcopacy, presbytery. b. clergyman, clergy, clericals, priests; preachers, lay preachers, ecclesiastics, the Fathers, parsons, reverends, Usu. Disparaging, pulpeters, Inf. Bible thumpers.
pully, adj. fleshy, pithy, succulent; pulpos, pulpal, pulplike, pulpsome; mushy, pappy, squasy, doughy; soft, flabby, spongy, mucid, gelatinous, gluey; semiliquid, viscous, viscid; thick, starchy, loamy, claylike.
pulse, v. beat, tick, throb, pitapat; palpitate, pulse, thump, thrum, pound, drum, reverberate; alternate, undulate, wave, ebb and flow, wash in and out; vibrate, quiver, quaver, tremble; flutter, shiver, twit-ter, shake, shudder, dance.
pulsating, adj. 1. beating, pulsating, pulsing; palpitating, throb, thumping, drumming, thudding; vibrating, quavering, wavering, quivering, trembling, shuddering, dancing; (all of water) lapping, washing, bathing, undulating, rolling, broiling, churning, breaking, lashing.
2. regular, periodic, recurrent, recurring, alternate; metrical, cadent, pulsatory.
pulsation, n. beat, beating, pulse, throb, throbbing, drumming; vibration, quaver, tremor, tremble; flicker, flutter, shudder, quiver; palpitation, pitapat, shake, shiver, twitter, reverberation; undulation, tick-tack, waving, ebbing and flowing, dance, dancing; accent, rhythm, pattern, recurrent beat; riff, vamp, Inf. um-papa, stroke.
pulse, n. 1. beat, beating, throb, throbbing; pulsation, oscillation, vibration, stroke; stress, accent, emphasis; time pattern, meter, cadence; systole and diastole.
—v. 2. pulsate, beat, tick, throb, palpitate, thump. See pulsate.
pulverize, v. 1. grind, crush, crunch, mortar, comminute, triturate, levigate, powder, granulate, crumble; pound, batter, bray, beat, mash, smash, Sl. smash.
2. demolish, ruin, devastate, ravage; shatter, smash, crush or burst to bits; Sm. smash or crush into smithereens; raze, tear down, rip down or apart; crush, stamp out, exterminate, annihilate, kill or kill off, put an end to.
3. Slang. beat up, defeat, trounce, vanquish, worst; Inf. lick, Sl. shellac, Sl. cream, Sl. beat to a pulp.
pumice, n. 1. abrasive, abrading, polish, wax, cleanser; pumice stone, obsidian, volcanic glass, lava.
—v. 2. smooth, rub down; polish, burnish, buff, wax; shine, gloss, luster, brighten, glaze, Scott. and North. Eng. sheen; grind, whet, mill, stone, sand, sandpaper, levigate, triturate; abrade, scour, scrub, clean.
pump, n. 1. force pump, lift pump, sump pump, air pump, bicycle pump.
—v. 2. Usu. pump out force out, push out, drive out; empty, drain, siphon out, draw off or out; extract, take out, remove, bail out, clear out; deflate, let the air out.
3. Usu. pump up inflate, blow up, enlarge, puff out, Obs. sufflate, swell, blow, expand, dilate.
4. drive, force, push, send.
5. question closely, cross-examine, cross-question, interrogate, quiz, Inf. grill, catechize, Chiefly U.S.
Inf. give [s.o.] the third degree.

pun, n. play on words, equivocation, Rhet. paronomasia, Fr. jeu de mots, Fr. calembour, double-entendre, equivocation; witicism, clever expression, bon mot.

punch1, n. 1. blow, jab, Inf. clip, U.S. Sl. biff, box, Boxing. left or right, uppercut, stroke, knockout, Sl. sock dolager; buffet, cuff, Inf. bop, strike, hit, knock, thump, Sl. sock, bust, Scot. dunt, Scot. and North Eng. paik; thwack, Inf. whack, slap, swat, Dial. hit upside the head, smack, Inf. clout, Sl. conk, Sl. bash; beat, Inf. whomp, Inf. wallop, Brit. Dial. douse, Brit. Dial. yerk.

—v. 2. jab, Inf. clip, box, Boxing. throw a left or right, take a poke at, uppercut, hit, box, Boxing, knock out, smite, knock, cuff, buffet, thwack, Inf. whack, Dial. hit [s.o.] upside the head, slap, swat, smack, Australian. ding, Scot. dunt, Scot. and North Eng. paik; Sl. nail, U.S. Sl. biff, Inf. bop, Inf. clout, Inf. slug, Inf. knock [s.o.'s] block off, Inf. wallop, Inf. crown, Sl. conk; Sl. bash, Sl. belt, Sl. smash, Sl. sock, Sl. plug; Inf. trin, Inf. thump, Inf. lace, Inf. lambaste, Sl. whale, Sl. whomp; beat, batter, pound, lay on, pommel, pummel, pelt, thrash, Sl. paste, Archaic. belabor.

3. poke, prod, push, elbow, bump, stick, dig into.

punch2, n. 1. paper punch, hole punch, perforator;awl, Carpenter. bradawl, sewing awl, (in goldsmith work) puncher, drill, brace and bit.

—v. 2. perforate, punch, bore, drill, punch, pink; pierce, riddle, stab, puncturate, prick, stick; cut, slt, slash, trepan; penetrate, pass through, transpire, run through, Sl. let the daylight in; impale, transfix, fix, spit, skewer, spike, spear.

punctilious, adj. punctiliousness, promptness, promptitude, punctuality, careful, particular, finical, finicky, picky, fussy, conventional; strict, rigid, stiff, starched; exact, precise, accurate, close; meticulous, scrupulous, conscientious, careful; particular, finical, finicky, picky, fussy, hard to please; critical, exacting, demanding, painstaking, fastidious; minute, detailed, fine, nice, thorough, searching; scientific, mathematical, severe, rigorous.

punctuality, n. 1. promptness, promptitude, punctuality; timeliness, seasonableness, earliness; readiness, quickness, alacrity, haste, dispatch, expedition.

2. regularity, constancy, steadiness.

punctuate, v. 1. interrupt, interfere, intrude, obtrude; intersperse, interpose, interpolate, insert, insert, wedge in, put in; cut in, break in, barge in, Inf. butt in, Inf. horn in, Inf. muscle in, Inf. chisel in; interspere with, interfere, incorporate, interweave, interweave, interwind; pepper, scatter, sprinkle; talk out of turn, cut short, Inf. chip in, Inf. chime in, Inf. put in one's two cents worth.

2. emphasize, stress, lay stress or emphasis on, give emphasis to, accent; underline, underscore, point up, italicize, call attention to, mark, bring home, press home; feature, highlight, spotlight, play up, give prominence to, bring to the fore, bring into relief, Inf. headline, write in gold.

puncture, n. 1. perforating, boring, drilling, punching, pinking, puncturing; piercing, stabbing, lancinating, pricking, sticking; cutting, slit, splitting, gashing, slashing.

2. hole, perforation, cut, incision, split, gash, scotch, rent, slit, slot; gap, space, interstice, breach, break; opening, orifice, aperture, mouth, vent, eyelet.

—v. 3. perforate, make a hole in, hole; honeycomb, bore, drill, punch, pink; pierce, riddle, stab, puncturate, prick, stick; cut, slt, slash, trepan; penetrate, pass through, transpire, run through, Sl. let the daylight in; impale, transfix, fix, spit, skewer, spike, spear.

pundit, n. sage, savant, learned man or woman, wise person; expert, authority, scholar; one of the cognoscenti, connoisseur, critic; master, proficient, adept, mavin, master hand; maestro, virtuoso, talent, genius, prodigy, Inf. wizard, Inf. whiz, U.S. Sl. crackerjack, Sl. sharp; pantologist, literate, bibliophile, bluestocking, man of letters, Archaic. clerk, aesthete, scholar, academician, philosopher, philosophe, theorist, thinker, thinking person; (all sometimes disparaging) pedant, highbrow, Inf. longhair, Inf. know-it-all, Inf. walking encyclopedia, bookworm.

pungency, n. 1. acidity, sting, acrid taste or smell; sourness, tang, tartness, bitterness, nip, acidity, vinegar; savorness, spiciness, flavorfulness, pungency, saltiness.

2. poignance, pathos, touchingness, patheticalness, piteousness; distressfulness, painfulness, heartbreak, sadness, melancholiness, sorrowfulness, seriousness; evocativeness, emotionalism, intensity, profoundness, keenness, acuteness; forlornness, woefulness, wistfulness.

3. causticity, trenchancy, incisiveness, cuttingness, mordacity; acrimony, acrimoniousness, sharpness, harshness, severity; sarcasm, edge, pointedness; sardonicism, cynicism, contemptuousness.

4. piquancy, provocation, stimulation, excitement; spirit, liveliness, electricity, witlessness, ginger, snap.

pungent, adj. (all usu. of taste or smell) bitter, biting, acrid; acid, tart, harsh, sour, subacid, acetic, vinegarish, vinegar; acerb, acerbic, acidulous, acidulent, acaceous, acidulated; stinging, burning, smarting, irritating.

2. (all usu. of taste or smell) seasoned, hot, peppery, spicy, piquant, tangy, tart, salty; strong, highly flavored, flavorful, nippy, saporous, sapid.

3. distressful, distressing, harrowing, heartbreaking, heartrending; sad, unhappy, sorrowful, woeful, tearful, lamentable, mournful, regrettable; poignant, moving, touching; acute, intense, severe; painful, smarting, agonizing, tormenting, torturous, excruciating; grievous, crushing, deplorable, dreadful, brutal; oppressive, burdensome, consuming, racking; ruinous, calamitous, disastrous, tragic.

4. caustic, mordant, acrimonious, bitter, acrid, acridulous, acid, trenchant, cutting, incisive, slashing, scathing; penetrating, piercing, stinging, prickling, nipping, biting; astringent, severe, stern, austere, stringent; harsh, keen, pointed, sharp, sharp-tongued.

5. sarcastic, satirical, ironic, ironical, cynical; double-edged, edged; contemptuous, contumelious, taunting, teasing; scornful, mocking, derisive, derisory, sardonic.

6. witty, keen-witted, quick-witted, attic, clever, brilliant; spirited, lively, sprightly, sparkling, scintillating; stimulating, provocative, tantalizing, stirring; electric,
punish v. 1. penalize, discipline, take disciplinary action; sentence, imprison, lock up, SL. send up river, SL. throw the book at, Inf. come down hard on, fine, amerce, mulct; correct, admonish, reprove, chasten, chastise; castigate, criticize, scold, rebuke, dress down, SL. chew out, call down, call on the carpet; SL. make it hot for, SL. give [s.o.] the business, SL. fix [s.o.'s] wagon; warm or tan [s.o.'s] hide, spank, turn over one's knees; give a demerit, withdraw privileges, rap [s.o.'s] knuckles, slap [s.o.]. wrist; tar and feather, keelhaul, ride out on a rail, put in the stocks, pillory; scourge, lash, give the cat-o'-nine-tails, flog; hang, execute, SL. send to the chair.

2. cudgel, thrash, Archaic swing, fustigate; trouble, beat up, beat Inf. lambaste; hurt, bruise, pain; manhandle, knock around, rough up, batter, SL. beat up on, go at, SL. knock silly, Inf. thump.

punishable adj. chargeable, impeachable, accusable, indictable; at fault, faulty, in the wrong, culpable; blameworthy, blamable, asking for it, deserving of punishment.

punishment n. 1. penalty, penalization, discipline; sentence, condemnation, imprisonment, fine, mulct, SL. rap; correction, admonition, chastening, chastisement; castigation, criticism, scolding, dressing down, SL. chewing out, Inf. what-for; deserved reward, just deserts, Inf. comeuppance; pay, payment, wages; reckoning, judgment.

2. manhandling, maltreatment, beating, trouncing, Inf. giving [s.o.] the works; hard work, slave labor, demourished; small, little, pint-sized, bantam, half.

punitive adj. punishing, penalizing, penal, disciplinary, correctional, corrective, castigatory; retaliatory, revengeful, retributive, recriminatory; harsh, severe, bruising, hurtful.

punish, n. 1. Slang, a. nobody, nonentity, nobody anyone knows, lightweight, small potatoes, small fry, obscurity, Inf. a nothing, Inf. a big nothing, Inf. a zilch, Inf. a zero, Inf. nebbish. b. lowlife, riffraff, good-for-nothing; mischief or trouble-maker, rowdy, hooligan, ruffian, petty criminal, hoodlum, Inf. hood, Inf. ugly customer, Inf. goon, Inf. mug, Inf. gorilla. c. pest, brat, whippersnapper, young whippersnapper, twit; juvenile delinquent, Inf. JD; runt, squirt, green kid, new kid on the block, Brit. new boy; sonny, sonnyboy, puppy, pup, cub, shaver, shaver-tail, Inf. runny-nosed or not-nosed kid, rotten kid.

—adj. 1. 1. Informal, worthlessness, good-for-nothing, trashy, valueless, Inf. no-good, SL. NG, SL strictly NG, Dial. no-account; cheap, shoddy, shabby, Inf. crummy, Inf. cheezy, paltry, poor, common, sorry, sad; insignificant, inconsequential, small-time, Inf. one-horse, Inf. two-by-four, Inf. jerkwart; unimportant, of no importance, Inf. no great shakes, inferior, minor, not worth considering, small, Inf. dinky, Inf. puny; forceless, soft, weak, powerless, Inf. weak as a kitten.

punister n. rhymester, rhyming, versemaker, versifier, epigrammatist, whip with words, wag, wit, humorist, quipster.

puny adj. 1. weak, feeble, delicate, fragile, tender, frail, sickly, poor, thin, runty, undersized, underdeveloped, stunted; starved, underfed, emaciated, undernourished; small, little, pint-sized, bantam, halfpint, dwarfish, pygmy, Liliputian, miniature, minikin, diminutive, Inf. itsy-bitsy-teeny-weeny, tiny, minute; inferior, scrubby, slight; inept, inadequate, impotent, jejune.

2. petty, unimportant, insignificant, trivial, paltry, picayune, nigglng, minor; trifling, piddling, fiddling, fribble; inconsequential, inconsiderable, negligible, nugatory, worthless, useless; of minor importance, of little or no account, nothing great, no great shakes, Inf. no big deal, nothing to write home about.

3. inferior, lower, second-fiddle; ineffectual, fatuous, shallow, superficial.

pup n. puppy, whelp, cub, youngling; baby dog, baby seal; doggy, baby doggy, Dial. lil' fella.

pupil n. 1. student, schoolgirl or schoolboy, learner, Fr. élève; scholar, Inf. grind, Inf. bookworm.

2. beginner, novice, tyro, abecedarian, catechumen, neophyte, initiate, probationer, postulant.

3. apprentice, ward, trainee, protégé, disciple, follower, apostle, proselyte; adherent, sectary, admirer, votary, devotee.

puppet n. 1. marionette, dummy, doll, doll on a string, fantocino, hand-puppet, finger-puppet, moppet; Howdy-Doody, Charlie McCarthy, Punch, Judy, Punchinello.

2. pawn, instrument, tool, cat's paw, creature, figurehead, Inf. front or front man, man of straw; hireling, underling, employee, subordinate, assistant, accomplice, henchman, appendage, SL. stooge, yes man, man or gal Friday; dupe, SL. pigeon, gull, gudgeon, Inf. sucker, paty, myrmidon, minion, follower, toady, sycophant, hanger-on, ward-heeler; jackal, flanky, lucky, attendant.

purlblind adj. 1. half-blind, partially blind or sighted, dim-sighted, weak-eyed, blase-eyed; myopic, near-sighted, short-sighted, myopic or nearsighted, highlyopia or myopia, hemeralopia or day-blind.

2. obtuse, unfeeling, insensitive; imperceptive, unobservant; insentient, insensible, unobservant, undiscerning; unfeeling, cold, cool, withdrawn; thick-skinned, callous, uncaring, unsympathetic; unconscious, unaware, blind, unseen; unable to see beyond the end of one's nose, wearing blinders or blinkers; jaundiced, partial, arbitrary, one-sided, opinionated, prepossessed.

purchase n. 1. buy, pick up, pay for, get one's hands on, come by; invest in, put money into; acquire, obtain, get, procure, secure; take possession of, get hold of; shop for, rent, hire, pay a price for, bargain for, barter for, dicker for.

2. bribe, suborn, pay off, buy off, oil, SL. grease [s.o.'s] palm; fix, Inf. rig, Inf. square.

3. earn, attain, win, gain, achieve, realize.

—n. 4. purchasing, buying, acquiring; obtainment, securing, accession; procurement, procural, gaining, getting, Inf. getting hold of; buy, acquisition, possession, Law. acquest.

5. hold, grasp, grip, gripe, clap, clutch, clench, clinch; iron grip, tight grip, firm hold; leverage, fullcrumage; footing, foothold, toehold, stand, stance, perch; advantage, lever, support, power, force, play, edge, vantage.

pure adj. 1. unmixed, unalloyed, unmingled, unadulterated, uncontaminated; genuine, real, natural, unartificial; unspecious, authentic, sterling, Simon pure, unsynthetic; fourteen-carat, flawless, faultless, perfect; unvarnished, uncolored, undisguised, unsuspicious; unfeigned, unassumed, unfaked, uncounterfeited.

2. clean, clear, fair, white, immaculate, snowy; stain-
less, spotless, unspotted, unmarred, unblemished; unsullied, unsoiled, unpolished, unblemished, unblotted, unstained; untainted, uncorrupted, undistorted, unaltered, unscarred; uninfected, germ-free, sterilized, sterile, antiseptic, disinfected; fresh, fit to drink or eat, drinkable, eatable, potable, edible; healthful, uninjurious, wholesome, sanitary, innocuous.

3. sheer, stark, clean, out and out, wholesale, outright, downright, Inf. plumb, dead; unmitigated, unqualified, absolute, thorough, veritable; utter, total, conclusively, perfect, pure, plain, clear, mere.

4. theoretical, abstract, academical; nonobjective, speculative, conjectural, hypothetical, postulational; conceptual, notional, immaterial, metaphysical.

5. guiltless, innocent, uncorrupt, clean, moral, virtuous; decent, delicate, proper, seemly, becoming, decorous; unwanton, undissipated, undissolute, licentious; chaste, continent, abstinent, temperate, Rare. intemperate; celibate, virgin, vestal, maidenly, immaculate, intact; impeccable, sinless, above suspicion, uncorrupt, undefiled, inculpable, with clean hands.

6. high-principled, honorable, reputable, upright, righteous, uprighteous; honest, good, sincere, worthy, noble; creditable, estimable, full of integrity; ethical, high-minded, truehearted; purehearted, pious, saintly, holy, angelic, divine, godly; religious, devout, reverent, God-fearing, faithful.

7. unaffected, simple, plain, unadorned; tasteful, polished, graceful; refined, formal, classic, restrained, Attic; unornamented, ornate, straightforward; bare, flawlessly, faultless; euphonic, harmonious, flowing.

8. pure-blooded, purebred, thoroughbred; homozygous, pedigreed, full-blooded.

**purebred**, adj. pure-blooded, full-blooded, blooded, pedigreed, thoroughbred, registered, of good stock.

**purely**, adv. 1. simply, plainly, forthrightly, directly, straightforwardly, genuinely; sincerely, honestly, truly, verily, bona fide; in truth, in reality, truly, intrinsically.

2. merely, only, exclusively, solely.

3. entirely, wholly, totally, fully, thoroughly, completely; integrally, indivisibly, absolutely, utterly, unequivocally, indeed, altogether, all, in all respects; punctiliously, meticulously, consistently, certainly, assuredly; impeccably, spotlessly, unconditionally, in good faith; perfectly, faultlessly, flawlessly.

4. innocently, virtuously, righteously, decently, devoutly, impecuniously, irreproachably; chastely, cleanly, blamelessly, immaculately, high-mindedly, morally, scrupulously, admirably, uprightly.

**purgation**, n. 1. purging, cleansing, washing, lavage, ablation, purification, lustration, epuration; catharsis, cleansing away, emotional release, release, freeing, Psychoanal. abreaction; riddance, expurgation, bowdlerization, cutting out.

2. justification, vindication, clearing of one’s name or reputation, destigmatizing, destigmatization, excoriation, compurgation; acquittal, exonerating, absolution; atonement, repentance, atonement, clearing of one’s conscience.

**purgative**, adj. 1. purging, cleansing, detergent, detestive, cleaning; laxative, diuretic, evacuant, aperient; purifying, depurative.

—n. 2. purge, physic, laxative, cathartic, aperient, ipecac, castor oil, ricinus oil, salts, dose of salts; purification, dose, Med. catharsis; enema, Med. enema.

**purge**, v. 1. cleanse, clear, purify, lustrate, clean out, scour out, free from impurity; deterge, mundify, depurate.

2. eject, expel, rout out, weed out, root out, ease or freeze out, close the door on, cashier, drum out, get rid of; clear out, sweep out or away, clean house, make a clean sweep; depose, overthrow, remove from office, throw off or over, cast aside, remove, displace, outh, Inf. dump; destroy, do away with, exterminate, liquidate.

3. expurge, expurgate, bowdlerize.

4. exonerate, acquit, expulate, absolve, vindicate, pardon, excuse, forgive; release, reprieve, free from, free.

5. expiate, destigmatize, remit, grant remission, justify, clear, clean or clear the skirts of, clear [s.o.’s] name; exempt, grant immunity, exempt from, grant amnesty to, Inf. let off, quash the charge or indictment; wipe the slate clean, take the charge or record off the books, erase, eradicate.

6. treat, physic, flush out, irrigate, drain; eliminate, evacuate, void, empty or empty out, defecate.

—n. 7. purging, cleansing, purification. See purification (def. 1).

8. depositional, deposition, removal, displacement,ousting, unseating; overthrow, overthrowal, expulsion, communication; riddance, ejection, expulsion, liquidation.

9. elimination, evacuation, voidance, defection.

10. release, freeing, deliverance, suspension; respite, reprieve, discharge.

11. purgative, cathartic. See purgative (defs. 1, 2).

**purification**, n. 1. sanitization, sanitizing, sanitating, depuration, depurating; depollution, depolluting, freshening, deodorizing, decontaminating, decontaminating, disinfection, disinfecting, antisepticizing; cleansing, detersion, deterring, mundification, munding; cleaning, washing, bathing, lavation, laveling, laving, Chiefly Scot. dlighting.

2. expurgation, expurgating, purging, defecation, defecating, ridding, Med. absterge; elutriating, elutriating, Both Chem. edulcoration, edulcorating, winnowing, filtering, filtration, stratifying, settling, sieving, bolting; clarification, clarifying, refining, refining, distillation, distilling, All Chem. sublimation, sublimating, rectification, rectifying.

3. absolution, absolving, redemption, redeeming, shriving, lustration, lustrating; exoneration, exoneration, vindication, vindicating, expunction, expunging, acquittal, acquitting, amnestying, pardoning, excusing, sublimating, baptism, christening, sanctification, sanctifying, consecration, consecrating, hallowing, blessing, Both Rom. Cath. Ch. beatification, beatifying.

**purify**, v. 1. sanitize, sanitary, deparate; depolulate, freshen, deodorize, decontaminate, disinfect, antisepticize; cleanse, deterge, mundify, clean, wash, bathe, lave, Chiefly Scot. dight.

2. expurgate, purge, defecate, rid, Med. absterge; elutriate, Chem. edulcorate, winnow, filter, filtrate, strain, sift, sieve, bolt; clarify, clear, refine, rarely, distill, Chem. sublimate, Chem. rectify.

3. absolve, redeem, shrive, lustrate; exonerate, vindicate, expulate, acquit, amnesty, pardon, excuse, forgive, wipe the slate clean; sublime, baptize, christen; sanctify, consecrate, hallow, bless, Rom. Cath. Ch. beatify.

**purist**, n. classicist, Atticist, Hellenist; precisionist, précieux or précieuse, blue stocking, Fr. bas bleu, formalizer; pedant, stickler, inscrupulous, dogmatist, positivist, fanatic, Inf. diehard, Inf. bitterender.

**puritan**, n. pietist, zealot, religious, fanatic; formalist, precision, dogmatist; moralist, prude, blue-nose, stuffed shirt, pharisee, tartuffe.

**puritanical**, adj. strict, austere, ascetic; severe, precise, strait-laced, anchoritic, abstinent; hyperorthodox, pietistic, formal, dogmatic, zealous, fanatical, puritan.
puritanism; narrow, uncompromising, rigid, arbitrary, hide-bound, stiff-necked, stiff.

**puritanism, n.** 1. hyperorthodoxy, precisianism, dogmatism, zealotry; strictness, severity, grimness, authoritarianism, sternness, intolerance, narrow-mindedness, bigotry.
2. austerity, asceticism, self-denial, rigor, sobriety, abstinence, abstemiousness, mortification, anchoritism, monasticism.

**purity, n.** 1. genuineness, reality, naturalness, unlikeness, likeness; authenticity, realism, naturalism; unabatedness, unfeatedness, unspurnedness; flawlessness, faultlessness, perfection; homogeneity, integrity, excellence. **Biol.** Homozygosis.
2. cleanliness, cleanliness, fairness, immaculateness; spotlessness, stainlessness, taintlessness; unblemishedness, unblottedness, unsoiledness, unmarredness; sterility, germlessness, antisepticness, asepsis; healthfulness, wholesomeness, salubrity, innocuousness.
3. innocence, guiltlessness, virtue, shame; immaculateness, whiteness, snowiness, cleanliness; morality, propriety, rectitude, virtuousness, uprightness, uprighteousness; blamelessness, irreproachability, unimpeachability; incorruptibility, clear conscience, clean hands, cleanness, purity, unspottedness, unimpeachment, spotlessness; modesty, pudicity, sinlessness, uncorruptness; celibacy, virginity, intactness, maidenhood.
4. honor, repute, esteem, decency, honesty, integrity; goodness, delicacy, propriety, decorum, seemliness; creditability, ethicalness, trueheartedness; piety, saintliness, sanctity, pureheartedness, holiness, godliness; religiousness, devoutness, devotion, reverence, faithfulness, faith.
5. polish, finish, refinement, classicism; clarity, clearness, felicity; euphony, beauty, gracefulfulness, concinnity, harmony; tastefulness, unadornment, unornamentation; plainness, simplicity, restraint, bareness; perfection, excellence, distinction.

**purlieu, n.** 1. outskirts, outposts; perimeter, peripheral fringe; limits, city limits, outer limits; suburbs, outlying districts.
2. **purlieus** environs, environment, surroundings, milieu; vicinity, vicinage, neighborhood, **Inf.** neck of the woods, **Inf.** part of town.
3. sphere, area, orbit, orb, ambit; territory, region, realm, domain; district, quarter, precinct, bailiwick, zone, province; range, compass, pale, locale; circuit, round, beat.
4. haunt, spot, place, rendezvous, meeting place, stomping hangout, or gathering place, stamping ground, local; watering hole, Chiefly Brit, Inf.
5. polish, finish, refinement, classicism; clarity, clearness, felicity; euphony, beauty, gracefulfulness, concinnity, harmony; tastefulness, unadornment, unornamentation; plainness, simplicity, restraint, bareness; perfection, excellence, distinction.

**purloin, v.** 1. steal, rob, thief, pilfer, filch, finger, Inf. snitch, cabbage, abstract, **Chiefly Brit.** prig, Brit. Sl. snatch, **Euph.** borrow, **Archaic.** nim; peculate, embezzle, **Law.** defalcate, misappropriate; swindle, pocket, mulct, shark; shoplift, palm, Sl. boost, walk off or away with, make off with, **Euph.** remove; All Sl. pinch, hook, swipe, hustle, rip off, frisk, crook, cop, lift.
2. appropriate, expropriate, arrogate, usurp; commandeer, hijack, skyjack; pirate, plagiarize, copy, Inf. lift, Inf. crib; forge, counterfeit, reproduce illegally.
3. mooch, sponge, scrounge, freeload, scavenge, Sl. bum.

**purple, n.** 1. lilac, lavender, mauve; orchid, plum, violet.
2. eminence, importance, significance; nobility, aristocracy, blue blood, noble birth, silver spoon; majesty, royalty, kingship; the thrown, the crown, the scepter. **—adj.** 3. purplish, per se; lilac, lavender, mauve; orchid, plum, violet.
4. imperial, regal, royal, kingly, queenly, princely; noble, aristocratic, blue-blooded.
5. brilliant, radiant, glorious, superb, splendid, resplendent, **Inf.** splendidious, magnificent; luxurious, lavish, sumptuous, gorgeous, **Sl.** out-of-this-world; All **Inf.** posh, plush, swank, ritzy.
6. (all of speech or writing) ornate, flamboyant, florid, flowery, euphuistic; grandiose, high-sounding, big-sounding; chдорНСи, absentmindedness, contamination, contamination, temperance, temperament, temperateness; modesty, pudicity, sinlessness, uncorruptness; celibacy, virginity, intactness, maidenhood.

**purport, v.** 1. claim, profess, contend, maintain, hold, allege; assert, aver, asseverate; declare, announce, proclaim; pretend, pretext, feign, put up a false front.
2. imply, implicate, insinuate, infer, intimate, suggest, hint at, import, involve, allude to, connote; mean, indicate, denote, signify, betoken, point to; bespeak, breathe, argue, tell.

**purport, n.** 1. reason, point, why, why and wherefore; principle, guiding principle, basis, root; idea, plan, design, proposal, scheme; motive, motivation, mainspring, driving force, cause; rationale, explanation, background, meaning; rationalization, justification, excise, mitigation, vindication.
2. intention, intent, aim, objective; object, goal, target, mark, destination, end, end in view or mind, ultimate aim, by-end, end-all, be-all; expectation, expected outcome, anticipation, outlook, prospect; aspiration, vision, dream, ideal, wish, hope, desire, desideratum.
3. determination, deliberation, will, volition, decision; mind; resolution, decision, resolve, firmness, steadfastness, single-mindedness; ambition, drive, diligent or assiduous pursuit or work, diligence, assiduousness, industry; persistence, constancy, perseverance, **Inf.** stick-to-it-veness, tenacity, insinuation, stubbornness; fervor, ardor, avidity, zeal, enthusiasm, eagerness, intentness, earnestness, devotion, devotedness.
4. subject, topic, theme, thesis, issue, point, subject at hand, subject matter; central or main idea, keynote, heart, gist, kernel, core, essence; question, concern, problem, affair, business, study, matter at hand.
5. result, outcome, issue, effect; use, utility, service; advantage, avail, benefit; behoof, enjoyment, happiness, well being, welfare, interest; profit, gain, return, **Obs.** wealth, **Archaic.** weal.

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6. use, purpose to do [s.t.] resolve, determine, commit oneself, make a commitment, stand firm, stick to one's guns; conclude, decide upon, settle upon, fix upon, make up one's mind; will, have a mind, elect,
purposeful, adj. 1. practical, pragmatic, pragmatical, utilitarian, usable, useful, Obs. util; applicatory, workable, serviceable, practicable; realistic, sensible, commonsensical, common-sensible; down-to-earth; long-headed, hard-headed, businesslike, all-business, hard-nosed, unsentimental, Sl. nuts and bolts; ambitious, aimful, goal-oriented, far-sighted, far-seeing; arduous, well-penned, planning, scheming, designing, Inf. on the make.

purpose, n. 1. change purse, wallet, Inf. bag; 2. expressly, just, precisely, exactly; specifically, adaptedly, composedly.

pursue, v. 1. follow, trail, hunt, hunt down, Inf. track; 2. pursue, in pursuit, in hot pursuit, hot on the trail of; chasing, hunting, stalking, tracking or tracking down, trailing, following, shadowing, Inf. tailing.

—adv. 3. Usu. pursuant to pursuanty, according to, accordingly, in accordance with, in harmony with, in agreement with, in conformity to, conformably; in keeping with, in step or tune or line with, consistent with, in uniformity with, consonant with, corresponding to, commensurate with.

pursue, n. 1. chase, run after, Brit. cheat, seek, tag after; stalk, course, track, trace, run down, give chase to; take off after, give chase, raise the hunt, raise the hue and cry; prowl after, look after, search for, hunt for, cast about for, follow the scent of; dig for, delve for, fish for, angle for, gun for, leave no stone unturned.

2. attend, go with, haunt, wait upon, hang upon, accompany; dog, hound, bedog, stick to, cling to, heel, sit on the tail of; shadow, tread on the heels of, tread behind, go behind, follow in the steps of, follow in one's trail; beset, harass, persecute, harry, oppress.

3. aspire to, desire, seek, push toward; be intent on, keen, devoted, determined, aim for, try to get, have in mind, resolve to; be bent upon, struggle, strive for, try one's best for; woo, court, address, pay attention to, Sl. chase after; serenade, pay suit, Inf. set one's cap for.

4. proceed, hold to, maintain, follow up; carry on, perform, bring to pass, carry through, bring through, work out; continue, go on with, prolong, protract, push; persist in, persevere in, adhere to, endure, see through, follow out.

5. practice, engage in, carry on, undertake; wage, prosecute, conduct, exercise, ply; apply oneself to, devote oneself to, take on, tackle, take to; go out for, address oneself to, work at, take up, go in for, have a go at; occupy, employ, use.

pursuit, n. 1. chase, hunt, run, hue and cry, fox-hunt, Brit. cheat, (in India) shikaar; trailing, pursuance, following, coursing, tracking, tracing; stalking, prowling, seeking, searching; investigation, inquiry, exploration, inquest, probe.

2. quest, goal, aim, mark, objective; destination, end, target, bull's-eye; quarry, quintain, prey, game; intent, intention, purpose, point, end in view; ambition, desire, desideratum, nisus, striving.

3. prosecution, execution, effectuation, fulfillment, performance, conduct; prolongation, protraction, continuation, extension, maintenance, perpetuation.

4. business, work, line of work, line; field, forte, métier; occupation, employment, profession, practice, specialty, trade; calling, vocation, mission; career, undertaking, venture, avocation, pastime; craft, Sl. racket, art; livelihood, walk of life, lifework.

purulence, n. 1. suppuration, pussiness, purulency, festering, running, mattering, rankling; abscess, ulcer, ulceration, fester, gathering, Obs. apostem, Archaic. impostume; canker, lesion, chancre, chanroid, soft chancre, simple chancre; boil, blain, furuncle, furunculus, carbuncle, pustule, pimple, papule, papilla, wen, whelk, Rare. bleb, Archaic. botch; sore, open or running sore, gill, excoriation.

2. pus, matter, purulent matter, Biol. humor, Archaic. gooch, gooch matter or matter; discharge, excretion, fluid, Med. rheum, Pathol. ichor, Pathol. sanies, Pathol. gleet, Pathol. the whites, Pathol. leukorrhea.

purulent, adj. 1. suppurring, gathering, festering, mattering, maturing, coming or drawing to a head; discharging, excreting, draining, running.
2. ulcerous, ulcerative, ulcerated, festered, furuncular, furunculous, cankerous, cankered; gangrenous, gangrened, morbid, mortified, necrotic, necrosed, sphecatelated; contaminated, infected, infected, taint, septic, bad, peccant.

3. suppurative, suppurated, puslike, Med. puruloid, Pathol. sanious, Pathol. impetiginous, Pathol. gley, Pathol. leukorrheal.

purvey, v. provide, furnish, supply, render, accommodate, *Archaic.* dight, Obs. appoint; gird, ready, prepare, store, stock or stock up, fill up, *Chiefly Scot.* plentiful; outfit, equip, accouter, fit out or up, rig out or up, gear.

purview, n. 1. jurisdiction, bailiwick, province; sphere, compass, orbit; area, territory; care, commission, responsibility.

2. understanding, comprehension, apprehension, prehension, ken, mental grasp, *Sl.* savvy; scope, field of vision.

pus, n. purulence, purulent matter, *Biol.* humor, *Archaic.* peccant humor or matter; suppuration, purlency, pusiness, festering, running, mattering, ran-king; discharge, excretion, fluid, *Med. rheum.* Pathol. ichor; Pathol. sanies, Pathol. gleet, Pathol. the whites, Pathol. leukorrhea.

push, v. 1. propel, move, actuate, get going, set in motion; drive, trundle, wheel, roll; shove, thrust, pole, stick.

2. press forward, make one's way, squeeze through, wedge, *Inf.* elbow or shoulder one's way; bulldoze, ram, butt, bunt; crowd, pack, cram, jam; jostle, knock against, bump into, jolt, jog; nudge, poke.

3. impel, urge, spur, prod, goad, induce, compel, make, force, *Inf.* pressure or high-pressure; encourage, egg on, motivate, stimulate, inspire, inspirit, em- brace, egg up, gear.

4. advance, forward, hasten, speed, expedite, railroad; endorse, get or stand behind, back, support, advocate, work for; go to bat for, stick up for, uphold.


6. press, bear hard upon, constrain, oblige, dragon, coerce, put on the screws; trouble, beset, aggravate, badger, hound, browbeat, plague, harass, harry; pin down, put *[s.o.]* in a difficult position, drive *[s.o.]* to the wall, *Inf.* strong-arm.

7. push off *Informal.* go away, depart, leave, launch, shove off.

8. **push on** continue, keep on, carry on, forge ahead; put one's shoulder to the wheel, endeavor, keep the ball rolling; persevere, persist, strive, struggle on, not give up, never say die, be undeterred, be undaunted; plod, grub, grind, drudge, labor.

9. **propulsion** impulsion, shove, thrust; jog, jolt, jostle, butt, bunt.

10. **vigorous effort** undertow; onset, onslaught, attack, assault, besetment, hit, strike; rush, charge, blitz, blitzkrieg; storming, raid, foray, sortie, sally, invasion, *Fr. coup de main,* Obs. brutum; bombardment, strafing, air raid, peppering, salvo, fusillade, *Both Mill.* barrage, enfilade, *Navv.* broadside.

11. exigency, exigence, urgency, need, needfulness; insistence, instance, pressure; exigencies, demands, needs, wants, requirements, urgencies, necessities, essentials, requisites; extremity, pinch, contingency; strait, difficulty, rub, trouble, plight; stress, strain.

12. **Informal.** ambition, enterprise, drive, force, striving; energy, vigor, vim, verve; zeal, enthusiasm, eagerness, spirit, get up and go, *Dial.* gimp.


pushing, adj. 1. enterprising, ambitious, go-ahead, driving; aspiring, hoping, scheming, planning, designing, *Inf.* on the make, climbing, goal-oriented; industrious, diligent, devoted, hard-working, assiduous, sedulous, determined; perseverant, persevering, pertinacious, persisting, dogged, tenacious.


pushy, adj. *Informal.* self-assertive,umptious, ob-trusive, obnoxious, brassy, aggressive, pushing. See pushing (def. 3).


pussyfoot, v. 1. walk on eggshells, step lightly, tread warily; creep, stalk, skulk, snoop, prow, sidle, pad, *U.S. Sl.* gumshoe; worm, worm one's way, inch along.

2. equivocate, prevaricate, hem and haw, blow hot and cold, straddle the fence; dodge, evade, sidestep; beat around or about the bush, beg the question, not come to the point, evade the issue.

putule, n. 1. pimple, papule, papilla, boil, blain, furuncle, furunculus, carbuncle, wen, pock, whelk, *Rare.* bleb, *Archaic.* botch; eruption, inflammation, swelling, rising, lump, bump, wheel; blemish, mark, spot, pockmark, whitehead, *Pathol.* milium, black-
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Inf. 
Inf. plop,
v. 1. place, pose, set, lay; drop, Inf. plop, Inf. plunk, Inf. plank, plump; park, station, post, stand; plant, implant, imbed; perch, mount, deposit; situate, locate, emplace, position, center; dispose, allocate, install, collocate, spot, pinpoint, fix, pin down; assign, delegate, consign.
2. send, shoot, thrust; pierce, plunge, stick, spear; drive, plunge, stab; force, hammer, pound, hit, knock, whack, bang.
3. throw, toss, fling, chuck, flip, pass; hurl, clap, slap, cast; snap, heave, hike, lob, let fly; shy, cath, catapult.
4. subject, sentence, condemn, convict, doom; commit, consign, send, delegate, reduce.
5. impose, inflict, set, subject to; exact, levy, impose; exact, levy, depute; impose, inflict, set, subject to; exact, levy, depute.
6. set before, pose, posit, advance, forward; propose, propound, predicate, postulate, lay down.
7. express, say, utter, pronounce, announce, proclaim, speak; state, declare, assert, avow, affirm, predicate, voice; aver, asseverate, allege, profess, avouch.
8. convert, turn into, interpret; render, transform, transcribe, transliterate, English, anglicize; say, phrase, put in words, couch, express; formulate, present, style, frame, paragraph.
9. attribute, assign, ascribe, lay on, pin upon; impute, attach, apply, fix, place, settle upon, put down; saddle with, blame, charge, credit with, accredit to.
10. impel, incite, urge, prompt, motivate, stimulate, animate; compel, move, shove, push, thrust; actuate, cause, start, forward; whip, lash, spur, drive.
11. invest, put money in, risk, speculate, Inf. stake, venture; sink; Inf. plunge; tie up money in, pour money in, buy into; finance, fund, financier; Inf. bankroll; sponsor, back, Inf. angel, put up, support.
12. bet, wager, gamble, risk, chance; take a chance, take a risk, hazard, take a leap in the dark; stake, play, go.
13. estimate, guess, Inf. guesstimate, deem, esteem; rate, assess, appraise, evaluate, valuate; place, set, gauge, measure, value; calculate, count, reckon, account, figure; consider, size up, think, prize, regard.
14. assign, detail, delegate, depute, allocate, tell to do; detach, post, commission, empower; appoint, name, designate.
15. put across convey, spell out, communicate, make clear, explain, get across; make oneself understood, make [s.t.] perfectly clear.
16. put away a. discard, throw away, get rid of, rid oneself of, get quit of; Sl. dump, Sl. ditch, Inf. chuck, Sl. eighty-six, cast aside; jettison, throw overboard, Inf. deep-six. b. consume, eat, eat up, ingest, take in, take down; devour, down, get down, tuck in; swallow, gulp, gobble, wolf, bolt, stuff. c. institutionalize, confine, commit, consign, remand. d. kill, do away with, dispose of, execute, slaughter, gas, hang, electrocute, shoot; put an end to, dispatch, finish, slay, put to sleep; Sl. rub out, Sl. waste, Sl. bump off, Sl. wipe out. e. save, put by, lay in, store away, lay away; stow away, cache, hide away, bank, file away; reposit, deposit, Inf. stick away; put aside, squirrel away, save up, treasure, keep, save for a rainy day.
17. put down a. disparage, deprecate, ridicule, berate, disparage, disvalue; belittle, denigrate, depreciate, disdain, deride; contempt, despise, hold in contempt, misprize; thumb one's nose at, Sl. dump on, sneer at, curl one's lip at. b. criticize, knock, disapprove, disfavor, look askance at, frown upon; not take kindly to, turn up one's nose at, take a dim view of; object to, discountenance, take exception, think ill of, think little of. c. humiliate, embarrass, mortify, crush; ash, dish, demean, fund, through disgrace, shame, make one blush; bring lower, bring down, take down, take down a notch, put a tuck in one's tail; delate, let down, take the wind out of one's sails. d. squeal, suppress, quash, quell, repress; smash, crush, crack down, clamp down; smother, strangle, gag, throttle, suffocate; drown, extinguish, kill. e. enter, set down, inscribe, book, log; record, register, tabulate, file, catalog, put in writing; write down, mark down, post, note down, jot down.
18. put forth a. assert, propose, present, put forward; submit, bid, insist, contend; argue, hold, maintain. b. issue, emit, bring out, publish; broadcast, advertise, publicize, make known; spread, circulate, propagate, air, publish; write up, break, make public. c. exert, use, exercise; Inf. put out; apply oneself, endeavor, ply, ply the oar, bear down; tax, strain, stress, sweat blood, buckle down.
19. put in a. interpose, introduce, insert, interject, interjaculate; stick in, slip in, throw in, pop in, insinuate, inject, implant. b. spend, expend, pass, use, consume, use up; make use of, utilize, exercise; devote, dedicate, give to, consecrate. c. induce, inaugurate, instate, place in office, invest; enthrone, crown, throne, chair, anoint, ordain, ordinate, install.
20. put off a. delay, postpone, defer; put aside, hold over, lay over, suspend, stay, extend, hold over, lay over, stand over; forestall, hold off, Sl. stall off, play for time.
21. put on a. don, change into, slip into, dress, get dressed; clothe, apparel, cloak, coat, jacket; attire, garb. b. feign, fake, assume, simulate, dissemble; act, play act, play act, make believe, pretend; bluff, put on an act, put up a front; affect, go through the motions, profess, make a show of, let on. c. gain, add, increase, grow, fatten, widen, balloon. d. exaggerate, overstate, overdo, stretch the truth; hyperbolize, overreach, overdraw, overestimate, carry too far; Inf. talk big, make much of, lay it on thick. e. produce, present, open a show, mount; perform, stage, dramatize, theatricalize; represent, portray, depict, impersonate. f. kid, joke, josh, jest, jape, Inf. jolly; tease, banter, haze, chaff, ride; Sl. rib, Sl. razz, Inf. needle, rally, Sl. rag. g. fool, befoul, dupe, gull; make a monkey out of, make a fool of.
22. put out a. extinguish, drown, kill, douse, quench; stamp out, snuff out, rub out, blow out. b. publish, issue, print, run, bring out, get out, put forth; publicize, make known, make public, circulate, spread. c. annoy, irritate, harass, give [s.o.] a hard time; aggravate, pester, exasperate, irk, vex, perturb, worry; torment, distress, Sl. bug. d. inconvenience, discommode, inconvenience, put on the spot; trouble, impose upon, disadvantage, bother, disturb.
23. put through carry through, conclude work, wind up, complete, finish; realize, achieve, accomplish, do, compass; put across, finish up, top off, cap; dispose of, dispatch, execute, effect; terminate, end, close, get done, call it a day; Inf. pull off, bring off, come through with, carry out, bring through.
24. put up a. can, preserve, Brit. tin, jar, bottle,
putrefy, v. rot, decay, go bad, deteriorate, disintegrate; busy, fool around, trifle, fool with; 
1. v. putter, putrid, adj. rotten, decaying, purulent, decomposed; 
2. fixed, set, secure, fastened, tight; stuck, glued, fast, cemented; stationary, motionless, static, still, at ease, at rest.

put-down, n. 1. humiliation, mortification, embarrassment; abashment, debasement, abasement, self-abnegation, self-diminishment, self-abasement; come-down, deflation, letdown; disgrace, shame.

put-on, adj. 1. pretended, assumed, meretricious, sham; faked, simulated, Inf. phony, spurious, counterfeit, fake; falsified, feigned, colored; artificial, ersatz, unnatural, synthetic, plastic; alloyed, mixed, adulterated.

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putter, v. 1. busy, fool around, trifle, fool with; fiddle, toy, play, Inf. monkey with, Inf. mess with; potter, piddle, fidget with, fribble, Inf. fiddle-faddle; tinker, dabble, footle, Sl. screw around with.

2. loiter, dawdle,iddle-daddle, daily, dilly-dally; kill time, waste time, beguile, pass time, while away time, bide time, lose time; doodle, lallygag, loll, fritter away time, fool away time; loaf, idle, squander away time, Inf. lazy away.

put-upon, adj. taken advantage of, imposed upon, put-out, inconvenienced; beset, troubled, disturbed, distressed, bothered, pestered, disquieted; embarrased, mortified, abashed, chagrined, humiliated.

puzzle, n. 1. acrostic, crossword puzzle; anagram, logograph, word game; jigsaw puzzle; Chinese puzzle.

2. enigma, mystery, riddle, conundrum, question, question mark; problem, dilemma, quandary, plight, predicament; maze, labyrinth, tangle, knot; secret, arc-anum, closed or sealed book; oracle, dark saying, obscure statement, hidden meaning, riddle of the sphinx; puzzler, poser, Inf. hard nut to crack, Inf. brain-teaser, Inf. mind-boggler, Inf. stumpier, Inf. floorer.

3. perplexity, bewilderment, confoundedness, bafflement, puzzlement, puzzledness; uncertainty, incertitude, confusion, disconcertment.

—v. 4. confuse, bewilder, perplex, nonplus, baffle, confound, mystify, Inf. bamboozle, Inf. buffle, Inf. flummox, Inf. stagger, stun, daze, astonish, astound, dumbfound, Brit. Dial. boggle, Inf. floor, Inf. flabbergast; gravel, befuddle, muddle, bemuddle, fog, be-fog, mix up; fool, delude, trick, outwit, hoodwink, bluff, distract.

5. ponder, study, consider, contemplate, meditate, reflect, muse, brood, deliberate, ruminate; ponder over, think over, study over, meditate upon or over, reflect upon or over, muse over, pull over, brood over, deliberate over or upon, puzzle over; think about, cogitate, give thought to; think hard, rack one's brains, Inf. sweat or strew over.

6. puzzle out solve, resolve, figure out, work out, think through or out, sort out, reason out, brains, Inf. get; crack, decode, decipher, break down, unlock, find the key; untangle, unravel, untie, unravel, clear up.

puzzled, adj. perplexed, mystified, staggered, flustered; bewildered, muddled, baffled, dazed, dazed, mixed up; confused, confounded, dumbfounded, St. stump, Inf. flummoxed; lost, fogged, in a fog, in a cloud, at a loss.

puzzler, n. poser, brain-teaser, brain-tweister, ticker; dilemma, mystery, enigma, quandary. See puzzle (def. 2).

puzzling, adj. 1. enigmatic, enigmatical, baffling, bewildering, perplexing, confounding, mystifying; inexplicable, unexplainable, insoluble, insolvable, Obs. inextricable.

2. mysterious, esoteric, occult, hermetic, hermetical; secret, hidden, concealed, veiled, masked, arcane, cryptic, perdur-obscure, indistinct, indefinite, unclear, shadowy, nebulous, vague; inscrutable, oracular, s pillar, sphinxian, sphinxlike; mystic, mystical, cabalistic; strange, weird, bizarre; odd, curious, peculiar, queer.

3. abstruse, recondite, abstract, heavy, St. heavy-duty; difficult, hard, over one's head, Inf. tough; complex, complicated, perplexed, Inf. tricky; intricate, involved, labyrinthine, tangled, knotty, crammed; impenetrable, unfathomable, incomprehensible, past or beyond comprehension or understanding, undecipherable.

4. ambiguous, equivocal, discreet, noncommittal, secretive, covert, clandestine, under-the-table, under-the-counter; evasive, shifty, circuitous.

pyromaniac, n. arsonist, Inf. firebug, fire buff, pyrophile, incendiary, fire-setter.
quack', v. cackle, gaggle, clack, honk.

quack², n. 1. pretender, impostor, masquerader, fake, Inf. faker, humbug; mountebank, charlatan, Inf. phony; hoaxter, cozener, trickster, cheat, swindler, Inf. shyster, sharper; slicker, sprier, knave, rogue, Inf. con man, Inf. con artist, Inf. bunko artist; shammer, bluffer; medicine man, witch doctor, shaman, nostrum peddler, meddicator, quack'salver.

—adj. 2. fake, Inf. phony, false, charlatanish; pseudo, quasi, sham, pretended, fraudulent; affected, assumed, put-on.

quackery, n. charlatanism, charlatanry, sciolism, humbuggery, humbug; imposture, trickery, chicaneity, knavery, fraudulence; deception, cozenage, delusion, fraud, sham; swindle, hoax, U.S. Inf. bunko, defraudment, misrepresentation; sharpening, sharking, cheating, duplicity; double-dealing, confidence game, Inf. con game, Inf. filch-flam game, Inf. ripoff.

quaff, v. drink, imbibe, Inf. swig, Inf. pull, Inf. take a pull at; drain, wash down, Inf. belt, toss off, Inf. chug, Inf. chug-a-lug; gulp, swallow, guzzle, Slang. swill, soak up, drink one's fill; tipple, Archaic. bib, tope, bouse, Archaic. dram, Inf. booze; Inf. wet one's whistle, Inf. gargle, lap, lap up; drink like a fish, drink hard, drink seriously, Slang. knock a few back, Slang. sip the beast; Slang. scoop a few, Slang. liquor up, Slang. souse; carouse, weazel, revel.

quag, v. Inf. funk; wince, quiver, quaver, quake, shake, tremble, quiver, vibrate, quaver; throb, pulsate, palpitate, Inf. tick, tock, tick-tock.


qualified, adj. 1. capable, able, efficient, Slang. on the ball; competent, fit, fitted, equipped, prepared, well-
grounded, trained, ready, up to grade; proficient, adept, finished, polished, practiced, experienced, Fr. au fait; skilled, skillful, knowledgeable, versed, well-informed, Inf. knowing the ropes, Inf. knowing one's stuff, Sl. knowing one's onions; commensurate, equal to, Inf. up to; satisfactory, Inf. up to snuff, acceptable; adequate, all right, Inf. OK, Archaic. sufficient; suitable, suited, fitting, proper, meet.

2. deserving, worthy, eligible; authorized, certified, licensed, warranted, legitimized.

3. restricted, restrictive, qualificatory, regulated, limited, limited, narrow, defined; confined, circumscribed, bound, marked off; conditional, provisional, dependent, contingent; adapted, adjusted, modified, modificatory, altered, changed.

qualify, v. 1. endow, endue, supply, provide for, fit, fit out, outfit, equip, arm; prepare, condition, ready, get ready; ground, train, instruct, coach, teach, educate; capable, enable, empower, delegate, authorize, warrant; certify, license, permit, pass, commission.

2. characterize, describe, designate, distinguish, call, name, repute, regard.

3. restrict, limit, regulate, define; confine, bound, narrow, circumscribe, mark off, make conditions, make exceptions, make provisions; adapt, adjust, affect; modify, alter, change; moderate, temper, mitigate, moderate; reduce, abate, diminish, lessen, lighten, Inf. let up; relieve, assuage, alleviate, ease, moderate, soften, tone down; mollify, appease, pacify, calm, soothe.

4. deserve, be worthy of, meet requirements, be eligible for, pass inspection, pass muster, make the grade, succeed; Sl. cut it, Sl. hack it; be licensed, be commissioned.

quality, n. 1. characteristic, property, attribute; distinction, note, mark, cachet, feature, trait, grace, 4. deserve, be worthy of, meet requirements, be eligible for, pass inspection, pass muster, make the grade, succeed; Sl. cut it, Sl. hack it; be licensed, be commissioned.

2. superiority, excellence, Sl. class; eminence, preeminence, distinction, greatness, nobility, transcendence; fineness, worth; value; supremacy, perfection, certain something, Fr. je ne sais quoi.

3. high station, high degree, high rank; elevated social position, standing, social status; dignity, grandeur, importance, influence; fame, notoriety; preeminence, caste, blue blood.

4. aristocracy, gentry, nobility, patriciate, (in Brit.) peerage; elite, privileged class, dominant class, ruling class, upper class, the high and mighty, Inf. upper crust, gentility; meritocracy, the best and the brightest; high society, Fr. haut monde, beau monde, fashionable society; social elite, clique, coterie, jet set, the beautiful people.

qualm, n. 1. compunction, pang of conscience, scruple, remorse, contrition, regret; penitence, repentance, contriteness; sorrow, guilt, shame, embarrassment; self-reproach, self-reproo, self-blame, self-accusation, self-condemnation, self-castigation.

2. misgiving, doubt, question; hesitation, reluctance, unwillingness, disinclination; uncertainty; feeling, odd feeling, bad feeling, Inf. funny feeling; Sl. bad vibes, uneasiness, apprehensiveness, Inf. butterflies, Sl. heebie-jeebies, jitters, Sl. willies, Sl. creeps; apprehension, fear, foreboding, presentiment, premonition, prescience, presage; trepidation, disquiet, care, concern; anxiety, dread, alarm, consternation.

3. sudden sickness, nausea, queasiness; repugnance, disgust, turn, loathing.

quandary, n. 1. predicament, dilemma, crossroads; perplexity, puzzle, enigma, riddle, conundrum, poser; paradox, knot, knotty problem, Gordian knot; imbroglio, intricacy, entanglement, maze; slough, muddle, quagmire, stalemate; dangerous condition or situation; plight, extremity; hornet's nest, pretty kettle of fish, straw, jam, hot water; pinch, exigency, emergency, trouble, distress, difficulty.

2. uncertainty, indecision, incertitude; dubiousness, doubtfulness, doubt; perplexity, bewilderment, confusedness; indetermination, vacillation, wavering; insecurity, precariousness.

quantity, n. 1. amount, substance, measurement, measure, extent, strength; weight, content, capacity; total, sum, whole, lot, aggregate, whole deal, whole shebang; large amount, big amount, lots, lots and lots.

2. share, portion, proportion, quota; dose, dosage, allotment, apportionment; dole, allowance, pittance, spoonful, mouthful, armful, handful, dipperful; batch, lot, pinch.

quarrel, n. 1. dispute, discord, wrangle, wrangling, bickering, Sl. beef, controversy; contradiction, dissonance, variance, difference of opinion; debate, discussion, polemic, logomachy, war of words; contestation, litigation, disputation, argumentation, argument, Inf. words; disagreement, squabble, spat, tiff, Brit. Dial. fratch; personal conflict, Inf. run-in, Inf. hassle, Inf. barney; falling-out, rupture, break, schism, faction, open variance, feud, vendetta.

2. contention, contest, altercation, conflict, clash, Law. chance-medley; Sl. blow-up, row, dustup, Sl. rubarb, fracas, fray; uproar, brouhaha, brawl, rumpus, Inf. ruckus, breach of the peace; fight, tussle, donnybrook, Scot. and North Eng. threap, Inf. scrap, Inf. set-to; broil, embroilment, imbroglio, Scot. sturt, Scot. colleshangie; strife, tumult, disturbance, commotion, outbreak, declaration of war; scrimmage, riot, squall, pandemonium.

3. issue, question at issue, battleground, bone of contention, disputed point; apple of discord, Latin. casus belli, cause of complaint, objection, root of the trouble. —v. 4. squabble, altercation, have an altercation; argue, disagree, dispute, spar, have words, Inf. pick a row; fall out, be at loggerheads, be at odds; spat, tiff, quibble, wrangle; differ, contend, break, carry on a vendetta; make something of it, clash, brawl, be at each other's throats; broil, fight, scuffle, conflict, go on the warpath.

4. debate, dissent, have words, raise voices, have a misunderstanding; contend, take issue, object, Scot. throw; carp, find fault, raise a complaint; scold, nag, Inf. rip into, Inf. tear into, Inf. bawl out, Inf. lace into, Inf. lay out, Inf. let have it.

quarrelsome, adj. 1. argumentative, inharmonious, contentious, combative, wranglesome; dissident, dissentient, contentious; exceptional, controversial, litigious, disputatious, hostile, unpacific, pugnacious; combative; discordant, bellicose, battlements, belligerent, brawling, turbulent; fiery, hot, hot-headed, hot-tempered; peppery, quick-tempered, Inf. quick on the trigger.

2. antagonistic, unfriendly, unamiable, alienating; abrupt, sharp, acrimonious, caustic, sarcastic, biting; thorny; vixenish, shrewish, termagant; fractious,
choleric, churlish, captious, contradictory, disagreeable; cantankerous, captious, irascible, irritable; contrary, dyspeptic, bad-tempered, ill-humored; fretful, petulant, peevish, querulous, grouchy; cross, cranky, testy, snappish, Inf. ugly, Inf. mean, Inf. ornery, wapashish, touchy, pettyish, splenetic, difficult; thin-skinned, cross-grained, quick to take offense.

quarry', n. 1. excavation, pit, mine, strip mine.
—v. 2. quarry, mine, strip mine.

quarry', n. game, hunted animal or bird, prey, raven, the hunted, object of the chase, victim, thekill.

quarter, n. 1. one fourth, a fourth part; quarter-hour; one fourth of a year or three months; half a semester, quarter term; twenty-five cents, S.l. two bits.
2. point, direction, compass point or direction.
3. country, region, district, zone, province; area, parts, Inf. neck of the woods, part of the country; territory, tract of land, land, terrain; place, locality, section, neighborhood, block.
4. quarters a. lodgings, lodging, lodging place, lodgment, living quarters, quarterage, rooms, accommodations, housing, shelter, roof over one's head, Inf. pad, Inf. crash pad, Chiefly Brit. Inf. diggings, Brit. Inf. digs; home, abode, domicile, domicil, residence, residency, dwelling, dwelling place, habitation, habitat, inhabitation, inhabitability; flat, apartment, tenement, rent, walk-up, cold-water flat, Brit. chambers, Brit. apartments, Chiefly Brit. maisonette; penthouse, townhouse, suite, story, condominium, Inf. condo; chamber, room, stall, cell, cabin, compartment; nook, nest, roost, perch; address, location, situation, whereabouts, place.
5. Military, barracks, billet, casern, cantonment, military quarters, S.l. the Q.
6. mercy, indulgence, favor, clemency, forgiveness, paragon, mercy, indulgence, favor, clemency, forgiveness, paragon, fare, leniency, leniency, sparingness, mildness.
—v. 6. quadrisection, cut or divide into quarters; cut up, carve, divide into sections, section, split up.
7. board, furnish with lodgings, Inf. put up, house, billet, lodge, accommodate, bed, give food and shelter, put a roof over [s.o.'s] head.
8. station, assign, locate, post, place, situate.
9. lodge, take up quarters, take up residence, abide, dwell, live, stay, take root, settle down; make camp, encamp, pitch one's tent, Inf. park oneself and one's belongings.

quash1, v. 1. subdue, suppress, squelch, Inf. put the kibosh on, squash, vanquish; quell, quench, stamp out, put down, repress, crush, terminate, put an end to, dissolve, stop; overthrow, overwhelm, overturn, subvert, defeat, conquer, overcome.
2. annihilate, exterminate, extirpate, extirpate, obliterate; destroy, demolish, devastate; expunge, efface, wipe out, blot out, erase, delete, cancel, strike out.

quash2, v. 1. annul, disannul, nullify, declare null and void, render null and void, void, avoid; vacate, vitiate, invalidate, disenact, disestablish; cancel, discharge; supersede, set aside; repeal, revoke, rescind, reverse, revoke; inf. discontinue, break off, Law. nol-pros, suspend, stop, cease.
2. recant, retract, abjure, unassay, recall; withdraw, take back, undo; renounce, repudiate, deny, declare, disown, relinquish, abnegate, disavow; countermand, counterorder, overrule, override; veto, negate.
3. terminate, put an end to, bring to an end, dissolve; discard, dismiss, cast aside.

quasi, adj. 1. resembling, seeming, apparent; partial, part, kind of, sort of, Inf. semi; pseudo, pretend-ed, fake.
—adv. 2. seemingly, as it were, apparently; partially, partly, to a certain extent or degree.

quaver, v. 1. quiver, vibrate, tremble, shake, shudder, shiver; flicker, flutter, oscillate, fluctuate, vacillate, waver. See quiver (def. 1).
2. trill, twitter, warble, yodel.
—n. 3. quiver, quivering, quavering, vibration, trembling, shaking, shuddering, shivering; flickering, fluttering, vacillating, wavering. See quiver (def. 2).
4. trill, trilling, twittering, warble, warbling, yodeling, Music. vibrato, Music. tremolo.

queen, n. 1. hussy, Sl. broad, brazen woman, Archaic. malapert, jade; shrew, harriand, scold, virago, xiven, termagant, Sl. bitch.
2. prostitute, harlot, strumpet, whore; slut, slattern, demirep, cocotte, demimondaine, loose woman, wan-ton, fallen woman, tramp, vamp, white slave; lady of the evening, woman of the profession, Mrs. Warren, Fr. fille de joie; trollop, Archaic. wench, trull, drab; All Sl. tart, hustler, hooker, floozie. See also prostitute (def. 1).

queasy, adj. 1. nauseous, nauseated, sick to one's stomach, sick, ill, indisposed; out of sorts, Sl. hung over, Inf. under the weather, qualmish, Inf. woozy, faint, dizzy.
2. nauseating, sickening, disgusting, revoltimg, repulsive, repellent, Sl. gross.
3. uneasy, uncomfortable, conscience-stricken; concerned, worried, anxious, nervous.
4. squeamish, overfastidious, overnice, dainty; over-particular, fussy, finicky, finical.

queen, n. 1. queen consort, queen dowager, queen mother, sultana, infanta; female sovereign or monarch, empress, Hist. princess, czarina, ranee, maharanee, empress, monarch, or mother, sultana, infanta; female sovereign or monarch, empress, monarch, mother, sultana, infanta, empress, monarch, or mother, sultana, infanta, empress, monarch, or mother, sultana, infanta; female sovereign or monarch, empress, monarch, or mother, sultana, infanta, empress, monarch, or mother, sultana, infanta, empress, monarch, or mother, sultana, infanta, empress, monarch, or mother, sultana, infanta, empress, monarch, or mother, sultana, infanta, empress, monarch, or mother, sultana, infanta, empress, monarch, or mother, sultana, infanta.
2. movie queen, beauty queen, idol, star; model, paragon, pink, phoenix, ideal, perfection.

queer, adj. 1. unconventional, uncommon, unusual, unique, unorthodox, uncust ommary, unwanted, rare; atypical, original, singular, exceptional, individual; unexamined, unparalleled, unprecedented, unfamiliar, uncomfortable; odd, curious, peculiar, offbeat, cranky; incongruous, anomalous, irregular, abnormal, deviate, deviant, Inf. funny, Sl. rum.
2. quaint, eccentric, droll, comical, fanciful, whimsical, capricious, waggish, Sl. balmy, Chiefly Brit. Barny, weird, strange, bizarre, freakish, Sl. far out; grotesque, ridiculous, ludicrous, absurd, preposterous, outlandish, extravagant, fantastic; remarkable, astonishing, extraordinary; exotic, unreal, unnatural, fey, supernatural, preternatural, nondenographic, amorphous, indescribable, unclassifiable.
3. suspicious, suspect, questionable, dubious, doubtful, open to doubt, wrong, not right, Inf. shady, Sl. fishy; untrustworthy, disreputable, Inf. crooked, Inf. shifty-eyed.
4. giddy, faint, light-headed, dizzy, reeling, vertigo- nous; qualmish, uneasy; All Sl. blazed, zoned, spaced, ripped, spent, wrecked, wasted, out of it.
5. crazy, mad, insane, demented, deranged, irrational, unbalanced, unhinged, insensate, brainless, of un sound mind, out of one's mind or head or wits, off one's head, mad as a hatter or March hare, daft, touched, crackbrained, Latin. non compos mentis; crazed, frenzied, frantic, frenetic, wild, delirious, rabid, raving, Inf. cracked, Inf. dotty, Inf. daffy, Inf. haywire, Sl. over the top; with bats in one's belfry, with a screw loose, with a few buttons missing, not playing with a full deck, with rooms to let; All Sl. non compos mentis.
schizo, screwy, squirrely, wacko, wacky, nuts, loony, loco, nutty, ape, bananas, bats, batty, bonkers, bughouse, bugs, cuckoo, dippy, mental, off one's rocker, off the wall, out in left field, Brit. off one's chump.

6. Derogatory. homosexual, Inf. gay, Inf. bent. See homosexual (def. 1).

7. Slang. a. bad, poor, worthless, useless, defective, faulty; deficient, inferior, second-rate, below par or standard. b. counterfeiter, spurious, fraudulent, forged, bogus, unguenuine, unauthentic, supposititious, apocryphal, colorful, sham, mock, dummy, bastard, quasi, pseudo, so-called, Inf. fake, Sl. phony.

—v. 8. spoil, ruin, mar, Fig. butcher; impair, damage, hurt, harm; bungle, mosh, bluff, blunder, foul up, make a mess or hash of, Inf. butch, Inf. flub, Inf. gum up the works, Inf. bolix, Sl. mess up, Sl. screw up, Sl. louse up, Sl. blow, Sl. bitch.

9. jeopardize, jeopard, imperil, peril, hazard, threaten, expose, endanger, put in or expose to danger; compromise; commit, venture, chance, stake, gamble, dare, take a chance, tempt fortune.

—n. 10. Derogatory. homosexual, Derog. homo, Derog. taggot. See homosexual (def. 2).

11. Slang. counterfeit money, false or bad money, base coin, Inf. phony or bogus money, Sl. green goods.

quell, v. 1. suppress, subdue, abort, extinguish, stamp out; vanquish, conquer, subjugate; overpower, overcome, overwhelm; crush, defeat, worst, beat down, put down, squelch; rout, disperse, scatter.

2. quiet, silence, calm, Archaic. becalm, hush, lull, pacify, compose, tranquilize; allay, assuage, alleviate, mitigate, palliate, moderate; soothe, appease, mollify, soften; dull, deaden, blunt; abate, stem, stay.

mitigate, palliate, moderate; soothe, appease, mollify, down, put down, squelch; rout, disperse, scatter.

3. quash, quell, suppress, put the kibosh on; overthrow, overturn, blow out, turn off, (of a light) dim, Inf. dinch, Inf. put out, douse, SI. hit the spot; becalm, hush, lull, Archaic., Inf. Derogatory,

4. beyond question; take exception, object, demur.

—v. 3. Usu. quest for or after search for, look for, hunt for, cast about for; delve for, fish for, angle for, desire, desideratum, nisus, striving.

5. goal, aim, mark, objective; destination, end, target, bull's-eye; quarry, quintain, prey, game; intent, intention, purpose, point, end in view; ambition, desire, desideratum, nisus, striving.

—n. 1. search, exploration, pursuit; expedition, excursion, journey, voyage; campaign, crusade, mission, pilgrimage, march; chase, hunt, Brit. chevy; trailing, pursuance, following, coursing, tracking; stalking, prowling, seeking, searching.

6. goal, aim, mark, objective; destination, end, target, bull's-eye; quarry, quintain, prey, game; intent, intention, purpose, point, end in view; ambition, desire, desideratum, nisus, striving.

—n. 2. question, interrogatory, inquiry; leading question, loaded question.

query, n. 1. question, interrogatory, inquiry; interrogation, questioning, asking; issue, problem, pose, matter in dispute, question at issue, knotty point; request, demand, desideratum; quandary, dilemma, perplexity, confusion, ambiguity; investigation, inquest, exploration, probe.

2. doubt, uncertainty, hesitation, reservation, indecision, undecidedness, irresolution; incertitude, dubiety, dubiousness, lack of certainty; incredulity, skepticism.

—v. 3. ask, inquire, question, ask questions; quiz, catechize, probe, examine, test; interrogate, Inf. grill, pump, cross-examine, U.S. give the third degree, interrogate; sound out, ferret out, fish out, nose out; analyze, learn, investigate, scrutinize; examine, survey, probe, fallout.

4. doubt, suspect, mistrust, distrust, have one's doubts, entertain doubts, be uncertain, not know what to think, disbelieve, misbelieve; harbor suspicions, consider questionable, hesitate to believe, Inf. smell a rat, Inf. take with a grain of salt.

5. dispute, challenge, raise objections, protest, controvert; take exception, object, demur.

questionable, adj. debatable, controversial, polemical, in dispute; subject to discussion, moot, open to question, in question, problematic, problematical, hard to believe, open to doubt, doubtful,
doubious, dubitable; uncertain, unsure, unsettled, undecided, borderline; tentative, undetermined, contingent, provisional; discussible, disputable, contestable, arguable, controvertible.

2. ambiguous, equivocal, Logic. amphibolous, paradoxical, duplicitious, ironic; two-edged, ambivalent, multi-leveled, figurative, suggestive, symbolic; misleading, left-handed, roundabout, circuitous, ambiguous, hedging, weasel-worded; untrustworthy, unreliable, suspicious, Inf. fishy, Inf. shifty.

3. obscure, abstruse, veiled, indefinite, vague, unintelligible, incomprehensible; puzzling, mystifying, mysterious, enigmatic, enigmatical, confusing, perplexing; cryptic, delphic, oracular.

questioner, n. 1. interrogator, inquisitor, interlocutor; inquirer, querist, asker; examiner, investigator, inspector, scrutator, scrutinizer; catechist, quizzer.

2. disbeliever, doubting Thomas, unbeliever, unmisbeliever, Turkish. giaour; skeptic, nullullanid, Pyrrhonist; cynic, nihilist; heathen, pagan, infidel; free-thinker, iconoclast, agnostic, atheist, latitudinarian; heretic, recusant; apostate, Backslider; rationalist.

queue, n. 1. braid, pigtail, ponytail, cue.

2. line of people, file, row, cordon, range; string, series, train, chain, concatenation; sequence, succession, progression, order.

—v. 3. line up, get in line, fall into line, fall in; arrange, order, group, rank.

quibble, n. 1. equivocation, previration, eva- sion, dodge, elusion, avoidance; shuffling, shifting, hedging, beating around the bush; qualification, compromise, cop out; ambiguity, amphibolity, vagueness, indefiniteness, indistinctness, indeterminateness; vacillation, turgidisation; double-speak, double talk, palter, weasel words, sophistry, deception, deceit, spuriousness, chicane, chicanery, fraud.

2. pun, play upon words, word play, double-en- tity, double meaning, ambiguity, sophistical, casuistic, Logic.

3. criticism, objection, complaint, protest; bickering, caviling, Inf. nitpicking, pettifying, splitting hairs, chopping logic, trifling.

—v. 4. doubletalk, Inf. talk out both sides of one's mouth, palter; equivocate, precisate, Sl. waffle, fudge, lie; evade, dodge, elude, weasel out, shuffle; shift, hedge, beat around the bush; mislead, deceive, mystify.

5. cavil, Inf. nitpick, petitifog, belabor a point, split hairs, chop logic, trifle, beg the question; bitter, bandy words, moat, sift; squabble, haggle, Sl. hassle, Scot. argle-bargle.

quibbler, n. capacious reasoner, caviler, hairsplitter, Inf. nitpicker, nag; equivocator, sphinx, Delphic oracle; double-talker; sophist, casuist, Logic. parolologist; prevaricator, liar, palterer.

quibbling, adj. 1. carping, caviling, pettifying, hairsplitting, nigging, Inf. nitpicking; jesuitical, sophistical, casuistic, Logic. paralogistic; critical, hypercritical, capacious, censusorial, overcritical, faultfinding.

2. prevaricative, prevaricatory, deceptive, misleading; elusive, evasive, enigmatic, double-talking; ambiguous, amphibollogical, equivocative, equivocal, amphibolous, amphibolistic.

quick, adj. 1. prompt, immediate, sudden, instantaneous, expeditious; rapid, speedy, swift, fast, fleet; express, light-footed, nimble-footed, winged; flying, hurried, precipitate, headlong; hasty, cursory, summary, perfunctory.

2. brief, fleeting, momentary, transient, transitory, fugacious; evanescent, ephemeral, elusive, mercurial; temporary, passing, impermanent; perishable, caduous, deciduous.

3. impatient, irascible. See quick-tempered.

4. lively, keen, alert, active, vigorous, yare, spanking, energetic; spry, agile, sprightly; snappy, vivacious, animated, spirited, frisky; up-and-coming, wide-awake, go-ahead.

5. adroit, dexterous, deft, skillful, apt, expert, able, adept; facile, handy, nimble-fingered, neat-handed, clever.

6. acute, shrewd, astute. See quick-witted.

7. living, live, alive, animate; viable; existing, alive and kicking, breathing.

—n. 8. living persons, the living.

9. vital part, most important part; crux, heart, essence, pith.

10. cut to the quick injure deeply, hurt the feelings of, crush, Fig. devastate.

quicken, v. 1. accelerate, speed up, hasten, expedite, precipitate; propel, advance, impel, drive, dispatch; hustle, bestir, rush.

2. stimulate, stir up, rouse, incite, kindle, enkindle, fire; arouse, instigate, fan, foment, inspire, whet; press, push, spur, goad, urge, egg on.

3. animate, restore to life, revive, vivify, resuscitate; awaken, energize, vitalize, revitalize, enliven, strengthen; introduce new blood, infuse new life into, restore vigor to; refresh, sharpen, affect, move.

quickly, adv. 1. swiftly, speedily, rapidly, fast; promptly, without delay, with dispatch, expeditiously; post haste, apace, hotfoot, with celerity, hastily, helter-skelter, pell-mell, hurry-scurry, slapdash, head over heels; abruptly, briskly; hurriedly, headlong, precipitately, full-tilt, at full speed, at full gallop, tantivy, in full sail.

2. immediately, instantaneously, on the spur of the moment, on the spot, on the instant, straightway; presently, directly, forthwith, very soon, Archaic. anon, elopere; instantly, in a flash, in a wink, in a zip, in less than no time, in nothing flat, in no time flat, in short order, in two shakes of a lamb's tail, on the double, Sl. pronto; suddenly, overnight.

quickness, n. 1. haste, speed, rapidity, swiftness, celerity, fleetness, velocity, swiftness; suddenness, hastiness, abruptness, briskness, swiftness, promptness, punctuality; brevity, impermanence, transitoriness, transience, ephemeralness, ephemeralness, evanescence.

2. animation, liveliness, agility, nimbleness, spryness; energy, vim, dash, elan, spirit, snap; alertness, keenness, alacrity.

quick-tempered, adj. impatient, irritable, irascible; high-strung, high-mettled, temperamental, excitable, impulsive, volatile; hot-blooded, hot-tempered, fiery, like tinder, like touchwood; testy, touchy, petulant, impulsive, volatile; hot-blooded, hot-tempered, fiery, like tinder, like touchwood; testy, touchy, petulant, snapish, peppy, waspish, shrewish; choleric, splenetic, fretful; bad-tempered, cantankerous, cap- tious, churlish, quarrelsome.

quick-witted, adj. acute, keen, shrewd, astute, Scot. and North Eng. gleg; intelligent, discerning, perspicacious, brainy, hard-headed, long-headed, far-sighted, penetrating, thoughtful; alert, wide-aware; brilliant, luminous, bright; smart, clever, foxy, ingenious, sharp-witted, sharp as a tack, Sl. on the ball, Inf. crack, Sl. crackerjack, Inf. whiz bang, Brit. Sl. whizzo; nimble-witted, witty, salty, jocose, jocular, facetious, humorous, waggish.

quiddity, n. 1. haecceity, essence, inner essence, stuff, substance, Metaphys. hypostasis.

2. subtlety, subtle distinction, fine or thin line, quirk,
quid pro quo, Latin, substitution, exchange, inter-change, interplay, one thing for another; something for something; trading, barter, Inf. swapping, Chiefly U.S. Politics. logrolling, U.S. SI. pork barrel; persiflage, badinage, repartee; retaliation, reprisal, requital, lex talionis, talion, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth; tit for tat, measure for measure, for like for like; give and take, blow for blow; a Roland for an Oliver; a game two can play, battledore and shuttlecock.

quiescence, n. 1. rest, repose, ease; dormancy, hibernation, latency; pause, lull, break, halt, stop; suspension, suspense, standstill; cessation, discontinuance, inaction, inactivity; deferment, postponement, hesitation, hesitancy, delay, wait; interim, interval, intermission, intermittence, intermittency; status quo, waiting period, waiting game. 2. stagnation, inertia, lethargy; immobility, motionlessness, inertness. 3. tranquility, peace, peacefulness, quiet, quetude, calm, calmness; stillness, silence, hush. 4. drowsiness, sleepiness, somnolence, sleep.

quiescent, adj. 1. still, stock-still, motionless; stationary, inactive, unmoving, immovable, immobile; becalmed. 2. calm, quiet, reposeful, serene, placid, tranquil; peaceful, restful; silent, noiseless, soundless, hushed. 3. stagnant, sluggish, lifeless, inert, passive, lethargic; torpid, torpentine, dull, sleepy, asleep, sleeping, comatose. 4. suspended, deferred, postponed, abeyant; waiting, hesitating, hesitant, delaying; pausing, resting, stopping, breaking, in abeyance.

quiet, n. 1. silence, stillness, hush; soundlessness, noiselessness, quietness, quietude; tranquillity, serenity, placidity, calmness, calm; quietude, tranquillity, serenity, placidity, calm; quietness, quiet; silence, hush, soundlessness, noiselessness. 2. calm, quietly, peaceably, peacefully, pacifically; mildly, meekly, serenely, unexcitedly, composedly, patiently, placidly, sedately, soberly, tranquilly; imper turbably, collectedly, impassively; dispassionately, stoically, indifferently, coolly.

quietude, n. 1. tranquillity, serenity, placidity, calmness, calm; rest, repose, peacefulness, peace, ease; stillness, still, quiescence, quietness, quiet; silence, hush, soundlessness, noiselessness. 2. stagnation, inertia, inactivity, inaction. 3. composure, sang-froid, self-possession, poised, equanimity, self-control, steadiness; self-restraint, stoicism, staidness, sobriety; impassivity, impassivity, coolness, inexcitability. 4. resignation, submission, sufferance, long-suffering; tolerance, toleration, forbearance, longanimity.

quietus, n. 1. finishing stroke, death stroke or blow, final blow, Fr. coup de grâce; knockout, knockout blow, Sl. sockdolager; end-all, ender, clincher, crusher, stopper, topper, windup; last straw, straw that broke the camel's back, Inf. kibosh. 2. death, demise, decease; end, finish, finis, finale; final curtain, end of the line, end of one's rope. 3. retirement, withdrawal,ibernation; inactivity, inertia, idleness, stagnation; calm, slumber, rest, repose, sleep, dormancy, quiescence.

quill, n. 1. feather, plume, plumelet, pinion, Ornithol. plume. 2. hollow spine, prick, ray, spine, Anat., Zool. spina, Zool. shaft, Zool. spicule. 3. pen, writing pen, stylus, nib.

quill, n. coverlet, counterpane, bedspread, blanket, bedcover, bedquilt; crazy quilt, patchwork quilt; eider down, U.S. comforter, puff, Brit. Inf. downy, feather bed.

quintessence, n. 1. quidity, essence, essential part, essentiality, essentialness, suchness, Metaphys. hypostasis; extract, elixir; pith, heart, core, soul, marrow, backbone, kernel, gist, sum and substance, sum total; life, lifeblood, spirit, truth, purport, verity, tenor, import, drift, sense, significance. 2. perfect embodiment, perfection, cream, paragon, personification, exemplar, pattern, model, nonpareil, beau ideal, prototype, Fr. crème de la crème.
quintet, n. quintette, quintuplet, cinquain, fivesome, pentad; group of five singers or players, combo, jazz band, rock band.

quip, n. 1.ibe, jape, Inf. wisecrack, Inf. crack, put-down, barb, Sl. zinger, squib, smart-aleck remark.
2. joke, jest, witticism, sally, mot, bon mot, ad-lib; gag, waggy, drollery, one-liner, wheeze, pleasantry, pun, double entendre; epigram, apothegm, gnomon, aphorism; repartee, riposte, retort.
3. quibble, evasion, equivocation, sophism, ambiguitiy; cavil, criticism, niggle, nagging.
—v. 4.ibe, Inf. wisecrack, Inf. crack wise, put down, slam, let [s.o.] have it, give [s.o.] a piece of one's mind; joke, jest, gag, kid, kid around; ad-lib, pun; quibble, equivocate, shilly-shally, split hairs, talk with forked tongue, talk out of both sides of one's mouth, mince words; petitfog, bicker, carp, cavil, object, niggle; complain, nag, mouth off.
quipster, n. giber, Sl. wisecracker, Sl. wisenheimer, smart aleck, Sl. kidder; joker, jester, wag, wit, Good- man Ace, humorist, gigan, gagster, gagster, gag writer; jokesmith; punster, epigrammist, aphorizer; quibbler, nigger, carper, caviler.
quirk, n. 1. idiosyncrasy, idiosyncrasy, particularity, singularity, rarity; peculiarity, oddity, curiousity, warp; abnormality, aberration, aberrance, aberrancy, freak, anomaly, Rare, anomalousness; irregularity, variation, deviation, discrepancy, excepttion; mannerism, habit, behavior, one's own way of doing things, affectation; characteristic, trait, feature, attribute, quality, property; quip, crotchet, whim, whiny, notion, caprice, flight of fancy, vagary, humor; obsession, infatuation, fixation, mania, craze, passion, fetishism, blind devotion; pet idea, hobby-horse, pet peeve, ax to grind, bee in one's bonnet; monomania, fixed idea, Fr. idée fixe, Sl. hang-up.
2. subterfuge, evasion, elusion, avoidance, excuse; equivocation, equivoque, amphibolism, ambiguity, double speak, double talk; song and dance, jive, hedging, beating about the bush; quibble, quiddity, subtlety, sophism, sophistry, elenchus, casuistry, Both Disparaging. Jesuitism, Jesuism, Both Logical, paralogism, antilogism; shift, dodge, shuffle, fancy footwork, maneuver, move; trick, artifice, stratagem, wilde, ruse, chicanery, chicane, sham, make-believe, deception; pretext, pretense, front, disguise, mask, veil.
3. twist, turn, curve, angle; flourish, twirl, coil, spiral, fancy stroke, convolution, contortion.
quisling, n. fifth columnist, collaborator, subversive, conspirator; traitor, Judas, betrayer, renegade, turncoat, deserter.
quit, v. 1. stop, discontinue, desist, Archaic, surcease, end; leave off, break off, pause, intermit, suspend; rest; abate, lessen, lull, quiet down, let up, come to a halt or standstill; (of machinery) Sl. conk out; (all usu. of work) Inf. call it a day, Inf. call it quits, Inf. shut up shop, Sl. knock off, Brit. pack it in.
2. depart from, leave away from, get away from; take off, flee, fly the coop, Inf. skip, take French leave, Sl. cut out, Sl. vamoose; evacuate, vacate, decamp, emigrate. See also leave (defs. 1, 2).
3. abandon, relinquish, abnegate, let go, surrender, concede, yield, submit, Sl. throw in the towel or sponge; resign, abdicate, give up.
4. repudiate, abjure, reject, disown, renounce; reneg, forswear, disavow, disclaim, rescant; bail out, bow out, pull out of, Inf. back out of, back-pedal, Inf. back away from, back off on, Inf. cop out, Sl. chicken out; apostatize, defect.
5. discard, get rid of, toss off or aside, drop, Inf. ditch, Inf. chuck.
quite, adv. 1. completely, wholly, entirely, totally, fully, altogether; in all, in all respects, with no exception, across the board, from A to Z, Latin. in toto, from tip to toe, from head to toe; utterly, thoroughly, positively, absolutely, out and out, perfectly; clean, right, sheer, stark, Inf. plumb.
2. actually, truly, really, in reality, in truth, Archaic, forsooth, in fact, indeed, Archaic. verily, veritably; certainly, assuredly.
3. considerably, noticeably, very, exceedingly, remarkably, surprisingly, excessively; enormously, hugely, vastly, highly.
quittance, n. 1. reward, recompense, Literary, requital, retribution, repayment; reparation, amends, redress, atonement, expiation; compensation, indemnity, satisfaction; payment, remuneration, reimbursement, defrayal, defrayment, remittance.
2. discharge, release, acquittance, clearance; settlement, liquidation, redemption; receipt, voucher.
quitter, n. Informal. 1. defatist, Sl. cop out.
2. shirker, slacker, loafer, malingerer, Sl. goldbrick, Sl. goof-off, Brit. skulk, Brit. Sl.ismshanker; welsher, Inf. skip.
3. deserter, runaway, fugitive, truant; turncoat, renegade, backsider.
quiver, v. 1. quaver, vibrate, tremble, shake, shudder, shiver, convulse, tremol, quake, palpitate, pitpat, beat, pulse, pulsate, throb, thump, pound; flicker, flutter, oscillate, fluctuate, vacillate, alternate; wave, wobble, waggie, totter, teeter, teeter-totter; wave or sway to and fro, flap, flop, toss, swish, wag, dangle; ripple, wave, undulate, purr; jerk, move, twitch, vellicate, jump, start.
—n. 2. quivering, quavering, vibration, trembling, tremble, trembling, shake, shaking; shudder, shuddering, shiver, quivering, tremor, quake, quaking; palpitation, pitpat, beating, pulsing, pulsation, throbbing, thumping, pounding; flicker, flickering, flutter, fluttering, oscillation, fluctuation, vacillation, alternation; wave, wavering, wobbling, tottering, teetering, flapping, swaying to and fro, flopping, tossing, swishing, wagging, dancing; ripple, rippling, waving, undulation, purling; jerk, jerking, twitch, twitching, vellication, jump, start.
quivering, adj. quivery, quavering, quavery, quavering, trembling, tremble, trembling, shake, shaking; shudder, shuddering, shiver, shivering, tremor, quake, quaking; vibration, trembling, tremble, trembling, shake, shaking; shudder, shuddering, shiver, shivering, tremor, quake, quaking; palpitation, pitpat, beating, pulsing, pulsation, throbbing, thumping, pounding; flicker, flickering, flutter, fluttering, oscillation, fluctuation, vacillation, alternation; wave, wavering, wobbling, tottering, teetering, flapping, swaying to and fro, flopping, tossing, swishing, wagging, dancing; ripple, rippling, waving, undulation, purling; jerk, jerking, twitch, twitching, vellication, jump, start.
quixotic, adj. impractical, impracticable, unrealistic, fanciful, notionless, fantastic, visionary, chimerical, rhapsodical, romantic, ideal, utopian, imaginary, whimsical, dreamy, in the clouds; useless, inutil, inefficacious, ineffectual, inoperative, unserviceable; starry-eyed, wild, absurd, mad, madcap, crackpot, postposterious, ridiculous; impulsive, rash, temerarious, daredevil, foolhardy, reckless, headlong, precipitate; adventurous, chivalrous, gallant, courageous, durable; valorous, brave, valiant, heroic.
quixotism, n. 1. impracticability, unrealisticness, fancifulness, romanticism; imagination, invention, whimsy, futility, uselessness, ineffectiveness; knighterrantry, chivalrousness, gallantry, courage, valor; foolishhardiness, impulsiveness, rashness, madness, delirium.
2. caprice, whim, quirk, vagary, fancy, Archaic, maggot, in toto, all, every, everyway, illusion, vision, chimera, hallucination; dream, daydream, castle in the air, castle in Sl. pipe dream, reverie, flight of
fancy; romance, rhetorical, ideal, Utopia.

**quiz**, v. 1. test, examine, check up on; catechize, inquisition, shoot questions at [s.o.], pick [s.o.’s] brains.

2. interrogate, question, put to the question, demand an answer; pump, third-degree, put [s.o.] through the third degree, put [s.o.] through the wringer, cross-examine, cross-question, *Inf.* grill, *Inf.* put [s.o.] on the grill, *Inf.* roast, *Inf.* put the pressure on, *Sl.* go or work over, *Sl.* put the screws to.


2. questioning, puzzled, perplexed, mystified; bewildered, baffled, muddled; confused, confounded, dumfounded; lost, at a loss, in a fog.

3. derisive, derisory, ridiculing, mocking, jeering; insulting, contumelious, taunting, flouting, teasing; sarcastic, sardonic, satirical, parodistic.

**quota**, n. part, proportion, share, portion, apportionment, quantity, quantum; allotment, lot, dole, parcel, percentage, allowance, ration, allocation; quantity required, assignment, measure, goal, product, count, total, tally, aggregate.

**quotation**, n. 1. quote, citation, reference, allusion, epigraph, passage, line, exception, excerpt, extract, selection; exemplification, instance, illustration, example, case, case in point, particular, particular instance; repetition, duplication.

2. quoted price, price, bid price, asking price, market price, fixed price, stated value, book value, current or going price; rate, charge, cost, expense, worth; valuation, appraisement, estimate, estimation.

**quote**, v. 1. cite, call to mind, instance, adduce, cite a particular or particulars, give an example, cite chapter and verse; repeat, recite, retell, run over, say again, reproduce, duplicate, repeat word for word or verbatim; excerpt, extract, select a passage, echo, reecho, chorus, reflect, parrot; recall, remember, recollect, call to mind, repeat from memory, repeat by heart; proclaim, state.

2. refer to, bring forward, allude to, make reference to, document, substantiate, evidence, exemplify, attest, detail, circumstantiate, establish, note.

3. price, value, evaluate, valuate, set or fix a price on, place a value on; demand, charge.

—n. 4. See quotation (defs. 1, 2).

**quotidian**, adj. 1. daily, diurnal, every day, nightly, once-a-day, one-a-day; regular, habitual, rhythmic, cyclic, periodic, constant.

2. everyday, ordinary, commonplace, run-of-the-mill, day-to-day, workaday; routine, customary, usual, common, wonted.
rabbit, n. cottontail, cony, Inf. bunny, Inf. bunny rabbit; jack rabbit, hare, leveret; Peter Rabbit, Peter Cottontail, Easter bunny.

rabblerouser, demagogue, soap-box orator, agitator; crowd, mob, throng; horde; rabble, n. 1. Inf. rabbit, Inf. bunny, Inf. cottontail, cony, rabbit

race', n. 1. nation, people, folk; tribe, clan, family. 2. line, bloodline, descent, blood, strain, stirps, breed, extraction; ancestry, parentage, paternity; house.

3. man, mankind, humankind, family of man, humanity, human race, Homo sapiens.

4. class, species, genus; kind, sort, ilk, variety, Inf. lot.

racer, n. 1. race horse, mudder, plate horse, quarter horse, trotter, Inf. pony, Horse Racing Sl. bangtail; greyhound; racing car, stock car, formula-I, dragster, hot rod; runner, sprinter, miler, long-distance runner, cross-country runner, harrier. 2. speeder, flier; All Inf. hummer, sizzler, hustler, hell-driver, Inf. scorch, speed demon, speed merchant.

racetrack, n. racecourse, raceway, course, oval, (in Ancient Greece and Rome) hippodrome, (in Ancient Rome) ring; the turf, the track; autodrome, speedway, drag strip.

coustic, n. (all of speech or writing) piquancy, pungency, spiciness, saltiness, race; liveliness, spiritedness, spirit, verve, vigorousness, briskness; suggestiveness, lewdness, indecency, ribaldry, Archaic. bawdry; earthiness, rawness, coarseness, grossness, crueness.

racism, n. racialism, racial discrimination, discrimination, apartheid, Jim Crow, white supremacy or power; intolerance, bigotry, prejudice, narrow-mindedness, closed-mindedness; anti-Semitism.

racist, n. 1. bigot, intolerant, illiberal, Inf. little person, Sl. Archie Bunker; anti-Semitic. —adj. 2. prejudiced, bigoted, intolerant, illiberal, closed-minded; anti-Semitic.

rack, n. 1. frame, framing, framework, trestle, arbor, scaffolding, structure; stretcher, form, Both Textiles. drawing frame, perch; hanger, clothes or hat tree or rack, bar, pole, dowel; stand, trivet, grate, grating, holder; crib, cradle, bed, Naut. chock; shelf, ledge, counter, row. 2. torture, infliction, pain, hurt, wound, sting, pang; torment, persecution, crucifixion, harassment; affliction, plague, adversity, scourge, curse, visitation, horned in one's side or flesh; agony, misery, suffering, wretchedness, martyrdom; anguish, distress, woes, harrowment, tribulation, trouble, grief.

—v. 3. torture, agonize, exacerbate, martyr, put [s.o.] on the rack; pain, hurt, scathe, abuse, maltreat, beat, Sl. work [s.o.] over, Sl. give [s.o.] the works, Archaic. belabor; torment, persecute, crucify, afflict,
adj. torturous, torturesome, excruciating, rackety, noisy, loud, deafening, blatant.

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SI. 1. noise, din, uproar, clamor, hubbub; racket, coiner; fence.

faux-monnayeur, Brit. Inf.

4. wring, wrest, extort, exact; pressure, press, push, extenuate; wrench, Archaic,

5. strain, stretch, draw, Archaic: extenuate; wrench, pull, bear, lacerate, disjoint, throw out; sprawl, twist, turn.

racket, n. 1. noise, din, uproar, clamor, hubbub; vociferation, vociferousness, babel, shouting, whooping, bellowing, yelling, roaring, hooting, Inf.: hollering, squalling, howling, crying, bawling, wailing, shrieking, screeching, shrilling, cat-calling; babbling, chattering, jabbering; hullabaloo, ballyhoo, outcry, bawl, hue and cry, fuss; clanger, clatter, rattle, rattling around, brattle, clanking, jangling, Inf.: clunking.

2. jollity, jollification, hilarity, frolic, fun and games, gaiety, merriment, conviviality, merrymaking, Inf. goings on, Inf.: whoopee, Brit. Inf. mafficking, Brit. holiday-making; festivities, partying, revelry, revels, entertainment, carnival, saturnalia, orgy, charivari, Inf. shivaree, Inf. shindy, Inf. do, Sl. hot time, Sl. bash, Sl. wing-ding, Sl. blowout; commotion, bedlam, pandemonium, bluster, rumpus, hurly-burly, roundness, Inf. ruckus; fracas, brawl, donnybrook, free-for-all, beer garden, row, riot, turbulence, turmoil, tumult, disturbance, stir.

organized crime, illegal activity, the gangs, gangster or mob activities; smuggling, bootlegging, extortion, blackmail, embezzlement, graft, gambling, usury, theft, stealing, trick, scheme, machination, swindling, confidence game, Sl. con game, Brit. con game, Inf.: confidence trick, flimflamming, Inf.: confidence game, flimflam, Inf.: confidence trick.

racketeer, n. 1. gangster, mobster, mafioso, Sl. gunnsl; desperado, thug, terrorist; tough, Inf. toughie, mugger, ruffian, rowd, hoodlum, Sl. hood, Inf. goon, hooligan, Inf. roughneck, Inf. baddy, Sl. bad actor, Sl. mug, Australian Sl. larrikin.

2. extortionist, extortioneer, blackmailer, usurer, loan shark, Sl. bleeder; smuggler, runner, bootlegger, con-trabandist, white slave; forger, counterfeiter, Fr. faux-monnaieur, Brit. Inf. coiner; fence.

3. swindler, fleecer, bilker, rook, trickster, sharper, Inf. hawk, card-sharper, bunko steersman, blackleg; confidence man, con artist, flimflam artist, high-binder, thimblerigger, Brit. Sl. magsman, Australian. storyteller, anecdotist, relator, narrator, n.

circulate.

2. irradiate, disseminate, disperse, diffuse, scatter, luminance, luminousness, illumination; glow, effulgence, gleam, glare, dazzle; sparkle, luster, glitter, Archaic: glister, glisten, sparkle, coruscation, lambency, shimmer.

sunness, warmth, cheeriness, blitheness, gladness, joyfulness, light-heartedness, gaiety.

radiant, adj. 1. shining, bright, sunny, sunshiny; illuminated, alight, lit, lighted; radiant, lambent, resplendent, brilliant, beaming, beamy; dazzling, vivid, intense, ablaaze, aflare, aflush; resplendent, brilliant, beaming, beamy; dazzling, vivid, intense, ablaaze, aflare, aflush.

2. vigorous, lively, alive, full of life, peppy, Inf.: chipper, chipper, Inf.: chipper, sprightly, sportive, zestful; excited, enthusiastic, enthused, sprightly, spunky, spry, sprightly, sportive, zestful; excited, enthusiastic, enthused, radiant, resplendent, brilliant, beaming, beamy; dazzling, vivid, intense, ablaaze, aflare, aflush.

3. piquant, pungent, strong, forceful, poignant; piercing, biting, sharp, trenchant, keen; stimulating, interesting, intriguing, fascinating, captivating; entertaining, electric, exciting, challenging, galvanizing.

4. flavorful, flavorful, good, tasty, savory; well-seasoned, spiced, seasoned, spicy, tart, tangy, zesty, zestful, snappy, with a kick or bite; hot, acid, peppery, curried, spiced or highly spiced.

radial, adj. spokewise, centrifugal, fanlike, outspread, spread apart, divergent, diversive, branching, branched.

radiance, n. 1. radiance, resplendence, splendor, refulgence, brilliance; brightness, light, luminosity, luminousness; luminousness; illumination; glow, effulgence, gleam, glare, dazzle; sparkle, luster, glitter, Archaic: glister, glisten, sparkle, coruscation, lambency, shimmer.

2. sunniness, warmth, cheeriness, blitheness, gladness, joyfulness, light-heartedness, gaiety.
radical, adj. 1. fundamental, rudimentary, constitutional, basic, basal, basilar, elementary, elemental, primary; main, principal, cardinal; vital, essential, necessary, requisite; supporting, substratal, substrata, underlying; uncompounded, simple, primitive.

2. complete, total, entire, absolute, unmitigated, unquestioned, whole, universal, definitive, unabridged, full, plenary, consummate, sheer, utter, perfect, positive; downright, out-and-out; comprehensive, exhaustive, thorough, thoroughgoing, sweeping, solid, all-inclusive, all-embracing; extreme, excessive, immoderate, inordinate, undue, exorbitant, unreasonable, extravagant, intemperate; drastic, severe, stringent, strict, intransigent, exacting; ultra, advanced, overzealous, fanatic, rabid, hysterical, frantic, frenzied, frenetic, raving, possessed.

3. revolutionary, rebellious, rebel, Jacobin, Jacobinism, insurgent, insurrectionary, seditious, iconoclastic, underground, freethinking, avant-garde, nonconformist, anarchistic, nihilistic; leftist, leftwing, red, pink, Derog. pinko, Bolshevik, Bolshevistic, Communist, communist.

4. innate, inherent, intrinsic, indigenous,ogenous, immanent, indwelling, instinctive, inner, subsistent, deep-seated, ingrained, rooted, implanted, native, natural, organic; inherited, hereditary, inbred, inborn, congenital, connate.


radically, adv. fundamentally, rudimentarily, constitutionally, basically, elementarily, elementally, primarily; mainly, principally, chiefly; vitally, essentially, necessarily.

2. completely, totally, entirely, absolutely, without doubt, wholly, consummately, utterly, perfectly, positively, extremely, in the extreme, most, immeasurably, incalculably, definitely, infinitely, beyond compare or comparison, beyond measure; thoroughly, comprehensively, solidly, unconditionally, unequivocally, downright, dese, excessively, immoderately, inordinately, unduly, exorbitantly, unreasonably, extravagantly, intemperately, beyond all bounds.

3. innately, inherently, intrinsically, indigenously, immanently, instinctively, natively, naturally, organically; congenitally, hereditarily, connately.

radio, n. 1. radiotelegraph, radiotelephone; radio set, receiver, console, cabinet, old stand-up radio, Jocular. Marconi, Stromberg-Carlson, Chiefly Brit. wireless; crystal set; transistor, portable or portable radio, pocket radio; AM-FM radio, CB or citizens band radio, police radio, shortwave radio, car radio, clock radio.

—in. 2. radioicast, broadcast, transmit, air, put on the air, shortwave, beam.

radiograph, n. x-ray, x-ray photograph, roentgenograph, pneumograph, pneumo, picture; atinogram.

rafish, adj. 1. vulgar, tasteless, crude, uncouth, gross, coarse, boorish, loutish; unrefined, ill-bred, unmannerly, uncultured, uncivilized, uncultivated, inelegant; tawdry, gaudy, showy, cheap, flashy, garish, meretricious; trashy, common, ignoble, base.

2. disreputable, discreditible, dishonorable, disgraceful; rakish, dissolute, rakehell, dissipated, degenerate; decadent, debauched, depraved, amoral, immoral; profligate, wanton, abandoned, intemperate; ribald, indecent, obscene, scatological, with one's mind in the sewer, foul-mouthed, dirty-mouthed, sewer-mouthed; libertine, licentious, lewd, lecherous, lascivious; libidinous, goatish, like an old goat, randy, Sl. horny.

raffle, n. lottery, drawing, draw, sweepstakes, Sl. sweep; game of chance.

raft', n. 1. floating platform, float, kelek, pontoon, Naut. catamaran.

2. life raft, rowboat.

raft', v. Informal. lot, heap, pile, stack, batch, ton.

rafter, n. beam, timber, girder; joist, crossbeam, Archit. trave, lintel; support, cantilever.

rag', n. 1. rags, tattered clothing, tatters, old clothes, castoffs, hand-me-downs, odds and ends.

2. tatter, shred, scrap, fragment, renmant, bit, piece.

rag', v. Informal. 1. scold, chide, tongue-lash, rate, upbraid, Sl. chew out, Inf. dress down, Inf. jump on; castigate, chastise, berate, censure, reproach, rebuke, reprove, reprimand, reprobrate, blame; denounce, take to task, call to account, call down, lecture; admonish, caution, warn, forewarn, put on one's guard.

2. tease, taunt, Inf. kid, badingine, chaff, pull [s.o.'s] leg, Inf. josh, Inf. rib, Inf. fun, Sl. put [s.o.] on, Sl. jive; ridicule, twist, make fun of, poke fun at, scoff at, gibe at, mock, mimic, make game of, sport; trifle with, toy with, play with, make light of; harry, harass, pester, heckle, badger, beset, plague, bother, annoy, irritate; bait, torment, persecute, bully, bullyrag, abuse.

ragamuffin, n. 1. tatterdemalion, scarecrow; beggar, panhandler, gunt'sniper; hobo, tram, vagrant, beachcomber, vagabond, derelict; Inf. bum, Sl. vag, Sl. bo, Sl. stff, Sl. bindle stff, Sl. canvassback.

2. orphan, waif, street Arab, gutter urchin, gamin, mudlark.

rage, n. 1. fury, frenzy, madness, hysteric, violence, ferocity, towering or burning or blind rage; wrath, vials of wrath, passion, fever heat, hot blood; anger, ire, dudgeon, high dudgeon, Scot. birse, Inf. Irish, Inf. dander.

2. fit, tantrum, spasm, paroxysm, seizure, spasm, conviction, Chiefly Brit. wax, Brit. Inf. paddywhack, Sl. wing-ding, Inf. Chear, Inf. rampage, mad.

3. turbulence, tumult, pandemonium, uproar, chaos, furore, fire and fury, storm, storm and stress.

4. (all of a violent or uncontrollable nature) desire, passion; obsession, fixation; Sl. hang-up; fascination, infatuation, Sl. bug; lust, Sl. hots, Sl. hot pants.

5. arder, zeal, zealozalsness; vehemence, fanaticism; eagerness, enthusiasm, ebullition.

6. fade, craze, mania; vogue, fashion, mode, style; Sl. the thing, Sl. latest or newest thing, Inf. last word, Fr. dernier cri.

—in. 7. rant, rave, rant and rave, roar, bellow, storm, fulminate; bluster, splutter; seethe, sizzle, smolder, boil, simmer, fume, sting, Inf. do a slow burn, Inf. steam or steam up, Sl. work oneself up into a sweat or lather or stew.

8. rampage, tear, go on a rampage or tear, run amuck, run wild, run riot, wreak havoc, go berserk, Sl. go nuts.

9. explode, Sl. blow up, Sl. blow one's cool, Sl. blow a gasket or fuse, Sl. blow one's top or stack, Sl. flip, Sl. flip one's wig or lid, Sl. freak or freak out; fly into a passion, Inf. fly off the handle, go into hysteric, have a tantrum, have a fit, Inf. have a conniption or conniption fit, Inf. have a cat fit, Inf. hit the ceiling or roof, Sl. have a hemorrhage.

ragged, adj. 1. shabby, seedy, tacky; slovenly, slop-

rag
raging, adj. 1. enraged, wrathful, wroth, irate, ire-

raid, n. 1. track or tracks, train tracks, rails, Railroads. switchback.

railway, cable railway, elevated railroad, el; Fr. chemin de fer, Sp. ferrocarril, It. ferrovia, Ger. Eisenbahn; electric railroad, subway, Brit. tube, Chiefly Brit. underground, metro; rolling stock, cars, boxcars, freight cars, passenger cars, locomotives, engines, Inf. iron horse; railroad company, U.S. Amtrak or National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

—v. 3. (all via railroad) transport, ship, convey, carry, take, send, deliver.


rainbow, adj. 1. spectra, multicolor, multicolor, multicolor, polychromie, versicolor, many-hued, pavo-

raincoat, n. 1. horizontal bar, log rail; train or railroad track, third rail.

2. railing, baluster, baluster, fence. See railing.

rail', n. 1. railway, tramway, funicular railway, cable railway, elevated railroad, el; Fr. chemin de fer, Sp. ferrocarril, It. ferrovia, Ger. Eisenbahn; electric railroad, subway, Brit. tube, Chiefly Brit. underground, metro; rolling stock, cars, boxcars, freight cars, passenger cars, locomotives, engines, Inf. iron horse; railroad company, U.S. Amtrak or National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

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railfishing; ridicule, satirization, censure, disapproval, disparagement, depreciation.

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rainbowlike, adj. 1. chromatic, polychromie, versicolor, many-hued, pavonine, colorful, brilliant; iridescent, irisated, pearly, opalescent, opaline, nacreous, nacre, Crystal. pleochroic; shot, variegated, parti-colored, varied, varicolored, kaleidoscopic.

raincoats, n. 1. waterproof coat, Chiefly Brit. waterproof, macintosh, Brit. Inf. mac, poncho, rain cape, slicker, southwester or sou'wester or nor'wester, oilskins; trench coat, Burberry, Trademark. London Fog, Trademark. Aquascutum.
rainy, adj. 1. raining, pluvial, pluvious, hyetal, showery, showering, stormy; drizzly, drizzling, sprinkling, Chiefly Dial. mizzling, dripping, drippy.
2. wet, damp, moist, drenched, soaked.
raise, v. 1. elevate, lift, lift up, loft, move up, thrust up, cast up; heave, hoist, bear up; run up, raise aloft, hold up; upcast, upthrow, upheave, upthurst, uplift, upraise; jack up, jerk up, pull up, hike up, draw up, haul up; pry up, tilt up, lever, prize; fish up, dredge up, bring up.
2. set up, set upright, put back, put up; turn over, right, up-end, stand, stand up, stick up; make vertical, stand on end, put on its feet or legs.
3. rouse, stir, arouse, awaken, waken, wake; bestir, start, jostle, ruffle, shake; nudge,udge, poke.
4. build, erect, construct, put up, uprear, set up; fabricate, fashion, model, form, frame, put together.
5. activate, motivate, prompt; effect, produce, cause, occasion, start, begin, actuate; originate, give rise to, put in motion, set going; get going; establish, institute, initiate, launch, inaugurate, commence.
6. cultivate, grow, farm, till, harvest; develop, shepherd; rear, breed, hatch; parent, husband; rear, breed, hatch; parent, husband; father, mother, father, bring up, nurture, nurse, foster.
7. bring up, introduce, broach, open, present; put together; combine, blend; mix, mingle; unitize, aggregate, collate, probate, invent, ordinate; combine, blend; mix, mingle; unitize, aggregate, collate, probate, invent, ordinate; accumulate, amass, mass; scrape together, come up with, get, get together, dig up, rake up.
8. restore, bring back to life, raise from the dead; animate, invigorate, vitalize; gladden, put in a good mood, cheer, cheer up, elate; hearten, encourage, revive, buoy, inspire, Inf. give a lift, raise the spirits; enliven, exhilarate, refresh, regale.
9. stir up, excite, arouse, instigate, foment, foster; incite, goad, urge, fillip, spur, prompt, prod, provoke; kindle, stimulate, whet, sharpen, electrify, energize; agitate, ruffle, quicken, inflame, impassion.
10. animate, invigorate, vitalize; gladden, put in a good mood, cheer, cheer up, elate; hearten, encourage, revive, buoy, inspire, Inf. give a lift, raise the spirits; enliven, exhilarate, refresh, regale.
11. advance, elevate, exalt, dignify; honor, aggrandize, ennoble, knight; prefer, promote, Sl. kick upstairs; upgrade, improve, better, ameliorate, meliorate; enhance, enrich, amend, mend, reform.
12. collect, assemble, congregate, convene, bring together, gather together, convoke; muster, assemble, unite, draw together; mobilize, raise, levy, call up, call to the colors.
13. increase, advance, heighten, enlarge, extend, add to, add on; magnify, exaggerate, greaten, hyperbolize; double, redouble, strengthen, reinforce, Inf. beef up; Sl. soup up, Sl. hop up, key up, Sl. jazz up; augment, amplify, aggravate, exacerbate, intensify, Inf. step up, accelerate; escalate, inflate, Inf. hike, boost, Inf. jack up, Inf. jump up, run up.
14. leaven, expand, rise, ferment; puff up, swell, blow up.
15. increase, Inf. boost, Inf. hike, pay raise, Inf. up, salary increase.
raison d'être, n. reason, reason for being, cause, principle, Sl. the name of the game; ultimate cause, primary cause, root, source; inspiration, inducement, motive, incitement; justification; excuse, rationalization, rationalize.
 rake, n. 1. hoe, trawl, spade, scraper, scuffle.
2. dig, scrape, spade, hoe, break up; comb, hackle, rasp, card; harrow, weed, dibble, delve, pick; smooth, prepare, brush up.
3. gather, draw, cull, pluck, pick, garner, catch; remove, dredge, scrape up, net.
4. rake in collect, gather, pull in, stack up, haul in, make a killing; mass, amass, pile up, round up, clean up.
5. search, scour, look for, look all over for, look every-where for; rifle through, rummage, ransack, comb, hunt through; turn upside down, turn inside out, look high and low, leave no stone unturned.
6. scrape, scratch, graze, kiss, brush, nudge, glance; touch, contact, skin, shave, caress, lick.
 rake', n. roué, profligate, debaucher, lecher, libertine, dissipated, prodigal; playboy, rakehell, blood, Inf. rip, Sl. swinger, fast man, man about town; womanizer, lady-killer, bedbreaker, lover, ladies' man, Inf. wolf; adulterer, fornicator, seducer, satyr, goat, old goat, Sl. dirty old man, pervert, Sl. lech; Don Juan, Lothario, Cassanova.
rake-off, n. (often illicit) share, cut, slice, piece, take, Inf. take-in, kickback; deal, lot, portion; fee, commission, dividend, half.
rakish, adj. dissolute, profligate, dissipated, wanton, adulterous; prodigal, depraved, debauched, pruri lent, goatish, satyric; loose, carnal, immoral; lascivious, lecherous, Archaic. lickerish, lubricious; libidinous, lustful, libertine, lewd; randy, rammy, Sl. horny, rut- tish, hot, sexed-up, riggish; woman-crazy, sex-crazy, sex-mad, prapic, lip-licking.
rally, v. 1. gather, collect, reorganize, reassemble, regroup; muster, assemble, unite, draw together; mobilize, raise, levy, call up, call to the colors.
2. call together, get together, bring together, assemble, congregate; put together, consolidate, lump together, group, convene, convok; shepherd, herd, corral, round up; meet, come together, gather, troop; huddle, bunch, cluster, rally around, rally round the flag, crowd.
3. recover, recuperate, pick up, perk up, convalesce; revive, reanimate, rouse; regenerate, rejuvenate, refresh, renew, revivify; improve, mend, get better, get well, regain one's strength; come around, pull through, take a turn for the better, turn the corner; make a comeback, Inf. snap out of it, Inf. get back in shape, get back on one's feet, bounce back, Inf. get back in the swing of things.
4. embolden, encourage, nerve, put heart into, enhearten; inspire, cheer, lift, raise the spirits, give confidence to; gladden, Inf. give a lift, buoy up.
—n. 5. recovery, recuperation, renewal, convalescence, revival; rejuvenation, regeneration, renaissance, rebirth, restoration, rehabilitation; refreshment, reanimation, reinvigoration; comeback, road to recovery, resuscitation, resurgence, resurrection.
6. convention, convention, assemble, assembly, gathering, convergence; meeting, mass meeting, pep rally, meet; congregation, concourse, conference.
rally', v. banter, chaff, tease, wit, josh, taunt, jolly, joke, rale at, Sl. rag, Inf. ride, Inf. needle, dig at, Inf. swipe; poke fun at, Sl. roast, Sl. razz, Sl. rib, ridicule, deride, mock, gibe, jeer. fleer; make game of, make fun of, pull [s.o.'s] leg, laugh at.
ram, n. 1. male sheep, tup, Astron. Aries.
2. rammer, battering ram, hydraulic ram, pile driver; monkey, tamper, tamping iron, sledgehammer, mallet, pile, pile-raiser.
3. iron warship, iron-clad, floating battery, man-of-war; Monitor, Merrimac, Constitution or "Old Ironsides".
—v. 4. drive, drive in, force, pound in; hit down, beat, poke, hammer, hammer in, cudgel; force in, cram, crowd, stuff, compress, squeeze; tamp, chock, plug, Inf. ramrod.
5. strike, hit, dash against, collide with, run into; butt, batter, bump, crash, clash, buffet, smash, thwack, clip; wham, whack, thump, slam, jolt, telescope; (of ships) run against and sink.

ramp, v. 1. wander, wander around, meander; saunter, perambulate, take a walk, go for a walk, stroll, go for a stroll, promenade, hike; amble, amble about, gad, gad about, jaunt; nomadize, peregrinate, flit, raipper; wander off, stray, deviate, detour, go round about; straggle, drift, mosey, shuffle, stumble or limp or hobble along; range, rove, prowl, float, skip around; follow the wild goose, wander from pillar to post, see the country, Inf. hit the road or trail.

2. digress, speak discursively, maunder, expatiate; rant, rant on, blather, rave, dwell on, talk aimlessly; gibber, chatter, babble, gabble, run off at the mouth, babble on, twaddle, go on, go on and on, ramble on; Inf. chew [s.o.'s] ear off, Inf. bend [s.o.'s] ear, Inf. beat about the bush, Inf. beat a dead horse, dwell on, harp on, Inf. beat a subject to death.

—n. 3. walk, saunter, stroll, constitutional, promenade; perambulation, hike, tramp; jaunt, junket, prowl, circuit; trek, excursion, tour, Brit. walkabout, peregrination; deviation, digression, diversion, excursus, detour.

rambler, n. roamer, gadabout, traveler; wayfarer, journeyer, tripper, tourist; hiker, trekker, peregrinator; bird of passage, globetrotter, jetsetter, sun-follower; itinerant, Inf. corporate gypsy; nomad, arab, gypsy; vagabond, hobo, tramp, stray, beachcomber, ski bum.

rambling, adj. 1. wandering, traveling, roving, itinerant, peripatetic, migratory; vagrant, homeless, nomadic; wayfaring, perambulatory, drifting.

2. stragglng, meandering, irregular, uneven, erratic, capricious, futil; unsystematic, aberrant, circuitous, indirect, zigzagging.

3. discursive, excursive, circumlocutory, circumlocutionary, circuitous, roundabout, ambagious; diffuse, wordy, long-winded, prolix, verbose; desultory, episodic, haphazard; disconnected, disjointed, maundering, peripatetic.

rambunctious, adj. 1. boisterous, agitated, unquiet, restive, hyperactive; rowdy, brawling, disorderly, robustous, riotous, wild; rampageous, reckless, Inf. hell-raising; obstreperous, unrestrained, unruly, uncontrolled, uncontrollable, out of hand; ungoverned, unbridled, refractory, recalcitrant; defiant, contemptuous, fractious, Inf. orner.

2. noisy, loud, vociferous; rackety, clamorous, clamant, blaring, clanging; ear-splitting, ear-piercing, ear-rending, deafening, enough to wake the dead.

ramification, n. 1. branching, diverging,forking; configuration, radiation, divergency.

2. branch, bough, limb; sprig, twig, sprout, shoot; scion, spur, arm, spray; offshoot, runner, tendril.

3. outgrowth, consequence, fruit, development, aftermath, eventuation, end; outcome, result, product, effect, effuSion, sequel, derivative, implication; complexity, complication, technicality, subtlety.

ramp, n. 1. slope, sloping surface, inclined plane, grade, gradient, incline; acclivity, rise, ascent; declivity, dip, downhill slope; access ramp, approach, entrance or exit ramp, on or off ramp.

—v. 2. rear, rear up or rise, uprear, rise on the hind legs.

ramp about, rear up and roar, rear and roar like a lion, tear around, run amuck, go berserk, Inf. come on strong, Inf. carry on; fly into a passion or rage, go into hysterics, Inf. throw a fit, Inf. have a tantrum or temper tantrum, Inf. get into a lather or dither or swivet, Inf. race one's motor, Sl. blow a gasket; rage, storm, bellow, Inf. blow up, Inf. explode, Inf. blow one's top or cool; ramp and rage, rant and rave, tear one's hair.

rampage, n. 1. violent behavior, uncontrollable temper, display of wild temper, wild commotion or disturbance or agitation, loss of control, amok, running amuck, going berserk.

2. fury, rage, frenzy, passion; furor, turmoil, upset.

—v. 3. rage, storm, rave, rant, roar, carry on, tear about, lose control, display one's anger, vent one's rage.

rampageous, adj. violent, uncontrollable, wild, stormy, ramping, raging, berserk, running amuck, uncurbed, uncheckered, Inf. rip-roaring, rampaging, rampant; turbulent, tempestuous, frenzied, frantic, furious, mindless; fierce, savage, ferocious, unruly, out of control, riotous, disorderly, obstreperous, boisterous, rambunctious.

rampancy, n. excess, excessiveness, wild unrestraint, extravagance; predominance, proponderance, prevalence; profusion, superabundance, repletion, glut, saturation, rankness.

rampant, adj. 1. raging, furious, wild, frenzied, frantic, enraged, infuriated, Rare. infuriate; violent, storming, stormy, towering, turbulent, blustering, tumultuous; tempestuous; fierce, savage, ferocious; disorderly, unruly, ungovernable, outrageous, riotous, chaotic, uncontrollable, uproarious, out of hand, out of control; abandoned, excited.

2. predominant, predominating, regnant, dominant, in the ascendant, in full sway; prevailing, prevalent, widespread; pandemic, epidemic, besetting; unbridled, unchecked, unrestrained, sweeping, wholesale, indiscriminate; excessive, exceeding all bounds, wanton, rank, rife, running wild, far-ranging; profuse, lavish, extravagant, overabundant, copious, prodigal, luxuriant.

3. ramping, rearing, erect, up on the hind legs, bolt upright, raised, upraised, upraised, upright, upstanding; ascending, mounting.

rampart, n. embankment, earthwork, fieldwork, parados, gabion, glacis; fortification, breastwork, bulwark, defense, security, guard; barricade, contre-vallation, outwork, barbican, redan.

ramshackle, adj. rickety, shaky, jerry-built, unstable, unsubstantial, thrown together; falling to pieces, crumbled, crumbling; rundown, decrepit, infirm, tottering, nodding to its fall; tumbledown, dilapidated, broken-down, in ruins, derelict, gone to wrack and ruin; the worse for wear, neglected, out of repair.

rancid, adj. rank, stinking, evil-smelling, malodorous; reeking, reeking to high heaven, fetid, noxious, yechy; pungent, offensive, foul, noisome, mephitic; putrid, stinking, rotten; gamy, ripe, high, turned, sour, stale, musty, Brit. Inf. frowstY, fusty.

rancor, n. resentment, ill will, malice, spite, venom, malevolence, malignity, vindictiveness; hatred, hate, abhorrence, distaste, abomination; animosity, animus, aversion, antipathy, antagonism, enmity, hostility; irritation, dudgeon, indignation, fury, anger, pique; bitterness, acrimony.

rancorous, adj. resentful, spiteful, venomous, malicious, malignant, maleficent, malevolent, hateful; vindictive, unforgiving, veneful, revengeful, retaliatory, out to get [s.o.]; mean, cruel, ruthless, pitiless, merciless; remorseless, implacable; bitter, acrimonious, virulent.

random, adj. haphazard, casual, arbitrary, hit-or-miss, desultory; chance, fortuitous, serendipitous, aleatory, Inf. haphazard, slapdash,WilY-nilly, thrown or slapped together, Inf. scratch; unarranged, unsystematic, unmethodical, disorganized, orderless, unordered, irregular; unplanned, unexpected,
range

1. reach, sweep, scope, compass, extent, limit; stretch, margin, latitude; stride, span; scale, register, gamut.

2. rank, class, order, race, species, genus; kind, sort, ilk, variety, Inf. lot.

3. row, line, file, string, queue, tier, aisle; series, succession, sequence, run.

4. pasture, pasturage, pastureland, grazing ground, grass, grassland, Scot. shieling; meadow, meadowland, lea, Archaic. mead.

5. mountain range, chain, sierra, massif.

6. stove, cooking stove, gas or oil or electric stove, oven.

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7. align, line, line up, draw up, rank, order, put or set in order.

8. array, marshal, dispose, distribute, place, fix.

classify, categorize, group, pigeonhole, bracket; rate, grade, gradate; break down, subdivide; index, digest, catalogue, file.

10. level or level out, even up, straighten out or up.

11. vary, alternate, fluctuate, vacillate, pass.

12. extend, stretch, stretch out, outstretch, reach, sweep, cover; lie, run, go.

13. traverse, travel over, go or pass over; roam, rove, wander, meander, stray, drift, gad or gad about, wayfare, gallivant, Inf. knock around or about.

14. pasture, put or turn out to pasture, fodder, feed, grass.

rank, adj.

1. exuberant, superabundant, luxuriant, lush, overgrown; tropical, jungly, dense, wild; abundant, profuse, prolific, fructuous, productive, fertile.

2. strong, smelly, rammish, pungent, acrid; malodorous, fetid, reeky, reeking, stinky, stenchful, foul-smelling, strong-smelling, odorous, odiferous; noxious, mephitic, nauseating, sickening, unpleasant, disagreeable; putrid, rancid, rotten, tainted, spoiled, gamy, putrescent, miasmal; offensive, disgusting, repulsive, repellent, revolting.

3. utter, complete, sheer, entire; absolute, out-and-out, downright, thorough, unqualified, unmitigated; flagrant, glaring, egregious, striking, blatant.

4. indecent, immodest, shameless, indecorous, coarse; obscene, vulgar, gross, risqué, off-color, Inf. blue; lurid, shocking, abusive, scurrilous, Archaic. scurrile, theristical, profane, foul-mouthed, Fescenine, Obs. blackguard; lewd, salacious, pornographic, vile, foul, filthy, dirty, smutty, nasty, scatologic, Sl. raunchy.

rank and file, n.

1. commonality, the public, the general public, citizenry, populace, world-at-large; society, community, commonwealth, state, body politic; stockholders, shareholders, shareholders, participants, membership.

2. proletariat, hoi polloi, the masses, the many, the great unnumbered, multitude, crowd; bourgeoisie, middle classes; lower classes, humbler classes, commoners, peasantry, salt-of-the-earth; low life, dregs, underlings, riff-raff, Inf. the great unwashed; mob, rabble, horde, herd, rout.

rankle, v.

1. (all of feelings) fester, rile, gall, irk, get, to get one, get one's goat; irritate, vex, provoke, pique, annoy, pееve, nettie, chafe, grate, get on [s.o.'s] nerves, Inf. aggravate, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain, Inf. rub [s.o.] the wrong way; torment, plague, bother, fret, exacerbate, exasperate; anger, inflame, enflame, stir, stir up, work up.

ransack, v.

1. search, rummage, rake through, probe, Brit. Dial. rife, look everywhere in; look high and low, turn everything upside down or inside out, leave no stone unturned; explore, seek everywhere, look all over, scour, range over, scan, survey, scrutinize, pry, ferret out, nose out, hunt out.

2. pillage, plunder, rob, despoil, Archaic. spoil, spoliate; ravage, harry, rape, maraud, devastate, lay waste, depredate; sack, loot, gut, fleece, strip, rifle; pirate, freeboot, privateer, buccaneer.

3. rob, burglarize, burgle, break in; steal, thieve, pilfer, purloin, filch, Inf. snatch; help oneself to, make free with, walk off with; S,t. rip off, Sl. crook.

ransom, n.

1. redemption, buying back, buying or paying off; rescue, extrication, restoration, deliverance, delivery; release, freeing, freedom, liberty, liberating, emancipation, manumission; discharge, parole, furlough, probation, acquittal, acquittance, reprieve, stay of execution, exemption; loosing, disenchantment, unbinding, untying, unshackling, unchainning, unbirthing, untying.

2. price, cost, payment, pay, payoff, Sl. take, Brit. Sl. get; sum, amount, total.

3. penalty, fine, fee, (in Anglo-Saxon and Germanic countries) wergild; compensation, repayment, remuneration, recoupment, indemnity, indemnification, damages, Law. solutum; repairation, amends, retribution, restitution, redress, return, settlement; atonement, expiation, propitiation, peace offering, quittance, requital, satisfaction.

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4. redeem, buy back, pay for, buy or pay off; rescue, extricate, restore, get [s.o.] out, deliver, Theol. save.
5. release, free, set free or loose, loose, get or turn loose, let, set at liberty; liberate, emancipate, manumit; discharge, rescind, unbind, unenchain, unhand; take up, take to, go on and on; speak, make an address, talk, take to the hustings, soapbox, Inf.: stump; boast, brag, crow, trumpet, talk big, exaggerate, hyperbolize, tell a fish story, shot off, shoot to one’s mouth or face; lecture, pontificate, preach, sermonize, prelect, hold court; harangue, deliver a diatribe or tirade or philippic, scold.

2. rant, rant and rave, fume, get all riled up, go into a rage or hysterics, Inf.: fly off, Inf.: fly off the handle, Sl. blow one’s stack, Inf.: blow up, Sl. blow up, Sl. explode; vociferate.

—n. 3. bombast, turgidity, tamperiness, flatulence, inflated language, Archaic. tampon; rhetoric, heresies, extravagation, pomposity, grandiosity, grandiloquence, magniloquence, esquispedality, high-flown language; histrionics, theatrie, acting, act, show, display, exhibition; braggadocio, bravado, gasconade, fanfaronade, rodomontade, boasting, bragging, bluster, exaggeration.

4. harangue, tirade, diatribe, philippic, excoriation, inf. harangue, deliver a diatribe, shoot off one’s mouth; speak, make an address, talk, take to the platform, take to the stand; frame-up, frame, bum rap, Inf.: frame, Inf.: flake, Inf.: frame.

5. rashly, at half cock, pell-mell, suddenly, unexpectedly; rashly, at half cock, take the blame, accept the responsibility, shoulder the responsibility.

Rape, n. 1. (all usu. in reference to sexual relations) assault, attack, violation, molestation, ravishment; defilement, seduction; abuse, maltreatment, ill-usage; deflowering, revirgination, deflowering devirgination, Inf.: constupration, Obs.: constupration, Obs.: supration.

2. (usu. of persons) abduction, robbery, theft, capture, seizure, kidnapping; impressment, conscription; commandeering, hijacking, skyjacking, air or sky piracy.

3. plundering, pillage, despoilment, rapine, spoliation, ravaging, foraging, raid, sacking, depredation.

—v. 4. (all usu. in reference to sexual relations) assault, attack, abuse, ill-use, ill-treat, maltreat, Euph.: have one’s way with; ravish, violate, deflower, Obs.: devirginate, Obs.: constuprate, Obs.: suprate; molest, defile, outrage, desecrate; debauch, seduce, corrupt, pervert.

5. (usu. of persons) abduct, carry off, seize, steal, snatch, make off or away with; kidnap, seize as hostage, hold for ransom; commandeering, take over by force, hijack, skyjack; usurp, accroach, expropriate, arrogate.

6. plunder, pillage, despoil, Archaic. spoil, spoliate, devastate; lay waste, ravage, desolate, wreck havoc upon; raid, sack, loot, forage, maraud, depredate.

Rapid, adj. quick, swift, fast, fleet, speedy; hurried, winged, express, expeditious, galloping, panting, breathless; like mad, like a bat out of hell; directly, at once, like greased lightning, like a house afire, like full tilt, like a thunderbolt, "Jack Robinson," before the ink is dry, like a streak, with the handle, Sl. topline, or blow one’s stack, blow up, go into a rage or fly off or perform a stunt, perform a trick, perform a stunt, perform a trick, perform a stunt, perform a trick.

Rapidity, n. 1. swiftness, fleetness, swiftness, speed, quickness; dispatch, hurriedness, expedition, expeditiousness; velocity, acceleration, celerity; instantaneousness, immediateness, urgency, promptness, promptitude; abruptness, suddenness, precipitation; alacrity, agility, nimbleness, briskness, swiftness, liveliness, tall stepping.

2. hurry, rush, hustle, bustle, dash, scurry, flurry; haste, helter-skelter, pell-mell, hurried-scurry; run, sprint, gallop, canter, pance; clip, spur; scramble, scuttle, scamper; flight, flying, race.
rapier

rapier, n. blade, sword, short or small sword, estoç, Archaic. tuck; Fencing. épée, Fencing. foil, Fencing. saber; broadsword, claymore, Archaic. glaive, Toledo, Archaic. bilbo, Archaic. brand; cutlass, saber, scimitar, yataghan, falchion, creese, kris, anelace.

rapine, n. 1. plunder, plundering, plunderage, pil-lage, depredation, spoliation, despoliation, raven, Obs. direption; ravaging, harrying, marauding, sack-ing. Rare. Sackage, laying waste, devastation, desola-tion; rain, ravage, foray, foraging, looting; ravishment, seizure, usurpation; kidnap, hijacking, skyjacking, air or sky piracy, commandeering.

2. brigandage, piracy, buccaneering, freebooting, highway robbery, Obs. latrocinio, privateering, filibus-tering, (usu. of cattle) U.S. Inf. rustling; robbery, theft, thievry, Law. larceny.

rappoport, n. relation, relationship, connection, bond, tie; affinity, compatibility, harmony, agreement, ac-cord, understanding.

rapprochement, n. reconciliation, harmonization, settlement, agreement, understanding, entente, accord, détente.

rascallion, rascal, rogue, scamp, scapegrace, Inf. scalawag; bad or naughty boy, mischievous, troublemaker, trouble, devil, Inf. cut-up, prankster, practical joker; cad, churl, louse, bully, ruffian; knife, black-guard, villain, miscreant, picaroon, wretch, bastard, reprobate; cur, dog, Inf. hound, Sl. lowlife, Archaic. caiff, Archaic. coisrell; delinquent, misdeemanant, felon, malefactor, criminal, outlaw; good-for-nothing, Fr. vaurien, ne'er-do-well, Sl. bum, Sl. rip, vagabond, black sheep.

rap, adj. 1. abstracted, engrossed, lost in, concentration, focusing, pensive, contemplative, thoughtful, thinking, lost in thought, bemused, musing, Archaic. museful; meditative, meditating, reflecting, contemplative, contemplating, reflective, reflecting.

2. enrapured, enrapt, rapturous, ecstatic, exalted, blissful, beauteous, happy, contented, charming, enchanted, enthralled, entranced, ravished; transported, moved, carried away, bewitched, enchanted, fascinated, captivated, spellbound; thrilled, excited, in a quiver, inspired, delighted, delectated, charmed, emoting, emotional, blissful, beatific, joyful, joyous, jubilant, elated, blithe, happy.

rapture, n. exaltation, elation, exhilaration, thrill, Sl. rush, excitement, excitation; ecstatic joy or delight, delectation, enjoyment, fun, pleasure, ravishment; en-chantment, bliss, euphoria, transport, seventh heaven, cloud nine; elysium, paradise, heaven, heaven on earth, Eden or Garden of Eden, utopia; blessedness, beatitude, happiness, gladness, felicity.

rapturous, adj. ecstatic, orgasmic, exalted, exhilarated, excited, enthusiastic, thrilled, elated, over-joyed; transported, ravished, enravished, enraptured, overcome; rhapsodical, blissful, in heaven, in seventh heaven, on cloud nine, happy as a clam at high tide; beside oneself, bouncing with joy, delirious, euphoric, Inf. high, intoxicated; in orbit, flying, swinging on stars, floating, walking on air; entranced, enchanted, captivated, fascinated, charmed; very happy, delight-ed, joyful, glad, felicissimo, beaming, smiling.

rara avis, n. rare bird, rarity, rare person or thing, one of a kind, rarity, oddity, anomaly, aberration, freak, freak of nature; wonder, marvel, miracle, find, discovery; masterpiece, chef d'œuvre, gem, pearl, flower; nonsuch, nonpareil, ideal, paragon, phoenix, perfection.

rare, adj. 1. uncommon, unusual, uncust改正, unfamiliar, unique; singular, exceptional, out of the ordinary, noteworthy, notable, distinctive, atypical, individual; unparalleled, unprecedented, unheard-of, recherché; remarkable, wonderful, marvelous, extraordinary, phenomenal.

2. excellent, fine, superfine, exquisite; outstanding, standout, superior, a cut or notch above, preeminent, Fr. par excellence; first-rate, first-class, of the first water, Inf. A-1 or A-one or A-number-one; special, choice, of choice, select; incomparable, inimitable, nonpareil, peerless, matchless, second to none, in a class by itself, Latin. sui generis; precious, priceless, invaluable.

rascally, n. mischief, mischiefness, impishness, puckishness, devilishness, scampishness, waggishness.

rash, adj. 1. unduly quick, precipitate, hasty; reck-less, careless, heedless, thoughtless, pell-mell, helter-
rash, n. 1. skin eruption, breaking-out, eff-. 2. overbold, bold, impetuous, impulsive, unrestrained ungodved, uncontrolled, unchecked, unbridled; fe-verish, impatient, frantic, impassioned; madcap, mad-brained, foolhardy, daredevil, breakneck, adventur-ous, hot-headed, harebrained, blindfolded; volatile, flighty, frivolous, erratic, fickle, unreliable, irresponsible; wild giddy, dashing, overconfident, rampant, quixotic, punch-drunk; death-deyling, devil-may-care, dangerous, ruinous, perilous.

rash', n. 1. skin eruption, breaking-out, Pathol. ef-florescence; hives; heat rash, prickly heat; diaper rash.

2. eruption, outbreak, outbreak, torrent, spate, spurt; multitude, number, large number; series, succes-sion, run, sequence.

rasp, v. 1. scrape, scratch, excoriate, abrade, rub, scour, scrub; grate, shred, file, whet, sand, sandpaper, pumice; grind, mortar, levigate, triturate.

2. irritate, aggravate, exasperate, exacerbate, rub the wrong way; annoy, vex, irk, peeve, gall, nettle; wear on, weary, fatigue, fatigate, tire; tax, strain, burden.

3. grit, grate, crack, jangle, clash; screech, creak, scrape, shrill, stridulat; squawk, caw, croak, bray.

—n. 4. scraping, scratching, excoriating, excoriating, abrasion, abrading, rubbing, scouring, scrubbing; grating, shredding, filing, whetting, sanding, sandpap-ering, pumicing; grinding, mortaring, levigation, levi-gating, trituration, triturating.

5. grating, grind, scrape, scratching, gride, clank, jangle, clash; screech, creak, scrape, shrill, stridulat; squawk, caw, croak, bray.

6. file, grater, shredder, grinder.

rasking, adj. harsh, scratchy, gravelly, creaky, dis-comfort. See grating (sense 2).

rate', n. 1. pay, payment, rent, fare, hire, freight-age, towage, truckage, wharfage; percentage, commis-sion, broker age; duty, tax, taxation, custom, toll, tollage; price, cost, expense, charge, Commerce. quotation, Inf. damages, fee, dues; expenditure, outlay.

2. pace, velocity, speed, Inf. clip, gait, stride, career; tempo, time, meter, measure; progress, movement, motion.

3. rating, distinguishing, classification, evaluation, grade, gradation; sort, kind, type, brand; class, caste, rank, position, station, place, standing, status; value, valuation, worth.

4. appraise, evaluate, value, price, set the price or cost; judge, weigh, gauge, assess, assay; calculate, reckon, compute.

5. distinguish, prioritize, rank, grade, graduate, cate-gorize, pigeonhole; classify, arrange, range, order, dispose, place, group, organize; sort, assort, size; class, type, name, label, tag, ticket, brand.

6. esteem, regard, consider, deem, account, think of.

7. count, figure, be important, carry weight, make a mark; have prestige, be distinguished, have value, have standing; shine, glow, glitter, make a splash.

rate', v. scold, tongue-lash, Inf. rag, upbraid, Sl. chew out, U.S. Inf. bawl out, Inf. dress down, Inf. jump on; castigate, chastise, berate, censure, reproof, rebuke, repro, reprimand, reprove, blame; de-nounce, take to task, call to account, call down, lect-ure; admonish, caution, warn, forewarn, put on one's guard.

rather, adv. 1. somewhat, in a measure, to a cer-tain extent, slightly, a bit; after a fashion, Inf. sort of, Inf. kind of, more or less, pretty, quite, very.

2. sooner, more willingly, more readily; preferably, in preference to, instead, in lieu of.

3. more truly, correctly speaking, strictly speaking, to be exact, to be precise.

ratify, v. 1. sanction, credit, authorize, war-rant; approve, homologue, endorse, support, under-write; sustain, back up, uphold, make good, justify, vindicate; accredit, rubber-stamp, sign, subscribe, recognize, ac-knowledge; agree, consent, accede, assent, concur, ac-cord, acquiesce, comply.

2. confirm, corroborate, verify, authenticate, vali-date, substantive; bear out, prove, establish, evidence, give credence to; attest, certify, bear witness to, testify, vouch for; affirm, aver, assure, pledge, promise, guaran-tuee, ensure, secure, insure; bind, seal, settle, clinch, clench, secure, fix, make certain or sure.

rating', n. classification, assignment, designation, relegation, consignment; grade, sort, class, rank, rate. See rate' (def. 3).

rating', n. scolding, chiding, tongue-lashing, Inf. ragging, upbraiding, Sl. chewing out, U.S. Inf. bawling out, Inf. dressing down, Inf. piece of one's mind; castigation, chastisement, berating, censure, reproach, rebuke, repro, reprimand, lecture, admonishment.

ratio, n. proportion, proportional or fractional rela-tionship, Math. fraction; relationship, comparative size or extent, relativity, correlation, correspondence, balance; percentage, percent, rate per hundred, rate.

ratiocinate, v. reason, use logic, use inductive or de-ductive thinking, think logically; deduce, infer, derive, draw a conclusion, syllogize; calculate, put two and two together, rationalize, Inf. figure, U.S. Dial. reckon, Sl. dope out.

ratiocination, n. 1. logic, science of reasoning, rea-soning, deductive or inductive thinking, syllogization, syllogistic reasoning; All Logic. inference, deduction, Inf. induction.

2. polemics, argumentation, debate, art of disputa-tion or controversy.

ration, n. 1. allowance, allotment, portion, quota, part, provision; share, dope, meed, measure, modicum; proportion, percentage, budget; lot, Inf. take, dose, clutch, batch, amount, Inf. chunk, helping.

2. rations provisions, supplies, stock, board; prov-ender, victuals, viands, comestibles, eatables, com-mons.

—v. 3. supply, distribute, deal out, divide, Inf. divvy up, split; apportion, mete, dole, allot, give out, measure out; allocate, assign, appoint; disperse, dis-pense, administer, issue, hand out, pass out.

4. restrict, circumscribe, reserve, mark off, set aside, set off, save, conserve; budget, allowance, schedule.

rational, adj. 1. reasonable, logical, practical, pragmatic, commonsense, commonsensical; sensible, good, right, fair; fit, proper, advisable, well-advised; well-argued, well-grounded, well-founded; plausible, credible, admissible.

2. intelligent, wise, judicious, sagacious, sage; en-lightened, just, discriminating; discreet, prudent, circumspect; politic, perspicacious, far-sighted, astute, provident; perceptive, apperceptive, foresighted; understand-ing, thoughtful, reflective, philosophical.

3. lucid, clearheaded, right-minded, clearminded, co-vergent, balanced; responsible, sane, provident, provident; perceptive, apperceptive, foresighted; understanding, thoughtful, reflective, philosophical.

4. thinking, cognitive, mental, cerebral; reasoning, intellect, intelligence; thinking, rationalistic, perceiving, percip-ient, analytic; ideational, conceptual, noetic, sophic, phrenic, noological.

rationale, n. theory, account, ground, pretense, pre-text, excuse; hypothesis, thesis, exposition; reason,
raucous, strident, shrill, screeching, piercing.

2. reason, deliberate, contemplate, reflect, cerebrate, think, speculate, ratiocinate, cogitate, exegogitate; philosophize, logicize, syllogize.

3. clarify, clear up, make clear, explain, explicate, account for; elucidate, spell out, throw light on, shed light on; enlighten, illuminate, expound, allegorize, demythologize; show, show how, tell how, demonstrate.

rattle, v. 1. clatter, Dial. clutter, racket, din; jangle, clang of bank, clangor, bang; clink, jingle, tinkle; rap, knock, ping.

2. jiggles, jounce, shake, rap.

3. hurdle, bounce, bump, crash, collide.

4. chatter, jabber, cackle, clack, cluck, chatter, gibber, gabble, prate, blab, babble, prattle, Inf. spout forth, Sl. run off at the mouth, talk a blue streak, Sl. yackety-yak.

5. disconcert, faze, confuse, perplex, bewilder; mudle, addle, fluster, put in a dither; disturb, perturb, upset, put off the track, discomposie.

—n. 6. clatter, clatter, rattling, racket, rapping, ticking, knocking, tapping; banging, thumping, crashing, clanking, clank, clanging, din.

7. noisemaker, clapper, clack, castanets.

rattlebrained, adj. rattled, addled, scatterbrained, giddy, Inf. slaphappy, unstable, unsteady, volatile, Sl. flaky, fickle; foolish, silly, inept, eccentric, Sl. balmy, Brit. Sl. barmy; frivolous, flighty, bird-brained; fuzzy, vague, out in left field, out of it, with one's head in the clouds, preoccupied, Sl. goofy, Sl. wacky; muzzy, confused, flustered, muddled, addled, bewildered, at sea.

rattletrap, n. jampy, wreck, Sl. heap, Inf. pile of junk, Inf. junk, Inf. crate, Inf. clunker, Facetious; flivver, Sl. tin lizzie, Inf. lemon, Sl. bomb, Sl. buggy, Sl. bucket of bolts, Inf. survivor of the demolition derby; car, used car, automobile, auto, vehicle.

raucous, adj. strident, shrill, screeching, piercing, ear-piercing; harsh, sharp, grating, rasping, scratchy, dissonant, discordant, jarring, twanging; cacophonous, noisy, loud, earsplitting, clamorous, clangoring, dissonant.

ravage, n. 1. devastation, waste, desolation, destruction, ruin, havoc, damage, wreckage; burning, raging, leveling, demolishing; desolation, defilement, outrage, violation, vandalism; injury, harm, hurt, impairment, loss, scathe; collapse, breakdown.

2. pillage, plunder, plundering, plunderage, rapine, depredation, spoliation, despoliation, despoilment, Obs. direption, raven, pillaging, harrying, marauding, sacking, Rape; sackage; raids, razzia, foray, inroad; foraging, looting, ravishment, seizure, grab, rape.

3. brigandage, piracy, buccaneering, freebooting, banditry, highway robbery, Obs. larceny; robbery, theft, thievery, stealing.

—v. 4. devastate, lay waste, desolate, ruin, lay in ruins; destroy, level, raze, burn, demolish, shatter, wreck.

5. pillage, plunder, rob, despoil, Archaic. spoil, spoliate, Chiefly Scot. reive; harry, maraud, rape, ravish; ransack, sack, loot, gut, fleece, strip, rifle, steal.

6. desecrate, defile, outrage, violate; harm, injure, mar, spoil; weaken, enervate, debilitate.

rave, v. 1. talk wildly, ramble, babble, maunard; be delirious, run off.

2. rage, storm, thunder, fulminate, explode, flare up; roar, howl, holler, yell, Inf. raise a ruckus, Sl. raise Cain, Sl. raise hell; lose one's temper. Sl. fly off the handle, lose control, Sl. flip one's lid or wig; blurter, rant, declaim, harangue.

3. praise, to praise the skies, bestow kudos, give a great notice; gush, Inf. enthuse, go wild about; cheer, champion, root for, promote.

ravel, v. 1. disentangle, untwist, undo, unravell, take apart; comb, card, separate, divide; loose, unloose, disconnect, disjoin, disengage, untie.

2. tangle, entangle, involve, complicate; knot up, intertwine, intertwill, twist; interweave, interface, snarl, mat, plait; jumble, disorder, mix, muddle.

3. fray, unravel, unweave, shred, wear to shreds, wear to pieces, wear out, wear; tatter, Inf. frazzle, waste away.

4. explain, interpret, explicate; simplify, make plain, unfold, delineate, spell out; decipher, unravel, decode, translate, render intelligible; sift, winnow, figure out, fathom, puzzle out; clarify, clear up, elucidate, resolve, solve; throw or shed light on, get the facts on, justify, warrant, account for.

raven, n. adj. black, glossy black, sable, ebony; pitch-black, jet, jet-black; coal-black, inky, nigritudinous, blackish, nigrescent.

ravenous, adj. 1. rapacious, predatory, preying, vulturing, raptorial; wolfish, lupine, marauding, plundering, pillaging, looting, piratical; savage, bestial, fierce.

2. (usu. in reference to food) ravening, voracious, devouring, glutinous, cormorant; edacious, greedy, hoggish, piggish, winish; insatiable, unquenchable, omnivorous.

ravine, n. chasm, gorge, cleft, canyon, abyss, gulf; crevasse, crevice, rift, fissure, defile, pass, Fr. couloir, gap, notch, Chiefly Scot. linn, dell; gulch, gully, Sp. arroyo, Sp. barranca, wadi; gullet, Brit. clough, ditch.

raving, adj. 1. delirious, out of one's mind or head, incomherent, not oneself, irrational, crazy, Sl. cuckoo, Sl. off one's rocker; deranged, Sl. unglued, unhinged, unstuck, unstrung, Sl. haywire, Sl. batty, Sl. nuts, Sl. nutty; raging, frenzied, frantic, frenetic, hysterical, wild; manic, maniacal, insane, berserk, mad, crazed; overexcited, overwrought, impassioned, extremely agitated, beside oneself, perturbed; furious, in a furor, in a frenzy, out of control, running amuck, wild; demoniac, possessed.

2. Informal. extraordinary, out-of-the-ordinary, uncommon, unusual, rare, singular; remarkable, noteworthy, stunning, striking, outstanding, prominent, conspicuous; phenomenal, special, great, signal.

—n. 3. gibberish, babbling, gabbler, jabber, sound without meaning.

4. bombast, rodomontade, magniloquence, grandiloquence.

—v. 1. transport, fill with joy, rejoice, delight, gladden, cheer; enchant, entrance, enrapture, Literary. rapture, captivate, bewitch, enthral, charm; entice, allure, attract; excite, titillate, fascinate, electrify, dazzle.

(2. usu. of persons) abduct, carry off, seize, steal, snatch, make off or away with; kidnap, seize as hostage, commandeer, take by force; usurp, accroach.

(3. usu. in reference to sexual relations) rape, assault, attack, abuse, Euph. take advantage of, Euph. have one's way with; violate, deflower. See rape (def. 4).
read\(^1\), v. 1. puruse, study, go over, review, run over or through; pore over, wade through, plunge into, consume, devour, bury oneself in; scrutinize, attend to; pay attention to; go over quickly, thumb through, flip through, scan, skim, glance or run the eye over, dip into. 2. interpret, analyze, define, translate; decipher, figure out, deduce, gather, take to mean; discern, perceive, discover, express, explain. 3. foresee, foretell, predict, prognosticate; prophesy, vaticinate, divine, soothsay, haruspicate. 4. deliver, recite, elocutionize, present, declaim, orate. 5. read for study, study, go in for, specialize in; major in, minor in. 6. read into a. infer, interpolate, assume; read between the lines, see beneath the surface; interject, insert, place in, add in, drag in, draw in. b. misconstrue, misinterpret, see in a false light, see with a jaundiced eye, see more than is there.

read\(^2\), adj. learned, versed, well-versed, conversant; at home, familiar, acquainted, easy with; skilled, strong, proficient, master of, grounded, well-grounded, solid.

readable, adj. 1. comprehensible, intelligible, apprehensible, understandable, easily understood; clear, crystal-clear, plain as day. 2. entertaining, engaging, gripping, interesting, stimulating, absorbing, spellbinding; enjoyable, pleasurable, pleasant, pleasing; worthwhile, worth reading; meaningful, pithy, meaty, thought-provoking. 3. legible, decipherable, distinct, clear-cut; fluent, flowing, regular, uniform; painstaking, precise, careful, neat, tidy, orderly, fair.

reader, n. 1. booklover, bibliophago, bibliolator, Inf. bookworm, Sl. reading nut or freak, one who always has his nose in a book; lover of learning or knowledge, intellectual, man of letters, bluestocking, Inf. egghead; bookman, scholar, student, Inf. grind;
glad, cheerful, delighted, enthusiastic; gracious, cordial, genial; inclined, disposed, given, prone, predisposed, minded, well-disposed; apt, likely.
3. prompt, punctual, speedy, quick, alacrity, adroit, skillful, expert; nimble-witted, quick-witted, bright, knowing; astute, keen, penetrating, sharp, acute, piercing; attentive, alert, on the qui vive, wide-awake, expectant; perceptive, discerning, percipient, subtle; cunning, clever, shrewd, ingenious, artful; masterly, resourceful, versatile.
4. about to, on the verge of, on the brink of; tending, prone; expectant, waiting; subject, open, liable, endangered, exposed, in danger of.
5. immediately available, on hand, usable, on tap, present, available, on call; handy, accessible, at one's fingertips.
6. significantly, seemingly, remotely, apparently, apparently, conceivably, conceivably, plausibly, plausibly.
7. psych or psych up, excited, geared or geared for or geared up; animated, lively, energetic, alive; anxious, Inf. rating to go.
—v. 8. prepare, make ready, arrange, order, organize.
9. psych up, gear up, get up for, get in the mood for.
ready-made, adj. 1. prefabricated, Inf. prefab, preformed, preconstructed; ready-to-wear, ready-prepared, ready-to-use, ready-cooked, ready-mixed; off-the-rack, Brit. off-the-peg; no muss no fuss, instant, carry out, take home, to go, self-serve, as is; (both of food) frozen, TV.
2. unoriginal, unimaginative, uninspired; conventional, standard, usual, everyday, stock, routine; commonplace, pedestrian, common, ordinary, run-of-the-mill; prosaic, matter-of-fact, dull, stale, tedious, jejune; trite, cliché, stereotyped, hackneyed, bromidic; platitudinous.
real, adj. 1. true, actual, Brit. Dial. gradely, Both Archaic. sooth, soothfast; factual, unimaginary, un fictitious, true-to-life, realistic; authentic, genuine, Dial. sure-enough, bona fide, veritable, valid, confirmed; rightful, legitimate, lawful, just, legal, licit, official.
2. sincere, heartfelt, earnest, fervent; unfeigned, unpretended, unnatural, ingenuous, artless, guileless, unsophisticated, innocent, undeceitful; honest, truthful, veracious.
3. pure, simple, Inf. honest-to goodness, unvarnished, unexaggerated, unembellished; unadulterated, uncorrupted, undistorted, unwarped.
4. existent, physical, corporeal, bodily, substantial, material; tangible, palpable, sensible, perceptible.
—adv. 5. Informal. very, truly, really; exceptionally, remarkably, exceedingly, extremely, enormously.
realism, n. 1. practicalism, practicality, practical-mindedness, sober-mindedness, pragmatism; rationality, reasonableness, sensibleness, saneness; worldliness, secularism, materialism; matter-of-factness, down-to earthness.
2. candor, frankness, forthrightness, straightforwardness, calling a spade a spade, Sl. telling it like it is, Sl. running it down; plain-speaking, plain-spokenness, downrightness, straightforwardness, explicitness, explicitness, unequivocality.
3. authenticity, genuineness, realism, legitimacy; naturalism, verisimilitude, lifeliness, literalness.
realistic, adj. 1. practical, practical-minded, pragmatic, sober-minded, idealistic, unromantic, un sentimental; commonsense, down-to-earth, matter-of fact, with both feet on the ground; sensible, reasonable, rational; businesslike, no-nonsense, tough-minded, hardheaded, hard-boiled; clear-eyed, nobody's fool, not born yesterday, not wet behind the ears, having been around, unguilable, unfoolable.
2. natural, naturalistic, lifelike, true-to-life, true-to nature; authentic, real, genuine, true-to-type, true-to form, veracious, truthful; exact, precise, literal, close, constant, faithful; vivid, graphic, well-drawn.
reality, n. 1. actuality, actualness, realness; actualization, realization, entelechy; truth, verity, Archaic. truth, fact, Archaic. sooth.
2. physical existence, physicalness, corporeality, corporealness, substance, substantiality, materiality, materialness; tangibility, tangible, palpability, palpableness.
realization, n. 1. achievement, accomplishment; effectuation, execution, performance, doing; establishment, foundation, formation, organization; completion, consummation, culmination, fulfillment; materialization, coming to be or pass.
2. cognition, recognition, identification, perception; awareness, consciousness, comprehension, apprehension, understanding.
realize, v. 1. understand clearly, comprehend, know, Sl. savvy; cognize, be aware of, be cognizant of; get the idea, Inf. get it, Sl. get into, Inf. get through one's head, absorb, take in; grasp, seize, Inf. catch on, Sl. get the hang of, Inf. get the drift of, Inf. get a fix on, Brit. lay hold of, Sl. latch onto; learn, discover, find out, glean; perceive, apprehend, discern, make out; fathom, penetrate, U.S. Inf. figure out, Inf. psych out, Inf. make heads or tails of, Brit. twig; recognize, see, see through, see the light, get the picture, read.
2. actualize, make real, make actual; make happen, cause, bring about, effect, effectuate, work out, engineer, produce; bring off, manage, Sl. pull off, Inf. put over, swing, cut, hack; accomplish, attain, achieve, reach, arrive at, compass; succeed in, make good, Inf. make it, fulfill, carry out, follow through, consummate.
3. profit, gain, clear, make, take or bring in; make a profit, make money; capitalize on, take advantage of, Inf. cash in on.
really, adv. 1. in reality, actually, in actuality, in fact, de facto; in essence, essentially, intrinsically, in truth, truly, truly, literally; indeed, verily, as a matter of fact, in point of fact.
2. genuinely, truly, authentically; certainly, surely, assuredly, decided; positively, absolutely, categorically, unquestionably, unequivocally, beyond question, beyond a doubt.
3. virtually, in effect, just about, almost, for the most part, to all intents and purposes, for all practical purposes.
realm, n. 1. kingdom, domain, empire; sultanate, archduchy, duchy, principality, patriciate.
2. region, area, zone, territory; province, precinct, department; district, quarter, section; field, pale, arena; bailiwick, dominion, jurisdiction.
3. specialty, concern, branch or field of study, department of knowledge.
reanimate, v. 1. revivify, reactivate, regenerate, rejuvenate, revivify, recharge, rekindle, renew, restore, revive, refresh, resuscitate, breathe or put new life into.
2. vivify, energize, galvanize, exhilarate, quicken, animate, stimulate, enliven, inspirit, breathe life into.
reap, v. 1. cut, crop, mow; shear, shave, clip, trim; poll, prune.
2. harvest, glean, gather, gather in, bring in, take in.
3. acquire, get, obtain, procure, secure; realize, come into, come by; win, score.
rear1, n. 1. back, reverse; end, stern, heel, Inf. tag
reason

or tail end, fag end, caboose; (of the head) Anat. ociput, (of the neck) nape, (of the neck) scuff.

2. buttocks, rump, posterior, fundament, hindquarters, hinder parts, (of animals) group; (all of humans) Inf. backside, behind, Inf. fanny. See buttocks.

3. bring up the rear follow behind, lag behind, come in last, get the booby prize.

rear', v. 1. raise, bring up, parent, nurture, nurse, Dial. fetch up; foster, develop, take in hand, bring along, develop, train, educate, instruct; cultivate, breed, groom, fit, form.

2. erect, build, put up, construct, put together, run up, fabricate, fashion, frame, Inf. slap together, Inf. whomp together, Inf. throw together.

3. raise upright, upraise, set up, put or stand up, upright, upend, stand on end, set [s.t.] on its feet or legs or base.

4. elevate, escalate, raise up, loft, hoist, lift, boost, whomp together, Inf. slap together, Inf. do a stand on tiptoe.

5. premise, logic, thinking, reasoning, understand-

6. premise, logic, thinking, reasoning, understand-

7. rise, tower, loom, bulk, command, dominate, rise or tower above, look down upon or over, overshadow; soar, spire, soar into the clouds.

reason. n. 1. basis, cause, ground, grounds, mo-

2. premises, reasons, arguments, rationale; proof, cogitation, excogitation, speculation.

3. discussion, debate, moot, talk over; confer with, exchange views, examine, analyze, review, pass in review; deliberate upon, sit down together, take up with, SL. rap about, SL. kick around; consider, treat, study, deal with, thresh out.

12. deduce, infer, conclude, surmise, generalize, draw conclusions, put two and two together; gather, glean, understand, figure, SL. dope out, come to a conclusion; see, make out, estimate, reckon, find.

13. point out, bring to reason, prevail upon, show, show one the error of his ways; dissuade, talk out of, remonstrate, expostulate, plead with; convince, per-

14. reasonable, adj. 1. logical, practical, pragmatic; sensible, intelligent, rational; judicious, wise, sound, sane; plausible, credible, admissible, tenable; believable, justifiable, justifiable, justifiable, justifiable, justifiable, justifiable; proper, advisable, suitable, well-advised, commonsense, commonsensical; well-grounded, well-founded, well-argued.

2. moderate, open to reason, conscientious, dispasionate, impersonal; equitable, fair, just, right; straight, sincere, honest, candid; impartial, disinterested, even, aboveboard, square; even-handed, fair-minded, high-minded, upright, ethical; moral, honorable, principled, scrupulous; unbiassed, unbiased, unwarped, uninfluenced, unswayed.

3. inexpensive, moderate, low-priced, modest, conserva-

tive, unexcessively, unexaggerating; low, cheap, economical, easy, worth the money; manageable, budget, within means, within reason, to fit the pocket-

4. thinking, reasoning, cognitive, cognitive, mental, cerebral; intelligent, knowing, ratiocinative, per-

cipient, perceiving; analytic, ideational, conceptual, no-

etic, noological; phrenic, sophic, philosophical.

5. intelligent, wise, sage, sapient, judicious, sagacious; understanding, thoughtful, reflective, philosophical, contemplative; enlightened, just, discriminating, considerate, discerning; discreet, prudent, provident, circumspect; politic, perspicacious, far-sighted, astute, shrewd, keen, sharp; perceptive, appreciative, perspicacious, foresighted.

reasoning, n. 1. argumentation, thinking, rati-

cinative, reason, logic, thought, rationalization, reflection, reason, idea; inference, induction, deduction, syllogization, conceptual-

ization; cerebration, ideation, intellectualization, cogitation, exegesis, speculation.

2. premises, reasons, arguments, rationale; proof, argument, contention, case, pros, cons, pros and cons; position, assumption, lemma, supposal, supposition, postulate; theory, hypothesis, exposition, how one sees it; explanation, exposition, interpretation, exegesis.

reasonless, adj. 1. illogical, unreasonable, without rhyme or reason, void of reason, unreasoning; unwise, unsound, injudicious, impolitic, imprudent; senseless, irrational, insensitive, insensitive, unintelligent, unthinking, facetious, witless, mindless, brain-

less, empty-headed;asinine, absurd, ludicrous, pre-

posterior, ridiculous, nonsensical; insane, mad, crazy, lunatic, SL. screwball, SL. screwy, SL. nutty, SL. goofy, SL. wacky.

2. obtuse, dull, stolid, bovine, slow-witted, dull-

witted, dim-witted, thick-witted.

reassure, v. encourage, hearten, enhearten, cheer, uplift, buck up, buoy up, set [s.o.’s] on the back; bolster, support, brace, hold up; nerve, embolden, rally, inspire, inspirit; comfort, give [s.o.’s] hope, raise [s.o.’s] hopes, hold out hope, yield or afford hope; assure, put or set at ease, put or set [s.o.’s] mind at ease, satisfy [s.o.’s] mind, settle [s.o.’s] doubts.

rebate, n. 1. partial refund, repayment; oblation, reduction, allowance, discount, decrease, markdown, cutback, rollback; percentage, share, cut, slice, Inf.
kickback, (usu. illicit) take-off.

—v. 2. refund, repay, pay back, Sl. kickback; discount, take off, Sl. knock off, mark down; deduct, subtract, allow.

rebound, v. 1. bound back, spring back, recoil, 

renaissance, renascence, palin- 

rebirth, 1. 

rebel, n. 1. insurgent, insurrectionist, revolutionary, revolutionary, revoler, seditionist; mutineer; agitator, malcontent, anarchist; U.S. weatherman; rioter, brawler; traitor, turncoat, Benedict Arnold.

2. apostate, backslider, recusant, schismatic, sectarian, heretic.

—adj. 3. rebellious. See rebellious (def. 1).

—v. 4. revolt, mutiny, rise up, rise up in arms, mount the barricades; kick over the traces; riot, run riot, take to the streets.

5. recoil, shrink from, pull back or away from, turn away from.

rebellion, n. 1. revolt, insurrection, insurge- ncy, revolution, uprising, rising, outbreak; mutiny; sedition, subversion, treason; riot, anarchy, civil disorder, mob-law, street-fighting, fighting in the streets, turmoil, chaos; peasant revolt, jacquerie; putsch, coup d’état, overthrow, takeover.

2. resistance, defiance, waywardness; disobedience, willful disobedience, insubordination; nonobservance, noncompliance, nonconformance.

rebellious, adj. 1. insurgent, insurrectionary, revolu- tionary, rebel, seditious, factious; mutinous; traitorous, reasonable, subversive; lawless, riotous, ungovernable, uncontrollable, out of control, unmanageable.

2. recalcitrant, refractory, contumacious, obstreperous, resolute, unruly, wild; defiant, resistant, resistive; incorrigible.

rebirth, n. 1. renaissance, renascence, palin- genesis, revival, revivement; new awakening, regeneration, renewal, newing, new activity or growth; resurrection, reviviscence, rejuvenation, rejuvenescence; revivification, reanimation, resumption, restoration, resuscitation.

2. conversion, religious conversion, being born again; baptism, cleansing, purification, purging, Psychiatry. catharsis; reformation, change of heart, change in character or behavior, casting off of old ways, putting on the new man, remodeling, remodelado.

rebound, v. 1. bound back, spring back, recoil, boomerang, fly back, ricochet, return, return quickly; throw back, cast back, give back; echo, reverberate, resound, resonate, roochoo, rape, ring, ring again.

—n. 2. recoil, reaction, reflex, backlash, return; repercussions, result, reflux, ebb, counterreaction, backwash, retroaction; echo, roochoo, reverberation, reflection.

rebuff, n. 1. rejection, repulsion, spurning; parry, resistance, check, checkmate; refusal, denial, disallowance, negation, denunciation; forbiddance, pro-scription, Inf. no-go, thumbs down; declination, repudiation, renunciation, renunciation; disavowal, repudiation, disinheritance, disinheriting.

2. snub, Inf. cut, Inf. put-down, slight, cold shoulder, Inf. slap in the face; discouragement, Inf. dash of cold water, Inf. turndown, Inf. the brush-off.

—v. 3. check, repel, drive away, reject, fend off, ward off, keep off, stave off, parry; refuse, spurn, turn down, decline, deny, disallow; ignore, slight, disregard; keep at arm’s length, keep at a distance, turn one’s back on, cold-shoulder; snub, Inf. cut, take no note of, look right through [s.o.], freeze [s.o.] out, cut [s.o.] out of the herd; Inf. put down, put in one’s place, Sl. zap, Inf. tell [s.o.] where to get off, Inf. tell [s.o.] to buzz off, Inf. tell [s.o.] to get lost, Inf. slam the door in [s.o.’s] face.

rebuke, v. 1. reprove, reproach, reprehend, repri- mand, represtall with; chide, Inf. take to task, find fault with; scold, lecture, censure, call down, Inf. call on the carpet, Inf. dress down, Inf. bawl out, ex- prorate, objurate; admonish, give a piece of one’s mind, Inf. tell [s.o.] a thing or two, Inf. tell [s.o.] off, take [s.o.] down a peg.

2. berate, upbraid, castigate, vituperate; flay, Sl. give [s.o.] the business, rake [s.o.] over the coals, keelhaul; let [s.o.] have it, let [s.o.] have it right between the eyes, let [s.o.] have it with both barrels, tell [s.o.] where to get off; All. Sl. blast, bawl out, yell at, give [s.o.] hell, lay [s.o.] out in lavender, read the riot act.

—n. 3. reproach, remonstration, reproof, repro- mission, let [s.o.] have [s.o.] a word to the wise, structure, exposition, berating, upbraiding, castigation, ob- jurgation, vituperation, censure; scolding, dressing down, tongue-lashing, Sl. hell, Inf. bawling, ad- monishment.

4. blame, accusation, accrual, charge; imputation, incrimination, inculpation, Inf. pointing the finger.

rebut, v. refute, disprove, invalidate, negate, deny; confute, controvert, contradict, prove to be false, prove to the contrary; discredit, belial, deny the efficacy of, give the lie to; expose, show up, show the fallacy of, expose the weak points of; explode, Inf. blow sky-high, puncture, Inf. shoot full of holes, Inf. knock the bottom out; Inf. a lie to the face; Inf. over, throw out, Inf. cut, Inf. punch, Inf. squelch, Inf. put the kibosh on, Inf. shoot down; answer, retort, parry, re- tali ate, Inf. come back, riposte.

rebuttal, n. retort, response, answer; counter-argument, counter-statement, formal disproof; parry, riposte, retaliation, Inf. comeback; refutation, denial, disproval, disproof; contradiction, in- validation, negation; discreditation, giving the lie to, exposing, showing up, puncturing.

recalcitrant, adj. refractory, unmanageable, unsubmissive, intractable, contumacious, disobedient, insubordinate, difficult; fractious, rebellious, mutinous, unruly; headstrong, willful, willful disobedience, strong-willed, defiant, wayward; perverse, contrary, oppugnant, ob- stinate, bullheaded, stubborn, pig-headed, mulish; ob- durate, unyielding, unbending, inflexible, rigid, cross- grained, immovable, Inf. cussed, flinty, stony; opposed, resistant, renitent.

recall, v. 1. recollect, remember, reminisce, muse, look back on, think back to, Literary. hark back; call to mind, review, recreate; recognize, place; com- memorate; call up, evoke.

2. call back, summon; encore, applaud.

3. revoke, take back, withdraw, retract; countermand, repeal, rescind, veto, override, override; annul, nullify, cancel; recant, abjure, disavow, disown, dis- claim, deny.

4. revive, revivify, bring back, renew.

recant, v. 1. retract, withdraw, recall, revoke, repeale, reverse; rescind, abrogate, annul, nullify, disan- nul, void, avoid; countermand, counterorder, over- rule, override; veto, negate.

2. disavow, disclaim, disown, deny; renounce, relinquish, repudiate, abjure, forswear, abnegate; unsay, go back on one’s word, take back, eat one’s words, back-pedal, renege; apostatize, defec, derogate, change one’s mind.

recantation, n. 1. retraction, palinode, withdraw- al, recall, revocation, repeal, reversal; rescinding, rescinding, rescission, rescission, abrogation, annulment, nullification, disannulment, voidance, avoidance, Law. de- feasance; countermand, counterorder, overruling, over- riding; veto, negation.

2. disavowal, disclaimer, disallowment,
disowning; denial; renouncement, renunciation, relinquishment, repudiation, abjuration, forsaking, abnegation; unsaying, going back on one's word, *Cards.* reneging; tergiversation, apostasy, defection.

**recapitulate** v. summarize, sum up; review, run over, go over, reread, restate, repeat, reiterate; recount, enumerate, relate, narrate, recite.

**recapture** v. capture again, recapture, retake, take back, resume, reclaim, recoup; regain, recoup, recover, retrieve, get back, *Law.* replevy, *Law.* replevin, repossess; redeem, rescue, save, ransom, free, liberate.

**recede** v. go away, move away, retreat, withdraw, leave, retire, retrograde; return, go back, move back, reverse, back up.

2. lessen, diminish, lower, abate, decrease; subside, ebb, retrocede; dwindle, *Inf.* peter out, slacken, let up, wind down, slow down, de-escalate; fall off; taper off; wane, fade away, die out.

3. slope downward, fall away, slant.

4. give in, submit, yield; back down, decline, retract, take back, eat one's words.

**recede** v. cede back, give back, hand over, relinquish, yield, grant.

**receipt** n. 1. voucher, acquittance, quittance; sales slip, sales check, sales ticket; ticket, stub, stamp.

2. receipts payment, amount paid, payment received; income, proceeds, gate, handle.

3. reception, recipience, acceptance, taking.

4. recipe, list of ingredients, directions, instructions, formula, medical prescription; method, system, means, ways and means, technique.

**receive** v. 1. get, come by, realize, succeed to, inherit, come into, fall into; gain, derive, obtain, acquire; take in, harvest, garner, reap, gather, collect, glean; *all usu. of wages* earn, make, draw, *Sl.* pull down, gross, clear, net, *Inf.* take home, pocket.

2. be informed of, be notified of, be told, hear; acquire knowledge of, find out about, learn of or about, pick up.

3. be burdened with, sustain, endure, bear; experience, undergo, suffer, go or pass through; come upon, meet with, encounter, taste.

4. hold, contain, include, comprise, incorporate, embody, enclose, encompass, embrace, cover; admit of, reckon among, number among, count among.

5. *of the mind* take in, apprehend, comprehend, understand, grasp, *Inf.* get it.

6. *of guests or visitors* greet, greet with open arms, embrace, welcome, bid welcome to, give a warm reception to; admit, give entrée, give entrance to, let in, show in, lead in, take inside.

7. accept, agree with, embrace, adopt, follow, subscribe to, believe, swear by; take on faith or trust, take [s.o.'s.] word for it, take for granted.


2. receptacle, container, repository. See receptacle.

**recent** adj. fresh, new, new-fangled, late, latest, just out, hot off the presses, red-hot; brand-new, new-model, modernistic, new-fashioned, new-fashioned; modern, neoteric, latter-day; current, up-to-date, up-to-the-minute, *Sl.* with it, *Sl.* now.

**receptacle** n. container, vessel, jar, bottle, holder, box, basket, bag, paper bag, plastic bag; catch-all; receiver, repository, bin, hamper, hopper, chamber, reservoir, basin, catch basin; wastepaper basket, wastebasket, circular or round file, file thirteen, trash bag, litter bag, trash can; jacket, cover, wrapper, envelope, sheath.

**reception** n. 1. receipt, recipience, admission, acceptance, admittance, access, ingress; welcome, greeting, hello.

2. levee, formal party, soiree, social, tea, wedding party; audience, hearing, interview.

**receptive** adj. 1. perceptive, sensitive, quick on the uptake, quick-witted, sharp-witted; keen, astute, alert, bright, intelligent, perspicacious, clear-sighted; like a sponge, like a blotter, like a steel trap.

2. open, open-minded, undogmatic, open to suggestion, suggestive, amenable; acceptant, influenceable, persuadable, persuasible; pliant, tractable, flexible, plastic; responsive, willing, interested, involved, engaged.

**receptiveness** n. perceptiveness, sensitivity, intelligence, quickness, acuteness, sharpness, keenness; openness, mindlessness, openness, accessibility, *acceptance, responsiveness; willingness, eagerness, eagerness to listen, interest; suavities, pliancy, flexibility.

**recess** n. 1. respite, interval, interlude, intermission; rest, relief, breathing spell, breather; time out, playtime, pause, lull, *Inf.* letup, break, coffee break, *Inf.* taking five; day off, long weekend, holiday, vacation.

2. nook, niche, cranny, corner, alcove, bay, bay window, oriel; side altar, chapel.

3. indentation, notch, hiatus, gap, scoop, hole, hollow; gulf, fissure, scission.

4. recesses penetralia, interior, inwards, bowels, depths, heart; inner sanctum, sanctuary, asylum, refuge; retreat, *Archaic.* privacy, hideout.

—v. 5. niche, pigeonhole, hide, retreat.

6. rest, *Sl.* knock off, *Inf.* take five, break, take a break, gather at the water cooler, go for coffee, go out to play, call it a day; close up shop, *Inf.* go fishing, vacation; adjourn, adjourn sine die, prorogue.

**recession** n. 1. withdrawal, retirement, regression, retrogression; retreat, turning back, reversal, reversion; moving away, receding, going, leaving, departure.

2. indenation, hollow, curvature, obliquity, inclination; nook, niche. See recess (def. 2).

3. *of business* slump, crisis, depression, hard times, mini-depression, slowdown, downturn; bear market, inflation; stagnation.

**recherché** adj. special, singular, exceptional, unique, individual, one of a kind; prize, valuable, priceless, invaluable, costly, expensive; rare, scarce, in short supply, not to be found, not to be had, *Inf.* scarcer than hen's teeth; different, unusual, uncommon, out of the ordinary, unfamiliar; exotic, strange, foreign, alien, outlandish, unheard-of, seldom seen, odd, curious, peculiar, weird, *Inf.* way-out; arcane, recondite, little known, esoteric, abstruse, obscure.

**recidivism** n. repeated relapse, habitual backsliding, chronic repetition; reversion, regression, retrogression, falling back, lapse, deterioration, decline, degeneration, retrogradation, declension.

**recipe** n. 1. prescription, *Rx,* formula, receipt.

2. method, technique, system, way, means, process, procedure.

**recipient** n. receiver, beneficiary, legatee. See receiver (def. 1).


2. correlative, correspondent, corresponding, interrelated, conforming, equivalent, common, similar,
reciprocate, v. 1. return, give back, respond, respond in kind, return the favor, do the same for [s.o.], Inf. scratch [s.o.'s] back, Chiefly U.S. logroll; come back, retort, riposte; pay back, retaliate, requite; correspond, complement, complete.

2. interchange, exchange, give and receive, give and take, counterchange; bandy, barter, bargain, swap, dicker.

3. alternate, rotate, switch, shift, shift the burden, share, share the load, take turns.

reciprocation, n. 1. mutuality, interchange, exchange, trade-off, return, give-and-take, Obs. counterchange; correspondence, correlation, reciprocity, recipricability, recipricability, Inf. backscratching, quid pro quo, tit for tat, Chiefly U.S. logrolling.

2. return, repayment, compensation; retaliation, requital, reprisal, retribution, vindication, vengeance, an eye for an eye.

3. bargain, barter, trade, dicker, swap, switch, transfer.

4. transposition, permutation, substitution, commutation; alternation, rotation.

reciprocality, n. See reciprocation (def. 1).

recital, n. 1. musical performance, musicale, concert, staging; solo performance, solo, one-man show; performance, public performance, presentation, delivery, entertainment, show.

2. recitation, reading, rehearsal, repetition; monologue, soliloquy, speech, talk. See recitation (def. 1).

3. narration, narrative, account, report, in-depth report or account, chronicle, history, record; relation, communication, sharing, telling, recounting, recitation, recitation, circumstantialization, episodization; description, portrayal, characterization, sketch, depiction, picture, picturization, representation, word painting; rendition, version, interpretation. See narrative (defs. 1-3).

recitation, n. 1. recital, reciting, reading, solo; monologue, soliloquy, rehearsal, repetition, review, running through or over, recapitulation; presentation, delivery, performance, rendition, interpretation; oration, declamation, address, Speech. elocution.

2. oral response or answer, oral lesson or instruction, oral exercise, oral reading, round robin; oral, oral exam or examination.

3. memorized piece, something learned by heart, quotation, piece, number, speech, talk, U.S. SI. bit, SI. thing.

recite, v. 1. repeat or say from memory or by heart, quote, do a recitation, give a recitation or recital, give or do a reading; repeat, rehearse, review, run through or over, present or do one's number or piece, U.S. SI. present or do one's bit or thing, give one's spiel; deliver one's speech or talk, declaim, orate, perform, give a performance, give one's rendition or interpretation or version.

2. relate, narrate, recount, tell, tell about, tell the story of, brief [s.o.], fill [s.o.] in; report on, give an account or report of, chronicle, make a report; state, utter, articulate, put [s.t.] into words; communicate, convey, impart, relay, pass on, share; detail, circumstance, set forth, lay [s.t.] out, delineate; describe, portray, sketch, depict, render, characterize, Archaic. limn.

3. enumerate, numberate, number, number, count off, rattle off, reel off, call off, check off; list, itemize, specify, particularize, name one by one, read one at a time; recapitulate, go over, check over, run over or through, review; count up, add up, sum up, tally up, score up, total up, reckon, figure, calculate, compute.

reckless, adj. rash, temerarious, heedless, unheeding, careless, thoughtless, regardless, incautious; unmindful, inattentive, unwatchful, wary, unobservant; mindless, forgetful, scatterbrained, unthinking, Slang. spaced or spacey; negligent, neglectful, remiss, slack; imprudent, uncircumspect, unwise, injudicious, ill-considered, ill-suited, ill-advise, impolitic; daring, venturous, venturesome, daredevil, wild; brash, devil-may-care, madcap, impetuous, headlong, impulsive, hasty, overhasty, breakneck, dangerous, desperate; audacious, bold, fearless; hardbrained, foolhardy, foolish, irresponsible, Inf. trigger-happy; spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment, unpremeditated, unplanned, sudden, abrupt, precipitate.

reckon, v. 1. calculate, compute, tally, score, figure, give a figure to, put a figure on, quantify; add up, tally up, sum up, total up, figure up.

2. count, enumerate, numberate, number; tell, count off, list, name.

3. consider, regard, esteem, deem, hold, judge, look upon; evaluate, estimate, appraise; rate, rank, class, gauge.

4. Informal. Chiefly Midland and Southern U.S. think, opine, be of the opinion, believe, fancy, imagine, presume, daresay, conclude, come to or arrive at the conclusion.

5. settle, settle with, settle or square accounts, get even or quits with, Slang. even the score; clear the board, pay old debts.

6. count on or upon, depend on, lean on, rely on, figure on, Inf. bank on; trust, take on trust, take for granted, be sure of; include, number among.

7. reckon with a. anticipate, contemplate, foresee; take into account or consideration, take note or notice of, take cognizance of, bear in mind, not lose sight of. b. face, treat, handle, cope with, deal with, contend with, do with; face facts, face reality, Inf. face the music.

reckoning, n. 1. count, computation, calculation, tally, score, sum, number, amount, Inf. bottom line.

2. enumeration, numberation, numbering, tallying, counting.

3. (all of accounts) settlement, adjustment, quittance, satisfaction; liquidation, clearance.

4. amount due, bill, check, Inf. tab; fee, charge, settlement, adjustment, quitclaim; all of accounts.

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reclusion, n. 1. monasticism, anchoritism, eremitism; hermitship, sisterhood, nunhood.
2. retreat, withdrawal, retirement, separation, self-exile; seclusion, aloneness, solitude, privacy, hermitage, hermitry; alienation, estrangement, loneliness.

reconciliation, n. 1. identification, reidentification, recollection, remembrance, recall, memory; spotting, placing, detection, discovery.
2. perception, awareness, cognizance, realization, eyeopener; understanding, comprehension, apprehension; knowledge, cognition, sensibility; admission, acceptance, acknowledgment.
3. appreciation, gratitude, honoring, paying respect, singling out.
4. approval, sanction, endorsement, support.

recognize, v. 1. identify, reidentify, Inf. spot, Inf. peg, Inf. nail, Sl. make, make out, tell, detect, Sl. get a fix on, place; recall, recollect, remember, call to mind.
2. realize, understand, apprehend, perceive, note, mark; acknowledge, Archaic. agnize, admit, own, accept, avow, confess, concede, grant, warrant; see, discern, respect, appreciate.
3. give the floor or podium to, yield to, give the nod to, call upon, tap, introduce.
4. formally accept, endorse, sanction, approve, support, uphold; put the seal of approval on, validate, ratify.
5. show appreciation or gratitude, honor, reward, distinguish, pay respect or homage to, signalize, point with pride.

recoil, v. 1. shy, jump, jump back, start; shrink, shrink back, hang back, balk, quail, flinch, wince, blench, cower; falter, give way, lose heart, lose courage.
2. spring back, lash back, fly back, kick back, rebound, resilience, reverberate, reflect.
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3. shying, flinching, shrinking; rebound, backlash, reaction, counterreaction, kick.

recollect, v. 1. recall, remember, Archaic. bethink, call to mind, bring to mind; bring back, evoke; be unable to forget, keep the memory green.
2. meditate, pray, commune, contemplate; concentrate, ponder, mull.
rerecorded, adj. 1. collected, composed, cool, self-possessed, controlled, in control; calm, placid, peaceful, serene, quiet.
2. remembered, recalled, in mind, brought to mind; not forgotten, unexploited, still alive, still green.

recollection, n. remembering, calling to mind, recall; remembrance, memory, reminiscence, souvenir; mind, mental image, inward eye.

recommend, v. 1. commend, mention favorably, promote; speak well of, put in a good word for, have a good word for; approve, sanction, Chiefly U.S. approbate; favor, Sl. root for, Sl. plug for, Sl. tout, cry up, count on, appreciate, look with favor on, support, uphold; endorse, second, vouch for, undersign, underwrite, cosign, lend one's name to; OK, back, guarantee, stand up for, Inf. stick up for.
2. advise, counsel, guide, instruct, teach; urge, encourage, coax; appeal, bid, remonstrate, admonish, exhort, expostulate; persuade, convince, talk into; dissuade, talk out of.
3. suggest, offer, propose, offer an opinion; forward, advance, pose, propound; prescribe, enjoin, direct, command, order; warn, caution, Archaic. monish.
4. promote, enhance, enrich, refine; build up, improve upon, show off to advantage; polish, embellish, furbish.

recommendation, n. 1. letter, letter of recommendation, letter of introduction, reference, referral; voucher, credential, testimonial; good word, favorable mention, honorable mention, blurb, Inf. plug; sanction, approval, blessing, say-so, nod of approval; approval, endorsement.
2. advice, counsel, advocacy; suggestion, proposal, opinion, idea; tip, hint, pointer, word to the wise, Latin. verbium sapienti, Inf. flea in the ear.
3. direction, order, steer, instruction, guidance, teaching, Chiefly Brit. Dial. rede; prescription, charge, command, precept; appeal, enjoiner, bidding, bid; persuasion, urging, encouragement, prompting; injunction, exhortation, remonstrance, admonition, monition; dissuasion, caution, warning.

recompense, v. 1. repay, pay back, reimburse, indemnify, recoup, refund; pay, remunerate, reward, Literary. gurdon.
2. make restitution, make amends, require; compensate, make up for, redress, satisfy; atone, expiate, make good.

n. 3. restitution, repayment, reimbursement, compensation, amends; satisfaction, damages, Law. solutium, indemnification, recoupment, indemnity; re-qualit, quittance, return, redress; atonement, expiation, reparation, retribution.
4. remuneration, payment, pay, salary, wages, emolument, hire, consideration; earnings, income, revenue; charge, Hist. scot, fee, stipend, honorarium; reward, bonus, grant, benefaction; tip, gratuity, douceur; bribe, hush money; commission, percentage, share, brokerage; cut, Inf. rake-off, Inf. kickback.

reconcile, v. 1. conciliate, resign, let pass, submit to, yield to; accommodate oneself to, accept, condone, overlook; make the best of, not make an issue of, make the most of, rise above; take things as they come, Inf. roll with the punches, grin and bear it, shrug it off.
2. bring around, win over, gain the trust of, earn the confidence of; defer to, give in to, make adjustments for; allay, alleviate, Rare. lenify, Archaic. attemper; pacify, propitiate, placate, appease; assuage, mollify, dulcify, soothe, tranquilize, calm.
3. settle, bring to terms, resolve differences, make peace between; resolve, compromise, adjust, accommodate, compose; reunite, unite, get back together, help to make up; arbitrate, mediate, negotiate, intervene, bridge the gap; restore harmony, smooth, smooth over, harmonize, Archaic. accord.
4. mend, patch up, mend fences, make it, heal, remedy; bury the hatchet, put it all behind one, fix up; make up, shake hands, smoke the peace pipe, kiss and make up.

reconciliation, n. 1. conciliation, resignation, acceptation, submission; accommodation, moderation, deference.
2. propitiation, appeasement, placation, pacification, alleviation; mollification, dulcification, tranquilization, peacemaking; relaxation, easing, détente; satisfaction, expiation.
3. compromise, adjustment, regulation, reconcilement; adaptation, coadaptation, attunement, synchronization, coordination; settlement, agreement, resolutions, terms, arrangement, squaring; arbitration, mediation, negotiation, intervention, Politics. fencing; rapprochement, making up, shaking of hands, understanding.
4. harmony, conformity, peace, amity, accord, concord; compatibility, affinity, cooperation, rapport.

recondite, adj. 1. difficult, hard, over one's head, Inf. tough; complex, complicated, perplexing, Inf. tricky; intricate, involved, tangled, knotty, crabbed.
2. profound, deep, esoteric, abstruse, abstract; impenetrable, incomprehensible, incomprehensible, past
recondition

1. repair, mend, restore; doctor, service, overhaul, give new parts; fix, fix up, patch, patch up; correct, adjust, straighten, straighten out or up; rectify, remedy, better, amend; make over, remodel, renovate; refinish, resurface, revamp, renew, completely overhaul or redo.

reconnaissance, n. 1. reconnoitering, inspection, advance information, observation, exploration, probe; spying; Inf. spy work, espionage, scout’s report. 2. survey, preliminary survey, scrutiny, scrutinization; preview, examination, analysis; Inf. once-over, Inf. walkaround, Inf. pre-flight check.

reconnoiter, v. 1. survey, probe, spy out, spy on, scout out, Obs. picket; get a view of, Sl. case, Sl. stake out, Inf. get the lay of the land, Inf. see how the land lies. 2. examine, inspect, observe, view, scan; study, size up, Inf. check out, take stock of.

reconsider, v. reexamine, think over, take under advisement, review, look at again; sleep on, consider overnight, recheck, check again, retrace; revise, view in a new light, think better of, think twice; correct, amend, modify, make over.

reconstruct, v. 1. rebuild, make over, restore, reframe, reassemble; reproduce, remake, refabricate; reform, refashion, remodel, reshape, revamp; reforest, reforest, re-create, recompose, redive, reformulate, redesign; renovate, condition, regenerate, rehabilitate, reinstate. 2. remember, recall, collect, review, view in retrospect; call up, recover knowledge of, Inf. string or piece together events.

record, v. 1. document, enter, post, make an entry of; note, make a note of, write down, write; register, enroll, take down, put down; chronicle, journalize, keep a diary or record or log; set down for posterity; file, put in the files, docket, list, log; catalogue, itemize, enumerate, score, count up, chalk up. 2. state, say, indicate, go to record, say publicly, affirm. —n. 3. journal, record, chronicle, diary, memoir, Fr. journal intime; dossier, Latin. adversaria, notes; album, scrapbook, memory book; yearbook, almanac, annals; history, chronology, narrative; registry, register, log, logbook, guestbook; inventory, stock list, catalogue; Lib. Science. card catalogue, Lib. Science. shelf list; ledger, roll, attendance book; schedule, calendar, datebook, daybook; Acta, transactions, minutes.

4. registry, deed, contract, certificate, Law. memorandum, Law. instrument; bond, indenture, marriage certificate, birth certificate, automobile title; land records, voter list. 5. reputation, life history, past performance, Inf. style, track record, book; résumé, work history, employment record; school record, permanent school file, transcript, academic record.

6. police record, list of offenses, criminal life history, history of crime, reputation for crime. 7. memento, keepsake, remembrance, relic, souvenir, token, token of remembrance.

8. recording, photograph record, phonodisc, Inf. disc, Inf. platter; album, Trademark. L.P. single; film, tape, cassette, 8-track, videotape, photograph.

9. off the record confidential, unofficial, not for publication or circulation; secret, private, pry, restricted, not public, Lt. in petto; not to be disclosed, not to be mentioned, not to be spoken, sub rosa.

—adj. 10. prime, extreme, ultimate, unbeaten, tops, at the acme or zenith, Latin. ne plus ultra.

reconciler, n. 1. registrar, archivist, annalist, chronicler, prothonotary, chronicologist, chronologer, chronographer, chronographist; historian, marker, scorer, scorekeeper; secretary, stenographer, amanuensis, copyist, scribe; clerk, agent, official, administrator.


3. tape recorder, recording device, Inf. tap, Inf. bug. 4. fipple flute, flute, woodwind instrument.

recount, v. 1. relate, rehearse, repeat, review, run over, recapitulate, sum up; chronicle, tell, retell, tell about; set forth a report or account of; set forth: articulate, communicate, convey, impart, unfold, render; describe, depict, explain, define, elucidate; detail, specify, give the facts, give the particulars, particularize; flesh out, footnote, annotate.

2. enumerate, list, specify, name, cite; check off, go over, run over, take account or stock of; catalogue, mark, count, compute, calculate, reckon; numerate, number, tally, add up, add; poll, call roll, Inf. count noses, Inf. count the house, poll the delegation.

recoop, v. 1. get back, regain, recover, retrieve. See recover (def. 1).

2. reimburse, indemnify, pay back, repay, recompense, compensate for, make up for, come up with the difference, remunerate, require; make good, redeem, refund, give back, remit; replace, repair, set to rights, correct, set straight, fix or fix up, make everything better, amend, emend, remedy, restore; redress, make restitution for, atone, make amends, satisfy, pay off, Inf. get out from under.

recourse, n. 1. access, resort, appeal, request, entreaty, prayer; plea, petition, application, solicitation, suit, supplication. 2. resource, reserve, backup, reinforcement; anchor, support, rock, pillar; refuge, asylum, retreat, sanctuary, treaty, prayer; plea, petition, application, solicitation, tap, actuary.

3. resource, reserve, backup, reinforcement; anchor, support, rock, pillar; refuge, asylum, retreat, sanctuary; treaty, prayer; plea, petition, application, solicitation, tap, actuary.

recovery, n. 1. recuperation, convalescence, get better or well, return to health, heal, mend, be on the mend or upswing; rally, regain strength, improve, take a turn for the better, Inf. come around; pull through, survive, make it, live, live to see better days; Inf. snap or come out of it, be oneself again, revive, resuscitate, perk up, live up, get back on one’s feet.

2. make up for, compensate for, make good. See recover (def. 2).

3. reclaim, save, salvage, rescue, deliver, redeem, ransom; rehabilitate, restore, reestablish, renew, recruit, regenerate; rejuvenate, refresh, come back to life, revive, revivify, revitalize, reanimate; redo, remodel, recondition, remake, make over, renovate, revamp; reform, improve, better, make better, ameliorate, meliorate.

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recovery, n. 1. recoupment, regaining, retrieval, obtaining, finding; recapturing, retaking, repossession, reseizure, Law. replevin, resumption, recall.
2. reclamation, saving, salvation, rescue, deliverance, redemption, ransom; rehabilitation, restoration, reestablishment, renewal, recruitment, regeneration, rebirth, palingenesis; revival, revivification, revitalization, reanimation, rejuvenation; reform, improvement, betterment, amelioration, mellioration.
3. recuperation, convalescence, return to health, Inf. comeback, survival; rally, turn for the better, resurgence, reactivation.

recruit, n. 1. cowardly, craven, dastardly, base, Archaic. niddering, Archaic. caiffiff; pusillanimous, timorous, timid, nervous, fearful, afraid, scared, scary, frightened, afraid of one's shadow, cowing: spineless, weak, uncourageous, unmarried, weak-hearted, faint-hearted, lily-livered, white-livered, Sl. chicken, Inf. chickenhearted, Inf. chicken-livered, Inf. yellow, Sl. yellow-bellied, Sl. candy-assed, Inf. panty-waist, sissy.

2. unfaithful, faithless, disloyal, untrue, false, false-hearted; two-faced. Janus-faced, double-tongued, talking out of both sides of one's mouth, hypocritical, heretical; two-timing, cheating, perfidious, betraying, Inf. double-crossing, traitorous, treasonable, double-dealing; shifty, crafty, conning, tricky, dishonest, deceitful, insidious, untrustworthy; apostate, renegade, deserting, defecting; dissident, divergent. —n. 3. coward, craven, poltroon, dastard, Archaic. catiffiff, Archaic. niddering; yellowbelly, mouse, baby, big baby, crybaby, whinyface; Inf. nervous nelly, Sl. chicken, Inf. fraidy-cat, Inf. scaredy-cat; invertibrate, Inf. jellyfish, weakling, Sl. weak sister, namby-pamby, sissy, milkskim, milquetoast, mama's boy, mollycoddle, Inf. panty-waist, sissy.

4. apostate, renegade, deserter, defector, bolter, turncoat; renouncer, abjurer, repudiator, rejecter, dissenter; heretic, hypocrite, dissembler, dissimulator, deceiver; traitor, betrayer, Inf. double-crosser, Judas or Judas Iscariot, Brutus, Benedict Arnold, informer, Sl. rat; double-dealer, snake in the grass.

re-create, v. create anew, make over, remake, reconstruct, rebuild, remodel, refashion, reform, renovate; duplicate, match, echo, double; reproduce, copy, facsimile.

recreate, v. 1. refresh, restore, renew, rejuvenate, regenerate; invigorate, enliven, exhilarate; entertain, divert, occupy, absorb, interest; amuse, cheer, gladden, gratify, tickle, take or tickle one's fancy, regale. 2. unwind, relax, rest, put one's feet up; play, sport, disport, be entertained, be diverted, escape; romp, gambol, revel, skylark.

re-creation, n. creating anew, remaking, remake, make-over; renovation, reconstruction, reformation, remodeling, rebuilding, refashioning; reproduction, copy, facsimile; duplicate, match, echo, double.

recreation, n. 1. relaxation, rest, easement; refreshment, restoration, renewal, rejuvenation, regeneration; revivification, invigoration, enlivening, exhilaration; dalliance, merrymaking, pleasure, enjoyment, merriment.

2. pastime, diversion, distraction, entertainment, fun, festivity, après-ski; play, game, sport, exercise; antic, lark, romp, gambol, spree, junket; prank, practical joke, escape, revelry, tomfoolery, skylarking.

recluse, n. counterculture, payment in kind; retaliation, retortion, reprisal, requital, retribution; vengeance, revenge, avengement.

recruit, n. 1. (all in reference to the military) inductee, enlistee, draftee, conscript; cadet, plebe; buck private, private, P.F.C., seaman. 2. rookie, fledgling, tenderfoot, greenhorn, neophyte; newcomer, novice, tyro, beginner, initiate, apprentice.

3. supporter, helper, auxiliary; follower, operative, worker.

—v. 4. (in reference to military service) draft, impress, press, induct, conscript, conscribe, Naut. shang-hai, crimp; enlist, Archaic. list, muster in, levy; activate, call up, mobilize.

5. furnish, stock, provision, store, provide; equip, arm, fit out, accouter. 6. engage, obtain, acquire, procure, muster, gather up or together, Inf. round up; enroll, sign up. 7. replenish, replace, reinforce, strengthen, fortify, shore up, buttress; enlarge, augment, increase, Inf. beef up.

8. (of health or strength) renew, restore, refresh, revive, revivification, regain, rehabilitate; recover, recuperate, convalesce, get well; improve, mend, heal, be on the mend; pull through, survive.

rectangular, adj. quadrant, right-angled, angular, Math. orthogonal, oblong; square, quadrangular, four-square.

rectify, v. 1. set right, right, square, correct, redress, revise, reform, straighten out; repair, fix, remedy, mend, cure, heal, doctor, minister; better, ameliorate, melliorate, improve, amend, emend. 2. adjust, regulate, straighten, focus, tune in or up, attune, fine-tune; bring into line, synchronize, calibrate, adjust, align, balance.

rectitude, n. 1. moral virtue, moral strength, integrity, probity, morality, uprightness; rightness, goodness, virtuousness, righteousness, honorableness; honor, virtue, decency, upstandingness, respectability, good character; veracity, honesty, truthfulness, credibility, guilelessness, scrupulousness; impeccability, unimpeachability, irreproachable, uncorruptness, cleanliness; sinlessness, purity, innocence, immaculateness, immaculacy, spotlessness, stainlessness; saintliness, godliness, chastity, pudicity, modesty, unchasteness, undissoluteness.

2. correctness, soundness, accuracy, precision, exactness, exactitude; validity, verity, justness, accordance; closeness, nicety, fidelity, faithfulness, literalness.

rector, n. 1. pastor, vicar, dean, chaplain, spiritual director; dignitary, prelate, bishop, monsignor.

2. clergyman, ecclesiastical, churchman, parson, Dial. dominie, divine, clerk, clerical, reverend, cassock, servant of God, Brit. blackcoat.

3. minister, priest, presbyter, father, confessor, padre, curé, abbé.


5. theologian, canonist, hierophant. See theologian.


2. British. benefice, parsonage, pastorate, episcopate, bishopric, diocese, see, deanery, chaplaincy, curacy.

recumbent, adj. 1. lying down, decumbent, accumbent, reclining, couchant; supine, resupine, flat, lying flat, flat on one's back; prone, procumbent, prostrate; horizontal, stretched out, spread out, spread-eagle, sprawling; resting, leaning, inclined.

2. idle, inactive, at leisure, unoccupied, doing nothing; lounging, lolling, lazy, listless, languid, lackadaisical, apathetic, phlegmatic; sedentary, passive, dull, sluggish; hebephrenous, lethargic, drowsy, sleepy, somnolent, slumberous, torpid, torpient.

recuperate, v. 1. recover, convalesce, pick up, perk
re recuperative, adj. corrective, restorative, revivatory, reviviscent, recuperatory.

recurr, v. 1. occur again, re-occur, persist, continue, reappear, persevere; alternate, come in turn, in-termit; repeat, return, come and go; Dial. come 'round.

2. be remembered, return to the mind, flash across the memory, intrude on one's thoughts; live or dwell in memory, haunt one's thoughts, never leave one's mind or dwell in the memory, intrude on one's thoughts; live or dwell in the memory, intrude on one's thoughts; live or dwell in the memory, intrude on one's thoughts; live or dwell in the memory, intrude on one's thoughts.

re collect, adj. repeated, repetitious, repetitive, per- sonant, continual, frequent; haunting, incessant, re- echoing, rhythmic, pulsative, pulsating, throbbing, regular as clockwork; renewed, cyclical, periodic, periodical, seasonal, regular; alternate, coming again and again; returning at intervals, intermittent, reap- pearing, continuous, chronic, remittent, ceaseless; iter- ative, reiterative, reiterated, habitual, like the beat beat back when least expected; trouble, vex, harass, badger, rankle one's thoughts.

re current, adj. recurrent, repetitious, repetitive, per- sistent, continual, frequent; haunting, incessant, re- echoing, rhythmic, pulsative, pulsating, throbbing, regular as clockwork; renewed, cyclical, periodic, periodical, seasonal, regular; alternate, coming again and again; returning at intervals, intermittent, reap- pearing, continuous, chronic, remittent, ceaseless; iter- ative, reiterative, reiterated, habitual, like the beat beat back when least expected; trouble, vex, harass, badger, rankle one's thoughts.

red, adj. 1. reddish, crimson, cardinal, Fr. rouge, Heraldry gules, carmine, Tyrian; rubescent, rufous, russet, rubicund, amaranthine; vinaceous, wine-colored, claret-colored, port-wine; scarlet, ruby, vermil- lion, vermeil, russet, cherry, cochinial, maroon; murrey, stamelm, auburn, Titian; pink, salmon, coral; lobster-red, fire-engine red, beet-red.

2. rosy, roseate, flushed, hot, red-hot, hectar, feverish, fevered, febrile, fiery, burning; blooming, glowing, florid, blozzy; sunburned, burnt, ruddy, red- faced.

3. sanguine, bloody, incarnadine, gory; ensanguined, blood-red, bloodstained, bloodshot.

4. red-haired, redheaded, red-bearded; chestnut, car- rorty, russet, red brick, lateritious; strawberry, straw- berry blond, sandy.

5. embarrased, blushing, flushed, sheeplish, red in the face, Inf. slapped.

6. radical, revolutionary, revolutionist, left, leftist, left-leaning, extremist, ultra, U.S. Sl. pink, U.S. Sl. pinko; communist, Soviet, Russian, Bolshevikist; Marx- ist, Leninist, Stalinist, Trotskyist, Maoist.

7. sore, raw, chafed, inflamed, open, blistered; smarting, irritating, burning, fiery; sensitive, tender, tingling, algetic.

8. redness, reddishness, rubricity, Heraldry, gules, Fr. rouge, rubor; ruddiness, floridness, floridity, color, rosiness, flush, blus.

9. see red Informal. get mad, get angry, madden, rile, become enraged, lash into a fury, become ir- ritated, become exasperated; seethe, boil, explode, burst.

redeem, v. 1. retrieve, regain, buy back, recover, reclaim; repay, make good, pay in full, pay off, cover, make the final payment.

2. ransom, rescue, save, deliver, liberate, eman- cipate, free, set free, release; extricate, repossess, Law. replevy.

3. exchange, change, give in exchange, turn in, cash in, trade in, collect on.

4. regenerate, reform, set straight, Inf. get on the straight and narrow; turn from sin, convert, restore, reinstatement, rehabilitate; absolve, purge, shrive; intercede for, mediate on behalf of.

5. discharge, make good, be as good as one's word, acquit, satisfy; keep, hold to, obey, adhere to, abide by; see through, be faithful to, keep faith with, meet, perform, carry out, dispatch, execute; complete, realize, consummate, accomplish.

6. compensate, require, propitiate, compensate; offset, expiate, atone for, make amends for, make restitution, settle.

redeemable, adj. exchangeable, good for, worth something; retrievable, restorable,.extricable; correct- able, curable, improvably, amendable; corrigible, resalvageable, worthwhile saving.

redeemer, n. 1. ransomer, emancipator, liberator, rescuer, deliverer, freer, manumitter, savior.

2. Redeemer Savior, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. See Jesus (def. 1).

redemption, n. 1. repurchase, recovery by pay- ment, restitution, restoration, reinstatement, re- establishment.

2. paying in full, paying off, Inf. burning the mortgage.

3. compensation, conciliation, propitiation, expia- tion, atonement, reparation, amends.

4. retrieval, saving, freeing; liberation, deliverance, emancipation, rescue; release, reprieve, escape.

5. rehabilitation, regeneration, reformation, salvation, rebirth, reconstitution, reclamation, conversion, Inf. comeback.

red-handed, adv. in the act, in the very act, Latin. in flagrante delicto, Law. flagrante delicto, with one's hand in the till, with one's hand in the cookie jar, with one's finger in the pie, Sl. with one's pants down, Sl. dead to rights; at the scene of the crime.

red-hot, adj. 1. burning, scorching, blistering, sizz- zing; white-hot, molten.

2. fiery, hot, hot-blooded, impassioned, heated, in- flamed, feverish, febrile, flushed; passionate, vehem- ent, fervid, fervent, zealous, intense, ardent; fanatic, perfervid, totally committed, hard-core; excited, anx- ious, agog, all agog, all hopped-up, Sl. psycched or psyched-up; enthusiastic, eager, avid, keen, Sl. gung- ho.

3. mad, Inf. raving mad, Inf. stark-raving mad, rabid, foaming or frothing at the mouth; raging, raving, frenzied, frenetic, frantic, wild-eyed, blue in the face; furious, violent, wild, infuriate, ferocious, maniacal, Inf. hog-wild; hysterical, distracted, carried- away, beside oneself, like one possessed; berserk, amuck, running amuck.

4. brand-new, newest, latest, most-recent, up-to-the- minute; hot off the presses.

redolence, n. fragrance, aroma, perfume, essence, scent, incense, bouquet, Archaic. flavor; odor, smell, reek.

redolent, adj. 1. fragrant, aromatic, odoriferous, odoriferous, perfumed, scented, embrosial, savory, sweet, sweet-smelling.

2. smelly, reeking, malodorous; pungent, strong, sharp, nose-piercing.

3. suggestive, reminiscent, evocative, mindful, reminiscent.

redoubtable, adj. formidable, awesome, aweful, awe-inspiring; terrible, dread, dreadful, fearful, fear-
reduce, n. 1. amends, repairation, atonement, restitution, restoration, correction, repair; requital, reparation, appeasement, compensation, recompense, payment, remuneration, indemnification. 2. improvement, betterment, amelioration, melioration, help, aid, assistance; relief, alleviation, assuagement, mitigation, mollification, appeasement, softening, easing, reduction, lessening; rescue, deliverance, liberation, release, Law. acquittal. —v. 3. rectify, set right, make right, set straight, square, settle, patch up; remedy, heal, repair, mend, fix, fix up, correct, reform, amend; improve, better, ameliorate, meliorate, help or aid a situation; relieve, alleviate, assuage, allay, mitigate, mollify, appease, ease, soften, reduce, lessen; readjust, adjust, regulate, put on an even keel; balance, even up, make fair. 4. recompense, repay, compensate for, make it up to [s.o.]; make amends, make repairation or restitution, restore, make up for; atone for, expiate, pay for.

red tape, n. paperwork, paper pushing, writing, documentation, information-gathering, research; papers, forms, documents, blanks to be filled out; make-work, nonsense, junk, Inf. fiddle-faddle, Inf. messing or playing around, Sl. bull, Sl. mickey-mouse; bureaucracy, procedure, routine, motions, steps, protocol, etiquette. Inf. SOP; ceremony, ceremoniousness, formality, concern with form, propriety, Inf. hocus pocus, Inf. mumbo jumbo; rigidity, punctilio, attention to detail, obsession, beheaded, redtapeism, pettifoggery, small-mindedness, rigmarole.

redress, n. 1. redress 1000 bust, Inf. Mil. SI. or kick upstairs, disbar, defrock
2. mitigate, easing, relaxing, alleviating, alleviation, relief, attenuation, abatement, slackening, remission, assuagement; restraint, harnessing, bridling, repressing, repression, retardation, curbing, checking, tempering, temperament, modification, moderation; softening, modulating, toning down, tuning down, turning down, muffling, muting, quieting, silencing, deadening; braking, slowing down, throttling down, reinning in; blunting, bating, dulling, incapacitating, incapacitation, enfeebling, debilitating, debility, weakening, weakness. 3. degradation, demotion, deposition. See degradation (def. 1). 4. discount, cut, cutrate, deduction, write-off, concession, allowance; depreciation, devaluation; refund, rebate, reimbursement, remuneration, compensation; agio, premium.

redundancy, n. 1. repetition, pleonasm, tautology, battology; verbosity, prolixity, verbiage, wordiness, overamplification, windiness, long-windedness. 2. surplus, excess, hypertrophy, glut; superfluity, plethora, excessiveness, uselessness, needlessness, a fifth at bridge, fifth wheel; exaggeration, inflatedness, hyperbole, magnification; superabundance, lavishness, exorbitance, inordinate; more than enough, more than ample, overmuch, Fr. de trop, superfluous, superfluousness; unnecessary, needless, unwarranted, useless, needed like a hole in the head, about as useful as a fifth wheel. 3. superabundant, lavish, profuse, prodigal, bountiful, copious, inexhaustible, replete; exuberant, extravagent, luxuriant; inflated, hyperbolic, exaggerated, inordinate, immoderate.

redundant, adj. 1. verbose, prolix, wordy, diffuse; tautological, pleonastic, repetitious, reiterating, battological; periphrastic, roundabout, circumlocutory; fus mash, bombastic, windy, long-winded. 2. excessive, in excess, hypertrophic, exorbitant; more than enough, more than ample, overmuch, superfluous, Fr. de trop, too much, surplus, plethoric; unnecessary, needless, unwarranted, useless, needed like a hole in the head, about as useful as a fifth wheel. 3. superabundant, lavish, profuse, prodigal, bountiful, copious, inexhaustible, replete; exuberant, extravagent, luxuriant; inflated, hyperbolic, exaggerated, inordinate, immoderate.

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reduplicate, v. double, repeat, duplicate; echo, imitate, ape, iterate, do again; copy, ditto, replicate, facsimile.

reech, v. echo back, echo back and forth, resound, reverberate, resonate; bounce back, repeat again; ring, peal.

reed, n. bar, sand bar, bank, sandbank, shoal, shallows, flat, mud flat, ridge, coral ridge.
referee, n. marijuana cigarette; All Sl. joint, jay, jay bar, jay smoke, j.; All Sl. stick, tea stick, stick of tea, dope stick, dream stick, stick of gage or gauge, gage stick, gage butt; All Sl. reefer weed, hunter, spiff, im.

reek, n. 1. stink, stench, fetor, fetidness, odor, malodor, mephitis; body odor, Sl. B.O., halitosis, bad breath.

2. vapor, effluvium, steam, exhaust, fume, mist, fog, cloud.

—v. 3. stink, smell, smell to high heaven, smell like a goat, assault the nostrils, knock out.

4. steam, smoke, vaporize, evaporate, gasify; smoke, treat, cure.

5. perspire, drip, sweat, be soggy; be bloody, be covered with blood.

refin', n. rotary device, wheel; bobbin, spool, spindle, Obs. arbore, holder; pin, axle.

refin', v. 1. sway, rock, swing; stagger, stumble, totter, falter, flounder; lurch, pitch, roll, surge; waver, fall back.

2. turn round and round, whirl, twirl, spin, gyrate; totter, falter, flounder; lurch, pitch, roll, surge; waver, fall back.

3. refine, perfect, perfect, complete, consummate; impute, blame on; trace, accredit to, credit with, assign, attribute, put down to, ascribe; arrogate, claim, assign, institute, institute; arrogate, declare, institute, institute; arrogate, institute, institute.

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referee, n. 1. arbitrator, arbiter, judge, determinant, decider, adjudicator, Inf. ref; moderator, umpire, Inf. ump, linesman; arbitrator, negotiator, bargainer, reconciler, peacemaker, Obs. arbiter; go-between, intercessor, mediator, intercessor.

—v. 2. umpire, Inf. ump, Inf. ref; arbitrate, decide, determine, settle; judge, adjudge, adjudicate, pronounce or pass judgment, decree, sentence.

3. mediate, intervene, interpose, step in, come between; negotiate, bargain, bring to terms, parley; intercede, conciliate, placate, reconcile.

reference, n. 1. mention, mentioning, referral, reference; allusion, notice, adducement, quotation, specification; notification, apprising, advisement; hint, suggestion, intimation, inkling, inuendo, implication, insinuation; substantiation, illustration, instance.

2. assignment, attribution, ascription, credit, arrogation, imputation, blame.

3. note, citation, indication, indicator, direction, key.

4. endorsement, affirmation, allegation, voucher; attestation, testimony, evidence, witness; declaration, statement.

5. relation, regard, respect, bearing, consideration, concern; applicability, relevance, pertinence, correlation.

refine, v. 1. purify, rarely, sublitize; clarify, clear; wash, lave, Chem. edulcorate, cleanse, depurate; strain, sift, filter, Chem. rectify, elutriate; purge, Med. abisperge, expurgate, winnow.

2. cultivate, polish, humanize, civilize, sublitize, spiritualize; elevate, uplift, advance, ennoble, sublime, sublimate, sensitize; soften, temper, improve, meliorate, ameliorate.

3. elaborate, perfect, complete, consummate; improve, hone, chisel, sharpen; adjust, regulate, square.

4. ripen, mature, develop; soften, mellow.

5. discriminate, split hairs, cavil, mince, sublitize, quibble, petitifog; prevaricate, equivocate, wiredraw, beg the question, reason in a circle, beat about the bush.

refined, adj. 1. cultivated, polished, cultured, civilized, well-bred, genteel, courtly; finished, fine, urbane; gentlemanly, ladylike, mannerly, polite, courteous; aesthetic, tasteful, in good taste, graceful, delicate, exquisite; noble, genteel, pure; classic, aristocratic, high-class; elevated, ennobled, sublimated, high-minded.

2. pure, purified, rarefied, clarified, distilled, sublimed; purified, cleansed, clean, cleaned, Chem. sublime, Chem. sublimed, Chem. sublimed.

3. subtle, exact, precise; meticulous, punctilious, discriminating, fastidious; overscrupulous, overconscientious, overcritical; formal, proper, dainty, strict, overnice; squeamish, fussy, finicking, finicky, finical; hair-splitting, casuistic, petitifogging, quibbling.

refinement, n. fineness, elegance, gentleness, polish, grace, delicacy, beauty; culture, cultivation, civilization; urbanity, urbaneness, suavity, suaveness, sophistication; tastefulness, discrimination; fastidiousness, nicety, finesses; chivalry, gentility, good breeding, gentility, good breeding; propriety, civility, tact, politeness, good manners, courtesy.

2. purification, sublilitation, clarification, distillation; cleaning, cleansing, Chem. edulcoration, elutriation; abstinence; Chem. sublimation, filtration, lustration, expurgation.

3. improvement, betterment, reform, revision, rectification, amendment, amelioration, melioration; advancement, enhancement, enrichment; progress, development, advance; lift, elevation, rise, perfection, progression.

4. distinction, subtlety, fine point, nuance, nicety, delicacy, punctilio; discrimination, exactness, preciseness, differentiation, fastidiousness, meticulousness, punctiliousness, hairsplitting, casuistry, petitifoggy, quibbling; finicality, finicalness, hypercriticism.

reflect, v. 1. mirror, return, give back, cast back, throw back, send back, rebound; echo, reecho, repeat; copy, imitate, ditto, reproduce; resonate, resound, repercuss, reverberate, reply; flashback, flash.

2. manifest, exhibit, show, evince, display, present, demonstrate, exemplify, illustrate; express, make known, set forth, advertise, publicize, announce, publish, broadcast; parade, show off; expose, air, reveal, lay open, lay bare, bring to light, disclose, unveil, uncover; betray, give away, divulge; indicate, imply, suggest, connote, denote, give evidence of, betoken.

3. meditate, contemplate, muse, ponder, brood, mull over, dwell on, be in a brown study; cogitate, ruminate, chew over, chew one's cud; think about or over, be lost in thought, put on one's thinking cap; have one's mind on, wonder about, consider, speculate; review, turn over, weigh, evaluate, study, examine.

4. discredit, throw a bad light on, destroy confidence in, undermine belief in, impair the reputation of; credit, do credit to, strengthen confidence or belief in.

reflection, n. 1. mirror, twin, image, Sl. spitting image, counterpart, duplicate, clone; imitation, repro-
reflective, adj. 1. imitative, mirrorthlike, repetitive, echoing; resounding, reverberating. 2. contemplative, meditative, meditating, musing, pondering, brooding, mulling over, chewing over, wondering; deliberation, deliberating, speculation, speculating, conjecture, conjecturing, lucubrating, cerebration. 3. impression, perception, sentiment, feeling, notion, idea, conception; theory, view, opinion, observation, remark, speculation, comment. 5. imputation, attribution, ascription, arrogation, incrimination, implication, Obs. Rare. accrimination; indictment, blame, censure, reproach, inculpation.

reflex, adj. 1. reactive, responsive, reflexive; rebounding, boomeranging, recoiling; resilient, elastic, springy, bouncy; knee-jerk, spontaneous, automatic, immediate, involuntary. 2. reflected, mirrored, returned; echoed, echoing, repetitive, reechoed, reechoing, reverberating, reverberant, reverberating, resounding, Obs. repercussive. 3. bent, crooked, curved, hooked, hook-shaped, adunc, unciform, Anat. hamate, Biol. uncinate, Meteology. uncus.

reform, n. 1. improvement, betterment, amelioration; melioration; change, revision, revolutionary or major change, step ahead, progress; switch, changeover, conversion; rewrite, remake, reorganization, cleanup, purification, purification; amendment, emendation, correction, rectification, repair, renovation, reclamation, recovery; salvation, rescue, deliverance, redemption, ransom. —v. 2. improve, better, make better, ameliorate, meliorate; change, revise, revolutionize, change over, convert; rewrite, redo, refashion, remodel, remake, make over, remap, reorganize; clean up, purify, purge, cleanse; amend, mend, correct, set straight, straighten out, set to rights, rectify; fix or fix up, cure, mend, repair, remedy, renovate, restore; rehabilitate, reclaim, recover, save, salvage, rescue; deliver, redeem, ransom.

mend one's ways, be a new man, turn over a new leaf, wipe the slate clean, start anew; make amends, make up for the past, atone for one's sins.

reformatory, adj. 1. reformative, reforming, correcting, correcting, emendatory, remedial; restorative, restoring, medicinal, restitutive, restitutory; therapeutic, curative, curing, sanative, sanitary, healing, recuperative, recuperatory. 2. reform school, house of correction, penal institution.

refractory, adj. recalcitrant, contumacious, frosted, balky, uncooperative, crossgrained, wrongheaded, perverse, contrary, willful, self-willed, stiffnecked, U.S. Inf. notionate, Inf. cussed, Archaic. un-
sanctum sanctorum, ark; safety zone, harbor, port, port in a storm, Scout bield; retreat, hospice, hermitage, cloister, asram; maw, cover, covert, coverture, hideout, hiding place, hideaway; corner, dark corner, shade, recess, nook, cranny, niche; stronghold, fortress, fortification, citadel, bastion, keep, safehold, tower, pillar, pillar of strength, rock, rock of ages; nest, lair, den, cave, hole, dugout, abri.

3. resort, recourse, last resort or recourse, expedient, provision, stopgap; tactic, stratagem, machination, intrigue; artifice, device, trick, ruse, wile, subterfuge; maneuver, circumvention, dodge, feint, evasion, shift, sleight, juggle; front, facade, sham, blind, screen, smoke screen; pretext, pretense, pretension, loophole, contrivance.

refugee, n. 1. fugitive, runaway, escaper, escapee, émigré, fleer; deserter, bolter, eloper, absconder, Inf. skedaddler.
2. foreigner, stranger, alien, displaced person, D.P., outsider, outsider, tramontane; exile, outlaw, wanderer, stateless person, man without a country, Wanderung Jew.

refugent adj. shining, glistening, aglisten, brilliant, resplendent, radiant, luminous, luminous, luminous, incandescent, phosphorescent, nitid, orient, shiny, glossy, gleaming, agileam, glaring; polished, burnished, ardent.

refund, v. 1. restore, replace, return, repay, give back, pay back; recompense, compensate, remunerate, reimburse; remit; make compensation; satisfy; adjust, set at naught; make repayment; make amends, redress, make good, make restitution; cover, indemnify, require, redeem.

—n. 2. repayment, return, reimbursement, rebate; allowance, percentage, Inf. cut; discount.

refurbish, v. renovate, revamp, overhaul, recondition, rejuvenate, resurrect, rescue; renew, retouch, remodel, refit, rebuild; repair, put in repair, put in good order, service, treat, mend, patch, Inf. fix up; refresh, freshen, face-lift, revivify, resuscitate; brighten up, polish up, rub up; clean, spruce up, refresh, freshen, face-lift, revive, resuscitate; brighten up, Inf. clean up, Inf. fix up, Inf. paint up.

refusal, n. 1. denial, nonconsent, withholding, disallowance; disapproval, turndown, veto, thumbs down, nay; negation, dissent, forsaking, abjuration, abnegation, disfavor; unwillingness, noncompliance, declension; regrets, nonacceptance; disclaimer, redenunciation, repudiation, repudiation, rejection, rebut, repulse, Inf. the big NO.

—option, preemption, emption, election, choice or privilege of refusal.

refuse, v. 1. refuse, spurn, disdain, say no or nay, refuse to consider, refuse point blank, put one's foot down, not budge an inch, not yield an inch, turn thumbs-down, shake one's head at; decline, Inf. pass up or by, Inf. not buy; abstain from, stand aloof from, put behind one, abnegate.
2. deny, forbid, withhold consent, not allow, not permit, turn a deaf ear to, resist entreaty, naysay, Sl. nix; not countenance, not hear of, not put up with.
3. repel, rebuff, repulse; bar, prohibit, exclude, slam the door, refuse to have anything to do with, have nothing to do with, turn one's back on, set one's face against, Inf. turn down; send back, cast aside; veto, disallow, vote nay, vote in the negative, withhold one's assent, disapprove, frown upon, view with disfavor, discountenance, look askance at, grudge, begrudge, keep back.
4. dodge, shirk, avoid; balk, be unwilling, resist, protest, boggle, demur, stickle, scruple.

refuse1, n. 1. garbage, rubbish, Dial. culch, waste, Brit. wastrel, discarded matter; offal, carrion, rot, spoil; offscourings, dregs, draft, grounds, remains, leavings, leftovers; scraps, orts, hogwash, swill; remainder, residue, residuum, scum; scoria, cross, decrement, slag.
2. junk, worthless stuff, Sl. dreck, trumpery; trash, riffraff, Brit. Dial. taff, litter, chaff; filth, dirt, dust, sweepings; debris, detritus, rubble, stubble, wreckage; fragments, remnants, fig ends, bits and pieces, odds and ends; castoffs, rags, tatters, castaways, rejects, discards.

—adj. 3. rejected, discarded, cast off, thrown out or away; worthless, useless, good-for-nothing, of no real value, nugatory.

rebut, v. disprove, rebut, contradict, repugn; confute, deny, prove to be false, discredit, belie, give the lie to, expose. See rebuttal.

regain, v. 1. get back, recover, make back, win back, reobtain, recoup, retrieve, find; recapture, reseize, retake, take back; repossess, Law. replevy, Law. replevin, resume, recall, reclaim; reestablish, reinstate.
2. get back to, reach again, return to, reattain.

regal adj. majestical, kingly, princely, royal, lords, noble, monarchal, monarchial, monarchical, imperial, magisterial, Rare. magistral, sovereign; august, stately, dignified, distinguished, distinguished, proud, noble; grand, magnificent, pompous, palatial, splendid, splendidly, magnificently, superb, sublime, elevated, lofty, exalted, glorious, awesome, imposing, impressive, striking.

regale, v. 1. banquet, treat, fete, take out; give or throw a party for, hold a reception for; honor, do the honors, kill the fatted calf, ring the bell for; toast, salute, drink to, raise one's glass to, celebrate.

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regard, v. 1. look on or upon, view, see, eye, behold, set or lay eyes on; witness, see with one's own eyes, sight, catch sight of, descry, glimpse, catch or get a glimpse of, spy, esp'y, Inf. get a load of, take a side-long look; perceive, discover, detect, discern, find, take in, make out; notice, note, mark, be aware of, be conscious of; notice, mark, pay attention to, heed, attend, mind; watch, keep an eye on.
2. consider, contemplate, weigh, think over, turn over in one's mind, give thought to, mull over; ponder, Archaic. perpend, ruminate, cogitate, meditate on, brood over, muse on; deliberate, reflect upon, put one's mind to, give one's attention to, pay attention to, study, pore over, examine; chew over, think about, kick around, tinker with; Inf. take a long, hard look at.
3. esteem, value, appreciate, prize, cherish, hold dear, treasure; honor, revere, reverence, respect, venerate, pay respect to, defer to; admire, think highly of, look up to, hold a high opinion of; like, love, be fond of, hold in affection, adore, care for; commend, speak well of, praise, extol, exalt.
regardful

4. concern, relate to, pertain to, appertain to, have to do with; refer to, apply to, mean, go for; affect, touch, bear on or upon, have bearing on, be relevant to, be of importance or interest to, interest; be connected with, be affiliated with, be involved with.

5. deem, adjudge, judge, think, believe, hold, opine, suppose; estimate, gauge, appraise, rate.

—n. 6. reference, relation, importance, bearing, respect; connection, association, link, tie-in, interconnection, correlation; pertinence, relevancy, applicability, applicableness.

7. aspect, point, particular; item, detail, feature.

8. concern, care, thought, consideration, attention; affection, carefulness, caution, prudence, pains; heed, heedfulness, with, business; advice; alertness, vigilance, circumspection, watchfulness; awareness, consciousness, mindfulness; study, inquiry, scrutiny; contemplation, reflection, meditation, circumspection.

9. look, glance, glimpse; gaze, leer, stare, come-hither look; glare, glower, scowl, dirty look.

10. sight, espial, first sight; inspection, search, examination, Inf. once-over, Inf. look-see, Sl. gander; survey, sweep, observation, observance, watch; review, overlook, birds-eye view.

11. respect, esteem, favor, estimation, high regard, high opinion; admiration, approval, approbation, appreciation; honor, reverence, veneration; awe, homage, deference.

12. liking, fondness, love, attraction, affinity, soft spot, weakness; infatuation, Inf. crush, fancy, Sl. shine.

13. regards greetings, salutations, remembrances; best wishes, good wishes, one's best, love, best love; compliments, compliments of the season, commendations, congratulations.

regardful, adj. 1. heedful, attentive, careful, mindful, advertent; prudent, circumspect, thoughtful, Scot. canny, provident, precautious; alert, vigilant, ready, on guard, on one's toes, on the qui vive, alive to, all ears, not missing a thing, Inf. on the ball or stick, quick on the trigger or uptake; watchful, wary, chary, awake, wide-awake, open-eyed, all eyes, Inf. on the job; observant, aware, interested, curious, intent; fastidious, pungent, scrupulous, conscientious, exact, accurate, punctilious, particular, precise.

2. deferential, respectful, reverential; ceremonious, courteous, obedient, respectful, loyal, devoted; obedient, dutiful, compliant, acquiescent, obsequious.

regardless, adj. 1. careless, unmindful, inattentive, inadvertent, unthoughtful, unthinking, nonobservant, disregarding; unwise, imprudent, injudicious, indiscreet, uncircumspect; uncaring, insensible to, off guard, unguarded, unheeding, heedless; reckless, rash, temerarious; negligent, neglectful, uncaring, remiss, slack, lax, loose; nonchalant, indifferent, blasé, thoughtless, forgetful, absent-minded.

—adv. 2. in any case, at all events, in any event; no matter what, anyhow, anyway, in spite of the fact that, notwithstanding; at any rate, nevertheless, nonetheless.

regency, n. regentship, viceroyship, vice-reignship; protectorship, protectorate; seneschalship, seneschalsy; caliphship, caliphate; pashaship, pashadom; proxy, substitute, Inf. agent, Inf. deputy, Inf. deputy, Inf. substitute, Latin. alter ego, Latin. locum tenens, surrogate; Inf. tool, Inf. frontman, Inf. catsup.

2. ruler, governor, master, lord, seigneur; controller, dictator, commander, overlord; patriarch, potentate, sovereign, suzerain, monarch; emperor, king, majesty, liege, liege lord; chief, head, principal; autocrat, despot, tyrant, oligarch, dictator.

regime, n. government, governance, regimen, system of government; rule, control, command, dominion; reign, administration, direction; guidance, conduct, regulation, management.

regiment, n. 1. diet, Obs. dietary, regimen; treatment, medical treatment or attention or care.

2. rule, reign, sovereignty, sway; government, direction, management, administration, regulation, discipline.

3. method, system, way, means, manner; style, fashion, mode.

regiment, v. 1. discipline, rule with an iron hand or fist, hold or keep a tight hand upon, keep a tight rein upon, keep [s.o.] in line, run a tight ship; wield authority, crack the whip.

2. methodize, systematize, standardize, organize, regulate, coordinate.

regeneration, n. 1. discipline, strict or rigid discipline, strictness, severity, sternness, Inf. toughness; tight ship, tight rein, iron hand or fist or grip.

2. methodization, systematization, standardization, organization, coordination; arrangement, distribution, disposition, disposal, formation.

region, n. 1. area, territory, zone; section, part, portion, site, place, whereabouts, locale, location, spot, plot, plat, lot, tract.

2. district, province, precinct, quarter; department, division.

3. sphere, orbit, orb, ambit; arena, field, pale; realm, domain, dominion; jurisdiction, bailiwick.

regional, adj. 1. territorial, geographical, topographic, zonal.

2. local, localized; sectional, provincial; parochial, insular.

registrar, n. 1. record, records, ledger, registry, cashbook, journal, bank book, passbook; account book, daybook, record book, books; accounts payable ledger, accounts receivable ledger, balance sheet, cost sheet; score sheet, score card; minutes, proceedings, notes; timesheet, timecard, check sheet, log, logbook; almanac, ephemeras, yearbook, annual; annals, diary, notebook, scrapbook, memory book; archive, chartulary, chancery, public records.

2. roll, roster, list, beadle, muster, muster roll, poll; list of names, attendance, Sports. line-up, Law. panel; schedule, datebook, appointment book, calen-
regressive, adj. lament, bewail, rue, the day; de- 
mourn, keen, pine; fret, be stung by conscience; Inf.
keen oneself, bite one's tongue, cry over spilt milk; 
curse one's luck, curse the day, curse one's folly, gnash 
one's teeth, never forgive oneself, never get over; wish 
done, pity oneself, despond.
—n. 3. remorse, sorrow, sorrows; regretfulness, 
remorsefulness, contrition, contriteness, shameful-
ness, shame; lamentation, rue, grief, mournfulness, 
woe, dole; soul-searching, self-analysis, self-condem-
nation, self-punishment, self-reproach, self-debase-
ment, self-accusation; discontent, inquietude, disquiet-
tude; guilty, guilty conscience, twinge of conscience, 
voice of conscience; disappointment, bitterness, 
frustration, disillusionment, disillusion, second 
thoughts; anxiety, worry; wishfulness, nostalgia, 
homesickness.
regretful, adj. sorrowful, rueful, contrite, sorry, 
compunctious; conscience-stricken, conscience-smit-
ten, remorseful, repining, regretting, full of regrets; 
apologetic, repentant, penitent, humbled, abject, 
sheepish; self-condemning, self-punishing, self-re-
proachful, self-accusing, self-debasing; ashamed, 
shameful, shamed, bluffed, out.
regrettful, adj. deplorable, lamentable, woeful, 
woeful; sad; unfortunate, unlucky, hapless, pitiable, 
pitiful; distressful, disheartening, discouraging, de-
pressing; awful, terrible, saddening, moving, affect-
ing; much to be regretted, greatly lamented, too bad, a 
shame.
regular, adj. 1. usual, normal, common-
place, matter-of-fact; customary, wanted, acquisi-
ted, habitual, conventional; conventional, typical, 
ordinary, archetypal; stock, set, regulation, standard; 
household, traditional, familiar; universal, popular, 
current, average, everyday; widespread, prevalent, ob-
taining, prevailing, predominating.
2. symmetrical, even, uniform, level; orderly, 
smooth, flat, plane; aligned, balanced, straight, 
plumb.
3. periodic, fixed, cyclic, seasonal; habitual, recur-
rent, recurring, repetitive, daily, quotidian; estab-
lished, prescriptive, accepted, set; frequent, persistent, 
constant, steadfast; chronic, confirmed, ineradicable; 
corrigible, fast, deep-rooted.
4. rhythmical, rhythmical, steady, repeated, continual; 
consistent, unchanging, unchanged, unvarying, unvar-
ied; uninterrupted, unintermitting, incessant, cease-
less, unceasing; unperturbed; pulsating, vibrating, stac-
cato, machine-gun, automatic.
5. methodical, systematic, controlled, regulated, 
well-regulated, well-ordered, predictable; orderly, 
neat, shipshape, tidy; harmonious, businesslike, rou-
tine, Fogglike.
6. Informal. real, genuine, authentic, bona fide, 
true, right, legitimate.
7. Informal. utter, thorough, thoroughgoing, pos-
itive, decided; downright, out and out, definite, out-
right; perfect, consummate, absolute, unmitigated, un-
qualified.
—n. 8. habitual customer, client, patron, patroniz-
er.
regulars Sports. starters, first string, first team, 
varsity.
regularity, n. 1. uniformity, constancy, consist-
ency; order; rhythm, rhythmical, cadence, even tenor, 
even pace, even keel; invariability, sameness, evenness, 
agreement, unity, unison; harmony, concord, concin-
nity, orderliness, continuity.
2. method, methodicalness, system, rule; habit, cus-
4. prevail, predominate, be prevalent, be widespread, be in general use, be universal; be rife, be rampant, be epidemic; be common, be commonplace, be in every-day use; be usual, be ordinary, be customary; be regular or standard or average; be current, be popular, be in fashion, be in style, be in vogue; be all the rage, be the present trend, Sl. be it or the thing.

reinforce, v. strengthen, fortify, bolster, Inf. reinvigorate, n. fortification, strengthening, commonplace, the norm; popular, in fashion, in style, in vogue, à la mode, all the rage; Sl. the thing, Sl. the latest thing; fashionable, stylish, modish, Fr. au courant.

reimburse, v. repay, refund, pay back, make repayment; recompense, compensate, indemnify; pay, remunerate, reward; make restitution, make amends, satisfy, make up for, redress, make good; settle the bill, pay the tariff, settle one's account, Inf. square things up, Inf. pay the piper.

reinforcement, n. repayment, satisfaction, Law. solutum; indemnity, indemnification, recoupment, restitution; penalty, fine; requital, return, redress; amends, expiation, reparation.

reiterate, v. restate, reassert, reafirm, repeat; iterate, ingeminate. See also

reject, v. 1. refuse, decline, turn down; forbid, veto, disallow, interdict, proscribe, negative, say no to, Law. disaffirm; abrogate; turn thumbs down, turn a deaf ear to, brush off, brush aside, Sl. kiss off, turn away; or, give [s.o.] the bum's rush, leave [s.o.] out in the cold, give [s.o.] the cold shoulder or the deep six; dismiss, oust, bump; give [s.o.] the gate or the air, show [s.o.] the door, throw [s.o.] to the dogs, send [s.o.] packing.

2. rebuff, slap down, repel, repulse, send away, cast aside; ignore, slight, disregard, shun, neglect, avoid, eschew; have no regard or use for, place no value on, set no store by, set at naught; Sl. cut [s.o.] dead.

3. renounce, give up, Inf. swear off, Inf. cut out; disclaim, disavow, forswear, repudiate, (usu. under oath) abjure, disown, disinherit; jilt, throw over, turn one's back on, wash one's hands of.

4. abandon, desert, forsake, leave behind; maroon, isolate, jilt, jettison; ostracize; discard, throw away, cast off, Inf. junk, jetison; remove, exclude, leave out, rule out, pass over, eliminate, Inf. scratch; excise, tear out.

5. disbelieve, discredit, disprove, explode; negate, deny, gainsay, contradict, negative.

6. disapprove, disfavor, discountenance; disagree with, demur, take exception to, dispute; object to, protest, challenge, oppose, contravene, controvert; obstruct, thwart, traverse.

7. disdain, scorn, contemn, hold in contempt, disesteem, Archaic. disprize; flout, scout, spurn, snap one's fingers at; revile, mock, deride, ridicule, make fun of, scoff at, jeer at, sneer at, gibe, Fig. spit upon; abhor, despise, detest, misprize.

8. cast out up, eject, expel; regurgitate, vomit, or, give [s.o.] the bum's rush, leave [s.o.] out, Inf. junk, jetison; remove, exclude, leave out, rule out, pass over, eliminate, Inf. scratch; excise, tear out.

9. a. discard, castaway, castoff, throw up, Inf. junk, jetison; remove, exclude, leave out, rule out, pass over, eliminate, Inf. scratch; excise, tear out.

b. second, irregular, b. second, irregular, Inf. mark-down, (pl.) rejectaments, leftovers, leavings, spoils, remains; hand-me-downs; (of persons) outcast, dregs, rejects.

rejection, n. 1. refusal, denial, turndown, declination; forbiddance, veto, disallowance, interdiction, proscription, negation; Law. disaffirmation; abnegation.

2. rebuff, repulse, repulsion, repelling, repellence, repellency; Sl. brush-off, Inf. the cold shoulder, Inf. the bum's rush; dismissal, ouster, Sl. heavy-ho, Inf. the gate, the door; disregard, slighting, shunning, spurning, ignoring, neglecting, avoiding, eschewal, eschewing.

3. renunciation, disclaimer, disclaimer, disclaiming, disavowal, retraction, recantation; repudiation, (usu. under oath) abjuration; disowning, disinheritance.

4. abandonment, desertion, forsaking, banishment, relegation, ostracism; removal, exclusion, omission, elimination, excision.

5. disbelief, unbelief, incredulity; disproving, exploding; negating, denying, contradiction, contradicting.
6. disapproval, disfavor, discouragement; disagreement, demur, demurrer, disputing, disputation; objection, protest, challenge; opposition, contravention.

7. disdain, scorn, contempt, desist; flouting, scoffing, scoff; reviling, mocking, mockery, derision, ridicule, ridicule; jeering, sneering; abhorrence, despising, detesting, detestation, misprizing.

8. ejection, expulsion, regeneration, vomiting.


rejoice, v. celebrate, exult, triumph, glory, revel, delight in; be glad, be happy, be pleased, be delighted, Inf. be tickled or tickled pink; be elated, feel elation, be transported with joy, be overjoyed, sing for joy, carol, sound the trumpet, shout jubilant, shout, yell, cheer, cry out with joy, be inspired; make merry, sport, skip, frolic, dance, hop, jump for joy; glow, luxuriate in, bask in; gloat over, crow, crow about.

rejoicing, n. 1. festivity, celebration, jubilee, Thanksgiving; reveling, revelry, merriymaking, feasting; romp, Inf. high old time, lark, Inf. do, Inf. carrying-on.

2. exultation, exultancy, triumph, glory, rapture, transport, ecstasy, joyfulness; jubilation, joyousness, delight, gladness, happiness; excitement, exhilaration, joy, gaiety, merriment, mirth, hilarity; pleasure, amusement, conviviality, sportiveness, revetment; liveliness, jollity, jocundity, joviality, good cheer.

rejoin, v. 1. recombine, reconsolidate, reassociate, come or get together again, regather, reassemble, reconvene, meet again; reenlist, reenroll, sign up again, reaffiliate, realign with.

2. reunite, bring together again, rematch, recement; heal the breach, restore harmony, patch things up; repair, splice, knot, tie, put or piece together.

rejoin2, v. 1. reply, rebut, make rebuttal; confute, refute, counterreply, counterclaim, countercharge.

2. answer, make or give answer, retort, riposte, parody, Inf. come back or come back at, Inf. come back with a quick or snappy answer, Inf. snap back; answer or talk back; react, respond, answer in kind.

rejinder, n. answer, response, reply, riposte, counterstroke, return, comeback, counterblast; retort, repudiation, gladness; retention, cohabitation, counterargument; Law. surrejoinder, counterstatement, countercharge, counterclaim.

rejuvenate, v. restore to youth, turn back the clock or the hands of time, dip in the fountain of youth; reanimate, reinvigorate, revitalize, regenerarte, rejuvenize, reinvigorate, reanimate, reinvigorate; reanimate, reissue, rekindle, renew, revive, refresh, freshen, resuscitate, put or breathe new life into, stir [s.o.'s] blood.

rejuvenation, n. 1. reinvigoration, reanimation, revitalization, regeneration, rejuvenescence, revivification, revival, renewal, resuscitation.

2. rebirth, new birth, renascence; new day, new lease on life, second wind.

relapse, v. 1. (all in reference to a former state) fall or slip back, revert, Rare. retrovert, regress, retrogress; backslide, lapse, recidivate, fall from grace, apostatize.

2. move backward, reverse, recede, retrocede, ebb; decline, deteriorate, weaken, degenerate, wane, sink, slide.

—n. 3. regression, retrogression, reversion, falling back, backset; backsliding, lapse, deterioration, degeneration, retrogradation, recidivism, Obs. recidivation; throwback, atavism.

4. retrocession, retirement, retreat, reflux, ebb; decline, setback, fall, downside, Inf. the skids, weaken- ing, sinking, Inf. turn for the worse, declination.

5. (of illness) return, recurrence, reappearance, recrudescence, metastasis.

relate, v. 1. tell, repeat, recite, recount, rehearse; describe, detail, delineate, particularize, tell about, convey knowledge of, apprise [s.o.] of; narrate, give an account of, set forth, represent, put into words, make known; communicate, mention, announce, divulge, vent, air, broadcast, give news of, disseminate, let fall; tell a story, impart, Sl. spiel off; say, speak, utter, give words or expression to, emit, pour forth, present; articulate, enunciate, verbalize, give voice to, pronounce, phrase, express; summarize, sum up, recapitulate, Inf. recap.

2. connect, associate, ally, link, wed, marry, bind, tie, couple, link with; connect with, be linked with, be associated with, be joined with, be united with.

3. respect, regard, refer to, apply to, belong to, have to do with; pertain to, appertain to, bear upon, have a bearing on, have connection with, Sl. tie in with; touch, affect, concern, involve, bring into relation with.

4. relate to identify with, empathize, sympathize; respond, react, understand, comprehend, grasp, assimilate, be in tune with, Sl. be hip to, Sl. be into, Sl. dig, Sl. be turned on to; deal with, draw a parallel, compare with; assimilate, project oneself into, experience vicariously, put oneself into another's place or shoes, Inf. tune in.

related, adj. 1. associated, associative, associate, in association, companionate, fellow, affiliated; correlated, correlated, interrelated, interconnected, interdependent, reciprocal, mutual, Archaic. commutual, shared, in common; concomitant, concurrent, attendant, accompanying, accessory, complementary; appended, appendant, adjunctive, adjunct, annexed; auxiliary, ancillary, subsidiary, subordinate.

2. connected, joined, attached, bound, bonded, tied, spliced, yellowed, taped; linked, chained, coupled, yoked; coherent, cohered, fused, welded, soldered, glued, cemented, sealed; relative, relevant, germane, applicable, pertinent, appurtenant, to the point; apposite, apt, appropriate, apropos, fitting, meet, suitable.

3. allied, in alliance, united, in union, combined, conjoined, conjoint, joint, in conjunction; coalescent, coalesced, coalitional, league, league, fraternal; amalgamated, federate, federated, confederate, federated, incorporated, syndicated.

4. kindred, akin, kin, consanguineous, consanguineous, agnate, cognate, sib, of the same parentage or heritage, having similar roots, of similar descent, Gram. paronymous; affinitive, affine, affiliated, similar, resemblance, alike, like; comparable, analogous, parallel, corresponding, equivalent, in the same category or league; married, wedded, mated, matched, coupled, paired, Sl. hitched.

5. narrated, recited, read, recounted, reported, detailed, delineated, chronicled; told, said, uttered; revealed, divulged, disclosed.

relation, n. 1. connection, tie, link, bond, union, liaison; association, relationship, connectedness, relat edness; affiliation, alliance, accord; rapport, affinity, sympathy; interconnection, interdependence, con cachment; dependency, contingency, relativity; similarity, similitude, closeness, nearness, propinquity, approximation, proximation.

2. relations a. intercourse, dealings, Inf. doings, affairs, proceedings, Inf. truck; state of affairs, state of things, conditions. b. sexual intercourse, sex, coitus, coition, copulation, venery; lovemaking, act of love, marriage act; carnal knowledge, sleeping together, cohabitation.
relatively, adv. respectively, in respect to, in relation

n. relative

1. kinsman, kinswoman, relation, consanguinean; tribesman, clansman, countryman, fellow, compatriot; cognate, agnate, enate, affine; father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter; uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, cousin; grandfather, grandmother; great-grandfather, great-grandmother; stepfather, stepmother; great-grandfather, great-grandmother; father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law; next of kin, near relation, kissing kin, kissing cousin; bastard, natural child.

adj. comparative, correlative, correspondent, proportionate, analogous, parallel, approximate, proximate, equivalent; near, close, similar, like; comparable, homologous, in common, common to; matchable, commensurate, commensurable.

3. connected, related, allied, affiliated; correlative, correlated, interrelated, interconnected, interdependent; associated, associative, associate, in association, connecting, linking; agnate, enate, cognate, kindred, kin.

5. relevant, pertinent, appurtenant, pertaining, referring; germane, apropos, Latin. ad rem, material, applicable; appropriate, appropriate, proper, due, meet; apt, fitting, befitting, suitable, suited, congenial, pat; belonging, involving, in point, Fr. à propos.

relatively. adv. respectively, in respect to, in relation to, in a relative manner, in a like or similar manner; comparatively, pertinently, appositely, germanely, apropos of; conditionally, provisionally, contingently.

relax, v. 1. loose, slacken, untighten, relieve tension, Obs. slake; relinquish one's grip or hold, let go of, release, free, liberate.

2. lessen, diminish, lower, decrease, decline; abate, cease, stop, discontinue, come to a halt, come to a standstill, suspend activity, put on the brakes, hold up, or draw or hold up, come to a halt, come to a standstill, suspend activity, cease, stop, discontinue, All Naut. bring to, lay to, lay up, rest on one's oars.

relaxation, n. 1. rest, repose, taking it easy, leisure, ease; leisure time, free time, spare time, lit. dolce far niente; break, recess, rest time, time-out, intermission, breather, time to catch one's breath, breathing time or spell; vacation, holiday, time off, leave, leave of absence, Sabbatical; relief, respite, letup, lull, pause, halt, stay; quiet time, quietude, tranquillity, calm, calmness, peace.

2. abatement, subsidence, recession, flagging, falling off; dwindling, slackening off or up, attenuation, tapering off; lessening, diminution, decrement, decrease, lowering, decline, letting down.

3. diversion, pastime, leisure time or recreational activity, hobby, avocation; recreation, entertainment, game.

4. loosening, slackening, untightening, Obs. slaking.

5. modulation, moderation, softening, cushioning, lightening, reduction; mitigation, alleviation, assuagement, mollification, dulcification; easing up or off, leaniency, clemency, mercifulness, palliation, extenuation; remission, Inf. letting up, forbearance, giving in.

relaxed, adj. 1. loose, loosened, slack, untaut, untightened, let out, Obs. slaked; lax, limp, Dial. limpsy, flabby, flaccid; hanging, drooping, droopy, bagging, baggy, sagging, saggy, Inf. floppy.

2. at ease, taking it easy, taking a break or breather, on break, on vacation or holiday, on leave or Sabbatical; at rest, resting, reposeful, still, Chiefly Brit. stilly; off one's feet, with one's feet up, lying down, dozing, napping.

3. easy-going, laid-back, Inf. loose as a goose, melish, mild, mild-mannered, even-tempered; calm, serene, tranquil, placid, cool, composed, collected, peaceful, peaceful, pacific, at peace or ease with oneself, Inf. together; carefree, free and easy, devil-may-care, happy-go-lucky, without a care in the world, careless, insouciant, blase, nonchalant, casual, informal, unceremonious; lackadaisical, listless, languid, languorous, lethargic, lazy, idle, idling, laggard, indolent, obtuse; sedentary, inactive, comatose.

release, v. 1. set free, set loose, let loose, turn loose, unpen, unmew, disimprison; acquit, exculpate, clear, exonerate, vindicate; discharge, dismiss, discharge, let go, lift off, Inf. let off the hook; exempt, dispense with, relieve of, except from, exclude from, let out of, leave [s.o.] out, keep [s.o.] out; free, liberate, enfranchise, franchise, manumit, emancipate; deliver, rescue, ransom, redeem, Theol. save.

2. disenthral, untie, unbridge, unyoke, unfetter, unshackle, unchain, unload, unhand, unmuzzle, Ar- or lie still, not move a muscle, be quiet, quiet down, be inactive.

5. rest, repose, lay back, sit back, SL. take it easy, SL. cool it; sit or lie down, put one's head down, get off one's feet, SL. rest one's dogs; take a break, take time out, take time out to take time one's breath, Inf. take a breather, Inf. take five; take or go on a vacation, take a holiday; take time off, take leave, take a leave of absence, take a Sabbatical, enjoy oneself; lounge, lounge around, hang or loiter around, loaf, loaf around, lie around, laze, vegetate, Inf. lallygag, SL. goof off, SL. gold-brick, SL. sit on one's duff or can; idle, be idle, idle or while away the hours, twiddle one's thumbs, pass or mark or kill time, SL. screw around, SL. futz around, Inf. fool or mess around.

6. linger, tarry, take one's time, take it slow, dawdle, hang back; slow down or up, decelerate, wind down, throttle down, put on the brakes, rein in, desescale, retard; intermit, pause, halt, pull or draw or hold up, come to a halt, come to a standstill, suspend activity, cease, stop, discontinuance, All Naut. bring to, lay to, lay up, rest on one's oars.
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chaic. untruss; unhand, ungrip, let go of; extricate,
disengage, disunite, disjoin, disconnect, unpin, dissociate; separate, part, divide, sunder, sever, disintegrate, dissolve, break apart or up; loosen, detach,
unfix, undo, unfasten, unhook; deregulate, decontrol.
3. announce, advertise, declare, make a statement,
proclaim, promulgate, disclose, leak; publish, print,
put in the newspaper, broadcast, televise, air; send out,
mail out, pass out, hand out, issue, circulate, disseminate, distribute; reveal, unveil, show, display, exhibit;
give final approval, give the go-ahead, let fly, let go
with.
—n. 4 . freedom, freeing, loosing, setting loose, letting loose, turning loose, releasing; acquittal, acquittance, acquitting, compurgation, exculpation, exculpating, clearance, clearing, exoneration, exonerating, vindication, vindicating; dismissal, dismissing,
discharge, discharging, letting go, letting off, Inf. letting off the hook; exemption, exempting, immunity,
impunity, indemnity, exclusion, exception; liberation,
liberty, liberating, enfranchisement; deliverance,
delivery, delivering, rescue, rescuing, ransom, ransoming, redemption, redeeming, Both Theol. salvation,
saving.
5. disenthrallment, disenthralling, unfettering, unbinding, untying, unbridling, unyoking, unshackling,
unchaining; extrication, extricating, disengagement,
disengaging, disuniting, disjoining, disconnection, disconnecting, unpinning, dissociation, dissociating; separation, separating, parting, division, dividing,
sundering, severance, severing; loosening, detachment,
detaching, undoing, unfastening; deregulation, decontrolling.
6. announcement, declaration, proclamation, statement, promulgation, disclosure, disclosing, leak, leaking; publication, 'publishing, printing, broadcasting,
airing; issue, issuance, circulation, dissemination, distribution; revealing, unveiling, showing, display, displaying, exhibition, exhibiting; permission, the rights
to, final approval, the go-ahead.
7. control, button, Electricity, switch, Machinery.
regulator.
relegate, v. 1 . consign, transfer, send, dispatch,
ship, assign, delegate, depute, commission; confide,
entrust.
2 . attribute, put down to, ascribe, refer; arrogate,
impute, credit with, blame on; trace, accredit to, account to, chalk up to.
3. banish, exile, expatriate, proscribe, outlaw, deport, transport; unfrock, excommunicate, disfellow,
disenfranchise; oust, eject, cast out, throw out, expel;
discharge, drum out, cashier, SI. bounce, 5/. dump; ostracize, exclude, shut out, bar, debar, segregate, blacklist; repudiate, disinherit, disown, cast aside; reject,
discard, blackball.
relegation, n. 1 . consignment, assignment, delegation, deputation, commission; confiding, entrusting,
intrusting.
2 . attribution, ascription, reference, credit, arrogation, imputation, blame.
3. banishment, exile, proscription, outlawing, expatriation, deportation, transportation; expulsion, ejection, ouster, ousting; excommunication, disfellowship;
ostracism, exclusion, barring, removal, separation,
segration; repudiation, rejection, abandonment.
relent, v. 1 . bend, yield, give, unbend; give way,
ground, submit, comply, resign, acquiesce, succumb;
face the music, swallow the pill, take it, obey, take it
lying down, put up with; not resist, not rock the boat,
not make waves, keep the peace; remit, sober down,
simmer down, settle down, go out like a lamb.
2 . soften, mitigate, reduce, attemper, lenify; slacken,

relief

loosen up, relax, let up, go easy on; forbear, have pity
on, give quarter, temper the wind to the shorn lamb;
subdue, moderate, modulate, weaken; melt, thaw,
warm up; repreive, forgive, pardon, grant amnesty.
relentless, adj. 1 . unyielding, unrelenting, implacable, unsparing; inexorable, remorseless, unflagging,
dogged; undeviating, unswerving, persistent, persevering, undaunted; rigid, stern, strict, harsh, grim,
austere; merciless, ruthless, unmerciful, pitiless, unpitying, unforgiving; unmitigable, inflexible, unbendable, resisting, grudging; hard, imperious, obdurate,
adamant, adamantine, intransigent; uncompassionate,
unfeeling, unsympathetic, intolerant.
2. cruel, inclement, unkind; brutal, rigorous, fell,
savage, ferocious; cold-blooded, marble-hearted, coldhearted, stony-hearted; bloodthirsty, barbarous,
ferine, inhuman, heartless, vicious, truculent, devilish.
relevance, n. pertinence, appurtenance, germaneness, applicability, application, relatedness, relation,
bearing; correspondence, congruence, consistency,
comparability, affinity, connection, tie-in; opportuneness, seasonability, timeliness, expedience, expediency,
felicity, felicitousness; aptness, fitness, suitability,
suitableness, appropriateness, appositeness.
relevant, adj. pertinent, pertaining, appurtenant, to
the point, germane, apropos, Latin, ad rem, material,
applicable; at issue, in question; opportune, seasonable, timely, expedient; related, analogous, correspondent, comparable, allied, akin; apposite, appropriate, proper, due, meet; apt, suitable, suited, congruous, fitting, befitting, apposite, well-adapted, pat.
reliable, adj. 1 . dependable, trustworthy, honest,
upright, honorable, aboveboard, as good as one's
word, honest as the day is long, truthful; responsible,
principled, conscientious, punctilious, careful; trusty,
sure, unfailing, infallible, strong, abiding, steady,
firm, Inf. all right, Inf. O.K.; faithful, true, steadfast,
true-blue, devoted, Inf. Johnny-on-the-spot.
2 . authentic, genuine, real, substantiated, wellgrounded, well-founded; authoritative, established,
reputable, secure, safe, stable; believable, credible,
sound, certain; assured, guaranteed, unquestionable,
indisputable, incontestable, indubitable.
reliance, n. confidence, trust, faith, belief, dependence; security, sureness, assuredness, surety, positiveness, conviction, certainty.
relic, n. 1 . artifact, ancient object, reminder of
times past; antique, heirloom; ancient ruins, wreckage,
debris, detritus; surviving trace, vestige, impression,
sign, evidence, record.
2 . relics remains, reliquiae, remainders, what's left;
parts, pieces, bits and pieces, fragments, shards.
3. relics corpse, dead body, organic remains,
cadaver, SI. stiff, carcass, mummy; bones, skeleton,
fossil, petrified remains, petrifactions.
4. souvenir, memento, keepsake, remembrance, reminder of days gone by, something to remember [s.o.]
by.
relief, n. 1 . alleviation, mitigation, abatement, assuagement, palliation; ease, easement, comfort, solace, consolation, calming; softening, mollification,
slackening, loosening, relaxation.
2 . deliverance, rescue, release, freeing, liberation, extrication, riddance; assistance, support, strengthening,
reinforcement; succor, help, aid, redress, remedy.
3. money, food; welfare, the dole, handout, alms,
charity; food stamps, unemployment compensation,
Inf. unemployment, social security; the public till.
4. break, recess, respite, lull, letup, rest, remission;
change of pace, divertissement, diversion; refreshment, relaxation.


replacement, successor, follower; substitute, Inf sub, stand-in, backup, fill-in, Theat. understudy.

cure, corrective, remedy, treatment; therapy, medicine, medication, tonic, Med. roborant; bracer, stimulant, stimulation, restorative, Med. analeptic; se- dation, sedative, Med. calming, tranquilizer, pal- liative, lenitive, Med. emollient; painkiller, anodyne, narcotic, opiate, drug, Med. analgesic; balm, unguent, ointment, liniment, lotion, embrocation.

relinquish, v. abandon, forsake, desert, leave behind, relinquish, renounce, surrender,

religious, adj. theological, doctrinal, dogmatic, Med. abibritude; subdue, quell, srike, quench, ease, salve.

remarkable, adj. 1. extraordinary, unusual, different, uncommon, rare, singular, exceptional, out-of-the-ordinary, Inf. one for the books; unique, distinct, peculiar, odd, strange, curious. 2. striking, impressive, imposing, majestic, grand, august, stately, dignified; large, big, substantial, considerable; awesome, awe-inspiring, lofty, wondrous, marvelous, remarkable, stupendous, amazing, astounding, astonishing, surprising, shocking; incredible, Sl. unreal, unbelievable, inconceivable, unimaginable, unthinkable, unheard-of; overwhelming, overpowering, indescribable, inexplicable, ineffable, unspoken, unutterable; fantastic, miraculous, fabulous, Inf. great, Inf. super, Inf. super-duper, superb, splendid, magnificent, wonderful, Inf. smashing. 3. superlative, unequaled, matchless, unmatched, unparalleled, nonpareil, Fr. sans pareil; unsurpassed, unexcelled, second to none, Latin. nulli secundus; unprecedented, a first, unrivaled, incomparable, inimitable; supreme, Latin. ne plus ultra, paramount, preeminent, superior, sovereign, transcendent; sublime, consummate, perfect, Sl. the living end; best, finest, greatest, highest, prime, select, choices; excellent, first-rate, of the first order, capital, Inf. tiptop, Inf. A-1, Inf. A number 1, first-class, classic. 4. notable, noteworthy, signal, outstanding, noticeable, marked; memorable, unforgettable, Sl. hell of a, special, particular, especial; important, on the map, significant, momentous, meaningful, worthy of notice. 5. conspicuous, obvious, evident, manifest, patent, apparent, ostensibly; blatant, bold, overt, obtrusive, glaring, egregious; prominent, in bold relief, salient, pronounced, marked; visible, seeable, show- ing, discernible, perceptible, perceivable; plain, clear, unmistakable, lucid, plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face, distinct, clear-cut, explicit. remediable, adj. curable, medicable, healable, treatable, repairable, mendable; amendable, mendable, rectifiable, correctable, fixable, restorable; recoverable, retrievable, reclaimable, redeemable; corrigoible, reformable, improvable. remedial, adj. corrective, reparative, reparatory, mending, restorative, restoring, restitutive, restitutary, recuperative, recuperatory; curative, therapeutic, medicinal, Rare. medical, tonic, curing, healing, sanative, sanitary; beneficial, advantageous, helpful, salutary, healthy, healthful, good, good for you, wholesome. remedy n. 1. cure, restorative, antidote, counter- acer, neutralizer, corrective, preventive, prophylactic, Med. specific; cure-all, panacea, elixir, cure for what ails you, cure for all ills, nostrum; medicine, medica- ment, medication, Med. prescription, Pharm. drug, pharmaceutical; Biochem. antibiotic, bactericide, ger- micide, antiseptic; sedative, tranquilizer, soporific; an- algic, Inf. painkiller, anodyne, anesthetic; antitoxin, serum, vaccine; Med. vaccination, inoculation, injection, Inf. shot; tonic, Physiol., Med. stimulant; poultice, Med. pack, Med. compress; herb, homeopathic remedy; physic, purgative, cathartic, laxative; healing substance or agent, application, Pharm. lotion, Pharm. ointment, unguent, Pharm. inunction, balm, balsam, vulnerary, Pharm. cerate; liniment, embrocation, emollient, demulcent, Med. abirritant, palliative, alleviative; treatment, remedial treatment, therapy, speech therapy, Med. hydrotherapy, physical therapy, psychotherapy, group therapy. —v. 2. cure, work a cure, restore to health, make well or whole, Inf. bring around, put back on one's feet; resuscitate, revive, revivify, reanimate, bring back from death's door; heal, mend, knit, grow back together; treat, doctor, apply remedies to, give medicine to, medicate, drug, dose, physic, relieve, free from pain, ease, lessen, alleviate, palliate, mitigate, assuage, soothe, calm. 3. straighten out, rectify, set to rights; right a wrong, redress, make good, compensate for, make up for, make amends for, atone for, make up for, make up to, repair, restore, set right or straight, adjust, regulate, correct, amend, emend; better, make better, improve, ameliorate, meliorate. 4. counteract, antidote, counterbalance, offset, counterpoise, countervail; neutralize, destroy the effect of, undo, reverse; annul, void, nullify, cancel out; remove, destroy, root out. remember v. 1. recall, recollect, call to mind, be- think; have at one's fingertips, have at the tip of one's tongue; put one's fingers on [s.t.], place, recognize, re- identify, Inf. spot. 2. reminisce, think back, look back, retrospect, re- turn to thoughts of, muse; dwell upon the past, live in the past; commemorate, memorialize. 3. keep in mind, bear in mind, be aware of; review, go over, memorize, have by heart. 4. reward, tip, remunerate, recompense, requite, compensate, Obs. gratify. remembrance, n. 1. memory, recollection, anam- nesis, reminiscence, retrospect; thought, glimmering from the past, whisper from the past, something from the dim recesses of the mind, reminder, prompting; recognition, reidentification. 2. calling to mind, retrospection, recollection, re- membering, thinking back, reviewing the past, summoning up the past. 3. commemoration, memorial, shrine, testimonial; token, souvenir, keepsake, memento, something to remember one by, token of one's affection. remind v. cause to remember, put in mind, awake memories of, ring a bell; prompt, cue, throw out a hint, jog the memory, refresh the memory; call up, leave [s.o.] a note. reminder, n. 1. prompting, cue, hint, initiation, suggestion; clue, glimmer; note, memorandum, Inf. memo, string around one's finger; phone call. 2. token, souvenir, keepsake, remembrance. See re- membrance (def. 3). reminisce, v. remember, recollect, recall, call to mind, bethink; think back, look back, retrospect, return to thoughts of the past, muse, dwell upon the past, live in the past, sentimentalize, be nostalgic. reminiscence, n. 1. memory, anamnesis, recollec- tion, glimmering from the past, remembrance. See re- membrance (def. 1). 2. recalling, remembering, thinking back, recollect-
1. forwarding, transmission, trans- 
2. collective, recollecting, remembering, bethink- 
3. neglectful, disregardful, disregarding, 
4. pardon, pardoning, amnesty, excuse, excusal, 
5. abatement, subsidence, subsiding, recession, 
6. pause, lull, lapse, interregnum, Inf. letup; respite, 
7. interrupt, hiatus, break, intermission, Both Pros- 
8. remit, v. 1. forward, transmit, send, dispatch, 
9. respite, respite, stay, grant a stay of execution, 
10. exonerate, release, free, set free, let off, Inf. let off the hook, Inf. let out of, liberate, emancipate, deliver, Obs. vindicate; exempt, except, make an exception, Rom. Cath. Ch. dispense; continue, grant an extension, Finance. extend, Commerce. indulge; waive, abolish, do away with, cancel, void, nullify, delete, erase, clear the books, wipe the slate clean.

4. pardon, amnesty, excuse, forgive, absolve, shrive, condone, overlook, make allowances for, pass over, wink at; disregard, dispense with, forget, forgive and forget, let bygones be bygones, not give the matter a second thought; ignore, look the other way, pay no attention to.

5. relax, slacken, loosen up, ease up or off, grant a breathing spell, Archaic. slake; mitigate, assuage, allay, alleviate, relieve, palliate, commute; mollify, moderate, modify, temper, subordinate, soften, weaken, tone down; quell, quiet, tranquillize, calm, soothe, hush, still, deaden; abate, subside, recede, ebb, lull, decrease, decline, sink; diminish, lessen, lighten, attenuate, wane; reduce, contract, shrink, dwindle, fall off; yield, submit, give in, surrender, give up.

6. return, give back, send back, remand; replace, put back, reinstate, make restitution; rectify, redress, make amends, correct, make or set or put right; restore, recondition, repair, mend, renew, renovate, refurbish; rebuild, reconstruct, reconstitute, remodel, remake, make over, recreate.

7. postpone, defer, prorogue, suspend, intermit, put off, stave off, shelf, reschedule; delay, stall, wait, hold up, intermit, put off, procrastinate.

8. little bit, piece, chip, strip, bit, fragment, scrap, shard.

9. trace, vestige, archaism, relic, record; keepsake, souvenir, reminder, remembrance, memento, memorabilia, heirloom, inheritance, trophy.

10. protest, objection, complaint; grievance, Inf. beef, Sl. squawk, Sl. bitch, Inf. gripe; negation, denial, disclaimer.

remorse v. 1. expostulate, plead in protest, argue reason against, object, protest; say no to, dissent, oppose, take issue, take exception, beg to differ; make one's stand against, balk at, draw the line at, stand and be counted against, vote against; put up a fight, not take lying down, fuss, make a fuss over, Inf. kick up a fuss, Inf. beef, Inf. raise hell, Sl. bitch, Sl. squawk; admonish, warn, forewarn, caution, exhort, put on one's guard; advise, counsel against, Archaic. dissuade, Archaic. dehorted.

2. reproach, rebuke, disapprove of, complain of; inveigh, censure, denounce; upbraid, reproach, reprove, reprehend; castigate, vituperate, reprimand, admonish; aid, help;

3.Obs. call on the carpet, Inf. dress down; All Sl. blast, bawl out, yell at, give [s.o.] hell, lay [s.o.] out in lavender, read the riot act.

remorseful, adj. sorry, sorrowful, regretful, rueful, contrite, compunctious; conscience-stricken, con-
remote

adj. 1. distant, removed, far, far-off, far-remote, adj. distant, removed, far, far-off, far-remote, out-of-the-way, isolated, secluded, sequestered, private; lonely, forsaken, Godforsaken; outlying, inaccessible, unapproachable.

2. foreign, alien, peregrine; tramontane, transalpine; ultramarine, transmarine, transatlantic, transpacific.

3. irrelevant, impertinent, inapropiate, inapt, inappositive, unrelated, unassociated, disassociated, unconnected; extraneous, extrinsic, external, adventitious, ulterior, outside.

4. unlikely, improbable, questionable; inconceivable, hardly any, not much, not enough to speak of, insignificant.

5. aloof, indifferent, apathetic, unconcerned, disinterested, incurious; detached, uninvolved, distant, unapproachable, unsociable, stand-offish, Inf. offish; away all front, cool, haughty, Inf. high-hat, icy, frigid.

6. depose, dethrone, unseat, uncrown, discrown, unfasten; dismantle, strip, tear off.

7. banish, relegate, exile, expatriate, proscribe, deport, maroon, excommunicate; expel, eject, excommunicate; cast out, force out, dislodge, evict, oust, dispose of; assassination, sacrifice, get rid of, zap, dispose of; assassination, sacrifice, get rid of, mow down, put out of the way, Inf. throw [s.o.] out on his ear, Inf. bounce; exclude, except, shut out, shut the door upon, bar, debar, ostracize, blackball; segregate, set apart, set aside, put aside, separate, divide, isolate, insulate; disown, repudiate, renounce, divorce.

8. depose, dethrone, unseat, uncrown, discern, unfrock; dismiss, discharge, fire, Inf. sack, Inf. can, lay off, let go.

9. ease, cancel, rub out, scratch out, cut out; wash out, sponge out, purge, deterge; delete, Print. dele, blue-pencil, edit, edit out; cross out, x out, black out.

10. eradicate, extirpate, exterminate, annihilate; expunge, obliterate, extinguish, efface, abolish; blot out, strike out, stamp out, wipe out.

11. transfer, transport, carry, shift, displace, transplant; translocate, relocate, transship, eloign, evacuate, Inf. pull up stakes; sequester, seclude, Archaic. sequestrate, retire, retreat; depart, go forth; leave, quit, go one's way, Inf. vacate, exit, decamp, debouch.

—n. 12. subtraction, deduction, withdrawal, drawing away, abstraction; taking off, shedding, casting off, throwing off, uncovering, removal. See removal (defs. 1, 3).

13. distance, interval, space, separation; degree, stage, grade, graduation, graduation; step, extent, measure, amount, scope; mark, rung, peg, notch, cut, expelling, ejecting, evacuating, emitting; casting out, forcing out, dislodgement, eviction, ouster, dispossession; driving out, thrusting out, extrusion, throwing out, Sl. bouncing; exclusion, omission, exception, barring, debarment, ostracism, blackballing; segregation, separation, division, isolation, insulation; disowning, repudiation, renunciation, renouncement, divorce.
removed, adj. 1. unrelated, unconnected, unassociated, unaffiliated, disconnected, dissociated, detached; disengaged, disjoined, unattached, dislocated; foreign, alien, strange, exotic, outlandish, different, distinct from.
2. aloof, stand-offish, detached, distant, remote, cool, cold, frigid; undemonstrative, unexpansive, unaccessible; inaccessible, unapproachable, exclusive; isolated, solitary, solitary, apart, separated, separate; alone, independent, secluded, secluded, withdrawn, retired; lone, lonely, lonesome.

remunerate, v. 1. pay, fee, recompense, reimburse, pay, indemnify, redress, require, compensate, satisfy; reward, Literary gerdon, Obs. gratify. 2. yield, return, net, profit, benefit.

remuneration, n. 1. payment, pay, compensation, consideration; salary, wages, emolument, earnings, Brit. Sl. get; perquisites, Inf. perks, fringe benefits, Inf. fringes, Inf. extras; hire, fee, stipend, honorarium, allowance; returns, interest, yield, gain, profits, proceeds, income, revenue. 2. recompense, repayment, requital, quittance; reparation, indemnification, indemnity, redress; amends, restitution, damages, Law. solutum.

3. tip, gratuity, douceur, Fr. pourboire, (in India and Turkey) baksheesh, remembrance; bribe, boodle, blackmail, hush money; percentage, cut, Inf. kickback.
4. payoff, liquidation, discharge, satisfaction, redemption, settlement; remittance.

5. present, proffer, offer, deliver, tender, put up, Inf. redrew, Inf. weasel out of, Inf. blackmail, Inf. kickback.

rend, v. 1. rip up, tear to bits or pieces, shred, splinter, reave, break up, chop up, mangle; smash to smithereens, break into a million pieces, shatter, smash, rend, tear to pieces; smash, to pieces; smash, to smithereens, break into a million pieces, shatter.
2. sever, sunder, split, slice, separate, part, divide, segregate, separate, apart, divide, separate, part, divide, disunite, disjoin, tear apart; rup, rive, rive, rive; separate, apart, divide, disunite, disjoin, tear apart; rupture, fracture, crack, snap.
3. harrow, distress, disturb, trouble, worry; pain, hurt, afflict; smite, pierce, stab, wound.

render, v. 1. make, cause, effect, bring about, produce, create. 2. do, perform, practice, carry on or out, execute; achieve, accomplish. 3. provide, furnish, give, supply, contribute. 4. exhibit, show, display, manifest. 5. present, proffer, offer, deliver, tender, put up, hand over, hand down. 6. pay, remit, yield, hand out, give tribute; give up, surrender, cede. 7. translate, transcribe, convert, turn into; reword, rephrase, restate; do an exegesis, make intelligible, decipher, decode. 8. represent, depict, picture, portray, illustrate, design; render, bring about, produce, create. 9. interpret, elucidate, illuminate, shed light on; explain, define, spell out, show the meaning of, plumb, probe. 10. melt, clarify, try out oil, try out.

rendezvous, n. 1. date, appointment, engagement, tryst, assignation, meeting. 2. gathering point or place, meeting place; trysting place, place of assignation.
—v. 3. meet, assemble, muster, gather, collect, get together.

rendition, n. 1. translation, paraphrase, interlinear, transmutation, transcription, decipherment, decoding; paraphrase, rewording, restatement; reading, recital, lection. 2. interpretation, exegesis, construction, construe, conception, understanding; representation, depiction, delineation, portrayal, reproduction; version, variation, arrangement, Music. transcription, Fr. rendu; production, performance, execution, enactment, rendering.

renegade, n. 1. defector, turncoat, recreant, treacherous, gavser, Arch. renegade; deserter, forserker, abdicator, abdicant; dropout, seeder, quitter, departed, leaver, bolter, runaway; traitor, betrayer, Inf. double-crosser, Inf. double-dealer, Sl. ratter, Sl. fink, Sl. rat-fink; rebel, dissenter, renouncer, abjurer, repudiator, rejector, retractor, recant; malcontent, seditionist, insurgent, insurrectionist, mutineer, revoler, revolution.
2. apostate, heretic, schismatic; nonbeliever, heathen, infidel; backslider, slider, laps, sinner.
—adj. 3. recreant, defecting, treacherous, abdicating, abdicative; disloyal, unfaithful, untrue; dissident, divergent, unorthodox; traitorous, Inf. double-crossing, Inf. double-dealing, perfidious, treacherous, treasonable.
4. apostate, heretical, schismatic; faithless, nonbelieving, heathen, infidel, infidelic; backsliding, lapsing, sinning.

renege, v. go back on one's word, cry off, be an Indian giver, default, Sl. welsh; back-pedal, backwater, back up; back out, back down, pull out, Inf. cop out, Inf. weasel out, Inf. worm out of, Inf. stand down; recant, repudiate, retract, abjure, withdraw, change one's tune; reverse, revoke, rescind, abrogate.

renew, v. 1. resume, recommence, begin or start again, start or begin all over; make a new beginning, make a fresh start. 2. restore, resupply, resuscit, replenish, Scot. replenish. 3. repeat, reiterate, iterate, recount, recapitulate, in, geminate; redo, do again, do over; reconstruct, remake, reshape, re-create. 4. revive, reestablish, bring back, resurrect.
5. rejuvenate, reinvigorate, revitalize, regenerate, recharge, refresh, resuscitate, put or breathe new life into; renovate, condition, refurbish, rehabilitate, reconstitute, revamp, refit, repair, fix up, put into shape, give a face-lift to.

renewal, n. 1. resumption, recommencement; restoration, replenishment; repetition, iteration, iteration, recapitulation, gemination; reconstruction, re-creation; revivification, resurrection, rejuvenation, reinvigoration, revitalization, regeneration, resuscitation; repair, renovation, refurbishment, rehabilitation, reconstitution, reconditioning. 2. renaissance, renascence, revival, rebirth, new birth, new day, new dawn; fresh start, new beginning, another try; rally, recovery, new lease on life, another chance; (all of disease) relapse, lapse, reversal, reverse, setback, recurrence, return.

renounce, v. forgo, do or go without, give up, Inf. swear off; forswear, avoid, shun, eschew; forbear, desist from, cease, stop; eliminate, discard, jettison, cast aside or off; abandon, desert, forsake, leave, quit, throw over, turn one's back on.
renovate

1. adjective, give up claim or right to, Law. disclaim, lay down, part with, retire from, vacate, abnegate, Chiefly Scot. demit; relinquish, let go, deliver up, hand over, turn over; surrender, yield, cede, give way.

2. adjective, disown, disinherit, wash one's hands of, have nothing further to do with; reneg, disavow, deny, retract, disclaim, recant, (usu. under oath) abjure; defect, apostatize.

3. verb, refuse, decline, turn down.

renovate n. repair, renew, recondition, refurbish, rehabilitate, reconstitute, revamp, refit; mend, fix, fix up, patch up, put into shape, give a face-lift to.

renovation n. repair, renewal, refurbishment, re habilitation, reconstitution, revamping, remodeling, renovation, regeneration, resuscitation, resurrection.

renown n. fame, bays, celebrity, stardom, prominence, illustriousness; popularity, vogue, favor; greatness, preeminence, superlminence, superiority, supremacy, primacy, paramountcy; eminence, notability, repute, distinction, note, mark, eminency; station, rank, position; consequence, importance, weight, significance, account; reputation, prestige, dignity, esteem, high regard, admiration, respect; honor, laurels, glory, praise, kudos, éclat, acclaimation, acclaim.

renowned adj. famous, famed, celebrated, illustrious, well-known, prominent, notorious, Inj. name, Inj. big-name, notable, eminent, preeminent, supereminent, peerless, matchless, outstanding, Archaic. eximious; honored, honorable, esteemed, respected, revered, venerable, distinguished; important, consequential, great, grand, glorious, brilliant; exalted, accla mated, much-touted, on the map, popular, well-liked; reputable, prestigious; immortal, fabled, legendary, historical, memorable.

rent n. 1. fee, hire, price, cost; payment, dues, toll, tariff, tax; profit, return, proceeds.

2. verb, live in, occupy temporarily; charter, hire, farm, take; lease, let, let out, hire out, farm out, sublet, sublease, underlet, Law. demise.

rental n. 1. slit, incision, hole, flaw, split, tear, rip, gash, slash; gap, opening, perforation, puncture; rift, scission, rupture, break, crack, fracture, chap, check; fissure, crevice, crevasse, chink, cleft, chasm, stria, cranny, interstice.

2. division, schism, separation, breach; disunion, discord, dissension.

renunciation n. 1. relinquishment, abnegation,abdication, resignation, giving up, Archaic. demission; transfer, transference, transference, ceding, cession, handing over; surrender, yielding, renunciation.

2. abandonment, desertion, forsaking, rejection, disowning, disinheriting, turning one's back on, washing one's hands of; neglect, negligence, dereliction, remissness.

3. repudiation, disavowal, denial, recantation, (usu. under oath) abjuration, retraction, disclaimer, declamation, back-pedaling; defection, heresy, apostasy, recantation.

4. sacrifice, self-sacrifice, self-restraint, self-control; austerit, austerity, bastingfulness, abstinence, abstention, continence, celibacy; forbearance, restraint, moderation, temperance.

reorganize v. rearrange, redo, do over, overhaul, make over, revamp, reconstruct; redistribute, realign, restructure, straighten out, Inf. get the kinks out, Inf. get rid of the deadwood, Inf. shake up, Inf. clean house; redevelop, develop, elaborate.

2. re-form, refashion, re-create, remake, revolution,ize, change; improve, make better, enhance; rehabilitate, restore, revive, salvage, redeem, resuscitate, Inf. dust off; refurbish, touch up, brush up; correct, emend, emendate, revise, edit, rectify, Inf. clean up.

repair v. 1. restore, mend, patch or patch up, put back together, make good as new; service, fix, fix up, make improvements on, improve, better, ameliorate, meliorate; amend, mend, correct, adjust, align, regulate; recondition, redo, remake, make over, overhaul, rebuild, reconstruct, remodel, revamp, renovate, renew, redecorate; repaint, touch up, brush up, polish up, clean up, spruce up.

2. renew, reviv, heal, cure. See remedy (def. 2).

3. remedy, redress, right a wrong, make up for, compensate for, make amends for, forgive for, make restitution for, satisfy; recoup, reimburse, indemnify, pay back, repay, recompense, come up with the difference, remunerate, require; pay off, Inf. get out from under; make good, redeem, refund, give back, remit.

4. restoration, mending, patching or patching up; servicing, fixing or fixing up, improvements, betterment, amelioration, melioration; amendment, emendation, correction, adjustment, alignment, reconditioning, redoing, remodeling, making over, overhauling, rebuilding, reconstruction, remodeling, revamping, renovation, Archaic. instauration, renewal, redecoration.

5. Usu. repairs adjustments, corrections; work, service, attention, fixing.

repair v. 1. betake oneself, go, leave for, head for, take off for; he, hasten, go in haste, speed, hurry.

2. frequent, resort, go often, visit regularly, haunt.

reparable adj. remediable, curable, medicinal, healable, treatable, mendable; amendable, emendable, rectifiable, correctable, fixable, restorable; recoverable, retrievable, reclaimable, redeemable, corrigible, reformable, improvable.

reparation n. 1. redress, amends, atonement, re demption, restitution, expiation, requital, quittance, retribution, satisfaction; compensation, indemnity, indemnification, compensation, solutum; remuneration, payment, repayment, reimbursement, refund, one's money back, recouperation.

2. repair, restoration, renovation, Archaic. instauration, renewal. See repair (def. 4).

repartee n. 1. give-and-take, witty conversation, lively exchange, tit for tat, measure for measure, stroke for stroke; badinage, banter, raillery, wordplay, persiflage; joking, jesting, pleasantry, jesting, jesting around.

2. rejoinder, answer, quick answer, response, reply, riposte, counterstroke, return, comeback, Inf. snappy comeback; counterblast, blow for blow, a Roland for an Oliver, retort, replication, quip, Inf. shot, Inf. zinger, Inf. a good one.

repast n. 1. meal, fare, daily allowance, Inf. bite to eat; mess, table, board, Inf. feed; snack, collation, Inf. bite, Inf. nosh; square meal, full meal, hearty meal, man-sized meal; feast, banquet, Inf. spread, Inf. blowout, Chiefly Brit. Sl. beanfeast or beano.

2. mealtime, dinner-time, luncheon-time, supper-time, U.S. Sl. cowhition.

repay v. 1. pay back, reimburse, require, make requital, compensate, make restitution, make amends, indemnify, make it up to; refund, return, recompense, render, square accounts with, Inf. wipe the slate clean,
reapartment
Inf. get back on the board, Inf. get even-stein; reward, reward for favors received, pay back in kind, return the compliment or the favor, reciprocate.

2. rateliate, hit back at, get back at, Inf. pay off an old score, Inf. settle the score, Inf. even the score, get even with [s.o.], revenge, avenge; make reprisal, give as good as one gets, pay [s.o.] in his own coin, give [s.o.] a dose of his own medicine, give [s.o.] his just deserts, give [s.o.] his comeuppance.

reapartment, n. 1. compensation, remuneration, re-imbursement, return, remolument; quittance, requital, reciprocation, recompense, indemnity, indemnification; redress, reparation, restitution, atonement, amends.

2. retaliation, revenge, vengeance, retribution, come-uppance, just deserts; reprisal, measure for measure, tit for tat, Inf. a dose of one's own medicine.

reap, v. 1. revoke, rescind, abrogate; annul, disannul, nullify, abolish, declare null and void, void, make void; quash, invalidate, vacate, set aside; rescind, retract, withdraw, disavow, recall, abjure; countermand, counterorder, overrule, override; renegue, renounce, reject, repudiate, repudiation; countermand, counterorder, overrule, overriding, reversal; terminate, dissolution, cancellation, do away with, remove, dispense with, cancel, put an end to, throw overboard.

—n. 1. revocation, rescinding, rescission, abrogation, repealing; annulment, disannulment, nullification; abolishment, abolition, abrogation, voidance, voiding; quashing, invalidation, setting aside; recantation, retraction, withdrawal, disavowal, recall, abjuration, repudiation; countermand, counterorder, overruling, overriding, reversal; termination, dissolution, cancellation, do away with, removing, putting an end to, throwing overboard.

repeat, v. 1. iterate, reiterate, recite, restate, recapitulate, rehearse, recount, retell, recount, rephrase, paraphrase, ingeminate; rerun, play back, regurgitate, reprise, Sl. come again; tautologize, babbologize; redo, do over or again; hammer or beat or drive into [s.o.'s] head; hammer away, pound away, dwell on, harp on.

2. reproduce, duplicate, reduplicate, ditto, replicate; echo, reecho, parrot; remake, reconstruct, reshape, re-create, resuscitate; ring the changes.

—n. 3. repetition. See repetition (def. 1).

4. duplicate, duplication, reduplication, copy, reproduction, Inf. ditto; All Music. reprise, refrain, repeat, rerepeat.

5. rerun, rebroadcast, replay; encore, repeat performance; playback; retrospective.

repeated, adj. 1. frequent, recurrent; constant, continuous, continual, incessant, steady, ceaseless, endless, unending, unbroken, unremitting.

2. duplicated, reduplicated; doubled, redoubled; iterated, reiterated, twice-told, often-told.

repeatedly, adv. frequently, often, oftentimes; recurrently, again and again, over and over, many times over, time and again, time and time again, time after time; day after day, day in, day out, night and day, all the time; constantly, continually, continuously, steadily, incessantly, ceaselessly, on and on, without letup or intermission or break.

repeal, v. 1. drive back, push back, thrust back, ward off, beat back, force back; throw off, check, scout, repulse, chase away, run off, put to flight, rout, Inf. send packing; scatter, disperse, oppose, withstand, make a stand against, Archaic. fend off.

2. resist, hold off, fend off, stave off, keep at arm's length, keep at bay, parry, stand off; avert, foil, checkmate, frustrate, contravene, Inf. cross, confound, nonplus; rebuff, reject, refuse to deal with, have nothing to do with, spur, spurn, Insf. snub, Inf. cut, Inf. cut dead; give the cold shoulder to, Inf. cold-shoulder, scorn, disdain, contemn.

3. revolt, nauseate, sicken, make one vomit or puke or retch, turn one's stomach, Sl. gross out; offend, put off, turn off; appall, disgust, be disgusting, be hateful, be vulgar, fill with loathing, make one's flesh crawl, make one's hair stand on end, Inf. give one the creeps; set one against, stick in one's throat or crav or guilt, go against the grain, set one's teeth on edge, make one shudder, grate on one's nerves, give one goose pimples; vex, irritate, alienate, Inf. bug.

repellent, adj. 1. offensive, obnoxious, revolting, repugnant, disgusting, repulsive, abominable, beastly, vile, loathsome, execrable; distasteful, upsetting, off-putting, rebarbarive; nauseating, sickening, Sl. icky; repelling, opposing, oppugnant, resistant, rebellious, unyielding, counterattacking.

2. filthy, dirty, tainted, corrupt; rotten, putrid, putrescent, obscene; decaying, putrefactive, fetid; rank, foul-smelling, noisome, fulsome, reeking; slimy, feculent, foul; unsightly, sloppy, gross, unclean, impure.

3. repelling, opposing, oppugnant, resistant, rebellious, unyielding, counterattacking.

repent, v. 1. regret, feel sorry for or about, feel contrition for; lament, bewail, rue, rue the day; deplore, deplore, be sorry over, grieve, mourn, keen, pine; fret, be stung by one's conscience; Inf. kick oneself, bite one's tongue, cry over spilt milk; curse one's luck, curse the day, curse one's folly, gnash one's teeth, never forgive oneself, never get over; wish undone, pity oneself, despise.

2. be penitent, do penance, atone for, make up for, make amends for, expiate, compensate for, redress.

repentance, n. penitence, sackcloth and ashes, compunction, remorse, remorsefulness, contrition, contriteness, sorrow, sorrows, regret, regretfulness; lamentation, rue, grief, mournfulness, weeping, woe, dole; twinge or pang of conscience, voice of conscience, guilt, shame, shamefulness, embarrassment; self-humiliation, self-mortification, self-debasement, self-acusation, self-reproach, self-blame, self-denunciation, self-condemnation, self-punishment.

repentant, adj. penitent, penitential, contrite, in sackcloth and ashes, atoning; remorseful, compunctuous, regretful, regretting, full of regrets; apologetic, sorry, sorrowful, rueful, mourning, doleful, troubled, disturbed; conscience-stricken, conscience-smitten, guilt-ridden, self-accusing, self-reproachful, self-debasing, self-condemning, self-punishing; chastened, humbled, shamed, ashamed, embarrassed, abject, sheepish.

repercussion, n. 1. effect, consequence, outcome, result, upshot; harvest, fruit, product; aftermath, aftereffect, fallout.

2. impact, reaction; backlash, backwash, kickback; reflex; recoil, rebound.

3. echo, reverberation; report, concussion, shock.

reperatory, n. 1. theatrical company, acting company, stock company; company, troupe.

2. store, stock, supply, supply on hand, inventory, repertoire; reserve, reservoir; collection, cache, amassment, stockpile.

3. repository, depository, depot, supply depot, warehouse, storehouse, storeroom, storage.

repetition, n. 1. iteration, gemination, restatement, recitation, recapitulation, rehearsal, recounting, recapping, retelling; reiteration, redundancy, batholology, tautology, macrology, the same old story or thing, the same thing all over again, reproduction, duplication, reduplication, replication.

2. duplicate. See repeat (defs. 4, 5).
repetitive, adj. recurrent, recurring, continuous, continual; incessant, constant, ceaseless, endless, unending, never-ending, interminable; monotonous, humdrum, tedious, boring; iterant, reiterant, redundant, tautological, tautological, pleonastic.

repine, v. 1. regret, deplore, rue, rue the day; mourn, lament, moan, bewail, sigh, Inf. sing the blues; reproach oneself, curse one's folly, Sl. kick oneself, cry over spilt milk, collage, Inf. the place of, double for, cover for, stand in lieu of, Inf. step into [s.o.'s] shoes; Inf. sub for, subrogate, act for, fill in for, fill or take the place of, double for, cover for, stand in lieu of, Inf. step into [s.o.'s] shoes; Inf. fill [s.o.'s] shoes; pinch-hit, fill a vacancy or space or hole.
2. return, restore, replace, put back; repay, refund, make good, give satisfaction.

replenish, v. 1. refill, reload, recharge; top off, fill to the brim, round out, eke out.
2. supply, provide, furnish; store, stock up, fill up, gird, Chiefly Scot. replenish.

replete, adj. 1. full, filled, filled to the brim, full to bursting, abrupt, check-a-block, Brit. Inf. checker, Inf. check-full, jammed, packed, Inf. jam-packed, Archaic. fraught; profuse, abounding, superabundant, exuberant; bursting, overflowing, spilling over, running over; rife, rampant, thick with, bristling with, teeming with, Sl. lousy with.
2. (all with food) stuffed, gorged, sated, satiated, surfeited, glutted, jaded, cloyed.

repletion, n. 1. fullness, completeness, amplitude. Rare. imploitation; plenteousness, plenteously, bountifulness, bounteousness, copiousness, richness, exuberance, luxuriousness, lavishness.
2. overfullness, superabundance, overabundance, plethora, superflux, engorgement, congestion; profusion; more than enough, enough and then some, enough and to spare; surfeit, satiety, glut, excess, overdose, too much of a good thing.

replica, n. version, takeoff, imitation, representation, Inf. knockoff; image, likeness, reflection, resemblance; model, facsimile, reproduction; copy, copy code, duplicate, duplication, Inf. dupe, Inf. ditto.

replicate, v. repeat, do over, do again; reproduce, reduplicate, duplicate, ditto; remake, reconstruct, re-create.

reply, v. 1. answer, respond, acknowledge; retort, rejoin, riposte, return, come back; echo, reecho, respond, reverberate.
2. answer, response, replication, acknowledgment; retort, rejoinder, riposte, return, repartee, comeback, snappy comeback, barb, zinger; reaction, Sl. rise.
3. echo, repercussions, reverberation, report.

report, n. 1. detailed statement, detailing, in-depth account, delineation, circumstantiation, exposition, explanation, Archaic. delation; description, sketch, characterization, portrayal, picturization, representation; account, recounting, telling, sharing, relation, narration, narrative, recital, recitation, recapitulation, report, reportage, article, piece, column, story, review, critique, expose, Inf. write-up; record, chronicle, notes, annals, history; transcription, transcript, minutes, notes, copy of the proceedings.
2. announcement, statement, speech, public address, broadcast; revelation, disclosure, Archaic. divulgation; release, press release, publication, bulletin, notification, notice; note, memorandum, Inf. memo, dispatch, communiqué, communication.
3. rumor, grapevine, hearsay, gossip, tittle-tattle, dirt, Inf. scuttlebutt, Fr. oui-dire, Archaic. bruit; word, news, tidings, latest information, info, intelligence, Inf. inside info, Sl. dope, Sl. poop.
4. boom, bang, crack, crash, flame, echo, reverberation, noise, sound; discharge, explosion, detonation, fulmination; shot, blast, gunfire, backfire, thunderclap.
5. report card, academic report, school or college file, transcript, grades.
6. paper, position paper, white paper, blue book, dossier; documentary, monograph, treatise, thesis, dissertation, study, in-depth look; analysis, discussion, commentary, editorial; findings, conclusion, results, end result, outcome, issue, product; finding, decision, opinion, determination, judgement, verdict, decree, order, final word.
7. repute, reputation, renown, distinction, notability, notoriety, fame; name; regard, esteem, consideration, performance, past performance, track record, history.
—v. 8. relay, pass on, repeat, communicate; inform, advise of, brief, fill [s.o.] in, enlighten; present oneself, show up, be there or present, come in or around.
9. relate, tell, about, recount, put into words, set forth, give an account of; narrate, recite, rehearse, recapitulate, review, go over, run through; describe, detail, sketch, depict, portray, characterize.
10. disclose, reveal, divulge, Archaic. divulge; publicize, make public, circulate, send out, spread or pass the word or news; state publicly, broadcast, announce, voice, publish, print, put out.
11. give one's position on, tell where one stands, give an accounting, go on record; analyze, critique, discuss, talk about; publish one's results or findings, put out a position paper or white paper; reveal one's final decision or conclusion, give one's opinion or judgment, state the verdict or determination.
12. tell on, tattle on, inform on, Inf. blab on, Sl. squeal on, Sl. rat on, Chiefly Scot. delate; accuse, charge, make a charge against; go to the authorities or police, make a complaint.
13. transcribe, take the minutes, take dictation, take notes, take down, write down, jot down, make a note of; record, keep a record of, put into writing, document, write up, write about or on, chronicle, put into the annals.

reporter, n. 1. journalist, newsman, newswoman, newspaperman, newspaperwoman; writer, news writer, newspaper writer, wire reporter, Facieous. scribe, pad-and-pencil man; the press, member of the press or fourth estate, gentleman of the press, SDX member; Inf. newshawk, Inf. newshound, Inf. newsman, Brenda Starr, Lois Lane; general assignment reporter, G.A., feature writer, beat man; investigator, digger, investigative reporter, Woodstock, Scoop, hatchet man, snoop, snooper; staffer, correspondent, stringer, roving reporter, foreign correspondent, Nellie Bly, Richard Harding Davis; bureau chief, bureau man, legman, district man; rewrite man, rewrite, deskman, editor; sportswriter, sports editor, women's editor, obituary writer, obit man, police reporter, Sl. ambulance chaser, financial or business editor, outdoors editor; reviewer, drama critic, arts critic, book reviewer; columnist, pundit, Walter Lippman; sob sister, Miss Lonelyhearts; society reporter, gossip col-
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repress, n. repression, repression, repress
4. subjugation, subjection, enthrallment, enslave-
3. quelling, quashing, putting down, squelching,
5. subjugate, subject, enthrall, enslave, reduce to
4. quelling, squashing, putting down, squelching,
2. curb, curtail, cut down on, moderate, temper;
3. suppress, keep from, withhold, hide, concealing,
4. suppress, keep from, withhold, hiding, concealing,
5. suppression, withholding, hiding, concealing, conceal-

repress, v. 1. keep under control, control, check, keep in check; arrest, contain, restrain, hold back; har-
ness, bridle, rein in, hold in leash; restrict, fetter, shackles, confine, limit, cramp, constrain; hold in, bot-
tle up, cork up, box up, shut up, seal; block, impede, inhibit, hinder, hamper, deter; detain, keep in, hold,
stay; prohibit, forbid, disallow, interdict, prevent, suppress; preclude, obviate, nip in the bud, Inf. put the kibosh on.
2. curb, curtail, cut down on, moderate, temper; in-
errupt, let up, pause, suspend, intermit, Inf. bite or
hold one's tongue; discontinue, stop, cease, halt, termi-
inate; put an end to; drop, have done with, let alone, let be.
3. suppress, keep from, withhold, hide, concealing,
4. put down, quell, quash, subdue, suppress; quell,
Inf. put the kibosh on, squash; overthrow, overturn, overtake, overbear, overwhelm, overpower;
subvert, topple, conquer, defeat, vanquish; quench, snuff out, extinguish, kill; stamp out, trample, put out;
do away with, remove, dissolve, dispose of, get rid of, eliminate; terminate, stop, put an end to.
5. subjugate, subject, enthrall, enslave, reduce to
slavery, hold captive, hold in bondage; dominate, rule,
or under, control, command; master, the whip hand; domineeringness, browbeating, intimidation; bullying, riding roughshod over, riding hereon.
repreive, v. 1. respite, remit, stay, grant a stay of execution, let off, Inf. let off the hook; continue, grant an extension, Finance. extend, Commerce. indulge; postpone, defer, prologue, adjourn, suspend, intermit,
lay over, put off, stave off, shelve, table, hold in
abeyance, reschedule; delay, stall, wait, hold off, procrastinate; stem, check, hold up.
2. relieve, alleviate, allay, assuage, mitigate, palliate;
commute, ease up or off, slacken up, loosen up, relax, grant a breathing spell, Arcatic. slake.
—n. 3. respite, remission, stay, stay of execution, protraction, extension, continuation, Law. con-
sequence; postponement, deferment, deferral, delay, pro-
rogation, suspension, abeyance, adjournment, inter-
temperance, annulment, nullity, nullification.
4. relief, alleviation, assuagement, palliation;
easing up or off, slackening up, loosening up, relaxation, hiatus, breather, breathing spell, Inf. let-
up, Rom. Cath. Ch. dispensation.
reprimand, n. 1. reproof, reproval, reproach, rebuke, rating; castigation, upbraiding, Inf. dressing down, Inf. trimming, scolding, U.S. Inf. bawling out, tongue-lashing, hell; chastisement, rap on the knuckles, slap on the face; talking-to, lecture, admonish-
ment, warning; condemnation, censure, reprehension, animadversion, criticism, remonstrance, remon-
stration; disapprobation, disapproval, objection, dispar-
agement, deprecated; denunciation, denouncing,
tirade, philippic, execration, invective; objuration, berating, vituperation, contumely; reprobation, im-
precation, fulmination, detraction, derogation; stric-
ture, aspersion, obloquy, defamation, vilification, vilification, inveighing, declamation; blame, accusation, imputation, indictment.
—v. 2. reprove, reproach, rebuke, rate, reprehend, castigate, chastise; upbraid, Inf. dress down, Inf. trim, scold, chide, U.S. Inf. bawl out, Sl. chew out, tongue-
lash; Inf. give [s.o.] a piece of one's mind, Inf. tell [s.o.] a thing or two, Inf. tell [s.o.] where to get off, take [s.o.] to task, call someone down, Sl. give [s.o.] the business, give [s.o.] hell, Sl. lay [s.o.] out in lavender, Inf. rake over the coals, Inf. skin alive, Inf. rake over the coals, Inf. skin alive, Sl. bit [s.o.'s] ears back, Inf. blast, Inf. jump on or all over, throw [s.t.] in [s.o.'s] face or teeth; call to account, bring to book, call on the carpet, read the riot act; talk to, lecture, admonish, warn; condemn, censure, reprehend, criticize, remonstrate, animadverted; denounce, de-
neactuate, obtrude, berate, vituperate; blame, charge, accuse, impute, indict; inveigh against, rail against, decoy, debauch, run down, fulminate against; lash, vilify, curse, revile, vilipend.
reprisal, n. retaliation, revenge, retribution, redress, paying back, vengeance, vendetta; counterblow, counterattack, recrimination; requital, vindication; satis-
faction, compensation, repairation, restitution, indemnification, indemnity, repayment, recompense; tit for tat, Latin. quid pro quo, a Roland for an Oliver, blow for a blow, tooth for a tooth, eye for an eye, lex talionis.
reproach, v. 1. find fault with, blame, censure, rep-
rehend, criticize; reprove, rebuke, scold, upbraid, call to account, reprimand. See reprimand (def. 2).
reproach, n. slavery, captivity, bondage; oppression, ruling with a high or iron hand, ruling with a rod of iron; tyranny, U.S. (usu. of politics) bossism, dictatorship, despotism, sovereignty, supremacy; ascendancy, authority, influence, power, mastery, the whip or upper hand; domination, browbeating, intimidating, intimidation; bullying, riding roughshod over, riding hereon.
2. shame, discredit, dishonor, degrade, abase, debase, vitiate; scandalize, sully, blacken, smirk, besmirch, taint, tarnish, spot, stain, brand, stigmatize, drag through the mud or mire.

—n. 3. disapproval, blame, censure, reprehension, criticism; reproof, rebuke, scolding, upbraiding, reprimand. See reprimand (def. 1).

4. disgrace, discredit, dishonor, shame, degradation, scandal, debeasement, vitiation, ill-repute, inglorious-ness; ignominy, infamy, odium, opprobrium; slur, smear, smirk, blot, blot on the escutcheon; stain, taint, tarnish, spot, brand, stigma.

reprobate, n. miscreant, villain, blackguard, J. copy, duplicate, replicate, clone; reproduce, v.

—adj. censuring, reproving, disapproving, admonitory, admonishing, warning, menacing, menacing; condemnatory, condemning, condemnation, censura, censory, accusatory, damnant, upbraiding, scolding, abusive, berating; objurgatory, denunciatory, fulminating; censorious, critical, faultfinding, captious, carping, hypercritical; disparaging, derogatory, depreciatory; vituperative, vilifying, invective, opprobrious; caustic, biting, vitriolic, cutting, trenchant, severe; beetle-browed, sullen, scowling, threatening, ominous, menacing, minatory.

—v. 5. condemn, censure, criticize, blame, reprove, reproach, scold, censure, reprohension, condemnation, reprimand. See reprimand (def. 1).

reprove, n. reproachful, villainous, abominable, execrable; vermin, scoundrel, knave, wretch, caitiff; scapegrace, scoundrel, rascal, rogue, rascal, rogues, hooligan, jailbird, chronic crook; convict, inf. rip-off, lowdown, contemptible, despicable; obsequious, groveling, sycophantic, cringing.

3. treacherous, dangerous, bad, hurtful, harmful, deleterious, pernicious; spiteful, malignant, malevolent, venomous, vaporous, vipersish.

—n. 4. reptile, saurian, ophidian.

repudiate, v. 1. reject, disavow, forswear, renounce, disclaim, deny, contradict, gainsay.

2. Law. disaffirm; nullify, annul, declare null and void, void, invalidate, cancel; abrogate, rescind, revoice; quash, set aside, overrule, veto, override, overturn, reverse, repeal, countermand; set at naught, dissolve, abolish, dismiss.

3. cast off, disown, abandon, discard; wash one's hands of, have nothing further to do with, turn one's back on, Inf. have no truck with.

4. disapprove, condemn; oppose, contravene, protest, object, demur, refuse assent, disagree; refuse, disprove, confute.

5. ignore, disregard, neglect, slight; flout, spurn, scout, scorn, hold in contempt; evade, dishonor, refuse to honor; transgress, violate, disobey.

reputation, n. 1. rejection, disavowal, renunciation, renouncement, (usu. under oath) abjure, disclaim; recant, retract, recall, unsay; deny, contradict, gainsay.

2. nullification, annulment, voidance, cancellation, Law. defeasance; abrogation, rescission, rescindment,
repugnance, veto, repeal; countermand, quashing, setting aside, dismissal, overturn, reversal, Law. disaffirmation; abolition, dissolution.

3. discarding, disowning, rejection, disinherit; ignoring, disregarding, slighting, slight, neglecting, neglect; dishonoring, disobeying, violation, transgression, evasion.

4. disapproving, disapproval, dissent, demur, demurral; protest, objection, opposition, contravention; refutation, disproof, refutation; condemnation, disapprobation, denunciation.

repugnance. n. 1. revulsion, repulsion, nausea, nauseating, nauseous; obnoxiousness, obnoxiousness; noisiness; distaste, disgust, disgust.

2. aversion, disapprobation, opposition, objection, rejection, disapprobation, disfavor, resistance; reluctance, disinclination, unwillingness, indisposition, adverse; unsooth, unsoothness, unsuittable, offensiveness.

repellent, v. 1. repelling, repellence, driving back, driving away, chasing out; overthrow, rout, overthrow, defeating, routing, overthrowing, defeating, routing, overthrowing, defeating,

v. 2. repelling, repellence, driving back, driving away, chasing out; overthrowing, routing, squealing; thwarting, stemming, checking; rejecting, rebuffing, repudiating, spurning, turning down; refusing, denying, disavowing, renouncing.

repugnant, adj. 1. fullsome, noisome, obnoxious, rank; revolting, repellant, repellent; distasteful, disgusting, aversive, offensive, funny as a crutch; objectionable, disagreeable, undesirable, unpleasant; nauseating, nauseous, sickening, unsavory, unpalatable, unappetizing, insipid.

2. averse, loath, objecting, counter; reluctant, disinclined, unwilling, indisposed; adverse, inimical; antagonistic, hostile, antipathetical, unfriendly; hateful, detestable, despicable, hateful, abhorrent, abominable.

3. contrariness, contrariness, repugnancy, opposition, conflict, discordance, inaccordance, inharmonious, discordant, inaccordance, inharmonious, discordant.

repulsive, adj. 1. repugnant, repellant, offensive, revolting; nauseating, nauseous, sickening, disgusting; foul, vile, noisome, fulsome, noxious, mephitic; stinking, malodorous, reeking, fetid, rank, smelling, Inf. smelly, Inf. stinky; slimy, gritty, gooey, mucky, feculent, turbid; unclean, maggoty, flyblown, wormy, worm-eaten; reeky, excrementitious, Pathol. stercoerous, dung-covered; Sl. icky, Sl. yukky, Sl. ishy, Sl. yechy, Sl. ecyh; beastly, dreadful, rotten, horrid; rancid, curdled, sour, bad.

2. obnoxious, objectionable, off-putting, gross, odious, repulsive, abominable, execrable, loathsome, detestable, desplicable, hateful; anathematic, abhorrent, base, contemptible.

3. brute, obscene, pornographic, filthy, dirty, vulgar, foul-mouthed; ugly, homely, plain, ugly as sin, not fit to be seen, homely enough to curlde milk; hideous, horrid, gorgonian, grisly, ghastly; misshapen, malformed, freakish, sideshow; unsightly, frightful, monstrous, grotesque, grim.

4. shameless, disgraceful, low, ignoble, shocking, appalling; unseemly, opprobrious, infamous, discreditable, dishonorable; scandalous, outrageous, reprehensible, disgraceful, dishonorable, nasty, mean, unsavory.

reputable, adj. 1. honest, aboveboard, legitimate, Sl. legit; straight, straightforward, square-dealing, fair and square, on the level, Sl. on the up-and-up, uncorrupt; in good repute, in good odor.

2. trustworthy, reliable, dependable; upright, principled, scrupulous, conscientious, righteous, virtuous, noble, good; unimpeachable, irreproachable, above or beyond reproach, impeccable.

3. honorable, honored, respectable, esteemed, esteemed, worthy, in high favor; renowned, celebrated, noted, recognized, prominent, eminent, outstanding.

4. (all of usage) standard, acceptable, good, up to par.

reputation, n. 1. name, repute, Sl. rep, face, regard; standing, position, status, station, rank.

2. reputation, reputation, good or fair name, good report; estimation, respect, esteem, consideration, honor, laurels, distinction, dignity; illustriousness, fame, bays, renown, renown, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings.

3. good name, importance, consequence, significance, high rank; glory, exaltation, admiration, veneration; halo, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings.

4. prestige, influence, authority; name to conjure with, big name, importance, consequence, significance, high rank; glory, exaltation, admiration, veneration; halo, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings, Sl. wings.

5. repute, repute, Sl. rep, face, regard; standing, position, status, station, rank.

See reputation (defs. 1, 2).

—v. 2. deem, hold, reckon, judge, think, believe fanciful; consider, suppose, view, see; assume, presume, gather.

reputed, adj. supposed, supposittive, putative, supposed, presumed; ostensible, apparent, seeming, professed, purported, plausible, reasonable, logical, likely.

request, n. 1. solicitation, entreaty, obsecration, supplication, obsecration, supplication, obsecration, supplication; petition, suit; plea, pleading, intercession; importunity, ad- juration, imprecation, imploration; prayer, orison; requisition, behest, demand; application, Law. motion, inquiry, interrogation; begging, panhandling, Sl. touch, Sl. bite; interpellation; invitation, summons, call; proposition, proposal, oration, tender, offer, proffer.

—v. 2. ask for, beg, plead, appeal to, cry for; beseech, entreat, implore, supplicate, obtest; importune, adjure, imperate; solicit, pass the hat; interpellate, move, petition, pray; put in for, apply for, ask for, Inf. have dibs on; demand, insist on, enjoin, command, bid, summon; panhandle, have one’s hand out, Sl. mooch, cadge, Sl. put the bite on, Sl. hit [s.o.] up.
require, v. 1. need, want, lack; have need of, stand in need of, be lacking in; not reach, come short of, be found wanting, fall short of the mark, be deficient in, be short of, be caught short, be without; miss, be inadequate, fall down in, be insufficient in. 2. demand, insist upon, urge for; direct, order, dictate; dun, exact, call for.

requirement, n. 1. need, necessity, urgent need, dire necessity, imperative; must, must item, essential, Latin, sine qua non, indispensable, basic; exigency, essentiality, indispensability. 2. demand, extraction, call for; directive; bidding, command, mandate, injunction, charge.

requisite, adj. 1. required, needed, necessary, needful, vital, essential, imperative, necessitative, compulsive, obligatory, binding, incumbent; wanted, called for, indicated, in demand, indispensable.

requirements, n. 1. demand, call, summons, conscription, draft, injunction, execution; behest, bidding, command, mandate, beck and call, nod. 2. written order or request, authorization, voucher, claim, claim check, ticket, Inf. chit.

requal, n. 1. repayment, satisfaction, amends, reparation, restitution, redress, recompense, return, compensation, compensation, emolument, reward, Literary, guerdon, Archaic, meed: remuneration, indemnification, indemnity, payment, quittance, acknowledgement, sop, Inf. pay-off. 2. retribution, lex talions, talion, an eye for an eye, measure for measure, tit for tat, nemesis; counterstroke, a Roland for an Oliver, quid pro quo, just stroke, a Roland for an Oliver. 3. termination, dissolution, putting an end to, bringing to an end, doing away with.

rescue, v. 1. deliver, ransom, redeem, Theol. save; liberate, free, enfranchise, affranchise, franchise, manumit, emancipate; release, loose, let loose, turn loose, set loose, set free, unpin, unmeow, disimprison; disenfranchise, unfetter, unbond, unite, unbriide, unyoke, unshackle, unchain, unhandcuff, unmuzzle, Archaic, untruss; acquire, dismiss, discharge, let go, let out of, Inf. let off the hook; absolve, not hold responsible; hold out a hand, come to the aid of, bail out, snatch from danger, form a life line.

rescind, v. 1. repeal, revoke, reverse, abrogate, abolish; annul, disannul, nullify, declare null and void, render null and void, void, avoid; quash, invalidate, vitiate, vacate, disenact, disestablish; cancel, discharge; supersede, set aside. 2. retract, retract, abjure, unsay, withdraw, recall; take back, undo, renegue, back-pedal, go back on one's word; renounce, relinquish, abnegate, repudiate, deny, disclaim, disavow; countermand, counterorder, overrule, override; veto, negate.

rescission, n. 1. repeal, revocation, reversal, abrogation, abolishment, abolition, rescinding, rescindment; annulment, annulling, disannulment, nullification, voidance, avoidance, Law. defeasance; quashing, invalidation, vitiating, Obs. vacatur, disenactment, disestablishment, setting aside; cancellation, discharge; suspension, Law. nolle prossequi, discontinuance, cessation.

2. recantation, retraction, retractation, abjuration, withdrawal, recall; taking back, undoing, Cards. renown; renouncement, renunciation, relinquishment, reabnegation, repudiation, denial, disclaimer, disavowal, disavow, apoplexy, change of mind, tergiversation; countermand, counterorder, overruling, overriding; veto, negation.

3. termination, dissolution, putting an end to, bringing to an end, doing away with.

resemble, v. be similar to, be like, bear resemblance to, bear likeness to, appear like, seem like, sound like; look like, take after, favor, remind one of, bring to mind; savor or smack of, have the earmarks of; ap-
proximate, come close to, come near; follow the fashion, swim with the stream; duplicate, parallel, match, follow, correspond; tally, accord with, agree with; copy, echo, mimic, reproduce; simulate, imitate, counterfeit.

resent, v. 1. be offended at, take offense at, take umbrage at; feel displeasure at, be irritated, be annoyed, chafe at; be indignant at, be in a dudgeon over, show indignation at; dislike, view with dissatisfaction, take exception, disagree with; take the wrong way, take amiss, take in bad part; harbor a grudge, never forget or forgive, keep the wound open, bear malice, have rancle in the breast, harbor revenge; frown, pout, sulk. 2. be provoked at, be piqued, be in a huff about, be irascible, grouch; be angry, bristle, snarl, growl, show one's teeth, champ at the bit, be impatient; flare up, fly into a rage, lose one's temper, kick up a row; fume, boil with indignation, foam, bluster; scowl, look daggers, look black, grower, lower, bridge, give a dirty look, look with disdain. 

resentful, adj. bitter, embittered, hostile, revengeful; indignant, irate, irascible, incensed, angry, angered, wrathful, wroth, Inf. mad, Inf. sore, Sl. teed-off, Sl. ticked-off, Sl. hot, Sl. hot under the collar; uptight, in a huff, in high dudgeon, in a huff, Inf. huffy; annoyed, irritated, peevish, piqued, irked, exasperated, provoked, Chiefly U.S. riled, Inf. aggravated, Inf. miffed. 

resentment, n. 1. indignation, offense, umbrage, pique, righteous anger, disgust; anger, ire, wrath, dudgeon, rancor, fury, rage, venomousness; displeasure, disapproval, disapprobation, dissatisfaction, disgruntlement, unhappiness; irritation, annoyance, vexation, exasperation, perturbation, Inf. aggravation; virulence, bitterness, gall and wormwood, vindictiveness, vengeancefulness, vengeance, malice; animosity, inviolenthood, hatred, ill feelings, ill will. 2. alienation, disaffection, estrangement, coolness, iciness, aloofness; grouchiness, gruffness, tartness, perverseness, perversity; soreness, wounded pride, mortification; jealousy, envy, suspicion. 

reservation, n. 1. qualm, scruple, demur, second thoughts; exception, qualification, proviso, provision, condition, term; grain of salt. 2. U.S. reserve, preserve, game preserve, sanctuary; park, national or state park, state forest; tract, plot, plat; area, region, zone, territory. 3. booking, advance booking; engagement, preengagement. 

reserve, v. 1. husband, hold, withhold, hold back, keep, keep back, conserve, save, save for future use, save for a rainy day; set aside, put aside, put away, lay away, lay by, lay up, stow away, squirrel away, salt away, Sl. sock away; store, stockpile, amass, accumulate, pile up. 2. retain, secure; engage, book, charter. 3. earmark, tag, set apart or aside; allot, allocate, apportion.

—n. 4. store, stock, supply, supply on hand, inventory; stockpile, accumulation, amassment, backlog; reservoir; nest egg, something to fall back on, something for a rainy day; card up one's sleeve, Sl. ace in the hole. 5. reservation, preserve. See reservation (def. 2). 6. exception. See reservation (def. 1). 7. Military. support, backup, reinforcements; auxiliaries, National Guard, home guard. 8. formality, restraint, self-restraint, self-control, undemonstrativeness, unexpansiveness; guardedness, discretion, aloofness, offhandedness, stand-offishness, unsoberly; distance, detachment, remoteness, inaccessibility, unapproachability; coolness, chilliness, coldness, frigidity, iciness. 9. reticence, taciturnity, untalkativeness, uncommunicativeness, unapproachability, closed-mouthedness; secrecy, secretiveness. 10. in reserve reserved, held back, put aside; in hand; in store, in readiness. See also reserved (def. 1). 11. without reserve without restraint, frankly, candidly, directly, straightforwardly; plainly, explicitly, unequivocally; freely, outspokenly, uninhibitedly, unabashedly; bluntly, brusquely, tactlessly. —adj. 12. spare, extra; substitute, alternate, secondary, backup, auxiliary. 

reserved, adj. 1. held, retained, taken, engaged, booked, saved, arranged for, Brit. bespeak; set apart, put aside, roped off; appointed, slotted, destined. 2. formal, restrained, rigid, stiff, prim, strait-laced, proper, decorous, seemly, sedate, dignified, grave, serious; composed, controlled, constrained, undemonstrative, unresponsive, cool, cold, icy. 3. distant, aloof, pompous, haughty, snobbish, disdainful, condescending, high-hat, stand-offish, Inf. offish, unapproachable, withdrawn, quiet, remote, uncommunicative, taciturn, silent, untalkative, unneighborly, unsocial, unsociable. 4. self-contained, self-reliant, private, guarded, cautious, noncommittal; secretive, close-mouthed, tightly buttoned-up, mum. 5. retiring, diffident, self-conscious, bashful, timid, shy, modest, coy, demure, backward, Archaic. verecund; unassuming, unobtrusive, unpretentious, self-effacing. 

reservoir, n. 1. (all used to contain liquid) receptacle, chamber; basin, bowl; jug, urn, keg, vat, cask. 2. repository, repertory, depository, depot, supply depot, warehouse, storehouse, storeroom, storage. 3. reserve. See reserve (def. 4). 

reside, v. 1. live, live at, abide, Archaic. bide, dwell, tenant, stay, stay at, remain, sojourn; domicile, domiciliate, establish oneself, take up residence, take up one's abode, inhabit, occupy, settle, settle down, locate, ensconce, make one's home, Inf. hang up one's hat; domesticate, cohabit, keep house, set up housekeeping; take or strike root, plant oneself, anchor, strike root, come to anchor, moor; nest, nestle, perch, roost, squat, burrow, hive; lodge, rent, room, bunk, berth, quarter or billet at, put up at, Inf. hang out, Sl. crash, Brit. doss down; camp, camp out, bivouac, pitch one's tent. 2. inhere, be inherent in, be immanent, be ingrained, be innate, be intrinsic, be indigenous, belong, pertain, be a quality of; be comprised in, be contained in, be constituted by, rest, rest in, lie in, lie within, exist in, abide in, be present in, dwell in, indwell, consist in, subsist in, repose in. 

residence, n. 1. home, abode, domicile, domiciliary, dwelling, dwelling place, dwelling home, habitation, habitation, residency, Scot. and North Eng. bigging, Scot. howff; lodging, lodgings, lodging place, lodgment, nest, roost, perch, quarters, living quarters, rooms, accommodations, living accommodations, housing, in roof over one's head, Inf. pad, Inf. crash pad, Chiefly Brit. Inf. diggings, Brit. Inf. digs; apartment, flat, tenement, walk-up, cold-water flat, Brit. chambers, Chiefly Brit. maisonette; penthouse, townhouse, condominium, Inf. condo; mobile home, motor home, camper, trailer, caravan; address, location, situ-
ation, place, whereabouts.
2. mansion, palace, stately dwelling, Fr. hôtel, It. palazzo, villa, chateau, castle, Chiefly Brit. hall, Brit. court, Archt. folly; manor, manor house, manor home, manor seat, estate, country estate, house in the country, country house, country home, country seat, house and grounds, house and lot, Brit. Dial. toft, demesne, Law. messuage, plantation, Sl. spread; farm, farmstead, farmhold, Brit. farmery, grange, Brit. croft, Brit. homecroft, Scot. and North Eng. steadings; ranch, rancho, rancheria, hacienda.
3. cottage, cot, bungalow, bower, cabin, Brit. Dial. core, Scot. but-and-bend; hut, hutch, shed, shack, shanty, Scot. bothy; hovel, hole, hole in the ground, dump, garbage heap, sty, pigsty, pigpen, tumbledown shack, wretched hut, mean dwelling, miserable quarters.
4. hearth, hearthstone, hearth and home, hearthside, fireside, fireplace, chimney corner, Brit. Dial. ingle, Brit. Dial. igleside, Chiefly Brit. inglenook; household, family, family circle, domestic circle, bosom of one's family, seat of one's affections, home sweet home, Inf. place where one's heart is, Inf. place where one hangs his hat.
5. habitation, habitancy, inhabitation, inhabitancy, domiciliation, Law. commorancy; sojourn, sojourning, stay, stay-over, stop, stop-over, stop-off, lay-over.
6. center, center of activity, center of operations, center of authority, central administration, nerve center, base of operations; central office, main office, head office, home office, chief office, executive office; headquarters, HQ, general headquarters, GHQ, corporate headquarters.
resident, n. 1. inhabitant, Archaic. inhabiter, inhabitant, occupant, occupier, denizen, resider, residenccer, residuary, dweller, householder, sojourner, indweller, incumbent, inmate; tenant, lodger, boarder, roomer, paying guest, Sl. crasher; renter, lessee, leaseholder.
2. settler, homesteader, squatter, cottager, cottier, Scot. cotter; villager, townsman, burgher, burgess, oppidan.
3. diplomat, diplomatic agent; minister, envoy, emissary, legate.
4. intern, house physician, resident physician. —adj. 5. living, dwelling, abiding, staying, remaining, residing, residency, in residence; inhabiting, occupying, settling, locating, ensconcing; nesting, nestling, perching, roosting, squatting; lodging, rooming, bunking, boarding, berth, Inf. hanging out, Sl. crashing, Brit. dosing down; renting, leasing.
6. inner, internal, intrinsic, inward; implicit, immanent, inherent, indwelling; implanted, ingrained, in fixed, deep-seated; inborn, congenital, innate; indigenous, native to, natural to, natural.
residual, adj. remaining, leftover, surplus, extra; residuary, spare, over, supplementary, outstanding; excessive, unnecessary, needless, unneeded; overabundant, superabundant, profuse, plenteous; redundant, superfluous, too much, oversufficient, over and above, Inf. a bit much, extreme.
residue, n. 1. remainder, remains, rest, balance, residual; surplus, extra, excess, superfluity, surplusage, redundancy, Commerce. average; overplus, nilmety, overflow, superabundance, overabundance, superflux; overload, more than enough, enough and to spare, enough and then some; surfeit, glut, plethora, profusion.
2. leavings, leftovers, rest, remnant, residuum; odds and ends, fragments, rummage; rubbish, waste, garbage, junk; offal, refuse, sewage; hogwash, swill, slop, Scot. lave; rejectamenta, discards, throwaways, castoffs, jetisson, jetsam, flotsam; off occurrences, sweepings, shavings, parings, scrapings, filings, leavings, raspings, pomace; slag, dross, scum, scoriae, sordides, detritus, debris, litter, rubble, Geol. talus; dunders, ashes, soot, carbon, smut, dirt.
resign, v. 1. (usu. in reference to office or position) abdicate, renounce, give up, Law. disclaim, lay down, part with, retire from, vacate, abnegate, Chiefly Scot. demit; relinquish, let go, deliver up, hand over, transfer, turn over; surrender, submit, yield, cede, give up.
2. resign oneself to accept, give in, acquiesce, comply, accede, concur, admit, go along with; be reconciled to, tolerate, brook, abide, bear, stand, endure, stomach, bear with, put up with; grin and bear it, lie down and die, take it lying down, Sl. lump it; lose hope of, despair of, give up, abandon, quit, Sl. pack it in, give up the ship, throw in the towel or sponge, cry or say uncle.
resignation, n. 1. abdication, resigning, renunciation, renouncing, retirement, retiring, abnegation, Archaic. demission; relinquishment, abandonment, surrender, yielding, ceding, cession; transfer, transferal, transference, handing over; repudiation, rejection, disowning, disclamation.
2. submission, acquiescence, compliance, obedience; yielding, appeasement, capitulation, surrender; submission, docility, passivity, passiveness, meekness, nonresistance.
3. resignedness, reconciliation, acceptance; patience, forbearance, endurance, toleration, tolerance, sufferance, long-suffering, longanimity.
resigned, adj. 1. submissive, passive, unresisting, nonresistant, yielding, docile, obedient; deferential, subservient, meek, humble, mild.
2. acquiescent, complying, compliant; accepting, tolerant, unquestioning, reconciled; patient, long-suffering, forbearing, uncomplaining, unreining, cheerful, chin-up.
3. stoical, disciplined, composed, collected; unperturbed, unruffled; unperturbable, dispassionate, philosophical.
resilience, n. 1. elasticity, springiness, flexibility, suppleness; spring, bounce, give, kick, snap, recoil, rebound; plasticity, ductility, rubberiness, reflexiveness; tensibility, tenseness, extensibility; contractility, contractility, stretchability; adaptability, malleability, adjustableness, movability, responsiveness.
2. buoyancy, lightness, carefreeness, airiness, cheerfulness; liveliness, jauntiness, light-heartedness, breeziness, perkiness.
resilient, adj. 1. rebounding, recoiling, springing back; flexible, bendable, pliable, supple, springy, bouncy; tensile, stretchable, extensible, extendible; contractile, contractive; elastic, rubbery, plastic, ductile; malleable, adaptable, yielding, adjustable, responsive.
2. buoyant, irrepresible, recuperative; lively, jaunty, lighthearted, breezy, perky; light, carefree, airy, cheerful.
resist, v. 1. withstand, repel, repulse, Architec. reduct; stand fast, make a stand, stand, breast, front, brook; stand at bay, breast the current, weather, not yield an inch, Inf. hang in there; stand one's ground, hold the line against; hold out, hold up, bear up.
2. oppose, counteract, neutralize, counterwork, counterpart, countermeine; cancel, militate against, counteract, confront, face, encounter; rebuff, strike back, recalcitrant; beat back, drive back, sieze, repress; fight, attack, assail, assault, oppugn, combat; retaliate, strike back, impugn; struggle against, contend with, contest.
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ling, plangent, clangorous; echoing, reechoing, reverberating, reverberant, reverberative, reflected; vibrant, vibrating, vibratory, vibrative, pulsating, tremulous; sustained, prolonged, drawn out, held, long, All Phonet. vowellike, vowel, sonorant.

2. sonorous, full-bodied, full, rich; pear-shaped, rounded, round; deep, deep-toned, low, bass, basso, baritone, sepulchral.

resort, v. 1. turn to, look to, ask for help or assistance from, use as a recourse; try, try out, experiment with, take to or up; employ, use, make use of, take, utilize, exercise, bring into play; return to, end up with, find oneself with.

2. hang out or about, patronize, be a regular customer, be a fixture or part of the furniture; gather, assemble, collect, meet, come together, unite, hover, swarm, herd, cluster, flock, crowd, throng, converge.

—n. 3. popular spot or place, Sl. in place, Sl. hot spot, Sl. watering hole, rendezvous, meeting place; spa, hot or mineral springs, Brit. watering place, vacation spot or place, tourist trap; refuge, retreat, sanctuary, asylum, haven, hideaway, den, lair.

4. recourse, place to turn, source of assistance or help, aid, aide, help, helper; alternative, choice, option, possibility, available resource; reserve, backup, reinforcement, last resort.

resource, n. 1. resort, recourse, backup, reinforcement, support, backing, help, aid; reserve, reserve, source, cache, storehouse, hidden supply, money in the bank, savings account.

2. resources collective wealth, natural resources, natural wealth.

3. Usu. resources assets, property, real estate, goods, possessions, holdings; income, revenue, profits, gains; wealth, money, U.S. Sls. buck$, funds, finances, capital, cash, wherewithal, Pr. de quoi; effects, estate, personal assets, chattel, belongings; real property, liquid assets, bank accounts receivable, securities, bonds, stocks, notes, I.O.U.s, equivalent assets; inventories, Commerce. good will, fixtures, machinery.

4. Often resources means, ability, capability, capacity, aptitude, mind for, faculty, skill; know-how, knowledge, experience, background, qualifications, prerequisites; good quality, virtue, strength, power, talent, endowment; edge, advantage, plus, strength point, forte, talking point, selling point.

5. inventiveness, ingenuity, ingeniousness, cleverness, resourcefulness, adaptability, adaptability.

resourceful, adj. inventive, ingenious, slick, clever, Daedalian; original, originate, creative; intelligent, Inf. brainy, smart, bright, sharp, quick, quick-witted, keen, acute; astute, Sl. on the ball; handy, skillful, deft, dexterous, adept.

respect, n. 1. Usu. in respect particular, point, detail, matter, feature, way.

2. reference, regard, relation, connection, bearing on.

3. esteem, estimation, high regard, high opinion, admiration; veneration, reverence, awe, adoration, worship; honor, homage, laudation, praise; approval, approbation, appreciation.

4. consideration, thoughtfulness, attentiveness, goodwill; courtesy, urbanity, etiquette, civility, politeness; deference, submission, acquiescence, compliance.

5. respects regards, greetings, salutation, Arch. commendations; remembrances, love, best.

—v. 6. esteem, admire, have a high opinion of, revere, venerate, look up to, think the world of, think highly of, set great store by; approve, commend, take one's hat off to, doff one's cap to; pay homage to, honor, extol, laud, praise, speak well of, applaud; appreciate, enjoy, delight in, prize; love, adore, idolize, worship; wonder at, marvel at, be or stand in awe of.

7. show regard, show courtesy, be polite, be considerate, be thoughtful; be formal, stand upon ceremony, observe due decorum; observe, notice, heed, pay attention to, acknowledge, comply with, do the will of, abide by, follow, be faithful to, adhere to, obey; defer to, make obeisance, bow before.

respectability, n. 1. decency, propriety, good taste, decorum, dignity, respectableness; appropriateness, seemliness, fitness, suitability, suitableness, becomingness, etiquette, formality.

2. virtue, goodness, morality; probity, integrity, uprightness, rectitude, honor, principle; honesty, good faith, truthfulness, constancy, loyalty.

3. social standing, rank, status, position; nobility, peerage, aristocracy.

respectable, adj. 1. estimable, worthy, deserving, praiseworthy, laudable, commendable; honorable, honored, admirable, admired, venerable; revered; valuable, valuable, esteemed, respected, creditable.

2. reputable, in good repute, unsullied, undefiled, unblemished, trustworthy, reliable, dependable; upright, honest, truthful, aboveboard, principled; unimpeachable, unassailable.

3. proper, decorous, seemly, becoming; well-bred, genteel, refined, polished; decent, modest, chaste, pure, innocent.

4. passable, tolerable, acceptable, adequate, satisfactory, all right, unexceptional; presentable, admissible, fairly good, Inf. not that good, not too bad; fair, Inf. no great shakes, mediocre, middling, indifferent, average, so-so, Inf. nothing to write home or brag about; barely adequate, minimal, minimum, lowest acceptable.

5. sizable, good-sized, substantial; considerable, goodly, tidy.

respectful, adj. 1. regardful, considerate, thoughtful, deferential; obedient, dutiful, attentive, obliging, accommodating; civil, cordial, courteous, gracious, ladylike, gentlemanly, mannerly, polite; genteel, wellbred, urbane, suave, chivalrous, chivalric, knightly, gallant; formal, ceremonious, decorous, proper, seemly.

2. submissive, acquiescent, subservient; obeisant, servile, slavish; prostinate, salaaming, kneeling, bowing, curtsying.

respective, adj. particular, specific, special, several, separate, individual; corresponding, commensurate, own.

respiration, n. breathing, inhalation and exhalation; huffing and puffing, panting, gasping, wheezing; Pathol. eunpea; Pathol. dyspnea.

respire, v. 1. breathe, breathe in and out, inhale and exhale; pant, gasp, huff and puff, suck wind; wheeze.

2. exhale, expire, breathe out, puff, blow; emit, exhaust, evacuate, let out; sigh, suspire.

respite, n. 1. interval, hiatus, interruption, break, interruption; pause, lull, lapse, interregnum; relief, breath, breather, breathing spell, rest, repose, relaxa-
tion, recess, inactivity, *Archaic* bever; alleviation, assuagement, mitigation, palliation; commutation, easing up or off, slackening up, loosening up.

2. remission, reprieve, stay, stay of execution, *Inf.* letup; postponement, suspension, adjournment, abeyance, prorogation; deferment, deferral, delay, extension, protraction, continuation, *Law.* continuance; cessation, desistance, arrest, stoppage, halt, standstill, discontinuance, discontinuation.

—v. 3. relieve, alleviate, allay, assuage, mitigate, palliate; commute, ease up off, slacken up, loosen up, relax, grant a breathing spell, *Archaic.* slake.

4. remit, reprieve, stay, grant a stay of execution, let off, *Inf.* let off the hook; continue, grant an extension, *Finance.* extend, *Commerce.* indulge; postpone, defer, prorogue, adjourn, suspend, intermit, lay over, put off, stave off, shelve, table, hold in abeyance, reschedule; delay, stall, wait, hold off, procrastinate.

resplendent, adj. 1. brilliant, radiant, resplendent, lambent; dazzling, vivid, intense, ablaze, aflame, afer; fulgent, effulgent, refulgent; shining, bright, illuminated, alight, lit; white, golden, rutilant, aureate; sparkling, scintillating, coruscating, shimmering, aglimmer, glistening, glistering, aglisten, *Archaic.* glister, glistering, aglitter.


respond, v. 1. reply, make reply, answer, give answer, field question, write back, R.S.V.P.; confirm [s.t.]; report back, get back to, send word to, let someone know; re- 
tort, come back with, counter with, answer back, talk back, *Inf.* sass, *Inf.* make a wisecrack, *Sl.* give [s.o.] lip; rejoinder, make a rejoinder, rebut, make a rebuttal, counterrejoin, countercounterclaim.

2. react to, acknowledge, recognize, notice; make a response, sign to, make a gesture, a nod, shake one's head, salute, raise one's hand, wave, tip or off one's cap, greet [s.o.]; reciprocate, give in return, return the compliment, smile back, extend the hand, shake hands with; thank, give one's thanks, express gratitude, show appreciation.

3. *Usu.* respond to react, be moved, be touched, be reached, be affected; feel with, empathize with, identify with, experience vicariously, understand, *Inf.* tune into, *Sl.* be hip to; sympathize with, feel for, commiserate with, feel pity for, pity; join into, enter into, participate in, engage in, become involved in, show or take an interest in, be stimulated by; share in, partake of, be caught up in, become a part of.

4. *Usu.* respond to correspond, go with, match, suit, fit in with, complement; agree with, conform to, coincide with, jibe with, tally with, square with, dovetail with, mesh with, *Inf.* gee with; accord, think alike, *Inf.* be on the same wavelength; hit it off, *Inf.* click, *Inf.* work.


3. acknowledgement, recognition, notice, reaction, feedback; signal, gesture, nod, salute, saluteation, greeting; thanks, expression of gratitude or appreciation; reaction, feeling, emotion, empathy, sympathy, pathos.

responsibility, n. 1. answerability, answerableness, accountability, accountableness, liability, chargeability, amenability.

2. duty, bounden duty, obligation, onus, burden; office, charge, care, custody, trust; jurisdiction, bailiwick, beat; part, role, bit, task.

3. reliability, dependability; responsibility, trustworthiness, creditability.

4. fault, guilt, blame, blameworthiness, culpability, culpableness, *Scot.* vise; censurableness, reprehensibility, reprehensibility.

responsible, adj. 1. answerable, accountable, liable, amenable, chargeable; in one's hands, on one's shoulders, *Inf.* in one's lap; beholden, obligated, obliged, bound, duty-bound, subject.

2. sane, rational, competent, Latin, *compos mentis*; sensible, sound, stable, reasonable.

3. reliable, dependable, conscientious, hardworking; solvent.

4. moral, ethical, upright, trustworthy, trusty; creditable, honest, faithful.

5. culpable, guilty, blamable, blameworthy; censurable, reprehensible.

6. authoritative, executive, decision-making, administrative.


2. pause, halt, stand, hold, stay, stop; recess, break, time-out, breather, breathing time, breathing spell, time to catch one's breath; respire, inaction, inactivity; slacken, abatement, letup, lull; holiday, vacation, time off.

3. interim, interval, interlude, intermission, interlude, intermittency; disconnection, disconnectedness, gap, hiatus, interruption, remission, lull.

4. cessation, ceasing, suspension, abeyance, discontinuance; status quo, waiting period, waiting game, holding pattern; impasse, stand-off, deadlock, stalemate.

5. ease, idleness, leisure, relaxation, torpor, otioseness; loafing, laziness, indolence, vegetation, unemployment; *It.* *dolce far niente*.

6. still, stillness, silence, hush; quiet, quiescence, quietude, quietness; calmness, calm, tranquillity, peacefulness, peaceableness, peace, placidity, serenity, imperturbation; inertness, inertia; motionless, immobility, fixity.

7. death, demise, decease, final rest, end, quietus; departure, crossing over, release.

8. refuge, shelter, retreat, haven; inn, hotel, motel, lodging place, resting place; camp, encampment, bivouac; home, abode, domain, domicile.

9. support, brace, bracket, prop, shore, stay; buttress, strut, splint, truss; mainstay, cornerstone, *Archit.*, *Civil Eng.* abutment; pillar, column, pier, *Archit.* pilaster; underpinning, *Archit.* rib, framework, grillage, grid, trellis, lattice; foundation, base, seat; substructure, substratum, underground, structure, understructure, *All Archit.* stereobate, socle, plinth; footing, flooring, floor, *Building Trades.* bedding; platform, scaffold, stand; trivet, trestle, sawhorse; sill, shelf, ledge; tie, tie beam, *Brit.* sleeper; footrest, armrest, headrest.

—v. 10. sleep, slumber, repose; *All Sl.* flake out, hit the sack, sack in, sack out, conk off, crash, log *Z's,* catch some *Z's,* count sheep, *Brit.* *Sl.* doss; nap, catnap, take a siesta, *Inf.* catch forty winks; doze, snooze, drowse.

11. retire, refresh oneself, take a rest; lie down, go to
bed, recline; be still, be quiet, be tranquil, be calm, be inactive, lie still; relax, take one's ease, take it easy, do nothing; unwind, unbend, laze, lazy, be lazy, idle, be idle, loll, languish; putter, Brit. potter, dabble; let up, ease up, slack off, take a break, take time out, have a breathing spell, have time to catch one's breath, take a break, Inf. take a breather, Inf. take five; sojourn, visit, vacation, take a vacation, holiday, take a holiday, take time off.

12. stop, stop short, cease, desist, halt; pause, wait, hold, stay, remain, tarry, linger; stand, stand still, come to a stand or standstill; discontinue, suspend, interrrupt, intermit, pull up, draw up; heave to, anchor, cast anchor, ride at anchor; abide, dwell, roost, perch, sit, sit back.

13. calm, calm down, soothe, smooth, lull, tranquilize; repress, suppress, subdue, compose, soyer, quell; allay; reconcile, alleviate, relieve, slake, quench; si- lence, still, shush, hush, put to rest, quiet.

restaurant

1. remainder, residue, remnant, balance,

2. tranquil, calm, serene, quiet, quiescent, peaceful, lull, lullabies; sleeplessness, sleepless, wakeful, insomniac, restless, restless,

3. motionless, motion, moving, moving about, on the go, on the move; changeable, changing, astatic, unstable, unsettled, at loose ends; migrant, migrating, migratory, nomadic, wandering, rambling, roving, roaming, SL. rolling, traveling, itinerant, peripatetic.

restless, adj. 1. moving, moving about, on the move, on the go, in motion; changeable, changing, astatic, unstable, unsettled, at loose ends; migrant, migrating, migratory, nomadic, wandering, rambling, roving, roaming, SL. rolling, traveling, itinerant, peripatetic.

2. restive, uneasy, ill at ease, unquiet, nervous, fretful; discontented, discontented, dissatisfied, unsatisfied, unhappy, Pathol. dysphoric; impatient, fidgety, itchy, itching, SL. ants; jumpy, jittery, edgy, on edge, Inf. on pins and needles, on tenterhooks; on a tightrope, on a cliff edge, waiting for the other shoe to drop, waiting for the bomb to go off, waiting for the ax to fall; apprehensive, alarmed, anxious, with one's heart in one's mouth, fearful; skittish, shy, timid, timorous, tremulous, trembling, shaking, shaky.

3. excitable, perturbable, agitable, SL. flappable; high-strung, tense, strained, SL. uptight, keyed up; excited, Inf. worked up, wrought up, in a sweat; agitated, disturbed, upset, perturbed, dis- tressed, troubled, worried, concerned, disquieted, Archaic. disquiet; bothered, flustered, ruffled, rattled, shaken, shook up.

4. sleepless, wakeful, insomnia, unrestful, without rest or sleep.

restlessness, n. restiveness, uneasiness, unquietness, nervousness, nervousity, fretfulness; sleeplessness, wakefulness, insomnia, unrestfulness; discontentedness, dissatisfaction, unhappiness, discontent, Pathol. dysphoria; impatience, fidgetiness, itchiness, SL. ants in one's pants, jitters, Inf. butterflies, Inf. butterflies in one's stomach, SL. heebie-jeebies, SL. habdabs, Inf. whim-whams, SL. willies, SL. creep, Inf. screaming meemies; inquietude, apprehension, alarm, anxiety, anxiousness; concern, worry, trouble, distress, disquiet, upset, agitation, perturbation; unequ, unrest, commotion, stir, fuss, pother, Inf. to-do, flutter, flurry; excitement, fluster, confusion, Inf. stew, Inf. dither, Inf. tizzy, SL. flap; excitability, excitableness, perturbability; hypertension, tension, tenseness, strain.

restoration, n. 1. renewal, revival, reestablish- ment; reconstruction, repair, renovation, Archaic. in- stitution; resuscitation, reanimation, revivifications; reversion, reconversion; resurrection, renaissance, re- nascence, rebirth, new birth, new life; rejuvenation, re-juvenescence, regeneration, resurgence, resumption.

2. restitution, return, recovery; compensation, re- placement, indemnification, amends, repayment.

3. (all of buildings) rehabilitation, reconstruction, representation; reproduction, copy, duplication, simul- ation, imitation.

restore, v. 1. reestablish, put back, replace, reinsta- tate, reinvest, revest, reinstall; rehabilitate, reconsti- tute, reorganize; convert, reconvert, refit, reinforce, recoup.

2. revive, bring round, bring to, resuscitate; cure, remedy, heal, make whole again, put back on one's feet, minister to, treat, nurse, nurse back to health; rev- ivify, quicken, reanimate, recall to life; vivify, put new life into, warm up or over; rekindle, stir the embers, heat the ashes; reinvigorate, refresh, freshen up; stimulate, strengthen, brace, exhilarate, energize.

3. mend, fix, fix up, recondition, put in good repair; retouch, refinish, darn, patch, patch up; cobble, splice, calk; refit, recoup, make good or as good as
restrain
v. 1. constrain, check, curb, bridle, tram- mel, rein; delay, detain, retard, hold back or up; hamper, impede, inhibit, hinder; bind, tie, tie hand and foot. Inf. hagotie; stop, stay, halt, arrest, scotch.
2. control, govern, regulate, harass, moderate, keep within bounds, keep in tow, keep under control, hold in check. Sl. keep the lid on; suppress, repress, subdue, contain, smother, stifle, muzzle, bottle up, cork up, Sl. sit on it; rein in, put the brakes on. Inf. pull up or back on. Inf. tighten up on.
3. restrict. See restrict (def. 1).
4. restrain. See restrain (defs. 1, 2).
5. restrain. See restrain (defs. 1, 2).

restrict, n. 1. provision, proviso, clause, stipulation, specification, condition, qualification, quali- fier, Inf. string, Inf. small print; rule, regulation; reserv- ation, exception; check, curb. See also restrain (def. 1).
2. confinement, circumscription, limitation; demar- cation, delimitation; proscription, prescription, pre- clusion, exclusion, nonadmission.
3. narrowness, closeness, tightness, straitness, re- strictedness; imprisonment, incarceration. See also re- strain (def. 4).

restrictive, adj. 1. conditional, provisional, pro- visionary, contingent, qualifying, modifying.
2. limiting, limiting, confining, circumscriptive, cramping; stiff, narrow, tight, cramped, straitened; hindering, hampering, inhibiting, inhibitive; restraining, constraining; suppressive, repressive; obstructive, in the way.
3. select, selective, exclusive, exclu- sory.

result, n. 1. effect, consequence, outcome, de- nouement, issue, conclusion, end, upshot, event, se- quel; aftermath, outgrowth, afterclap, turnout, after- effect, fallout, backlash, wake; spin-off, side effect, by-product, offshoot; product, harvest, crop, fruit, yield; development, repercussion, reaction, feedback.
2. decision, resolution, resolve, determination; find- ing, answer, solution, deduction, inference; opinion, judgment, verdict, sentence, Law. adjudication, de- cree.
3. eventuate, follow, ensue, supervene; pro- ceed, emanate, issue, arise, redound, spring, flow, come, come forth, emerge; evolve, come about, come to pass, befall, Archaic. bechance, betide, happen, turn out, occur.
4. resolve, end, conclude, terminate, finish, culmi- nate.
5. reservation, n. 1. summary, epitome, synopsis, ab- stract, compendium, compilation, digest, conspectus; condensation, abridgment, reduction, compression, abbreviation; analysis, recapitulation; brief, précis; outline, Fr. apercu, sketch, review, syllabus, prospec- tus, Latin. modum in parvo; docket, bulletin, Chiefly Brit. minute; extracts, fragments, cuttings, analesis, clippings, citations.
2. curriculum vitae, vita; biography, Sl. bio; work history, work experience.

resurrection, n. rising from the dead, reappearance, reincarnation, metempsychosis; revival, revivification, resuscitation, reanimation; rebirth, regeneration, pal- ingenesis; renovation, restoration, renewal, rejuvenes- cence.

resuscitate, v. revive, revivify, quicken, restore to life, bring back from death's door, bring back to life, bring to, bring round; give mouth-to-mouth resuscita- tion, breathe new life into, restore, reanimate, reinvig- orate, refresh; raise from the dead, resurrect.

retain, v. 1. keep possession of, hold, secure, res- erve, preserve, save, maintain; keep on, hold onto, Sl. hang onto, hold in abeyance, put on the back burner; cling to, stick to, hug, hold fast or tight, grasp, clench, clasp, grip, clutch, grip; detain, keep in cus- tody, keep captive, keep back, hold back, restrain, in- hibit, keep from, restrict.
2. continue to use, put to use, put in practice, make use of, practice, keep up on or with.
3. keep in mind, remember, recall, recollect, bethink; be aware of, not forget, bear in mind, have in mind, have at one's fingertips; memorize, fix in the mind, im- press upon the memory, have by heart, know by rote.
4. engage, hire, employ.

retainer1, n. servant, slave, domestic servant, at- tendant, servitor; employee, hired help, hired hand, worker, staffer, hireling, menial, clerk, Inf. gofer, er- rand boy, messenger boy, messenger, herald, pursu- vant; dependent, subordinate, subject, vassal, liege- man, Archaic. yeoman; lackey, Disparaging. flunky, male servant, valet, butler, gentleman, manservant, Archaic. valet; footman, Fr. valet de pied, groom, equerry, livery; footboy, boy, page, bellboy, bellhop, Brit. boots, Brit. buttons; female servant, maid- servant, handmaid, handmaidens, maid, housemaid, cleaning lady or woman, scullery maid.

retainer2, n. retaining fee, preliminary fee, partial payment, down payment, initial payment, first install- ment; advance, payment up front, deposit.

retaliate, v. 1. return like for like, give tit for tat, give a blow for a blow, give a Roland for an
Oliver, take an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, give measure for measure or pound for pound; give [s.o.] a dose or taste of his own medicine, pay [s.o.] back in his own coin, pay back in kind, repay, give back, return the compliment or favor, reciprocate, give as good as one gets, do unto others as they do unto you.

2. make reprisal, requite, avenge, revenge, take revenge, wreak revenge, inflict punishment, exact payment, exact one's pound of flesh; hit back at, strike back at, get back at, get even with, Inf. pay off or get one back, Inf. throw one a score, Inf. wipe out an old score; give [s.o.] his just deserts, U.S. Dial, give [s.o.] his comeuppance, Inf. give [s.o.] what he has coming to him.

retaliation, n. reprisal, redress, satisfaction, revenge, vindication, retribution, vengeance; vendetta, feud, requital, repayment, paying back, counterpunch, counterblow, counterstroke, counterattack, counterblasting, countercharge, recrimination; tit for tat, Latin. quid pro quo, a Roland for an Oliver, blow for a blow, eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, measure for measure, pound for pound, lex talionis, talion; dose or taste of one's own medicine, just deserts, Inf. what's coming to one, Inf. the comeuppance.

retard, v. make slow, slow down, slow up, Sl. hang up, delay; detain, hold back, set back, check, hold in check, restrict, restrain; hinder, hamper, impede, forestall, prohibit, debar; interfere, interrupt, frustrate, thwart, foil, balk, Inf. short-circuit; handicap, encumber; clog or scooter the wheels, dam up, obstruct, block, stand in the way, inhibit, deter, prevent; arrest, stay, stop, halt.

3. limitation, handicap, incapacity, inability, incapability; slowness, dullness.

retarded, adj. (all in reference to mental development) limited, Rare. incapacious, deficient, defective, abnormal, subnormal, exceptional; impaired, disabled, unsound, handicapped; slow, dull, unaware.

retch, v. gag, keck, dry-voiced; vomit, regurgitate, puke, throw up, Sw. frow up, reverse, spew up, spew; disgorging; be sick to one's stomach, be nauseated, nauseate, Inf. have the throw-ups; be seasick, have mal de mer, turn green; All Sl. barf, upchuck, toss one's cookies, return or lose one's breakfast, blow lunch, Sl. ralph.

retraction, n. 1. deceleration, slowing up, lagging, lingering, delaying; delay, postponement, stoppage, suspension; procrastination, stalling, prolongation, protraction.

2. encumbrance, hindrance, impediment, obstacle, obstruction, Archaic. remora, oppilation, interference, Law. estoppel; restriction, bar, barricade, stop, stopper, block, stumbling block; curb, check, balk, catch, hitch, snag, difficulty.

3. limitation, handicap, incapacity, inability, incapability; slowness, dullness.

retrained, adj. (all in reference to mental development) limited, Rare. incapacious, deficient, defective, abnormal, subnormal, exceptional; impaired, disabled, unsound, handicapped; slow, dull, unaware.

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1.躺在床上, turn in, call it a day, consult one's pillow, Sl. sink in or sink out, Sl. hit the hay, Sl. hit the sack.

2. to go by, to resign, abdicate; give up work, stop working, cease employment, take early retirement; go on Social Security, collect one's pension, be pensioned; take mandatory retirement, be shelved, be put on the shelf, be superannuated.

3. to redeem, call in, recover, reclaim, buy back, pay off.

4. (of machinery) discard, throw out, scrap, Inf. junk, abandon use of, withdraw from service, disuse.

retired, adj. 1. pensioned, on social security, unemployed; superannuated, shelved, on the shelf, discharged, dismissed, let go, Fig. discarded, Fig. cast aside; elderly, aged.

2. withdrawn, secluded, sequestered, Archaic. sequestrated; isolated, removed, solitary, secret, private, hidden, covert; unfrequented, unvisited, apart, remote, outlying, in a backwater, in the backwoods, out-of-the-way.

retiree, n. pensioner, pensionary; senior citizen, Euph. golden-ager; oldster, old-timer, veteran, graybeard; sexagenarian, septuagenarian, octogenarian, nonagenarian, centenarian; (all collectively) the elderly, the aged, the retired, Inf. seniors; All Fig. discard, reject, castoff, castaway.

retirement, n. 1. removal; withdrawal; retreat, flight, departure, evacuation, countermarch; reversion, regression, retrogression, recession, retrocession, retrogradation; (all in reference to employment) secession, separation, leaving, parting, resignation, abandonment, forsaking, abdication, relinquishment.

2. All Euph. the golden years, the golden age, leisure years, retired years, sunset years, evening of life.

3. privacy, seclusion, sequester; solitude, isolation; loneliness; concealment, obscurity, reclusion, exile, anchoritism, monasticism; aloofness, unsociability, separateness; recess, rest, respite, sabbatical.

4. retreat, hermitage, covert, hideaway; cloister, monastery, abbey, priory; refuge, haven, resort, sanctuary; den, lair, cave, grotto, hibernaculum, hibernacle.

retrouve, adj. reserved, shy, bashful, diffident, shrinking, timorous, timid, Archaic. verecund; modest, unpretentious, demure, coy, humble, unassuming, meek, unobtrusive, unobvious; quiet, untalkative, uncommunicative, taciturn, unsocial, unsociable, reticent, private, self-contained, Inf. introverted; withdrawn, in a shell, aloof, unapproachable, stand-offish, Inf. offish; solitary, recluse, eremitic, eremitical, cenobitic.

revert, v. 1. answer, give answer, reply, respond, acknowledge; rejoin, riposte, return, come back, flash back, Inf. crack back, Inf. shoot back.

2. retaliate, reciprocate, reply in kind, return the compliment, give tit for tat, give measure for measure, give like for like, give a quid pro quo; pay [s.o.] in his own coin, Inf. give [s.o.] a dose of his own medicine.

3. rebut, contradict, confute, refute, counter, counterclaim.
1. retrench, reduce, decrease, diminish, sub-
retreat, strategic

2. retrac,

3. retract, retraction, disavow, recant, unsay, withdraw, retract
in, with-
v. draw back in, pull back in, withdraw, abdus, Abduct, Dentistry. retrace.

4. retract1, v. draw back or in, pull back or in, withdraw, abdus, Abduct, Dentistry. retrace.

5. retract2, v. disavow, recant, unsay, withdraw, take back, Inf. eat or swallow one's words; deny, gain-say, renounce, forswear, abjure; repudiate, disclaim donsw; back down or out of, renge, backtrack, back-
pal, shift one's ground, Inf. flip-flop, about-face, do an about-face, change one's mind, turgierves.

6. revoke, annul, disannul, nullify, void, declare null and void, cancel; rescind, recall, repeal, dissolve, abolish, abrogate; reverse, override, overrule, set aside, quash, countermand, counterorder.

retraction, n. 1. disavowal, recantation, unsaying, withdrawal, taking back, Inf. eat or swallow one's words; deny, gain-say, renounce, forswear, abjure; repudiate, disclaim donsw; back down or out of, renge, backtrack, back-
pal, shift one's ground, Inf. flip-flop, about-face, do an about-face, change one's mind, turgierves.

2. revocation, annulment, disannulment, nullification, voidance, cancellation; rescission, repeal, dis-
solution, abolition, abolishment, abrogation.

retract, n. 1. (all uss. of armed forces) strategic withdrawal, countermarch, volte-face, recoil, pullout, rout, evacuation, exodus, stampede, katabasis.

2. departure, flight, hegira, escape, getaway.

3. backing away, reversal, about-face, turnabout, Inf. flip-flop, backtracking, back-pedaling, tergiversation.

4. receding, recession, retrocession; ebb, reflux, refluence; falling back, regression, retrogression, relapse, reversion, retrogradation.

5. retirement, withdrawal, seclusion, isolation, solitude, privacy; rustication; concealment, obscurity, exile, separation, reclusion; recess, rest, respite, sabbatical.

6. refuge, haven, asylum, shelter, sanctuary, sanctum sanctorum, ark, covert, hermitage, hideaway; cloister, monastery, friary, abbey, priory, convent, nunnery.

7. cabin, cottage, cot, hut, bungalow, shack, shanty; hovel, cottage, shelt, house, housewifery, hoarding, reserving, laying by, Inf. saving for a rainy day, Sl. socking away.

retribution, n. 1. requital, repairation, restitution, redress; repayment, satisfaction, atonement, sackcloth and ashes; recompense, return, compensation, pay-
ment.

2. punishment, just deserts, condign judgment or punishment, what is coming to one; retaliation, revenge, reprisal; lex talionis, talion, an eye for an eye, measure for measure, tit for tat; counterstroke, a

3. economy, economization, economizing, frugality, thrift, thriftiness, prudence, care, stint, meeting of ex-
penses, reduction or reducing of expenses, frugal managemen, cost cutting, cutting of costs, pinching, penny-pinching, pinching of pennies, Inf. cutting of corners, cost reduction, reduction or reducing of costs, making both ends meet, Inf. keeping one's head above water, Inf. tightening one's belt, conservation, conserving; savings, saving, scrimping, husbandry, housewifery, hoarding, reserving, laying by, Inf. saving for a rainy day, Sl. socking away.

retrieval, n. 1. recover, regain, get back; recoup, win back; retake, take back, recapture; ransom, buy back; reclaim, recycle, salvage.

2. restore, reestablish, reinvest, reinstall, rehabilitate; return, replace, put back.

3. redeem, make amends for; repair, remedy, rectify, redress, correct, right, put or set right, make good.


5. save, rescue, deliver, liberate, free.

retraetion, n. 1. counteraction, countermotion, counterblast, repulse, rebuf; boomerang, backlash, reaction, repercussion, reverberation; recoil, rebound, ricochet, reflex, kick, spring; revulsion.

2. opposition, resistance, check, recalcitration,
rétrocède, 1. draw back, ebb, recede, fall
v. n.
1. adj.
retrogress, v. decline, degenerate, deteriorate, adj.
retrograde, moving backward, retreating,
1. movement backward, rét-
retrospect, 1. (all of the past) contemplation, reflection, consideration, meditation, survey, view, overview, review.
2. looking back or backward, reconsideration, afterthought, hindsight, Monday morning quarterbacking; recollection, remembrance, recalling, reminding, remembrance, memory, revisionalization.
3. in retrospect now, today, at this time; reconsidering, on second thought.
retrospective, adj. looking backward, directed backward, backward, reflective of the past; Law. retroactive, ex post facto.
return, v. 1. go back, revert to, reverse, back up, backtrack; recede, ebb, wane, retreat, turn back; relapse, backslide, regress, fall back, retrograde.
2. come back, recur, reoccur, reappear, recrudescce; revolve, roll around, come round again; retroact, recoil, rebound, boomerang.
3. reciprocate, give back, exchange, require, recom pense, indemnify, recoup, reimburse, refund; repay, pay back, release, give up, restitute, disgorgte; retaliate, redress, revenge, avenge, vindicate, get even, get back.
4. replace, restore, put back, send back; reinstate, reinstall, reseat, reestablish, rehabilitate.
5. reply, retort, answer, respond, come back, recriminate, rebut, rejoin, Law. surrejoin, Law. sur rebut; reflect, cast back, repeat, echo, reecho, re sound, reverberate, ring.
6. yield, pay back, remunerate, compensate.
7. render, report, announce, pronounce, pass sentence or judgment, adjudicate.
—n. 8. recurrence, repetition, reappearance, renewal, recrudescence; duplication, iteration, reiteration, rehearsal, recapitulation.
10. gain, profits, revenue, income, proceeds, Archaic. avails; yield, interest, increase, rent, earnings; crop, harvest, bounty; advantage, benefit.
11. reciprocation, requital, compensation, consideration, quittance, reward, Archaic. meed, Literary, guerdon, payment, reimbursement, indemnification, indemnity, recompense; reparation, restitution, amends, atonement, retribution; retaliation, vindication, redress, quid pro quo.
12. homecoming, arrival, advent, comeback, reentry, repatriation; restoration, rehabilitation, reinvestment, reinstatement.
13. reversion, regression, regress, retrogression, recrudescation, recidivism, atavism.
revamp, v. renovate, repair, recondition, refurbish, rehabilitate, refit, overhaul, give a face-lift to, face-lift; mend, fix, fix up, patch up, put into shape.
revel, v. 1. Usu. revel in delight, rejoice, take great pleasure, like, love, Inf. adore; enjoy, appreciate, relish, savor, go over, feast on, Inf. smack the lips; glory, indulge, luxuriate, bask, wallow, swim, bathe; All Sl. groove on, get high on, get a kick or lift or charge or bang or boot out of.
2. lay open, display, exhibit, Inf. lay one's cards on the table, tip or show one's hand, show, indicate, point out, make manifest; expose, uncover, bare, take the wraps off, unveil, unmask, show up, show one's true colors, come out of the closet, Inf. come out; discover, decry, detect, find, uncover, unearth, exhume, dig up, smoke out.
3. revelation, disclosure, revealment. See revelation (def. 1).

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revelry, n.
reveler, n.
1. disclosure, reveal, divulgement, revelation
4. vindictiveness, revengefulness, spite, spitefulness; malicious, maliciousness, ill will, hate, hatred, venom, animosity, malevolence, malignance, malignancy, rancor, rancorousness; bitterness, resentment, anger, fury, wrath, violence; cruelty, meanness, ruthlessness, mercilessness, pitilessness; repellency, implacability, implacableness.

revengeful, adj. vindictive, vengeful, spiteful, malicious, maleficient, malevolent, malignant, malign, rancorous; retributive, retaliative, retaliatory, recompensatory, reciprocal, avenging; envenomed, embittered, bitter.

revenue, n.
1. income, receipts, incomings; return, yield, gain, gross, profits, interest, winnings; S.take, S. velvet; proceeds, net, S. clean-up, pickings; salary, wages, emolument, compensation, pay, S. Brit. S. get, remuneration, competence; stipend, fee, payment, hire; annuity, pension, subsidy, allowance; livelihood, maintenance, alimony, support.
2. capital, wealth, possessions, substance; funds, cash, finances, money, S. bread, Brit. S. rhino; wealth, hereditary.

reverberate, v.
1. echo, reecho, resound; sound, report, boom; roll, rumble, thunder.
2. recoil, rebound, bounce or bound back, fly or spring back, snap back.

reverence, n.
1. veneration, respect, awe, adoration, reverence, solemn, awed, respectful, worship, honor, pay homage to, do obeisance, make obeisance, salute, hail, bow the head to; report, boom, sound, noise; roll, rumble, rumbling.
2. respect, esteem, awe, admire, look up to, put on a pedestal, think highly of, have a high regard for, honor; worship; treasure, cherish, prize, hold dear, make much of, cling to, dote on.
3. obeisance, bow, salaam, salute; genuflection, kneeling, kowtow, prostration; respect, deference, reverence, respect, due decorum, kiss the hem of [s.o.'s] garment, humble oneself before.

revere, v.
1. venerate, worship, honor, reverence, adore, idolize; beatify, sanctify, enshrine, consecrate, hallow, bless, glorify, laud, praise, Archaic, magnify, sing the praises of, offer sacrifice to, burn candles to, send up incense before.
2. respect, esteem, awe, admire, look up to, put on a pedestal, think highly of, have a high regard for, hero-worship; treasure, cherish, prize, hold dear, make much of, cling to, dote on.
3. do obeisance, bow to, salute, hail, bow the head to; report, boom, sound, noise; roll, rumble, rumbling.
4. revere, honor, pay homage to. See reverence (defs. 1, 3).

reverend, adj.
1. estimable, venerable, honorable, worthy, admirable; admired, respected, esteemed, valued, revered; sacred, holy, hallowed, blessed, consecrated, divine.
2. ordained, holy orders, of the cloth; clerical, sacerdotal, priestly, hieratic, ministerial, pastoral.
3. See clergyman.

reverent, adj.
1. solemn, awed, respectful, worshipful, ceremonious, decorous, reserved, subdued, proper, grave, serious, deferential, humble, cap-in-hand, submissive; prostrated, obsequious, abject,
abased.
2. respectful, reverential, devout, devotional, religious, saintly, godly, God-fearing, believing, pious, *Obs.* sanctimonious, holy, spiritual, otherworldly, heavenly-minded; pure in heart, sanctified, faithful.

**reverie, n.** 1. daydreaming, fantasizing, woolgathering, musing; meditation, contemplation, introspection; mulling, pondering, pensiveness, thought, deep thought, brown study; preoccupation, absorption, engrossment, absent-mindedness.
2. daydream, Psychol. fantasy, flight of fancy, distraction, castles in Spain, castles in the air; trance, daze, dreamland; *Inf.* pipe dream, castle-building, abstraction.

**reversal, n.** 1. revocation, revokement, repeal, annullment, nullification, voidance, cancellation; dissolution, abrogation, abolition, abolishment; rescission, counterorder; *Law.* overthrow, overturn, upset, rejection.
2. retraction, retractation, withdrawal, recantation, salination, repudiation, renunciation, defection, bolting, going over, apostasy.

**revert, v.** 1. return, go back, reverse, back up, backtrack, retreat, *Rare.* retrovert; hark back, resume, readopt.
2. relapse, lapse, regress, retrogress, backslide, retrograde, recidivate, degenerate, decay.
3. recur, reappear, come back, come round, recrudescence; boomerang, backfire, back home to roost.

**revile, v.** 1. vilify, traduce, asperse, calumniate, impugn, slur, chew out, strafe, spout off at; berate, castigate, chastise, braid, objurgate, excoriate, lambaste, flay, fulminate against, belabor, lash, rail against, inveigh against, jump down [s.o.'s] throat, sail into, *Archaic,* Inf. jump over.
2. vilify, traduce, asperse, calumniate, impugn, slur, throw a fit at, blow a fuse at.
4. vilify, traduce, asperse, calumniate, impugn, slur, backslide, falling back, retrogradation, recidivism; degeneration, deterioration, decline, decay; throwback, atavism.
6. reversal, reappearance, recrudescence; alternation, rotation, coming round; restoration, resumption, resurgence; revival, renascence, renewal.
7. All *Law.* escheat, succession, conveyance, transfer, transference, assignment.
malign, defame, denigrate, slander, libel, backbite, bespatter, SL badmouthing; denounce, decry, disparage, discredit, deprecate, deplore, belittle, minimize, run or put down, Inf. knock: scorn, deride, gibbet, ridicule, mock, lampoon, pasquinade, make fun of.

revilement, n. 1. vituperation, assailment, abuse, attack, belaboring; curse, execration, impprecation, malediction, anathematization; inveotive, railing, fulmination, upbraiding, objurgation, contumely, berating, scolding, tongue-lashing; censure, reproach, rebuke, reproval.

2. vilification, impugnment, traducement, asperion, calumny, calumny, obloquy, slur; maligning, defamation, slander, libel, Inf. backbiting; diatribe, tirade, philippic, denunciation, disparagement, discrediting, deprecation, disreputation, insinuation, belittlement, minimization; scorn, derision, ridicule, mockery.

revise, v. 1. amend, alter, change; correct, rectify, right, straighten out; (all of opinions, beliefs, etc.) reconsider, review, reappraise.

2. rewrite, redraft, rework; update, bring up to date; edit, emend, emendate; retouch, revamp, overhaul, doctor, repair.

revision, n. 1. change, alteration, amendment; correction, rectification; review, reassessment, reappraisal, re-evaluation, reconsideration, re-examination, second look; (all of a written piece) recension, redaction, emendation.

2. rewrite, revised or new edition, update.

revival, n. 1. renewal, resumption, recommencement; revivification, resurrection, rejuvenation, revivescence, reinvention, revitalization, regeneration, resuscitation, recrudescence.

2. renaissance, renaissance, rebirth, new birth, new day, new dawn; fresh start, new beginning, another try; rally, recovery, new lease on life, another chance.

revive, v. 1. reactivate, renew, activate, set in motion, start; incite, instigate.

2. rejuvenate, reanimate, reinvigorate, revitalize, regenerate, recharge, rekindle, renew, refresh, refeshen, resuscitate, put or breathe new life into.

3. cheer, encourage, hearten, raise [s.o.'s] spirits, Inf. set [s.o.] back on his feet or legs, Inf. give [s.o.] a boost or a lift; animate, stimulate, vivify, enliven, invigorate, exhilarate, stir, stir up, stir [s.o.'s] blood, quicken, arouse, breathe life into.

4. refresh [s.o.'s] memory, call or bring to mind, call up, summon up, conjure up, evoke.

5. come to, Inf. come round or around, regain or return to consciousness, awaken; come alive; come to life, live again, rise again, rise from the dead; recover, recapture, rally, pull through, get better or well, Inf. make a comeback.

6. (all of a theatrical production) restage, remodel, reproduce.

revocation, n. 1. repeal, rescinding, rescission, abrogation; annulment, disannulment, nullification, abolishishment, abolition, avoidance, voidance, Law. defeasance; quashing, invalidation, Obs. vacatur, disannulment, cancellation, setting aside; suspension, Law. nolle prosequi, discontinuance, cessation.

2. recantation, retractation, palinode, abjuration, withdrawal, taking back, recall; renouncement, renunciation, renunciation, abnegation, repudiation, denial, disclaimer, disavowal; apostasy, defection, tergiversation; countermand, counterorder, reversal, overriding, overruling; veto, negation; termination, dissolution, putting an end to, bringing to an end, doing away with.

revoke, v. 1. rescind, abrogate, repeal; annul, dis-
innovative, experimental.
3. revolving, rotating, circumrotating, gyrating, circumscribing, whirling, turning, spinning.
—n. 4. rebel, insurgent, insurrectionist, sans-culotte, revolutionist, revoler, seditionist, mutineer; agitator, malcontent, anarchist, U.S. weatherman; rioter, brawler; traitor, turncoat, Benedict Arnold.
5. counter-culturist, radical, extremist; fanatic, zealot.

revolutionize, v. change fundamentally, effect radical change, change drastically; break with the past, modernize, innovate; reform, turn over a new leaf; reconstruct, refashion, remodel, recast, reorganize, revamp; transform, alter, change the face of; tamper with, work a change, chop and change; subvert, overthrow.

revolve, v. 1. turn around, turn, rotate, wheel, whirl, twirl, reel; spin, gyrate, pirouette, pivot, swivel, swing; circumrotate, circumsolve; orbit, circle.
2. come round again, recur, recurr, reappear, return.
3. think about, cerebrate, reflect upon, meditate on,

revulsion, n. repugnance, disgust, nausea, queasiness; aversion, abhorrence, repulsion, abomination, loathing, excretion; hatred, detestation, odium, antipathy, dislike, disrelish, distaste, offense; repulsion, sl. the creeps, shrinking, recoil.

reward, n. 1. recompense, payment, return, requital; reparation, quietude, indemnification, indemnity, redress; amends, restitution, damages, Law. solutum.

revalue, v. 1. rephrase, paraphrase, put another way, recast; revise, rewrite, edit, redact, rectify.
2. repeat, reiterate, recapitulate, review, rehearse; summarize, explain, interpret, elucidate, gloss; translate, metaphrase.

rhapsodic, adj. 1. ecstatic, thrilled, exhilarated, enthusiastic, excited, elated, overjoyed, transported, ravished, overcome, orgastic; rapturous, blissful, in heaven, in seventh heaven, on cloud nine, happy as a clam at high tide, happy as a pig in mud; beside oneself, bouncing with joy, delirious, in orbit, flying, high, intoxicated, floating, walking on air; delighted, joyful, beaming.
2. unconnected, disconnected, irregular, broken, uneven, erratic.

rhetoric, n. 1. eloquence, power of speech, appeal, forcefulness, expressiveness, cogency; elocution, diction, articulation, enunciation, intention, vocalization, address, delivery; command of words, way with words, Inf. gift of gab, Archaic. facundity; (all of speech) fluency, facility, ease, gracefulness, gibberish, slickness, smoothness.
2. bombast, grandiosity, rodomontade, pomposity, orotundity, magniloquence, grandiloquence; oratory, rant, declamation, extravagance, high-flown language, sesquipedality; verbosity, verbose, wordiness, prolixity, prolixness; turgidity, triteness, inanity, of speech; Archaic. tynpany, bravado, bragadocio, gascogne, en, unflattering, hot air.

3. Disparaging. (all in reference to speech) technique, form, art; artfulness, cleverness, deftness, ingenuity, ingenuity, slickness; trickery, hocus-pocus, linguistic legere dominate.

rhetorical, adj. 1. eloquent, articulate, well-spoken, silver-tongued, Archaic. facund, Obs. facundious, Ciceronian; (all of speech) poetic, graceful, easy, facile, flowing, fluent, glib, slick, smooth, smooth-tongued.
2. (all of speech) expressive, cogent, telling; forceful, emphatic, spirited, vigorous, impassioned, trenchant, vehement, burning; striking, vivid, graphic; effective, persuasive, impressive; concise, succinct, pointed, pithy, meaty.
3. bombastic, bombastical, orotund, fustian, haujoy, pretentious, ostentatious, flattering; grandiose, magniloquent, Johnsonian, Ossianic, sonorous, sesquipedalian; high-sounding, high-flown, lofty, Inf. highfalutin, Inf. high-hat; inflated, swollen, bloated, turgid, timid, flatulent, plethoric; euphustic, periphrastic, extravagant, oratorial, ranting, mouthy, declamatory; flamboyant, flashy, ornate, ornamental, showy, flowery, florid.

rhyme, n. 1. verse, poetry, limerick, jingle, versification, Archaic. poesy.
2. rhyme or reason logic, sense, plan; motive, motivation, cause.

rhythm, n. 1. beat, cadence, tempo, pulse, throb; pulsation, cadence, cadency, rhythmicity; beating, throb; oscillation, undulation; periodicity, recurrence, reoccurrence, reappearance, intermittence.
2. flow, harmonious flow, movement, regular movement, rhythmic flow, lilt, jingle, swing; balance, proportion, symmetry, order; harmony, equilibrium, concinnity, euphony, right word in the right place.
3. accent, accentuation, stress, emphasis, syllable stress, primary or secondary or tertiary stress, weak stress; periodic emphasis, rhythmical emphasis, rhythm pattern, Music. rhythymical accentuation, Music. arsis or upbeats, Music. thesis or downbeat, Pros. iuctus, prominent pulsation.
4. Prosody. meter, measure, numbers, rate; strain, foot; prosody, metrics, Rare. orthometry.

rhythmic, adj. cadenced, cadent, metrical, metric, measured, tripping; rhythmic, regular, steady, periodic, accentual, recurrent, recurring, seasonal, cyclical; pulsating, pulsing, beating, throb; palpitating; balanced, even, symmetrical, symmetric; flowing, fluent, melodious, harmonious; prosodic, prosodical.

rhird, adj. 1. vulgar, obscene, lewd, salacious, pornographic; suggestive, risqué, off-color, Inf. blue; lecherous, lubricious, goath, lustful, ruttish, libidinous, concupiscent, carnal, sexy, erotic, sensual, Archaic. lickerish; licentious, lascivious, Cyprian, prurient, wanton, loose, libertine, promiscuous, Paphian, unchaste; offensive, disgusting, gross, rank,
vile, foul, filthy, dirty, smutty, nasty, scatologic, scatological, SI. raunchy; indecent, distasteful, broad, shameless, immodest, indecent.

2. immoral, degenerate, dissipate, dissipated, debauched, rakish, profligate, depraved, perverted; coarse, rough, base, baseborn, taty; inferior, ignoble, raffish, low, lowly, low-class; gauche, uncouth, crass, rude, boorish, loutish, brutish, raw, unmannerly, ill-mannered, uncivil; unrefined, uncultured, ungentlemanly, unladylike, uncultivated, uncivilized.

3. scurrilous, thersitical, backguardly, profane, foulmouthed, Fescennine, Obs. backguard, Archaic: scurrile; abusive, outrageous, affronting, insulting, Archaic: affrontive; derisive, scornful, mocking, ridiculing, irreverent.

—n. 4. vulgarian, lecher, dirty old man, Cyprian; libertine, profligate, rake; boor, lout, churl, knave, backguard, brute, swine.

ribaldry, n. 1. scurrility, scurrilousness, abusive, ungrammatical, profaneness; indecency, shamelessness, suggestiveness, immorality, indecency; offensiveness, grossness, rankness, repulsiveness, repulsion; vulgarity, vulgarness, obscenity, lewdness, lasciouness, vileness, fakeness, fashiness, nastiness, SI. raunchiness; lecherouness, luridity, lustfulness, bawdiness, licentiousness, concupiscence, carnality, carnalness, sexiness, sensuality; licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, looseness, promiscuity, promiscuousness.

2. immorality, dissoluteness, dissipation, rakishness; gaucheness, gaucherie, uncouthness, crassness, ruder, boorishness, brutishness, rawness; ill-breeding, unmannerliness, ill-manneredness, uncivility, uncivilness, ungentlemanliness; coarseness, roughness, baselessness, commonness, ignobility, raffishness, lowliness.

3. vulgarity, obscenity, salacity, filth, dirt, smut; scurrility, billingsgate, profanity, double entendre, Archaic: bawdry; derision, scorn, scoff, jeer, gibe, sneer, mockery, ridicule.

ribbon, n. 1. band, ribband, strip; headband, frontlet, fillet; collar, collarband, neckband, Inf. choker; sash, girdle, waistband, cummerbund, cestus, Archaic: zone, Archaic: Poetic: cincture.

2. ribbons shreds, tatters, strips, odds and ends; mungo, shoddy.

rich, adj. 1. wealthy, affluent, prosperous, opulent, flush, moneyed, well-off, well-to-do, worth a great deal, Inf. worth a bundle or a pretty penny, Inf. well-heeled, Inf. made of money, Inf. rolling in money or dough, Inf. loaded, Sl. stinking or filthy rich, Sl. in the money or dough or chips; comfortable, easy, in easy circumstances, fat, Inf. on Easy Street, Sl. high on the hog, Inf. in clover, Inf. on velvet, Inf. well-situated, Inf. well-fixed, Brit. Inf. warm.

2. replete, rife, well-supplied, abundantly supplied, well-stocked, well-provided; abounding, overflowing, overspilling, running over with, bursting; profuse, exuberant, superabundant.

3. valuable, valued; precious, priceless, invaluable, inestimable; exquisite, fine, superfine, superexcellent; outstanding, standout, preeminent, Fr. par excellence; special, select, choice of choice.

4. expensive, costly, dear, high, high-priced, premium-priced, at a premium, priced beyond one's means or pocketbook, Inf. fancy, Inf. stiff, Inf. steep; overpriced, exorbitant, inordinate, immoderate, excessive, unreasonable.

5. opulent, lavish, luxuriously, sumptuous, splendid, resplendent, Inf. splendiferous, superb, gorgeous, magnificent, grandiose.

6. (all of colors) deep, strong, intense; vivid, graphic, striking, impressive; brilliant, lustrous, full-toned, bright-hued, high-colored, deep-colored; vibrant, dynamic, gay, bright; gaudy, garish, loud, screaming, Sl. jazzy.

7. sonorous, canorous, resonant, full; mellifluous, euphonic, euphonious, harmonious; dulcet, melodic, melodious, silver-toned.

8. redolent, fragrant, aromatic, odoriferous, odorous; perfumed, scented, ambrosial, savoury; pungent, strong, sharp, nose-irritating.

9. fruitful, fecund, productive, generative, potant; prolific, proliferous, pullulating, multiparous.

10. abundant, plentiful, plenteous, plentifully, bountiful, bounteously, copious, unstinted, bountiful; ample, more than enough, Inf. plenty; immeasurable, inestimable; bottomless; much, many, numerous, Inf. dime a dozen; in quantity, in plenty, Inf. amplety, Inf. galore.

11. Informal. a. amusing, humorous, comical, funny, Inf. rib-tickling; hilarious, too funny for words, Inf. priceless, Inf. side-splitting.

b. ridiculous, ludicrous, absurd, nonsensical, Sl. screwball, Sl. screwy, Sl. nutty, Sl. wacky.

12. (all of food) heavy, creamy, fattening; succulent, juicy, mouth-watering, flavorful, savoury; spicy, tangy, piquant.

riches, n. affluence, wealth, wealthiness, prosperity, prosperousness; opulence, opulency, comfort, easy circumstances, Inf. Easy Street, Inf. velvet, Inf. clover; gold, treasure, fortune; money, cash, Sl. dough, Sl. bread, Sl. moolah, Sl. spondulicks, Sl. loot, Sl. gray, U.S. Sl. bucks, U.S. Sl. big bucks; capital, assets, means, funds, finances, resources, wherewithal; nest egg, Sl. cushion, Sl. tidy bundle.

richness, n. 1. wealthiness, affluence, opulence, prosperousness. See riches.

2. luxuriousness, lusshness, lavishness, sumptuousness; splendidness, resplendence, Inf. splendiferousness, gorgeousness, magnificence, grandness, grandiosity.

3. vividness, graphicness, intensity, deepness; brilliance, lustrousness; vibrancy, brightness, gayness; gaudiness, garishness, loudness, Sl. jazziness.

4. resonance, sonorousness, canorousness, fullness, orotundity; mellifluousness, euphoniousness, harmoniousness; dulcetness, melodiousness.

5. redolence, fragrant, aromaticness, odorousness, odorousness.

6. fruitfulness, fecundity, productivity, fertility, frugiferousness, fructiferousness; prolificness, proliferousness.

7. plenteousness, plentifulness, bountifulness, bounteously, copiousness; amplitude, ampleness; abundance, profusion, plentitude, bounty, plenty, cornucopia, horn of plenty, endless supply, Scot. scotch, Scot. and North Eng. routh.

8. (all of food) heaviness, creaminess; succulence, juiciness, flavorfulness, savoriness; spiciness, tanginess, piquancy.

rickety, adj. 1. shaky, unsteady, unstable, unsound, unfixed, unsecure, unsafe, precarious, hanging by a thread; tottering, teetering, doddering.

2. infirm, feeble, frail; withered, wasted, worn-out; unhealthy, in poor health, on the decline, reduced to skin and bones, skeleton-like; crippled, lame, halt; (all of bones) brittle, fragile, weak, breakable.

3. dilapidated, deteriorated, battered, in disrepair, broken-down, tumble-down, ramshackle, seedy, decrepit; old, ancient, on its last legs, the worst for wear, having seen better days.

4. irregular, uncertain, unsure, unpredictable, er-
ricochet, n. 1. rebound, recoil, reaction, reflex, backlash, return; repercussion, result, counteraction, retroaction; echo, reecho, reverberation, reflection; deflection, glancing off, turning aside, divergence. —v. 2. rebound, bound back, spring back, recoil, boomerang, fly back, return, return quickly; deflect, glance, glance off, swerve off, bear off, diverge.

rid, v. 1. Usu. rid of clear, cleanse, purify, clean, depurate, flush, flush out; empty of, deplete, purge, expurgate; weed out, destroy, annihilate, crush, abolish, cut away or out, eliminate, Inf. stamp out, ban; kill, murder, depose, eject, drive away, evict, throw out. 2. free, disentangle, disencumber, relieve, disembarrass; untie, unknotted, liberate, detach, unfasten, unloose, separate, undo, divorce, unmarry, set asunder.

ridance, n. 1. clearing, clearance, elimination; purging, purification, Med. catharsis; cleaning out, ablution; purification, purifying; censoring, censorship, bowdlerization. 2. deliverance, release, extrication, freeing, liberation, disembarrassment, disencumbrance, relief.

riddle1, n. 1. puzzle, puzzler, poser, conundrum; code, cryptogram, cryptograph; rhymed puzzle, riddle, puzzle, puzzler, poser, conundrum; rhyme puzzle, picture puzzle, diagramless; charade, guesswork, riddle; rhymed puzzle, cryptogram, cryptograph; rhymed puzzle, puzzler, poser, conundrum; riddle of the Sphinx, obscure question, tough question; entanglement, intricacy. 2. dilemma, problem, quandary, puzzle, mystery, riddle, riddle of the Sphinx; hidden meaning, ambiguity; hidden meaning, occlusion; ambiguity, equivoque; hidden meaning, occlusion, symbolic meaning, anagoge. 3. dilemma, problem, quandary, plight, predicament, Inf. pickle, Inf. jam, Inf. fix; Inf. tight spot, box, bind, double-bind, strait; catch-22, vicious circle, cul-de-sac, dead end, blind alley, impassable, standstill, stalemate, deadlock; difficult choice, Fr. embarras de choisir, tough question; entanglement, intricacy. —v. 4. speak enigmatically or cryptically.

riddle2, v. 1. pierce, perforate, fill with holes, fill full of holes; honeycomb, punch; pepper with shot or buckshot. 2. screen, sift, separate, filter, strain; refine, winnow, pick, comb, weed, sort through.

ride, v. 1. (all in reference to animals) sit on, manage, mount, bestride, perch on, sit on top of; be carried by, be borne along by, travel on. 2. motor, automobile, taxi; tour, travel, journey; float, body surf, Inf. surf, Inf. catch a wave, Inf. hang ten. 3. harass, harry, hect, nag, rag, annoy, tease, provoke, heckle; ridicule, make fun of, deride; browbeat, bother, badger, bait; tyrannize, intimidate, bully, terrorize, torment; push around, pester, plague, persecute, drag on.

ride down overtake, track down, run down, run to ground; catch up with, pursue and capture.

ride for a fall live dangerously, take risks, ask for trouble, court disaster; be improvident, be imprudent, not look ahead, gamble foolishly, trust to blind luck, sell short.

ride out endure, bear up, weather, suffer; take it, brave it out, Inf. tough it out, Inf. stick it out, Sl. sweat it out; Inf. take it on the chin, Inf. take it and come back for more; Inf. hang in there, Inf. stand the gaff; tolerate, brook, withstand; hold, hold on, stand or hold one's ground.

—n. 7. excursion, journey, drive, spin, outing, air; trip; tour, circuit, peregrination, expedition, jaunt, side-trip, little trip; transportation, lift.

take for a ride Slang. a. murder, do in, do away with; execute, Inf. execute a contract on, Sl. bump off, Inf. erase, Sl. put cement boots on and take for a swim. b. deceive, trick, gull, cozen, dupe; mislead, misinform, misguide; take in, pull the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes; cheat, victimize, defraud; humbug, hoo-doo, trick, entrap.

rider, n. 1. equestrian, horseman, horsewoman, equestrienne, jockey; roughrider, bareback rider, breaker, trainer, exercise rider, exercise boy or girl; cossack, cavalryman, cowboy; whip, postilion, coachman, reinsman; cabdriver, Inf. cabby, hackman, Inf. hack; truckdriver, teamster; postrider, dispatch rider, esfetata; racecar driver, bicyclist, motorcyclist, snowmobiler, surfer; pilot, copilot, flight engineer; passenger, traveler, commuter. 2. addition, attachment, appendage; codicil, additional clause; appendix, supplement, suffix, adjunct, affix, addendum; sequel, postscript; small print, catch, Sl. hooker.


ridicule, n. 1. derision, mockery, mimicry; satire, black humor, lampoon, sarcasm, irony, cynicism; burlesque, travesty, parody, farce, take-off, caricature, skit, squib; raillery, banter, chaff, badinage, periswig, sport, joke; ribbing, teasing, making fun of, guying, making game of, poking fun at, making a monkey out of; quizzing, joshing, deviling, kidding, razzing; criticizing, roasting; contempt, disdain, scorn, insult, sneer. 2. taunt, jeer, scoff, gib, glid, girt, fleer, twit, quip, jape, Australian. borak; buffoonery, foolery, practical joke, prank, antic, antics. —v. 3. deride, mock, bemoan, mimic; satirize, burlesque, parody, lampoon, travesty, caricature, cartoon, do a take-off on, squib; rib, tease, make merry, make fun of, make game of, make sport of, make a monkey out of, poke fun at; guy, laugh at, grin at, rag; josh, devil, kid, ra; taunt, jeer, scoff, gibe, flout, gird, fleer, twit, quip, jape, sneer; criticize, roast, pillory; scorn, insult, Sl. rank out, ride, show up; make a butt of, haze, make a laughingstock of; snicker, snigger, laugh in or up one's sleeve; harass, call names,
rife, adj. prevalent, widespread, extensive, ubiquitous, general, rampant; universal, catholic, worldwide, global, nationwide; generally held, common.

ridiculous, adj. 1. absurd, inane, pointless, fatuous; nonsensical, senseless, Inf. damfool, Inf. damfoolish, tomfoolish, foolish, Scot. and North Eng. glaikit, Sl. cockeyed; poppycockish, Sl. cockamamie, amphiboric; asinine, aserine, idiotic, Inf. moronic, imbecilic; stupid, unintelligent, mindless, fatuous, slow, brainless; empty-headed, blank, vacant, vacuous; childishly self-satisfied, green, inexperience, crazy, blinded, Sl. kooky, Scot. doiled; mad, wild, insane, demented; daft, Inf. daffy, crackbrained, Inf. nutty; All Slang. balmy, dippy, batty, cuckoo, buggly, screwy, wacky, goofy, loony.

2. comical, farcical, burlesque; satirical, ironical, sarcastic, cynical; derisible, risable, laughable, good for a laugh, ludicrous, Sl. for the birds; humorous, funny, too funny for words; droll, waggish, witty, rogues, jocular, jocose, facetious, sportive; diverting, entertaining, mirthful, amusing; sidesplitting, screaming, hilarious, uproarious.

3. unreasonable, irrational, illogical, without rhyme or reason, meaningless; preposterous, extravagant, out of the question, monstrous, outlandish, bombastic, high-flown; eccentric, odd, Archaic. antic, out-of-the-way, strange, peculiar, quaint; queer, quizzical, grotesque, bizarre; imaginary, fantastic, fabulous, illusory, ilusive, chimerical; incredible, inconceivable, unimaginable, unbelievable, hard to believe, beyond belief, implausible, untenable, unheard-of; doubtful, doublet, dubitable, questionable.

4. untrue, fallacious, impossible, sophistical, incorrect, erroneous; self-contradictory, paradoxical, inconsistent, incongruous.

5. inappropriate, unbecoming, improper, impractical, Fr. outré; unwise, ill-considered, ill-suited, ill-advised; egregious, glaring, flagrant, gross, arrant; egregious, glaring, flagrant, gross, arrant.

rig, v. 1. furnish, supply, provide, purvey, gird, Archaic. digit, Obs. appoint; outfit, fit out, fix up, fit, turn out, gear, gear up; rig up, rig out, set out, put together.

2. clothe, attire, accouter, array, deck, bedeck, caparison, trap, adorn, ornament; dress, dress out, robe, gown, drape, bedizen, get up, trick out, Inf. duke out, Inf. doll up.

3. manipulate, juggle, falsify, fake, trump, pack, finagle, duke out, habit, dress; raiment, gear, SI. luggage; provisions, supplies.

4. carriage, equipage, coach and four, coach and four; four-wheeler, barouche, brougham, landau, phaeton, victoria; two-wheeler, chaise, Chiefly Dial. shay or one hoss shay, sulky, buckboard, horse and wagon, team and wagon; All Informal. truck, tractor-trailer, 16-wheeler.

5. outfit, gear, equipment, furnishings, accouterments, appurtenances, appointments; apparatus, fixtures, fittings, paraphernalia, Inf. things, Inf. stuff, Inf. junk; supplies, materiel, materials, wherewithal; harness, trappings, tack, tackle, rigging; belongings, effects; kit, duffel; bags, baggage, bag and baggage, luggage; provisions, supplies.

6. Informal. costume, livery, uniform, regalia; garb, habit, dress; raiment, Inf. gear, Inf. togs, Sl. rags, Sl. threads, ensemble, outfit, Inf. getup.

right, adj. 1. good, just, fair, impartial, equitable, reasonable; righteous, upright, virtuous, moral, ethical; honorable, noble, high-minded, scrupulous, principled, right-minded; honest, Inf. square, Inf. fair and square, straightforward, aboveboard, open.

2. correct, Inf. on the mark, on target, Inf. right on, Sl. spot on; on the button, on the dot, Inf. on the nose, Sl. on the beam; unerring, certain, sure, positive, fixed; absolute, unfailing, infallible, inerrable.

3. accurate, exact, precise, close, faithful, strict; flawless, faultless, perfect, defectless, errorless, inerrant; factual, actual, literal, true to life; authentic, real, sound, true, valid, true, truthful, veracious.

4. sounds, normal, rational, sober, sane; lucid, clear, logical, sensible, reasonable; competent, responsible, accountable.
righteous, adj. 1. blameless, pure at heart, incorrupt, good, guiltless; virtuous, holy, saintly, unerring, talentless; upright, noble, sterling, faultless; goodly, moral, scrupulous, clean-living; saintly, innocent, angelic, sinless, stainless, unsullied, unsullied; pious, godly, God-fearing, reverent; solemn, devout, religious, believing, heavenly-minded, spiritual; self-righteous, pietistic, smug, sanctimonious, Inf. godly-goody.

2. justifiable, equitable, fair, right; rightful, legitimate, reasonable, proper; defensible, supportable, well-founded, well-grounded, suitable.

3. just, honest, trustworthy, reputable, irreproachable, above suspicion; worthy, honorable, exemplary, meritorious, laudable, deserving, commendable, praiseworthy; consecrated, sacred, sanctified.

righteousness, n. 1. blamelessness, goodness, virtuousness, holiness, saintliness, nobleness, honor, reputation, faithfulness; purity, innocence, virtue, honesty, integrity, probity, rectitude, morality, uprightness, incorruptibility, decency; scrupulousness, impeccability, stainlessness; reverence, veneration, devotion, consecration, dedication; piety, sanctity, godliness, devoutness, religiousness; religion, sanctimony, sanctimoniousness.

2. justice, fairness, equity, rightfulness, equitability, justness, legitimacy, legitimacy, reasonableness.

rightful, adj. 1. legitimate, legal, licit, lawful; within the law, by law, de jure, legally correct; decreed, ordained, prescribed, mandated; proper, right, correct.

2. valid, genuine, unspurious, real, Inf. for real, Inf. honest-to-goodness or honest-to-gosh; true, authentic, authenticated, Inf. true-blue, sincere, unfaked.

3. fair, just, equitable; ethical, proper, moral; good, true, scrupulous; honest, straight, Inf. square, Inf. fair and square. See also righteous (defs. 1, 2).

4. deserved, merited, earned; proper, due, well-deserved, of (punishment) condign, fitting, appropriate, apt, suitable, meet.

rigid, adj. 1. stiff, hard, inflexible, unflexible, nonflexible, unbendable, unbending, unyielding; inelastic, unpliant, nonpliant, unmalleable, nonmalleable; tight, tense, taut, Inf. stiff as a poker, Inf. stiff as a ramrod.

2. fixed, set, firm, immovable, unalterable, unchangeable, unvarying, hard and fast, ironclad; unyielding, unyielding, resolute, steadfast, resolved, determined, tenacious, dogged, persevering, unrelenting, unalterable, implacable, inexorable, never-say-die, die-hard; hard-core, invertebrate, absolute, unqualified, unmitigated.

3. strict, severe, stern, austere, Spartan, harsh, Inf. hard as nails, tough; uncompromising, inflexible, Inf. set in one's ways, narrow-minded, close-minded; ultra-conservative, strait-laced, Inf. straight, on the straight and narrow; unadaptable, unaccommodating, unconformable, nonconforming, noncompliant, uncompliant, noncooperative, uncooperative; stubborn, obstinate, pig-headed, mulish, obdurate, headstrong, willful.

4. demanding, exacting, rigorous, stringent, close, tight; scientific, mathematical, nice, accurate, exact, precise, literal, to the letter; well-defined, definite, clear-cut; cut and dried, structured, formal.

rigmarole, n. 1. nonsense, falderal, gibberish, babble, babbling, babblement, Fr. bavardage; twaddle, twaddling, Both Brit. twattle, twattling; blather, blathering, drivle, drivel, drooling; jargon, Sl. jive, Greek, Chiefly Southern U.S. Choc twat; hocus-pocus, mumbo jumbo, abracadabra, fiddle-de-dee; moonshine, gibbled gospel, foolish humbug, foam, froth, bunkum or buncombe, Sl. bunk, Sl. blah; flummery, Inf. hokum, Sl. applesauce, Sl. eyewash; rub-
rigorous, adj. 1. rigorousness, rigorism, strictness, stringency, closeness, tightness; rigidity, rigidity, inflexibility, inflexibleness, unbendingness, stiffness, formality, formality; severity, severity, harshness, toughness, roughness, asperity, hardness, sternness, grimness, gruniness; unyieldingness, relentless, unrelentingness, implacability, implacability, inexorability, inexorableness; domination, iron hand or rod, oppression, repression, despotism, tyranny, absolutism, autocracy, dictatorship. 2. austerity, hardship, privation, lack, need; suffering, affliction, trouble, burden. 3. accuracy, accurateness, exactitude, precision, preciseness, niceness, meticulousness, punctiliousness, scrupulousness, painstakingness, care, carefulness, conscientiousness. 4. (all of weather or climate) inclemency, inclementness, severity, severity, harshness; storminess, cold, coldness, bitterness, wintriness.

rigor. n. 1. rigorosity, rigorism, strictness, stringency, closeness, tightness; rigidity, rigidity, inflexibility, inflexibleness, unbendingness, stiffness, formality, formality; severity, severity, harshness, toughness, roughness, asperity, hardness, sternness, grimness, gruniness; unyieldingness, relentless, unrelentingness, implacability, implacability, inexorability, inexorableness; domination, iron hand or rod, oppression, repression, despotism, tyranny, absolutism, autocracy, dictatorship. 2. elaborate procedure, involved ceremony, pomposity, affectation; red tape, excessive formality, protocol, bureaucracy, complicated routine; bother, pain, annoyance, Inf. hassle.

ring. v. 1. irritate, annoy, irk, vex, chaff, peep, nettke, chafe, get on [s.o.'s] nerves, tread on [s.o.'s] toes, Inf. aggravate, Inf. miff, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain, Inf. rub [s.o.] the wrong way, Inf. get under [s.o.'s] skin, Inf. get in [s.o.'s] hair; exasperate, ruffle, disturb, disincontente, put out, try [s.o.'s] patience, Inf. put [s.o.'s] nose out of joint, get, Sl. get [s.o.'s] goat. 2. anger, incense, raise [s.o.'s] ire, get [s.o.'s] back up, Inf. get [s.o.'s] Irish or dander up, Inf. burn [s.o.'s] up, Sl. tick [s.o.] off, Sl. tee [s.o.] off. 3. (all of water, etc.) muddy, clouded, beclouded; agitate, disturb, shake up, stir up, churn up, roil. rill. n. stream, brook, creek, Dial. crick, Dial. kill, runnel, branch. See rivulet.

rim. n. 1. border, perimeter, periphery, edge, skirt, fringe, hem; lip, verge, brink, brim, brow, curb, ledge, sill, threshold; circumference, circuit, compact, ambit, margin, frame, outline; confine or confines, bound or bounds, limit or limits, bourn, pale, extremity, termination, end; city limits, outer limits, outskirts, purlieu, suburbs, Fr. banlieue. 2. edge, skirt, verge, line, hem, frame, bound, margin, margin.

rind. n. peel, skin, integument, tegument, tegmen, Biol. investment, outer layer, Bot. pericarp, Bot. epidermis, bark, Bot. cortex; hull, husk, shell, pod, sheath, casing, case, pellicle, membrane, involucr, coating, coat, film; cover, covering, Anat., Zool. capsule, crust, incrustation, scale.

ring'. 1. band, wedding band, engagement ring, diamond ring, symbol of love; earring, bracelet, armlet, anklet; loop, eye, eyete, grommet, becket, ferrule, washer.

2. circle, circlet, round, roundlet, roundel, disk, annulus, annulation, hoop, hoopse, Archaic; orb; belt, girdle, girth, sash, waistband, cummerbund, cestus, baldric, Archaic; zone, Poetic; cincture; wristband, cuff, Eccles. maniple, handcuff, manacle; collar, collarlband, torque, torc, necklace, neckband, headband, ribbon, frontlet, fillet, hatband, sweatband; crown, wreath, garland, coronet, diadem, halo, corona, aureole, nimbus; circuit, stripe, strip, streak, striation, line, bar, Archit. annulet, Archit. bandeau, Archit. square and rabbet; coil, spiral, whorl, volution.

3. gang, mob, syndicate; bloc, cartel, combination, Inf. combine, monopoly, Commerce; trust, camorra, camarilla, junta, cabal, confederacy, secret society; sect, faction, order, side, party, (in China) tong; coterie, clique, clan, knot, set, Inf. crowd, in crowd, Inf. bunch; club, society, lodge, guild, fraternity, brotherhood, sorority, sisterhood, sodality, community, school; company, troop, troupe, team, crew, pack; group, league, alliance, union, coalition, confederation, federation, association, affiliation, organization, Bund, Ger. Verein.

4. arena, rink, circus, pit, cockpit, lists, Gk. Antiquity, palestra; field, track, gridiron, course, turf; gymnasium, auditorium, stage, platform; amphitheater, bowl, coliseum, hippodrome, stadium, bear garden.

5. encircle, circle, loop, belt, girdle, gird, compass, Arch. orb; circuit, circumscribe, circumscribe, circumrotate, circumvolute, turn around.

ring'. v. 1. toll, peal, chime, ding, dong; jingle, tinkle, clink; clang, clang, jangle, twang; resound, reverberate, echo, reecho, resonate, vibrate, trill.

2. knoll, knell, herald, signal, signalize, announce, usher in or out, celebrate, commemorate, honor, hound; ring out, cry out, yell, shout from the rooftops, proclaim, announce, broadcast, advertise, make known; blare, trumpet, bruist, fill the air.

3. peel, knoll, knob, chime, ding, dong, ding-dong, ringing; tintinnabulation, tinkle, jingle, clink; clang, clangor, jangle, twang; sounding, sound, reverberation, resonance, echoing, vibration.

ringed. adj. 1. striped, striated, streaked, annulus
late, annulled, Archit. banded.

2. circled, hooped, belted, girded, cinctured, com- pressed; encircled, encompassed, engirt, begirt, circum- scribed, embraced, Archit. orb'd; surrounded, en- closed, hemmed in, hedged in, confined.

3. ringlike, ring-shaped, disklike, discoid, hoop, hooplike, annular, Archit. orbike; circular, round.

rinse, v. 1. wash, bathe, lave, clean, cleanse, rinse out; shampoo, (of clothes) launder, lather, soap, mun- dify, deterge; absterge, wipe, swab, mop, scrub.

2. wet, sponge, flush, flush out, irrigate, shower, splash, swash, splay, dip, immerse, submerge, dunk; soak, steep, drench, imbue, saturate.

3. washing, bathing, lavation, lavage, laving, mazer-

4. wet, sponge, flush, flush out, irrigate, shower, splashing, swashing, sloshing; dip, dipping, immersion, im- mersing, submersion, submerging, dunk, dunking; soak, soaking, steep, steeping, drench, drenching, imbue, imbuing, saturation, saturating.

5. wash, bath, rinsing, drench, steep, soak, water, splash, swash, slosh; dip, immerse, submerge, dunk; soak, swab, swabbing, mopping, scrub, scrubbing.

6. brilliant display, flourish, flash, soaping, mundify-

7. brawl, broil, imbroglio, melee, fray, af- riot, rowdy, brawler, tough, hooligan, affrayer, street fighter, street-fighting man; anarchist, malcon-
tent, U.S. weatherman, Fr. frondeur; agitator, agit- prop, troublemaker, instigator, inciter, provoker; demagogue, rabble-rouser; firebrand, incendiary; rebel, revoler, revolutionary, insurrectionist, insurgent, sans-culotte.

riotous, adj. 1. obstreperous, unruly, disorderly, out of order, out of hand, out of control, uncontro- lable, ungovernable, unmanageable; wild, rowdy, brawly; turbulent, tumultuous; chaotic, anarchic, law- less, pandemoniac.

2. rebellious, insurgent, insurrectionary, revolution- ary, rebel, seditious, factious, mutinous, insubor-
dinate.

3. dissolve, dissipated, debauched, wanton, liber- tine, licentious, abandoned, rampant; fast, loose, fast- living, free-living; orgiastic, corybantic, saturnalian.


5. Informal. hilarious, too funny for words, screaming, Inf. rich, Inf. priceless, Inf. sidesplitting.

rip, v. 1. tear, rend, tear apart, put asunder, shred; cut, slit, slash, lacerate; rupture, separate, sever, dis- sewer, cleave; split, rive, divide, halve, cut in two; quarter; hack, gash, gore, score.

2. tear off, pull off, detach, remove, unfix, disjoin; yank off, pick, withdraw, extract; peel, strip, bark, skin.

3. Informal. speed, scuttle, Inf. hustle, flee, skip, tear; rush, hurry, gallop, Inf. go hellbent for leather, Inf. zip; fly, Inf. zoom, Inf. go like lightning, Inf. go like the dickens; clip, bound, cut along, scurry.

4. rip into Informal. attack, assail, besiege, oppugn; harry, harass, bombard; malign, impugn, vituperate, vilify, vilipend, calumniate, slander, abuse.

5. rip off Slang. a. steal, pilfer, shoplift, thieve, pur- loin, rob; pocket, snatch, loot, Sl. swipe, Sl. hock, Sl. pinch. b. swindle, cheat, humbug, victimize, trick, mislead, deceive; juggle, ensnare, fleece, dupe, cozen; sell, gyp, palm off, hoodwink, bamboozle.

—n. 6. rend, tear, crack; cut, laceration, slit, slash, score; split, fissure, rift, cleavage; severance, breach, rupture, fracture; cleft, break, fault.

ripe, adj. 1. grown, mature, aged, seasoned, well- aged, full-aged, tempered; mellow, ripened, in full bloom, in full flower, out, blooming; full-blown, gold- en, full, Anglo-Indian. pukka, ruddy, soft, fully developed.

2. experienced, seasoned, veteran; responsible, sen- sible, dependable, reliable; prudent, judicious, sage, wise, sagacious, provident; worldly-wise, worldly, knowing, sophisticated, not born yesterday.

3. advanced, matured, developed; perfect, full, full- fledged, full-scale, full-grown; finished, polished, re- fined, consummate.

4. prepared, ready, set, primed, all ready, all set, on the mark; fit, good and ready, groomed, coached, Inf. prepped; planned, prearranged, well-prepared, pro- vided.

5. auspicious, favorable, propitious, promising; en- couraging, timely, opportune, seasonable; golden, bright, felicitous.

ripen, v. 1. age, season, develop, Dial. ripe; ma- ture, maturation, bear fruit, come to fruition; mellow, soften, reach maturity; bloom, blossom, flower, Archi- clas. blow, flourish.

2. become, change into, turn into, fall into, slide into, glide into; evolve, transform, develop, grow into, get to be.

riposte, n. 1. retort, rejoinder, return, retartee, sally, comeback, snappy comeback, barb, zinger, Inf.
ripple  v. 1. wave, undulate, curl, ruffle; trill, lap, splash, splash, swamp; gurgle, guggle, babble, murmur. 2. ripple, curl, rumple, crumple, dimple, crinkle; crisp, crease; fold, wrinkle, cockle, twill, crease. —n. 3. wave, undulation, wavelet, ruffling, ripple, ripples; ruffle, rimples; swish, splash, trill, purr, trickle. Naut. cat's-paw; babble, burble, gurgle, lap.

rise  v. 1. get up, arise, levitate, ascend; rise. 2. ruffle, curl, rumple, crumple, dimple, crinkle; crisp, crease; fold, wrinkle, cockle, twill, crease. —v. 3. turn out, hit the deck; SI. turn over, give a whirl, attempt, tempt fate, stick one's neck out; SI. give a whirl, Inf. stick one's chin or neck out, lay or put [s.t.] on the line, put one's head in the lion's mouth; throw caution to the winds, or risk, refuse, kick over the traces. 4. retaliate, reciprocate, reply in kind, return the compliment, give tit for tat, give for like for like, give measure for measure, give a quid pro quo; pay [s.o.] in his own coin, Inf. give [s.o.] a dose or taste of his own medicine.

risk  n. 1. hazard, peril, danger, jeopardy; endangerment, imperilment, liability, vulnerability, susceptibility, exposure, precariousness, insecurity, unpredictability, uncertainty; chance, big chance, long shot; speculation, plunge, gamble, leap in the dark.

—v. 2. endanger, expose to danger, hazard, peril, imperil, jeopardize, jeopardize, put in jeopardy; menace, threaten; take one's life in one's hands, play with fire, skate on thin ice, walk a tightrope, go up without a parachute.
risk, adj. perilous, dangerous, fraught with danger, chancy, Sl. dicey, touch-and-go, jeopardous, Archaic: parlous; venturous, venturesome, adventurous, adventurous, daring, bold, foolhardy, daredevil; treacherous, deceptive, unreliable, untrustworthy; menacing, threatening, minatory, minacious; dubious, uncertain, unpredictable, unsure. Inf. hefty, questionable, up in the air; scary, Sl. airy, frightening, disquieting, Inf. spooky; precarious, unsound, unsafe, shaky; ticklish, delicate, touchy, thorny, difficult, critical; ominous, insidious, unfavorable.

risqué, adj. off-color, indecent, improper, impropri- ous, indecorous; offensive, unseemly, tasteless, in poor taste, indecent; broad, coarse, earthy, Rabelais- sian, crude, rough, unrefined; not fit for mixed company, not fit for delicate ears, not fit to print, unprintable, censorable; racy, salty, spicy, suggestive; smutty, Sl. raunchy, Inf. blue; obscene, scabrous, Feschennine, salacious, pornographic, X-rated, scatological; gross, ribald, bawdy, lewd, erotic, sexy; shocking, shameful, naughty, wicked, terrible; nasty, nasty-minded, vulgar, dirty, filthy, foul, foulmouthed, disgusting.

rite, n. ritual, observance, ceremony, ceremonial, solemnity, solemnization, celebration; public worship, liturgy; exercise, exercises, service, office, performance, duty; custom, practice, habit, form, formality, convention, usage, wont, consuetude; tradition, institution, ordinance, way, prevalence, time-honored practice.

rivet, n. 1. ostentation, ostentatious or pretentious display, Inf. swank, splash, flourish, flashiness, frills; spectacle, show, parade, pageantry, pomp; pomposity, pompousness, inflation, cockiness, overweening, vaunting, flaunting, affectation; semblance, pretension, pretense; gilding, window dressing, Inf. front, veneer.

2. put on the ritz Slang. assume airs, Sl. put on the dog, put on airs; pose, posture, peacock; do for effect, make a show of.

3. Slang. snub, treat with condescension or indifference, turn up one's nose at, not trouble oneself about, Inf. cold-shoulder, Inf. high-hat; disregard, overlook, slight.

ritzy, adj. Slang. elegant, high-class, Sl. classy, high- toned, Sl. tony; posh, luxurious, deluxe, luxury, sumptuous, custom, special; fancy, Inf. swank, Inf. swanky, Sl. swell, Sl. snazzy, Sl. sharp, Sl. sharp as a tack; suave, urbane, sophisticated, chicchi, chic, stylish, cosmopolitan; dressy, flashy, elaborate, flowery, showy; ostentatious, decorative, pretentious, overdone, embellished.

rivulet, n. brook, stream, brooklet, streamlet, creek, Dial. crick, Dial. kill, river, rill, rindle, run, runlet, Dial. rundle, Brit. Dial. beck, Brit. Dial. gill or ghyll, Scot. and North Eng. sike or syke, Scot. and North Eng. burn or bourn or bourne; channel, branch, waterway, watercourse.

road, n. 1. street, thoroughfare, main road, Inf. drag, Brit. Sl. toby, artery, highroad, roadway; avenue, boulevard, concourse, strip, pavement; lane, drive, terrace, circle, row; alley, by-path, byway, by-road, by-street, side road or street.

2. highway, turnpike, pike, toll road, state highway; freeway, Brit. clearway, expressway, parkway, causeway, throughway, U.S. Inf. interstate; speedway, autobahn, superhighway.

3. way, course, method, means; route, path, avenue, lane; channel, in, entree, access, approach; admission, admittance, entrance, entryway, inlet, ingress.

4. burn up the road Slang. speed, race, fly, drive fast; go like a shot, go hellbent, Sl. burn rubber, go like lightning or greased lightning, outstrip the wind.

5. on the road driving, cruising, traveling, journeying, on a trip or voyage; on tour, on the circuit, on a road trip.

roam, v. 1. wander, stray, range, rove, wend, drift, forage, browse; loiter, daily, dawdle, Inf. window-shop, Inf. loaf along, Inf. lallegy; stagger, prowl, stalk, cruise, shuffle along, pad along, toddle, toddler on; jaunt, trapse, bowl along, gad, gad about, flit, go aimlessly, gallivant; meander, circumambulate, stroll, saunter, perambulate.

2. wander or pass over, explore, scout, trek, walk or range over, tramp, travel, journey, traverse, cross, pass through; nomadize, peregrinate, tramp through, Inf. knock about, go from pillar to post; ramble, jog along, course, trudge, plod on, wend one's way, make one's way.

roar, v. 1. cry, howl, yowl, scream, shriek, wail;
shout, *Inf.* holler, squall, yell, bellow; growl, snarl; vroom.

2. laugh loudly, guffaw, howl with laughter, laugh hysterically.

3. growl, rumble, roll, thunder, clap; blare, sound, resound, boom, bang, crash; blast, explode, fulfill, detonate, blow up.

4. deep cry, howl, yowl, scream, shriek, wail; shout, *Inf.* holler, yell, bellow; growl, snarl; vroom.

5. rumble, roll, thunder, thunderclap, crash, blare, bang, boom; blast, explosion, fulmination, detonation, blow up.


roaring. *n.* 1. howling, yawling, shouting, *Inf.* hollering, yelling, howling; growling, snarling; rumbling, rolling, thundering; blaring, blasting, sounding, resounding, banging, booming.

—adj. 2. brisk, good, successful, profitable, prosperous, heaving, breathing with exertion and exerting it (usu. of animals).

3. noisy, rackety, clamorous, clamoring, boisterous, pandemonium, pandemoniac, pandemoniacal.

—adv. 4. very, really, extremely, completely, absolutely.
per, dressing gown, peignoir, caftan, lounging robe, muumuu.
3. gown, evening gown, dinner gown or dress, long dress, cocktail gown or dress, dress, frock, fancy dress.
4. robes clothing, clothes, garments, Archaic, vesture, apparel, costume, garb, attire; Chiefly Literary, raiment, Chiefly Literary. vestments, habit, habiliments, Inf. gear, Inf. togs, Inf. duds, Sl. threads, Sl. rags; wardrobe, array, accouterment; liv- 
ery, uniform.
5. blanket, covering, Fr. couverture, wrap, lap robe, buffalo robe.

—v. 6. gown, drape, enrobe, invest, clothe; vest, garb, attire, apparel, costume, habit, outfit, fit out, rig up or out; dress or dress up, adorn, Archaic, dight, array, bedizen, bedeck, deck out, Sl. dude up, Sl. swank up.
7. (all of a robe) don, put on, change into, slip on or into.

robot. n. 1. automaton, mechanical being, mechanical man, machine, computer.
2. puppet, pawn, instrument, tool, cat’s-paw, straw puppet, pawn, instrument, tool, cat’s-paw, straw
all of a robe

—v. 2. puppet, pawn, instrument, tool, cat’s-paw, straw

robust. adj. 1. vigorous, full of vigor, hearty, hardy, hale and hearty, lusty, strong and healthy, bursting with health or vigor; energetic, full of energy, lively, full of life, active; sound, healthy, in good health, in good condition, Inf. in good shape, fit, physically fit, in fine fettle; stout, staunch, stanch, firm, sturdy, tough, iron, inured, hardened, Inf. tough as nails, Inf. hard as rock; powerful, potent, mighty, all-powerful, herculean, Literary. puissant.
2. stalwart, rugged, hefty, husky, burly, puissant, all-powerful, herculean, Literary, puissant.
3. difficult, arduous, strenuous, laborious; weari-


3. roll, shock, stagger, floor, paralyze, send into a tailspin, Inf. throw, overwhelm; astound, astonish, surprise, amaze; bewildering, confuse, daze, stupefy; disturb, perturb, upset, distress, trouble; shake, jar, con- 

vulse, rattle, topple.

rocky. adj. 1. rocky, stony, pebbly, craggy, boulder-


—v. 2. capsule, space capsule, space vehicle, spacecraft, spaceship, moonship, mooncraft, rocket ship, module, command module, satellite; missile, bullet, ballistic missile, surface-to-air missile, SAM, surface-to-surface missile, GSSM, guided missile, buzz bomb; skyrocket, 

firework.

—v. 3. launch, project, blast off, fire, shoot, shoot
rogue

1. knife, scapegrace, wastrel, ne'er-do-well, good-for-nothing, good-for-naught; villain, miscreant, reprobate, incorrigible; wretch, churl, cur, cad, dastard, blackguard, cur, scoundrel, scamp, rascal, rank scoundrel, blackguard; villainous, reprobate, recreant, base, rascally, rascality, roguishness, roister, or agitate, dis

1. roil, (all of water, wine, etc.)

1. roguish, knave, scapegrace, wastrel, ne'er-do-well. Inf. jest, jape, caper, trick, hoax, quiz, Brit. SI. shovel it, SI. windy; put oneself on the back, flatter oneself, glorify oneself, congratulate oneself; exaggerate, overstate, hyperbolize, color, Sl. pile it higher and deeper, Sl. shovel it, Sl. shoot the bull, Sl. lay it on thick; rant, cry up, blazon forth.

roguey

1. knavishness, rascality, roguishness, churlishness; villainy, miscreancy, reprobacy, incorrigibility, crookedness, crockiness, devilishness, dastardliness, quackery, Archaic. quacksalver, Archaic. empiric; impostor, impersonator, Sl. ringer; fraud, fake, Inf. faker, carnetbagger, crimp, Inf. bunko artist; cheat, deceiver, swindler, confidence man, Inf. con man; trickster, fourfouser, snake in the grass, wolf in sheep's clothing.

3. rascal, rascallion, scamp, devil, imp, wag, pock, troublemaker, mischief-maker, Irish Eng. spalpeen.

roguish

1. knavish, rascally, scoundrelly, Obs. blackguard; villainous, reprobat, recreant, base, vile; unscrupulous, unprincipled, treacherous, perfidious, untrustworthy, unreliable, undependable; dishonest, base, false, false-hearted, double-dealing, two-timeing; shifty, slippery, Inf. shady.

2. mischievousness, impishness, waggishness, puckishness, dastardliness, quackery, Archaic. quacksalvery, mountebankery, charlatanism; imposture, impersonation, fraudulences, feckery, deception.

2. mischief, petitfoggy, chicanery, shenanigans, hanky-panky, Sl. funny business, Sl. monkey business, Sl. monkeyshines; gag, prank, practical joke, joke, jest, jape, caper, trick, hoax, Inf. dido.

roll

v. 1. (of all of water, wine, etc.) agitate, disturb, shake up, stir up, churn up; muddy, cloud, befoul.

1. irritate, annoy, irk, vex, pique, peeve, nettle, chafe, get on [s.o.'s] nerves, tread on [s.o.'s] toes, Inf. aggravate, Inf. miff, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain, Inf. rub [s.o.] the wrong way, Inf. get under [s.o.'s] skin, rile, exacerbate, disguise, discontentment, put out, try [s.o.'s] patience, Inf. put [s.o.'s] nose out of joint, get, Sl. get [s.o.'s] goat.

3. provoke, badger, bait, hector, harass, plague, bewilder.

4. anger, incense, raise [s.o.'s] ire, get [s.o.'s] back up, Inf. get [s.o.'s] frish or dander up, Inf. burn [s.o.], Sl. tick [s.o.], off, Sl. tee [s.o.], off.

roister

v. 1. bluster, puff, harangue, Sl. blow or blow hard, Sl. talk big; strut, swagger, parade, flaunt, show off, Literary. plume oneself; throw one's weight around, lord it over [s.o.], be overbearing, give [s.o.] a hard time, bully, badger.

2. fight, brawl, riot, create a disturbance, make trouble, make a commotion, Inf. kick up a fuss, Inf. raise hell or the devil, Inf. raise Cain, Inf. raise a rumpus or ruckus.

3. carouse, revel, wassail, house, make merry, cut loose, let loose, Brit. maffick, Inf. live it up, Inf. party, Inf. whoop it up, Sl. make whoopee; go on a spree, make the rounds, Sl. tie one on, Sl. go on a drunk or bing or bender, Sl. paint the town red, Sl. barhop, Brit. Sl. pub-crawl.

role

1. part, character, characterization, portrayal, personification, impersonation; lines, Theat. sides.

2. capacity, position, place, status, situation; function, use, purpose, operation.

roll

v. 1. revolve, rotate, bowl, trundle, troll, tumble, somersault, somerset, turn, go around; (all of a vessel) pitch, lurch, hay, swing, saw, tock, rock, incline, sway, lean, spin, gyrate, whirl, pivot, pirouette, wheel, reel, swirl, twirl, twiddle.

2. cart, push, pull, move, convey, transport; drive, ride, float, sail, coast.

3. wave, undulate, ripple, bilow, surge; flow, run, stream.

4. thunder, rumble, roar, boom, bellow, fulminate, rend the heavens or skies; resound, resonate, reverberate, echo, reecho, bounce back, bounce off the walls, fill the air or room; peal, toll, ring, knoll, knell, chime, ding, dong, tinkle, jingle; whirl, hum, buzz; sing, trill, vibrate, rattle, quaver, quiver, shake, quake, tremble.

5. Usu. roll out unroll, flatten, flat, level off, even off, grade, symmetrize; smooth, smooth out, spread out, press, iron, mangle; mash, squash, crush, Sl. mash.

6. wrap, enwrap, wrap up, enfold, encompass, enwrinkle, encircle, envelop; sheathe, encape, case, package, enclose; cover, cloth, muffle, swathe, shroud, ensnroud.

7. wind, curl, spiral, twist, Inf. curl, ball, clew; convolve, interenvelope, curve, incurvate, roll around or up, unflatten; entwine, twine, wreath, twist or wrap around.

—n. 8. scroll, rota, tablet, document; coil, corkscrew, twist, spiral, swirl, whirl, vortex, gyration, culmination, volute, Bot. Zool. involution; curl, curlicue, ring, lock, kink, winding, helix, circle, rondure, Bot. tendril.

9. roster, register, muster, muster roll, beadroll, at-tendance; list, Sports. line-up, Law. panel, slate, ticket, ballot, docket; catalogue, inventory, directory, book of names, atlas, index, yellow pages.

10. spool, reel, bobbin, roller, cylinder; ball, loaf, convolve, interenvelope, curve, incurvate, roll around or up, unflatten; entwine, twine, wreath, twist or wrap around.

11. Cookery. bun, scone, biscuit, Brit. cookie; bread, pastry, cake, Inf. sweet.

12. undulation, wave, waviness, curve, curviness; hilliness, ripple, bilow.

13. rumble, thunder, thundering, thunderclap, roar, boom, bellowing, fulmination; reverberation, resonance, echoing, reechoing; drumroll, ratatat, pitapat, pitter-patter; vibration, tremor, rattle, quake, quiver, quaver, shake, trembling, Both Music. vibrato, tremolo; whirl, hum, buzz, singing.


rollick

v. frisk, gambol, romp; party, carouse, revel, make merry. See romp (defs. 1, 2).

rollicking

adj. jolly, jocose, jaunty, swaggering; frolicsome, sportive, jovial, jocund; playful, frisky, lively, sprightly; merry, blithe, happy, cheerful, spirited; gay, buoyant, free and easy, breezy, airy, spry, vivacious, animated, sparkling, rattle, hearty, wagish.
ness, evasion, half-truth; fib, white lie, misrepresentation, prevarication, falsehood, lie, untruth, falsity.
3. love affair, Inf. affair, romantic affair, liaison, dalliance, intrigue; romantic attachment, amour, Fr. affaire d'amour, Fr. affaire de coeur; infatuation, fascination, Inf. crush, Inf. case; courtship, wooing, pursuiment, seduction.
4. daydream, reverie, castle-building, quixotism; fancy, fantasy, whimsy, whim, caprice, figment, flight, flight of fancy; notion, vagary, conceit; quirk, crotchet, craziness, crazy notion or idea, Inf. screwball or whacky idea, peculiar notion.
5. invent, daydream, fantasize; build castles in the air, ride a magic carpet; imagine, envision, see things; speculate, let the mind roam or have free rein, give free rein to the imagination.
6. court, woo, address, pay address to, pay suit to; 3. love affair, Inf. suit.
7. curry favor with, flatter, fawn upon, toady to.
8. company with, go steady with, take out, date.
9. romanticist, idealist, dreamer, daydreamer, stargazer, knight errant, Don Quixote; visionary, impractical, unrealistic, starry-eyed, dreamy, head-in-the-clouds.
10. romantic, adj. 1. imaginative, original, inventive, creative, poetic; capricious, whimsical, flighty; irreal, fanciful, fantastic; illusory, visionary, figmental, fictive, notional, abstract; preposterous, far-fetched, Inf. far-out, Inf. way-out; cloud-built, air-drawn, unsubstantial, impractical; phantasmal, phantasmagorical, phantasmagoric.

romp, v. 1. frisk, gambol, rollick; frolic, caper, cavort, disport oneself gaily; spring, spring about, vault, hop, trip, trip about, trip gaily; bounce, skip, jump around.
2. carouse, revel, tear about, have a fling; celebrate, make merry, have fun.
3. celebration, good time, party, lark,Inf. gala party, Inf. field day; revelry, merrymaking, jollification; drinking bout, brandy, drunk, pottage, compot, drunken carouse or revel, bacchanal, bacchanalia, orgy, debauch, debauchery, saturnalia; cocktail party, happy hour, spree; All Sl. binge, bender, hellbender, bust, beer bust, toot, tear.

root, n. 1. ceiling, top, housetop, roofing, eaves; dome, cupola; canopy, awning, tall, tester, Archit. Archi dachin.
2. cover, covering, cope, shade, tarpaulin, Inf. tarp.
3. dwelling, house, home, abode; cabin, cottage, bower, log house, bungalow, hut, shanty, shack, hovel, lean-to; tent, wigwam, tepee, igloo, (in Turkey and Iran) kiosk.
4. hit the roof Slang. get angry, rage, storm, rave, Inf. see red, Sl. get hot under the collar, bridle, reach boiling point; explode, Inf. blow up, Sl. blow one's top or stack, flip one's lid, Sl. blow a fuse or gasket; Sl. thump a U.S. Inf. have a conniption, stamp one's foot; lose one's temper, Inf. fly off the handle, Sl. hit the ceiling, fly into a rage or passion.
5. raise the roof Slang. a. create a loud noise, be noisy, make a racket, Sl. raise hell, Sl. raise Cain or Ned, make an uproar. b. complain, gripe, grump, Sl. bitch, grumble, Sl. squawk or holler, Sl. bellyache, make a fuss.

root, v. swindle, defraud, mulct, shark, cheat, Inf. victim, defraud, defraud, defraud, defraud, cheat, Inf. victim, defraud, defraud, defra...
structure, lower part, bottom, downside.
3. fundamental, principle, radical, rudiment, basal portion; starting place or point, point of departure, takeoff, take-off point, conception, inception, commencement, start; premise, proposition, presupposition, hypothesis, thesis; reason, rationale, motive, cause, occasion, ground, causation, mainspring, causality, leaven; basic element or part, essential part, essential, egg, ovum, germ, nucleus, seed, embryo, bud; grass roots, stem, stock; source, origin, beginning, derivation, rise, fountainhead, font, Latin, fonts et origo; wellspring, spring, head.
4. roots heritage, country, land, nationality, fatherland, motherland, mother country, native land, native soil, homeland; birthplace, breeding place, cradle, nursery, womb, origin, place of birth, genesis, origination; antecedents, ancestors, predecessors, forefathers, forebears, family, ancestry, lineage, line, extraction, bloodstream, descent, strain, stock, race; genealogy, pedigree, family tree; house, ancestral home.

—v. 5. become fixed or established, send out roots, get a footing, strike, settle.
6. take root begin to grow, sprout, develop, germinate, flourish, thrive, mushroom, spread, spring up.
7. implant, plant, embed, fix, fasten, graft, insert, establish or sink deeply; place, set, put, situate, lay, station, deposit.
8. pull or tear or dig up, uproot, eradicate, tear out, tear up by the roots, dig out, weed out; extirpate, exterminate, remove, destroy, do away with, abolish.

rootpaper, n. 1. poke, pry, search or poke around, dig, delve, nose around, scrape, ransack, rummage, rake, rifle; look anywhere, look into every nook and cranny, search every corner, look high and low, Inf. beat the bushes.
2. unearth, discover, reveal, uncover, expose, bring to light; search or hunt out, pry or dig out, ferret or hound out, grub up, nose or smell or sniff out, run to ground or earth.

rootpaper, v. 1. cheer, give a cheer, applaud, hail, give a hand or a big hand, cry or shout or yell for, yell oneself hoarse; huzzah, hurrah, hurray, Australian, Brit. barrack.
2. support, lend moral support, cheer on, bolster, boost, encourage; urge on, Inf. egg on, goad or spur on, pat or clap on the back.

rooted, adj. 1. fixed, firm, set, fast, rigid; implanted, embedded, ingrafted, deep-rooted, deep-seated, firmly established, firmly planted, inbred, inborn, congenital, ingrafted; fundamental, radical, inherent; established, confirmed, absolute, definite.
2. immovable, stationary, glued, cemented, riveted, locked in place, frozen, immobilized, motionless, stock-still, statuelike.
3. durable, perennial, traditional, long-standing; permanent, chronic, continuous, inveterate; settled, stable, steady, habitual, accustomed, wonted.
rooter, n. partisan, Inf. fan, Inf. loyal fan, Inf. booster; supporter, follower, Inf. buff, devotee, votary, adherent, enthusiast, admirer, fancier, Sl. freak, Sl. nut, Sl. bug, Sl. groupie; promoter, Inf. plugger, Inf. tout, Inf. touter; applause, clapper, claqueur.

rope, n. 1. cord, line, cable, wire rope, twist; cordage, roping, rigging, sennit, tackle; hawser, halyard, guy, painter, bowline; leader, lead, rein, longe, clothesline.
2. lasso, lariat, riata, bola.
3. noose, hangman's rope, hemp, hempen collar, Inf. necktie; halter, cord, garrotes.
4. string, chain, thread, belt, band, strip.

—v. 5. at the end of one's rope desperate, without hope, in despair; wretched, miserable, disconsolate, careworn, worried; frantic, frenzied, not knowing which way to turn, sick at heart.
6. enough rope latitude, free rein, free hand, elbow-room, range, scope, room, tolerance, margin, swing, play, long rope or tether, Inf. leeway.
7. know the ropes Informal. be knowledgeable, be informed, be aware, be familiar, be comfortable, be at home; be in the know, have savvy, know the score, know how to get along or by, Sl. have the inside dope, Sl. know the poop.

—v. 8. tie, bend, fasten, secure, moor, attach, hitch, lash; tether, pcket, restrain, curb; tow, pull, pull in; lasso, longe, harness; check, rein in, hold back.
9. rope in Slang. take in, dupe, gull, victimize; set a snare for, lay a trap for, bait the hook, spread the toils; delude, entrap, hook, waylay; ensnare, inveigle, lure, tempt, intrigue, sniggle.

ropy, adj. 1. viscous, mucilaginous, glutinous, gelatinous, mucous, oozy, tacky, sticky, thick, gummy; stringy, thready, threadlike, fibrous, filamentous, filamentary, filar, filament, fibrillose.
2. tough, wiry, leathery, strapping.

roster, n. list, rota, roll, beadroll, register; cata list; tako, list, rota, roll, beadroll, register; cata log, directory, table, index, inventory, file, record; cadre, grand list; ticket, schedule, agenda, calendar; ticket, slate.

rostrum, n. platform, dais, stage; lectern, reading stand; pulpit, ambo, desk; stand, witness stand, witness box; hustings, Fig. stump.

rosy, adj. 1. rose-colored, roseate, pink, pinkish-red, salmon, coral; red, rose-red, reddish, cherry, cerise.
2. (of persons, the cheeks, lips etc.) ruby, apple-red; rubicund, ruddy, florid; blushing, erubescent, flushed, burning, glowing, blooming; sunburned, windburned, inflamed.
3. promising, full of promise, likely, auspicious, favorable, looking good; encouraging, reassuring, inspiring, cheering.
4. cheerful, sunny, bright, upbeat, beamish, enthusiastic; positive, optimistic, confident, sanguine, hopeful, full of hope.

rot, v. 1. decay, decompose, putrefy, fester, spoil, go bad; mold, molder, rust; suppurate, Pathol. gangrene, Pathol. mortify.
2. deteriorate, disintegrate, fall apart, come apart, go to pieces, crumble; degenerate, retrograde.
3. eat away, eat at, erode, wear away, break down, gnaw at the root of, undermine; impair, harm, injure.
4. corrupt, canker, abuse, degrade; debase, vitiate, pervert, warp, deprave, demoralize; defile, ruin, deflower; taint, stain, sully, blemish, poison.

—n. 5. decay, decomposition, putrefaction, putrescence, putrescency, spoilage; mold, moldiness, mildew, dry rot, blight; deterioration, dissolution, disintegration; suppuration, purulence, Pathol. gangrene, Pathol. mortification.
6. corruption, perversion, degradation, debasement, vitiation; decadence, the seeds, dissoluteness, degeneracy, degenerateness, demoralization; pollution, contamination.

—Informal. nonsense, tommyrot, twaddle, rubbish, Sl. applesauce, Sl. baloney, balderdash, hogwash; idiocy, absurdness, craziness.

rotary, adj. 1. rotating, rotational, revolving, turning, vertiginous; gyral, gyration, gyration, spinning; vortical, vorticose, vortiginous, whirling; circumrotatory, circumvolutory, circumgyratory.

—n. 2. traffic circle, Brit. roundabout.
rotate, v. 1. revolve, turn, spin, twirl, twiddle, Archaic. trundle; wheel, swivel, pivot; gyrate, reel, circle, circumsolve, circumrotate; (all of the hips) bump, grind, bump and grind.
2. (all in reference to a job, position, etc.) replace, switch, move around, exchange, interchangelate, alternate, change or exchange places, trade places, trade off, take turns, Inf. swap.

rote, n. 1. routine, fixed routine, mechanical procedure, ritual; habit, rut, groove.
2. by rote from memory, by heart; unthinkingly, without thinking; mechanically, automatically, by remote control.

rotten, adj. 1. putrid, decayed, decomposed, purulent; rancid, carious, maggoty, wormy, worm-eaten; fetid, feculent, rank, Archaic. reechy; spoiled, contaminated, tainted, unclean, foul, flyblown; diseased, saprogenic, gangrenous, bad, Pathol. sphaculate, Pathol. necrotic, Pathol. mortified; putrescent, decaying, decomposing, rotting; noxious, noisome, mephitic.
2. corrupt, immoral, unprincipled, unscrupulous, petty, miserable, wretched, sorry, pitiful, pitiable, Informal, miserable, wretched, sorry, pitiful, pitiable, pathetic, meager, petty, piddling, Inf. lousy, SL. crummy; unacceptable, unsatisfactory, inadequate, insufficient.

rough, adj. 1. irregular, uneven, coarse, not smooth, rugged, bumpy, jagged, craggy, scraggy; stony, rocky; stubbled, knotted, nodose, gnarled; wrinkly, rugulose, crinkly, corrugated, scaly; lumpy, nodulous.
3. violent, disorderly, riotous, berserk, amuck; noisy, boisterous, uproarious, rowdy, rowdishly; frantic, frenzied, rampant; fierce, ferocious, furious, raging, vehement, savage.
4. turbulent, tumultuous, tempestuous, stormy; in element, wintry, blustery; choppy, agitated.
5. rude, discourteous, impolite, uncivil, unceremonious, unmanly, bad-mannered, disrespectful, misbehaved; indelicate, uncourtly, unglamorous, indecorous; ungentlemanly, unladylike, brash, bold, hoydenish, Scot. randy; brazen, barefaced, insolent, impudent, insulting, impertinent, pert, saucy, fresh; sharp, keen, trenchant, acrimonious, caustic, stinging, biting, piercing, stringent, brutal, cruel; bluff, bearish, gross, inconsiderate, tactless, Tacit. and North Eng. mislearned, blustering; sulky, morose, sullen, ill-tempered, ill-humored; sarcastic, bitter, virulent, snarling, venomous; ghouchy, peevish, petulant, splenetic, thorny, cross; abrupt, blunt, brusque, curt, stern, austere; base, vile, obscene, indecent, ribald, foul mouthed, smutty, low, offensive, vulgar, crude.
6. difficult, unpleasant, hard; austere, severe, demanding; drastic, extreme, brutal.
7. of (sounds) discordant, inharmonious, disharmonious, cacophonous; harsh, grating, jarring, strident; raucous, gruff, hoarse, husky.
8. of (tastes) tart, astringent, sour, crabbed; acrid, sharp, biting, pungent, bitter, mordant; spicy, peppery.
9. uncouth, uncultured, unrefined, uncivilized, indecided; coarse, vulgar, curish, loutish, barbarous, brutish, wild, savage, gross; ignorant, illiterate, unlearned, untrained, untaught, untutored, uneducated, uncultivated; unskilled, unskillful, clumsy, gauche, crude; countrified, provincial, unshod, unsophisticated, homespun, homebred.
10. rough-hewn, crude, unworked, uncut, unfigured, unprepared, unprocessed; shapeless, formless, amorphous; incomplete, unfinished, imperfect; not elaborated, vague, sketchy, approximate, inexact; cursory, superficial; rudimentary, preliminary.
—v. 11. unpolished, difficulty, trial, tribulation, trouble, hardship.
12. rudiment, crude form, preliminary form, sketch, outline, foundation.
13. rudimentary, difficulty, trial, tribulation, trouble, hardship.
14. roughen, coarsen, harshen, sharpen, hone.
15. rough up beat, pummel, thrash, manhandle, do violence to.
16. rough out sketch, outline, delineate, block out, mark out, chalk out, demarcate.

roughhouse, n. rowdy conduct, rough behavior, horseplay, disorderly play, rowdiness, ruffianism, blackguardism, manhandling; brutality, ferocity, violence, brawling; brute force, barbarity, outrage.

roughneck, n. Informal. rowdy, ruffian; tough; hoodlum, SL. hood. See rowdy (defs. 1.2).

roughness, n. 1. coarseness, ruggedness, bumpiness, jaggedness, cragginess, cragginess; stoniness, rockiness; knottedness, nodosity, gnarledness; wrinkledness, nusosity, crinkledness, corruption; lumpiness; irregularity, unevenness.
2. hairiness, hirsuteness, Bot., Zool. hispidity, pilosity; hair, thatch, shock, mat, tangle, shag; whiskers, beard, Vandyke, imperial, goatée, sideburns, mutton-
chops, mustache; bristle, Bot. awn, Bot., Zool. setula, vibrissae, Bot. aristae; crest, tuft; fur, coat, mane, wool.

3. ungentleness, disorderliness, riotousness, noisiness, boisterousness, uproariousness, rowdiness, violence; frantickness, frenzy; fierceness, ferocity, fero-ciousness, fury, rage, vehemence, savageness.

4. turbulence, tumultuousness, tempestuousness, storminess, inclenency, choppiness, agitation.

5. rudeness, discourtesy, impoliteness, incivility, unmannersliness; inconsideration, tactlessness, dis-respectfulness, misbehavior; ungraciousness, indecorum, uncourtesy, ungentlemanliness, hodydenism; brashness, boldness, brazenness, insolence, impudence; impertinence, pertness, tartness, sauciness, freshness; gruffness, bluffness, bearishness; grouchiness, crabbiness, surliness, sulkiness, moroseness, peevishness, petulance, sourness, acidery; abruptness, bluntness, brusqueness, curtness, shortness; harshness, austerity, sternness; raffishness, ribaldry, smuttiness, obscenity.

6. (of sounds) discordance, inharmoniousness, dissonance, cacophony; harshness, gratingness, jarringness, stridency, raucousness, gruffness, hoarseness, huskiness.

7. (of tastes) unsavoriness, tartness, astringency, pungency, bitterness, mordancy.

8. straightforward, straight-shooting, direct, up front; candid, frank, outspoken, blunt; plain, down to earth, simple; ingenuous, artless, guileless, naive, open, honest; aboveboard, square, fair, upright, honorable.

—n.

9. circle, disk, circlet, roundlet, roundel, wheel; ring, hoop, band, annulus, annulation; sphere, globe, ball, orb, bulb, spherule, globule, bead, drop, Geom. sphericoid; hemisphere, semicircle, half-circle, half-moon, crescent; curve, arch, vault, bow, Both Geom. parabola, conic section.

10. cylinder, tube, spool, bobbin, reel, roller; dowel, pole, rung.

11. Sometimes rounds sequence, chain, catena; succession, progression, procession, train, string; set, collection, bunch; period, session, sitting, bout, spell, turn.

12. Often rounds circuit, ambit, compass, lap, perambulation; beat, route, routine, course, path, run, track, itinerary; watch, jurisdiction, area, region; trip, journey, travels, voyage, tour.

13. revolution, roll, rotation, circumrotation, orbit, trajectory; circumference, perimeter, outline; spin, circumcymurgy, whirl, twirl, pirouette, pivot, turn.

—adv. through, throughout, from beginning to end, from start to finish, from first to last, from A to Z, from head to toe, from tip to toe; on all sides, all over, everywhere, everywhere one looks, in all parts or every part.

14. around, in a circle or ring, circularly, in a circuit; circumferentially, perimetrically, on the outside.

—prep. 16. throughout, through all over, in all parts of, here and there in; during, over the course of.

17. around, near, nigh, in the vicinity or neighborhood or area of, close to, not far from; about, approximately, roughly, somewhere in the vicinity or neighborhood or area of.

—v. 18. curve, incurve, incurvate, camber; bend, arch, bow, Archit. embow; take the edge off of, smooth, rub down, polish, buff.

19. Often round off or out complement, supplement, ingle, fill in or out, enrich, enhance, embellish, adorn; bring to completion, complete, finish, conclude, finalize, terminate, close, end; bring to perfection, perfect, refine; consummate, crown, culminate, cap, top off.

20. encircle, encompass, hoop, girdle, engird, belt, ring, span; circumscribe, outline, delineate, demarcate, mark off, define, delimit, stake out; surround, embrace, enclose, environ, rope off, hem or hedge or fence in, confine; circumvent, entrap, ensnare.

21. circle, compass, revolve or rotate around, circumrotate, orbit, circumnavigate, circumambulate, circuit; circulate, make the circuit, make a complete trip.

roundabout. adj. winding, turning, twisting, crooked, zigzag, helical, labyrinthine, mazelike; sinuous, serpentine, tortuous, anfractuous; circuitous, indirect, ambagious, circular; circumlocutory, circumlocutional, circumlocutionary, periphrastic, rambling, wandering, meandering, desultory, digressive, excursive, side-tracked, stray; discursive, loose, long-winded, long, drawn-out, never-ending.

rouse, v. 1. arouse, call, summon; actuate, initiate, put in motion; stimulate, animate, reanimate, whet, invigorate, motivate, inspire, inspire, galvanize, electrify; vivify, rally, revive, enliven, liven up, awaken, shake up, jolt, jog; impel, induce, compel, move, press, drive, stir, fillip; alarm, startle, disturb, impress.

2. incite, provoke, prod, prick, goad, prompt, spur; encourage, urge, abet, egg on, put up to; instigate, stir up, work up, wind up, whip up, hype up, Inf. turn on; foment, agitate, suscitate, excite, impulsion; fire up, inflame, enflame, enkindle, kindle, touch off, ignite the spark, build a fire under, stir the embers, fan the fire.
roustabout, dock-worker, wharf laborer, rousing,
1. lively, animated, spirited, active, n.
Brit.
route,
1. conquest, vanquishment, defeat, sub-
n.
search, rummage, ransack, hunt, rifle
v.
2.
routine,
pattern, system, method, way, regu-
lar course of procedure, daily routine; rote, treadmill,
adj.
3. habitual, customary, accustomed, wonted,
adj.
Inf.
roughneck, Chiefly Brit,
rucker,
—v.
4. defeat, conquer, vanquish, subdue, subju-
gate; discomfit, overthrow, Sl. mop or wipe the floor with,
overrun, trample, Inf. run into the ground;
crush, overthrow, smash, thrash, trounce, trim, whip,
drub, floor; worst, hash, Sl. skin, U.S. Sl. skunk, Inf.
luck, Sl. cream, Sl. shellac, Sl. pulverize; break, quash,
destroy, Sl. zap, clobber, polish off, Sl. do in; beat, get
the better of, best, upset, Inf. whomp; dis-
perse, break up, scatter.
rover,
N. 1. wanderer, roamer, landlubber, ad-
t venturer, meanderer, straggler, stray, gadabout; no-
mad, Bedouin, nomadic Arab, Kuchi, gypsy, Romany,
Bohemian; mover, ambulator, traveler, walker, pere-
grinator, journeyer, pilgrim, wayfarer, sojourner;
voyager, globetrotter, international or world traveler,
tourist, visitor, sightseer; migrator, trekker, bird of
passage, Sl. rolling stone, migrant or migrant worker,
itinerant, peripatetic; Usu. Disparaging. Oktie, dancer,
Inf. floater, transient, fly-by-night; vagabond, tramp,
agrant, hob, Inf. bum: runaway, fugitive, Archaic.
runagate.
row,
1. line, file, queue, column, rank, tier; series,
range, chain, string, succession, sequence, concaten-
ation, catena; suite, train, retinue, cortège, cavalcade,
procession, parade, Fr. défile.
row.
1. oar, pull, paddle, canoe, kayak.
row,
1. dispute, quarrel, discord, spar, wrangle,
bicker, Obs. brabble, contention, controversy, dis-
agreement, argument, Inf. words, Scot.
The North Eng. thesrep; Inf. dustup, U.S. Sl. rhabarb, squabble,
spat, tiff, Brit. Dial. frat, Inf. run-in, Inf. hassle,
barney, falling-out, Sl. fisticuffs; tussle, Inf. scrap,
set-to, scuffle, brawl, embroilment, imbroglio,
Scot. sturt, Scot. collessenghe; struggle, combat,
fight, fistfight, fisticuffs, altercation, conflict, strife,
clash, Law. chance-medley; fray, skirmish, battle,
brawl, free-for-all, melee, donnybrook.
2. Informal. noise, clamor, din, hubbub, babel,
racket; ballyhoo, outcry, bawl, hue and cry, vocifica-
tion; uproar, fracas, hullabaloo, clangor, brouhaha,
commotion, fuss, stir, disorder, rumpus, Inf. ruckus;
bedlam, tumult, turmoil, pandemonium, chaos, con-
fusion.
—v.
3. quarrel, squabble, altercate, spar, cross
words; argue, debate, dispute, bandy words, have
words, Inf. pick a crow; disagree, differ, take excep-
tion to, contend, contest, make something of it, fall
out, clash, be at odds, be at loggerheads; spat, tiff,
Brit. Archaic. brangle, wrangle, bicker, Obs. brabble;
fight, brawl, scuffle, tussle, struggle, Inf. scrap, battle,
go at each other's throats.
rowdy,
1. ruffian, tough, Inf. toughgie, thug,
mugger, hoodlum, Sl. hood, Sl. yap, Inf. plagulgy, Inf.
goon, hooligan, Chiefly Brit. rough, Inf. roughneck,
Inf. baddy, Sl. bad actor, Sl. gunsel, Sl. mug, Austral-
terrorist, desperado, gangster, mobster, racketeer,
mafioso.
2. brute, bully, brawler, barbarian; savage,
vandal, yaho, Sl. ugly customer; scoundrel, knave, wretch,
Archaic. caitiff; blackguard, villain, hellhound, fiend;
rascal, rascality, scamp.
—adj.
3. disorderly, untruly, rowdyish; unre-
strained, abandoned, lawless, libertarian, licentious;
rough, coarse, crude, loud, unrefined; barbarous,
brutish, savage, vicious, atrocious; roguish, rascally,
unscrupulous.
4. blackguardly, villainous, contemptible, despicable,
scurrv, mean, shameful; evil, sinister, unprincipled,
corrupt, depraved, reprobate, iniquitous, malicious,
nefarious, flagitious; disreputable, raffish, rakish, oppro-
 brious, discreditable; criminal, felonious, fiendish,
demonic, demoniacal, devilish.
rowdyism, n. 1. ruffianism, hooliganism, hoodlumism, blackguardism, vandalism; brutality, barbarity, barbarism, atrocity, savageness, savagery, viciousness; malevolence, villainy, wrongdoing.

2. boisterousness, crudeness, crudity, rudeness, coarseness, vulgarity, commonness; maliciousness, destructiveness, meanness; unruleliness, disorderliness, misbehavior, misconduct; lawlessness, abandon, unrestraint.

3. mischief, mischief-making, mischievousness; knavery, knivashness, rascality, roguary; roughhouse, horseplay.

—v. 3. quarrel, squabble, altercate, spar, cross words; argue, debate, dispute, bawdy words, Inf. pick a row; disagree, differ, take exception to, contend, contest, make something of it, fall out, clash, be at odds, be at loggerheads; spat, tiff, Brit. Archaic. brangle, wrangle, bicker, Obs. brabble; fight, brawl, scuffle, tussle, struggle, Inf. scrap, battle, go at each other's throats.


2. brute, bully, brawler; barbarian; savage, vandals, yahoo, Sl. ugly customer; scoundrel, knave, wretch, Archaic. caififf; blackguard, villain, hellhound, fiend; rascal, rapsca'llion, camp.

—adj. 3. disorderly, unruly, rowdyish; unrestrained, abandoned, lawless, libertarian, licentious; rough, coarse, crude, loud, unrefined; barbarous, brutish, savage, vicious, atrocious; roguish, rascally, mischievous.

royal, adj. 1. kingly, queenly, princely, regal, basilic, majestic, august; kingly, lordly, noble, aristocratic, highborn, patrician, courtly.

2. sovereign, imperial, monarchical, absolute, regnant, paramount, hegemonic, dynastic; authoritative, imperious, despotic, autocratic, dominant, peremptory.

3. imposing, commanding, stately, impressive, grand, magnificent, lofty, elevated, exalted, eminent, sublime.

4. Formal. fine, excellent, first-rate, first-class, prime, of the highest order, of the best sort; crack, choice, tip-top.

royalty, n. 1. kingship, queenship, majesty, divine right, sovereignty, primacy, supremacy, suzerainty, dominion, hegemony; authority, command, regency, lordship; autocracy, monocracy, imperialism, absolutism, rod of empire, iron sway, domination; Caesarism, czarism, kaiserism.

2. royal family, royal house, royal line; dynasty, monarchy, nobility, aristocracy.

3. kingsness, regality, imperialism, international; augustness, stateliness, grandeur, preeminence; loftiness, excellence, greatness, nobleness; magnificence, splendor, glamour; prestige, authoritative ness; dignity, honorableness, gallantry, courtliness.

4. share, fee, compensation, return, dividend; remuneration, reimbursement, recompense; percentage, commission, brokerage fee, Inf. rake-off, Inf. cut; reward, finder's fee.

rub, v. 1. massage, knead, embrocate; stroke, caress, fondle, pet, pat, palm; brush, graze; (all of horses) curry, currycomb, groom.

2. polish, buff, burnish, rub down, smooth; abrade, chafe, levigate, triturate; scour, scrub.

3. Often rub off or out erase, wipe off, blot out, dissolve, eradi cate; expunge, obliterate, wipe out; cancel, delete.

4. rub out Slang. destroy, do away with, extirpate, exterminate; kill, execute, slaughter, slay. See murder (defs. 4-6).

—n. 5. friction, rubbing against, rubbing down, massage, massaging, kneading, embrocation; stroke, stroking, caress, caressing, fondling, petting, patting, palming; (all of horses) currying, currycombing, grooming.

6. polishing, buffing, burnishing, smoothing; abrasion, abrading, chafing, grating, rasping; scour, scouring, scrubbing.

7. irritation, aggravation, annoyance, nuisance, chafe, bother, pest, vexation, torment, pain in the neck; hurt, wound, sting, pain; animadversion, criticism, castigation, reproof, reproach, rebuke, scolding; derision, sneer, sarcasm, insult, slight, cut, left-hand compliment, blow to one's pride; gibe, jeer, taunt; affliction, jinx, adversity, plague, scourge.

8. tribulation, trial, botheration; predicament, position, situation, circumstance, plight, fix, pinch, scrape, pickle, stew, mess; mishap, emergency, exigency.

9. obstacle, obstruction, barrier, bar; interference; delay, holdup, hitch; impediment, hindrance, setback, check; difficulty, trouble, problem.

10. abrasion, scrape, scratch, scuff, graze, sore; erosion, fray, Inf. frazzle.

rubbish, n. 1. trash, riffraff, Brit. Dial. raff, litter, sweepings, chaff; refuse, Dial. culch, garbage, waste, offal; debris, detritus, rubble, wreckage; remains, leaving, leftovers, scraps, arts, hogwash, swill; remainder, residue, residuum; scoria, dross, recreation, slag, scum; filth, dirt, dust, offscourings; dregs, fag ends, remnants, fragments, bits and pieces, odds and ends; junk, worthless stuff, Sl. dreck, trumpery; cast-offs, rags, tatters, castaways, rejects, discards.

2. nonsense, moonshine, gobbledygook, humbug, bunkum, Sl. bunk, Sl. blah; flummery, Inf. hokum, Sl. applesauce, Sl. eyewash; refuse, Dial. culch, Sl. ripe, chaff, trash, Inf. truck, truckery; balderdash, tommyrot, Inf. rot, Sl. garbage, Sl. crap, Sl. crock, Sl. bull; hogwash, swill, Sl. horsefeathers, stuff, stuff and nonsense, Inf. bosh, Brit. Inf. gammon, Brit. Sl. tosh; fudge, foolishness, folly, rigamarole, amphigory; footle, Inf. malarky, Sl. bushwa, Sl. baloney, Sl. bilge or bilge water, Sl. meshugaas, Scot. and North Eng. haver; poppycock, Inf. fiddle-faddle, Inf. piffle, Inf. hoosey, Inf. kibosh, Inf. flappodium; claptrap, rode montade, fustian, bombast, rant; idle talk, froth, Sl. hot air, Sl. gas.

rubblishy, adj. trashy, cheap, dirty. See trashy (def. 2).

ruddy, adj. red, reddish, rubicund, sanguine, rosy; rosy-cheeked, cherry-cheeked; roseate, flushed, blooming, healthy-complexioned; glowing, florid, sunburned, suntanned, burnt, red-faced, beet-red; rufous, rufescent, russet; amaranthine.

ruddy, adj. 1. discourteous, impolite, uncivil, unceremonious, unmanly, bad-mannered, disrespectful, misbehaved; indeclicate, uncourtly, ungodly, indecorous; ungentlemanly, unadulterate, brash, bold, hoydenish, Scot. randy; brazen, barefaced, insolent, impudent, insulting, impertinent, pert, saucy, fresh; sharp, keen, trenchant, acrimonious, caustic, stinging, biting, piercing, stringent, brutal, cruel; bluff, bearish, gruff, inconconsiderate, tactless, Scot. and North Eng. misleadersed; sulky, morose, sullen, ill-tempered, ill-humored; sarcastic, bitter, virulent, snarling, venomous; grouchily, peevishly, petulant, spleenetic, thorny, cross; abrupt, blunt, brusque, curt, stern, austere; disdainful,
rudeness, n. 1. discourteousness, impoliteness, incivility, unmanliness; inconconsideration, tactlessness, disrespect, disrespectfulness, misbehavior; ungraciousness, indecorum, uncourtliness, ungentlemanliness; hovendom; brashness, boldness, brazenness, insolence, impudence, impertinence, pertness, tartness, sauciness, freshness; flippancy, arrogance, cheek, lip, effrontery, presumption; sharpness, keenness, acrimoniousness, causticity; brutality, cruelty; sarcasm, bitterness, virulence, contemptuousness, opprobriousness, derision; gruffness, bluntness, bearishness; grrouchiness, crabbedness, surliness, sulkiness, moroseness, peevishness, petulance, surliness, petulance, sourness, acerbity; abruptness, bluntness, brusqueness, curtness, shortness, harshness, austerity, sternness; raffishness, ribaldry, smuttness, obscenity.

2. uncouthness, crudity, crudity, vulgarity, boorishness, churlishness, lothiness; brashness, bar- 

3. rugged, crude, raw, roughly wrought, un- 

4. ruffled, crude, raw, roughly wrought, un- 

5. (of sounds) harsh, strident, piercing, ear-splitting; jarring, grating, discordant, inharmonious, cacophonous.

6. artless, inartificial; simple, unadorned, classic.

7. violent, tempestuous, stormy, turbulent, tumultuous; blustering, uproarious; ferocious, savage, fierce, boisterous, riotous; vehement, raging, frenzied, frantic, furious; vigorous, robust, robustious.

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ruined. Rough, adj. 1. (of terrain or other surfaces) rough, uneven, heavily wooded, dense, overgrown, bushy; pathless, trackless, impregnable, impassible; steep, rocky, rockstrewn, stony, full of obstacles, unassailable; anfractuous, tortuous; craggy, cragged, jagged, craggy, roughly broken, ragged, humpy, unlevel, scabby; stark, sheer, sharp, headlong, precipitous; furrowed, irregular, seamed, wrinkled, weathered, weather-beaten, seasoned; crabbed, gnarled, leathery, corrugated.

2. uncouth, unpolished, blunt, churlish; unruly, unmanageable, unrefined, barbarous.

3. harsh, severe, stern, gruff, dour; unbinding, unmanageable, intractable, unyielding, firm; austere, stringent, demanding, strict; challenging, Spartan, exacting; difficult, hard, thorny, arduous, rigorous, onerous, uphill, strenuous, draining.

4. stormy, tempestuous, turbulent, wild, violent, rugged; stark, sheer, sharp, headlong, precipitous; furrowed, irregular, seamed, wrinkled, weathered, weather-beaten, seasoned; crabbed, gnarled, leathery, corrugated.

5. strong as a lion, solid, beefy, burly, lusty; sturdy, brawny, steely, muscular, mighty, tough as leather, hale, stalwart, sound; stout, substantial, solid, husky, ruthless, savage.

6. ripple, undulation, ripple, fluffing, slurry, bungle, stir, swirl, swirling, flutter.

ruined. n. 1. devastation, desolation, ravaging, havoc; destruction; dilapidation, ruination, wreck, wreckage, wrack, wrack and ruin; disruption, upheaval; crash, collision, crack-up.

2. overthrow, overturn, subversion, suppression, subdual, conquest; defeat, Waterloo, discomfiture, vanquishment, subjugation.

3. deterioration, decay, waste, breakdown, disintegration, depletion, dissipation, dispersion; collapse, breakup, disorganization, dissolution, undoing, debacle, failure, fiasco.

4. downfall, fall, nemesis, labefaction; failing, shortcoming, flaw, defect; curse, damnation, perdition, doom, fate, destiny, lot.

5. corruption, depravation, perversion, demoralization, vitiation, debauch, decadence, disgrace, dishonor; taint, poison, pollute, defile; injure, harm, impair, damage, spoil; mar, mark, stain, scar, deface, blemish.

6. distress, calamity, affliction, infliction, adversity, hardship, scourge; misfortune, setback, reversal, blow, disaster, catastrophe, cataclysm, accident; straits, difficulty, necessity.

7. loss, privation, deprivation, bereavement; poverty, impoverishment, want, destitution, needlessness, impertinience, penury, indigence; beggary, mendicity, mendicancy; pauperage, pauperism; bankruptcy, insolvency; wolf at the door, low water.

8. ruins remains, remnants, remainder; wreckage, debris, detritus; refuse, rubbish, waste; husks, chaff; vestige, trace, shadow; relics, reliquiae, fossil.

v. 9. devastate, demolish, desolate, lay waste, Dial. ruinate; ravage, work havoc upon, wreak havoc on, gut, bring to ruin, lay in ruins; wreck, Sf. total, knock to pieces, dash to pieces, reduce to nothing; pulverize, crush, smash, squelch, Sf. smash, mash, crush, shatter, blast, blow up, batter, break; fracture, splinter, tear, crack, split, rend, tear apart, wrench apart; mutilate, mangle, maim, make mincemeat of; despoil, spoliate, rob, plunder, pillage, sack, ransack; vandalism, waste, Sf. trash; undo, unmake, unbuild, dismantle, disassemble, take apart.

10. raze, tear down, pull down, take down, bring down, break down, throw down, beat down, batten down; cast down, knock down, fling down, hurl down, precipitate, Inf. spill, tumble, topple; fell, lay level, prostrate, level, floor, bulldoze, flatten; cut down, chop down, hew down, mow down.

11. quash, crush, subdue, quell, stifle, suppress; squelch, vanquish, squash; cut short, shoot down, Inf. put the kibosh on, Inf. cook one's goose, nip, nip in the bud, scuttle; terminate, check, put an end to, dissolve, stop.

12. thus, in this way, topple, cause the downfall of, upset, Sf. put the skids under, defeat, triumph over, conquer; overthrow, overturn, overthrow, overwhelm, overcome; damn, seal the doom of, curse.

13. extirpate, destroy totally, annihilate, discreate, exterminate, abolish, expunge, obliterate, efface, eradicate, erase, decimate; strike out, blot out, stamp out, crush out, snuff out, wipe out; purge, eliminate, remove, liquidate, get rid of, leave no vestige or trace of, cast off, expel; extinguish, put an end to, bring to an end; kill, kill off, slay, slaughter, cut [s.o.'s] throat; murder, finish, finish off, Sf. do in, Sf. zap, sacrifice.

14. blunder, fail, Sf. gum up the works, mess up, Inf. rain on, play havoc with, raise havoc with; spoil, Dial. butcher, botch, Sf. cook, Sf. lose up, Sf. screw up, Inf. make a hash of, upset the or one's applecart.

15. corrupt, deprave, pervert, demoralize, vitiate; degrade, disgrace, dishonor; taint, poison, pollute, defile; injure, harm, impair, damage, spoil; mar, mark, stain, scar, deface, blemish.

16. undermine, sap, weaken; discredit, invalidate; nullify, neutralize, counteract.

17. deteriorate, decay, waste, break down, disintegrate, disrupi, disorganize; collapse, break up, dissipate, disperse.

18. reduce to poverty, impoverish, bring to want, pauperize, bankrupt; fleece, defraud, swindle.

19. violate, deflower, devirginate, rape, debauch, ravish, ravage; assault, attack, abuse, molest; seduce, betray, deceive, lead astray.

ruination, n. 1. demolition, wiping out, laying waste, gutting, devastation, desolation; destroying, bringing to ruin, laying in ruins; wrecking, knocking to pieces, dashing to pieces, smashing, dismantling, disassemble, taking apart.

2. razing, tearing down, pulling down, taking down, bringing down, breaking down, throwing down, beating down; casting down, knocking down, flinging down, hurling down, precipitating, Inf. spilling; killing, leveling, prostration; cutting down, chopping down, hewing down.

3. pulverizing, crushing, squelching, Sf. smushing, mashing, smashing, shattering, battering, breaking, fracturing, tearing apart, wrenching apart, cracking, splitting; mutilation, mangling, making mincemeat of.

4. annihilation, discretion, extermination, extirpation, extinguishment, extinction; erasure, erosion, effacement, eradication, expunction, cancellation, obliteration; excising, cutting out, cutting off; blotting out, striking out, stamping out, crushing out, rubbing out; killing, slaying, slaughter; murdering, finishing off, Sf. zapping, sacrificing.

5. quashing, crushing, subduing, quelling, suppressing, squelching, vanquishing, squashing; cutting short, shooting down, Inf. putting the kibosh on, Inf. cooking [s.o.'s] goose, nipping in the bud; termination, checking, putting an end to, stopping.

6. blundering, failing, Sf. gumming up the works,
ruined, adj. 1. dilapidated, decrepit, in ruins, derr-1.
2. destroyed, devastated, desolated; smashed, crushed,
3. injurious, pernicious, deleterious, baneful,
4. past hope, beyond recall, irreclaimable, un-
5. fallen into ruin, run-down, weather-beaten, time-
6. undermining, sapping, weakening; discreditation,
7. deteriorating, decaying, wasting, breakdown, dis-
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ruined, 1. d. 1. ruling, 2. ru., 3. ru. 4. usually, generally, ordinarily, commonly; habitually, customarily, frequently, often, repeatedly; universally, extensively, almost always; for the most part, in the main, on the whole, mainly; most times, almost every time, on a regular basis.
ruinous, adj. 1. devastating, destructive, destruc-
2. extirpative, annihilative, eradicable, obliterator-
3. injurious, pernicious, deleterious, baneful,
4. adverse, negative, contrary, contradictory, opposed
5. fallen into ruin, run-down, weather-beaten, time-
6. devasted, desolated, ravaged, destroyed, wrecked,
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6. devasted, desolated, ravaged, destroyed, wrecked,
through, Inf. run it down.

22. dash, sprint, stride, clip, race, career, speed, scud, sloop; burst, burst of speed, spurt; rush, plunge, headlong rush or plunge; scoot, scamper, scurry, scuttle.

23. escape, Sculp. escape or escape, flight, departure; running away, bolt, decampment, desertion, abandonment, elopement, absquatulation, French leave, retreat, hasty retreat, Sl. disappearing act, Sl. skedaddle, Sl. skedaddling, Sl. scurrying; getaway, jailbreak, prisonbreak, Inf. break, Inf. breakout.

24. pace, running pace; jog, trot, jogtrot, dogtrot; canter; lope, high lope; gallop; hand gallop, full gallop, dead run.

25. trip, quick trip, sojourn, visit, short stay; journey, peregrination, excursion; tour; jaunt, outing, junket; expedition, trek, stalk, hike; walk, stroll, ramble, saunter, promenade, saunter, promenade, saunter, promenade; drive, ride, Sunday drive, Inf. whirl, Inf. spin, Inf. joyride, Sl. tool; voyage, cruise, crossing, sail.

26. interval, period, length of time; time, term, duration, while, space; spell, season, round, stretch, fit, Inf. go.

27. amount, quantity, make, making, batch, lot, deal, extent, measure, Inf. heap, Inf. mess, part, portion; number, count, sum; total, whole, sum total, grand total.


29. flow, flow, effluence, efflux, flow, outpour; spate, surge, rush, onrush, outrush, gush, outburst, outburst; flood, inundation, deluge, torrent, river; jet, spout, spurt.

30. average, norm, mean, golden mean, medium, happy medium, balance, midpoint, middle, middle course, middle-of-the-road, Latin. via media; rule, generality, par, mainstream, main current, main course; trend, drift, tendency, general tendency, movement, direction, tenor, swing, sign of the times.

31. course, way, procedure, use, usage, order, observance; vogue, mode, fashion; bias, aim, set, leaning, turn, direction, tenor, swing, sign of the times.

32. command, control, governance, power, rule, reign; freedom, liberty, license, Archaic. loose, free reign, free course, free hand, carte blanche; latitude, Inf. leeway, room, scope, free scope, long rope or tether.

33. deposit, mineral deposit, quarry, ore bed, dike; vein, lode, rich lode, mother lode; mine, gold mine, bonanza, cornucopia, well, fountain, fount.

34. (all of hoviership) tip, tear, rent, slash, Chiefly Brit. ladder; pull, snag, fray, frazzle.

35. motion, locomotion, passage, advance, progress, forward motion, onward movement; current, tide, drift, flow, flux.

36. continuance, continuation, maintenance, stay, staying power, endurance; permanence, permanency, constancy; persistence, perseverance; extension, prolongation, projection; currency, popularity, continued popularity.

37. series, sequence, progression, succession, continuum, concatenation, nexus; string, unbroken string, row, set, chain, stream, steady stream.
way, runway, footway.

runlet, stream, brook, streamlet, brooklet, creek, run-of-the-mill, average, common, ordinary, rundown, runaway.

1. racer, sprinter, hurdler; miler, long-distance runner, cross-country runner, harrier; track and field man.

2. messenger, messenger-boy, courier, dispatch-bearer, Brit. commissionaire, Brit. express, Sl. gopher.

3. branch, shoot, offshoot; creeper, Bot. stolon, Bot. flagellum, Bot. sarmentum.

run-of-the-mill, adj. average, common, ordinary, normal, garden-variety; commonplace, everyday, matter-of-fact, familiar, Inf. same old, run-of-the-mine; fair, tolerable, passable, so-so, Fr. comme ci, comme ça, Sp. así así; decent, modest, not bad, moderate, beastly and between; mediocre, middling, second-rate, unimpressive, Inf. great shakes, Inf. nothing to get excited about; usual, regular, routine.

run, n. midget, short person, dwarf, pygmy, dandiprat, chin, urchin; pun, Sl. shrimp, Sl. wart, pipsqueak, half-pint, Inf. shortie; elf, Liliputian, pigwidgeon, manikin, cock sparrow, hop-o'-my-thumb, homunculus; fingerling, dapping, Inf. pee wee, gnome, brownie; Humpty Dumpty, Tom Thumb, Thumbelina.

rupture, n. 1. rift, fissure, scission, fault, flaw, crack, split; fracture, break, burst; disruption, disjunction, breakage, breaking, bursting; severance, cleavage, separation, division; rent, tear, rip, cut, cleft, slit; slash, slice, rime, gap, Space, Pathol. hernia.

2. break, falling-off, schism, break; disunion, division, discord, disagreement, disfavor, disaffection, alienation, estrangement; quarrel, argument, dispute, polemic, altercation, controversy; feud, vendetta; contention, litigation, variance, opposition.

—v. 3. break, burst, crack, fissure, Sl. bust; fracture, split, disrupt, breach, check; rend, separate, disunite; part, Sunder, put asunder, cleave, divide; break up, snap, tear, cut, rip.

rural, adj. 1. country, countrified, unsophisticated, rough, unadorned, crude, farmerish; bucolic, rustic, agrarian, provincial; pastoral, Arcadian.

2. agricultural, farm, farming, agrarian; agronomical, geoponical, georgical.

ruse, n. trick, stratagem, artifice, wile, contrivance; subterfuge, device, blind, sham, dodge; deception, deceit, maneuver, manipulation, machination, move, gambit, ploy, scene, play, decoy; chicanery, jugglery, cheat, knavery; tact, Sl. gimmick, red herring, Inf. fakement, put-on; game, Sl. gig, Sl. racket.

rush, v. 1. hasten, Literary. haste, hurry, move quickly, lose no time; make haste, Scot. scud, Scot. scud, Scot. scuddle, hist. spring, scuttle, slip down, spring, jump, bolt, break; burst, burst into, burst forth; burn rubber, cover ground, go like a shot; speed up, put on more speed, step on the gas, Smith, SI. go like a shot, SI. burn rubber, SI. scratch off; make strides, do some tall stepping, he one's way; Inf. go like a bat out of hell, go or run wide open, Inf. go like a shot; speed up, put on more speed, step on the gas, SI. burn rubber, Inf. scratch off; make strides, do some tall stepping, he one's way; Inf. make it snappy, look alive.

2. accelerate, quicken, advance, precipitate; expedite, dispatch, make short work of; finish quickly, dash off, send through fast.

3. charge, attack, blitzkrieg, blitz, rampage, assault; set upon, pounce upon, descend upon, fall on, open fire upon; light into, Inf. face into, Inf. rip into, Inf. tear into, Inf. zap; beset, besiege, siege, beleaguer, Inf. gang up on.

—n. 4. charge, attack, assault, offensive, onslaught, blitzkrieg, blitz; storming, Fr. coup de main, invasion, aggression, incursion, escalade; siege, besiegement, besetment; surge, sudden appearance, ambush; onset, sudden commencement, fast start, abrupt beginning.

5. drive, dash, run, stampede; scramble, mad scramble, race, scurry, push, plunge.

6. haste, harum-scarum, hurry-scurry, pell-mell, helter-skelter; bustle, ado, hubbub; velocity, speed, rapidity, dispatch, celerity; quickness, expedition, promptitude, hastiness; flurry, flutter, turmoil, commotion; stir, whirl, prance, ferment.

—adj. 7. hasty, quickly, rapid, swift, fast, brisk; prompt, expeditious, instantaneous, immediate; hurried, urgent; careless, slapdash, cursory, superficial.

russet, adj. reddish-brown, coppery, chestnut, foxy,
hazel, auburn, rust-colored, rusty; yellowish-brown, fawn, cinnamon, tawny; light brown, eeu, beige; brownish-red, rufous, maroon; brick-dust-colored, autumnal.

rust, n. 1. oxidation, patination, corrosion; patina, verdigris, auruo; tarnish, stain, film, incrustation.
   —v. 2. oxidize, corrode, erode, wear away; film over, tarnish.
3. deteriorate, go to pot, go to seed, go stale, go to shreds, degenerate, decline; fall apart, fall apart at the seams, hit the skids; decay, wither, wither on the vine, rot.
4. erode, eat away, eat at, wear away, gnaw at, undermine; impair, injure, damage, harm; spoil, blight.

rustic, adj. 1. rural, farm, country, agricestic, agrarian, agricultural, agronomical, geoponic, geographic; pastoral, bucolic, bucolical, sylvan, Arcadian.
2. plain, simple, modest, unpretentious, unpretending, unassuming, unaffected, normal, informal; unsophisticated, unpolished, unfined, uncultured, uncivilized; naive, artless, guileless, ingenuous, candid, open, unsuspecting; coarse, rough, roughcast, rough-hewn, linsi-eye-woolsey, inelegant, indelicate; unraveled, backwoods, provincial, country-bred, country-born, upcountry, from the sticks, yokelish, Sl. hickish, Sl.ibe, Sl. hayseed; homespun, homebred, homey, homely, homelike, down-home, (usu. of thought or philosophy) cracker-barrel, Inf. folksy.
3. uncouth, rude, graceless, lacking in the social graces, unmanly, ill-mannered, ill-bred, low-bred; crude, vulgar, crass, raw, boorish, churlish; awkward, clumsy, inept, maladroit, heavy-handed, blundering, bungling, gawky, gawdish, unusually like a bull in a china shop; loutish, oafish, dolish, lumpish, lumpen, rubberly, cloddish, clodhopping, clownish.
   —n. 4. peasant, provincial, country cousin, countryman, hobnaile, farmer, plowman, plowboy, chuff, gaffer, swain, kerne, son or tiller of the soil, (in Egypt) fellah, (in Russia) muskhy, (in Spanish America and Southwestern U.S.) peon, Archic. hind; yokel, bumpkin, country bumpkin, homewreck, Dial. lumpkin, Often Objec. hickish, hillbilly, Disparaging. bogtrotter, Inf. chawbacon, Inf. cider squeezer, Sl. hick, Sl. woodchuck, Sl. rube, Sl. hayseed, Sl. hoosier, Fr. Sar. fr. sufficiently.

rusticate, v. 1. vacation, vacation in the country, sojourn, sojourn in the country, retire to the country, estivate; retire, go into retirement, retire from the world, abandon or forsake the world, seclude oneself, go into seclusion, shut oneself up, hole up, live apart, alone alive; drop out or opt out of society, drop or opt out, Sl. cop out.
2. ruralize, go rural, pastoralize, go pastoral, countryify, go country, return to the soil or land.

rusticity, n. 1. rusticism, agrarianism, agriculturalism; pastoralism, pastorality, bucolicism, provincialism, provinciality.
2. plainness, simplicity, modesty, unspoiledness, unpretentiousness, unaffectcdness, normality, normalcy, informality; unsophisticatedness, unspoiledness, lack of polish or refinement, unculturedness; naïveté, naïveness, artlessness, guilelessness, ingenuousness, candidness, openness, coarseness, roughness, inelegance, indelicateness, inarticulateness, backgroundiness, yokelism, Sl. hickishness, Sl. rubishness; hominess, homeliness, homishness, Inf. folksiness.
3. uncouthness, rudeness, gracelessness, unmanliness, ill-manneredness; crudeness, crassness, rawness, boorishness, churlishness, oafishness; awkwardness, clumsiness, gawkiness, cloddishness, dooltishness, loutishness.

rusted, adj. 1. swish, whisper, whoosh, susurrate, whisper, rustling, crinkling, rattle, susurrus, rustling, rustling, rippling, swash, flash.
2. move, stir, sway, agitate, flutter, wave, flap.
4. rustle up U.S. Informal. hunt, find, forage, get, gather, assemble, scout out.
   —n. 5. whoosh, froufrou, whisper, susurrus, susurrus, rustling, crinkling, rattle, rippling, swash, flash.
rustling, adj. swishing, whooshing, susurring, susurrant, whispering, sidulant, crinkling, rippling; stirring, waving, swaying.
rusty, adj. 1. oxidized, patinated, aeruginous; corroded, rusted, incrusted, stained, tarnished.
2. rust-colored, reddish, reddish-yellow, reddish-brown, yellowish-red. See rusted.
3. (of clothes, drapery, etc.) faded, shabby, worn, worn thin, worn-out, time-worn, dilapidated, holey, falling apart, coming apart, needing mending or patching.
4. impaired, diminished, weak, feeble; below par, unpracticed, out of practice; out of shape, soft, stiff, sluggish, poorly; unalert, Sl. without the old pizzazz.

car, n. 1. furrow, groove, crack, track, cart or car path or track, slough; hollow, indentation, depression, gouge, stria; gutter, ditch, fosse, trench, channel, canal; wrinkle, line, seam, scar.
2. routine, pattern, system, habit, custom; grind, daily grind, treadmill, assembly line, Inf. rat race; dead end, stagnation.
   —v. 3. furrow, dig, excavate, scoop out, hollow out, groove.
4. be in heat, be in estrus, Chiefly Brit. tup, be sexually excited.
ruthful, adj. compassionate, pitiful, merciful; element, mild, lenient, soft-hearted, kind-hearted, kind; indulgent, forbearing, exorable; forgiving, humane, long-suffering, tolerant; nice, gracious, hospitable; beneficient, benign, benevolent, philanthropic; sympathetic, understanding, empathic; sorrowful, comforting, commissorative, condolatory; obliging, friendly, brotherly, amicable, loving, good.
ruthless, adj. merciless, unmerciful, pitiless, un pitying, compassionless, uncompassionate; relentless, unrelenting, remorseless, implacable, inexorable, unsparing, unforgiving; heartless, unfeeling, cold, stony, steely, inflexible, inclement; hard, hard, severe, stern; fell, grim, dire; adamant, hard-hearted, marble-hearted, adamantiane; cruel, vicious, barbarous, inhuman, truculent, rancorous; vindictive, revengeful, vengeful, retaliatory; feroxious, savage, brutal, ferine; malevolent, malign, malignant, maleficient; cutthroat, murderous, bloodthirsty.
ruthlessly, adv. heartlessly, mercilessly, pitilessly, unmercifully, unpityingly; relentlessly, remorselessly, inexorably, implacably; with a vengeance, without mercy, spitefully, unforgivingly; unscrupulously, without feeling, without compassion, without compunction; cold-bloodedly, in cold blood, with malice aforethought, deliberately; cruelly, harshly, severely, savagely, brutally, inhumanly, barbarously.
ruthlessness, n. mercilessness, pitilessness, heartlessness, unkindness, hard-heartedness; relentlessness, remorselessness, implacability, inexorability, uncompas sationeness, unforgivingness; unfeelingness, coldness, inflexibility, hardness, harshness, severity, grimness, sternness; cruelty, viciousness, barbarity, barbarousness, ferocity, fierceness, savagery, truculence; brutality, brutishness, inhumanity; sadism, masochism; fiendishness, deviltry, diablerie.
rutilant, adj. glittering, glinting, glimmering, glistening, *Archaic* glistering; shining, glowing, sparkling, twinkling, scintillating; shimmering, dazzling, bedazzling; flashing, fulgurating, gleaming, glaring, coruscating.

sable, adj. black, jet, jetty, jet-black; pitch, black as pitch, pitch-black, pitch-dark; inky, black as ink; raven, raven-black; coal-black; black or dark as night.
sabotage, n. 1. treachery, subversion, treason; impairment, damage, harm, hurt, detriment, mischief, Brit. rattenning; disableness, incapacitation.
   —v. 2. subvert, undermine, sap, sap the foundations of [s.t.]; hurt, harm, impair, damage; incapacitate, disable; hinder, hamper; cripple, lame, hamstring; spoil, ruin, dash, scotch; wreck, Inf. throw a wrench or a monkey wrench into the works, Brit. Inf. ratten; All Sl. bugger, queer, queer the works, gum up or screw up the works, foul up.
saccharine, adj. 1. sweet, sweetened, sugary, sugary; rich, luscious, delicious.
n. 2. oversweet, cloying, sickening, syrupy, mawkish, sentimental, maudlin, Inf. mushy, Brit. Sl. soppy.
sacerdotal, adj. priestly, hieratic, hieratical; episcopal, vicarly, prelatic, papal, vicarly, prelatic, papal, pontifical, apostolic; pastoral, ministerial, clerical; ecclesiastical, churchly, hierarchic, hierarchical; sacred, divine, holy, consecrated.
sacerdotalism, n. hierarchy, hierocracy, hierarchism; prelacy, prelatism, clericalism, episcopacy, papalism, papalism, papality, popery, theocracy; Usu. Disparaging. priestcraft.
sack¹, n. 1. bag, pouch, Midland U.S. and Scot. poke, Chiefly Scot. pocket, Obs. budget; pack, packet, satchel; purse, grip, valise, carpetbag; saddlebag, Southwestern U.S. alforja; backpack, knapsack, kit-bag, haversack, rucksack, gunnysack, gunny-bag, duffel bag; mailbag, mail pouch.
   3. Slang. discharge, walking papers, Inf. bounce, Sl. boot, Sl. pink slip; Sl. the bum's rush, Sl. heave-ho.
   4. hit the sack Slang. go to bed, go to sleep, retire, turn in, bed down, Sl. hit the hay, Sl. sack out; nap, snooze, Sl. conk out.
   —v. 5. bag, pocket, pouch.
   6. Slang. fire, dismiss, put out of a job, let go, lay off, give [s.o.] his walking papers, Inf. bounce, Inf. give [s.o.] the sack, Inf. send down the road, Sl. can, U.S. Govt. Inf. rif.
sack², v. 1. pillage, plunder, rob, despoil, Archaic. spoil, spoliate, Chiefly Scot. reive; ravage, harry, rape, maraud, depredate; ransack, loot, gut, fleece, strip, rifle, steal; raid, foray, forage, prey on or upon; desecrate, defile, outrage, violate.
   2. devastate, lay waste, waste; desolate, wreak havoc upon, destroy, damage, ruin, vandalize; burn, level, raze, demolish.
   3. pirate, freeboot, buccaneer, privateer, filibuster; burglarize, burglary, break in.
   —n. 4. pillage, plunder, plundering, rapine, depredation, spoliation, despoliation, despoilation, Obs. direption, raven; ravaging, harrying, marauding, Archaic. maraud, sacking, Rare. sackage; raid, razzia, foray; foraging, looting, ravishment, seizure, grab, rape.
   5. devastation, laying waste, desolation; destruction, ruin, burning, razing, leveling, vandalizing; vandalism, desecration, defilement, outrage, violation.
sackcloth, n. 1. sackcloth, coarse cloth, stout woven material, burlap, gunny, hopsacking, homespun, fus- tian, linsey-woolsey.
   2. in sackcloth and ashes contrite, sorrowful, repentant, penitent, penitential, atoning; sorry, sorrowful, remorseful, compunctious, regretful, regretting, troubled, disturbed; conscience-stricken, guilt-ridden, self-reproachful; chastened, shamed, embarrassed.
sacrament, n. 1. ritual, rite, liturgy, ceremony, sacramental, solemnity, observance; sign, symbol, token, mystery.
   2. oath, pledge, promise, assurance, word, word of honor, vow, Archaic. troth, Archaic. plighted; contract, compact, covenant, obligation, engagement, agreement.
   3. (often cap.) the Eucharist, Lord's Supper.
   4. (of Protestant churches) baptism, Lord's Supper.
   5. (of Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches) baptism, confirmation, consecration, the Eucharist, holy orders, matrimony, extreme unction.
sacred, adj. 1. consecrated, set apart, dedicated, devoted, sanctified; holy, blessed, blest, hallowed; purified, unspotted, clean.
   2. religious, spiritual, heavenly, celestial, ethereal, supernal; devotional, ceremonial, ceremonious; ecclesiastical, churchly, church, priestly, hieratic; Biblical, scriptural.
   3. divine, godlike, godly, deiform, sainted, heaven-born; venerable, venerated, exalted, supreme.
   4. sacrosanct, sacred-cow, inviolable, inviolate, un-
sacrifice, n. 1. offering, gift, oblation, Chiefly Biblical. corban, libation; immolation, burnt offering, holocaust, human sacrifice, sacrificial slaughter or killing, hecatomb.
2. surrender, relinquishment, yielding, ceding, Law. waiver; giving up, renunciation, abandonment, discontinuation, cessation, stopping, quitting, desistance, forfearance, abstention, self-sacrifice; loss, destruction, ruin.
—v. 3. offer as a sacrifice, offer up, pour out; immolate, burn, kill, slaughter.
4. surrender, relinquish, yield, cede, resign, Law. waive; give up, Inf. swear off, renounce, abandon, discontinue, cease, stop, quid; do without, forgo, abstain from, refrain from, forbear, desist.
5. (of all goods or property) dispose of, get rid of, sell at any price, sell at a loss, take a loss on, give away, let go, part with.
sacrificial, adj. 1. expiatory, atoning, reparatory, reparative, piacular.
2. sacrificed, immolated, burnt, killed, slaughtered.
sacrilege, n. 1. profanation, profaneness, profanities, cursing, blasphemy, desecration, mockery, irreverence, indecency, irreverently, impiously, impiousness, disrespect, disrespectfulness, unrespectfulness; ungodliness, unholiness, unrighteousness, unviirtuousness, immorality, godlessness; sinfulness, iniquity, pecancy, wickedness, reproach.
2. violation, defilement, perversion, contamination, infection, befouling, pollution; vitiation, debasement, degradation, lowering, cheapening, dishonor, disrepute; dispensation, relinquishment, yielding, ceding, Law. surrender, relinquishment, yielding, ceding, abdication, cession, cessation, quitting, desistance.
3. offer as a sacrifice, offer up, pour out; immolate, burn, kill, slaughter.
4. surrender, relinquish, yield, cede, resign, Law. waive; give up, Inf. swear off, renounce, abandon, discontinue, cease, stop, quid; do without, forgo, abstain from, refrain from, forbear, desist.
5. (of all goods or property) dispose of, get rid of, sell at any price, sell at a loss, take a loss on, give away, let go, part with.
safekeeping, n. protection, guard, custody, safekeeping, safecharge, safe deposit, safe deposit box, safe deposit bank, bank safe, strongbox, vault, depository, depository vault.
safe, adj. secure, protected, guarded, sheltered, defended; under lock and key, out of reach, out of harm's way; out of the woods, home free, on home ground, on the ground again; invulnerable, impregnable, downheartedness; dolefulness, grief, mourning, sorrowfulness, wretchedness, miserable, woefulness.
sadness, n. unhappiness, joylessness, cheerlessness, uncheerfulness; discouragement, desolation, downheartedness; dolefulness, grief, mourning, sorrowfulness, wretchedness, miserable, woefulness.
sadden, v. deject, depress, oppress, Inf. get one down, cast down; discourage, dispirit, dishartened, damp, dampen one's spirits, cast a gloom upon, take the heart out of, Inf. bring one down, Sl. bum one out; sorrow, grieve, aggrieve, anguish, Inf. cut up; beat one's heart, make one's heart bleed, make one's ribs hurt, bring tears to one's eyes.
saddle, n. 1. seat, perch, roost; sidesaddle, demipique, pad, panel, pillow, packsaddle, Span. aparejo.
—v. 2. (of a horse or other animal) equip, outfit, accouter; tack up, saddle up, prepare or get ready for riding.
safehand with charge, assign [s.t.] to, invest [s.t.] on, put [s.t.] on; load, load up or down, weigh down, weight, cumber, encumber; burden, over-load, overburden, overtask; tax, overtax, strain, beset, embarrass, overwhelm; impede, hamper, handicap, cramped; tie [s.o.] down, shake, oppress.
sadder, adj. 1. unhappy, dejected, depressed, despondent; uncheerful; uncheerfulness; discouragement, disheartenment, downheartedness; dolefulness, grief, mourning, sorrowfulness, wretchedness, miserable, woefulness.
2. dejection, depression, despondency, gloom, melancholy, melancholia, merriments, the blues, Inf. blue devils, low spirits, sinking heart; grief, sorrow, despair, misery, woe, woe, bale, agony, agony of mind or spirit; heartache, aching heart, broken heart, heavy heart, bleeding heart.
safeguard, n. protection, palladium, defense, armor, bulwark, shield, aegis, preventive, precaution, seat belt, safety harness, Circus mechanic, life preserver, water wings; amulet, talisman, charm, lucky piece, rabbit's foot, scarab, four-leaf clover, St. Christopher medal.
safe, adj. secure, protected, guarded, sheltered, defended; under lock and key, out of reach, out of harm's way; out of the woods, home free, on home ground, on the ground again; invulnerable, impregnable, downheartedness; dolefulness, grief, mourning, sorrowfulness, wretchedness, miserable, woefulness.
saddled piece, rabbit's foot, scarab, four-leaf clover, St. Christopher medal.
safekeeping, n. protection, care, charge; guardianship, wardship, tutelage, custody, keeping, trustee,
ship, patronom, patronship; watch, surveillance, supervision, superintendence; possession, holding.

**safety**, n. security, safety, safekeeping, invulnerability, unassailability; harmlessness, innocuousness; reliability, dependability, reputability; clear sailing, smooth water, anchorage, shelter, sanctuary.

sag, v. 1. sink down, swag, bend down, list, lean, droop, slump.
2. flag, fail, languish, wilt, weaken, falter; cave in; wither, fade, wane, ebb, die down; weary, Archaic. faint, tire.
3. decline, descend, lower, go down, dip, slip; drop, fall, sink; plummet, plunge, tumble, topple, take a header; decrease, diminish, lessen, subside.
—n. 4. droop, sagging, sinking, bending, bend.

**V.** 5. (of prices) decline, decrease, lowering, lessening, droop, dip.

saga, n. epic, edda, history, saga, n.

sagacious, adj. 1. shrewd, astute, Sl. savvy, keen, clever, canny, subtle, Inf. cute, Archaic. parlorous; calculating, cunning, sly, wily, foxy; acute, sharp, sharp-witted, sharp as a tack; discerning, perspicacious, penetrating, perceptive, perceptive, insightful; intelligent, smart, apt, ingenious, bright; agile, quick, quick-witted, nimble-witted; knowledgeable, versed, enlightened, aware, knowing, wide-awake, far-sighted.
2. sage, wise, sapient. See sage (def. 2).

sagacity, n. sound judgment, clear thinking, prudence, judiciousness, clear-headedness, common sense; acumen, perspicacity, perspicaciousness; astuteness, shrewdness, ingenuity, intelligence, brains, Inf. gray matter, Sl. smarts; sagaciousness, wisdom, understanding, penetration, perceptiveness, discernment.

sage, n. 1. philosopher, philosophe, theorist, Solo.
2. or

sail, n. 1. canvas, piece of sailcloth or duck, Naught. cloth, Naught. mainsail, Naught. jib, Naught. square sail, Naught. fore-and-aft sail; (all of a windmill) vane, blade, arm, wing.
2. cruise, voyage at sea, crossing, boat trip or journey; excursion, outing, pleasing trip, vacation.
4. for sale

salesperson, n. 1. salesman, shopman, saleswoman, saleslady, salesgirl, shopgirl; clerk, salesclerk, Sl. counterjumper; seller, vendor, middleman, agent; traveling salesman, U.S. drummer, door-to-door salesman, solicitor; Fuller Brush man, Avon lady.
salience, 1. prominence, conspicuousness, noticability; egregiousness, flagrancy, blatantness; singularity, peculiarity, uniqueness; discernibility, obviousness, patency; importance, significance, memorability, unforgettability, eminence, superiority.

2. projection, protruberance, protrubancy, prominence, intumescence, swelling, extension; bow, curve, bulge, excurrvature, convexity, convexness; knob, bump, hump.

salient, adj. prominent, conspicuous, standing out, salient, adj. salience, prominence, conspicuousness, noticability; egregiousness, flagrancy, blatantness; singularity, peculiarity, uniqueness; discernibility, obviousness, patency; importance, significance, memorability, unforgettability, eminence, superiority.

saliva, adj. (def. 1). saline, n. saline, salt, salt-tasting. See salty (def. 1).
salty, n. spittle, spit, sputum, slaver, slobber, water, adj. saline, salt, salt-tasting, salted, briny, brackish.

salute, n. 1. salute, v. or cut out, take off, or set out, start off, start out, embark, venture forth; put off, push off, shove off, get underway, set sail, Naut. make sail; depart, leave, take leave, go, run or move along, be off, be gone, make one's exit, Sl. split, Sl. cut out, take off, Sl. blow this joint or pop stand.

2. (all of things) issue forth, emanate, proceed, come forth, come out; flow out, pour out, stream out, gush, jet, spurt, splutter, spout, break out, erupt, explode, burst or forth.

salmagundi, n. 1. salad, mixed dish, Italian Cookery. antipasto; stew, hash, goulash, Fr. Cookery. ragout, Fr. ratatouille, (in China, India, etc.) chow-chow.

2. mixture, blend, intermixture, admixture, compound, composite; conglomeration, Chinese menu, miscellany, miscellaneous, omnium-gatherum, menagerie, motley; mélange, medley, olio, potpourri, olla-podrida, combination, Inf. combo; pastiche, pasticcio, mosaic, collage, patchwork; mishmash, hodgepodge, Brit. hotchpotch, gallimaufry, farrago, jumble, scramble, tangle.

salon, n. 1. reception room, lounge, salon, drawing room, front room, parlor, sitting room, living room.

2. assembly, meeting, gathering, function, reception; soiree, party, dinner party, tea or tea party.

3. hall, exhibition hall, gallery.

4. shop, small shop, boutique.

saloon, n. 1. tavern, brasserie, grill, grillroom, bar and grill, bar, barroom, Archai. dramshop, taproom, alehouse, Brit. grogshop, Brit. public house, Brit. pub, Brit. local; rathskeller, Ger. Ratskeller, Ger. Hofbrauhaus, Ger. Biergarten; cocktail lounge, bistro, café, cabaret, night club; roadhouse, inn, hotel, hostel, Ger. Gasthaus; Sl. gin mill, Sl. watering hole, groggy, Sl. dive, U.S. barreleth, Sl. honky-tonk, Sl. speakeasy, Sl. after-hours joint, U.S. Sl. Ob's blind tiger or pig.

5. salon, drawing room, reception room. See salon (def. 1).

salt, n. 1. sodium chloride, table salt, sea salt, rock salt.

2. salts Epsom salts, potassium salts, Chem., Pharm. Rochelle salt; purgative, cathartic, laxative.

3. wit, Attic wit, Attic salt, sarcasm, dry humor; spice, spiciness, pepper, piquancy, piquantness, pungency, sharpness, bite; punch, zap, force, zing, zip, liveliness, zest, vigor.

4. Informal, old sailor, sea dog, shellback; mariner, seaman, seafarer, Inf. tar, bluejacket, Jack, Inf. gob, Sl. limy, Brit. Sl. matelot.

—v. 5. (all with salt) season, flavor, cure, kipper, preserve, treat; brine, corn, pickle, souse.

—adj. 6. saline, salty, salted; (all with salt) cured, preserved, treated.

salty, adj. 1. saline, salt, salt-tasting, salted, briny, brackish.

2. piquant, pungent, sharp, biting, tart, spicy; zesty, zestful, tangy, well-seasoned, snappy, Sl. kicky; lively, hearty, peppy; clever, smart, keen, snappy, witty; interesting, snappy, exciting, stimulating.

3. race, risqué, off-color, ribald, bawdy; indecent, Inf. blue, vulgar, filthy, dirty, smutty, Sl. raunchy, gross, coarse, crude, rude, indelicate, low-class.

salubrious, adj. healthful, healthy, salutary, salutiferous, hygienic; nutritious, nourishing, health-giving; invigorating, bracing, stimulating, stimulative, refreshing, tonic, Med. roborant.

salutary, adj. 1. healthful, salubrious. See salubrious.

2. wholesome, beneficial, good for one; good, useful, advantageous, profitable, gainful, valuable; helpful, serviceable, practical.

salutation, n. greeting, salute, hail, ave, hello, how do you do; curtesy, bow, bob, nod; handshake, handclasp; wave; hug, embrace, kiss; geneflection, reverence, homage, obeisance, salaam.

salute, v. 1. address, greet, hello, say hello or how do you do; hallo, hail, call to, Archai. grateulate.

2. nod to, tip or off one's hat or cap to, wave to, extend one's hand to, shake hands with, give [s.o.] the glad hand, Inf. glad-hand, embrace, kiss, kiss on both cheeks; bow to, curtsy to, kiss the hand of, geneflect to, bend to, bend the knee to, salaam, kneel before, fall on one's knees before, throw oneself at the feet of, prostrate oneself before; welcome, receive, give a warm reception; present arms, dip colors, play a fanfare, give a twenty-one-gun salute or salvo.

3. honor, pay homage to, pay respects to; recognize, make a tribute to, testimonialize, panegyrise, eulogize.
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—n. 4. salutation, address, compellation; greeting, how do you do, hello, hallo, hail, aloha, Chiefly Dial. howdy.
5. nod, bob, duck, tipping or doffing of one’s hat or cap, wave; handshak, embrace, kiss, welcome, Inf. glad hand; bow, curtsy, genuflection, salaam, kowtow; fanfare, fanfaron, “Ruffles and Flourishes,” salvo, twenty-one-gun salute.
6. homage, respects, honoring; recognition, tribute, testimony, testimonial; laudation, commendation, panegyric, encomium, eulogy.

salvage, n. 1. recovery operation, rescue operation; recovery, reclamation, retrieval, rescue, saving, salvation, ransom, redemption, renunciation, rejuvenation, revitalization, revivification, renewal; reconditioning, rehabilitating, reparation.
2. salvaged goods or parts, scraps, junk; remains, leftovers.

—v. 3. save, rescue, ransom, redeem; reclaim, retrieve, recover; restore, reestablish, regenerate, rejuvenate, revivify, renew; recondition, rehabilitate, repair.

salvation, n. 1. redemption, liberation, delivery, emancipation; release, reprieve, escape, rescue; retrieval, saving, freeing, extrication, acquisition, acquittal; restoration, restitution, conversion, rebirth, regeneration, reconstitution.
2. protection, preservation, conservation, caring, safekeeping, exemption; safety, security, immunity.

salve, n. 1. healing ointment, lotion, oil, balm, liniment, unguent, embrocation, demulcent, Pharm. cerate; lentitive, Med. abrissant, Med. emollient.
2. remedy, cure, restorative, antidote, neutralizer; sedative, tranquilizer, Med. calmative, narcotic, opiate, drug; soporific, somnifacient, somnific, somniferous; analgesic, Inf. painkiller, anodyne, anesthetic; healing substance or agent, application; palliative, alleviative.

—v. 3. assuage, mitigate, relieve, ease, alleviate, palliate; moderate, temper, weaken, qualify; abate, lessen, diminish, lower, reduce; mollify, soften, Rare. lenify, soothe, Brit., Australian. till, Archae. at-
temper; pacify, calm, calm down, subdue, compose, comfort; succor, remedy, heal; pour oil on troubled waters.

salvo, n. 1. discharge of artillery, fusillade, Navy, broadside, volley; (with artillery or firearms) salute; bombardment, cannonade, fireworks; blast, peal, roar, thunder; explosion, eruption, burst.
2. applause, round of applause, cheers, plaudits, hand clapping, Inf. hand, cheering, rootling, whistling, stomping; clat, outcry, outburst.

same, adj. 1. identical, one and the same, consubstantial; the very same, selfsame, one and only, one, exact; ditto, repeat, duplicate, twin.
2. agreeing, corresponding, coincident, coinciding, congruous, matching; interchangeable, exchangeable, transposable; equivalent, equal, coequal, even; reciprocative, reciprocal, mutual; correlative, comparable; similar, alike, like, much the same; synonymous, close, approximate, analogous, near.
3. unchanged, unaltered, unvaried, intact; constant, persistent, steady; changeless,unchanging, unvarying; lasting, enduring, abiding.
4. all the same a. nevertheless, nonetheless, Archae. withal, notwithstanding; at any rate, in any case, in any event; but, still, still and all, yet, even so, after all; at the same time. b. immaterial, of no consequence, inconsequential, unimportant, not worth mentioning or talking about, not worth worrying about.
5. just the same a. in the same manner or way, the same; in an identical or similar way. b. nevertheless, nonetheless; notwithstanding, after all is said and done. See (def. 4a).

sameness, n. 1. identity, oneness, selfsameness, identicalness, exactness, exactitude, unity; indistinguishability, Eccles. Homoousia, consubstantiality; equivalence, correspondence, coincidence, agreement; congruence, congruency, equality, interchangeability, convertibility.
2. resemblance, likeness, alikeness, similarity, similitude, semblance; closeness, approximation, nearness; synonymy, analogy, accordance, consistancy.
3. monotony, lack of variety, uniformity, changelessness, tedium, tediousness, routine, predictability; lack of excitement, humdrum, deadness, flatness; iteration, reiteration, repetition, recurrence, redundant, tautology.

sample, n. 1. specimen, example, Archae. ensample, instance, illustration, representative, exemplification, type, model, pattern, exemplar; sampling, cross section, representation; foretaste, prospect, warning, piece, swatch, scrap; handout, Sl. freebie; bite, sup, sip; taste; test, experiment, trial, Inf. pilot; demonstration, Inf. demo.—adj. 2. representative, illustrative, representational—typifying, symbolizing, personifying.

—v. 3. test, try, test or try out; taste, have a piece or sip; try on, try on for size.

sanatorium, n. asylum, hospital, Fr. hôtel-Dieu, infirmary, sick bay; home, old folk’s home, nursing home, convalescent home; rehabilitation center, half-way house; hospice, hospital, retreat, refuge; sanitarium, health resort, Chiefly Brit. Chieflly Brit. watering place, spa; mineral spring, hot or warm spring, springs, baths.

sanctified, adj. 1. holy, anointed, Rom. Cath. Ch. beatified; consecrated, sacred, blessed, blest, hallowed; enshrined, canonized, glorified, exalted; dedicated, devoted, set apart; pure, cleansed, unsullied, untainted, sinless, spotless; godly, saintly, unworlly, otherworldly, divine, spiritual; devotional, religious, ceremonious; sacrosanct, inviolable, inviolate.
2. sanctimonious, holier-than-thou, self-righteous. See sanctimonious.

csanctify, v. 1. consecrate, make holy or sacred, bless, hallow, annoint, Rom. Cath. Ch. beatify; enshrine, canonize, glorify, exalt; dedicate, devote, set apart.
2. purify, cleanse, make free from sin, wash one’s sins away, clear; correct, better, restore, uplift.
3. sanction, ratify, confirm; give sanction to, legitimize, legitimitize; license, warrant, support, defend.

sanctimonious, adj. self-righteous, holier-than-thou, simon-pure, Inf. goody-goody, Inf. too good to be true; pharisaic, pharisaical, pharisaistic, phariseism; false pietist, pedantic, over-pious, falsely pious; hypocritical, Tartuffian, canting; mealy-mouthed, sanctimonious.

sanctimonious, n. pietism, sanctimoniousness, Tartuffery, formalism, hypocrisy, pharisaism, phariseeism; false pietist, excessive pietist, religiosity; self-righteousness, Inf. goody-goodness, Inf. goodness; cant, lip service, mouth honor, mealy-mouthedness, hollowness, empty ceremony; affectation, pretense, false pretense, bluff; dissimulation, feigning, dissembling, duplicity.

sanction, n. 1. authority, authorization, warrant, warranty, certification, accreditation, legalization, validation; permission, allowance, consent, vouchsafe- ment; license, liberty, leave, imprimatur, carte blanche.
2. countenance, acknowledgement, endorsement, seal or stamp of approval, stamp, seal, signet, sigil, cachet; support, backing, advocacy, sponsoring, favor, encouragement.

3. ratification, confirmation, passage, acceptance; affirmative vote, yea, yes, Inf. O.K.; approval, approbation, grant; assent, agreement, concurrence, compliance, acquiescence.

—v. 4. authorize, warrant, certify, accredit, license, legalize, validate, notarize, visa; permit, allow, consent to, subscribe to, vouchsafe; commission, empower, entitle, invest, depute, Eccles. ordain.

5. countenance, acknowledge, endorse, underwrite, countersign, witness; support, uphold, defend, vouch for, back up, stand behind or by; sponsor, advocate, patronize, favor, promote, foster, boost, abet, encourage.

6. ratify, confirm, bind, accept, pass, vote for, say "aye" or "yea"; approve, give one's nod of approval, Inf. O.K.; Chiefly U.S. approve; agree to, give one's assent, concur with, accede to.

sanctity, n. holiness, sanctitude, saintliness, godliness; sacredness, divineness, divinity; religiosity, spirituality, devoutness, piety, religiousness; devotion, dedication, reverence, righteousness, goodness, virtue, virtuousness, purity, chastity, grace, piety, piety of heart, piety of mind, piety of life, piety of soul, piety of thought, piety of action, piety of word, piety of deed, piety of speech, piety of heart, piety of mind, piety of life, piety of soul, piety of thought, piety of action, piety of word, piety of deed, piety of speech.

sanctuary, n. 1. holy place, shrine, reliquary, naos, dagoba; sanctuary, delubrum, adyton, bethel; altar, tabernacle, holy of holies, sanctum, sanctorum, ark; chancel, Eccles. sacrarium, conventicle, chapel, chantry, oratory, prayer house, Hind. asham or asrama; church, house of worship, house of God, temple, synagogue, Yiddish. shul, mosque, pagoda.

2. asylum, refuge, haven, port; shelter, safe-hold, retreat; hideout, hideaway, hiding place, cover, covert, cache, cubbyhole; safety, seclusion, immunity, quarantine.

3. preserve, reservation, park; wildlife preserve, bird sanctuary, national park, national forest, state forest; Indian reservation, sacred ground.

sand, n. 1. gravel, debris, grit, detritus, attritus; gravelly, gritty, shingly, pebbly; sandy, adj.

2. sands beach, shore, seashore, strand; sandbar, sand dune, sand hill, sand pile; desert, waste, Sahara.


—v. 4. smooth, sandpaper, emery, file; grind, abrade, pumice, scour, buff; polish, burnish, dress, rub.

sandbank, n. shoal, ridge, reef, bar, shallow; sandbar, ford, coral reef; key, cay, atoll, island, isle.

sandy, adj. 1. gravelly, gritty, shingly, pebbly; sabulous, arenose, gravelly, granular, granulated, Geol. psammitic.

2. yellowish-red, saffron, tawny, ocher, ochreous, buff; yellow, yellowish, xanthous, topaz, lutescent, gold; flaxen, blond, tow-headed, dirty blond.

3. unstable, shaky, shifting, vicissitudinous; infirm, unsteady, changeful, changing; unsubstantial, unreliable, precarious, unsafe, unsound, hazardous.

sane, adj. 1. rational, normal, right, right-minded, Latin. compus mentis; sober, stable, of sound mind, of sound judgment, sound-minded; sound, healthy, wholesome; lucid, cogent, logical, perceiving, discerning; Sl. all there, Sl. together, Sl. having all one's marbles, in possession of one's faculties or senses.

2. sensible, reasonable, intelligent, sapient, sage, sagacious, judicious, understanding; responsible, level-headed, thoughtful, far-sighted; prudent, politic, discriminating, discreet, enlightened; cool-headed, cool, commonsense, commonsensical, pragmatic, practical; fit, advisable, proper; plausible, credible, justifiable, believable; well-founded, well-grounded.

sang-froid, n. coolness, calmness, composure, cool-headedness, countenance; self-possession, self-control, self-restraint; presence of mind; poise, equanimity, equilibrium, balance, aplomb; imperturbability, dispatch, dispassionateness, Inf. unflappability, unexcitability; nerve, cool, cool under fire, steadiness, unshakableness, steady hand.

sanguinary, adj. 1. bloody, gory, ensanguined, sanguine, sanguineous, sanguinolent; bloodshot, blood-stained, blood-soaked, bloodied.

2. bloodthirsty, murderous, slaughterous, killing, cutthroat, homicidal, fell, grim, brutal, cold-blooded; savage, cruel, barbarous, inhuman, ferocious; harsh, ruthless, remorseless, unmerciful, un pitying, heartless, soulless.

sanguine, adj. 1. buoyant, lively, spirited, elated, zestful; hopeful, expectant, anticipatory; confident, optimistic, reassured, assured; happy, blithe, warm, sunny, light-hearted, bright, exultant; enthusiastic, zealous, ardent, fervid.

2. reddish, rubescent, rufescent, rubicund; ruddy, russet, brick-red, lateritius; red-faced, flushed, glowing, blooming, inflamed, red, Feverish; florid, blowzy, sunburned, burnt; salmon, pink, coral, rosy, roseate.

3. bloody, blood-stained, gory, ensanguined. See sanguinary (def. 1.).

4. red, blood-red, blood-like, crimson, incarnadine, scarlet, vermillion; vinaceous, claret-colored, wine-colored, port, cherry, amaranthine, murrey; cardinal, carmine, Tyrian, Heraldry. gules, ruby, stammel; lobster-red, fire-engine-red, beet-red, strawberry.

sanitary adj. 1. clean, cleanly, hygienic, antiseptic, germ-free; sterile, pure, prophylactic, disinfect, decontaminated, aseptic; unpolluted, harmless, innocuous, innocuous, hortless, uninjurious; uninfect, immunized, uninfected, vaccinated, inoculated; chlorinated, boiled, pasteurized.

2. healthy, healthful, salutary, salubrious, Hygeian; wholesome, health-promoting, sanitarian; beneficial, benign, good; tonic, refreshing, constitutional, bracing.

sanitation, n. 1. hygienics, hygiology, cleanliness, prophylaxis, preventive medicine, preventive dentistry.

2. sterilization, antisepsis, disinfection, chlorination, decontamination; immunization, inoculation, vaccination, pasteurization.

sanity, n. 1. mental normality, normalcy, rationality, reason, reasonableness, sense, intelligence; sobriety, coherence, saneness, healthy mind, Inf. right mind; balance, level-headedness, sober-mindedness; lucidity, clear-headedness; mental health, mental hygiene; cogency, perspicacity, perspicacity, perceptive- ness, astuteness, acuity.

2. judiciousness, sagacity, wisdom, sagesness, sa- pience; practicality, pragmatism, coolness, cool-head- edness; common sense, Inf. horse sense, prudence, polity, judgment; discrimination, discretion, thought- fulness.

sap, n. 1. juice, fluid, life fluid, Archaic. lymph; milk, blood, lifeblood, Class. Myth. ichor.

2. Slang. fool, dope, gull, gudgeon, Inf. chump, Sl. schnook, Sl. schlemiel, sitting duck, easy mark, Inf. sucker, Sl. patsy, U.S. Sl. fall guy, Sl. pushover, Sl. jerk.

sap, v. undermine, weaken, impair, enfeeble, reduce; deplete, exhaust, wear, enervate, drain, bleed, milk, rob; invalidate, debilitate, cripple; destroy, ruin, sabotage, subvert; devastate, despoil, blight.
sapience, n. wisdom, sagacity, sagacity, sense, common sense, reason, soundness, reasonableness; intelligence, knowledge, genius, judgment; judiciousness, discretion, discrimination, circumspection, providence, providence; perceptiveness, perception, percipline, perspicacity, perspicuity; discernment, penetration, insight, profundity, depth, deepness; astuteness, acuteness, acumen; shrewdness, cleverness, sharpness, smartness, keenness; cunning, mother wit, wit, parts, Inf. smarts, Inf. brains.

sapient, adj. wise, sagacious, sound; sensible, rational, reasonable, knowing, intelligent; philosophical, erudite, enlightened, deep, profound; judicious, discreet, circumspect, discriminating, prudent, provident; penetrating, discerning, perspicacious, perceptive, perceptive; astute, apt, keen, sharp, bright, keen-sighted, clear-sighted, clear-headed; clever, brainy, smart, quick-witted, nimble-witted; shrewd, foxy, calculating, sharp-witted; long-headed, far-sighted, long-sighted.

sapless, adj. 1. withered, wizened, shriveled, shrunk, shrunkken; juiceless, dry; decayed, dead.
2. insipid, flat, uninteresting, unenteraining, inexpressive, unimaginative, colorless, jejune, Sl. blah; unamated, spiritless, restless, tane, lifeless, empty, Sl. dead, Sl. nothing; pointless, impotent, weak, feeble, anemic, namby-pamby; dry-as-dust, prosaic, prosy, bland, vapid, thin, watered-down, dilute.

sapyng, n. 1. young tree, seedling.
2. young person, youth, youngling, juvenile, girl, boy; sprig, stripling, urchin, tad, urchin.

sappy, adj. 1. succulent, juicy, lush, oozy, seepy; moist, watery, hydrous; sticky, tacky, adhesive, viscid, viscous.
2. energetic, energetical, vigorous, dynamic, electric; active, alive, full of energy, Inf. full of pep, Inf. peppy, Inf. snappy, Inf. on one's toes, full of vim and vigor; eager, ready to go, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed; lively, spirited.

sarcasm, n. 1. derision, ridicule, scorn, mockery, jest; satire, irony, cynicism, lampoon, burlesque; contempt, disparagement, disdain, superciliousness, haughtiness, arrogance; criticism, censure, hit, fling, Inf. flak, rub, dig; taunt, fleer, gibe, jeer, flout, scoff, sneer, wipe, quip, nip; abuse, contumely, barb, slur, vituperation, aspersion.
2. acrimony, acrimoniousness, causticity, aperity, mordancy, acridness, acridity, pungency, venom, venomousness, venomness; trenchancy, keenness, incisiveness; harshness, sharpness, pointedness; virulence, spite, spitefulness, malice, maliciousness, viciousness; aspersion, severity, sternness, acerbity, austerity, stringency; peevishness, petulance, Rare. petulancy, crabbedness, testiness, touchiness, irascibility, edginess; ill temper, ill-temperenced, short-temperedness, ill humor, ill-humoredness.

sarcastic, adj. 1. sardonic, scornful, mocking, ridiculing, derisive, derrisive, Rabelaisian; satirical, ironic, ironical, double-edged, edged, cynical; contemptuous, contumelious, disparaging, sneering, disdainful, supercilious, haughty, arrogant; taunting, teasing, chaffing, gibing, jeering, quizzical, scoffing; critical, captious, faultfinding, carving, carping, cen-sorous.
2. caustic, mordant, mordacious, acrimonious, bitter, acrid, acridulous, acid, pungent; trenchant, cutting, incisive, slashing, scathing; penetrating, piercing, stinging, pricking, nipping, biting; keen, pointed, sharp, sharp-tongued; astringent, severe, acerb, acerbic, sier, harsh, austere, stringent; spiteful, virulent, malicious, malificent, venomous, vicious, malevolent, malignant; invidious, hateful.
3. insulting, excoriating, denouncing, berating, slandering; abusive, scurrilous, offensive, vituperative; corrosive, corroding, erosive, withering; cruel, mean, brutal; unkind, uncharitable, unbenevolent, uncordial, unamiable, unfriendly.
4. abrupt, brusque, blunt, curt, short, gruff, crusty; peeveish, petulant, crabbed, testy, touchy, wapsich, irascible, edgy; ill-tempered, ill-humored, ill-natured, short-tempered; hostile, resentful, indignant, piqued, angry; morose, surly, sour, moody.

sardonic, adj. scornful, mocking, cynical, contemptuous, contumelious, sneering, disdaining; caustic, mordant, mordacious, acrimonious, bitter, acrid, acridulous, acid, pungent; trenchant, cutting, incisive, slashing, scathing; sarcastic, biting, harsh, keen, pointed, sharp, sharp-tongued; astringent, severe, acerb, acerbic; spiteful, virulent, malicious, malificent, venomous, vicious, malevolent, malignant.

sassy, adj. 1. impudence, insolence, sauciness;Inf. sauce, Inf. cheek, Inf. sassiness; Inf. back talk, SL. lip, SL. mouth, SL. mouthing off, SL. smarting off; discourtesy, rudeness, incivility, impertinence, flippancy, brashness, disrespect, disdain, contempt, derision, SL. freshness, SL. fresh talk; impudent talk, audacity, effrontery, boldness, presumption, brazeness.
2. Informal. be impudent, be insolent, back-talk, talk back, Inf. answer back, Inf. sauce, Inf. give [s.o.] lip, Inf. mouth off, SL. get fresh, SL. get smart, Dial. sass back; forget one's place, forget oneself, dare, presume, take liberties, make bold, speak out of turn.

2. the Devil, the Evil One, the Wicked One, prince of darkness, prince of sinners, Spirit of Evil, monarch of hell, prince of liars, evil incarnate; Lord of the Flies, Lord of Vermin, the Serpent, the dragon, the goat, seirizzin, the dickens, the deuce; the Adversary, the Tempter, Foul Fiend, the Archfiend, the Archdemon; Old One, Old Bog, Old Boy, Old Scratch; Old Harry, Old Davy, Nick, Old Nick; All Scot. the Auld Ane, the Deil, Auld Clubfoot, Auld Nick.

satanic, adj. 1. diabolic, diabolical, devilish, fiendish, ghoulish; Mephistophelian, demoniac, demoniacal, demonian, cacademic; infernal, hellish.
2. wicked, iniquitous, evil, sinful, odious, Obs. scelerious; impious, unholy, ungodly, godless; base, vile, sinister, dire, dark, dreadful, baleful, black; black-hearted, corrupt, depraved, vicious, Archael. facinorous; profligate, immoral, dissolute, vitiated, perverted, perverse; pestilential, malevolent, malignant, malign, maleficient, malefic, fell, venomous; nefarious, flagitious, unspeakable, villainous, heinous; damnable, abominable, execrable, horrible, horrid, hideous, monstrous, atrocious, accursed; hateful, destetable, infamous, despicable, loathsome, abhorrent.

sate, v. 1. fill, satisfy, suffice, satiate. See satiate (def. 2).
2. surfeit, overfill, clay, stuff, saturate, satiate. See satiate (def. 1.).

satellite, n. 1. moon. 2. spacecraft, space capsule, unmanned satellite, communications satellite, weather satellite, orbiting observatory, research satellite, relay satellite.

3. follower, disciple, apostle, sectarian, sacrosanct, proselyte, acolyte, votary; aide, aide-de-camp, assistant, lieutenant, munition, subordinate; deputy, second, delegate, agent, surrogate, secondary, helper; partisan, ally, adherent, counselor, advisor, privy councilor; friend, mate, companion, Inf. buddy, partner, Sidekick, Inf. sideman, pal, shadow, appendage, companion, auxiliary, appendant; confidante, right-hand man, good right arm, man Friday.

4. henchman, underling, second banana, lackey, flunky, Sl. stooge, Sl. gofer, U.S. Sl. ward heeler, cat's-paw, puppet, tool; hanger-on, barnacle, bur, camp follower, parasite, sponger, groveler, bootlicker, lickspittle, yes man, toadie, toady, fawner, sycophant, tuffhunter, spaniel, apple polisher, wheeler-dealer; frontman, strong-arm man, U.S. tough, Inf. goon.

5. retainer, attendant, dependent, servant, vassal, menial; courtier, carpet knight.

6. satellite nation, protectorate, dependency, possession, territory, dominion, colony, mandate.

satiate, v. 1. satirize, travesty, pasquinade; lampoon, squib, poke fun at, censure, criticism; making fun of, holding [s.o.] up to contempt, acrimony, contumely, scoffing, aspersion, Inf. put-down, shot; cut, jibe, fleer, slur; black comedy, Inf. hit at, Inf. take off on, Inf. do a takeoff of; make [s.o.] the butt of one's humor, prick [s.o.'s] balloon, tweak [s.o.'s] nose; pillory, put [s.o.] on the spit, Sl. roast, Sl. ride, Sl. razz, Sl. rag, Sl. put down, Sl. rank out, Sl. run down.

satisfaction, n. 1. fulfillment, gratification, appeasing, assuaging, assuagement, placating.

2. content, contentment, pleasure, enjoyment, joy, delight, happiness, comfort.

3. acceptance, assurance, belief, trust.

4. reparation, compensation, indemnity, recompense, requital; payment, repayment, remuneration, reckoning; amends, atonement, expiation.

satisfactory, adj. sufficient, adequate, suitable, fit; up to par, up to scratch, Inf. up to snuff; competent, able, capable, commendable, worthy, good, acceptable, all right; fine, okay, O.K., U.S. Sl. hunky-dory.

satisfied, adj. 1. content, happy, pleased, smug, like the cat that swallowed the canary.

2. paid in full, required, compensated, reimbursed.

3. convinced, persuaded, assured; positive, certain, sure.

satisfy, v. 1. please, gratify, gladden, delight; content, appease, assuage, pacify, placate; fulfill, fill, sate, satiate.

2. convince, assure, reassure, persuade, make [s.o.] see the light.

3. answer, solve, resolve, meet; match, equal, confirm.

4. make reparation, atone for, repay, requite; recompense, square up, compensate, reimburse, remunerate, pay, pay back.

5. suffice, do, be enough or adequate or sufficient, serve; Inf. hit the spot or bull's-eye, be on target.

saturate, v. 1. soak, drench, wet through, sop, souse, waterlog, suffuse; ret, steep.

2. impregnate, ingrain, infuse, instill; permeate, penetrate, pervade, imbue, shoot through, imbue; fill, charge, surfet, glut, sate, satiate.

saturated, adj. 1. soaked, drenched, sopping, soaked, waterlogged, soaked, suffused.

2. permeated, pervaded, shot through, riddled; filled, imbued, imbrued, stuffed, crammed, packed; sated, satiated, glutted, cloyed, jaded.

3. (of colors) intense, pure, brilliant, prismatic, spectral.

saturnalia, n. revelry, merrymaking, revels, frolic; party, partying, wild party, Sl. hot time, Sl. bash, Sl. lollapalooza, Inf. clambake; carnival, festivity, festival, feast; bacchanalia, bacchanal, orgy, debauch, carousal, carouse.

saturnine, adj. gloomy, glum, dismal, blue, morose, sulky; depressed, discouraged, low-spirited; downhearted, Inf. down in the dumps, downcast, dejected, dispirited, sorrowful, sad, unhappy, melancholy, weepy, tearful; pessimistic, hopeless, despairing, despondent; sour, stern, severe, sullen; reserved, taciturn, quiet, silent, withdrawn, apathetic, moody, trumpish, anodyne.

satyr, n. 1. rustic, libertine, rake, roué, goat, de-skon, libertine, pervert, exhibitionist, lover-boy, swordsman, SI. lover, SI. slapper, SI. suitor, SI. suitor; adulterer, rip, SI. It. ravisher, rapist, raper; pincher, feeler, SI. swindler, swindler, Swindler, swindler, swindler, swindler, swindler, swindler.

2. paid in full, requited, compensated, reimbursed.

satyan, adv. impregnate, ingrain, infuse, instill; permeate, penetrate, pervade, imbue, shoot through, imbue; fill, charge, surfet, glut, sate, satiate.

sauce, n. 1. condiment, dressing, relish, chutney;
saucy, adj. 1. impertinent, insolent, impudent, au-
v. 2. saunter, n.
ferocious, fierce, ruthless, vicious, adj.
baloney, Inf.
sausage, n. 1. rescue, come to [s.o.'s] rescue, liberate,
free, bail [s.o.] out; redeem, deliver, snatch from
the jaws of death; salvage, Baseball. (of a relief
pitcher) put out the fire.
2. protect, safeguard, guard, secure; shield, screen,
cover, cloak, veil; keep, keep up, preserve, conserve,
maintain, sustain, carry over.
3. reserve, husband, withhold, hold back, hold, hold
in reserve, save for future use, save for a rainy day; set
aside, put or lay aside, put away, lay away, lay by, lay
up, stow away, squirrel away, salt away, SL. sock
away; store, store up, hoard, stockpile, amass, accumu-
late, pile up.
4. economize, scrimp, scrape, Inf. pinch pennies, Inf.
tighten one's belt; waste not, want not; cut expenses,
cut costs, buy wholesale, buy in bulk or quantity.
5. obviate, preclude, prevent, forestall, debar, rule
out; keep on the safe side, cover all angles, leave
nothing to chance.
save¹, prep., conj. but, except, excepting, except for,
with the exception of, saving, Inf. outside of; less,
minus, leaving out, omitting, barring, not counting,
discounting.
saving, adj. 1. rescuing, delivering, freeing, releasing,
liberating.
2. protective, protecting, safeguarding; preservative,
preserving, maintaining, sustaining, upholding, con-
servative; restorative.
3. compensating, reparatory, reparative, restitutionary;
redeeming, redemptory.
4. thrifty, economical, provident, prudent, frugal,
careful, sparing, penny-wise, Inf. tight.
—n. 5. economy, thrift, thriftiness, frugality, provid-
ence, prudence; conservation, husbandry, manage-
ment; economizing, scrimping, scraping.
6. reduction, price reduction, price-cut, cut, dis-
count, deduction, Inf. rollback; rebate, refund, SL.
luck.
7. reserve, reservoir, supply, stockpile, cache, some-
ting to fall back on; card up one's sleeve, SL. ace in
the hole.
8. savings capital, assets, funds, finances, res-
sources, reserves, means, wherewithal; nest egg,
reserve fund, mad money; kitty, pool, pot.
—prep., conj. 9. save. See save¹
savior, n. 1. messiah, (in Muslim usage) Mahdi, re-
deemer, deliverer; liberator, freer, emancipator, man-
umitter; champion, knight in shining armor, knight er-
tag, champion, knight in shining armor, knight err-
ting, crusader.
2. the Savior Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Son of God,
Son of man, Lamb of God, King of Kings, Immanuel,
Prince of Peace, the Good Shepherd
savour-faire, n. sophistication, worldliness, savoir-
vivre, SL. sav; culture, cultivation, refinement,
smell, finesse, adaptability, skill, adroitness, ability;
grace, style, poise; graciousness, mannerliness, man-
ers, good manners, breeding, comity, gentility, social
grace; suavity, suaveness, urbanity, smoothness; tact,
tactfulness, diplomacy, prudence; discernment, per-
ceptiveness.
love, care for, delight in, rejoice in; appreciate, value, cherish, treasure, prize.
5. flavor, season, salt, spice, give zip to, put herbs and spices in, Inf. doctor up.
6. Often saw or smack, have all the earmarks, approximate, resemble, exhibit traces, show influence, show signs, have the hallmark.
7. taste good, be savory, tickle the palate, tickle the taste buds, tempt the appetite, please the palate; appeal, entice, attract, draw in, Inf. pull in off the street.

savory, adj. delicious, delectable, tasty, dainty, appetizing, luscious, ambrosial, ambrosian; flavorful, epicurean, nectarous, nectaran, sweet, sweet as honey; palatable, toothsome, Scot. gustable; piquant, pungent, poignant, spicy, zesty, zestful; tangy, well-seasoned, sassy, with a kick, St. kicky; fragrant, odoriferous, aromatic, perfumed, scented, sweet-smelling.

saw1, n. 1. cutting tool, handsaw, hacksaw, circular saw, band saw, keyhole saw, butcher's saw, lumberman's saw.
—v. 2. cut, divide, sever, dissemble, split, rend, Sunder, disjoint, cleave, rive; bisect, halve, quarter, intersect; subdivision, compart, partition, repartition, demarcate.

saw2, n. old saying, saying, sententious saying, pithy statement; maxim, aphorism, apothegm, go, get it; proverb, axiom, precept, prescript, dictum, epigram, adage; witticism, Fr. jeu d'esprit, quip, Atticism; cliché, hackneyed phrase, platitudinous, truism, Inf. bromide, commonplace; byword, slogan, motto, catchword, catch phrase, doggerel verse.

saw-toothed, adj. serrated, serrulate, dentate, denticulate; notched, nicked, jagged, jaggy, sawlike, zigzag, zigzagged, uneven, rough, in-and-out.

say, v. 1. utter, vocalize, pronounce, announce, speak, mouth; word, put in words, phrase, articulate; answer, respond, reply, rejoin, retort; remark, come out with, communicate, convey; state, declare, tell, impart; present, mention, add, put, put before; reveal, let out, divulge, disclose, make known, cry, noise abroad; breathe, whisper, betray.
2. repeat, recite, declaim, orate, deliver, rehearse, render.
3. estimate, predict, predicate, speculate, hypothesize, conjecture, hazard a guess; assume, judge, imagine; promise, imply, give the implication or impression that.
4. report, allege, asseverate, aver, avow, avouch; attest, testify, certify, vouch, depose, bear witness, give evidence, give one's word, warrant; profess, claim, purport, pretend; impute, insinuate; cite, name, attribute, assign, ascribe; adduce, advance, bring forward, bring to attention, introduce; offer, propose, plead.
—n. 5. statement, expression, utterance, representation; pronouncement, announcement, dictum, manifesto; recital, recitation, repetition; monologue, soliloquy, speech, talk; pronunciation, assertion, proclamation, predication; avert, avowal,asseveration, assurance, promise, pledge, word, say-so; allegation, affirmation, protestation, profession, acknowledgment.
6. turn, Inf. crap, Inf. turn at bat, chance to speak, Sl. two cents' worth, right to speak; vote, option, prerogative, privilege, influence, weight, sway.

saying, n. 1. saw, maxim, aphorism. See saw1.
2. go without saying be understood, be self-evident, be manifest; be accepted, be matter of course, be clear or clear-cut, be plain as day, be plain as the nose on your face; be indubitable; be indisputable, be unquestionable, be an accepted fact.

scabby, adj. 1. crusty, incrusted, scaly, scurfy, furfuraceous, Pathol. psoriatic, Vet. Pathol. mangy, scabbed, scabrous; broken, chapped, coarse, rough, sloughy, peeling, flaky.
2. Slang. mean, nasty, contemptible, scurvy, low base, vile.

scaffold, n. 1. scaffolding, framework, structure, framework, frame, planking, framework, platform, stage, guillotine.
2. raised platform, stage.

scalawag, n. Informal. scam, rascal, rogue, rascalion, scapegrace, scarabouche. See scamp.

2. coat, coating, crust, incrustation, cover, covering. 
—v. 3. remove the scales from, flake, scrape or scrape off, abrade, cut away, shave.

scale2, n. Usu. scales weight, balance, bathroom scales or scale, calorie scale, postage scale.

scale3, n. 1. steps, degrees, gradations, levels, series, succession, progression, sequence; musical scale, decimal scale; hierarchy, ranking order, social scale, caste system, seniority system.
2. ruler, measuring stick, yardstick, gauge.
3. range, gamut, scope, extent, reach, spread, expanse, field.
—v. 4. climb up or over, mount, ascend, go up, escalate.
5. Often scale down reduce, trim, cut down, decrease, lower, lessen.

scaly, adj. 1. scalelike, squamous, squamosal, squamous, squamulose, scurfy, furryfurfuraceous; Zool. scutate, lamellate, lamellar.
2. peeling, flaking, flaky.

scamp, n. rascal, rogue, rascalion, scapegrace, Inf. scalawag, scarabouche; bad or naughty boy, imp, punk, mischief-maker, troublemaker, Inf. cut-up, prankster, practical joker; devil, little devil, holy terror, Fr. enfant terrible, Irish Eng. spalaepin; cad, churl, Sl. louse, bully, ruffian; knave, blackguard, villain, scoundrel. Arch. heretical, miscreant, picaro; Boist. wretch, bastard, Arch. coistrel; delinquent, Inf. scofflaw, felon, malefactor, criminal, outlaw; good-for-nothing, Fr. vaurein, ne'er-do-well, Sl. bum, rip; Inf. rat, Inf. creep, Inf. stinker, Derog. bastard, Derog. SOB, Chiefly Brit. Sl. rotten, Chiefly Brit. Sl. bunter, Brit. Sl. blighter.

scamper, v. 1. scurry, scoot, race, Brit. cheat; hasten, make haste, speed, accelerate, hustle, hurry, post, rush, scramble; move swiftly, move quickly; hie, step lively, step quickly, scamper, clip, double-time, Inf. hump or hump it; jog, trot, canter, lope; run, dash, dart, bolt, tear, tear along, bowl along, make time, cover ground, make strides or rapid strides; sprint, fly, flit, whiz, whisk; zoom, zip, career, rip, scud, scorch, burn up the road, outstrip the wind, race like the wind, go or be off like a shot, Chiefly Brit. hare, Inf. roar, Inf. barrel, Inf. pour it on, Inf. eat up the road; take flight, take to flight, take wing, Inf. beat it, Inf. skip out, Inf. skedaddle, Sl. skidoodle, Sl. vamoose; take off, Inf. clear out, Inf. make tracks, Inf. cut out, Inf. fly the coop, Sl. split, Sl. scram, Sl. blow, Sl. hightail it; All Sl. step on it, hop to it, snap to it, get cracking, get a hustle or a move on, stir one's stumps.
2. brattle, skip, hop, jump, trip, gambol, caper, romp, play.
1. misdoing, evildoing, wrongdoing, *n.* scan,
2. skim, read over, peruse, browse, dip into, have a look at, look over, run over, check over, review; thumb through, flip through, leaf through, look through, glance through.

**scandal, n.**
1. misdoing, evildoing, wrongdoing; outrageous or flagrant misconduct or misbehavior; evil behavior, blame worthy action; political impugnment, unseemly vice, wickedness, baseness, turpitude, depravity, corruption, iniquity, villainy; immodesty, impropriety, impenitency, indecency, lust, carnality, concupiscence, lewdness, lechery, debauchery, libertinism, dissipation.


3. disgrace, shame, dishonor, degradation, debasement, ill-repute, disrepute, reproach, ingloriousness; ignominy, infamy, odium, opprobrium, revilement, condemnation; censure, blame, inculpation, railing, defamation, invective, curse, denunciation, contumely, malfeasance, imputation, imputation, defamation, abuse, abuse, injury, injury, insult, degradation, dispraise, dispraise, disdisease, disdisease, disesteem, disesteem, discomfit, discomfit, disgrace, disgrace, contempt, contempt, condemnation, valuing, disparagement, depreciation, preserved, preserved, defamation, defamation, defamation, defamation, discreditation, disrepute, disrepute, disesteem, disesteem, discomfit, discomfit, disgrace, disgrace, dispraise, dispraise, disdisease, disdisease, disesteem, disesteem, discomfit, discomfit, disgrace, disgrace, contempt.

4. slander, libel, calumny, calumny, misrepresentation, falsehood, lie, untruth, malicious falsehood or untruth, traducement; aspersions, aspersions, imputation, imputation, innuendo, *Inf.* brickbat, backbiting, malicious gossip, dirt, scandalmongering, abuse, injury, mud-slinging; slurs, defilements, blots, stains on the escutcheon, smear, smear, stain, taint, attaint, tarnish, spot, black spot or mark, blight, smeard, smudge, brand, stigma, badge of infamy; defamation, denigration, vilification, vilification, vituperation, *Inf.* skeleton in the closet, yellow journalism, muckraking.

**scandalize, v.**
1. shock, outrage, appall, disturb, upset, jar, horrify; insult, affront, offend, raise eyebrows; abuse, injure, ill-treat, maltreat; gall, rankle, cause to stick in [s.o.'s] throat.

2. sicken, nauseate, turn one's stomach,make one sick; repel, revolt, disgust, fill with loathing; shame, disgrace, dishonor, degrade, debase, abuse, vitiate.

**scandalous, adj.**
1. disgraceful, shameful, dishonorable, degraded, inglorious; infamous, ignominious, odious, opprobrious, contemptible, despicable, sordid, detestable; degenerate, depraved, unmentionable, corrupt, reprehensible, debased, abased, vitiated, iniquitous, immoral, profligate; horrible, heinous, vicious, atrocious, flagitious, Archaic: facinorous, felonious, base, vile, evil, infernal, sinister, diabolic, sinful, bad, wrong; low, arrant, nefarious, mean, vastardly, villainous, ignoble; denunciatory, dammatory, execrable, deplorable, reproachable, vituperative, invective, denigrating, objurgatory, imprecatory; disreputable, discreditable, disagreeable; billetting, disparaging, deprecatory, derogatory, detracting, deflating, depreciating, devaluing; humiliating, humbling, mortifying.

2. immodest, improper, fursome, unseemly, unbecoming, indecorous; unworthy, undutiful, delinquent, objectionable, uncommendable, reprovable, peccable, illausible; shocking, outrageous, notorious, flagrant; indecent, lewd, obscene, perverse, lustful, lascivious, lecherous, licentious.

3. slanderous, libelous, calumnious, calumniatory, traducent, false, untrue, maliciously false or untrue, misrepresentative, aspersive, imputative, insinuating, gossipping; abusive, theretical, hurtful, scurrilous, *Archaic.* scurrilous, injurious, contumelious, insulting, backbiting; defiling, sullying, soiling, staining, smearing, smirching, taunting, tarnishing, blasmecing, smudging, stigmatizing, defamatory, denigrating, vilifying, vilipendious.

**scanty, adj.**
1. scant, skimp, scrimp, meager, exiguous, *Scot. and North Eng.* eng; meanly small, beggarly, paltry, poor, pidling, *Inf.* measly, mere; slight, slender, lean, thin, narrow, puny, stunted; very little, insufficient, inadequate, short, shy; insubstantial, modest, light; nominal, minute, negligible, *Inf.* barely there.

2. sparse, scattered, thinly distributed, few and far between; sporadic, infrequent, spotty, irregular, intermittent.


**scar, n.**
1. pock, pockmark, *Inf.* cicatrix, blemish, old wound, spot; patch, blotch, discoloration, birthmark, nevus; defect, fault, disfigurement, disfigurement, flaw, cut, crack, scratch; stain, blot, speck, blur, smudge, smear, smut, stain; bruise, *Sl.* hickey, brand.

2. trauma, injury, damage; upset, shock, blow, ordeal.

—v. 3. blemish, mark, brand; impair, deface, disfigure, mar, scratch, cut, crack; spot, speckle, stain, blotch, discolor; sully, tarnish, taint.


**scurge, adj.**
1. scant, scantly, exiguous, unpertinent, in short supply, at a premium, not to be had, not to be had for love or money, *Inf.* scarcer than hen's teeth; meager, skimpy, paltry, too little, not enough, too little.

2. rare, almost unheard-of, infrequent, occasional, few and far between, seldom seen, seldom met with; uncommon, unusual, unmentioned, singular, exceptional, out of the ordinary, noteworthy, notable, distinctive, atypical.
pants off, Sl. scare the living daylight out of, Sl. scare out of one's wits, curl one's hair, make one's hair stand on end, make one's flesh crawl, make one's blood run cold; scare stiff, start, panic, break out in a cold sweat.

2. scare up Informal. find, get, obtain, secure, gather, collect, raise; round up, dig up, scrape up, scrounge, hustle, hustle, hustle.

—n. 3. fright, alarm, shock, start; panic, dither, consternation, nervousness, jitters, shakes; terror, horror, fear, phobia.

scarf, n. necklace, barb, neckerchief, fichu, muffler, tippet; kerchief, babushka, bandanna, headpiece, head dress, (in the Middle East) kaffiyeh; headcloth, wimple, cornet; stole, boa, Shawl, throw, prayer shawl, Judaism. tallit, (in Mexico) rebozo, (in Latin America) serape, (in Asia) chapian; veil, Moslem. yashmak, (in India) purdah, (in Afghanistan) chadri; ascot, necktie, cravat, four-in-hand.

2. runner, cloth, doily, antimacassar, tidy.

scary, adj. hair-raising, terrifying, horrifying, appalling, shocking; daunt ing, intimidating, threatening, menacing; frightening, goose pimples, creepy, crawling, discomfiting, dismaying, disturbing, Sl. hairy, difficult, bad.

scathing, adj. severe, harsh, extreme, stern; caustic, vitriolic, mordant, sarcastic, nasty; biting, bitter, acrimonious, acid, keen, incisive, trenchant; cutting, sharp, tart, pointed, stinging, lacerating, scarring; critical, denunciatory, excoriating, derisive; virulent, spiteful, hostile, rancorous; harmful, hurtful, injurious, damaging, malignant; scaring, burning, scorching, heated, fierce, ferocious, savage.

scatter, v. 1. strew, broadcast, sprinkle, sparge, disject, bestrew, disseminate, sow; spread, circulate, diffuse, scatter to the winds; fling, toss, throw.

2. dispel, disperse, dissipate, dissolve, disband, dismiss; separate, break up, drive off, rout, eject, send off.

scatterbrained, adj. rattlebrained, harebrained, frivolous, flighty, impractical; irresponsible, Inf. slap happy, Inf. dizzy, Sl. dippy, Sl. screwy, Sl. having a screw loose; dreamy, drifty, wool gathering, Inf. on another planet, with one's head in the clouds, Sl. in the ozone; featherbrained, hairbrained, not all there, missing some marbles, not having all one's buttons, with a mind like a sieve; nonserious, clownish, always kidding; erratic, changeable, mercurial, fickle, volatile.

scavenge, v. 1. cleanse, clean up, tidy, sweep up, hose down.

2. search, seek, hunt, prowl, look for, dig for; scrounge, forage, rummage, plunder; rustle up, Inf. scare up; Inf. sponge, Sl. mooch, Inf. freeload, Inf. bum.

scavenger, n. 1. sweeper, street cleaner or sweeper, Anglo-Indian. bhangi, sanitation engineer, garbage man, garbage collector, trash man.

2. forager, rummager, searcher, seeker, hunter; scrounger, scrounge, Inf. sponge, Inf. freeloader, Sl. moocher, Sl. mooch.

scenario, n. 1. outline, plot outline, sketch, abstract, summary, capsule, précis, synopsis; idea, concept, scheme, plan; framework, skeleton, Inf. bare bones; structure, organization, conception, master plan, floor plan, game plan; review, analysis, rehash, brief.

2. Motion Pictures. manuscript, script, working script, shooting script, screenplay, book.

scene, n. 1. place, location, site, locale, setting, Fr. mise en scène; arena, stage, theater, surroundings; region, locality, sphere; spot, center, focus; milieu, environment, circumstances, background, backdrop, situation.

2. landscape, view, picture, scenery, vista, panorama, prospect; exposure, outlook, perspective; seascape, dreamscape, streetscape.

3. episode, incident, chapter, segment; moment, happening, event, affair; proceeding, business.

4. outburst, eruption, explosion, Inf. flare-up, Inf. tantrum; upheaval, disturbance, alteration, brouhaha, furor.

5. make the scene U.S. Slang. go out, go on the town, go where the action is; be on hand, be on deck, be on the scene; participate, become involved or interested in, get into, Sl. groove on.

scenery, n. 1. view, scene, sight, vista, sweep, panorama; landscape, scope, seascape, waterscape, skyscape; (of a place) features, characteristics, aspects, phenomena, configuration, lay of the land, general appearance; air, atmosphere, setting, location, background, site.

2. stage setting, set, scene, Fr. mise en scène; Theat. drop curtain, scrim; flats, screens, All Theat. borders, tormentors, teasers.

scenic, adj. panoramic, grand, awe-inspiring, breathtaking, impressive, beautiful, pleasing to the eye; picturesque, pretty as a picture, charming; bucolic, pastoral, rustic, rural, natural, unspoiled, unnerved.

scent, n. 1. aroma, fragrance, incense; redolence, redolency, balm, balminess, bouquet; odor, smell; slight trace, hint, wind, whiff; track, trail, spoor.

2. perfume, cologne, eau de Cologne, toilet water, Ger. Könibach Wasser, Fr. parfum; fragrance, essence, extract; attar, scented oil.

3. sense of smell, olfaction, olfactory sense.

—v. 4. sniff, smell, detect, discern, perceive, recognize, distinguish.

5. perfume, aromatize, make fragrant, incense, cense.

scepter, n. 1. rod, wand, staff, baton, truncheon, fasces.

2. sovereignty, royalty, majesty, reign, royal power or authority; empery, dominion, control, domination, rule, command; influence, sway, ascendancy, supremacy, primacy.

schedule, n. 1. timetable, train or bus or flight schedule; agenda, program, plan, itinerary, Sl. sked; syllabus, outline; list, listing, slate, record, register, U.S. docket; calendar, social calendar, list of appointments.

—v. 2. make up or out a schedule, write up a schedule, work out a schedule; put on a schedule, write or enter in a schedule; register, calendar, slot, slate.

3. plan, arrange, reserve, make reservations, book, make arrangements or plans; budget, allot, appropriate, set aside or apart, earmark, dedicate, assign.

schematic, adj. 1. diagrammatic, diagrammatical, graphic, plotted, charted; illustrative, representational, delineative.

—n. 2. diagram, drawing, tracing, blueprint, sketch, delineation; chart, flow chart, graph, line graph; plan, arrangement, layout, design, order; ground plan, floor plan, game plan.

schematize, v. organize, arrange, classify, categorize, sort, grade, rank; catalogue, file, collocate, group, codify, put into order; pigeonhole, pinpoint, pin down, tie up loose ends; regulate, methodize, standardize, systematize.

scheme, n. 1. plan, design, intent, purpose, intention; objective, end, aim, object; program, project, enterprise; proposal, suggestion, idea, thought; fancy, dream, daydream, vision, air castle, castle in the air, castle in Spain, Inf. pie in the sky, Inf. brainstorm, Inf.
scheming, crafty, artful, designing, sly, schism, n.
savant, man of letters, learned academic, scholastic, intellectual, n.
erudition, learning, letters, scholarship, 4. device, ploy, stratagem, machination, subterfuge, filimflam, Inf. racket, Sl. game; contrivance, trick, wire, finesse, ruse, tactic. Inf. move; conspiracy, intrigue, complot, cabal, collusion, cavalcade.

—v. 5. devise, prepare, think out, plot, plan, project, lay or form plans, formulate, frame, figure out, design, organize, Inf. cook up; imagine, dream up, envision, visualize, spin, contrive, conceive, invent; map out, block out, hit upon; hatch, machinate, maneuver, connive, concoct, complot, cabal, intrigue, wheel and deal, Inf. finagle.
scheming, adj. 1. crafty, artful, designing, sly, cunning, Scot, and North Eng. pawky, wily; underhanded, conniving, devious, Machiavellian, calculating, intriguing, machinating, maneuvering; slick, slick as a whistle, slippery, slipperiness as an eel, tricky, unpredictable, foxy, guileful.

2. adroit, resourceful, inventive, ingenious, clever, astute.
schism, n. 1. division, separation, partitioning of the ways, divergence, variance, splintering, faction; rift, split, break, breaking off or up, breach, rupture; cleavage, scission, severance; disunion, disjunction, disconnection, detachment.

2. faction, side, splinter party, contingent, party, group, band, ring, Inf. crowd; branch, arm, division, section, sector; sect, cult, denomination, persuasion, faith.
scholar, n. 1. savant, man of letters, learned person, bookman, intellectual, highbrow, Inf. egghead, Inf. longhair, Inf. brain, Inf. walking encyclopedia; authority, expert, pundit, luminary; bibliophile, bibliophile, bookworm; professor, doctor, teacher, pedagogue; pedant, Inf. know-it-all.

2. student, pupil, schoolgirl or schoolboy, learner, Fr. élève, Fr. étudiant, Sl. grind; undergraduate, U.S. Inf. coed, graduate student, Inf. grad student; All Educ. student teacher, practice teacher, pupil teacher, teaching or teacher's aide, teaching assistant, T.A., graduate assistant.
scholarly, adj. academic, scholarly, intellectual, highbrow, highbrowed, Inf. long-haired, intelligent, Inf. brainy, studious, bookish, bibliophilist, bibliophile; ivory-towerish, pedagoguish, professorial, pedantic, Inf. know-it-all; erudite, learned, lettered, punditic, wise, sage, profound, deep; well-versed, knowledgeable, literate, literary, well-read; educated, book-learned, well-educated, well-instructed, well-tutored, well-schooled, well-posted, well-grounded.
scholarship, n. 1. erudition, learning, letters, Archaic. literature, book learning, formal education, schooling, preparation, training; skill, know-how, knowledge, wisdom, study, U.S. Derog. bookishness; enlightenment, edification, cultivation, culture, refinement.

2. grant, award, endowment, purse, fellowship, assistantship, Fr. bourse, Fr. boursier.

3. collective knowledge, lore, learning, wisdom; information, facts, data.
school, n. 1. educational institution, primary school, grammar school, secondary school, high school; institution of higher education or learning, college, university, multiversity, Both Derog. phrontistery or phrontisterion; private school, boarding school, academy, seminary; kindergarten, nursery school, day-care center; all within a school department, division, faculty, area, discipline, field.

2. style, fashion, manner, tone, character, stamp; method, way, mode; (used collectively) followers, disciples, pupils, students, apostles, protégés; adherents, proponents, devotees, votaries, admirers; imitators, copiers, epigones, emulators; successors, heirs, perpetuators.

3. belief, creed, dogma, doctrine, ism; thought, view, opinion, position; sect, denomination, persuasion, faction, party, class, communion, fellowship.

—adj. 4. educational, instructive, informative, didactic; academic, academic, scholastic, instructional, pedagogic, pedagogical.

—v. 5. teach, instruct, tutor, inform, enlighten, edify; train, coach, break in, prepare, ready, prime; exercise, practice, drill, discipline; nurture, foster, nourish, feed, rear, bring up, cultivate, educate, develop, broaden, civilize, humanize; inculcate, instill, infuse, indoctrinate; govern, direct, guide; mold, shape, form; preach, lecture, moralize.
schoolbook, n. textbook, text, book, manual, handbook; abecedarium, primer, hornbook, first reader, reader, copybook, grammar or grammar book.
schooling, n. education, formal education, book learning, teaching, instruction, tuition, tutelage, tutorialship; direction, guidance, nurture, breeding, development; preparation, training, discipline, exercise, practice; inculcation, instillation, indoctrination, initiation, introduction; enlightenment, edification, culture, cultivation, refinement.

science, n. 1. body of knowledge, body of facts or information, body of laws or principles, body of truths or verities or realities, pantology; discipline, area of study, academic area, area, field, subject; sphere, domain, realm, world; branch, specialization, specialty.

2. physical science, technology, physics, chemistry, biology, geology, geography; social science, sociology, psychology, economics.

3. scholarship, academics, academic pursuit, learning, erudition, philosophy; research, experimentation, trial and error, investigation, discovery.

4. skill, proficiency, expertise, expertness, mastery; adroitness, aptness, fineness; address, application, efficacy; facility, dexterity, deftness; sophistication, know-how, savoir-faire.
scientific, adj. 1. physical, natural, technological, technical, sciential, Rare. philosophical.

2. scholarly, academic, learned, erudite, pundite, scientific.

3. systematic, systematical, orderly, ordered, regular, regulated, controlled; methodical, thorough, painstaking, meticulous; exact, precise, mathematical, mathematical; experimental, empirical, observable, measurable, provable, verifiable, quantitative.
scentilla, n. spark, gleam, glimmer; trace, touch, hint, trifle, tinge, suggestion, suspicion, soupcon, tincture, Archaic. spice, shadow; modicum, iota, bit, mite, speck, smidgen, Inf. smich; molecule, atom, jot, whitetitle, straw, pin; dot, point, dab, fleck; particle, mote; fraction, hair, shaving, paring, sliver, shive, splinter, fragment, scrap, snip; morsel, crumb, grain, granule, speck, grit, dash.
scentillate, v. spark, flare, flash; gleam, glare, effulge, fulgurate, coruscate; flame, blaze, burn, confagrate; streak, stream, beam; glitter, glimmer, glisten,
scintillating
1. sparkling, glittering, twinkling, flickering, flashing, scintillant; shimmering, shimmery, gleaming, resplendent, dazzling, blinding; shining, glimmering, glittering, lustrous, (of a gem or pearl) 2. luminous, lucent, radiant, effulgent, lambent; beamy, bright, brilliant, vivid, nitid; flaming, blazing.

2. lively, stimulating, invigorating, exciting, brisk, spirited, dynamic; vivacious, buoyant, sanguine, effervescent; enthusiastic, hearty, heated.

scion, n. 1. descendent, heir, successor; offspring, issue, child, progeny.

2. shoot, offshoot, twig, branch, stem, cutting, graft; sprout, sprig, spray.

scoff, n. 1. jeer, gibe, sneer, fleer, flout, fling, rail.

Inf. reprimand, chiding, Inf. dressing down, Archaic, twinkle; waver, dance, flutter, fluctuate, oscillate, orient; luminous, lucent, radiant, effulgent, lambent; beamy, bright, brilliant, vivid, nitid; flaming, blazing.

Inf. U.S. SI. sarcasm, remonstration, remonstrance; disapprobation, chastisement, rap on the knuckles, slap on the wrists; contumely; reprobation, imprecation, fulmination, denunciation, denouncing, tirade, philippic, execration, invective; obfuscation, berating, vituperation, contemptuously; reprobation, imprecation, fulmination, devastation, defamation, vilification, vilipending; inveighing, declamation; blame, accusation, imputation, indictment.

scoop. n. 1. ladle, spoon, dipper, bailer; shovel, backhoe; (of a dredge or backhoe) bucket.
2. hollow, crater, pit, dimple, concavity; hole, cavity, depression, dent.
3. dip, ball, spoonful, ladleful.
4. (of news stories) beat, exclusive.
5. Informal. inside information, Sl. poop, Inf. lowdown, real story, inside story; facts, information, Sl. info, Brit. Sl. gen.

—v. 6. ladle, spoon, dip, ladle, bail, shovel.
7. hollow out, pit, dent, dig, gouge, excavate.
8. sweep up, gather, haul in, take in.

scope, n. 1. extent, range, reach, compass; depth, width, length, breadth; space, area, expanse, stretch, spread, sweep, span; sphere, orbit, influence, realm.
2. purpose, aim, object, goal, end, target, heart’s desire, intent, drift.

search, v. 1. char, toast, brown, tan, blacken; blister, sunburn.

2. parch, sear, bake, roast, torrefy, scald, wither, shrivel; heat, singe, burn.
3. exorcise, seclude, disencumber, condemn; scarify, flay, flare, lacerate, lacerate, cut to ribbons, cut up, attack; degrade, ridicule; criticize, Inf. knock, Sl. rap, Sl. slam, rake over the coals, Inf. blast, Sl. let [s.o.] have it; castigate, censure.

4. (of crops, towns, land) burn down, set the match to, devastate, raze, destroy, ruin.

scoffing, adj. 1. burning, hot, fiery, flaming, sizzling, red-hot, searing, roasting, broiling; sweltering, torrid, hellish, tropical.

2. scathing, caustic, vitriolic, mordant, trenchant, incisive, cutting, sharp; acrimonious, bitter, biting, harsh.

score, n. 1. record of points, reckoning, tally, sum, amount, number, count, computation, calculation.
2. amount due, bill, check, Inf. tab; fee, charge, price; dun, demand for payment.
3. notch, nick, groove,nock, hole, gorge; cut, incision, slit, gash, scotch, slash; crenation, crenelation, creniture, crenel; indentation, indent, dent, dint; chip, flaw, defect.
4. scores multitude, host, mass, crowd, throng, crush, Sl. mess, horde; drove, bevy, herd, pack, flock, swarm, school, shoal; army, legion, band, team, troop, company, group, party, body.
5. reason, basis, cause, ground, grounds; inducement, inspiration, impetus, incentive; instigation, incitement, provocation.

6. Informal. a. situation, status, point of progress; story, Inf. latest, scoop. b. successful move or remark, good hit, coup, master stroke; great idea, bright thought; triumph, victory, conquest; knockout, win, Sl. killing.

settle a score retaliate, return like for like, give it for; give it for a, give a blow for a, give measure for measure or pound for pound; give [s.o.] a dose or taste of his own medicine, pay [s.o.] back in his own coin, pay back in kind, repay.

—v. 8. make a point, earn a point or points; earn, make, get, Sl. hit, Sl. cop, Sl. bag, Sl. catch.
9. make a point, earn a point or points; earn, make, get, Sl. hit, Sl. cop, Sl. bag, Sl. catch.
10. notch, nick, nong, gouge, cut; make a cut in, chip into, incise, slit, split, gash, slash, scrape, scratch, scarify; chisel, carve.
scorn, n. 1. disdain, contempt, contemptuousness, scornfulness, contumely, opprobrium; insolence, arrogance, haughtiness; deprivation, disparagement, belittling.

2. derision, sneering, scoffing, jeering, mockery, ridicule, derisive, derisory, mocking, sarcastic, scornful, insidious, calumnious, impudent, impertinent, overbearing.

Inf. of; mock, jeer at, sneer at, twit, scoff at, taunt, scout, ostracize, rebuff; ignore, sneer at, have nothing to do with, disown, cut off, disavow, have no use for, wipe out, put down.

2. derision, sneering, scoffing, jeering, mockery, ridicule, laughter.

Scornfulness, contumely, opprobrium; insolence, arrogance, haughtiness; deprecation, disparagement, belittling, slandering, misrepresent, mislead, imply, impute evil.

—v. 3. disdain, contemn, revile; misprize, spurn, spit upon, consider beneath oneself, look down one’s nose at, curl one’s lip at, thumb one’s nose at; despise, reproach, deprecate, disparage, belittle, pooh-pooh, look down upon, SL. put down.

4. disregard, slight, snub, shun, cut, Inf. high-hat, upstage, give a cold shoulder to, turn up one’s nose at, ostracize, rebuff; ignore, sneeze at, have nothing to do with, disown, cut off, disavow, have no use for, wipe out, put down.

5. deride, ridicule, laugh at, poke fun at, make fun of; mock, jeer at, sneer at, twit, scoff at, taunt, scout, flout, gibe at, hoot at, fleer, boo, hiss, SL. give the Bronx cheer, SL. give the raspberry.

scornful, adj. derisive, derisory, mocking, sarcastic, sardonic, ridiculing, Rabelaisian; satirical, ironic, ironical, double-edged, cynical, contemptuous, contumelious, disparaging, sneering, disdainful, supercilious, haughty, arrogant; critical, captious, faultfinding, carping, censuring, censorious, rude, impolite, discourteous; overweening, presumptuous, high-handed, overbearing.

scotch, v. 1. thwart, abort, foil, balk, frustrate; cripple, clip the wings of, hamstring, handicap; undermine, injure, sabotage; obstruct, impede, interfere with, intercept, inhibit, hamper, hinder, SL. screw up, Inf. short-circuit; checkmate, outmaneuver; cut the ground from under, throw cold water on, SL. slap down; cancel, nullify, render null and void, neutralize; crush, quash, nip in the bud; defeat, stamp out, destroy.

2. notch, ridge, score; nick, nuck, chop, indent; cut, make a cut in, cut into, incise, slit, split; slash, glide, scrape; scrape, scratch, scarify; damage, mark, flaw, mar, hurt, impair, disfigure, mutilate.

—n. 3. score, nick, groove, slit. See score (def. 3).

scoundrel, n. 1. villain, miscreant, reprobate, incorrigible; rogue, knave, scapegrace, wastrel, Archaic. coistrel, ne'er-do-well, good-for-nothing, good-for-naught; wretch, churl, cur, cad, dog, dastard, bastard, Archaic. bezonian; All Inf. rat, creep, fink, ratfink, heel, stinker, Euph. son of a gun, Derog. SOB, Derog. bastard, Archaic. whoreson; All SL. bum, SL. slum, Chiefly Brit. rotter, Chiefly Brit. bounder, Chiefly Brit. blackguard.

2. mountebank, charlatan, quack, Archaic. quack-salter, Archaic. empiric; impostor, impersonator, SL. ringer; fraud, fake, Inf. faker, bad actor, carpetbagger, crim, Inf. bunko artist; cheat, deceiver, swindler, confidence man, Inf. con man; snake in the grass, wolf in sheep's clothing.

—adj. 3. villainous, reprobate, recreant, base, vile; roguish, knavish, rascally, scoundrelly, Obs. blacksward; uncensurable, unprincipled, treacherous, perfidious, untrustworthy, dishonest, deceitful, crooked, false, false-hearted, double-dealing, two-timing; shifty, slippery, Inf. shady.

scour', v. 1. scrub, scrub up, rub, abrade; polish, burnish, buff, shine, brighten; wipe, swab, mop, brush; wash, clean, clean up, cleanse, wash up, Brit. Inf. tub, lave, Chiefly Scot. light.

2. purge, cleanse, clear, purify, lustrate; clean out, Med. absterge, free from impurity; detersify, mundify, depurate.

3. eject, expel, rout out, weed out, root out, close the door on, drum out, get rid of, clear out, exterminate, do away with.

scour', v. 1. rummage, ransack, rake, comb, turn upside down, turn inside out; look everywhere, look high and low, look in every corner, look all over, look upstairs and downstairs, leave no stone unturned.

2. hurry, move quickly or fast, tear along; zip, whiz, dash, scoot; dart, bolt, shoot, fly; SL. go like a bat out of hell, go like a shot, outstrip the wind, go like the wind, scourch the ground, burn up the track.

3. roam, wander, range about, traverse, cross, cover ground.

scourge, n. 1. whip, horsewhip, bullwhip, cowhide, rawhide, thong, strap; flail, lash, switch, cat-o'-nine-tails, cat; flagellum, knout, quirt, U.S. blacksnake; bastinado, rod, stick, baton, cane, cudgel, blackjack, club, Inf. billy.

2. plague, pestilence, bane, affliction; adversity, evil, curse, misfortune, ill fortune, back luck, hard luck, bitter cup or pill; torment, torture, blow, catastrophe, misery, woe; trouble, worry, trial, tribulation; burden, load, heavy load, hardship, cross to bear; vexation, irritation, gall, pain in the neck, thorn in one's side, Inf. headache; aggravation, annoyance, nuisance, pest, bother, SL. pill.

—v. 3. whip, horsewhip, cowhide, strap, curry, SL. belt; flail, lash, switch, birch, flog, flagellate; bastinado, baste, cane, cudgel, fustigate; thrash, thwack, slam, knock, Inf. bawl, Inf. bellow, Inf. scream, Inf. strafe, Inf. clapperclaw; chastise, take [s.o.], Inf. jump down [s.o.'s] throat, Inf. chew out, Inf. go to the dirty works, Inf. let [s.o.], Inf. do, Inf. get [s.o.], Inf. hit [s.o.], Inf. knock.

4. chasten, castigate, discipline, correct; punish, dole out punishment, give [s.o.] what is coming to him or what he deserves, penalize, rap [s.o.'s] knuckles, slap [s.o.'s] wrists.

5. excoriate, objurgate, berate, rate, tongue-lash, jump on, Inf. jump down [s.o.'s] throat, Inf. chew out, Inf. give [s.o.] the works or the business or what for, Inf. let [s.o.] have it.

6. chasten, castigate, discipline, correct; punish, dole out punishment, give [s.o.] what is coming to him or what he deserves, penalize, rap [s.o.'s] knuckles, slap [s.o.'s] wrists.

—adj. 7. berate, censure, criticize, reproach, rebuke,justify, castigate, discipline, correct; punish, dole out punishment, give [s.o.] what is coming to him or what he deserves, penalize, rap [s.o.'s] knuckles, slap [s.o.'s] wrists.

7. excoriate, objurgate, berate, rate, tongue-lash, jump on, Inf. jump down [s.o.'s] throat, Inf. chew out, Inf. give [s.o.] the works or the business or what for, Inf. let [s.o.] have it.
scowl, v. 1. frown, glower, glare, lower, gloom, look black, look daggers, Scot. slinch, Sl. give a dirty or nasty look, Sl. don the hate-mug; look gloomy or sullen; threaten, menace.

—n. 2. frown, furled or knotted brow; glower, grimace, glare; dirty look.

scraggy, adj. 1. scrawny, thin, thin as a reed, rail, 2. frown, furled or — n.
Informal, contention, contest, alter-ation; participate, enter the lists, throw in [s.o.'s] time, Inf.

scramble, v. 1. hurry, move quickly, hasten, rush, lose no time, make haste; race, scurry, spurt, whisk; press on, push on, bustle, scamper, scuttle; flee, hot-foot, hoofit foot, hightail it, Inf. skedaddle, beat a retreat; whip away, run like mad, Sl. get cracking, Sl. get one's rear in gear, Inf. get off the dime, Sl. go like a bat out of hell, Inf. go like a shot; hustle, step on the gas, Sl. step on it, Sl. burn up the road, Sl. burn rubber, cover ground, Inf. make it snappy, look alive.

2. contend, strive, struggle, grapple, jockey for position; participate, enter the lists, throw or toss one's hat or — n.

3. mix up, blend, intermix, combine, mingle, inter-mingle, commingle; merge, tangle, entangle; disar-range, derange, disorder, disarray, disorganize; jumble, fuddle, Brit. Sl. muzz, snarl, Sl. ball up; confuse, make incomprehensible, code, encode; intermix, trans-pose, juggle, switch, dislocate; deliberately befog, obs-fuscate, becloud, obscure.

—n. 4. struggle, competition, contest, scrimmage, match, one-on-one; bout, encounter; race, run for one's money; contention, challenge, strife, struggle, conflict, clash; fight; infighting, internecine warfare, internal struggle, power play, Sl. rat race.

5. upset, imbroglio, disorderly proceedings; muddle, huddle, mess, tangle, jumble, litter, clutter, disarray, disorganization; pandemonium, bedlam, chaos, anarchy.

scrap¹, n. 1. fragment, bit, part, particle; chip, chink, smithereen, splinter, sliver; snap, snippet, wisp, tatter, corner; morsel, crumb, ort; modicum, iota, whit, mite, dam, tinker's dam, trifle; remnant, fraction, section, segment; snatch, shred, sample, specimen, dose, taste; drip, drab, Sl. sniggie.

2. scraps leftovers, remnants, leavings, residue, balance; rejectamenta, discards, throwaway; traces, vestiges, semblances; clues, shards, archaeological bits, Inf. pieces of the puzzle.

—v. 3. discard, Inf. junk, throw away, reject, eject, toss out, thrust aside, lay aside, cast aside; dismiss from use, have done with, forsake, abandon, jettison, Sl. eighty-six, Sl. deep-six, Inf. sink; dispense with, get rid of, drop.

scrap², n. 1. Informal. contention, contest, altercation, conflict, clash; row, Sl. blowup, Law. chance of opinion.

—n. 6. abrasion, scratch, scuff; laceration, cut, incision, gash, puncture, wound; line, mark, striation, scar.

7. scrawl. See scrawl (def. 2).

8. up to scratch adequate, satisfactory, competent.
able, capable, Inf. up to snuff.


scrawl, v. 1. shriek, screech, scream, shrill, stridulation, Inf. up to snuff. able, capable, Inf. st. head or a knife to [s.o.'s] throat, twist [s.o.'s] arm; constrain, bully, impress, dragoon, oblige, negotiate.


scrawl, n. 1. partition, 1. (in a church) parclose, division, 1. (in a church) parclose, division.

scrawl, n. 1. partition, 1. (in a church) parclose, division, 1. (in a church) parclose, division.

scribble, v. 1. scratch, scrawl, scribble, doodle, jot.

scribe, n. 1. penman, inscriber, copyist, copyer, transcriber, scrivenier, letterer, calligrapher, scribe, Inf. pen-pusher, Inf. pencil-pusher, Inf. scribbler.

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scribe, v. 1. scribble, scrawl, scribble, doodle, jot.

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scroll, n. 1. handwriting, penmanship, style of evangelical, biblical, textual, literal, scriptural, script.

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scribe, v. 1. scribble, scrawl, scribble, doodle, jot.
1. principled, right-minded, ethical, moral, conscientious; upright, righteous, just, honorable, upstanding, high-minded; good, sincere, all
wool and a yard wide, true, earnest, conscientious; cautious, careful, prudent, politic, discreet, judicious, circumspect.
2. punctilious, formal, correct, decorous, proper, conventional; strict, rigid, stiff, starched; exact, precise, accurate, close; meticulous, particular, finical, picky, fussy, hard to please; critical, exacting, demanding, painstaking, fastidious; minute, detailed, fine, nice, thorough, searching; scientific, mathematical, severe, rigorous.

scrupulize. v. examine, study, peruse, pore, pore over; investigate, search, search into, probe, probe into, Archaic. indagation; inspect, survey, observe, look over, eye, Inf. eyeball, keep an eye on, Sl. give the eye, Sl. give the once-over; take a long, hard look; perscrutate, Obs. Rare. perscrute, Obs. perulistrate, examine thoroughly or point by point, go over step by step, make a close study of.

scruinhy. n. 1. examination, study, perusal, perscrutation, Obs. perulstration; investigation, probe, inquiry, checkup, Archaic. indagation; research, canvass, analysis; survey, overview.
2. surveillance, observation, observance; close study or attention.
3. close or careful look, Sl. the eye, Sl. the glad eye, Sl. the once-over.

scuffle. v. 1. fight, struggle, tussle, battle, Sl. mix it up, Sl. go at it; brawl, riot.
2. fuss, flutter, bustle, hurry-scurry, rush about or around, tear around, buzz or whiz about, dart to and fro, scramble, run around like a chicken with its head cut off.
3. shuffle, shamble, scuff, drag one's feet.
4. fight, struggle, tussle, battle, Inf. mix-up; brawl, riot, free-for-all, donnybrook, brouhaha, fray, affair, melee, Inf. knock-down-drug-out; rumpus, Inf. ruckus, streetfight, Inf. rumble; snarl, imbroglio; showing match.

sculptor. n. chiseler, carver, stonecarver; sculptress; woodcarver, whitter; framer, forger, shaper, fashioner, designer, artist; worker in marble, worker in stone, worker in bronze, worker in clay.

sculpture. n. 1. statuary, sculpturing, plastic art; stone cutting; wood carving, xylography; scrimshaw.
2. figure, figurine, statue, statuette, bust, Obs. monument; marble, bronze; carving; figurehead.
3. sculpt, sculpt, chisel, cut, carve, tool, block out, rough-hew; shape, fashion, form, model, figure, cast.

scum. n. 1. film, covering, sheet, layer; spume, foam, froth.
2. dregs, lees, settlings, deposit; offscourings, remains, leftovers; remainder, residue, residuum; scoria, dross, decreament, slag; refuse, waste, garbage, discarded matter.
3. rabble, riffraff, canaille, doggery, trash, ragtag and bobtail, flotsam and jetsam, dregs of society, Inf. the great unwashed.

scurrility. n. 1. abusiveness, blackguardism, profaneness, scurrilousness; vulgarity, vulgarism, obscenity, lewdness, salaciousness; grossness, rankness, vileness, foulness, filthiness, nastiness, Sl. raunchiness; indecency, immorality, shamelessness, immodesty, impudicity, indecency.
2. vituperation, revilement, assailment, belaboring; invective, railing, upbraiding, objurgation, contumely, berating, scolding, tongue-lashing; diatribe, tirade, philippic; derision, scorn, scoff, jeer, gib, sneer, mockery, ridicule.
3. vulgarism, obscenity, salacity; filth, dirt, smut; ribaldry, billingsgate, profanity, double entendre, Ar-

2. ribald, risqué, off-color, *Inf.*: blue; buffoonish, roguish, knavish, waggish; derisive, scornful, mocking, ridiculing, irreverent.


2. fuss, bustle, scuffle. See also *scuffle* (def. 2).

scuttle, v. 1. scutter; rush, scurry. See *scurry* (defs. 1, 2).

v. escutcheon. See *scutcheon*, *n.* 1). (def. 2).

n. seacoast, seashore, shore, seaside, seaboard, seal, 1. emblem, representation, symbol, badge, representation, symbol, badge, *bawdry; curse word, swearword, oath, dirty*; Obs. *n.* 2. — 2. ribald, risqué, off-color, Inf.: dirty, smutty, nasty, scatologie, scatological, raunchy; indecent, broad, shameless, immodest, indelicate.

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séance, n. divination, mediumistic communication, contact with the spirits, contact with the afterworld, contact with the spirits of the departed.

search, n. 1. suture, commissure, joint, juncture, junction. 


—v. 3. furrow, wrinkle, line, ridge; scar, mark.

seaman, n. sailor, mariner, seaforth, bluejacket, marine, jack-tar. See *sailor* (defs. 1-3). "sea". (defs. 1, 2).


2. abandon, ditch, forsake, desert, quit, leave, give up; withdraw, back out, pull out, *Inf.* stand down. 

3. wreck, ruin, destroy, scotch, dish; do for, unassure, — v. 4. affix a seal to, set one's seal to, authorize, sanction, approve, endorse, sign, stamp, *Inf.* O.K.; certify, guarantee, warrant; assure, pledge, promise, vow, give one's word or one's word of honor; bind, obligate, engage; ensure, insure, make sure or certain, confirm, corroborate, make firm, stabilize, settle, decide; secure, clinch, clench, *Sl.* cinch, complete, consummate.

5. close, fasten shut, secure, bind, lock, bolt, bar; clasp, snap, zip; stop, cork, plug,bung; seal up, board up, fasten or batten down. 

seal, n. fur seal, harbor seal, sea dog, sea lion, sea elephant.

seam, n. 1. suture, commissure, joint, juncture, junction. 


—v. 3. furrow, wrinkle, line, ridge; scar, mark.

seamstress, n. seamstress, n. seamstress, n. 

search, n. 1. suture, commissure, joint, juncture, junction. 


—v. 3. furrow, wrinkle, line, ridge; scar, mark.

searching, adj. 1. thorough, thoroughgoing, total, exhaustive, in-depth, A to Z, absolute, complete.

2. penetrating, penetrative, piercing, incisive; observ-
seasick

at one's

sea
dise
ting, queasy

sea, seaside,

1. salty, salted, saline, peppery, piquant; 2. mature, maturate, ripen, mellow, improve; 3. questioning, inquiring, analytic; 4. habituate, accustom, make used to, make familiar with, familiarize, make routine; harden, toughen, inure, temper, anneal; adapt, acclimate, acclimatize, naturalize, domesticate; break in, train, discipline.

seasonable, adj. 1. springlike, summery, summerlike, autumny, wintry, winterish. 2. timely, well-timed, felicitous, opportune, right, opportune, felicitous, convenient, becoming; characteristic, suit, suited, well-suited, fit; suitable, appropriate, apt, apposite, fitting, congruous; befitting, meet, seemly, becoming; characteristic, suit, suited, well-suited, fit; propitious, fortunate, providential, convenient, lucky, happy, welcome; expedient, advantageous, favorable, beneficial, profitable, convenient, lucky, happy, welcome, welcome; expedient, advantageous, favorable, beneficial, profitable, Archaic, available; useful, serviceable, handy, good.

seasoned, adj. 1. salty, salted, saline, peppery, piquant; pungent, poignant, strong, sharp, nippy, piquant; savory, full-bodied, rich. 2. experienced, veteran, established, well-versed, proficient, skilled; adapted, acclimated, acclimatized, naturalized, at home in or with, familiar with, conversant with, acquainted with. 3. accustomed, in the habit of, given to, wont to, in the practice of; habituated, used to, addicted; chronic, inveterate, confirmed, hard-core; hardened, casehardened, hard-boiled, toughened, inured, tempered, annealed.

seasoning, n. spice, herb, herbs and spices, flavoring, flavor, extract, vanilla, almond, lemon; salt, pepper, cayenne, chili pepper, horseradish, garlic; cinna
om, nutmeg, ginger, cloves, mace, allspice, peppermint, mint; sage, rosemary, thyme, marjoram, dill, saffron; condiment, dressing, relish, tartar sauce, chutney, ketchup, hot sauce, Trademark. Tabasco.

seat, n. 1. chair, couch, sofa, bench, settle, stool, hassock; bleacher, grandstand seat, pew, box, loge, stall; cushion, pillow, squab, Oriental. musnud; saddle. See also bench, chair, sofa, stool. 2. throne, cathedra, seat of authority, seat of state; office, authority, status, power, position, Brit. berth, right, role, situation, station, commission, mission. 3. rump, buttocks, posterior, fundament, hindquarters, bottom, derrière, Inf. fanny, Inf. rear end, Brit. Inf. bum, Inf. backside, Inf. behind, Inf. butt, Sl. ass, Brit. Sl. arse, Sl. tail. See buttocks.

seat, v. 1. situate, place, put, deposit, usher, escort, lead, conduct, guide, direct. 2. accommodate, hold, contain, have room for, have capacity for. 3. install, invest, instate, induct, initiate, establish; chair, anoint, enthrone, crown, Rare. coronate; ordain, Obs. ordinate; swear in, inaugurate. 4. (of oneself) sit down, take a seat, perch on, roost on, plop down or into [s.t.], Inf. take a load off one's feet.

secede, v. 1. sever or separate oneself, withdraw, break away from, break with, abandon, forsake; pull out of, drop out of, wash one's hands of, have nothing further to do with, turn one's back on, have no truck with; defect, apostatize, bolt, (of oneself) expatriate, repudiate, reject, disavow, forswear, renounce, disclaim. 2. rebel, revolt, mutiny, riot, revolutionize; defy, kick over the traces.

secession, n. 1. withdrawal, separation, breakaway; schism, severance, defection; dissidence, apostasy, bolting, tergiversation; repudiation, rejection, disavowal, renunciation, renouncement, disclamation; abandonment, forsaking, resignation, abdication, relinquishment. 2. rebellion, insurrection, insure, insurgency, mutiny, revolution, sedition.

backwoods, backwater; deserted, forsaken, God-for-saken, abandoned, ghost; unvisited, unfrequented, unexplored; lonely, ensiled, marooned, lost, adrift.

seclusion, n. 1. hiding, retreat, hibernation, concealment, cover, secrecy, incognito; retirement, withdrawal.

2. isolation, sequestration, segregation, separation, aparthied; insulation, quarantine, sanitary cordon, Fr. cordon sanitaire; detachment, aparness, aloofness; solitude, loneliness, solitariness, aloneness; captivity, confinement, incarceration, detention, house arrest; wraps, purdah, veil, curtain.

3. sanctuary, asylum, retreat, refuge, haven; hide-away, hideout, hiding place, covert, cubbyhole; lair, den, Sl. hang-out; aerie, hermitage, cloister.

second’, adj. 1. secondary, next after the first; next, following, subsequent, consequent, resultant; alternate, other, every other, the next but one.

2. duplicate, copy, replicate, twin; surrogate, fill-in, substitute, double.

— n. 3. subordinate, subaltern, substitute, stopgap, Sl. sub, fill-in; double, understudy, alternate, stand-in; twin, surrogate, copy, alter ego; Baseball, pinch hitter, Baseball, relief pitcher, Sports, second stringer; proxy, agent, representative, succedaneum, delegate, minister; underling, henchman, creature, Sl. goon; second fiddle, Sl. second banana, second hand.

4. backer, supporter, booster, patron, Sl. angel; champion, advocate, promoter, endorser, sympathizer, apologist; assistant, attendant, seconder, helper, aide, abettor; lieutenant, adjutant, aide-de-camp; man Friday, gal Friday, right-hand man, fides Achates, right hand.

— v. 5. assist, help, aid, abet; support, back, promote, encourage; countenance, give moral support, favor, smile upon; sustain, stand by or beside, stick by, defend, side with; further, advance, forward; boost, patronize, sponsor; endorser, advocate, espouse, subscribe to; back up, Baseball, pinch hit, go to bat for; stand in, fill in, substitute, Sl. sub; stand up for, take up the cudgels for, lend one’s support to; fight for, join in, unite with, Inf. throw in with, join hands with, enlist under the banner of, come to the aid of.

—adv. 6. in the second place, secondly, secondarily; next, right after this, coming right up, number two.

second’, n. moment, Inf. sec, instant, stroke of time, tick, split second, half a second, Brit. Inf. half a mo; twinkling, twinkle, wink, wink of an eye, bat of an eye, triple, crick; jiffy, jiff, flash, shake, two shakes of a lamb’s tail.

secondary, adj. 1. secondary, next. See second (def. 1, 2).

2. derived, derivative, not primary, indirect; inferential, mediate, implicated.

3. lesser, lower, smaller; inferior, minor, junior; auxiliary, ancillary, subsidiary, subalternate, subaltern; accessory, adventitious, adscititious, collateral; inessential, nonessential, unimportant.

4. backup, alternative, alternate, substitute, utility, spare, extra; temporary, provisional, reserve, Inf. back-burner.

secondary school, n. high school, senior high school, Inf. senior high, Brit. grammar school, (in France) lycée; preparatory school, Inf. prep school, U.S. private school, Brit. public school; academy, boarding school, day school, seminary, institute, finishing school; classical school, Latin school, (in Germany) gymnasium; junior high school, Inf. junior high, middle school.

second-hand, adj. 1. borrowed, learned, taught, read; acquired, Sl. picked-up.

2. used, owned, pre-owned, worn; hand-me-down, not new, old; antique, antiquated, superannuated.

second-rate, adj. 1. mediocre, fair, middling, passable, fair to middling; so-so, Fr. comme ci, comme ça; medium, humble, modest, common, commonplace, ordinary, average, everyday.

2. inferior, minor, poor, Inf. tacky, shabby, cheap, tinnie; second-class, second-best, low-grade, low-quality, low-class; not striking, undistinguished, colorless, neutral, inglorious, inoffensive.

3. unimportant, of no account, Sl. two-bit, of no consequence, of no concern, of no interest; of little importance, of no significance, Inf. no great shakes, of no importance, low-priority, not worth mentioning, not worth going into, not worth explaining.

secrecy, n. concealment, hiding, cover, secrecy, incognito; retirement, seclusion, sequestration, solitude, isolation; confidentiality, secretiveness; stealthiness, stealth, furtiveness, surreptitiousness, clandestineness, covertness; slyness, sneakiness, underhandedness, subterfuge, evasion; reticence, hugger-mugger, quietness, tacturnity, silence, muteness, mystery, secretiveness.

secret, adj. 1. hidden, under wraps, concealed, concealed, covered, covered; shrouded, cloaked, veiled, screened, in the dark; incognito, disguised, camouflaged; undercover, Inf. closet, underlying, clandestine, covert, under one’s hat, furtive, backdoor, surreptitious; sly, stealthy, sneaky, sneaking, underhand, underhanded.

2. private, confidential, strictly confidential, Archaic. privy, hugger-mugger, Inf. hush-hush, unrevealed; unreported, undisclosed, unpublished, intimate, bona fide, most personal.

3. secretive, close-mouthed, tight-lipped, reticent, quiet, taciturn, silent, mute, uncommunicative.

4. secluded, seclusive, sheltered, withdrawn, retired, sequestered, backwater, isolated, shut off, apart; removed, remote, out-of-the-way, off the beaten track or path; deserted, lonesome, lonely, forsaken, desolate.

5. esoteric, obscure, reconstrue, abstruse; mysterious, arcane, cryptic, cryptographic, occult, mystical, riddling, enigmatic, puzzling.

— n. 6. confidential matter, private affair, Latin. arcanum arcanorum, closed book; skeleton in the closet.

7. mystery, puzzle, riddle, enigma; cabal, intrigue, plot.

8. method, plan, way; formula, recipe.

secretary, n. 1. chronicler, annalist, minute keeper; scribe, scrivener, penman, Sl. quill writer, copyist, transcriber; stenographer, shorthand writer, stenotypist, amanuensis; clerk, notary, file clerk, office worker, typist, bookkeeper, registrar; assistant, aide, helper, right-hand man.

2. desk, writing desk, writing table, escritorio, Fr. Furniture, secrétaire.

secrete, v. discharge, emit, excrete, exude, transude, perspire, salivate; drain, seep, ooze, leak, filter, trickle, drip, dribble; send forth, emanate, exude, Pathol. extravasate, send out, give off, expel.

secrete, v. hide, conceal, cache, cover, enshrine, closet, stow away, store away, file and forget, lock up, seal up, bury, entomb; shroud, enshroud, cloak, veil, mask, curtain, screen, make invisible; disseimb, disguise, camouflage; sequester, seclude, harbor, withdraw.

secrection, n. discharge, emission, emanation, excretion, exudation, exsudation, transudation, perspiration, salivation, Pathol. ptyalism; oozing, leakage, drainage, seepage; trickle, drip, dribble, drop; extrusion,
Pathol. extravasation.

secure, adj. reticent, reserved, close, taciturn, quiet, silent, close-mouthed, tight-lipped, uncommunicative, mum, mute, speechless; self-contained, stand-offish, unconversable, unconversational, unsociable; clandestine, covert, hole-and-corner, furtive, back-door, surreptitious; sly, cunning, feline, stealthy, sneaky, sneaking, underhanded, evasive; private, confidential, Archaic, privy, cryptic, secret.

secrecy, adv. clandestinely, covertly, secretly, surreptitiously, slyly, on the sly, on the Q.T., behind one's back, stealthily, sneakily, underhandedly; mysteriously, cryptically, enigmatically; privately, confidentially, intimately.

sect, n. 1. religious denomination, religious group, sect, order, religious order; school of thought, cult, ism, affiliation.

2. cabal, faction, schism, side; set, clique, knot, club, coterie.

3. party, group, classification, division, persuasion, interest, class, caste.

sectarian, adj. 1. cultish, cultist, denominational, partisan; narrow, confined, limited; narrow-minded, insular, provincial, bigoted, prejudiced, prejudiced, partial; dogmatic, orthodox, hyperorthodox; absolute, doctrinaire, unorthodox, unorthodox; categorical, creed-bound, hide-bound; fanatic, zealot, eccentric, Inf., weird, Inf. weirdo.

—n. 2. partisan, true believer, zealot, bigot; extremist, dogmatist, dogmatizer, positivist; fanatic, religious fanatic, political extremist, political fanatic, Sl. bug, Sl. nut.

section, n. 1. segment, division, portion, part, parcel, fragment, fraction; integral part, component, essential part, factor, element, part and parcel; particular, item, particle, slice, wedge, finger; subdivision, department, department, compartment, branch; group, subgroup, detail, detachment; clause, subclause, excerpt, extract; domain, province, estate, range, terrain, bailiwick; orb, sphere, compass, circuit, precinct.

—v. 2. cut, split, cleave, rend, sunder; divide, halve, cut in halves; apportion, portion, out assign, allocate, allot, Inf. divvy or divvy up; distribute, dispense, dole, deal or mete or parcel out.

3. classify, categorize, catalog, label, segregate, group, grade, rate, sort, assort, dispose.

secure, adj. 1. safe, protected, sheltered, defended, fortified; unexposed, immune, unthreatened, un molested, unimpeiled, unharassed; unperilous, free from danger, not dangerous, vaccinated, inoculated, free; invulnerable, unattackable, unassailable, unex pugnable, impregnable, impenetrable; out of danger, out of harm's way, in the clear, clear, on the safe side, out of the woods; in port, in harbor, at anchor, at home, high and dry, above water; in safety, in security, under shelter, sitting pretty, in the catbird seat, looking good, sitting high, Sl. in the bag, home free.

2. firm, stable, fast, immovable, tight, close; steady, secure, sound, proof; sturdy, strong, solid; dependable, reliable, trustworthy, trusty; rooted, planted, fixed, settled; anchored, moored, immobilized; fastened, shut, closed, bound, tied, lashed, sealed, braced.

3. established, fixed, guaranteed, confirmed, clinched; decided, resolved, settled, determined; assured, sure, certain, convinced; confident, positive, definite; conclusive, definitive, proved, proven, demonstrated; well-grounded, well-founded; categorical, unquestioned, absolute, unmistakable, irrefutable, Inf. sure-fire; indisputable, undeniable, indubitable, unquestionable; uncontestable, incontrovertible, irrefutable, unimpeachable.

—v. 4. procure, obtain, get, acquire; gain, earn, win, reap, harvest; purchase, buy; come by, come into, Inf. land, Inf. nail down; get hold of, Sl. grab, get possession of, come into possession of.

5. make sound, make safe, keep sound, uphold, sustain; fortify, strengthen, reinforce, support; garrison, man, arm.

6. attach, fix, affix, tie, stick; fasten, lock, shut, close, make fast; anchor, immobilize, moor, Naut. betray; bind, hitch, knot, bend, lash; nail, bolt, screw, tack; stack, clement, seal; close, tighten, clamp; rivet, stitch, sew, suture, reeve; thread, lace, braid, trice up; couple, buckle, hassp, button; truss, cinch, gird, string, rope, strap; latch, chain, clench, tether; bandage, swath, swaddle; weld, fuse, solder; glue, paste, cement; tie down, tie up, pinion, shackles, fetter, tie one's hands, shackles, handcuff, manacle, hobble, cripple.

7. ensure, assure, guarantee, underwrite; make certain, make sure, establish, confirm, authenticate, verify, validate, substantiate; corroborate, endorse, sign, cosign, countersign; seal, stamp, attest; pledge, pawn, hypothecate, Brit. pop.

8. protect, guard, safeguard; defend, forfend, shield, barricade, ward, blockade; enshance, harbor, shelter; preserve, conserve, conservator; take care of, watch over, keep watch over, take charge of; look after, look out for, mind, attend, chaperon, babysit, sit, keep an eye on; cover, house, screen, cloak, escort, flank, support.

security, n. 1. safety, security, surety, safeness; invulnerability, impregnability, immunity; unattackability, unassailability, inexpugnability; dependability, reliability, trustiness, trustworthiness; firmness, steadiness, stability, fastness; tightness, closeness, immovability.

2. confidence, assurance, reassurance, conviction; certainty, certitude, sureness, freedom from doubt; trust, faith, faithfulness, reliance, credence, hope; conclusiveness, definitiveness, positiveness, absoluteness, definiteness; irrefutability, incontrovertibility, un questionable, uncontestable, incontrovertible, irrefutable, unimpeachable, unimpeachability, incontrovertibility, disputability, unimpeachability, irrefragability.

3. protection, defense, strength; bulwark, rampart, tower of strength, stronghold; bastion, shelter, guard, safeguard, shield, screen, cover; palladium, asylum, refuge, sanctuary, retreat.

4. preservation, self-preservation, safekeeping; protectorship, protectorate, custodianship; auspices, aegis, eye, father's eye, patronage; ward, charge, custody, keep.

5. assurance, guarantee, warrant, warranty; surety, bail, Law. replevin, recognizance; collateral, mortgage, Marine Law. bottomry, Law. escrow; stake, pledge, hostage, pawn; troth, vow, contract, word, word of honor, verbal agreement.

sedan, n. automobile, closed automobile, car; passenger car, limousine, Sl. limo, touring car.

sedate, adj. 1. calm, quiet, serene, collected, Inf. together, self-possessed, unruffled, unperturbed; cool,
sedative, adj. 1. calming, soothing, lenitive, palliative, assuaging, allaying, alleviative, salamak, pleasing; anodyne, analgesic, anesthetic, pain-killing, deadening, numbing; sleep-inducing, soporific, opiate, narcotic, Lethean, hypnotic.

—n. 2. opiate, drug, soother, palliative, anodyne, nepenthe; balm, solace, comfort; depressant, tranquilizer, soporific, sleeping pill; analgesic, pain-killer, aspirin; meperidine, Pharm. Trademark. Demejrol; hypnotic, narcotic, barbiturate, Sl. bars, Inf. down or downer.

sedentary, adj. 1. immobile, stationary, fixed, un moversed; seated, sitting, Inf. sit-down; idle, dormant, static, stagnant, vegetative; unchanging, routine, Inf. stay-purt, Inf. stay-at-home.

2. quiet, calm, tranquil, serene; relaxed, peaceful, re moving; seated, sitting, sit-down; idle, dormant, SI. peace ful; restless, undisturbed.

1. a. l. ees, dregs, grounds, deposit, settings, draft, dander, Chem. sublimate, crystals, Chem. precipitate; residue, residuum, remainder, remains, gross, scoria, scum; sift, alluvium, precipitation, deposition, sinter.

sedition, n. 1. incitement, incitement to riot, incitation, instigation, excitation, fomentation, agitation, firing, stirring, stirring-up, whipping-up, rabblerousing.

2. rebelliousness, mutinousness, defiance, defiance of authority, civil disobedience, passive resistance, insurrectionism, insurgency.

3. insurrection, mutiny, insurgency, rebellion, uprising, civil disorder; sit-in, protest, protest march, demonstration, commotion, disorder, disturbance, excitement, unruliness, restlessness, restlessness, fractiousness.

sedulous, adj. 1. assiduous, constant, unremitting, assiduous, constant, unremitting, ongoing, Inf. without letup; untiring, tireless, indefatigable, inexhaustible, unflagging, unflagging, unaltering; patient, plodding, determined, resolved, resolute, unsavory, undeviating; persistent, dogged, tenacious, pertinacious, unrelenting, relentless, die-hard, never say die.

2. diligent, industrious, studious, hardworking, working like a dog; zealous, devoted, ardent, fervent, intense; scrupulous, careful, attentive, particular, painstaking, conscientious; busy, occupied, involved, engrossed; busy as a bee, busy as a Beaver, bustling, energetic, active, on the go.

see\[1\] v. 1. perceive, look at, behold, discern; notice, observe, regard, hold in view, have in sight; descry, make out, esp, sight, spot; take in, survey, scan, look upon; scrutinize, read, inspect, examine; distinguish, remark, note, take note or notice of; identify, recognize, tell; lay eyes on, keep one's eyes peeled, Inf. take a gander, cast an eye upon, Sl. get a load of, get an eyeful; ogle, stare, gaze, gape; peek, peep, spy, eye.

2. watch, view, Sl. spectate, observe, witness; attend, visit, go to, be at, be present at, look on, Fr. assister.

3. understand, know, comprehend, Scot. ken; pene trate, fathom, plumb; realize, be cognizant of, be conversant of, be aware of, be acquainted with, apprehend, discern, Sl. get the hang of; grasp, catch the idea of, get the meaning of, know what one means, Sl. get the drift, Inf. savvy.

4. visualize, envision, envisage, call up, conjure up, summon up, remember, imagine, conceive, image, picture, draw a picture of, fancy, dream; actualize, objective, externalize, substantilize.

5. ascertain, learn, find out, determine; discover, root up, ferret out, dig up, uncover, unearth, uproot.

6. meet, speak with, have words with, have a talk with, confer with, consult, meet with; encounter, confront, face, come face to face, sit down with, have a tête-à-tête; come into contact with, come into the presence of, light on, upon; receive, welcome, greet; be introduced to, be presented to, become acquainted with, make another's acquaintance.

7. court, pay court, Archaic. sue, address, woo; date, go out with, go steady with, step out with, walk out with.

8. undergo, experience, go through, encounter; bear, submit to, stand, weather, suffer, brook, brave; endure, be subjected to, sustain; have experience of, know, taste, test.

9. escort, accompany, usher, lead, take, take [s.o.'s] arm, lead the way, guide; pilot, convoy, steer, drive, walk, bring; attend, watch, wait upon, look after, watch over; flank, cover, screen.

10. consider, think, deliberate, reflect upon, specu-
n. Embryol. Bot. seed, ovule, n. diocese, jurisdiction, 1. adj. seedy, seed-filled, full of seeds. search, look for, pursue, quest, hunt 1. v. 3. shabbily dressed, down-at-heel, unkempt, unpleasant. progeny, descendants, offspring, offshoots, issue, 4. run-down, under the weather, worn-out, drained, 5. disreputable, degraded, shoddy, sleazy, Inf. no-good, Sl. crummy, cheap, Sl. lousy. 5. seep, ooze, trickle, dribble, drizzle, drip; transude, flow or pass through, filter, filtrate, strain, percolate, leach; exude, bleed, sweat, weep, drain out, pass out, escape, flow out, issue, emanate. seepage, n. transudation, percolation, filtration; exudation, efflux, outflowing, effusion, ooze, seep; leakage, leak, Pathol. defluxion; secretion, transudate, exude, discharge, sweat, perspiration, blood, sap, juice. see, n. 1. observer, onlooker, looker-on, witness, eyewitness, spy; watcher, viewer, spectator, sightseer; gaper, goggler, ogler, Inf. rubberneck, Inf. sidewalk superintendent, Inf. drugstore cowboy; inspector, scrutinizer, examiner. 2. forecaster, predictor, prognosticator, presager, foreteller, foreseer; conjecturer, surmiser, guesser, theorizer, hypothesizer. 3. sage, wise man, Solomon, venerable, mentor, guru, Class Myth. Nestor; high priest, rabbi, Hinduism. rishi; philosopher, philosophos, theorist, thinker,
learned, man, pundit.

4. prophet, prophetess, soothsayer, vaticinator, augur, oracle, Cassandra; clairvoyant, diviner, dowsor, astronomeur, geomancer, (in ancient Rome) haruspex, telepathist, mind reader; psychic, parapsychologist, spiritualist, medium, agent, agency; palmist, palm reader, chironomist, fortune teller, crystal-gazer; star-gazer, astrologer, horoscope, Chaldean; wizard, magician, thaumaturge, magus, theurgist, necromancer, sorcerer, conjurer, Merlin; witch, sibyl, warlock, devil.

seethe, v. steep, marinate, sodden, macerate; v. segregate, segment, n. 1. segregation, v. 1. grasp, take hold of, grip, grab, clasp, 3. foam, froth, spume, bubble over, roll, reach the boiling point; surge, swell, rise.

2. smolder, do a slow burn, burn, get hot under the collar; get all worked up, get all excited,Inf. take on; collar; get all worked up, get all excited,Inf. take on;Inf. work up a lather; foam at the mouth, rage, rant and rave, make a fuss, Inf. carry on, Sl. raise Cain, Sl. blow one's top.

segment, n. 1. division, portion, section, part, parcel, fragment, fraction; component, integral part, essential part, factor, element, part and parcel; particular, item, particle, slice, wedge, finger; subdivision, department, compartment, branch; group, subgroup, detail, detachment; clause, subclause, excerpt, extract.

4. smolder, do a slow burn, burn, get hot under the collar; get all worked up, get all excited,Inf. take on; get all steamed up, get angry mad, be in a state, boil over, Inf. work up a lather; foam at the mouth, rage, rant and rave, make a fuss, Inf. carry on, Sl. raise Cain, Sl. blow one's top.

segregate, v. 1. separate, set apart, isolate, cut off, insulate, Med. quarantine; seclude, keep in solitude, sequester, put in solitary confinement, lock up, pen; exclude, leave out, ostracize, banish, exile, expatriate, excommunicate, Inf. kick out.

2. go apart, go off, withdraw, retire, go away, depart.

segregation, n. separation, setting apart, isolation, cutting off, insulation, Med. quarantine; imprisonment, solitary confinement, Sl. cooler, Sl. icebox; seclusion, withdrawal, introversion, retirement, recluse, self-exile; exclusion, leaving out, ostracism, sequestration, banishment, exile, expatriation, excommunication; racial segregation, discrimination, Jim Crowism, (in the Republic of South Africa) apartheid.

seize, v. 1. grasp, take hold of, grip, grab, clasp, handle, embrace.

2. understand, comprehend, absorb, digest; catch the idea, Inf. get the hang of, Sl. savvy; know, master, fathom, penetrate, cognize; discern, perceive, recognize.

3. steal, rob, purloin, appropriate, abstract, fleece, pocket, Inf. snap up, Sl. swipe, Sl. stick up, Sl. pinch, Inf. rustle; adopt, annex, pirate, Sl. lift, Inf. crib, plagiarize, arrogate; plunder, sack, maraud, rifle, pillage, loot; ravish, rape, kidnap, abduct, carry off.

4. confiscate, impound, commander, Law. sequesterate, Law. sequester, Law. levy, Law. disseize, Law. distrain.

5. take into custody, capture, apprehend, bag; arrest, Inf. collar, Inf. nab, U.S. Inf. corral, Inf. pick up, Sl. bust, Sl. pinch; take prisoner, imprison, incarcerate, jail, detain.

seizure, n. 1. forceful possession, grabbing, grabbing, snatching; capture, apprehension, interception; appropriation, confiscation, Law. sequestration, usurpation; takeover, Law. attachment, annexation, acquisition; disposition, Law. disseizin, Law. divestment.

2. commandeer, piracy, sky or air piracy, hijacking, skyjacking; abduction, rape, kidnapping, Sl. snatch, impressment; pillage, plundering, marauding, looting; theft, robbery, stealing.

3. fit, convulsion, Pathol. ictus; spasm, paroxysm, three; apoplexy, stroke, shock; attack, onset, grip. seldom, adv. 1. infrequently, rarely, very rarely, seldom if ever, hardly, hardly ever, scarcely, scarcely ever; on rare occasions, occasionally, only now and then, once in a great while, Inf. once in a blue moon, Inf. once in a coon's age.

2. rare, infrequent, occasional, few, scarce.

select, v. 1. choose, pick, hand-pick, pick and choose, Inf. pick out or on, single out, set apart or aside, lay or put aside, place to one side; prefer, show preference, favor; decide upon, settle on or upon, fix upon, make up one's mind, make one's choice, make a selection, opt or opt for; sift, sift out, weed or weed out, sieve out, screen, screen out, cut or cut out; sort, sort out or through; pick over or through, separate the wheat from the chaff, separate the sheep from the goats; distinguish, discriminate, differentiate, draw the line.

—adj. 2. preferred, preferable, preferential, favored, favorite; more desirable, better, worthier, superior; choice, prime, best, finest, first-rate, first-class, Inf. champion, topnotch, A to A, A number 1; elect, singled out, chosen, hand-picked, elite, cream; exceptional, singular, particular, special, extra-special, unique, rare, uncommon; superb, excellent, superlative, supreme, paramount, preeminent.

3. selective, discriminating, discriminatory, particular, picky, Inf. choosy, fussy. See selective.

4. exclusive, limited, restricted, restrictive, closed, tight.

selection, n. 1. choosing, picking, hand-picking, singling out, setting apart or aside; making up one's mind, settling on, opting for; sifting out, weeding out, screening out, sorting out or through, picking over or through; separating, separation, distinguishing, discrimination, differentiation, drawing the line.

2. choice, pick, preference, option.

3. periope, excerpt, excerpt, piece, passage, quotation, quote, citation.

4. assortment, collection, series, line-up, group, bunch, batch, set, lot.

selective, adj. select, discriminating, discriminatory, careful, cautious; particular, picky, Inf. choosy, finicky, finical, fastidious, fussy, Inf. pernickety; hard to please, critical, hypercritical, overcritical, demanding, overparticular.

self, n. 1. person, individual, being, human being, entity; ego, the I; mind, psyche, consciousness; soul, spirit.

2. nature, character, individuality, personality, self-hood, selflessness.


2. masturbation, self-gratification, self-manipulation, self-stimulation, autoeroticism, manuistration, onanism, self-defilement, Sl. playing with oneself.


self-assurance, n. self-confidence, confidence, assurance, security. See self-confidence.


self-centered, adj. egoistic, egoistical, egotistic, ego-

2. overconfidence, cocksureness, arrogance, front, haughtiness; self-importance; impudence, effrontery, gall. [Inf.] cheek, insolence, brassiness; impertinence, sauciness, [Inf.] sauce, [Inf.] nerve, audacity, boldness; presumption, presumptuousness, [Inf.] face, forwardness, self-assertiveness, chutzpah, assertiveness, aggressiveness, bumptiousness, brazenness, brassiness.

self-confident, adj. self-assured, sure of oneself, assured, confident, secure; believing, undoubting, questionless; steady, unwavering, unhesitating, unflinching, unblinking; cocksure, overconfident.

self-conscious, adj. self-aware, self-concerned, diffident, shy, bashful, modest, coy, demure, retiring, shrinking, backward; timorous, fearful, timid, apprehensive, insecure, unconfident, hesitant, reluctant, constrained; reserved, reticent, restrained, uncommunicative, unsocial, unsociable; humble, unassuming, unobtrusive, self-effacing; embarrassed, sheepish, blushing, flushed, flushing, red-faced, [Inf.] red; awkward, clumsy, oafish, Sl. klutzy.

self-consciousness, n. self-awareness, diffidence, shyness, bashfulness, abashment, modesty, coyness, demureness, backwardness; timorousness, timidity, fearfulness, apprehension; insecurity, lack of self-confidence, hesitancy, reluctance, constraint; reserve, reticence, restraint, uncommunicativeness; self-consciousness, self-effacement; embarrassment, sheepishness; awkwardness, clumsiness.


2. reserved, reticent, taciturn, uncommunicative, closed-mouthed, tight-lipped, mum, silent.


self-control, n. 1. self-restraint, restraint, control, self-discipline. See self-denial (def. 2).

2. abstemiousness, abstention, Puritanism, nonindulgence; temperance, moderation, sobriety. See self-denial (def. 3).

3. will power, strength of character, moral fiber; endurance, fortitude, forbearance, longanimity; patience, tolerance, resignation; composure, coolness, calmness, collectness, cool-headedness; sang-froid, presence of mind, self-possession; aplomb, poise, savoir-faire, self-confidence, self-assurance; level-headedness, equanimity, equipoise, mental balance; constancy, unchangingness, stability, firmness, steadiness; sedateness, unperturbability, imperturbableness, even temper, Rare. inexcitability; tranquillity, peace, serenity, placidity, placidness.

self-denial, n. 1. self-abnegation, self-sacrifice, self-immolation, selflessness, selflessness, self-forgetfulness; self-giving, magnanimity, generosity, altruism.

2. restraint, self-restraint, control, self-control, will power, strength; self-discipline, self-command, self-government, self-mastery, self-conquest; curbing, curb, checking, check.

3. abstemiousness, habitual abstinenence, abstention, Puritanism, nonindulgence; temperance, moderation, sobriety, soberness; continence, celibacy, chasteness, chastity, virginity; refinement, reining, forbearance, forbearing, desistance, desisting; holding off, resisting, resistance; turning aside from, keeping one's hands off, letting alone; giving up, [Inf.] swearing off, renouncing, renunciation, renunciation.

4. asceticism, self-deprivation, fasting; privation, hardship, affliction, trouble, burden, oppression; suffering, self-abasement, self-effacement, self-mortification; self-abuse, self-flagellation, scourging, whipping, martyrdom.

self-deprecating, adj. self-critical, overly modest, humble, unpretentious; unassertive, shrinking, retiring, backward, quiet, constrained, restrained, repressed; self-abnegating, self-abasing, self-effacing, unassuming, unassuming, indifferent; shy, hesitant, reluctant, reticent, bashful, demurring, Archaic. verecund; unwilling, timorous, timid, blushing, fadin into the wallpaper.

self-esteem, n. 1. self-respect, pride, confidence, confidence in oneself or one's abilities, self-assurance, faith in oneself; self-confidence, self-reliance, independence, self-sufficiency, ability to stand on one's own two feet, ability to face oneself squarely.


self-evident, adj. axiomatic, apodictic, manifestly true, patently true; uncontestable, manifest, certain; apparent, clear, clear-cut, clear as crystal; obvious, plain, visible, distinct, patent, bald-faced, bald, as plain as the nose on one's face; open, overt, un concealed; inescapable, undeniable, incontrovertible; tangible, definite, explicit, express, plain as day.

self-government, n. 1. home rule, self-rule, political independence; autonomy, freedom, self-determination; democracy, democratic government, republic, republicanism, constitutional rule, constitutionalism.

2. self-control, control, self-restraint, restraint; self-discipline, self-command, self-mastery, self-conquest; abstemiousness, habitual abstinence, abstention, Puritanism, nonindulgence; will power, strength of character, moral fiber.

self-important, adj. proud, conceited, egocentric, narcissistic, self-centered, self-admiring, self-esteeming, S1. stuck or hung up on oneself; vain, vain-glorious, egotistical, puffed-up, inflated, swollen, swelled-headed, [Inf. big-headed; arrogant, fastuous, fast-living, overbearing, overweening, presumptuous, assuming, [Inf. too much; haughty, snobbish, on one's high horse, high-and-mighty, too good for the rest of us, priggish, [Inf. high hat; [Inf. nose in the air, S1. snooty, S1. snotty, S1. sniffy, S1. stuck-up. See also proud (defs. 2, 3).

self-indulgence, n. self-gratification, unrestraint, intemperance, incontinence, immoderation; hedonism, pleasure-seeking, pursuit of pleasure, la dolce vita; wild or riotous or free or fast living, [Inf. high living, the sporting life; licentiousness, libertinism, debauchery, dissoluteness, dissipation, profligacy; sensuality, sensualism, carnality; gluttony, gormandizing, swinishness; alcoholism, dipsomania, capriculence.

selfish, adj. 1. self-seeking, egotistic, self-centered, egocentric; self-important, self-indulgent, self-centered, self-regarding.

2. greedy, avaricious, grasping, acquisitive, S1. grab by, rapacious, hoggish, piggish; covetous, hoarding, possessive; miserly, penurious, parsimonious, grudging, niggardly, churlish; stingy, mean, illiberal, ungenerous, uncharitable, close-fisted, tight-fisted, close, [Inf. tight, penny-pinching; mercenary, sordid, venal, usurious.

self-possessed, adj. calm, collected, composed, cool, [Inf. cool as a cucumber, [Inf. together; self-controlled,
steady, poised, balanced, level-headed; imperturbable, inexcitable, unflappable, even-tempered, easy-going; nonchalant, at ease, unruffled, untroubled, undisturbed, undismayed, unperturbed, unexcited, unmoved; dispassionate, peaceful, serene, tranquil, sedate.

self-reliant, adj. self-sufficient, self-supporting, Infrac. standing on one's own two feet; independent, self-determined, being one's own man; self-assured, self-confident, sure of oneself; confident, secure, sure, assured.


self-respect, n. self-esteem, pride, confidence, belief in one's own worth or abilities. See self-esteem (def. 1).

self-restraint, n. 1. self-control, control, restraint, self-discipline. See self-control (def. 2).
2. abstemiousness, abstinence, abstention, Puritanism, asceticism. See self-denial (def. 3).
3. will power, strength of character, moral fiber. See self-control (def. 3).

self-righteous, adj. sanctimonious, holier-than-thou, simon-pure, Infrac. goody-goody, Infrac. too good to be true: pious, over-pious, falsely pious, pietistic, pharisaic; hypocritical, tartuffian, canting; mealy-mouthed, uncouth, oily.


self-satisfaction, n. ease, peace of mind, contentment, tranquillity, serenity; complacency, smugness, self-content, self-contentedness; egotism, egoism, self-appropriation, self-approval, self-admiration, self-love; conceit, vanity, vainglory, bovarism, Infrac. ego trip, Infrac. big head.

self-satisfied, adj. content, at ease, placid, serene, tranquil; pleased, well-pleased, Infrac. pleased as punch, glad, delighted; smug, complacent, self-contented, pleased with oneself, proud of oneself, like the cat that swallowed the canary; puffed-up, inflated, swollen, boastful, blustering; cock-a-hoop, elated, triumphant, flushed with success.

self-seeking, n. 1. selfishness, self-indulgence, self-gratification, self-satisfaction, self-serving; egotism, self-contemplation, self-aggrandizement, Infrac. looking out for number one; personalism, privatism, individualism; personal ambition, careerism, self-advancement.
—adj. 2. selfish, self-serving, self-indulgent, opportunistic, timeserving, ambitious for oneself, careerist; venal, mercenary, fortune-hunting, gold-digging, Infrac. on the make, Infrac. on the take.

self-styled, adj. would-be, so-called, Fr. soi-disant; self-named, self-christened, self-dubbed, self-titled, self-called.

sell, v. 1. vend, get [s.o.] to buy or take, or get money for, liquidate, exchange or trade for money, take a profit for, make a transaction on, make a deal or bargain on; transfer title to, make over to, negotiate, put up for sale, make available for a price; sell off, auction off, dispose of, get rid of, unload, dump, Brit. sell up.
2. trade in, deal in, traffic in, be in the business of; handle, carry, offer for sale, supply, furnish; peddle, vend, hawk, hustle, push, Infra. truck; solicit, run for, Sl. fence.
3. market, retail, wholesale, go for, be had for, be bought for, be found for; be in demand, be bought, go, go like hotcakes, move.
4. (all of an idea) win acceptance or approval of, get accepted or approved, get [s.t.] through, get [s.t.] across, get support or votes for, Infra. deliver on; (all of people) convince of, persuade of, bring around or round, sway, induce; talk [s.o.] into, Infra. jawbone, win [s.o.] over, get [s.o.'s] trust or confidence.
5. sell out a. be bought up or out, be depleted, Brit. sell up. b. Informal. take a bribe, go with the money, do anything for money, prostitute oneself, sell one's soul; go over to or join the other side, betray one's cause or self, knife [s.o.] in the back.
6. Informal. swindle, defraud, cheat, fleece, bilk, trick, flimflam, dangle, run a confidence game or trick on, run a number on, U.S. Sl. con, do [s.o.], victimize; palm [s.t.] off on, Infra. gyp, Sl. rob [s.o.] blind, Arch. chaise out of; fool, dupe, gull, pigeon, culy, taken in, get, deceive, delude; hoax, trick, Sl. hornswoggle, humbug, cozen, hoodwink, pull the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes, throw dust into [s.o.'s] eyes.

seller, n. merchant, retailer, shopkeeper, storekeeper, tradesman, trader, businessman, wholesaler, jobber; salesperson, salesman, saleswoman, salesclerk, shopgirl, shopboy, salesclerk, clerks, SI. counterjumper; vendor, peddler, hawk, hustler, charmer, stabilizer, packman, colporteur, auctioneer, Both Chiefly Brit. monger, costermonger; traveling salesman, door-to-door salesman, U.S. drummer, Fuller Brush man, Avon lady; trafficker, dealer, hustler, supplier, Sl. pusher; solicitor, pimp, middleman, broker, runner, Sl. fence, Sl. duffer.

semblance, n. 1. aspect, appearance, demeanor, mien, air, cast, look; countenance, visage, complexion, feature, face.
2. disguise, camouflage, mask, cloak, incognito; covering, concealment, masquerade; guise, pretense, cover, cover-up; show, veneer, facade, false front, Infra. from deception, trickery, ruse, artifice, dissimulation.
3. image, portrait, statue, effigy, death mask; bust, simulacrum, icon, facsimile; voodoo doll, fetish doll, idol, graven image, totem.
4. apparition, ghost, shade, Infra. spook, Infra. haunt; shadow, revenant, Doppelgänger, doubleganger; spirit, presence, wraith, Infra. thing, fetch, phantom, phantasm, specter; vision, eidolon, sight, spectacle; illusion, chimera, creature of the imagination, phantom of the mind.

seminal, adj. 1. potential, possible, probable, prospective, likely, Latin. in posse; undeveloped, yet to be realized, incipient, embryonic, unrealized; full of possibilities, with lots of potential.
2. creative, original, imaginative, ingenious, institutive, individualistic; divergent, unorthodox, unconventional, nonconforming; unimitative, unimitating, unborrowed; prototypal, prototypic, prototypical, exemplary; innovative, fresh, novel, new, unprecedented; singular, special, rare, uncommon, signal, extraordinary, different, unusual, out of the ordinary, unique, Latin. sui generis, one of a kind; influential, preeminent, first of its kind, landmark.

seminary, n. 1. preparatory school for the priesthood, divinity school, rabbinical school.
2. academy, institute, private school, boarding school, day school, preparatory school, Infra. prep school, Latin school, grammar school; finishing school.
sensational, exciting, excitant, excitatory, adj.

1. sensation, sense, sense impression, impression. See sensation (def. 1).

2. Usu. senses sanity, mental balance, normalcy, clearheadedness, coherence, sobriety.

3. appreciation, estimation, recognition, regard.

4. intelligence, aptitude, intellect, mind, mentality, brain, brains, braininess, brain-power, Inf. gray matter, Sl. smarts, reason, Gk. Philos. nus; acumen, discernment, perspicacity, penetration, understanding, sensitivity; astuteness, shrewdness, Sl. savvy, keenness, scone, long-headedness, hard-headedness, level-headedness, common sense, Inf. rhyme or reason; ingenuity, cleverness, apiness; adroitness, deftness, agility, quickness; alertness, brilliance, brightness, acuity, sharpness.

5. meaning, import, spirit, gist, upshot, sum and substance, effect, essence, core, pith, content; intent, purport, tenor, tone, vain, drift; implication, connotation, signification, denotation; message, point; intention, purpose, significance; design, plan, scheme, aim.

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senseless, adj. 1. unconscious, insensible, insentient, comatose; numb, sensationless, feelingless, deadened, insensible, unaware, unconceivable, undiscerning, inappreciative. See sense (def. 1).

2. foolish, fatuous, silly, asinine, anserine, idiotic, moronic, imbecilic; crazy, crazed, SI. batty, SI. nutty; peculiar, strange, off, deranged, mad, wild, insane, demented, daft, SI. dotty, feeble-minded, simple; confused, disoriented, forgetful.

3. ridiculous, pointless, nonsensical, SI. balmy, SI. dippy, SI. SI. cockeyed; poppycockish, cockamamie, glaikit, SI. silly, SI. SI.SI. brain, brains, braininess, brain-power, Sl. smarts, reason, Gk. Philos. nus; acumen, discernment, perspicacity, penetration, understanding, sensitivity; astuteness, shrewdness, Sl. savvy, keenness, scone, long-headedness, hard-headedness, level-headedness, common sense, Inf. rhyme or reason; ingenuity, cleverness, apiness; adroitness, deftness, agility, quickness; alertness, brilliance, brightness, acuity, sharpness.

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doruous, marvelous, Inf. boffo; amazing, astounding, astonishing, miraculous, surpassing belief; fabulous, fantastic, Sl. far-out; indescribable, ineffable, mind-boggling, Sl. mind-blowing, staggering, breathtaking, Sl. stunning; peerless, matchless, unmatched, nonpareil.

sensationalism, n. melodrama, luridity, vividness, shock; blood and thunder, blood and guts, yellow journalism; exaggeration, extremity, extravagance; emotionalism, sentimentality, mawkishness, maudlinness, morbidity.

sense, n. 1. sensation, feeling, perception, awareness, Inf. living daylight, sensibility, impression, intuition, suspicion. See sensation (def. 1).

2. Usu. senses sanity, mental balance, normalcy, clearheadedness, coherence, sobriety.

3. appreciation, estimation, recognition, regard.

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sensitive, adj. 1. unconscious, insensible, insentient, comatose; numb, sensationless, feelingless, deadened, insensible, unaware, unconceivable, undiscerning, inappreciative. See sense (def. 1).

2. foolish, fatuous, silly, asinine, anserine, idiotic, moronic, imbecilic; crazy, crazed, SI. batty, SI. nutty; peculiar, strange, off, Sl. balmy, SI. dippy, SI. batty, SI. cuckoo, SI. screwy, SI. wacky; simple-minded, birdbrained, featherbrained, featherheaded, rattleheaded, rattlebrained, light-minded, half-witted, witless, muddled, muddleheaded, addlepated, addled, brainless, stupid, unintelligent, mindless, fatuous, brainless, harebrained, giddy, mercural, erratic, unstable, harum-scarum; thoughtless, heedless, careless, reckless, foolhardy, unwise.

3. ridiculous, pointless, nonsensical, Inf. damfool, Inf. damfoolish, tomfoolish, Scot. and North Eng. gilaikit, Sl. cockeyed; poppycockish, Sl. cockamamie, amphigoric; unreasonable, irrational, illogical, meaningless, purposeless, aimless, haphazard, unconnected, groundless; inconsequential, irrelevant beside the point, immaterial, inapplicable, inappropriate; incongruous, inconsistent.

sensibility, n. responsiveness, reactivity, sentence; consciousness, aliveness, alertness, acuteness; sensitivity, sensitiveness, impressionability, impressibility, receptiveness, receptivity, susceptiveness, susceptibility, susceptibility; feeling, soul, intuition, perception, perceptivity, awareness, insight, insightfulness, appreciation.

sensible, adj. 1. prudent, level-headed, judicious, sagacious, sage, politic, discreet, circumspect; thought-
fr. bon vivant, n. adj. carnal, voluptuous, fleshly, physical
sensitivity, impressionability, susceptibility, sensitive, fine, delicate, responsive, (all usu. of instruments)
graphic, porno, Inf. porn, smutty; dirty, foul, gar, coarse, gross, crude; obscene, lurid, blue, pornographic, Inf.porno,Inf. porno, smutty; dirty, foul, filthy, vile; ribald, scurrilous, Fescennine.
earthly, worldly, temporal, mundane, terrestrial; secular, profane, unspiritual; irreligious, irreverent.
sensualist, n. voluptuary, Fr. bon vivant, epicure, epicurean, hedonist, sybarite, cormorant, Archaic
carpet knight; gourmet, gourmand, gastronome, gastronomist; glutton, hog, belly-god, winebibber; liberteine, roué, debauche, lecher, Paphian, whoremonger, pander; satyr, goat, animalist; seducer, fornicator; Don Juan, Casanova, rake, fast man, Romeo, Lorrainio.
sensuality, n. 1. carnality, voluptuousness, physicalness, sexuality, Inf. sexiness, earthiness; lustfulness, concupiscence, lasciviousness, libidinousness, lecherousness, lewdness, prurience, salaciousness, Sl. horniness; animality, bestiality, brutishness, coarseness, grossness.
2. unchasteness, impureness, indecency; offensive-ness, vulgarity, crudeness; dirtiness, foulness, filthiness.
3. worldliness, earthliness, temporality, secularity, profaneness, unspirituality; irreverence, irreligionness.
sensual, adj. 1. sensory, sensorial; sensitive, receptive, responsive.
2. rich, luscious, luxurious, sumptuous; deep, intense, affective; (of music) Lydian, soft, sweet.
sentence, n. 1. Law. a. condemnation, decree, ruling, judgment, Sl. rap. b. punishment, prison term, Sl. time, Sl. stint, Sl. stretch, Sl. stretch up the river, Sl. stretch in the can, Sl. vacation.
2. pass judgment, pronounce sentence, pass sentence on, meet out justice to; doom, condemn, penalize, Sl. send to the pokey or the lockup, Sl. throw in the can, Sl. send up, Sl. send up the river; commit to prison, Inf. lock [s.o.] up and throw the key away.
sententious, adj. 1. pompous, bombastic, fustian, grandiloquent, grandiose, lofty, orotund, stilted; tur- gid, swollen, inflated, overblown, puffed-up, Inf. windy, Inf. gassy; magniloquent, high-flown, high-sounding, Inf. -high-falutin, big-sounding, lexichanic, Rare. grandisonant; overdrawn, strained, affected, put-on.
2. pithy, terse, succinct, concise, compact; epigrammatic, laconic, aphoristic, apothegmatic, short and sweet; capsule, condensed, summary, synoptic, in a nutshell, compendious.
sentiment, n. 1. feeling, attitude; response, reaction, Inf. gut reaction.
2. opinion, outlook, view, viewpoint, point of view, slant; notion, idea, thought, conception, estimation, theory; stance, stand, angle, position, posture, thinking, way of thinking; conviction, mind, persuasion.
3. sentimentalism, sentimentalism. See sentimentality.
sentimental, adj. 1. emotional, feeling, warm, tender, affectionate, loving, soft-hearted, warm-hearted, sympathetic, compassionate; impressionable, sensitive, receptive, responsive.
2. maudlin, melodramatic, mawkish, misty-eyed, dewy-eyed, gushy, Australian. soony, Inf. drippy, Sl. icy; soupy, romantic, with the soul of a shopgirl, Inf. mushy, Inf. slushy, Inf. gloopy, Sl. slalmzty, cow-eyed, salt-eyed; teary, lachrymose, weepy, Inf. drippy, choked up, sappy, sloppy, uncontrolled; babyish, namby-pamby, insipid; over-romantic, Inf. corny, Sl. hokey; affected, Inf. bleeding heart; nostalgic, pining, languishing.
sentimentality, n. emotionalism, gushiness, mawkishness, maudlinism, maudlinness, sentimentalism; emotionalness, emotiveness, emotion, play, or appeal to the emotions, melodrama, melodramatics, dramatics, theatrics, play-acting; corniness, hokiness, affectation; pathos, mush, Inf. gloop, treacle, Sl. hearts and flowers, Sl. slalmzty, Sl. go; Sl. sob stuff, Sl. sob story.
sentinel, n. guard, sentry, picket, patrol, garrison; scout, lookout, watch, watchdog; protector, defender, guardian, guard, guardsman; custodian, watchman, night watchman.
separate, v. 1. part, divide, space, interspace, space out, set at intervals, set or keep apart; disentangle, pull apart, disconnect, disengage, disarticulate, uncouple, unyoke, disunite; intersect, bisect.
2. come between, intervene, interfere, interlope, interpose; split, estrange, alienate, disafﬁct, set at odds, cause dissension, make hostile, cause to fall out, Inf. break up, Inf. split apart, Inf. stir up trouble, Sl. bust up.

3. Sunder, cleave, disjoint, disjoin, rive, rend, split; partition, part, asunder, divide into parts, halve, quarter, segment.

4. allot, assign, dispose, apportion, portion, compartmentalize, distribute, parcel out, Sl. divvy or divvy up; select, pick out, sift out, discriminate; abstract, extract, take out.

5. Sort, analyze, break down; pull, glean, winnow, sift, sieve; grade, rank, size; classify, group, subdivide, collocate, codify, type.

6. Screen, eliminate, excise, exclude, cut off or away; separate the sheep from the boys, separate the men from the boys, separate the wheat from the chaff; discharge, remove, eject, throw out, weed out, discard, expel, cut off or out or adrift, Sl. give the bounce.

7. Isolate, single out, segregate, shut off, cut off, sever, sequester, quarantine, wall or fence off, cordon or seal off, rope off.

8. Withdraw, disassociate, leave, depart, pull out, stand apart, Sl. split; dissent, dissent from, drop out, secede, Sl. quit; fall out, break with, come to a parting of the ways, agree to disagree; part company, split up, disband, scatter, disperse, break up, go separate ways, fan out, spread out; divorce, break up, break up housekeeping.

9. Come apart, give, give way, spring open, gape, tear, gash, slit, crack, slot, crevice, chink.

10. Fork, diverge, branch, branch off, split, divaricate, bifurcate, ramify, radiate, branch out, Scot. twine; open, open up, unclench.

11. Sole, unique, singular, only; single, solitary, individual, independent; disparate, divergent; diverse, different, dissimilar, unlike.

12. Discrete, disjoint, separated, unrelated, divorced, detached, unjointed; distinct, unconnected, unassociated, disjointed, disjoined, unaligned, disconnected, unattached, disengaged, unbound, clear, free.

13. Withdraw, detached, removed, alone, apart; segregated, quarantined, secluded, sequestered, isolated, shut off.


Separately, adv. singly, one by one, individually, severally, each to each, each; in order, one at a time; independently, distinctly, respectively; particularly, uniquely, exclusively.

Separation, n. 1. Division, partition, subdivision; disjunction, disjointure; dissociation, disassociation, detachment, withdrawal, break, breach, rupture; segmentation, dismemberment, divulsion; disintegration, shattering, fragmentation; disconnection, disengagement, disjoing, cleavage, severance, fracture, split, rend, fission, scission, sunderance; removal, isolation, segregation, apartheid.

2. Divorce, divestment, breakup, Sl. bust-up; parting, alienation, estrangement, dissolution, disunion.

3. Divergence, dichotomy, bifurcation, bifidity, branching, ramification, fork; line of demarcation, point of departure, cut-off point.

4. Fracture, rift, gulf, chasm; break, hiatus, space, interspace, interstice; gap, opening, hole, aperture; gash, slit, crack, slot, crevice, chink.

Sepulcher, n. Tomb, crypt, vault, catacomb, burial chamber or pit or place, Archaic, sepulchre; mausoleum, pyramid, (in ancient Egypt) mastaba; tumulus, barrow, mound; grave, ossuary, ossuarium, cinerarium, repository, resting place.

Sepulchral, adj. 1. Gravelike, tomblike, tombal, sepulchral, cinerary; burial, cemeterial, of or for the dead; funeral, funerary, mortuary, exequial, obsequial.

2. Funereal, dirgeful, dirgelike, doleful, lugubrious; mournful, woeful, sorrowful, grievous; somber, grave, solemn, long-faced, unhappy, uncheerful, cheerless, sad, melancholy, Fr. triste; dreary, depressing, dismal, bleak, gloomy, lowering, gloomy, dark, Cimmerian, Stygian, black.

3. Hollow, hollow-sounding, empty, vacant, blank; toneless, ﬂat, dull, dead, defunctive; cavernous, deep, deep-toned, bass, basso, thunderous, rumbling, echoing, resounding, resonant; ghostly, ghost-like, spectral, eerie, weird, uncanny, Inf. spooky, Inf. scary.

Sequel, n. Continuation, continuance, follow-up, supplement; sequel, result, end result, consequence, effect, outcome, issue, upshot; aftereffect, aftermath, outgrowth, offshoot, afterclap, turnout, aftereffect, fallout, wake, aftertaste, afterglow.

Sequence, n. 1. Succession, consecution, consecutiveness, successiveness, continuance, continuation, continuousness, continuuality, unbrokenness.

2. Order, arrangement, organization, classiﬁcation, categorization.

3. Round robin, series, progression, chain, string, concatenation; line, rank, file, queue; row, tier.

Sequential, adj. Successive, consecutive, succeeding, sequacious, next, proximate; following, ensuing, subsequent, consequent, sequent.

Sequester, v. 1. Withdraw, retire, hibernate, drop or keep out of sight, exclude oneself, hide or conceal oneself, go into hiding, cover one's tracks; lie hid or hidden, lie perdu, Dial. lie snug or close, Inf. lie low, Inf. hide out, Sl. hole up, Sl. sit tight.

2. Secrete, hide away, ensconce, closet, stow away, store away, file and forget, lock up, seal up.

3. Remove, separate, divorce, part, estrange; isolate, alienate, segregate, shut off, cut off or out, send to Coventry.

Sequestered, adj. Withdrawn, recluse, secluded, cloistered, shut up or in; isolated, cut off, separated, alienated, segregated, in isolation; solitary, in solitude, alone; covert, underground, under cover, in hiding, incommunicado, igniﬁnatum, hidden, concealed, perdu.

Sequestration, n. 1. Removal, separation, dispatch, dislodgment, displacement; exile, banishment, expatriation, expulsion, excommunication, deportation, transportation, disbarment, ostracism, blackballing, sending to Coventry.

2. Retirement, withdrawal, seclusion, isolation, retreat, rustication.

Sere, adj. Dry, Inf. bone-dry, arid; parched, burnt, scorched, baked; withered, shriveled, shriveled up, wizened, dried up, shrunk, shrunkened; dessicated, dehydrated.

Serendipity, n. Chance, fortuity, fortuitousness, happenstance, hap, mere chance, happy chance; luck, Lady Luck, fortune, Lady or Dame Fortune, wheels of fortune or chance, heads or tails, roll or toss of the dice; accident, coincidence, irony, contingency.

Serene, adj. 1. Tranquil, peaceful, calm, quiet, restful, apollonian, halcyon, Brit. Dial. bonny; pastoral, idyllic.

2. Collected, composed, self-possessed, cool, Inf. cool as a cucumber, Inf. together; self-controlled, steady, poised, balanced, level-headed; imperturbable, unflappable, unexcitable, even-tempered, easy-going; nonchalance, at ease, at peace, untroubled, undisembarrassed, unperturbed, unexcited, unmoved.
serviceable, adj. service, useful, of use or service, utilitarian, functional, practical, pragmatic; helpful, beneficial, advantageous, propitious, favorable, valuable, profitable, constructive; instrumental, conducive, contributory, contributive; aidful, aiding, obliging, accommodating, accommodating, helping; available, at-hand, handy, convenient.

2. durable, wearing well, lasting, long-lasting, resistant, rugged, tough, strong.

service, n. slavery, enslavement, thralldom, entailment, bondage, captivity, impressment; prison, imprisonment, confinement, durance, duress; servitude, vassalage, vilainage, indentureship, indenture; oppression, repression, subjugation, subjection, subordination, domination, yoke, control; compulsion, coercion, constraint, restraint, fetters, shackles, chains, bonds, irons.

servitude, n. slavery, enslavement, thralldom, entailment, bondage, captivity, impressment; prison, imprisonment, confinement, durance, duress; servitude, vassalage, vilainage, indentureship, indenture; oppression, repression, subjugation, subjection, subordination, domination, yoke, control; compulsion, coercion, constraint, restraint, fetters, shackles, chains, bonds, irons.
17. (with forth, out or off) start, begin, commence, go ahead; embark, start out, move out, sally forth, Infl. take off, turn to; set sail, unmoor, get underway, put out to sea; venture out, push off, depart, go, leave, ex-quit, Inf. hit the road, Inf. hit the trail.

18. set about undertake, launch, set out, set to; get going, get a move on, Inf. kick off, Inf. blast off, Inf. jump off; engage in, enter upon, get to, take up; put one’s shoulder to the wheel, put one’s hand to the plow, put the ball into another’s court, put the ball in motion; set in motion, take the first step, make a start, take the plunge, start the ball rolling, put into execution; set on foot, lead off, open, pioneer; break the ice, break ground; start in, plunge in, Inf. dive in, Inf. pitch in, Inf. get down to it, Inf. get to it.

19. set apart a. reserve, earmark, pigeonhole; save, lay away, put away, squirrel away, lay up; keep by, lay by, keep in reserve; store up, bank, treasure up, cache, Sl. stash away; collect, accumulate, garner, amass. b. distinguish, characterize, mark, mark off; differentiate, set off, Inf. keynote, demarcate.

20. set back hinder, impede, obstruct, prevent; retard, delay, throttle, detain, stay; hamstring, cross, cut off, kick off, blast off, start out. See setting (def. 1).

21. set down a. record, register, write down, hindering, impeding, obstructing, preventing; b. set back. See set back.

22. set forth a. describe, express, give expression to, give utterance to, utter, pronounce; state, affirm, declare, voice, enunciate, articulate, vocalize, verbalize. b. attribute, ascribe, assign, attach, charge, place, pin, put down to; impute, accuse, saddle, father upon, lay at the door of. c. humble, humiliate, mortify, put down; impute, accuses, saddle, father upon, lay at the door of. d. set forth.

23. set in arrive, begin, come into being, come into existence; arise, rise, dawn; issue forth, burst forth, set off a. ignite, light, touch off, inflame; 24. set on a. ignite, light, touch off, inflame; set off. b. ignite, light, touch off, inflame; set off. c. ignite, light, touch off, inflame; set off. d. set on.

24. set off a. ignite, light, touch off, inflame; detonate, explode, fire, Sl. blow, blow up. b. start out, begin. See set (def. 17).

25. set on attack, sic on, put on, go for; aggress, assail, assault, fall on, pounce on; pitch into, strike at.

26. set out a. define, describe, explain, elucidate; detail, specify, fill in the particulars; report, chronicle, relate, tell, narrate, recite, recount; express, pronounce, give an account of; show, expose, reveal, exhibit, display. b. start out. See set (def. 17).

27. set up a. erect, raise, elevate, put up; construct, assemble, build, put together. b. prepare, ready, rearrange, prime, plan, project; devise, block out, form, design; contrive, prescribe, fix. c. inaugurate, establish, introduce, usher in; institute, organize, found, lay the foundation, lay the first stone; get under way; give birth to, engender, create, beget, conceive, father.

—n. 28. collection, assortment, arrangement, selection; array, order, collocation; disposition, ordering, ordination; group, combination, number, series; succession, progression, run, hierarchy; suite, suit, scale, gamut, service; miscellany, mixture.

29. clump, cluster, bunch, batch, lot, Bot. sorus, pack, packet; heap, pile, stack, mass, amassment, accumulation, assemblage; articles, furnishings, fixtures, things, appurtenances; outfit, gear, kit, rig, equipment. Sl. stuff, belongings.

30. company, party, society, assembly, crowd; circle, clique, ring, club, cabal, circle; clan, tribe, sect, faction, knot; body, corps, crew, force, team, band, regiment; gathering, congregation, committee, commission; association, league, guild, union, federation, establishment, cadre; squad, troupe, gang, detail, work party, detachment; fraternity, brotherhood, merry men, sorority, sisterhood, sodality; flock, herd, drove, swarm, throng, school, shoal; bevy, covey, gaggle, colony, brood, hatch, Rare. eyrie.

31. bearing, carriage, posture, cast, demeanor; turn, pose, poise, port; attitude, air, aspect, countenance, front.

32. bent, inclination, trend, run, tendency; direction, line, aim, way, course; tack, track, bearing, drift, orientation; lay, lie, point, reading, Survey. azimuth; fit, hang, fall.

33. apparatus, receiver, radio, Brit. wireless, crystal set, transceiver, Citizen’s Band radio; television, TV, Brit. telly, Inf. boob tube, Inf. idiot box; console, cabinet.

34. stage set, scene, setting, place, location, mise en scène, decor; scenery, wings, flats, Theat. tormentor, screen, Theat. backdrop. See setting (def. 1).

—adj. 35. fixed, prescribed, predetermined, prearranged; specified, agreed upon, appointed, ordained; decided, determined, arranged; preestablished, said, aforementioned.

36. customary, regular, stock, normal, usual; conventional, habitual, wonted, accustomed, traditional, consuetudinal; everyday, household, vernacular, vulgar, common, commonplace.

37. rigid, fixed, fast, bound, cemented, welded, soldered; riveted, nailed, fastened, secured, clinched, held; attached, connected, coupled, pinned, clasped, tied; permanent, stationary, motionless, rooted, one of the fixtures; firm, immovable, stable, constant; deep-seated, ingrained, indelible, irremovable; entrenched, vested, prescriptive, inervertive.

38. resolved, determined, decided, intent, resolute; persistent, stubborn, obstinate, bullheaded, immovable, steadfast; hardened, inflexible, obdurate, imperious, hidebound.

39. prepared, ready, primed, fit, ripe; armed, equipped, loaded, cocked; on the qui vive, alert, barring, armed and ready, ready to go, set to go.
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righs; align, line up; classify, allocate, segregate, group, assort, screen, sieve; distribute, array, apportion, parcel out, range.

pay, disburse, expend, defray; close, discharge, dispose of; adjust, balance, square, liquidate; satisfy, wipe off, clear, acquit oneself of.

dwell, abide, reside, remain, live, inhabit, domicile; locate, locate, encamp, squat, nest, roost; establish oneself, carve a home, set up housekeeping; anchor, put down roots, pitch tent, take or strike root, get a footing; set up in business, Inf. hang up one's shingle.

populate, people, inhabit, occupy, fill; establish, found, colonize, domicile.

quiet, become quiescent, subside, recede, abate, become stable; soothe, tranquilize, allay, compose, pacify; quell, calm, still, lull.

(several) filter, precipitate, purify, clarify, clear.

gravitate, sink, incline, droop, sag; descend, drop, plunge, swag; solidify, make firm, harden; coalesce, concentrate, compact, condense, consolidate.

reconcile, resolve, harmonize; pacify, make peace, heal, mend, patch; mediate, negotiate, talk out, arbitrate, compromise, Inf. bury the hatchet; rectify, regulate, adjust, straighten out, simplify, clear up; dissemble, unravel, disentangle; demonstrate, show, prove, conclude, clinch.

alight, land, repose, perch, roost, lodge, sit down.

settlement, n. 1. completion, conclusion, resolution, execution, decision, confirmation, ratification, decision; arbitration, agreement, negotiation; covenant, contract, reckoning, compromise, reciprocal concession, disposition; stabilization, coordination, organization, foundation; appointment, installation, ordination, fixation.

2. colonization, denization, naturalization, settling, populating, peopling, founding, forging, clearing, establishing; migration.

3. colony, community, village, post, encampment; satellite, possession, protectorate, dependency, mandate.

4. satisfaction, payment, liquidation, defrayal, defrayment; quittance, recompense, release, acquittance, clearance.

5. reconciliation, conciliation, reapproachment, reunion, propitiation; appeasement, accommodation, plucking, mollification.

settler, n. colonist, colonizer, pioneer, frontiersman; immigrant, emigré, Amer. Hist. redemptioner, outlaw; squatter, homesteader, founder, Pilgrim.

setup, n. 1. format, layout, arrangement, organization, configuration, structure, construction, framework, frame; composition, make-up, constitution, Inf. setup; form, look, appearance, style.

2. plan, design, scheme; plot, outline, scenario, sketch, draft; procedure, process, implementation.

sever, v. 1. disavow, cut off, chop off, lop off, bob, dock, hack off, hew off, slice off, shear off, scissor; cleave, rive, cut in two or apart, split, divide, halve, bisect, bifurcate, Obs. dimidiate; separate, break apart, tear or rip apart, dissect, disjoint, dismember, dislime, Surg. divulse; partition, subdivision, compact, part, segment, section, quarter.

2. disjoin, dispart, disbond, disunite, dissociate, dissociate, alienate, estrange, split up, divorce, put asunder; disband, break up, disintegrate, fall apart; part, go in separate ways or directions, disperse, scatter, spread out.

3. dissolve, break off, abscond, suspend, discontinue, terminate, stop, end, cease, put an end to; disengage oneself from, pull out of, leave, quit; fall off, dwindle, fade away, Inf. peter out, die out.

4. discriminate between, distinguish between, make a distinction between, see the difference between; dichotomize, categorize, classify, group.

several, adj. 1. some, a few, a sprinkling of, a number of, a number.

2. separate, distinct, discrete; single, sole, lone, solitary; different, divergent, diverging, disparate, dissimilar, assorted, various, sundry.

3. respective, own, exclusive, personal, private; individual, particular, specific, certain, chosen, unique, special, characteristic, typical, customary, peculiar.

4. some, a few, a sprinkling, a handful, a fistful of, a mouthful of, a pocketful of; not a few, a number of, Inf. quite a few.

severance, n. 1. sundering, chopping or cutting off, slicing or shearing off, bobbing, docking, lopping off, detachment, Both Bot. abstraction, abjunction; cleavage, cleaving, splitting, fissure, scission; division, halving, bisection, bifurcation, Obs. dimidiation, Bot. mitosis; separation, dissection, dismemberment, division, partition, partitionment, segmentation, dichotomy.

2. breach, breaking up, break, split, schism, divorce, disunion, disassociation, disjuncture, Inf. split in the ranks; divergence, disvariation, alienation, estrangement, Inf. parting of the ways; dissolution, abscission, breaking off, suspension, discontinuance, termination, stoppage, ending, cease; disengagement, pulling out, leaving, quitting.

severe, adj. 1. extreme, stringent, strict, harsh, rough; inflexible, uncompromising, unbending, unyielding, obdurate, flinty, rigid; persistent, unremitting, inexorable, implacable, relentless; merciless, pitiless, without feeling, unsympathetic, inhuman, cruel, brutal, savage; ruthless, cold-blooded, hard-hearted, iron-handed, iron-fisted, iron-hearted; despotic, peremptory, autocratic, tyrannical, abusive, punitive; distressing, agonizing, afflictive, torturous, tormenting, excruciating, racking; painful, insufferable, unbearable, overpowering, overwhelming; stinging, galling, sharp, bitter, caustic; piercing, biting, cutting, incisive, penetrating.

2. serious, sober, sedate, somber, grave; formal, aloof, cold, distant, stiff, tight, stiffened; stern, grim, austere, hard, forbidding, strait-laced, puritanical.

3. grave, critical, acute, dire, fatal, mortal; dreadful, fearful, awful, dangerous, risky, hazardous, perilous, Inf. hair; uncertain, touchy, touch-and-go, Inf. chancy.

4. simple, plain, modest, bare, blank, stark, Spartan, crystalline; unadorned, untraced, unembellished, unornamented, undecked; unfurbished, unadorned, untrimmed, unembroidered, unadorned, untrimmed, unembroidered.

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4. simple, plain, modest, bare, blank, stark, Spartan, ascetic; unadorned, untrimmed, unembellished, unornamented, undecked, unfinished, undecorated, unvarnished, unpainted.

5. inclement, stormy, raging, tempestuous, turbulently; freezing, frigid, frozen; hot, steaming, burning, swelteringly; drastic, acute, intense, violent, fierce, furious.

6. exacting, rigorous, tough, demanding, exigent, fastidious, Rare. exact; unsparring, grinding, oppressive, burdensome, grievous, onerous, heavy; difficult, painstaking, close, searching; arduous, laborious, tiresome, operose; trying, troublesome, uphill.

severity, n. 1. harshness, rigor, rigorousness, stringency, asperity, strictness, roughness, extremity; inflexibility, unbendingness, unyieldingness, obdurate-ness, flintiness; persistence, unremittance, inexorability, implacability, relentlessness; pitilessness, mercilessness, unfeelingness, inhumanity, cruelty, savagery; acrimony, acrimoniousness, acerbity, keenness; ruthless
1. **adj.** worn, shopworn, threadbare, fad

2. **n.** sexual character, femininity, womanhood, masculinity, manhood; sex, gender; kind, sort, persuasion.

3. **n.** gender; kind, sort, persuasion.

4. **n.** inclemency, storminess, tempestuousness, turbulence; fierceness, furiousness, ferociousness, ferocity; ferity, vehemence, fury, rage; violence, force, might, intensity, sharpness.

5. **n.** greediness, burdensomeness, oppressiveness, onerousness, heaviness; toughness, exigency, difficulty, arduousness, laboriousness, toilsomeness, operoseness.

6. **n.** exactness, exactitude, accuracy, precision; scrupulousness, meticulousness, fastidiousness.

7. **n.** driver, appetite; attraction, pull, magnetism, animal magnetism, Sl. chemistry, allurement, allure, fascination.

8. **n.** facts of life, Inf. birds and the bees; coitus, sexual intercourse, coition, copulation, fornication, congress, consummation, commerce, union, congestion, conjunction; coupling, mating, making love, Sl. getting it on, Sl. doing it, Sl. going to bed.

9. **n.** church official, Arch. sacristan, warden, caretaker, janitor, bell-ringer.

10. **n.** 1. shade, darkness, duskiness, dimness, lightlessness; shadiness, shadowiness; cloudiness, murkiness, murk; gloom, gloominess, somberness, tenebroussness; obscurity, indistinctness, nebulousness, faintness, vagueness.

11. **n.** apparition, specter, spirit, soul, vision, phantom, phantomasm, eidolon, materialization; ghost, (in Irish folklore) banshee, (in Roman religion) manes, (in Roman religion) lemures or larvae, Inf. spook.

12. **n.** shadow. See shade (def. 1).

13. **n.** degree, small or slight degree, nuance; hair, hair's-breadth, fraction, fraction of an inch, skin of one's teeth.

14. **n.** hint, suggestion, suspicion, intimation, suspicion, trace, tinge; touch, speck, sprinkling, dash; little bit, iota, modicum, minuteness, minuscule, grain, scintilla, atom.

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20. **adj.** suggestive, exciting, arousing, sensational, sensual, sexual, erotic; risqué, ribald, bawdy, bedroom, off-color, indecent, lewd; shameless, immodest, indecorous, unseemly, improper, indeclicate, rude; obscene, pornographic, vulgar, filthy, dirty, smutty, Sl. raunchy, Sl. unbecoming; crude, vulgar, uncouth, ungentlemanly, unhandsome, unbecoming.

21. **n.** inferior, mediocre, secondary, second-best, second-rate, third-rate, fourth-rate, substandard, below standard, subpar, below par; inadequate, insufficient, deficient, imperfect; incompetent, unskilful, maladroit; not to be compared or mistaken, not comparable, Inf. not a patch on it, Inf. not out of the picture or running, Inf. not in the same league.

22. **n.** fetter, chain, manacle, handcuff, cuff, gyve, bilboes, trammel; hobble, hamper, restraint.

23. **n.** fetters, chains, irons, bonds, pinions, gyves, trammels; manacles, handcuffs, cuffs, Sl. bracelets, Brit. Sl. daries. b. impediment, hindrance, check, deterrent; obstacle, obstruction, bar, barrier, barricade; stop, block.

24. **v.** slip someone into the shade or go one better; cap, top, overtop; beat, best, worst; surpass, exceed, excel, transcend, trump, overcome, better, Inf. go one better; cap, top, overtop; beat, best, worst; overshadow, eclipse, put to shame, Inf. show [s.o.] up; outstrip, outdo, outvie, outtrival, outclass, outperform, outplay, Inf. run rings or circles around.

25. **v.** darken, blacken, black, opaque, adumbrate; eclipse, occult, black out, blot out.

26. **n.** obscure, obsfuscate, cloud, becloud, benight, out-of-date, Inf. tacky.

27. **n.** dilapidated, deteriorated, battered, in disrepair, run-down, broken-down, tumble-down, ramshackle, seedy, Sl. crummy, Sl. beat-up; squallid, wretched, miserable, shabby, tatty, smelly, shunned, slummy, slum-like.

28. **n.** mean, stingy, cheap, mingy, tight, tight-fisted, closefisted, miserably, niggardly, niggard, pinchpenny, penny-pinchng, grudging, ungenerous, illiberall, beggarly, penurious, parsimonious.

29. **n.** base, base-spirited, low, vile, mean-spirited; contemptible, beneath contempt, worthy of contempt, despicable, detestable, odious, opprobrious, infamous, ignominious, sordid, heinous, atrocious, flagitious, abominable, degenerate, depraved, scurvy, ignoble, inglorious, discreditable, displeasing, dishonorable, rascally, villainous, coarse, vulgar, crude, uncouth, ungentlemanly, unhandsome, unbecoming.

30. **n.** inferior, mediocre, secondary, second-best, second-rate, third-rate, fourth-rate, substandard, below standard, subpar, below par; inadequate, insufficient, deficient, imperfect; incompetent, unskilful, maladroit; not to be compared or mistaken, not comparable, Inf. not a patch on it, Inf. not out of the picture or running, Inf. not in the same league.

31. **n.** fetter, chain, manacle, handcuff, cuff, gyve, bilboes, trammel; hobble, hamper, restraint.

32. **n.** fetters, chains, irons, bonds, pinions, gyves, trammels; manacles, handcuffs, cuffs, Sl. bracelets, Brit. Sl. daries. b. impediment, hindrance, check, deterrent; obstacle, obstruction, bar, barrier, barricade; stop, block.

33. **v.** slip someone into the shade or go one better; cap, top, overtop; beat, best, worst; surpass, exceed, excel, transcend, trump, overcome, better, Inf. go one better; cap, top, overtop; beat, best, worst; overshadow, eclipse, put to shame, Inf. show [s.o.] up; outstrip, outdo, outvie, outtrival, outclass, outperform, outplay, Inf. run rings or circles around.

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shady, adj. 1. indistinct, indeterminate, indefinite, vague, nebulous; obscure, unclear, indistinguishable, ill-defined; opaque, dark, murky; dim, faint, feeble, pale, weak. 2. unsubstantial, impalpable, intangible, immaterial; ethereal, vaporous, airy, air-built, cloud-built, gossamer, gossamer, gaseous; unreal, dreamlike, illusory, visionary, imaginary, figmental, hallucinatory, chimerical; spectral, ghostly, phantasmal, phantasmatical, phantom, phantomlike, wraithlike. 3. shady. See Shady (def. 1). 4. shadowy. See Shadowy (defs. 1, 2). 5. on the shady side of Informal. (all in reference to age) past, beyond, more than, older than; on the wrong side of, on the other side, on the dark side of.

shady, n. 1. silhouette, adumbration, outline, reflection.

shadow, n. 1. silhouette, adumbration, outline, reflection.

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shakedown, n. 1. extermination, blackmail, badger game, skin game, Inf. the squeeze, SL. Murphy; milking, wringing, blood-sucking, Inf. bleeding; wrestling, wrenching, exacting, extraction, obtaining by force; coercion, threat, terrorization, intimidation, bullying.

2. investigation, search, exploration, probe, inquiry; inspection, examination, scrutinization, scrutiny, SL. casing; purge, weeding out, winnowing, removal, elimination, search and destroy mission.

shaky, adj. 1. shaking, chattering; convulsive, twitching, jerky, vesperative; tremulous, turbulent, vibratory, vibrative, quivering, twittery, resonant; trembling, quavering, shudder, shuddering, shivery, shivering; skittish, jumps, jittery, high-strung, nervous; fearful, afraid, frightened, scared, having cold feet; timid, timorous, easily frightened, cowardly, twitching, jerky, vellicative; tremulous, tremulant, elimination, search and destroy mission.

2. superficial, skin-deep, external, outward, on the surface; unprofound, empty, meaningless, without substance; trifling, unimportant, petty, trivial, frivolous.

shallow, adj. 1. not deep, shoal.

2. superficial, skin-deep, external, outward, on the surface; unprofound, empty, meaningless, without substance; trifling, unimportant, petty, trivial, frivolous.

shamefaced, adj. 1. modest, restrained, reserved; demure, coy; meek, diffident, timid, timorous, shrinking, retiring; shy, blushing, bashful, sheepish.

2. embarrassed, red-faced, put to the blush, made to blush, made to change color; cresfallen, chapfallen, dejected, dispirited, hangdog, Inf. sourfaced; abashed, confused, perplexed, confounded, bewildered, dumb.
shameful

1. form, figure, configuration, figura-

2. disgraceful, dishonorable, degraded, inglorious, deplorable; infamous, ignominious, odious, ob-

3. libelous, slanderous, defamatory; shocking, scan-

1. shameless, 1. immodest, improper, fulsome, unseemly, unbecoming, indecorous, Archaic: malapert, shocking, outrageous, scandalous, notorious, flagrant; indecent, lewd, obscene, perves-

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shape

1. form, figure, configuration, figuration, conformation, formation, arrangement, format, organization, pattern; contour, outline, lines, profile, silhouette; cut, style, model, pattern; structure, con-

shanty

n. hut, hutch, shack, Scot. bothy; cottage, cot, bungalow, bower, cabin, Brit. Dial. cote, Scot. but-and-ben; hovel, hole, dump, pigpen, pigsty.

sharp

1. thin-edged, razor-edged, knife-like; keen, acute, pointed, needle-sharp, edged, cutting, thin; sharp as a bayonet, sharp as a butcher knife.


3. abrupt, sudden, rapid; steep, sheer, extreme, ac-

4. (of taste) pungent, biting, bitter, acid, acrid; keen, acute.

5. (of noise) piercing, shrill, strident, harsh; high-

6. (of pain) distressing, cutting, intense, acute, piercing, fierce, extreme; sudden, violent, crucial, critical, severe.

7. bitter, harsh, caustic, cutting, scathing; lashing, virulent, rancorous, galling, acrid, acrimonious, derisory, insulting, excoriating, invidious, mocking, satirical; merciless, brutal, cruel, unkind, hurtful, malicious, spiteful, malignant, mean, venomous, envenomed; curt, brusque, tart, blunt, gruff, abrupt, bearish; ungracious, uncordial, uncivil, develop, fall in, fall into place, fall into line, come together. b. improve, grow better, show improvement, look up, pick up; progress, make headway, gain ground, go forward, come along, go along.

shapeless

adj. 1. formless, uniform, without form, not formed, unshaped, unshapen; embryonic, undeveloped; unhewn, uncarved, rough, unfinished; misshapen, ill-fashioned, ill-made, distorted, deformed, grotesque, disfigured, ill-proportioned.

2. amorphous, indeterminate, indefinite, vague, nebulous, characterless, nondescript; unorganized, confused, jumbled, chaotic, structureless, unstruc-

shard

n. fragment, part, particle, piece; chip, chink, smithhereen, splinter, sliver, cut, cutting, paring; scale, flake, shaving, lamina; particle, scrap, bit, snip, snippet, wisp, tatter, corner; morsel, crumb, ort; modicum, iota, wht, mite, trifling, scantling; remnant, fraction, section, segment, remainder; snatch, shred, sample, specimen, dose, taste.

share

n. 1. allotment, allocation, appropriation, consignment, apportionment, allowance, grant; dispen-

—v. 2. divide up, Inf. divvy up, subdivide, partition, adjust; apportion, allocate, allot, appropriate; ration, measure out, measure off, admeasure; mete out, portion out, divide and assign, parcel out, deal out, dole out; go halves, go fifty-fifty, split the difference, share and share alike, go Dutch treat, go Dutch.

3. Usu. share in a. have a share or part in, have a stake in, have a percentage or piece of. b. take part in, participate, partake of or in.

shark

n. 1. swindler, cheat, cheater, fraud, b. bind, confidence man, Sl. con man, Sl. filimflam man, bunker artist, crook, chiseler; sharper, Sl. city slicker, Inf. fast talker, Inf. hawk. See swindler.

2. Slang. expert, adept, master, professional, Inf. pro, Inf. ace, Inf. crackerjack, star, Sl. no slouch.

—v. 3. steal, cheat, defraud, fleece, rook, guilt, Archaic: chouse; overcharge, Sl. soak, Inf. gyp, Sl. chisel, Sl. gaff, pluck, mulct; victimize, exploit, play on or upon, take advantage of, Inf. do, Sl. burn.

shape up

1. take form, take shape, crystallize, develop, fall in, fall into place, fall into line, come together. 2. improve, grow better, show improvement, look up, pick up; progress, make headway, gain ground, go forward, come along, go along.

shaped
dox, impolite, unmannedly, rude.
8. eager, ardent, earnest, perpervid, fervent, zealous, feverish; high-mettled, vehement, animated, spirited, active; ambitious, aspiring, diligent, enterprising, sedulous, unfauling.
9. alert, vigilant. See sharp-sighted.
10. shrewd, intelligent, smart. See sharp-witted.
—adv. 11. keenly, acutely, vividly.
12. abruptly, suddenly, unexpectedly, all of a sudden, at once, on the spur of the moment, without warning.
13. punctually, on time, on the dot, on the nose.
14. vigilantly, watchfully, carefully.
15. briskly, quickly, swiftly, speedily, hastily, hurriedly, rapidly, fast.

sharpen, v. put an edge on, make keen, acuminat; point, tip, hone, strip, whet, file, grind, taper.
sharper, n. swindler, highbinder, cheat, cheater, fraud, defrauder, confidence man, Sl. con man, sharper. See swindler.

sharp-sighted, adj. all-observant, vigilant, watchful, wary; wide-awake, broad-awake, wakeful; on the lookout, on the qui vive; circumspect, prudent, alert; lynx-eyed, Argus-eyed, eagle-eyed, hawk-eyed, gimlet-eyed, ferret-eyed; keen-eyed, quick-sighted.

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shelf, n. 1. bracket, hob; mantel, mantelpiece; platform, bench, banquette; ledge, protrusion, projection, overhang.
2. sandbox, sand bar, bank, bar, shoal, ridge, reef.
3. on the shelf Slang. postpone, defer, pro- 
rogue, delay, suspend, hang up, table, shelf, put aside for the time; put in cold storage, put on ice, put in a holding pattern, put on a back burner.
4. on the shelf Slang. inactive, inoperative, non-
functioning, nonperforming; unused, unoccupied, un-
bused, unemployed, useless, worthless, unusable.

shell, n. 1. hard outer covering, hard case, 
tection, safekeeping; hiding, concealment, seclusion,
2. protection, security, safety, shelter from a storm;
port, port in a storm, Scot, bield; retreat, hospice, her-
sanctum, sanctum sanctorum, safety zone, harbor,
tion, exception; privilege, executive privilege, 
ongressional immunity, impunity, indemnity, exemp-
tion, delay, suspend, hang up, table, shelf, put aside for the time. See shelf (def. 3).
3. dismiss, retire, lay off; fire, put out of a job, let
give [s.o.] his walking papers, drop, deselect, send 
ackage, Inf. sack, Inf. give 
sack, Inf. send down the road, U.S. Govt. Inf. rif, S.l. can.

shenanigan, n. Uso. shenanigans Informal. tom-
foolery, antics, Sl. monkeyshines, Sl. monkey-
business; mischief, prankishness, Inf. hanky-panky, 
ord and North Eng. daffing; prank, antic, caper,
cap, trick, practical joke, roguish trick, Fr. espieglerie; foolish, foolery, horseplay, skylarking;
clowning, clownishness, zaniness; buffoonery, buffoonishness, harlequinade; joking, jesting, jocosity, jocoseness, jocularity, wag-
gishness, waggyness, drollery; levity, frivolity, silliness.

shepherd, n. 1. herder, herdsman, shepherder.
2. protector, defender, guardian, guard, guar-
duard, guardsman.
3. clergyman, minister, priest, rabbi, parson, servant 
of God, man of the cloth; confessor, spiritual director, 
herd of souls; preacher, evangelist, missionary, 
spreader of the Word.
4. the Shepherd Jesus Christ. See Jesus Christ.

shibboleth, n. 1. badge, trademark, earmark, hall-
mark, symptom, mark; idiomsyncresy, idiocrasy, affec-
tation, quirk, twist, eccentricity, peculiarity, singulari-
ty; characteristic, quality, trait; style, manner, man-
nerism, way.

shift, v. 1. change direction. Nat. tack; move from one person to another, pass; move around, swerve around, get by, get around, outmaneuver.
2. Uso. shift for manage by oneself, make it on one's own, stand on one's own two feet, paddle one's own canoe, fend for oneself, take care of oneself, go it
alone; get along, make do, get by, scrape by or along.

3. change gears, downshift.

4. change, exchange, make an exchange, commute, transpose, interchange; switch, swap, trade or trade in, substitute, replace.

5. transfer, relocate, move, send from one place to another, reassign; move around, rearrange, change around, change the place or position of, alter, vary.

—n. 6. change, change of direction; maneuver, move, swerve; transfer, relocation, reassignment; rearrangement, alteration, variation.

7. spell of work, stint.

8. expedient, device, contrivance, resource, resort; plan, scheme, strategy, strategem, Inf. wrinkle, artifice, trick, Inf. filmflam, ruse, vile, trap; subterfuge, blind, Inf. dodge, fetch; feint, deception, sleight, move, evasion, shuffle.

9. change, exchange, commutation, transposition, interchange, switch, swap, trade or trade in, substitution, replacement.

shiftless, adj. inefficient, lazy, idle, indolent, slothful, fainéant, do-nothing, otiose, unindustrious, unenterprising, unambitious, nonaggressive; listless, lagging, limping, insouciant, pociocurante, easygoing, Sl. laid-back; slack, lax, careless, negligent, neglectful, remiss, derelict; worthless, good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well.

shifty, adj. 1. tricky, crafty, artful, cunning, sly, wilte, subtile, foxy, sly as a fox, Scot. and North Eng. pawky; shrewd, Archaic. parlous, sharp, astute, wary, Inf. cagey; evasive, elusive, hard to catch, slippery, smooth, slick; insidious, guileful, disingenuous, scheming, plotting, designing, calculating, contriving; deceptive, deceitful, crooked, dishonest, underhanded, Inf. left-handed; false, false-hearted, double-dealing, two-faced, Janus-faced.

2. resourceful, clever, ingenious, inventive, Daedalian.

shilly-shally, v. 1. vacillate, yo-yo, seesaw, teeter-totter; waver, be indecisive, be irresolute, hesitate, hem and haw; go back and forth, fluctuate, oscillate, alternate, blow hot and cold, tergiversate, straddle the fence.

—n. 2. irresolution, indecision, undecisiveness, uncertainty, hesitation, hesitancy, hemming and hawing, wavering, vacillation; fluctuation, oscillation, alternation, blowing hot and cold, tergiversation, fence-straddling, fence-sitting.

—adj. 3. shilly-shallying, irresolute, undecided, uncertain, unsure, hesitant, hesitating, wavering; vacillating, fluctuating, oscillating, alternating, blowing hot and cold, tergiversating, sitting on or straddling the fence.

shimmer, v. 1. glow, gleam faintly, shine; luminosc, incandescence, phosphorescence, make radiant or lustrous; illuminate, illumine, Archaic. illumine, Obs. enlumine; brighten, light up, cast light upon, make brilliant or luminous; radiate, irritate, effulge; shine forth, beam, sprenk.

2. glisten, glimmer, Archaic. glister, glitter, twinkle, sparkle; spark, scintillate, flame, flash, fulgurate, gleam, coruscate, glare; flicker, flutter, flare or flare up, waver, sway; quiver, shiver, ripple, oscillate, vacillate, fluctuate, move to and fro; quaver, shake, quake, tremble, twitter, shudder; undulate, vibrate, pulsate, throb; jerk, twitch, vellicate, jump.

—n. 3. glow, afterglow, faint gleam or glare, shine; luster, iridescence, incandescence, phosphorescence, radiance; brilliance, illumination, luminosity, lumenance; refugence, reflexuality, reflectiveness, effective; beam, ray, shaft, streak, patch, subdued or tremulous light.

4. glint, glimmer, glistening, glittering; twinkling, glittering, sparkling, unsteady light; flame, spark, scintilla, scintillation; flash, fulguration, gleam, coruscation, glare; flickering, fluttering, flaring, wavering, swaying; quivering, shivering, rippling, oscillation, scintillation, vacillation, volatilizing, fluctuation, fluctuating, movement to and fro; quavering, shaking, quaking, trembling, twittering, shuddering; undulation, vibration, vibrating, pulsation, pulsating, throbbing; jerking, twitching, vellicating, jumping.

shine, v. 1. glow, radiate, irradiate, illuminate; glare, beam, gleam, gloze, streak, flash, coruscate, fulgurate; light, light up, luminesce, incandesce, phosphoresce; glimmer, glitter, shimmer, flicker, twinkle; sparkle, glisten, glister, Archaic; glister, dazzle; flare, scatter, flutter, scintillate, flamelike, flame-like.

2. (all of people) radiate, glow, look healthy, bloom; look good, look like a million dollars, take the breath away.

3. excel, tower above, be head and shoulders above, dominate; be conspicuous, stand out, stand out in the crowd; outshine, throw into the shade, eclipse, shadow.

4. polish, wax, buff, burnish, rub down; gloss, luster, brighten, glaze, Scot. and North Eng. sheen; scour, scrub, clean.

5. shine up to Slang. attempt to impress [s.o.], curry favor, Inf. run after, make up to, play up to, Sl. suck up to; fawn upon, fall all over, throw oneself at the feet of, kowtow; get on the good right side of.

—n. 6. radiance, brightness, vivisness, intensity, richness; splendor, resplendence, brilliancy, effulgence, refugency; illumination, flash, glare, beam, ray; shimmer, flicker, twinkle, glitter, glimmer, sparkle, glint, glistening.

6. luster, gloss, sheen, shimmer; polish, glaze.

7. Inf. prank, caper, escapade, trick, antic, joke, practical joke, shenanigan, lark.

8. Inf. scapegrace, rascal, scamp, miscreant, cad, scoundrel, villain, no matter what, whatever comes to worst, live or die, sink or swim.

9. come rain or shine no matter what, whatever may happen, come what may, whatever the cost or risk, without fail, come hell or high water, if worst comes to worst, live or die, sink or swim.

10. take a shine to U.S. Inf. take a liking to, like, take to, have a fancy for, Inf. cotton to, fancy, want to get to know better.

shiny, adj. glossy, glowing, lustrous, nitid, gleaming, agleam, sheenful, shiny, burnished, polished, waxed; glassy, glistening, aglisten, shining, silken, smooth, sleek, satiny; bright, radiant, irradiant, effulgent, lambent, resplendent, beaming, beamy, beamish; dazzling, fulgent, glimmering, aglimmer; sparkling, scintillating, scintillant, coruscating, shimmering, glittering, fulgid, rutilant.


—v. 2. freight, barge, ferry, boat; transport, convey, carry, dispatch, send, cart, haul, move, bear, transplant, transmit.

3. Informal. send packing, send off, get rid of, send away.

4. embark, set sail, ship out, take off.

shirk, v. 1. (all of work, responsibility, etc.) evade, avoid, run from, dodge, whiffle, side-step, elude, weasel out; shrink from, Inf. funk, blench at, blink at; sneak off, sneak out the back way, make oneself scarce, take off, take a walk; play truant, stay out,
2. send forth, discharge, fire or fire off, let fly, let off, eject; project, propel, throw, cast, sling, fling, toss, heave, chuck, catapult, launch.
3. fire at or on, shoot at, snap at, aim at, draw or get a bead on; open fire, bombard, shell, pepper, pelt, blitz, barrage, Sl. blast.
4. direct, send, throw, flash.
5. hunt, stalk, course, chase, pursue.
6. move suddenly, start, spring, leap, spurt, dash on, shoot at, snipe at, aim at, fire at.

—often— send forth, discharge, fire or fire off, shoot at, or on, shoot, or at, shoot or, shoot or for, shoot or for, strive for, aim for, set one’s sights on.

—adv. abruptly, suddenly, all of a sudden, unexpectedly, without warning, out of the blue; instantly, hastily, posthaste, quickly, swiftly, rapidly, fast, hurriedly, forthwith.

13. briefly, concisely, succinctly, directly, pointedly; curtly, sharply, tersely, tartly, rudely, brusquely, gruffly.
14. not far enough, this side of, on the near side of; prematurely, precipitately, beforehand, too soon, early too, hastily; inopportune, untimely.
15. cut short terminate, stop, stop short, stop in the midst of, arrest, halt, cut off; interrupt, interfere, intermit, interpose, cut in on, break in upon, butt in.
16. sell short Informal. disparage, deprecate, demean, belittle, deflate, derogate, detract, devalue, talk down, put down; underestimate, dispraise, minimize, slight, underrate, undervalue, underreckon, beggar, extenuate, misprize, think nothing of, set no store by, fail to count on.
18. shorts a. bermudas, short pants, culottes, Inf. cut-offs, Inf. short shorts, hot pants. b. underpants, underwear, underdrawers, drawers, briefs, Sl. skivvies, Sl. undies, Trademark. BVDs, Trademark. Fruit of the Looms, trunks, boxer shorts, jockey shorts, Brit. y- fronts, Brit. knickers; panties, bloomers.
19. Motion Pictures. short subject, documentary, travelogue, cartoon; preview, trailer.
20. deficiency, insufficient, deficient. See shortage.
21. Chiefly Brit. (all of whiskey) shot, jigger, gill, measure, single, Sl. a finger or two, Sl. nip, Sl. quick one.
22. in short a. in summary, in conclusion, Inf. in a nutshell, all in all, in all, in the final analysis.

—b. in brief, in a word, in a few words, to put it briefly, to be brief, for shortness sake, to come to the point, to cut the matter short, to make a long story short.

—n. deficiency, deficit, insufficiency, scarcity, sparsity, sparseness, thinness, scantiness, scantiness, rareness, rarity; dearth, shortfall, lack, paucity, pauperism, shortness, short supply, limitation, stint, meagerness, absence, emptiness, inanition, drought, famine, poverty, indigence, want, need; failure, inadequacy, (of liquors or grains) ulage.

—v. falling, failure, deficiency, defect, frailty; weakness, liability, drawback, weak point, infirmity; flaw, imperfection, fault, foible.

—adj. abbreviate, condense, compress,
abridge, narrow, shrink, Obs. breviate; abstract, synopsize, summarize, digest, brief, epitomize.
2. reduce, lessen, decrease, contract, dock, curtail, limit, restrict; cut, cut down, cut short, retreat, crop, clip, shear, trim, prune, lop, pare down, (of trees or shrubbery) pollard; (all of clothing) hem, take up, take in, alter.

shorthand, n. 1. stenography, phonography, (in ancient Greece and Rome) tachygraphy, Obs. brachygraphy; cryptography; passigraphy.
2. Figurative. code, cipher, symbols, Obs. polygraphy.

short-lived, adj. momentary, temporary, of brief duration, impermanent, mortal, unenduring, brief, fleeting, passing, fading, transitory, transient, fugacious, caducous, deciduous, Both Med. monohemerous, monemeric, evanescent, ephemeral, mercurial, volatile, perishable, precarious; quick, fast, swift, sudden, brisk, fleet, meteoric; cursory, hurried, hasty.

shortly, adv. 1. soon, presently, anon, directly, before long, Inf. before you know it, by and by, in a short while, in a little while.
2. briefly, concisely, succinctly, directly, pointedly.
3. abruptly, curtly, sharply, tersely; testily, tartly, rudely, brusquely, gruffly.

short-sighted, adj. myopic, purblind, near-sighted, Inf. buck, Inf. red-headed, Inf. broken-winded, Dyspneal.

short-winded, adj. breathless, out of breath, short of breath, pursy, winded; panting, huffing, puffing, gasping, heaving; wheezing, (usu of horses) broken-winded, Pathol. dyspneal.
2. concise, succinct, brief, to the point, short and sweet; direct, pointed, emphatic, straightforward; pithy, sententious, epigrammatic, crisp, precise, exact, gnomic; laconic, terse, elliptical, breviloquent, Rare. pauciloquent.

shorty, shortie, n. Informal. 1. midget, dwarf, ho-munculus, Chiefly Scot. wee fellow or lad, little man; pygmy, manikin, Tom Thumb, Lilliputian, dappering, fingering, chit, cock-sparrow, hop-o’-my-thumb, Obs. pigwigin or pigweedgin, Archaic. dandiprat; shrimp, runt, Inf. peewee, Inf. squirt, Inf. pip-squeak, Inf. half pint, small fry.
2. bed jacket, hospital smock, apron; miniskirt, hot pants; nightgown, negligee, peignoir, Inf. nightie, Inf. baby doll; jacket, Brit. jerkin, bomber jacket, waistcoat.

shoulder, n. 1. projection, protuberance, protrusion, prominence, salient, outgrowth; shelf, shelf, ledge, sill, hob, mantel, mantelpiece.

shoulder, n. 1. shoulder to the wheel strive, endeavor, apply oneself, exert oneself; set to work, roll up one’s sleeves, get busy, Inf. buckle down, Inf. knockle down.
3. rub shoulders with hobnob with, mingle with, mix with, associate with, keep company with, touch elbows with, Inf. take up with, Inf. hang around or out with, Inf. pal around with.

shoulder to shoulder jointly, together, cooperatively, in cooperation, in partnership; side by side, arm in arm, cheek by jowl, back to back, hand in hand; in unison, in close harmony, in company with.

straight from the shoulder directly, straightforwardly, frankly, candidly, man-to-man, heart-to-heart; plainly, explicitly, unequivocally, unambiguously; freely, boldly, outspokenly, unabashedly, uninhibitedly; bluntly, bluntly, brusquely, tactlessly.

shot, n. 1. crack, report, discharge; blast, explosion, detonation; bang, boom, burst, eruption, crash.
2. ball, Minie ball, pellet, bullet, slug; missile, projectile, ammunition, Inf. ammo; cannonball; Archaic. grapeshot, Archaic. grape.
3. marksman, sharpshooter, rifleman, bersagliere; good shot, crack shot, dead shot, Sl. deadeye.
4. attempt, effort, endeavor, go, try, Inf. the old college try, Inf. stab, Inf. crack, Inf. whack.
5. comment, remark, statement, verbatim, sense, pot shot, Sl. cheap shot, Sl. low blow.
6. guess, conjecture, supposition, assumption, presumption, hypothesis, postulate, See also shot (def. 15).
7. injection, booster, booster shot, inoculation, vaccine, vaccination; dose, overdose, Sl. fix, Sl. hit, Sl. bang.

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—v. 6. push, shove, jostle, See shove (def. 2).
7. carry, take up, bear; support, maintain, sustain, brace, prop, uphold, hold up, keep up; bolster, rein-
force, strengthen.

8. assume responsibility, take or accept responsibility, take upon oneself, commit oneself.

shout, v. 1. yell, Yelp, yap, bay, bellow, howl, roar, scream, Infl. holer; vociferate, cry out, call out, sing out, Sl. belt out; cry aloud, cry at the top of one's lungs or voice, rend the air, awake the dead; cheer, root, huzzah, Australian, Brit. barrack.

2. clamor, make or raise a clamor, make a racket, kick up a racket, make an uproar, raise the roof, raise Cain, whoop it up.

—n. 3. cry, call, yell, Yelp, yap, bay, bray, bellow, howl; outcry, exclamation, ejaculation, outburst, burst, blurt; cheer, hurrah, huzzah, whoop, Infl. holer, Inf. hoop and holler; battle cry, war whoop; rallying cry; hunting cry, Chiefly Brit. tallyho, Fox Hunting, huic, Fox Hunting, Rare, yoicks.

4. clamor, racket, din, noise, clangor, clap; hue and cry, vociferation, flap, uproar, hullabaloo, hubbub, ballyhoo.

shovel, v. 1. push, propel, move; thrust, pole, stick; drive, trundle, wheel, roll.

2. jostle, jolt, jog, shoulder, bump into, knock against; press forward, make one's way, squeeze through, wedge, elbow, elbow one's way, fight one's way, force one's way; butt, bunt, ram, bulldoze; crowd, pack, cram, jam; nudge, poke.

3. shove off a. put to sea, put off or out, push off, get under way, hoist the blue peter. b. Slang. depart, leave, go, go away, go off, Infl. buzz off, Inf. take off, Inf. clear out, Sl. split, Sl. scram, Sl. beat it, Sl. vanoose.

—n. 4. jostle, jog, jolt, butt, bunt; push, thrust; impulsion, propulsion.

shovel, n. 1. spade, scoop, spud, trowel.

2. power shovel, steam shovel, bulldozer, Sl. dozer, Trademark. Caterpillar, Sl. Cat; backhoe; snowplow, plow.

—v. 3. dig, dig up, spade, spud, scoop, scoop up; excavate; gouge, furrow, trench, groove.

show, v. 1. exhibit, display, present, demonstrate, set forth, offer; put in plain sight, bare, lay bare, unveil, unscreen, uncover, undrape.

2. indicate, express, manifest, make plain or clear; expose, reveal, betray, give away; evince, evidence, exemplify, Scot. and North Eng. kithe; produce, bring forward, bring out, roll out, Infl. trot out.

3. escort, usher, conduct, pilot, steer, guide, lead, direct, chaperon, matronize, accompany; attend, assist, aid.

4. explain, define, interpret, explicate, expound, point out; simplify, make plain, unfold, put across, spell out; clarify, elucidate, clear up, resolve, solve; illustrate, throw or shed light on; describe, account for, give the facts, tell the whole story.

5. prove, authenticate, document, substantiate; verify, corroborate, confirm; certify, uphold, validate, bear out.

6. inform, tell, express, state; teach, instruct, tutor, indoctrinate; give an idea of, let [s.o.] in on.

7. be visible, appear, be in view, be seen; come into view, come in sight, become visible; arise, crop up, loom up.

8. show off flaunt, parade, brandish; make a big deal, Sl. showboat; be vain, be ostentatious; swagger, strut, strut one's stuff, peacock; pose, posture, grandstand, swank; put on airs, give oneself airs, Infl. put up a front, Sl. dog it, Sl. hotdog, Sl. put on the dog; talk big, name-drop, boast, gaucenade, Infl. go on about [s.t.].

9. show up a. expose, reveal, give away. See show (defs. 1, 2). b. appear, look, strike one as, come across. c. Informal. come, arrive, land; get here, pull in, Sl. make it. d. Informal. outdo, outshine, outdazzle, outglitter, upstage; overshadow, tower above, eclipse, dwarf.

—n. 10. display, exhibition, array, arrangement, presentation, demonstration; manifestation, evince, revelation, exposure, uncovering.

11. ostentation, pretension, pretense, ritz, splash; blazon, spectacle, parade, pageant, pageantry, ceremony; pomp, magnificence, grandeur, splendor, glitter, pizzazz, flourish; affectation, airs, Sl. dog, pretentiousness, artificiality, affectedness; theatricality, historicism, melodramatics; froppery, peacockery, dandyism, flaunting.

12. appearance, posture, stance, stand; bearing, presence, carriage, demeanor, port; mien, look, visage, countenance; cast, attitude, air.

13. indication, trace, tinge, spark, flash, glimmer, whisper, vestige; mark, evidence, track, trail, scent, symptom; sign, cue, clue; intuition, hint, suggestion, suspicion, inkling, implication; idea, notion; taste, touch.

14. theatrical performance, production, presentation, Music; gig; premiere; matinee; exhibition, exhibit, showing, exposition.

15. Informal. chance, opportunity, try.

16. run the show manage, take charge of, direct, command, govern, rule; oversee, regulate, supervise, head; dominate, hold the reins, be in charge.

17. steal the show usurp credit, be the main attraction, be the center of attraction, get all the attention; stand out, be the best.

showdown, n. confrontation, face-off; settlement, crisis, climax, turning point; contest, battle, encounter, conflict.

shower, n. 1. sprinkle, sprinkling, mist, misting, drizzle, drizzling, Chiefly Dial. mizzling, spatter, spattering, sparge, sparging, spit, spitting, flurry; raindrops, rainfall, rain shower, wet.

2. spray, hail, torrent, pounding, downpour, cloudburst, Archaic. aspersion; barrage, volley, bombardment, salvo.

3. abundance, plenty; profusion, flood, deluge, gush, overflow, plethora, effusiveness, surplus, excess, nimiety, superabundance, superfluity; bounty, copiousness, opulence, lavishment, lavishness, extravagance, prodigality.

4. party, bridal shower, baby shower.

5. douse, dousing, rinse, rinsing, shower bath; bath, wash, washing, cleaning.

6. sprinkler, sprayer, sparger, nozzle, shower head, shower stall.

7. wet, rinse, douse, drench; bathe, wash, clean.

8. spray, hail, snow, spit, sparge; barrage, bombard, volley; fall, descend.

9. snow under, drown, flood, deluge, gush, overflow; inundate, whelm, overwhelming, teem; lavish, indulge.

10. sprinkle, drizzle, mist, Chiefly Dial. mizzle, spatter, flurry, Scot. dribble, trickle, rain.

show-off, n. 1. exhibitionist, name-dropper, Sl. grandstander, Sl. hot dog, Sl. shootout, Sl. showboat; dandy, pop, clotheshorse, coxcomb, peacock.

2. snob, dropper, prig, high-hatter.

3. blusterer, swaggerer, strutter, gascon, fanfaron, trumpeter, tooter; blowhard, windbag, blatherskite, Sl. gas bag, Sl. big-mouth; bluffer, humbug, four-flusher; loudmouth, braggart, bragadocio, brag, coaster, Sl. bullshooter, Thraso, Rodomonte.
showy, adj. 1. flamboyant, ornate, elaborate, involved, Music. bravura; fancy, florid, flowery, high-wrought; conspicuous, striking, imposing, obvious.
2. ostentatious, fastuous, pretentious, doggy, affected; over-wrought, overdone, extreme, frilly, over-decorated; artificial, surface, specious; glittering, theatrical, Sl. grandstand.
3. gaudy, garish, flashy, Sl. flash, loud, bold, hard, Inf. honky-tonk; tawdry, meretricious, cheap, dime-store, tinselly, gimcrack, trashy, Inf. chintzy, Inf. tacky, Sl. rinky-dink; tasteless, in bad taste, indelicately, crude, vulgar.

shred, n. 1. bit, scrap, fragment, chip; splinter, sliver, slip, snippet; wisp, rag, tatter, corner; strip, slip, band, ribbon, shaving, filament; remnant, fraction, segment, snatch; modicum, iota, whitt; mite, morsel, molecule, atom, trace; speck, fly speck, grain, hair; scintilla, straw, cent, farthing. —v. 2. cut up, tear up, reduce to shreds; strip, rip, rip up, splinter, pound to shreds or splinters, shatter; grate, pulverize, powder, atomize, demolish.

shrew, n. virago, termagant, harpy, fury; vixen, spitfire, she-wolf, hell-cat, tigeress; haridan, witch, ogress, old cat, brimstone; hog, crane, beldam, Sl. bitch; nag, Inf. biddy, Inf. old biddy; scold, common scold, fish wife; grouch, crab, grumbler; henpecker, fault-finder, rebuker, reviler, vituperator, chider, castigator, Xanthippe; complainer, crier, whiner, Yiddish, kvetch, pest, Sl. pain in the neck, Sl. pain, Sl. old bag.

shrewd, adj. astute, acute, sharp, keen, Archaic. parolous, sharp as a tack; apt, agile, quick, ready, able, adpt, proficient; discerning, discriminating, perceptive, perspicacious, Inf. cagy; wise, sagacious, intelligent, clever, smart, bright, luminous; ingenious, resourceful, inventive, creative, Daedalian.
2. artful, slick, quick-witted, cunning; canny, subtle, crafty, sly, wily, foxy; guileful, devious, deceitful, dishonest, crooked, unscrupulous; slippery, stealthy, tricky, scheming, designing, intriguing; circuitous, shifty, insidious; perfidious, treacherous, Machiavellian; expedient, opportunistic.

shrewish, adj. ill-humored, cranky, grumbling, petulant, peevish, whining, grouchly; continually complaining, full of complaints, nitpicking; castigating, vituperating, rebuking, nagging, scolding, chiding, fault-finding; quarrelsome, contentious, vindictive, castigating, vituperating, rebuking, nagging, scolding, chiding, fault-finding; quarrelsome, contentious, vindictive, scolding, common scold, fishwife; grouch, crab, grumbler; henpecker, fault-finder, rebuker, reviler, vituperator, chider, castigator, Xanthippe; complainer, crier, whiner, Yiddish, kvetch, pest, Sl. pain in the neck, Sl. pain, Sl. old bag.

shrink, n. shroud, n. shroud, sheet, sheet, cloth, sheet, cloth, shroud, pall, cloak, mantle, blanket, sheet, cloth, shroud, pall, cloak, mantle, blanket, sheet, cloth, shroud, pall, cloak, mantle, blanket.
3. confess, make confession, do penance, declare one's sins, be penitent, repent; plead guilty, own up to.

shrive, v. 1. (of sinners) impose penance on, penalize, punish, sentence.
2. (of penitents) absolve, grant absolution, pardon, forgive, remit, excuse.
3. confess, make confession, do penance, declare one's sins, be penitent, repent; plead guilty, own up to.

shivel, v. shrink, contract, pucker, wrinkle, wither, dry up, desiccate, dehydrate; decline, fade, waste away. See also shrink (def. 2).

shroud, n. 1. winding sheet, sheet, wrap, wrapper, cerecloth, cloth, cerements, graveclothes.
2. cover, covering, pall, cloak, mantle, blanket; cloth, veil, screen, shield, mask, hood.
3. (for burial) enshroud, wrap, enwrap, sheet, cover, cloth.
4. cover, hide, conceal, shield, veil, keep dark; screen, curtain, shade, cloak, mask, hood, disguise, camouflage.

shrubbery, n. bushes, foundation plantings, plantings, hedges, hedges; hedging; underbrush, brushwood, thickset, brake, Brit. bracken, copse, Chiefly Brit. coppice.

shrug, v. 1. show disdain, show indifference; toss one's head, turn aside.
2. shrug off disregard, overlook, ignore, take no notice of, close the eyes to, wink at; not trouble about, dismiss from one's thoughts, gloss over, pass over, let pass; minimize, make light of, sneeze at, de-emphasize, underplay, Inf. play down; (all of illness) throw off, weather, have a light case of, recover quickly from, bear well.

shudder, v. 1. shiver, tremble, quiver, quiver, quiver, shudder; shake, shiver, tremble, quiver, quiver, shudder; quaver, quake; vibrate, rattle, chatter; convulse, commove, vibrate, twitch; flutter, splutter; shimmery, wiggle; pulsate, pulse, throb, palpitate. —n. 2. tremble, quiver, shiver; quiver, quiver, quake; vibration, convulsion; spasm, paroxysm, jerking, twitching, jerking; agitation; disquietude.

shuffle, v. 1. shuffle off a. get rid of, discard, trade off. b. drag off, move away from the bush; mislead, throw off the scent or trail, draw a red herring across the trail; distort, pervert, muddle, muddle, muddle, muddle, muddle, muddle; lie, prevaricate, camouflage.
2. hedge, equivocate, evade, elude, Inf. waffle; dodge, fence, shift, shy, parry, quibble, petitifog, beg the question, split the issue; bolt around the bush; mislead, throw off the scent or trail, draw a red herring across the trail; distort, pervert, mince the truth, color, gloss over, refine, whitewash, clean up; lie, prevaricate, cavil.
3. intermix, interfile, intersperse, interchange; shift, shift, shift around; tangle, entangle, jumble; mess, muss, clutter, litter, stuff about; scatter, turn upside-down, turn topsy-turvy; disarrange, disorder, disorganize, discompose, displace; upset, dishevel, complicate, Inf. screw up, botch, muddle, Sl. muck up.
4. shuffle off a. thrust aside, put aside, cast aside; get rid of, discard, trade off. b. drag off, move slowly, move reluctantly; inch away, drag one's heels, Inf. mosey along.
5. dragging gait, limp, hobble, hitch, stagger,
shun, v. eschew, avoid, steer clear of; have nothing to do with; refain from; snub, give [s.o.] the cold shoulder, Inj. cold-shoulder; spurn, rebuff, disdain, ignore, turn up one's nose at, disregard, turn away from.

shut, v. close, shut up,封印; seal, seal up, shut off, occlude, obturate; lock, padlock, bolt, latch. 2. block, obstruct, occlude, barricade, blockade, stand in the way; stop, stay, arrest; clog, choke, congest; jam; impede, hinder, get in the way.

shut-in, adj. Inf. shut-in; stunted; dwarfed; runt.

shuttle, v. alternate, alternate between, pass back and forth, go back and forth between, shuttlecock, zigzag, trade off between, Inj. coast-hop, commute.

shy, adj. 1. bashful, diffident, retiring, reserved, backward, unknown, unconfident, Archaic. verecund, Scot. and North Eng. blate; shrinking, withdrawn, distant, Inf. introverted, unsocial, unsociable; modest, meek, demure, coy; self-conscious, constrained; sheepish, shame-faced, blushing, embarrassed.

2. timid, timorous, tremulous, fearful, afraid, scared; apprehensive, anxious, nervous; cowardly, uncourageous.

3. reluctant, loath, adverse, disinclined, indisposed; wary, heedful, cautious, careful, chary, leery, gingerly; suspicious, distrustful, cynical; precautionary, prudent, circumspect, political, guarded, noncommittal, evasive, discreet; demurring, grudging, unwilling, dissenting, opposing, adverse.

4. deficient, indebted, in debt, in arrears, behind, Inf. short.

5. (all of plants and animals) barren, unfruitful, infecund, unproductive, sterile, infertile, Bot. acarpous; scant, skimpy, meager, unprofliant.

sick, adj. 1. ill, ailing, unwell, unhealthy, sickly, delicate; indisposed, laid up, bedridden, infirm, valetudinarian, confined, shut-in; hurt, afflicted, in pain; sick, ill, ill at ease, not well; not up to snuff, Inf. down with the bug, Inf. had it up to here.

2. nauseated, queasy, Sl. barfy, sick to one's stomach, squeamish, qualmish, Inf. green around the gills; seasick, airsick, carsick.

3. sorrowful, grieving, suffering; troubled, miserable, wretched, heavy-laden, burdened, stricken; heart-sick, heart-broken, sick at heart, pining, languishing.

4. shocked, repelled, offended, disturbed, revolted, annoysed; upset, perturbed, annoyed, put out.

5. Often sick of: tired, sick and tired, glutted, sated, cloyed, jaded, surfeited, satiated; Inf. fed up, Inf. fed or had it up to here.

6. deranged, mentally unsound, psychotic, severely neurotic, unbalanced, disturbed.

7. gruesome, sadistic, ghoulish, morbid; macabre, grotesque; frightful, shocking, repulsive; strange, bizarre, odd.
sicken, v. 1. nauseate, turn one's stomach, make one's gorge rise; make sick, infect, afflic, poison; delude, mislead, weaken, enfeeble, devitalize; impair, injure, wound, cripple; incapacitate; derange, craze, madden, disorder.
2. revolt, disgust, offend, repel, shock, appall, dismay; rankle, gall, annoy, irk, Sl. bug; weary, tire, cloy, surfeit, satiate, glut, jade.
3. take or fall sick, take or fall ill, take to one's bed; ail, come down with [s.1.], Inf. get the bug, Inf. have the mulligrubs; weaken, waste, fade, fail; drop, flag, pine.

sickening, adj. nauseating, nauseous, noisome, foul;
some; distasteful, unpalatable, indebile, uneatable, Sl. stomach-turning; repulsive, offensive, disgusting, loathsome, detestable; revolting, off-putting, nasty, unpleasant, disagreeable; gross, vile, foul.

sickly, adj. 1. sick, ailing, unwell. See sick (def. 1).
2. unhealthy, chronically ill, Pathol. cachectic, frail, delicate; feeble, puny, weak, drooping, anemic, rundown, washed out; diseased, morbid; pale, wan, pallid, peaked, drawn, hard, gaunt, emaciated, gaunt, cadaverous; (all in reference to illness) susceptible, vulnerable, with no resistance.
3. mawkish, maudlin, sickening, sentimental; soupy, soppy, mushy.

sickness, n. 1. disease, pathology, morbidity, dis-temper, Pathol. affection, Pathol. idiopathy; infection, virus, Inf. bug, Inf. mulligrubs; ailment, malady, disorder, complaint, illness, affliction, indisposition; ill health, unhealthiness, unsoundness, Pathol. cachexia; delicate constitution, frailty, delicacy, weakness; disability, handicap, impairment, injury, invalidism, valitudinarianism; mental disorder, derangement, neurosis, psychosis, madness, insanity.
2. nausea, quiesines, upset stomach, indigestion, Inf. throw-ups, Inf. collywobbles; vomiting, throwing up, Inf. upchucking; sea or air or car or motion sickness.

side, n. 1. border, edge, rim, margin, fringe, verge, brink, brim, skirt, flank.
2. phase, aspect, facet, angle, Inf. slant, Inf. twist; vantage point, standpoint, point of view, viewpoint, view.
3. (all of a city) quarter, section, division, precinct, part, part of town, neighborhood.
4. team, squad, string, (in baseball) nine, (in basketball) five, (in American football or soccer) eleven; party, faction, sect, caucus, wing, splinter group; interest, camp.
5. side by side jointly, conjointly, together, cooperatively, in cooperation, in partnership; shoulder to shoulder, arm in arm, hand in glove, cheek by jowl, back to back, hand in hand; in unison, in close harmony, Latin. pari passu.
—a. 6. lateral, flanking, bordering, skirting.
7. oblique, indirect; sideline, sideways, sidewise, sidewards.
8. secondary, subordinate, auxiliary; incidental, extrinsic, extraneous, nonessential, adventitious; parenthetical, tangential, peripheral, by-the-way; negligible, unimportant, of little or small or no importance, inconsequential, of little or no consequence, insignificant, incon siderable, inappreciable.
—v. 9. side with join, join with, unite with, go in with, Inf. go along with, Inf. throw in with, Inf. team up with, Inf. sink or swim with.

sight, n. 1. vision, eyesight, eyes.
2. range or field of vision, eyeshot, eyereach, ken, view; gaze, look; inspection, scrutiny.
3. glimpse, brief look, look, glance; see, get a glimpse of, at the first glimpse, at once, at the first sight of, 8. at first sight a.
4. judgment, opinion, observation, estimation, point of view; feeling, impression, perception.
5. spectacle, curiosity, rarity, nonsuch; marvel, wonder, miracle, phenomenon; quite a thing, really something, one for the books, something to write home about.
6. Chiefly Dialect. a great deal, lots, a lot, tons, loads, heaps, piles, slew.
7. sighthole, peep sight, open sight, telescopic sight.
8. at first sight a. at the first glimpse, at once, at the first blush, on the spot. b. apparently, ostensibly, to all appearances, to the eye, on the surface, on the face of it.
9. catch sight of see, get a glimpse of, Sl. get a load of, take in, look on or upon, set or lay eyes on, see with one's own eyes; glance, look quickly or briefly, cast a brief look at.
10. not by a long sight Informal. probably not, hardly, not likely; definitely not, no way, not in a million years.
11. out of sight a. beyond range of vision, out of range, imperceptible, unseeable, sightless; remote, far away, in the distance. b. beyond reason, unreasonable, unconscionable; preposterous, outrageous, ridiculous, absurd; out of the question, not worth considering or talking about. c. exorbitant, expensive, extravagant, inordinate, immoderate. d. Slang. extraordinary, Sl. far out, unreal, outrageous, neat, Sl. cool, out of the
1. token, representation, signification; insightseer, sightless, adj.

2. invisible, imperceivable, indiscernible, directionless, unseeable, unnoticeable, unapparent; unseen, unbeheld.

3. signal, marking, index, measurement; trademark, brand, monogram, initials, stamp, badge, emblem, sign, device, sceptor, logotype, Print, logo; slogan, theme song, word, password, countersign, grip; shibboleth, earmark, peculiarity, idiosyncrasy, trait, characteristic, feature, symptom, dead giveaway, sure sign.

4. placard, nameplate, nametag, shingle, billboard, signboard; pointer, reference, signpost.

5. manifestation, evidence, shred of evidence, high sign, token, symbol; indication, mark. See sign (def. 1).

6. omen, augury, portent, warning, prognostic, billboard, signboard; pointer, reference, sign.

7. portent, omen, augur, bode, presage, foreshadow, Archaic: bespeak; prophesy, prognosticate, foretell.

8. signal, flag, semaphore, Nautilus: wigwag; gesture, gesticulate, motion, cross oneself, make the sign of the cross; beckon, wave, wiggle or wag or crook one's finger, nod, Inf. give the nod, wink, give [s.o.] a knowing glance, give thumbs up to, give thumbs down to, Sl. give the high sign or O.K.

9. indicate, show, point to, add up to, argue, make a case for; signify, mark, note, signalize, specify; symbolize, represent, refer to, stand for, betoken, typify, embody; name, denominate, designate; mean, denote, purport, import, connote, convey, carry; imply, suggest, intimate, hint at, allude to, bring to mind.

10. portend, omen, augur, bode, presage, foreshadow, Archaic: bespeak; prophesy, prognosticate, foretell.

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12. sign away waive, forgo, dispense with, remit, quit or abandon claim to; give away, part with, say goodbye to, relinquish, release, give up, surrender, sacrifice, Chiefly Scot: demit; dispose of, get rid of, wash one's hands of, throw away, throw out the window.

13. sign over consign, entrust [s.t.] with [s.o.], give to [s.o.] for safekeeping; transfer, negotiate, make over, hand over, turn over, deliver, Law: assign; sell, vend, peddle off, auction off.


15. sightseer, n. tourist, Sl. Kodak carrier, traveler, excursionist, globe-trotter; bystander, onlooker, observer, sidewalk superintendent; gawker, Sl. rubberneck, Brit. Dial: gapesee.

16. signature, n. 1. token, representation, signification; indication, mark, index, measurement; trademark, brand, monogram, initials, stamp, badge, emblem, sign, device, sceptor, logotype, Print, logo; slogan, theme song, word, password, countersign, grip; shibboleth, earmark, peculiarity, idiosyncrasy, trait, characteristic, feature, symptom, dead giveaway, sure sign.

17. signature, n. 2. signing, endorsement, countersignature, subscription; underwriting; notification, certification, validation, authentication; approval, acceptance, ratification, seal, stamp of approval, Inf. O.K.
significance, n. 1. consequence, moment, matter, interest, consideration, concern, Archaic, concernment, significance; account, value, materiality; priority, precedence, press, urgency, emergentness; gravity, importance, seriousness, solemnity; import, importance, weight, significance, heavy, substance, size; eminence, prominence, distinction, high standing, standing, rank, high rank or position, elevation; influence, sway, power, powerfulness, force; note, notability, mark; merit, worth, high caliber.

2. import, purport, significance; portent, implication, intimation, understating, meaning, sense, content, gist, essence, main idea, sum and substance, core, pith; drift, vein, tenor, theme, idea, thought, spirit; moral, lesson, message, point, intent, intention, purpose, objective, aim, goal.

significant, adj. 1. consequential, of great consequence, momentous, eventful, fateful, historic, landmark; vital, crucial, essential, valuable, necessary; critical, decisive, material; priority, urgent, emergent, exigent, pressing, grave, serious, sober, solemn; outstanding, eminent, prominent, high-ranking, upper, top-level; notable, of note, noteworthy, remarkable, of merit, meritorious, worthy; influential, well-connected, powerful.

2. meaningful, fraught with meaning, pregnant, significant; indicative, signaling, semantical; stillness, still, hush; noiselessness, non-soundingness, quiet, quietness, quietude.

significant, n. 1. indicative, of significant, important, great import, portentous; weighty, carrying great weight, heavy, ponderous, substantial, sizable; big, big-time, great, large, on the map; major, main, principal, prime, primary, chief, leading, foremost; outstanding, eminent, prominent, high-ranking, high-level, top-level; notable, of note, noteworthy, remarkable, of merit, meritorious, worthy; influential, well-connected, powerful.

silently, adj. 1. silent, still, hush; noiselessness, soundlessness, quiet, quietness, quietude, Chiefly Irish, whist, St. q.t.; peace, peacefulness, peaceability, calm, calmsness, placidity, serenity, tranquility, rest, repose.

2. muteness, Psychiatry, mutism, speechlessness, dumbness, Pathol. aphasia, voicelessness, wordlessness, tonguelessness, incommunicativeness, inexpression, taciturnity; dumbfounderment, amazement, astonishment.

3. reticence, taciturnity, uncommunicativeness, reserve, reservation; bashfulness, shyness, meekness, timidity, timorousness, diffidence; modesty, constraint, unassertiveness.

4. oblivion, obscurity, privacy; adumbration, shade, darkness.

5. secrecy, secretiveness, suppression, repression, concealment, delitescence, delitescence, stealth, furtiveness, evasion.

—v. 6. still, shush, hush, quiet, Chiefly Brit. quiet; lull, calm, tranquilize; pacify, appease, dulcify, propitiate, reconcile, smooth, soothe, compose; play down, tone down, Inf. soft-pedal; soften, alloy, mitigate; ease, assuage, mollify, palliate.

7. moderate, blunt, dull, deaden; temper, decrease, weaken, slacken, lessen, lighten, diminish, abate; settle, alleviate, relieve, stake, quench.

8. repress, suppress, subdue, inhibit, quell, quash, put down, damp, dampen; chasten, restrain, sober; still, gag, mute, muffle, smother, Inf. squelch; talk down, Inf. squash, Inf. shut up, Sl. slap down; muzzle, throttle, choke, strangle; stop, arrest, curb, check, stay, cut off, cut short, prevent, forestall, preclude, put an end to; kill, slay, murder; interrupt, cut in.

—interj. 9. be silent, be quiet, be still, quiet, sh, shush, hush, not another word, hold your tongue, which, hush; All St. pipe down, shut your mouth, turn it off; can it, shut up.

silent, adj. 1. soundless, quiet, still, stock-still, Chiefly Literary. silly, noiseless, hushed, inaudible, deathlike; calm, tranquil, sedate, placid, peaceful, pacific, peaceable, reposeful; unrolled, unagitated, undisturbed, untroubled; even, flat, smooth; muffled, muted, dampened, stifled, echoless.

2. speechless, mute, dumb, voiceless, wordless, tongueless; mum.

3. taciturn, reticent, reserved, tight-lipped, close-mouthed, close, uncommunicative, unvocal, nonvocal; tongue-tied, bashful, shy, timid, timorous, diffident; modest, retiring, unassertive.

4. unspoken, tacit, understood, implicit; implied, hinted at, suggested, intimated, insinuated; unsaid, unexpressed, unuttered, undeclared, unuttered, unarticulated, unmentioned; uninformative, uninformatory, uninformative, unenlightening, unelegant; inferred, derived, concluded.

5. inactive, quiescent, passive, idle, dormant, somnolent, latent; unstirring, reposing, resting, slumbering, hibernating, estivating, (of land) fallow; inert, inanimate, lifeless, dead.

6. not sounded, unvoiced, unpronounced, unvocalized, unintoned, unincontroverted, Phonet. aphonic, Phonet. surd.

silhouette, n. outline, delineation, contour, profile; form, shape, figure, configuration, conformation, perimeter, circumference, periphery; shadow, shadowgraph, radiograph, skiaograph.

silken, adj. silklke, silky, sericeous; soft, agreeable to the touch, luxurious, elegant; delicate, fragile, diaphanous, finely textured, smooth, sleek.

silly, adj. 1. absurd, inane, pointless, fatuous, foolish, Inf. damfool, Inf. damfoolish, senseless, nonsensical, Scot. and North Eng. glaikit, tomfoolish,
sliver-tongued

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Sl. cockeyed; poppycockish, Sl. cockamamie, amphi- 
goric; ridiculous, derisive, risible, laughable, ludicrous, Sl. for the birds; comical, funny, farcical, humorous, droll; asinine, asinerie, idiotic, Inf. mor- onic, imbecilic; childish, puerile, green, immature; crazy, crazed, Scot. doiled, Sl. kooky, mad, wild, in- sane, demeaned; daft, Inf. daffy, crackbrained, Inf. nutty; peculiar, strange, odd, All Sl. balm, dippy, batty, screwy, backy, goofy, loony.

2. weak-minded, simple, simple-minded, birdbrained; featherheaded, featherbrained, rattlebrained, rat- tlebrained; light-minded, light-headed, Inf. dizzy, trif- ling, Inf. footing, frivolous; muddled, muddleheaded, addlebrained, addlepated; absent-minded, scatter- brained, confused, bemused; feeble-minded, deficient, subnormal, retarded; dull, rapid, Inf. dopey, insen- sate, Inf. dumb; dull-witted, dim-witted, slow-witted, half-witted, witless, unwitty; harebrained, giddy, mer- curial, reckless, erratic, unstable, harum-scarum; stupid, unintelligent, mindless, fatuous, brainless, slow; dense, thick, thickheaded, thick-skulled, thick- witted, obtuse, stolid, lumpish, blunt; blockheaded, boneheaded, blockish, doltish; empty-headed, blank, vacant, vacuous.

3. unreasonable, irrational, illogical, meaningless; preposterous, extravagant, excessive; haphazard, aimless, driftless, unconnected, groundless; irrelevant, inconsequential, purposeless; thoughtless, careless, short-sighted, unwary, heeding, heedless; inap- propriate, inept, improper, incongruous, inconsistent; imprudent, indiscreet, foohardy, irresponsible; un- wise, ill-considered, ill-suited, ill-advised, injudicious.

4. Informal. stunned, dazed, dazzled, in a daze, no sweat, stupefied, numb, benumbed.

—n. 5. fool, ninny, nincompoop; simpleton, idiot, idiotic, Inf. moron, dolt, half-wit, goofy, loony; scatter- brain, rattlebrain, harbrain, dolt, dunc, dullard, dope, Inf. dummy; blockhead, bonehead, Sl. dumb- 
head, Sl. lunkehead, Inf. knucklehead, Sl. stupidhead.

silver-tongued, adj. 1. eloquent, articulate, well- 
spoken, Archaic. facund, Obs. facundious, Ciceron- ian; oratorical, rhetorical, declamatory; (all of speech) poetic, graceful, easy, facile, flowing, fluent, glib, slick, smooth, smooth-tongued.

2. persuasive, convincing, impressive, effective; suasive, inducive, compelling, impelling; (all of speech) forceful, emphatic, spirited, vigorous, impassioned.

silverly, adj. 1. shining, shiny, lustrous, sheeny, burnished, polished; bright, brilliant, radiant, lamb- ent, refulgent; gleaming, glittering, coruscating, glistenning, shimmering.

2. (all of sound) clear, ringing, clarion; dulce, melodious, musical; sweet, mellifluous, mellifluous, euphonious.

similar, adj. resembling, nearly alike; like, same, much the same, suchlike; kindred, allied, akin; con- natorial, congenic, consanguineous; corresponding, correspondent, comparable, comparable, agreeing; analogous, parallel, equivalent.

similarity, n. resemblance, similitude, likeness; agreement, concordance, equivalence, coincidence; comparability, correspondence, congruity, conforma- bility; analogy, approximation, parallel; homogeneity, uniformity, consistency.

simile, n. analogy, parallel, comparison, similitude.

similitude, n. 1. resemblance, likeness, similarity; agreement, concordance, equivalence, coincidence; comparability, correspondence, congruity, conforma- bility; analogy, approximation, parallel; homogeneity, uniformity, consistency.

2. counterpart, match, image, semblance; representa- tion, depiction, portrayal, delineation; reproduction, likeness, duplicate, reflection, simulacrum; model, replica, copy, facsimile; snapshot, photograph; skecth, portrait, profile; picture, tableau, study, drawing, print; icon, effigy, statue.

3. parable, allegory, fable, apologue, myth; simile, analogy, parallel, comparison.

simmer, v. 1. bubble, boil gently, seethe, stew, poach, cook.

2. be excited, be agitated, be tense, be feverish, be angry, fume, chafe.

simper, v. smile, giggle, titter, snigger, snicker, Inf. tee-hee; grin, smirk, grimace, mouth, Sl. mug, Ar- chaic. mow, make a face.

simple, adj. 1. easy, facile, effortless, like falling off a log, Inf. hands down, Sl. no sweat, Inf. soft, Sl. 
cushy, Music: semplique, Scot. eath; Inf. a snap, Inf. a breeze, Sl. cinchy, Sl. a cinch; understandable, com- prehensible, intelligible, clear, lucid; obvious, evident, unmistakable; uncomplicated, uninvolved, manageable, wieldy, controllable.

2. plain, homely, shirtsleeve, down-home, informal, casual, unceremonious; natural, unaffected, unpretent- ious, unpretending; modest, unassuming.

3. attic, classic, clean, neat, trim; unembellished, unadorned, unarrayed, untrimmed, undecorated.

4. fundamental, basic, radical, root, underly- ing; rudimentary, rudimental, inchoate, imperfect, undeveloped; introductory, preparatory, preparial, preliminary, prefatory; embryonic, embryonal, ger- minal, genetic, genetical, nascent, incipient, beginning.

5. single, uncombined, uncompounded, uncomplex, simplex; pure, unalloyed, unmixed, unblended; sole, only, alone, mere; bare, scarce, deficient, insufficient.

6. guileless, artless, uncontrived, candid, open, aboveboard, true-dealing; undissembling, undissem- bling; dissembling; sincere, honest, true, dec- ent, fair, equitable, righteous, upright; straightforward, Inf. square, direct, unequivocal, frank, blunt; un- conditional, unqualified, absolute; ingenious, naive, credulous, credent, believing, trusting, trustful, gulli- ble; innocent, childlike, wholesome, unSophisticated, green, rustic.

7. ordinary, common, commonplace, prosaic, pleb- ian, household, everyday, of the garden variety; mediocre, middling, average; humble, subservient, subordinate, lowly, inferior, meek; mean, low, base; insignificant, unimportant, inconsequential, trivial, trifling, paltry.

8. ignorant, unknowing, unknowledgeable, unaware; unlearned, uneducated, unversed, untaught; stupid, witless, brainless, unintelligent, feeble- minded, feeble, Inf. dumb, Inf. moronic, Sl. dopy; duncish, duncial, doltish, clodhopper, oafish, block- headed, boneheaded, thickskulled, Sl. lunkehead; ob- tuse, dense, bovine, dull, dull-witted, Sl. dim-witted; retarded, slow, purblind, limited.

9. simple-minded, senseless, nonsensical, foolish, idiotic, imbecilic, imbecile, absurd, asinine, fatuous, Sl. loony; silly, inane, pointless, Inf. nutty, Sl. goofy; featherbrained, scatteredbrained, rattlebrained, rat- tleheaded; irrational, insensible, illogical, unreasonable, unreasonable, Sl. wacky.

10. ignoramus, idiot, imbecile, halfwit; fool, simpleton. See simpleton (defs. 1, 2).

simpleton, n. 1. ignoramus, idiot, imbecile, half- wit, loon, Inf. moron, Inf. dummy, Sl. dope; dunce, duncard, booby, clown, clodd, oaf; blockhead, bonehead, dunderhead, dunderpate, loggerhead, Inf. lightweight, numskull, Sl. dim-wit, Sl. lug, Sl. lunkehead, Sl. cot- tagehead, Inf. stupid, Sl. stupe.

2. fool, simple, Simple Simon, Sl. simp; nincom-
poor, ninny, ninnyhammer, goose, jackass, ass, donkey; featherbrain, scatterbrain, rattlehead, moon-calf, Inf. coot, Sl. jerk; dupe, gull, greenhorn, Inf. jay.

simplicity, n. 1. clearness, lucidity, limpidity; perceptibility, distinctness, obviousness, explicitness, conspicuousness, salience, unmistakableness; clarity, cog-nizability, penetrability, decipherability, legibility.

2. plainness, modesty, bareness, spareness, blankness, starkness, severity, asceticism, unadornment, austerity, unornamentation, unembellishment.

3. artlessness, openness, open-heartedness, ingenuousness, guilelessness, sincerity, genuineness, undeceptive-ness, unceitfulness; candor, candidness, frankness, forthrightness, straightforwardness, calling a spade a spade, Sl. telling it like it is; naturalness, unaffectedness, unpretentiousness; naïveté, naïveness, simple-mindedness, innocence; unsophisticatedness, greenness, rawness, unworldliness; trustfulness, unsuspicuousness, unwariness, unguardedness.

4. unskilfulness, inexpertness, uncoercedness, unskilled-ness, unfacileness; ungiftedness, untalentedness, dullness, slowness.

simply, v. make plainer, decipher, unravel, disen-tangle, make intelligible, translate; paraphrase, sum-marize, explain, clarify, clear up; abridge, cut down, condense, shorten; pare down, get down to bare essentials; make easier, spoon-feed.

simply, adv. 1. easily, clearly, distinctly, plainly, intelligibly, lucidly, legibly; obviously, evidently, conspicuously, unmistakably, transparently.

2. sincerely, artlessly, openly, ingenuously, guilelessly, genuinely, undeceptively, undeceitfully; naturally, unaf-fectedly, unpretentiously; naively, innocently, un-sophisticatedly, unaffectedly.

3. merely, only, solely, purely; wholly, absolutely, completely, fully, entirely; totally, nothing short of, unqualifiedly, utterly; categorically, unconditionally, unreservedly, implicitly; positively, certainly, verita-bly, unquestionably, unequivocally, unambiguously.

4. foolishly, unwisely, imprudently, incautiously, in-desperately; heedlessly, thoughtlessly, carelessly.

simulacrum, n. 1. superficial likeness, semblance, similarity, similitude; resemblance, likeness, counter-part, match, duplicate, double, twin, Doppelganger.

2. image, representation, effigy, icon, depiction, portrayal; reproduction, reflection, model, replica, copy, facsimile; snapshot, Inf. snap, photograph, Inf. photo; sketch, portrait, profile, study, life picture.

simulate, v. feign, pretend, make believe, malinger, playact, act; put on airs, assume airs, posture, do for effect; impersonate, personate, pose as, pretend to be, pass oneself off as, sail under false colors; ape, imitate, parrot, mimic, mime, Sl. make like; mirror, reflect, echo, take on the appearance of; copy, affect, do like, follow suit; duplicate, reproduce, parallel; parody, caricature, burlesque, travesty, mock, sham, counterfeit.

simultaneous, adj. concomitant, concurrent, coinci-dent, parallel, collaterál, side-by-side; contemporar-ous, cointaneous, synchronal, synchronous, isochronal, isochronous, coexistent, coexisting, contemporar-ous, coeval, coetaneous; conterminous, cotermi-nous, coextensive.

sin, n. 1. transgression, trespass, violation; impiety, impioulsness, profaneness, profanity, profanation, blasphemy; desecration, sacrilege, irreverence, irreligi-ousness; deviltry, ungodliness, godlessness; nefari-ousness, flagitiousness, heinousness, vileness, vicious-ness.

2. sinfulness, wrong, wickedness, vice, bad, badness, baseness, foulness, meanness; immorality, iniquity, evil, wrong; error, guilt, obduracy, hardheadedness; unregeneracy, impetence, incorrigibility; male-ficence, malignity, malevolence, malignity, rancor, malci-ousness; atrocity, outrage, abomination.

3. offense, fault, crime, infraction, criminal infrac-tion, violation; infringement, misdeed, dereliction, slip, lapse, omission; shortcoming, peccadillo, folly, malefaction, delinquency, law breaking, felony, mis-demeanor.

—v. 4. transgress, trespass, offend, desecrate, pro-fane, defile, debase; go astray, fall from grace; break the law, fault, commit a sin or crime; make a mistake, go wrong, slip up, lapse, trip, stray from the straight and narrow, misbehave; go to pot, go to hell, go to hell in a handbasket; be degraded, sink to the depths; sin against, injure, hurt, harm, wound, damage, wrong, malign.

sincere, adj. 1. open, open-hearted, ingenuous, guileless, artless, undeceptive, undeceitful, undeceiving, unfeigning, undisingsembling, undissimulating; above-board, open and aboveboard, up front, out front, no-nonsense, Sl. on the level, Sl. up and up or on the up and up; upright, upstanding, straight, square, fair and square, square-dealing, plain-dealing, square-shoot-ing, straight-shooting; honest, trustworthy, Inf. trusty, uncorrupt, uncorrupted, Inf. O.K.

2. candid, frank, forthright, foursquare, straightforward, straight-from-the-shoulder; plain, plain-spoken, plain-speaking, downright, outright, explicit, unequivocal, unambiguous, undisguised, Inf. straight-out, Inf. flat-footed. Inf. matter-of-fact; genuine, real, true, truehearted, heartfelt, veracious, bona fide, all wool and a yard wide; natural, unaffected, uncontrived, unassuming, infartrial, unvarnished, unpretentious, unpretending.

3. earnest, fervent, fervid, serious, dedicated, resolute, single-hearted, single-minded, wholehearted.

sincerity, n. 1. openness, open-heartedness, ingenuousness, guilelessness, artlessness, undeceptiveness, undeceitfulness, unceitfulness; uprightness, honorableness, straightforwardness, squareness, square-dealing, plain-dealing, square-shooting, straight-shooting; honesty, trustworthiness, Inf. trustiness, uncorruptedness.

2. candor, candidness, frankness, forthrightness, straightforwardness, calling a spade a spade, Sl. telling it like it is; plain-speaking, plain-spokenness, downrightness, outrightness, explicitness, unequivocalness; genuineness, trueness, trueheartedness; naturalness, un-affectedness, infartriality, infartrialness, unpreten-tiousness.

3. earnestness, ferventness, fervidness, seriousness, dedication, resolution, single-heartedness, single-mindedness, wholeheartedness.

sinewy, adj. 1. strong, powerful, mighty; muscular, stout, strapping, robust, athletically-built, wiry; virile, lusty, vigorous, burly, brawny; herculean, able-bodied, stalwart, doughty, Atlantean.

2. tough, firm, resilient, hardened, toughened, weathered; adamantine, steelly, steady, constant, un-
waving, steadfast, indomitable, inexorable; determined, resolute, staunch.

3. stringy, fibrous, fibroid, filamentous, filamentary, tensile, springy, elastic, ropy, cord-like, corded.

4. (of language, style, etc.) vigorous, forceful, dynamic, energetic; virile, lusty, strong, robust, mighty, powerful; potent, effective, gripping; intensive, vehement, emphatic.

sinful, adj. 1. wicked, evil, iniquitous, peccable, wrong, Archaic. facinorous, Obs. scelerate, Obs. scelerous; bad, base, vile, odious, obnoxious; black-hearted, villainous, sinistral, ignoble; nefarious, flagitious, heinous, infamous, Rare. nefast; opprobrious, shameful, disgraceful, ignominious; criminal, reprehensible, blameworthy, guilty; unrepentant, impenitent, obdurate, incorrigible.

2. ungodly, godless, unholy, impious, profane; damnable, accursed, demonic, devilish, satanic; blasphemous, irreverent, irreverent, sacrilegious; transgressive, peccant, erring; immoral, dissolute, dissipated, abandoned, profligate, repudiate; debauched, debased, degenerate, corrupt, depraved, defiled; wanton, unchaste, impure, uncarnal, carnal, incontinent.

sing, v. 1. vocalize, carol, trill, flute, chirp, croon, pipe, quaver; hymn, serenade, lullaby, intone, cantillate. render; chant, Inv. deliver, Inf. render; chant, intone, cantillate.

2. tell about, praise, laud, extol; emblazon, sound the praises of, sing the praises of, cry up, Archaic. magnify; eulogize, panegyrize, glorify; eulogize, pay tribute to, pay homage to, honor, crown; celebrate, acclaim, applaud.

3. Slang. inform, betray, Inv. tell on, tell tales out of school, Inf. blow the whistle on, turn in; All Sl. sink, peach, stool, rat, rat on, squeal, squeak, snitch; All Sl. finger, put the finger on, name names, sell [s.o.] down the river, weasel; disclose, divulge, let slip, leak, SI. the river, weasel; disclose, divulge, let slip, leak, SI. blow the lid off, let it all out.

4. sing out Informal. shout, cry, cry out, yodel, yell, yelp, bray, bellow; make outcry, exclaim, burst out, blurt out; cheer, whoop, Inf. holler, Inf. whoop and holler.

—v. 6. Usu. single out pick, choose, select, opt for, elect, decide on, prefer; set apart, separate, segregate, isolate; winnow, cull, glean.

—n. 7. individual, singleton, Sl. one, one-of-a-kind.

singer, n. 1. vocalist, warbler, crooner, soloist, lead, choir member, boy choir, boy choir; chorus member, chorus boy, chorus girl, gleecclub member; chorister, precursor, chanter, hymnner, carolper, church choir member, cantor; opera singer, diva, prima donna; band singer, Inf. pop singer, chantress, chanteuse, Fr. cantatrice, blues singer; All Inf. songbird, wren, thrush, nightingale, philomel, lark, canary.

2. poet, bard, minstrel, wandering minstrel, jongleur, troubadour, ballad singer, street singer, Meistersinger, minnesinger.

3. songbird, singing bird, songster; warbler, nightingale, Poetic. philomel; lark, ringdove, cuckoo, thrush, Brit. Chiefly Poetic. mavis, canary, song sparrow, oriole, mockingbird.

single, adj. 1. one only, only. Sl. one-shot, sole, unique, singular; lone, isolated, solitary, exclusive, separate, alone; particular, individual, personal, special; distinct, lonely, different, distinctive, extraordinary, uncommon, rare; detached, disconnected, disjointed.

2. unmarried, unwed, unwedded, spouseless, mateless; bachelorly, wifeless, celibate, monkish, monastic, misogynous; spinsterish, old-maidish, virginal, maidenly, husbandless; widowed, divorced, separated, misogamous.

3. (as in combat) one against one, one-on-one, one-to-one, single-handed, going it alone; unaided, unaccompanied, unassisted.

4. one-piece, simple, elementary, unmixed; indivisible, united, unified, integral, irreducible; uniform, standard, straight, clear.

5. sincere, genuine, real, heartfelt, frank, candid; unreserved, open, open-hearted; honest, forthright straightforward, guileless, unfeigning, undisguised; true, true-blue, faithful, loyal, constant, devoted; unadulterated, single-minded, single-hearted, wholehearted; strong, pure, intense, concentrated, unadulterated, undimmed; solid, mighty, firm, staunch, steady, steadfast; unfailing, unwavering, unflagging, unswerving, undeviating.

—intransitive. ungodly, godless, unholy, impious, profane; damnable, accursed, demonic, devilish, satanic; blasphemous, irreverent, sacrilegious; transgressive, peccant, erring; immoral, dissolute, dissipated, abandoned, profligate, repudiate; debauched, debased, degenerate, corrupt, depraved, defiled; wanton, unchaste, impure, uncarnal, carnal, incontinent.

sinister, adj. 1. ominous, insidious, portentous, ill-omened, sinisterous, foreboding, fearful, direful; menacing, minatory, minacious, threatening; dangerous, perilous, hazardous; treacherous, perfidious, untrustworthy.

2. bad, base, vile, nefarious, low, low-down, foul, vicious, without any redeeming qualities; mean, underhanded, sneaky, furtive, covert, crafty, sly, insidious; contemptible, abominable, odious, despicable, reprehensible, damnable, accuse; evil, wicked, diabolic, fiendish, devilish, satanic; baleful, malicious, malign, maleficient, malefic, harmful, injurious, pernicious, destructive; immoral, sinful, iniquitous, depraved, degraded, corrupt; cruel, fell, lacking the milk of human kindness, heinous, villainous, infamous, scoundrelly, unscrupulous.
sink

3. unfortunate, ill-starred, unlucky, hapless, untoward, unfavorable; disastrous, ruinous, calamitous; woeful, lamentable, unhappy, sad, terrible, deplorable, regrettable.

4. left-handed, sinistral, Scot. car, on the left, left, port, Naut. larboard.

sink, v. 1. fall, drop, descend, go down; hang heavily, swag; subside, recede, retrocede, ebb; fall back, lapse, relapse; slope, dip, slant, lean, list, cant, tilt, incline.

2. settle, precipitate, gravitate, hit bottom; become submerged, capsize, drown, founder; plunge, immerse, engulf, souse, douse, inundate, submerge, submerse, vail, drown, Naut. scuttle.

3. collapse, fall in, cave in, become sunken or concave; slump, fall down, slip; feint, swoon; despond, despair.

4. decline, fail, weaken, languish; droop, sag, flag, wither, wilt; deteriorate, worsen, regress, retrogress, backslide, revert; degenerate, go downhill, All Sl. go to seed, go to pot, go to the dogs, hit the skids.

5. reduce, lower, depress; devalue, depreciate, degrade, debase, abase; decrease, diminish, lessen, drop off, swindle, wane.

6. abate, moderate, alleviate; soften, tone down, temper, modulate, quiet, turn down.

7. put down, bury, mire, plant, lay, drive; hollow out, dig, bore, drill, excavate.

8. destroy, ruin, cause the downfall of, be the ruin of; devastate, demolish, vanquish, overcome; Sl. put the skies under, seal the doom of; pauperize, bankrupt, impoverish, Sl. break.

9. (usu. in reference to a sum of money) invest, risk, venture, put down, put out; lose, Sl. blow, be out, be set back; go bankrupt, go under, go broke.

10. Usu. sink or into enter, pierce, penetrate, reach, permeate; become known or understood, become engrossed or absorbed.

11. suppress, conceal, hide, mask, disguise; ignore, slight, refuse to notice, take no note or heed of; omit, slough, drop, pass; Sl. Inf. give a go-by to turn one's back on, not bother with.

12. basin, washbasin, washbowl, commode, Eccles. piscina; water receptacle, tub, washtub.

13. swamp, march, Brit. fen, bog; sinkhole, swallow hole, swallow, cesspool, polluted pond; hole, dip, cavity, depression, hollow, crater.

14. den of iniquity, hellhole, Inf. dive, Sl. joint; tenderloin, Alsatia; red light district, Storyville, Combat Zone; skia row, the Bowery.

15. drain, sewer, gutter, cloaca; ditch, trench, conduit, culvert; channel, race, waterway, watercourse.

sink, n. 1. plummet, plum bob, bob, bob, boat, weight, lead.

2. deadweight; nonswimmer; unseaworthy vessel; Sl. doughnut, Sl. muffin, Sl. biscuit.

sinless, adj. pure, immaculate, stainless, spotless; uncorrupted, undefiled, untainted, unsullpted, unsullied, unsoiled, unblemished, unmarried, unimpaired; faultless, sterling, perfect, saintly, without fault; innocent, guiltless, free from guilt, clear, Sl. clean; blameless, inexcusable, unblamable, unsufferable, unimpeachable, irreplaceable, above reproach, above suspicion, like Caesar's wife.

sinner, n. transgressor, trespasser, wrongdoer, evildoer, malefactor, offender, culprit; delinquent, juvenile delinquent, misdemeanor, Inf. scofflaw, lawbreaker, Law. malfeasant, Law, misfeasor; felon, criminal, Sl. chronic crook, recidivist, backslider.

sinuosity, n. winding, sinuosity, sinuous, curve, incurvature, incuration, encrustation, excavation, bend; flexure, turn, crook, tortuosity, flexuosity, anfractusosity; spiral, helix, corkscrew, twirl, convolution, Zool. volute, whorl, curl, curlicue; labyrinth, maze.

sinuous, adj. 1. winding, sinuate, flexuous, flexuose, anfractuous, serpentine, tortuous, crooked, zigzag; curving, curved, curvy, curvilinear, twisting, twisted, turning, bending, bent; spiral, helical, spiralizing, twining, convoluted, volute, coiled, tortile; curled, curling, curly, kinky; labyrinthine, mazelike, mazy, intractable, complicated.

2. indirect, devious, roundabout, circuitous, ambiguous, circumanlatory; oblique, backhanded, unclear, ambiguous.

sip, v. 1. sup, taste, sample, drink bit by bit, lap up, suck up, Sl. slurp.

—n. 2. taste, sample, drop, lick, thimbleful, sup, mouthful, spoonful; drink, dram, nip, draught, swallow, Inf. swig.

siren, n. 1. seductress, temptress, enchantress, vamp, vampire, sexpot, Fr. femme fatale, Inf. mantrap; Circe, Lorelei, Class. Myth. Parthenope.

—adj. 2. seductive, beguiling, enchanting, enrapuring, enravishing, bewitching; captivating, fascinating, spellbinding, intriguing; tempting, alluring, luring, inviting, tantalizing, irresistible; Circean, Parthenopian, sirenic.

sister, n. 1. sibling, Inf. sis, Inf. sissey.

2. nun, conventual, clergywoman, Fr. religieuse, bride of Christ; Mother Superior; abbess, prioress.


4. Informal. (all used in direct address) miss, woman, madam, ma'am, lady, Scot. hen, Inf. toots, Sl. kid, Sl. doll, Sl. baby, Sl. cutie.

sit, v. 1. seat oneself, be seated, Sl. take a load off one's feet, plop down; squat, crouch, hunker down, perch, roost; straddle, sit astride, bestride, bestraddle; repose, lean, recline, loll, lounge, sprawl; (all of a hen) brood, incubate, cover, nest, hatch.

2. settle, situate, place, position, locate, put, establish, deposit; seat, usher, escort, lead, conduct, guide, introduce.

3. be situated, be located; occupy, dwell, reside, inhabit; sojourn, abide, stay, lodge, bide.

4. remain quiet, rest, abide, repose, relax, be quiescent; pause, mark time, be at a standstill, not stir; refrain, forbear, abstain, cease, stop; idle, stagnate, vegetate, lie fallow; lie dormant, slumber, sleep, be inert, be latent.

5. correspond, harmonize, befit, go well with, conform to, accord, agree.

6. reign, fill an office, officiate, preside, chair; superintend, supervise, govern, direct, rule, manage, administer.

7. (of an assembly) be convened, meet, gather, join, unite, assemble.

8. babysit, supervise, superintend, mind; care for, tend, take care of, watch over, be responsible for, look out for or after.

9. accommodate, lodge, hold, contain, have room for, have capacity for.

site, n. position, placement, arrangement, staging, position, place, location, locality, locale, whereabouts, setting, milieu, scene; environment, surroundings, purlieus; neighborhood, vicinity, environs, precincts; territory, district, area, region, province, station; ground, plot of ground, plot, lot, spot.

sit-in, n. protest, demonstration, public demonstration, Inf. demo, rally, march; strike, sit-down strike, shutdown, closedown, slowdown.

situate, v. place, position, locate, put, set, deposit;
doubt, distrust, mistrust, suspicion; n.
skeptical, adj.  
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skeleton, n.  
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sketch, n.  
location, position, place, site. See
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settle, install, enconce, lodge, nest; plant, Inf. plunk, park.
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tight, tight-fisted, close-fisted, cheap. Sl. chintzy, money grubbing, grasping; scrupling, penny-pinching, grudging, begrudging; ungenerous, stingy; thrifty, frugal, sparing, chary; economical, prudent, saving, penny-wise.

skin, n. 1. integument, epidermis, cuticle, scarff, skin, Anat. corium, derma, cutis; hide, pelt, jacket, fleeing, fell, fur, leather, vellum, shagreen; slough, Pathol. desquamation, exuviae. 2. rind, peel, Bot. epicarp, hull, bark, cortex, shell, husk; cover, covering, pod, case, Anat. Zool. theca, sheath, Zool. lorica, Bot. colorhiza; pellicle, membrane, involucr, Anat. aponeurosis; coating, coat, layer, overlay, lamina, veneer; film, crust, incrustation.

3. wineskin, pouch, container.

Inf. cover, unwrap, remove, strip off.

a. irritate, nettle, Slang, Informal, Bot. rate, reprehend, castigate. rip into; reprimand, reprove, reproach, Inf. hard on, dress down, chew out, tongue-lash, come down

scale, hull, bark; pod, shell, husk, shock; strip, denude, excori, exfoliate; scalp, shave, lay bare, uncover, unwrap, remove, strip off.

7. scrape, abrade, graze, cut, hurt.

8. skin alive Informal. scold, chide, upbraid, Inf. dress down, Sl. chew out, tongue-lash, Inf. come down hard on, Inf. rip into; reprimand, reprove, reprove, rate, reprehend, castigate.

skin-deep, adj. shallow, superficial, external, outward, on the surface, surface; artificial, plastic, pseudo, fake; unprofond, empty, meaningless, unsubstantial; trifling, unimportant, insignificant, petty, trivial, frivolous, slight.

skinflint, n. miser, niggard, Sl. skin, Sl. cheapskate, Inf. piker, muckworm, Sl. screw; penny pincher, pinch-penny, lickpenny, Inf. tightwad; cheeseparer, hoarder, save-all, Scot. carl; scrooge, Harpagon, money-grubber, harpy; curmudgeon, churl, hunk.

skinny, adj. 1. lean, slender, lank, thin, as thin as a hair, attenuate; bony, lanky, gangling, gangly, Inf. weedy; gaunt, haggard, emaciated, meager, spare, scrawny, fleshless; scraggy, spindly, spindle-shanked, skeletal, bare-boned, raw-boned, skin and bones, twiggy, hollow-cheeked, pinched, withered, wizened, shriveled, shrunken, wasted; underfed, undernourished, half-famished, half-starved.

2. integumentary, epidermic, cuticular, cutaneous, membranous; skinlike, epidermoid, dermatoi, dermoid.

skip, v. 1. spring, jump, bound, hop, leap, leapfrog; romp, caper, gambol, frisk, prance, curve, buck, buckjump, sport.

2. omit, except, exclude, leave out; miss, give a miss, fail to mention, to overlook, pass over, ignore, disregard, pay no attention to; neglect, forget, forget about, not think of, let slip, let slide, go, Sl. let ride, leave undone, not trouble oneself with; eschew, avoid, shun, shirk, steer clear of, be absent from, absent oneself from, cut.

3. ricochet, bounce; skate, skime, glide, coast; scud, shoot, Inf. scoot, spank, fly, flit.

—n. 4. spring, jump, leap, bound, hop, saltation; buck, buckjump, gambol, frisk, romp, caper, prance.

5. omission, exception, exclusion, noninclusion, preclusion; disregard, ignoring, overlooking, passing over, preterition; oversight, miss, Inf. go by, inadvertence; gap, break, hiatus, lacuna, interval; mistake, error, fault, flaw, slip, Inf. slip up, Inf. miscue.

skipper, n. sea captain, seaman, mariner; captain, commander, leader, master, boss; pilot, guide, conductor.

skirmish, n. argument, altercation, dispute, tiff, row, quarrel, Inf. ruction, squabble, dustup, spat, tiff, Brit. Dial. fractch; encounter, meeting, engagement, confrontation, showdown; fight, battle, rencontre, struggle, conflict, scrimmage, tussle, bout, donnybrook, Scot. sturt, Inf. scrap, Inf. run in; action, combat, brush, fray, affray; melee, fracas, uproar, brouhaha, free-for-all.

skirt, n. 1. kilt, dirndl, crinoline, Scot. and North Eng. jupe, (in Tahiti) lava-lava, (in Tahiti) pareu; miniskirt, midiskirt, maxiskirt; All Inf. mini, midi, maxi.

2.Usu. skirts outsieuts, outposts, outer limits, outlying districts; purliue, perimeter, periphery, fringe, limits, city limits; suburbs, Sl. burbs, Sl. shrubuls.

3. Slang. woman, lady; girl, maiden, lass, miss, Irish Eng. colleen; nymph, slip, wench, young thing; All Sl. doll, chick, piece, gal, dame, tomato, Brit. bird.

—v. 4. border, edge, verge, line, flank; rim, hem; frame, marsh, bound, margin, marginate.

5. adjuit, abut, impinge upon; neighbor, side, lie next to; touch, reach, meet, but, impinge, kiss.

6. circle, circumnavigate, circumambulate, go or pass around.

7. evade, avoid, dodge, sidestep, steer clear of, Inf. duck; hedge, equivocate, prevaricate, pussyfoot, hem and haw, Inf. waffle, Inf. weasel; beat around the bush, not come to the point, beg the question.

skittish, adj. 1. jump, startlish, Inf. trigger-happy; excitable, high-strung, high-spirited; nervous, of hunting dogs, horses, etc. gun-shy.

2. restless, restive, uneasy, fidgety, fretful, Inf. having ants in one's pants, Sl. antsy, Sl. antsy-pantsy.

3. fickle, capricious, flighty, moody, changeable, changeful, ever-changing, mutable, permutable, variable; uncertain, unpredictable, irregular, fitful, spasmodic, desultory, stop-and-go, come-and-go.

4. shy, shrinking, bashful, timid, diffident, mousy, self-conscious; coy, demure, prim.

skulk, v. 1. lurk, couch, lie in wait, lie in ambush, lie low, Inf. lay for.

2. sink, steal, sidle, prowl, pad, pussyfoot, creep, U.S. Sl. gumshoe.

3. British. shirk, malingering, loaf, Sl. goof off, Sl. goldbrick; slack, lie down on the job, Brit. Sl. crimmshank; look busy, Inf. boodoggle, Sl. featherbed, Sl. dog it.

—n. 4. shirker, slacker. See shirker.

sky, n. 1. upper atmosphere, the void, outer space.

2. heavens, heaven, firmament, empyrean, vault of heaven, Chiefly Literary. welkin, ether, hyaline; the blue, the blue yonder, azure, deep blue, cerulean.

3. out of a clear blue sky abruptly, suddenly, rapidly; unexpectedly, without warning or notice, out of the blue.

4. to the skies extravagantly, excessively, profusely; highly, a great deal.

slab, n. thick slice, hunk, piece, chunk, wad; plank, board, puncheon.

slack, adj. 1. loose, not tight, not taut, not rigid or firm, lax, hanging, drooping, droopy, bagging, bag, sagging, saggy, flapping, Inf. floppy; limp, Dial. limpsy, flabby, flaccid; relaxed, flexible, pliant.

2. remiss, negligent, neglectful, delinquent, Inf. asleep at the wheel or switch, Inf. asleep on the job;
unorganized, slapdash, slipshod, offhand, *Inf.* harum-scarum; disorderly, sloppy, untidy, *Inf.* messy; unthinking, thoughtless, inattentive, absent-minded, forgetful; reckless, imprudent, unwary, heedless; unguarded, unmindful, uncircumspect.

3. indolent, lazy, idle, otiose, fainéant, do-nothing, shiftless; procrastinative, dilatory, punctunctitious, punctatory; drowsy, slothful, sluggishly, laggard; sluggish, lethargic, listless; apathetic, indifferent, unconcerned, insouciant, nonchalant.

4. slow, slow-moving, slow-paced; not busy, inactive, quiet, peaceful; gentle, easy; creeping, crawling. —*n.* 5. decrease, diminution, reduction, lessening, diminishing, decrement, abatement, cutback; subsidence, ebb, recession; decline, downturn, drop-off, fall-off, declension, decrescence, wane; falling off, dwindling, dying out. —*v.* 6. shirk, lie down on the job, *Brit.* Sl. scrim-shank, cop out; neglect, close one's eyes to, ignore; abandon, leave undone; (all of work, duty, etc.) evade, avoid, run from, dodge, whiffle, sidestep, elude, weasel out.

7. *Often* slack *up* relax, let up, slacken, remit; relieve, ease, soften, mollify, lighten; lower, turn down, tone down, quiet, still, soft-pedal, *Both Music, Acoustics.* damp, dampen; subside, ebb, recede, recede; dwindle, *Inf.* peter out; wind down, slow down, dees-calate; fall off, taper off, wane, fade away, die out. —*v.* 8. *Often* slack off or out loosen, slacken, untight-en, relieve tension, *Obs.* slack; relax, ease up or off. slacken. *v.* 1. relax, loosen, lessen, ease, soften; mitigate, moderate, abate; weaken, attenuate; diminish, reduce, decrease.

2. slow down, drop off, taper off, wane, dwindle, *Inf.* peter out, slack up, let up; retard, delay, decelerate; arrest, check, stem, stay; desescalate, wind down, bring to an end or close.


slake. *v.* 1. satisfy, sate, satiate, gratify, indulge; allay, appease, pacify, dulcify, relieve, ease, assuage, salve, *Rare.* lenify, mitigate; quench, extinguish, check, curb, quell, still, stem, stay; hush, quiet, calm, tranquillize; dull, deaden, obtund, blunt, take the edge off of; subdue, tame, mollify; alleviate, palliate.

2. cool, chill, refresh, freshen; brace, stimulate, quicken, fortify; restore, revive, revivify, reinvigorate.

3. abate, lessen, slacken, decrease, diminish, reduce; weaken, dilute, minimize; damp, dampen, put a damp-er on, cast a pall over; moderate, temper.

slam. *v.* 1. shut forcefully, close noisily; heave, *slacker,* *Brit.*

2. blow, smack, hit, knock, whack, thwack, dash, smash, clap, *Inf.* swat, thwack, whack.


5. loud noise or sound, crash, crashing, banging.


slap. *n.* 1. blow, smack, buff, rap, spank, flap, vituperation; scandal, *Inf.* skeleton in the closet; censure, reproach, denunciation, curse, malediction, railing, invective, commination, *Archaic.* exprobration; denounce, denunciation, condemnation, *Inf.* strop, retort, retort, or abuse, a broadside, a hatchet job on, give a bad name, speak ill of, speak evil of, sneer at, lampoon, pasquinade, muckrake; de-nounce, rail, curse, execrate, damn, imprecate, *Obs.* exprobrate, anathematize, censure, cry down, reproach; disgrace, dishonor, shame, debase, vitiate, degrade, discredit, disprove, disfavor; belittle, disparage, detract, decry, depreciate, degrade, derogate, devalue, deflate; humiliate, humble, mortify, *Sl.* put down.

3. calumniate, libel, asperse, detract, decry, deprecate, derogate, depurate, distort, misrepresent, misinterpret; color, misconstrue, misinterpret; stain, defame, vilify, vilipend, denigrate, vituperate, scandalize, run down, berate, impugn, revile, *Obs.* vilify, malign, gibbet, criticize, pull to pieces, *Sl.* do a hatchet job on, give a bad name, speak ill of, speak evil of, sneer at, lampoon, pasquinade, muckrake; de-nounce, rail, curse, execrate, damn, imprecate, *Obs.* exprobrate, anathematize, censure, cry down, reproach; disgrace, dishonor, shame, debase, vitiate, degrade, discredit, disprove, disfavor; belittle, disparage, detract, decry, depreciate, degrade, derogate, devalue, deflate; humiliate, humble, mortify, *Sl.* put down.

4. calumny, libel, asperse, impeach, falsify, accuse falsely, misrepresent, belie; injure, abuse, assail, stab, insult, backbite, *Sl.* badmouth, engage in personalities; slur, censure, condemn, disparage, abuse, malign, smear, besmirch, soil, blacken, tarnish, taint, stain, smear, spot, black spot or mark, blemish, smudge, brand, stigma.

—*v.* 3. defame, vilify, vilipend, denigrate, vituperate, scandalize, run down, berate, impugn, revile, *Obs.* vilify, malign, gibbet, criticize, pull to pieces, *Sl.* do a hatchet job on, give a bad name, speak ill of, speak evil of, sneer at, lampoon, pasquinade, muckrake; de-nounce, rail, curse, execrate, damn, imprecate, *Obs.* exprobrate, anathematize, censure, cry down, reproach; disgrace, dishonor, shame, debase, vitiate, degrade, discredit, disprove, disfavor; belittle, disparage, detract, decry, depreciate, degrade, derogate, devalue, deflate; humiliate, humble, mortify, *Sl.* put down.

4. malicious, libel, asperse, impeach, falsify; accuse falsely, misrepresent, belie; injure, abuse, assail, stab, insult, backbite, *Sl.* badmouth, engage in personalities; slur, censure, condemn, disparage, abuse, malign, smear, besmirch, soil, blacken, tarnish, taint, stain, smear, spot, brand, stigmatize, drag through the mud or mire, heap dirt upon, fling dirt, throw mud on, *Sl.* dump on.

slang. *n.* 1. lingo, colloquialism, vernacularism, vernacular, vocabulary; provincialism, nationalism, localism; vulgarism, barbarism; Americanism, Anglicism, Britishism, Gallicism; journalese, newspaperese, legalese, medicalese, officialese, collegese, newspark.

2. argot, jargon, cant, chopper socket; jabber, gibber, gib-berish, mumbo-jumbo, palaver, gobbledygook; thieves' *Inf.* legalese, medicalese, officialese, collegese, newspeak.

slant. *v.* 1. slope, incline, tilt, pitch, dip; bend, bias, shift, shelf, cant, list, keel; skew, curve, veer, swerve; deviate, diverge, angle off, bear off, bevel, shear.

2. bias, bend, twist, screw, wrest, garble; distort, misrepresent, misreport, falsify; misquote, misread, misconstrue, misinterpret; color, *Inf.* stretch, doctor, varnish, embellish, embroiler. —*n.* 3. slope, slanting, incline, inclination; pitch, obliquity, obliqueness, skewness, wryness; deflection, divergence, division, deviation; lean, leaning, angle, bias, bevel, bezel; tilt, swing, tip, cant, rake; grade, ramp, scarp, side; angularity, *All Geol.* syncline, anticline, anacline, catacline.

4. bias, one-sidedness, partiality, leaning, prejudice, tendency; distortion, misrepresentation, misinterpretation, misreading, falsification; misreading, perversion, misconstruction, misuse, misquotation.

5. viewpoint, point of view, stance, position; opinion, view, judgment, idea, impression, notion; approach, turn, bent, proclivity; attitude, aspect, angle, light.


slap. *n.* 1. blow, smack, buff, rap, spank, flap,
slapdash
n.
slaughter, killing, butchering, (all of animals)
1. punch-drunk, be-slaphappy, adj. Informal.
slapdash, adj. untidy, bedraggled, draggletained, slatternly, adj.
1. slaughter-pen, butchery, abattement; oppression, repression, subjugation, subjection, servitude, chains, bonds, irons.
2. massacred, decimated, annihilated, exterminated, murdered, slain, cut down, done to death, executed, put to death, put to the sword, destroyed, assassinated.
3. carnage, massacre, wholesale butchery, random or indiscriminate butchery, general butchery; wholesale killing, hecatomb, mass murder, mass homicide, mass slaying, mass execution, mass destruction; bloodbath, effusion of blood, fusillade of blood, noyade, Rare, internecion, Rare. truncation, decimation, annihilation, extermination, liquidation, pogrom, genocide.
4. (of animals) butcher, cut, hack, chop, carve, slice, trim; dress, prepare.
5. butcher, cut to pieces, hewn, savage, hew, hack, hack to pieces, chop, chop to pieces, mow down, mutilate, tear limb from limb, dismember, disembowel, wade in blood, give no quarter, show no mercy, run amuck, go berserk; kill, murder, slay, cut down, do to death, execute, put to death, put to the sword, destroy, shed or spill blood, assassinate.
6. massacre, kill off, decimate, destroy a great number, annihilate, exterminate, eliminate, liquidate, obliterate, eradicate, wipe out.
7. trounce, trample, thrash, defeat thoroughly or utterly, rout, overwhelm, discofit, humble, tread or trample underfoot, vanquish, conquer; crush, break, smash.
slaughtered, adj. butchered, cut to pieces, hewn, hacked, chopped to pieces, mutilated, torn limb from limb, dismembered, disemboweled; killed, murdered, slain, cut down, done to death, executed, put to death, put to the sword, destroyed, assassinated.
2. massacred, decimated, annihilated, exterminated, eliminated, liquidated, obliterated, eradicated, erased, blotted out.
3. trounced, trampled, thrashed, defeated thoroughly or utterly, routed, overwhelmed, overpowered, humbled, vanquished, conquered; crushed, broken, smashed.
slaughterhouse, n. slaughter-pen, butchery, abattoir, shambles, Obs. butcher-row.
slave, n. 1. bond servant, bondman, indentured servant, serf, helot, hierodule, odalisque.
2. drudge, hack, fog, menial worker, laborer, toiler, workhorse.
3. addict, alcoholic, Inf. workaholic.
4. v. work like a slave, drudge, fag, work like a horse; sweat, struggle, work like a Trojan, work like a horse; sweat, struggle, Sl. kill oneself, work day and night, burn the midnight oil, oil, burn the candle on both ends.
5. enslave, hold in bondage, enslave, enslave, laboriousness.
slavish, adj. sycophantic, sycophantical, sycophantish, fawning, Obs. sycophatic, sycophant, sycophant, sycophancy, fawning,
sleep, v. 1. rest,, repose, slumber,
flake out,
sleek
v. sleeken, make sleek, smooth, slick; make
adj.
1. smooth, glossy, shiny, lustrous,
sled,
n.
sleazy,
adj.
slay, v. 1. kill, murder, assassinate, shoot, put to
1. slumber, repose. See
sleep
n.
Inf.
sleazy,
adj.
1. smoothness, tiredness, slumber-
ness, somnolence, somnolency, oscillation, oscillan-
cy, (in the Middle East) kef; hypnosis, hypnotism.
2. sluggishness, languor, lassitude, lethargy, torpor,
torpidity, torpidity, comatoseness, comatosity.
3. quietness, quietude, quiescence, quiet, inactivity,
inaction, passivity, idleness, stillness; dormancy, laten-
cy, hibernation, estivation.
sleeping, n. 1. slumber, repose. See sleep (def. 6).

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adj. 2. asleep, sound asleep, Med. soporous,
soporific, somniferous, somnific, somnifacient,
—v. 3. cut through, split, skive, separate; cleave, knife, carve; split up, divide; seg-
ment; division, section, fragment.

3. dormant, inactive, passive, idle, quiescent, quiet,
calm, becalmed; hibernating, estivating, vegetating.
4. inattentive, heedless, unmindful; unobservant, un-
watchful, unaware; wandering, daydreaming, musing,
staring into space; off guard, off on cloud nine, with
one's head in the clouds, a million miles away.
sleeplessness, n. wakefulness, restlessess, insom-
mia, insomnia; vigil, vigilance, vigilantness, alert-
ness, watchfulness.
sleepwalking, n. 1. somnambulism, somnambula-
tion.

adj. 2. somnambulant, somnambulistic.
sleepy, adj. 1. drowsy, tired, dozy, half asleep,
nodding, slumberous, slumbery, somnolent, occultant;
weary, faint, fatigued, exhausted, Sl. heat, Sl. pooped.
2. languid, languorous, lazy; sluggish, torpid, lethargic, comatose.
3. quiet, inactive, passive, idle, still; dormant, sleep-
ing, asleep, latent, hibernating, estivating, (of land)
fallow.
4. soporific, somniferous, somnific, somnificat-
ent, sleep-inducing; narcotic, sedative, opiate; hypnotic,
mesmeric.
sleight, n. See sled.
sleight, n. 1. skill, proficiency, efficiency, facility,
knack; deftness, adeptness, handiness, readiness,
adroitness; cleverness, ingenuity, wit, inven-
tiveness, artistry.
2. artifice, stratagem, intrigue, maneuver, gambit,
ploy, expedient; trick, hoax, ruse, whe, scheme,
device, Sl. gimmick; underhandedness, surrepti-
titiousness, deception, hocus-pocus.
3. cunning, guile, craft, slyness, sneakiness, fur-
tiveness, shiftiness, insidiousness; artfulness, subtlety,
shrewdness, sharpness, foxiness.
sleight of hand, n. legerdemain, prestidigitation,
conjuration, hocus-pocus; magic, thaumaturgy, jugg-
glery, trickery, feint, manipulation; shell game,
thimblerig, thimblerigging, cardsharbing, dealing from
the bottom of the deck, stacking the deck; pulling rab-
bits out of hats or silver dollars out of thin air; tromp
el'oeil.
sleender, adj. 1. slim, thin, thin as a rail, reedy,
stalky, twiggy, like a pipestem, narrow, narrow as an
arrow; spare, lanky, lean; slight, wispy.
2. gracile, willowy, svelt, lissome, lithe, syphlic,
sphylik; wisp-waisted, with an hourglass figure,
snake-hipped.
3. meager, exiguous, scant. See slim (def. 3).
4. unconvincing, flimsy; unpromising, insipid;
limited, restricted; uncertain, unfounded, lightweight.
5. (of sound) weak, faint, feeble, pallid; fragile, frail,
delicate, fine, attenuated, airy, light, ethereal.
slice, n. 1. slab, wedge, hunk, chunk, cut, piece,
Brit. Dial. collop, (of bacon) rasher; layer, shaving,
paring, sliver.
2. part, portion, share, allotment, proportion, seg-
ment; division, section, fraction, fragment.
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adj. 1. glossy, sleek, shiny, lustrous, shining,
satin, silken; smooth, smooth as glass, glazed, lac-
quered; bare, smooth as a billiard ball or baby's bot-
tom.
2. suave, urbane, Sl. with it, sophisticated, worldly,
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**slightly,** adj. 1. offensive, insulting, Archaic. affrontive, disparaging, denouncing, derogatory, depreciating; disdainful, contemptuous, contemning, contemnible, supercilious, contemptuous, scolding, scornful, derisive, jeering, ridiculing, mocking, scoffing; twitting, gibing, taunting, fleering; hissing, booing, catcalling. 2. abusive, vilifying, vituperative, impugnable, traducing, slurring, calumnious; blasphemous, scurrilous, profane, ribald, foul-mouthed, obscene, vulgar; maligning, defamatory, denigrating, slanders, libelous; injurious, harmful, damaging, invidious; vexatious, provoking, aggravating, incensing, inflammatory, exasperating, teasing, distressing; irritating, chafing, disturbing, annoying, displeasing. 3. rude, impolite, disrespectful, discourteous, uncourteous, uncivil, incivil, dishonorable; insincere, indirect, backhand, backhanded; impertinent, insolent, flippant, impudent, fresh, saucy, bold, high-hat. See one's nose at, Inf. (def. 1). |

**slight,** adj. 1. small, little, tiny, Inf. teeny, smallish, diminutive; miniature, pocket-sized, bantam, Inf. baby, Inf. baby-sized, small-scale; wee, Inf. dinky, puny, Inf. pint-sized, short, Inf. half-pint. 2. slender, slim, thin, light; delicate, minikin, (of a woman) petite, gracile; lean, dapper, narrow, filamentous, filiform. 3. infinitesimal, minute, microscopic, molecular; inappreciable, imperceptible, imponderable, indiscernible; intangible, impalpable, subtle, fine, evanescent. 4. petty, minor, unimportant, insignificant, inmaterial, irrelevant, not vital, neither here nor there; negligible, unsubstantial, insubstantial, inconceivable, of no consequence, inconsequential, unnoticeable, unnoted; trivial, trifling, paltry, nugatory, worthless. 5. superficial, shallow, depthless, pointless, skin-deep; empty, vacant, hollow, void; inane, fatuous, silly, airy, ridiculous, foolish, fatuous; frivolous, frothy. 6. frail, feeble, fragile, flimsy, sleazy; weak, faint, Dial. pinding, enervated; attenuated, tenuous, weakened. 7. breakable, fragile; jerry-built, unsteady, undependable, defective; precarious, unstable, insecure; rickety, tottering, tottery, unsteady, Chiefly U.S. teetery. 8. tolerable, fair, passable, mediocre, moderate, modest; below or under the mark, below or under par, insufficient, not enough, deficient; inadequate, scanty, meager, sparse, skimpy, poor, weak, lame. —v. 9. snub, cut, turn one's back upon, turn up one's nose at, Inf. high-hat. See snub (def. 1). |

**slim,** adj. 1. slender, thin, gracile; spare, slight, lean; lithe, svelte, willowy, slicky. 2. poor, inferior, second-rate, third-rate; inadequate, unsuitable, unacceptable, unsatisfactory; sorry, sad, pitiful, pathetic. 3. small, incon siderable, insignificant, meager, scanty; trifling, piddling, petty; puny, paltry, Inf. measly, Inf. chintzy, Inf. skimpy, Inf. rotten, Sl. lousy, Sl. crummy. —v. 4. slenderize, thin down; reduce, lose weight, take off weight, shed pounds. |

**slime,** n. mud, muck, ooze, sludge, Inf. glop, Inf. gunk, Sl. guck, Inf. gooey, Sl. goop; slush, slushy, mush, squash, Irish, gloop, Sl. Irish, slob. |

**slimy,** adj. 1. muddy, mucky, miry, oozy, sludgy, Sl. gloppy, Inf. gunky, Inf. gooey, Sl. goopy; messy, slopy, slushy, slushy, mushy, soft, spongy, squashy, squishy, splashy, splashy; marshy, marshlike, Archaic. marish, boggy, bogish, swampy, swampish, moory, poachy, paludal, fenny, quaggy, quagmire, sloughy. 2. foul, vile, noxious, obnoxious, offensive, sicken ing, disgusting, nauseating, loathsome, repulsive; putrid, rotten, decayed, bad, off. 3. describable, contemptible, beneath contempt, base, hateful. |

**sling,** n. 1. slingshot, catapult, mortar, arbalet, trebuchet. 2. bandage, strap, band, loop; support, brace. —v. 3. fling, flint, flint, jerk, cant, shoot, fire; propel, project, jactulate, catapult; cast, throw, toss,
slink, v. skulk. See skulk (def. 2).

slip', v. 1. glide, slide, flow, move smoothly, Dance. glissade; slither, slink, sneak, skulk, lurk, prowl, creep, U.S. Sl. gumshoe; worm, wiggle, wriggle; steal away, slip out or off, escape, get away, flee, run off; evade, elude, dodge, get clear of, break away.

2. pass, elapse, go by, drift by, be lost.

3. fall, fall down, stumble, lose one’s footing, go down, take a spill; tumble, skid, trip, sideslip, dive, go head over heels.

4. (all of knots) untie, unfasten, unbind, untangle, unsnarl, undo.

5. err, blunder, slip up, miscalculate, misjudge, misreckon, mistake; fumble, boggle, botch or botch up, Sl. screw up.

6. decline, depreciate, fall off, lower, decrease, slump; deteriorate, go downhill, degenerate, regress, backsilde, retrogress; flag, sink, drop, fail, wane.

7. don, put on; doff, take off, shed, slough off.

8. neglect, miss, omit, bypass; overlook, disregard, slight.

9. slip [s.l.] over on [s.o.] deceive, defraud, trick, delude, take in, pull the wool over [s.o.’s] eyes.

—n. 10. fall, trip, stumble, spill, skid; slide, glide, Dance. glissade.

11. mistake, error, oversight, omission, inadver- tence, Inf. slip-up; indiscretion, impropriety, fake pas, gaffe, gaucherie; blunder, Sl. boo-boo, Sl. goof, Sl. boner, slip of the lip or tongue or pen, Freu- dian slip, Radio & TV. Sl. blooper; sin, transgression, offense, perfidiosity; oversight, omission, miss, Inf. go-by; inadver-tence, loose thread. (pl.) paralipomena; All Sl. pratfall, fool mistake, foul-up, louse-up, screw-up, boner, boo-boo, boot, goof, blooper, clinker, clunker.

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—n. 2. cut, gash, slash, cleft, rift, trench; incision, groove, opening, aperture, indentation; wound, laceration; nick, tear, rip, split.

sliver, n. 1. scion, cutting, offshoot, sprout, sprig, spray; runner, Bot. sarmentum; switch, twig, branch.

2. strip, slat, splinter, sliver, shred, fragment.

3. paper, notepaper, note; permission slip, pass, ad- mission, papers, certificate, stub, card.

4. underdress, underwear, undergarment, lingerie; underskirt, petticoat, half-slip; undershirt, chemise, camisole.

slipper, n. pump, mule, sandal, mocassin; house shoe, bedroom slipper, loafer, slip-on; dancing pump, ballet slipper, opera pump; zori, Sl. flip-flop; clog, wooden shoe, Trademark. Dr. Scholls.

slipperiness, n. 1. oiliness, lubricity, greasiness, slickness; smoothness, sleekness, glassiness, glossiness, iciness; soapiness, waxiness, butteriness, unctuousness; sliminess, mucosity.

2. shiftiness, trickiness, deceitfulness; foxiness, crat- tiness, cunning, snakiness; slickness, dishonesty, Inf. shadiness, close-dealing, sharp trading.

3. unreliability, undependability, unfaithfulness, faithlessness, disloyalty, unsteadfastness; capriciousness, whimsicality, fancifulness, flightiness; changeability, mutability, moodiness, unpredictability, mercuriality, unaccountability.

4. unsteadiness, insecurity, unsafeness; precariousness, danger, peril, hazard; ticklishness, risk, chance, speculation; unsureness, totteriness, shakiness, criti- calness, unsoundness, Inf. chanciness.

slippery, adj. 1. slick, oily, greasy; smooth, sleek, glassy, glossy, skiddy, icy; soapy, waxed, buttery, un- tuous, lubricated, lubricious, mucous, synovial.

2. hard to grasp, hard to hold, transient, transitory, passing; temporal, ephemeral, fleeting, momentary; fragile, evanescent, vanishing, disappearing; provi- sional, intermediate, temporary, impermanent, perishable, short-lived.

3. shifty, tricky, deceitful; two-faced, Janus-faced, foxy, crafty, cunning, reptilian, sneaky; slick, dishonest, Inf. shady; double-dealing, treacherous, perfidious, faithless, disloyal; unreliable, undependable, untrustworthy, fly-by-night.

4. unstable, unsteady, insecure, unsafe; precarious, dangerous, perilous, hazardous; ticklish, risky, chancy, Sl. hairy; speculative, unsure, built on sand, tottery, shaky; critical, unsound, hanging by a thread, trembling in the balance, needing but a shove.

slipshod, adj. last-minute, slap-bang, careless, hurried. See sladpash.

slip-up, n. Informal. mistake, error, human error, In- f. miscue; blunder, botch, bungle, fumble, flub, muf; leak, slip, slip of the tongue or pen; faux pas, gaffe, indiscretion, breach of etiquette, offense, pec- cadillo; oversight, omission, miss, Inf. go-by; inadver-tence, loose thread. (pl.) paralipomena; All Sl. pratfall, fool mistake, foul-up, louse-up, screw-up, boner, boo-boo, boot, goof, blooper, clinker, clunker.

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sliver, n. splinter, shive, fragment, segment, chip, whittling, shaving, flake, filament; shred, bit, scrap, snip, snippet; snatch, modicum, iota, wht, mite, micron, molecule, trace.

slobber, v. slaver, slabber, drool, water at the mouth, driivel, drible, drip saliva; sputter, slobber.

slogan, n. motto, byword, catchword, catch phrase, battle cry, buzz word, red flag, watch word, shib- boleth, test word, pet phrase; expression, saying, phrase; sign, logo, Journalism. masthead.

slosh, v. 1. spill, splash, splatter, spatter; wash over, slosh over, slosh around, swish around, wash around.

2. will, hogwash; kitchen refuse, garbage, rubbish, waste, offscourings, scraps, orts, leavings, leftovers.

3. Often slops dirty water, dish water, liquid refuse.

4. liquid mud, muck, mire, Sl. guck, slime, sludge, ooze.

slope, v. 1. slant, oblique, skew, fall obliquely, angle, bevel, pitch, grade, bank; ascend, rise; descend, drop or drop off, dip, sag, sink; list, lean, tip, tilt, cant, heel, Naut. careen.

—n. 2. inclination, slant, bevel, pitch, grade, angle, skew, tilt, cant; ramp, inclined plane, bank, hillside, hill, mount, acclivity, ascent, rise; declivity, downward slope or slant, Scot. and North Eng. brae, decline, declension, descent, downgrade; drop, fall, dip, sag.

3. Uss. slopes hills, foothills, bluffs, mountains.

slipping, adj. oblique, slanted, diagonal. See slan- ting.

slippery, adj. 1. muddy, oozy, slimy, Sl. gucky; slushy, sloshy, wet, watery, sodden, soggy, nasty; slippery, Inf. slippery.

2. splashed, splashy, spotty, spotted, soiled, stained, splattered, spattered.
4. careless, loose, lax, slack, slipshod; huggemugger, haphazard, slapdash, hasty, offhand.
5. untidy, dowdy, frumpy, frumpish; messy, disorderly, disheveled, uncombed, unkempt, tangled; slovenly, frowzy, slatternly, bedraggled, draggletailed, sluttish; unclean, piggy, dirty, grimy, grubby, filthy, *Sl.* grungy; scruffy, shabby, down-at-the-heels, run-down, sleazy, *Sl.* raunchy.

**slot**, *n.* slit, crack, hole, keyhole, opening, aperture; depression, groove, notch.

**sloth**, *n.* slothfulness, acedia, laziness, idleness, indolence, faintheartedness, do-nothingness, otiosity; unindustriousness, unenterprisingness, unambitiousness, want or lack of ambition or enterprise, nonaggressiveness, *List.* liminess; *Dial.* limpness, lackadaisicalness, insouciance, pococurantism; shiftlessness, worthlessness, good-for-nothingness; slackness, laxity, remissness, negligence, neglectfulness, carelessness.

2. inertia, inactivity, stagnation, torpor, torpidness, torpidity, supineness, passiveness, passivity; sluggishness, lumpishness, lethargy, phlegm, heaviness, dullness, languidness, languor, hebetudinousness, lenigishness, lumpishness, lethargy, phlegm, heaviness, stupor, *Inf.* do-well.

2. slow-moving, slow-going, creeping, crawling, *Inf.* poky; lingering, loitering, lagging, dilly-dallying, dallying, lagging, foot-dragging; inert, inactive, stagnant, torpid, supine, passive; sluggish, lumpish, lethargic, phlegmatic, heavy, dull, languid, languorous, hebetudinous, lenigitious.

**slouch**, *v.* slump, hunch, stoop, droop, bend; shuffle, shamble, lumber, drag.


5. slack, not busy, inactive, unhurried, quiet, peaceful; gentle, easy, unpressured; creeping, crawling.


7. behind the times, unprogressive, conservative, backward, *Sl.* not with it, *Sl.* square.

8. dull, uninteresting, tedious, tiresome, boring, bore-some, wearsome, *Sl.* dead, dry, dry-as-dust; uneventful, humdrum, monotonous, ordinary.

9. *Usu.* slow to reluctant, disinclined, unwilling, half-hearted, loath, hesitant, hesitating.

—*v.* 10. *Often slow up or down* retard, *Sl.* hang up, delay; detain, hold back, set back, check, hold in check, restrict, restrain; put the brakes on, reduce speed, take it easy, relax.

11. *Often slow down* abide, *Sl.* subside, slack, ebb, recede, retrocede; dwindle, peter out; wind down, desescalate; fall off, taper off, wane, fade away, die out.


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3. sluggish, lagging, laggard, sluggishly; dallying, dillydallying, idling; dilatory, procrastinating, postponing, deferring; lackadaisical, indolent, slothful, otiose.


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**slumberous**, *adj.* sleepy, half-asleep, asleep on
slump, v. 1. sink, subside, go down, get bogged down; collapse, cave in, give way; sag, droop.
2. decrease, depreciate, devalue, drop, reach a new low; fall, plunge, plummet, dive, nosedive, go into a tailspin, Inf. come a cropper, Inf. take a header.
3. deteriorate, degenerate, decline, worsen, take a turn for the worse, go from bad to worse, slip, slide; go downhill, go to pieces, Inf. go to pot, Inf. go to the dogs, Sl. hit the skids; fail, lapse, weaken, retrogress, retrograde, let oneself go.
4. slouch, hunch; bow, bend, stoop.
5. decrease, depreciation, devaluation; decline, deterioration, degeneration, vitiation, atrophy; lapse, retrogression, retrogradation, regression.
6. descent, fall, downturn, downs trend, downside, downswing; plunge, drop-off, nosedive, tailspin, Inf. headlong.
7. depression, recession, slowdown, dry spell, hard times, Inf. retrogression, rétrogradation, regression.
come a cropper, Inf. take a header. tailspin, Inf. go to pot, downhill, go to pieces, Inf. go to the dogs, Sl. hit the skids; fail, lapse, weaken, retrogress, retrograde, let oneself go.

slump, v. 1. sink, subside, go down, get bogged down; collapse, cave in, give way; sag, droop.
2. decrease, depreciate, devalue, drop, reach a new low; fall, plunge, plummet, dive, nosedive, go into a tailspin, Inf. come a cropper, Inf. take a header.
3. deteriorate, degenerate, decline, worsen, take a turn for the worse, go from bad to worse, slip, slide; go downhill, go to pieces, Inf. go to pot, Inf. go to the dogs, Sl. hit the skids; fail, lapse, weaken, retrogress, retrograde, let oneself go.
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small-scale, private, individual, owner-run, mom-and-pop.

6. humble, modest, unpretentious, plain; common, commonplace, ordinary, humdrum; simple, poor, plebian, low-ranking, inferior; homely, homespun, unrefined, vulgar, ill-bred, lowbred, uncouth; shabby, scruffy, Inf. slummy, slum-like, scrubby; low, ignoble, inglorious, base; ignominious, sordid, squalid.

7. mean, petty, stingy, parsimonious; niggardly, cheap, selfish, grudging, penny-pinching, stingy, begrudging, uncharitable, illiberal, unaltruistic; tight, miserly, carking, skin-flinty; penurious, tight-fisted, close, close-fisted, Scrooge-like, Inf. Yankee.

8. limited, insular, párfocial, provincial, uncatholic, Social. ethnocentric, limited in one's horizons or scope; biased, prejudiced, bigoted; one-sided, opinionated, close-minded; ultra-conservative, rigid, creed-bound; prim, puritanical, Inf. stuffy.

9. weak, diluted, dilute; watery, thinned, reduced, at, plebians, the multitude, the many; the rank and file, small-scale, private, individual, owner-run, mom-and-pop, small; the masses, hoi polloi, the vulgus; proletari-
cents,

10. feel small be mortified, be chagrined, be humiliated; be comforted, Inf. be put down, be disconcerted, be composed; be brought down, be degraded; be red-faced, be sheepish, be ashamed, be shame-faced, be hangdog; feel like a failure, feel like two cents, Inf. feel like a goose.

—n. 11. common people, the meek, the meek and the small; the masses, hoi polloi, the vulgar; proletari-
cents, the multitude, the many; the rank and file, Contemptuous. ragtag and bobtail, the vulgar herd, the poor, the great unwashed, the underprivileged.

smart, v. 1. sting, prick, prickle, bite, nip, pinch, pierce, stab; gripe, burn, chafe, itch, rasp, grate, gall; hurt, pain, ache, throb, tingle.

2. injure, offend, aggrieve, grieve, sorrow, cut to the quick, cut to the heart, wound the feelings; disturb, distress, annoy, irritate, nettlesome, aggravate, rub the wrong way, vex; rile, rankle, roil, irk.

3. regret, feel shame or remorse, be stung with remorse, feel chagrín; lament, deplore, rue.

—adj. 4. sharp, keen, stinging, poignant, sore, painful; hard, resounding, severe, rough, harsh, stiff; vigorous, swift, brisk, fast, sudden.

5. cutting, trenchant, scathing, derisive, derogatory, insulting; curt, rude, crusty, abrupt, brusque, gruff; tart, bitter, acrid, acrimonious, rancorous; lashing, malicious, malevolent, venomous, envenomed, spiteful, maleficient.

6. energetic, lively, alive, full of life, vivid, spirited, animated; eager, alert, active, spry, quick, agile, jaunty, perky; breezy, buoyant, airy; jocund, sportive, hearty, merry, cheery; earnest, enthusiastic, fervent, ardent, heated, zealous.

7. apt, adroit, ingenious, deft; alert, wide-awake, bright, brilliant, acute, sharp-witted, sharp as a tack; intelligent, quick-witted, ready; sagacious, sage, wise, sapient, sapiential; rational, logical, reasonable, common-sensical, having a good head on one's shoulders; judicious, prudent, sensible; able, capable, competent.

8. perspicacious, discerning, long-headed, penetrating, perceptive, perceptive, insightful; gifted, talented, well-endowed, intellectual, brainy; educated, learned, well-schooled, instructed; erudite, knowledgeable, versed, well-read, aware, Inf. Sl. hip, knowing, Fr. au fait; ace, topflight, top-drawer, first-rate, Inf. topnotch.

9. astute, shrewd, Sl. savvy, hard-headed, subtle; cunning, fox, artful, politic, wily, crafty, sly, calculating.

10. clever, witty, nimble-witted; whimsical, droll, humorous, funny, jocular, jocose; effective, masterly, forcible, stirring, vigorous, racy; pointed, barbed, trenchant.

11. spruce, trim, neat, Brit. trig, well-groomed; fashionable, elegant, soigné, chic, up-to-the-minute, modish, Sl. hip; natty, Sl. spiffy, Inf. snappy, Sl. classy, Inf. nifty; rakish, saucy, dashing, dandy, dapper, showy.

—n. 12. sting, bite, nip, pinch, sharp pain; ache, gnawing pain, burn, sore, pang, twinge, tingle.

13. pain, sorrow, woe, grievance, worry; torment, torture, agony, shame, remorse, embarrassment, mortification.

14. injury, offense, cut, blow, shock; aggravation, gall, vexation, fret; oppression, load, burden, cross, curse, bitter pill, trial; blight, canker.

smarten, v. Usu. smarten up 1. spruce up, make trim, groove, polish, Sl. spiff up; order, arrange, organize, tidy; be effeminate, embodle, ornament, set off, deck out.

2. enlighten, inform, educate, school, instruct, sophisticate, Sl. wise [s.o.] up, clue [s.o.] in; disabuse, disillusion, open [s.o.}'s eyes, put [s.o.] wise, burst [s.o.}'s bubble.

3. All Sl. get wise, get with it, shape up, whip oneself into shape, get on the stick.

smash, v. 1. break, shatter, shiver, splinter; pulverize, comminute, triturate, crumble, disintegrate, crunch; dash, crash, batter, strike, beat, hit, crack; plunge, hurl, fling, hurl; jar, jolt.

2. defeat, disappointment, disillusion, disenchant, frustrate, thwart, foil, triump, wreck, crash; impact, jolt, shake, shock.

3. overthrow, destroy, ruin, devastation, ravage; vanquish, master, overmaster, overcome, overpower, subdue, subjugate, overwhelm, rout, discomfit, confound; quash, suppress, put down.

—n. 4. smashing, shattering, shivering, splintering, breaking; dashing, crushing, crushing, mashing, crumbling; beating, drubbing.

5. blow, hit, slap, smack, thwack; collision, crack-up, wreck, crash; impact, jolt, shake, Dial. shock.

6. collapse, destruction, demolition; ruin, ravage, waste, havoc, desolation; catastrophe, debacle, disaster; overthrow, defeat, rout, undoing, vanquishment.

7. bankruptcy, failure, going under, financial ruin or disaster.

smear, v. 1. spread, daub, bedaub, besmirch, Inf. slap on; cover, coat.

2. stain, spot, dirty, soil, smear, begrime; spatter, splatter, splash.

3. sully, vilify, tarnish, blacken, taint; defame, calumniate, slur, defile; brand, stigmatize, drag waste, havoc, desolation; catastrophe, debacle, disaster; overthrow, defeat, rout, undoing, vanquishment.

7. bankruptcy, failure, going under, financial ruin or disaster.

smell, v. 1. scent, nose, get a whiff of, sniff, snuff; inhale, breathe in.

2. perceive, detect, discern; intuit, sense, feel, suspect.

3. reek, stink, smell to high heaven; smell like a goat; eat, digest, smell the blood, smell the meat, smell the man; smell the game, smell the wind, smell a rat.

4. injury, offense, cut, blow, shock; aggravation, gall, vexation, fret; oppression, load, burden, cross, curse, bitter pill, trial; blight, canker.

5. odor, smell, scent; aroma, fragrance, perfume,
redolence, odoriferous: bouquet, savor, trace, breath, whiff; stink, stench, fetor, fetidness, malodor, mephitis.

**smelly, adj.** fetid, reeky, reeking, stinky, stinking, stenchful, foul-smelling, ill-smelling, strong-smelling, malodorous; noisome, mephitic, foul, rank, offensive, disgusting, nauseating; putrid, rancid, rotten, tainted, spoiled, strong, game, miasmal, miasmatic.

**smile,** v. 1. beam, grin, laugh; grin from ear to ear, smile on or Inf. smile on or
2. regard with favor, look favorably on, shine upon, bless, grace; favor, support, encourage, countenance. 
—n. 3. grin, laugh; simper, smirk, grimace, fleer.
4. blessing, benediction, good graces; favor, support, encouragement, countenance.

**smirch,** v. 1. dirty, soil, smut, stain, discolor; spot, smudge, begrime, besmear, smear, besmirch, defile; draggle, bedraggle, splash, spatter, muddy, Inf. slop up, Inf. foul up, foul, befoul.
2. discredit, disfavor, derogate, disprove, depreciate; devalue; demean, belittle, disparage, decry, depre- cate, deflate; disgrace, shame, dishonor, degrade, abuse, erode, vitiate, reproach; impute, slur, asperse, vilify, brand. Stigmatize; damage, mar, blot, sully, blacken, tarnish, taint, attain, Sl. dump on, drag through the mud or mire, heap dirt upon; slander, calumniate, libel, denigrate, defame, give a bad name, Sl. do a hatchet job on.
—n. 3. stain, blot, smut, smutch, spot, smudge, blotch, splotch; smear, blur, taint, blemish, flaw; mark, brand, stigma, bad name; imputation, slur, as- persion, vilification.


**smog,** n. haze, fog, smaze, gauze, dirty air, dirty fog, brume; pollution, air pollution, particulate.

2. vapor, mist, brume, fog, gauze, film, cloud; smolder, smudge, smooth.
3. cigarette, Sl. cig, Sl. butt, Sl. weed, Sl. fag; cigar, stogie, Sl. stinker, cheroo.

**smooth,** adj. 1. hazy, foggy, smoggy, brumous, *Archaic.* caliginous; grimy, sooty, murky, beary; smudgy, dirty, dingy, smirched, smutty, blotchy, blackened, be- grimed; gray, mat, dim.
2. fuming, fuliginous, steamy, steaming, smoking, reeky, reeking, miasmatic; miasmal; smelly, nauseating; putrid, rancid, rotten, tainted, malodorous; noisome, mephitic, foul, rank, offensive, stenchful, foul-smelling, ill-smelling, strong-smelling, malodorous; noisome, mephitic, foul, rank, offensive, disgusting, nauseating; putrid, rancid, rotten, taint- ed, spoiled, strong, game, miasmal, miasmatic. 

**smudge,** v. blot, blotch, smear, smirch, smutch, smudge; sully, grime, dim, muddy, dirty, tarnish.

**smokesack,** n. stack, chimney, smokeshaf; flue, pipe, shaft, stovepipe, tube, funnel.

**smoky,** adj. 1. hazy, foggy, smoggy, brumous, *Archaic.* caliginous; grimy, sooty, murky, beary; smudgy, dirty, dingy, smirched, smutty, blotchy, blackened, be- grimed; gray, mat, dim.

**smolder,** v. 1. burn, smoke, fume, reek, sizzle, simmer.
2. seethe, boil, boil over, fire up, reach the boiling point; simmer, stew, foam; rankle, fester, stagnate; chafe, bristle, fret, rave, rant, bluster, Inf. carry on burn up, breathe fire; Inf. steam, Inf. get steamed up, Inf. get hot under the collar, Inf. see red.
3. enamored, captivated, enthralled, enraptured, be- witched, ensorcelled, infatuated, charmed, allured, at- tracted, fascinated, enchanted; in love, head over heels in love, swept off one's feet, Sl. snowed, gaga, Sl. stuck on, Inf. sweet on.

**smitten,** adj. 1. struck, slapped, smacked; cuffed, knocked, punched, Inf. slugged, Inf. whacked, pound- ed, thrashed.
2. stricken, afflicted, beset, plagued, burdened, over- burdened, crushed; troubled, worried, distressed, grieved; haunted, bothered, harassed, hounded, roiled, galled, irked, vexed.
3. enamored, captivated, enthralled, enraptured, be- witched, ensorcelled, infatuated, charmed, allured, at- tracted, fascinated, enchanted; in love, head over heels in love, swept off one's feet, Sl. snowed, gaga, Sl. stuck on, Inf. sweet on.
ing; fulsome, slimy, oily, unctuous; obsequious, sycophantic, toadyish, insincere, Sl. soapy, Inf. soft-soaping.

9. crafty, cunning, shrewd, canny, wily, Inf. cagey.

Machiavellian, political, sophisticated, tactical, scheming, slick, designing, strategic; clever, shifty, sly, foxy, stealthy, sneaky, resourceful, tricky, subtle.

10. gentle, soft, honey, sweet, dulcet, soothing; mellifluous, mellow, golden, molten-golden; euphonious, metrical, lyrical, musical; silvery, tuneful, mellisonant.

—v. 11. plane, level, even, align, planish; flatten, roll, steamroll, bulldoze; press, iron, mangle, calender; raze, lay, fell; pare, shave, mow, sheer, poll; dress, smooth out, equalize; scrape, abrade, rub down, scour, grind; buff, sand, sandpaper, pumice, file; furbish, burnish, glaze, slick, gloss; wax, lubricate, oil, grease, finish, varnish.

12. ready, prepare, prime; facilitate, ease, clear, clear the way, make way, expedite, quicken; pave, help, aid, help along, open the way, open the door; grease, grease the wheels, soap, lubricate; lighten, disencumber, disencumber, unhamper, disburden, free up.

13. polish, refine, harmonize; correct, cultivate, civilize; temper, soften, perfect, mellow; improve, ameliorate, meliorate, better.

14. tranquilize, calm, soothe, compose, moderate; assuage, mollify, allay, mitigate, alleviate; modulate, attenuate, temper; soften, appease, pacify, propitiate, placate, conciliate; hush, lull, still, quiet, rock, cradle; dulcify, lenify, quell, subdue, pour oil on troubled waters, put a calm on, take the sting out of.

15. gloss over, extenuate, apologize, excuse, palliate; whitewash, varnish, dress up, cloak.

smooth-spoken, adj. 1. gentle, soft-spoken, subtle; silver-tongued, persuasive, suasive, eloquent, moving, winning; fluent, flowing, smooth, suave; dulcet, agreeable, pleasant, sweet, mellifluent, mellifluous.

2. glib, slick, fast-talking; oily, unctuous, suave; talkative, garrulous, voluble; possessed of the gift of gab.

smother, v. 1. stifle, suffocate, asphyxiate, choke to death; strangle, Burke, garrotte, throttle, Sl. crag.

2. extinguish, damp, dampen, deaden, put out, snuff out, stamp out.

3. muffle, dull, soften, tone down; flatten, dull, soften, level, even, align, planish; flatten, dress, blade, plane, level, even, align, planish; flatten, dress, blade, plane.

4. envelop, cover, shroud, blanket, wrap, enwrap, ensnroud, surround; pile with, heap with, load with, shower with.

5. suppress, repress, choke back or down, hold back; conceal, hide, veil, mask, disguise, cloak, cover up; put down, quash, quell, crush, squash, squeal.

smudge, n. 1. dirty mark, smut, smear, smutch, blur, streak; stain, blot, taint, blemish, spot, smirch, blotch, splotch.

—v. 2. smear, blur, streak, smut, smut; dirty, sully, soil, stain, spot, smirch, discolor, blacken; begrime, besmirch, besmirch, defile, daub, mar, blemish.

smug, adj. 1. conceited, self-important, vain, proud, overprized; overconfident, cocksure, too sure of oneself, Inf. riding for a fall; self-satisfied, content, complacent.

2. trim, neat, dapper, smart, spruce, natty; well-groomed, smooth, sleek, glossy.

smuggle, v. (all illegally) import, bring in, sneak in; export, send out, take out, sneak out; transport, run, convey, traffic, U.S. bootleg.


smut, n. 1. soot, ashes, filth, grime, dirt; dirty mark, smudge, smear, smutch. See smudge (def. 1).

2. obscenity, Sl. raunch, pornography, Inf. porn.

—v. 3. soil, smudge, smear, streak, smutch. See smudge (def. 2).

smutty, adj. 1. dirty, sooty, unclean, grimy, Sl. grungy, filthy, muddied, dirt-encrusted; soiled, sullied, stained, spotted, smudged, smeared, streaked, smudged, smeared, smeared, smeared, smeared, smeared, smeared, smeared, smeared, smeared, smeared, smeared.

—v. 2. indecent, obscene, suggestive, risqué, racy, off-color, dirty; vulgar, ribald, bawdy, gross, low, Sl. gutter, coarse, earthy, rude, crude, offensive, tasteless; pornographic, blue, Sl. raunchy, salacious, lewd; lascivious, lustful, concupiscent, prurient, libidinous, Arc. lickerish, perverted; wanton, loose, promiscuous, libertine, dissolute, profligate, immoral, shameless.

snack, n. 1. nosh, bite, bite to eat, between-meal snack, light or small meal, light lunch; canapé, hors d’oeuvre, appetizer, tidbit, morsel, nibbles or nibblies; Sl. munchies.

—v. 2. nosh, nibble, Sl. munch or munch out, eat between meals, pop [s.t.] into one’s mouth, sneak [s.t.] to eat, eat on the sly.

snag, n. 1. concealed log, projection, prominence.

2. impediment, hindrance, obstacle, obstruction, stumbling block, road block; knot, hitch, curb, bit, tether; inhibition, restriction, determent, damper, restraint; bar, barrier, block, counteraction, embargo, stricture, blockade; opposition, objection, discouragement, difficulty, drawback, disadvantage; problem, catch, complication, intricacy, Gordian knot; delay, hang-up, snarl, tangle, bottleneck, red tape, interference, setback, drag.

snake, n. 1. serpent, viper, pit viper, ophidian, sea snake, Arc. dragon, cockatrice.

2. snake in the grass, traitor, quisling, turncoat, renegade, Benedict Arnold; double-dealer, Inf. double-crosser, betrayer, Judas; fifth-columnist, informer, subversive, double agent; spy, company spy, Sl. fink, Sl. weasel, Sl. stool; pigeon, Sl. stoolie; swindler, Sl. con artist, Sl. con man, Inf. filmflammer; seducer, perverter, wolf in sheep’s clothing, beguiler; intriguer, Machiavelli, Rasputin, Sl. string-puller, power behind the throne, maneuverer, contriver, schemer, plotter.

snaky, adj. 1. serpentine, anguine, colubrine; snake-infested, snake-ridden.

2. twisting, winding, sinuous. See serpentine (def. 2).

3. venomous, poisonous, toxic, baneful, virulent; malignant, malicious, malevolent; noxious, pernicious, injurious, destructive; spiteful, vicious, acrimonious; treacherous, treasonous, faithless, traitorous, perfidious, disloyal, two-faced; untrustworthy, sneaky, sly, cunning; insidious, subtle, beguiling; deceitful, guileful, underhanded, furtive, slippery.

snap, v. 1. crack, crackle, crepite, deprecate, pop; click, clink.

2. catch, hook, pin, clasp, secure; link, couple, clinch.

3. break, fracture, fragmentize, splinter, shiver, chip; separate, cleave, sunder, disjoint, sever.

4. sparkle, flash, twinkle, dance; glow, radiate.

5. Often crack, crackle, crepitate, decrepitate, snap, or crack, crackle, pop; click, clink.

—v. 6. Usu. snap up or off seize, take, grab, nab, pluck hook, pounce upon, swoop down on.

7. snap out of it informal, recover, get over, come around, revive; pull oneself together, get a hold or a grip on oneself; perk up, cheer up, liven up.

—n. 8. crack, crackle, pop; click, clink, clank.

9. catch, fastener, coupler, copula, hook, pin, clasp.

10. Informal. briskness, vigor, energy, vitality, get
tangle, knot, snag, jam; kink, twist, snarl

snare

1. trap, spring, Archaic: trepan, deadfall, pitfall; noose; net; seine, meshes.

2. grab, pluck, pull, snatch from, rescue, save, ransom, liberate, deliver, redeem; pull [s.t.] out of [s.t.]; around, salvage, wret, extract.

3. grab, pinch; clinch, secure, lock up, Inf.

4. pinch; abduct, hold up to, as hostage or as hostage.

5. Obs. Obs. give up, let go, let go, give back; fend off; repel; throw off; fend off, repel, throw off.

6. Obs. Obs. pay no attention to, be indifferent or apathetic toward; ignore, dismiss, reject, brush off; scorn, disdain, look down on; thumb one's nose at, spit upon, snort, sniff, turn up one's nose at, sniff at.

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8. slang. slang. kidnap, petnap, dognap, abduct, rape, hold as hostage or for ransom.

—n. 1. grab, pinch, snap; grasp at, for, make or trap, gin, springe, Inf.

2. snap at, lash out at, loose one's temper, off the handle, flare up, bite [s.o.'s] head off.

3. snatch from, rescue, save, ransom, liberate, deliver, redeem; pull [s.t.] out of [s.t.] around, salvation, wrack, extract.

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crumb, taste, sample, mouthful, bite, thimbleful, sip, sup; grain, granule, fleck, speck, touch, trifle, mite, smidgen, Inf. smith, jot, dot, dab.

snippy, adj. 1. Informal. sharp, snappy, snappish, curt; short, short-spoken, abrupt, brusque; rude, uncivil, impolite; condescending, patronizing, haughty.

2. scrappy, fragmentary, disconnected, broken.

snivel, v. 1. sniffle, sniffle, sniff, sniff.
2. weep, whubber, cry, sob, boohoo, whine, whimper, mewl, pule.
3. run at the nose, drip at the nose, Inf. have a runny or running nose, Inf. have the sniffles.

—n. 4. whining, whimpering, mewling, puling, crying, tears, weeping, blubbering, sobbing; pretended weeping, crocodile tears, false or stage tears.

5. sniff, sniff, sniffle, sniffle.
6. mucus, phlegm, Inf. snot.

snob, n. Inform. snoot, Inf. stuffed shirt, Sl. stiff-neck, social climber, condescending or pretentious person; egotist, egoist, Inf. swellhead, braggart, boaster, Inf. phony, show-off.

snobbish, adj. snobbishness, snobisms, condescension, condescendence, patronage; conceit, conceitedness, Inf. uppishness, Inf. snootiness, Inf. snottiness; arrogance, high horse, haughtiness, hauteur, cavalierliness, cavalierism; contemptuousness, contempt, disdainfulness, disdain, scornfulness, scorn, superciliousness, Inf. sniffriness; lottiness, lordiness, pompousness, pomposity, stuffiness, pretentiousness, pretension, airs, affectation; pride, proudness, vain-gloriousness, vainglory, vanity, vainness, Inf. swell-headedness, puffiness, inflatedness; self-importance, egocentricity, egocentrism, narcissism, self-love, self-esteem, self-admiration, self-worship; self-centeredness, self-conceit, egoism, egotism, boastfulness, braggarism, bragging; overconfidence, cockiness, cocksureness, smugness, complacency, self-satisfaction.

snug, n. Inform. snug, Inf. stuffed shirt, Sl. stiff-neck, social climber, condescending or pretentious person; egotist, egoist, Inf. swellhead, braggart, boaster, Inf. phony, show-off.

snuggle, v. 1. snuzzle, snuggle, snuff, snuff.
2. scrubby, fragmentary, disconnected, broken.

snow, n. 1. snowfall, blanket of snow; blizzard, snowstorm, snow squall; flurry, snow flurries.
2. Slang. a. cocaine, Sl. coke, Sl. C, Sl. blow, Brit. Sl. charlie. b. heroin, Sl. H, Sl. horse, Sl. smack, Sl. scag, Sl. junk.

—v. 3. Slang. a. amaze, astonish, astound, awe, stagger, boggle, make one's head swim, take one's breath away, overpower, Inf. bowl over, Sl. knock out, Sl. blow away, Sl. blow one's mind. b. deceive, dupe, trick, hoax, gull, beguile, pigeon, humbug, take in, hoodwink, pull the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes, Inf. bamboozle, Sl. hornswoogle.

4. snow under Slang. (all with work, correspondence, etc.) overwhelm, inundate, engulf, swamp, submerge, drown, flood.

snub, v. 1. slight, turn one's back upon, U.S. Sl. brush off, turn up one's nose at, Sl. ritz, Inf. high-hand; cut, give the cold shoulder to, Inf. cold-shoulder, Inf. put the freeze on, look coldly upon; keep at arm's length, avoid, shun, stand or hold aloof; make light of, take no account of; pay no attention or regard to, sneeze at; overlook, disregard, ignore, take no notice of, blink or wink at, neglect, forget; push aside, set aside, let pass; gloss over, pass by or over, skip or skim over, pass up, give [s.o.] the go-by; omit, cut out; reject, rebuff, slam the door in [s.o.'s] face; not trouble oneself about, dismiss from one's thoughts or mind, leave out of consideration; exclude, keep out.

2. insult, affront, Sl. put down, Sl. cut up, give offense to, disoblige; call names, Sl. rank out, fling dirt at, slap in the face; denounce, decry, disparage, discredit, vilipend, depreciate, minimize; disdain, contemn, scout, flout; scorn, spurn, deride, misprize, jeer, ridicule, mock, scoff, laugh in or up one's sleeve at; burlesque, lampoon, make a fool of, guy, twit, gib, taunt, fleer; heckle, hoot, hiss, catcall, boo; abuse, wring, smear, pummgen, traduce, slur, calumniate; blaspheme, profane, take [s.o.'] name in vain; malign, defame, denigrate, slander, libel, Inf. backbite; humiliata, belittle, put to shame, disgrace, degrade; offend, injury, hurt the feelings of, harm, ill-treat, smart, wound, damage.

3. embarrass, disconcert, abash, mortify, Inf. gross out, upset; confuse, fluster, ruffle, discomfit, distract, discompose, confound.

4. check, arrest, bridge, rein, stop, curb; squelch, squash, quash, Inf. put the kibosh on, Inf. kibosh, nip, nip in the bud; curtail, shorten, abbreviate, cut short, cut off short, clip; reprove, rebuke, reprimand, censure; admonish, reprehend, upbraid, chide, put [s.o.] in his place; oppose, cross, rebuff, repel, withstand.

—n. 5. slight, cold shoulder, coldness, indifference, neglect, disregard, ignoring, the go-by; inattention, nonobservance, oversight, omission; rejection, denial, repulse; rebuff, short answer, hard words, tartness, acerbity, acrimony; rebuke, reproof, reprimand, chiding, reproach.

6. affront, insult, slur, dig, barb, Sl. cut, spurn, Sl. put-down, slap in the face; abuse, contumely, contempt, disdain, scorn; repudiation, disparagement, belittlement, depreciation; derision, ridicule, sarcasm, mockery, scoffing, sneering; flout, gib, jeer, taunt, fling, quarter, hoot, hiss, catcall, sibilation; obscenity, vulgarity, blasphemy, profanity, scurrility.

7. rudeness, disrespect, ill-treatment; offense, indignity, discourtesy, uncourteousness, incivility, discourtesy, rudeness, outrage; humiliation, degradation, abasement, mortification; provocation, kick in the pants, vexation, irritation, annoyance.

—adj. 8. snubby, snubbed, pug-nosed, turned-up; blunt, stumpy, thickset, stocky, stodgy.

snug, adj. 1. cozy, intimate, comfortable, Inf. comfy, Scot. canny, homey, homelike, lived-in; easeful, restful, relaxing; quiet, peaceful, tranquil, serene, pleasant, cheery, enjoyable; warm, friendly, inviting; informal, casual, easy, simple.

2. (of a ship) trim, spruce, trig, neat, tidy, shipsable, well-ordered, orderly.

3. (of clothing) tight, too small, close-fitting; skin-
sober, adj. 1. drunk, temperate, not intoxicated

v. weep, cry, shed tears, boohoo; bawl, blubber, snuffle

v. nestle, cuddle, nuzzle, snuggle, curl up, snuggle

v. fly, take wing, wing one's way, take off, soar

lathery, sudsy, foamy, frothy, bubbly, soapy

4. grave, crucial, decisive, vital, important, consequential; significant, considered, concerned, responsible; momentous, weighty, heavy, ponderous, massive; great, large, enormous, huge; vast, immense, magnitudinous, extensive; deep, profound, intense.

5. subdued, quiet, soft, softened, mellow, toned down; gray, grayish, grayed, neutral; dull, dreary, moody, drab; somber, dark, sad, gloomy, dun, heavy, leaden.

6. plain, simple, unexaggerated, unembroidered, unvarnished, unadorned, unembellished; unornamented, undecked, unembellished, unenriched; pure, unadulterated, chaste, unaffected, unpretentious, wholesome; dull, tedious, prosaic, unimaginative, boring; hard, harsh, severe, cold, realistic, practical; solid, substantial, firm, sound, real, tangible.

7. sane, lucid, clear, rational, reasonable, sensible; well-founded, well-grounded, well-advised, logical, objective, proper, correct; just, right, fair, humane, equitable, impartial, judicious, moderate; well-considered, level-headed, prudent, provident, circumspect, politic.

8. sober up, Inf. dry out, detoxify, make or become sober.

9. make pensive or serious, cause to reflect, make [s.o.] stop and think, give [s.o.] pause, Inf. shake [s.o.] up; quiet, subdue, calm down, pacify.

sobriety, n. 1. sobriety, teetotalism, nephalism, abstinence; prohibition, blue-ribbonism; Rechabitation.

2. temperance, moderation, self-restraint, self-control; renunciation, forbearance, resistance, abstinence, nonindulgence, abstemiousness; continence, celibacy, fasting; Puritanism, austerity, self-mortification, self-deprivation; asceticism, self-denial, self-abnegation.

3. seriousness, earnestness, solemnity, solemnness; sedateness, staidness, dignity, formality, formness, reserve; poise, self-confidence, assurance, self-possessions, composure, self-control, coolness, cool-headedness, level-headedness, calmness, equanimity, equilibriun, imperturbability, imperturbableness, tranquility, serenity.

4. gravity, cruciality, decisiveness, vitalness, import, importance, consequence; significance, consideration, concern, moment, momentousness; weight, responsibility, ponderousness, massiveness; greatness, largeness, enormity, enormousness; vastness, immensity, immenseness, magnitude, scope, extent; depth, profundity, profoundness, intensity, intenseness.

sobriquet, n. nickname, agnomen, cognomen, by-name, moniker, handle; familiar name, pet name, diminutive, epithet, Chiefly Scot. to-name.

sociability, n. 1. gregariousness, friendliness, amicability, congeniality, Ger. Gemütlichkeit, neighborliness, companionability, affability, approachableness, accessibility, communicativeness, talkativeness, chattenheit; easiness, openness, unreservedness, familiarity, easygoingness; amiability, pleasantness, good-naturedness; agreeableness, willingness, amenableness, considerateness; graciousness, geniality, politeness, cordiality, courteousness.

2. friendship, intimacy, closeness, mutual trust; fellowship, fraternity, partnership,同学关系, cooperation.

sociable, adj. friendly, gregarious, outgoing, extroverted, social; affable, approachable, accessible, companionable, convivial, accommodating, comradely, glib, gabby, Inf. gossipy, talkative; familiar, folksy, Inf. chummy, Inf. cozy, intimate; amiable, amicable, congenial, neighborly, hospitable, genial, cordial, gracious; companionable, brotherly, sisterly, kindly, warm-hearted; hearty, hail-fellow-well-met, convivial, jovial, agreeable, pleasant.

social, adj. 1. friendly, companionable, affable, amiable, convivial, outgoing, sociable. See sociable.

2. community, communal, societal, human; collective, popular, widespread, common; civic, civil, municipal, city, urban.

socialize, v. get together, Sl. party, hang out, fraternize, band together; talk, chat, Sl. chew the fat or rag, Inf. gab, gossip; mix, mingle, rub elbows, rub shoulders, mill; associate with, hobnob with, consort with,
keep company with, Inf. run around with, hang around with, pal around with, chum around with; keep open house, keep the latchstring out, keep the welcome mat out, have the door always open.

**society, n.**
1. association, consociation, club, circle, band, group; community, congregation, assembly, body; affiliation, fraternity, brotherhood, sisterhood; alliance, federation, league; guild, union.
2. humanity, the human race, mankind, mankind, people, the world, Fr. monde; the public, the general public, the commonwealth, the body politic; the community.
3. company, companionship, friendship, camaraderie, fellowship.
4. high society, Fr. haut monde, Inf. upper crust; upper classes, nobility, peerage, aristocracy, gentility; the privileged classes, the rich, the elite.

**sod, n.**
1. clump or chunk of turf, Scot. divot.
2. turf, sward, greensward; lawn, grass, grass court, Fr. haut monde, Inf. comfy, commodious, snug, comfortable,
4. Inf.

**sodden, adj.**
1. soggy, soppy, soggy, sopping, sopping sodden, or Scot., n. or chunk of turf, covered with water, under water; imbued, imbrued, inwringing wet, wet, dripping; oozy, leaking, seepy, 2. turf, sward, greensward; lawn, grass, grass court, meadow, meadow, grassland, hayfield, field, Archaic. glebe.

**sudden, adj.**
1. spongy, marshy, paludal, boggy, swampy, quaggy, spongy, mushy, pulpy, flabby, fleshy, fat, thick, succulent, Bot. uliginous; watery, thin, pappy, paplike, runny; doughy, gummy, tacky, sticky, viscous, gluey, gluey.
2. turf, sward, greensward; lawn, grass, grass court, smooth, silky, silken, silklike, satiny, velvety, blockish, bovine, Inf.
3. company, companionship, friendship, camaraderie, band, group; community, congregation, assembly, keeping company with, run around with, hang out, Inf.
4. easygoing, leisurely, of leisure, relaxed; carefree, unburdened; untroubled, unplagued, rosy, rose-colored, sunny; affluence, luxury, the rich, Park Avenue.
5. subdued, mellow, muted, understated; low, faint, softened; thin, watery, runny, liquid; loamy, friable, mushy, spongy; pulpy, pulpal, pulpous, pulplike, pulpy, gummy, 2. humanity, the human race, humankind, mankind, people, the world, Fr. monde; the public, the general public, the commonwealth, the body politic; the community.
soggy, adj. 1. sappy, sopping or wringing or dripping wet; soaked, drenched, saturate. See sodden (def. 1).
2. heavy, doughy, pasty; pulpy, mushy, soft. See sodden (def. 2).
3. dull, dry, uninteresting; dull-witted, stolid, Inf. thick; torpid, phlegmatic, spiritless. See sodden (defs. 3, 4).

soil', n. 1. ground, earth, Archaic. glebe, turf, marl, loam, humus; clay, dirt, dust.
2. country, land, region; property, premises.
3. dirty, stain, spot, maculate, smudge, Archaic, soggy, drip or 1. soppy, sopping sojourn, I. live, reside, abide; 1. comfort, balm, consolation, condolence, soothing words; succor, relief, aid, help, support; encouragement, enheartenment, cheer.

solar, adj. 1. serious, earnest, sincere, true, honest, genuine, solemn, solemnity, solicitude, solicitous, sollicitous.
2. particular, scrupulous, painstaking, conscientious, strict, scrupulousness, strictness.
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4. ceremonious, ceremonial, ritualistic, formal, reserved, dignified, standing on dignity.
5. reverential, devotional, sacred, holy, divine; liturgical, sacramental.

solemn, adj. 1. grave, Archaic. sage, sober, sedate; staid; mirthless, unsmilign, long-faced; gloomy, somber, saturnine, grim, frowning, beetle-browed, severe, stern; thoughtful, pensive, contemplative, reserved, taciturn.
2. impressive, thought-provoking, moving, stirring, striking, piercing, heart-rending, disturbing; awe-inspiring, awesome, imposing, august, stately, grand, majestic; profound, significant, momentous.
3. serious, earnest, sincere, true, honest, genuine, real, heartfelt; feeling, intense, fervent, unfrivolous; explicit, express, definite.
4. ceremonious, ceremonial, ritualistic, formal, reserved, dignified, standing on dignity.
5. reverential, devotional, sacred, holy, divine; liturgical, sacramental.

solemnity, n. 1. gravity, seriousness, earnestness, staidness, sobriety; intensity, urgency; gloominess, thoughtfulness; impressiveness, stateliness, grandeur, majesty, momentousness, importance, consequence.
2. solemnities observance, ceremonial, formalities, ceremonies, celebration, rite, ritual, proceedings.

solicitor, n. asker, requestor, petitioner, petitioner, supplicant, supplicant, suitor; canvasser, campaign, Inf. stump; call upon, appeal to, implore, beseech, entreat, plead, beg, Brit. Inf. pray, pray, crave; petition, supplicate, obstre, adjure, conjure, inf. buck up, Inf. pat [s.o.] on the back, Inf. give [s.o.] a lift or boost.

soldier, n. 1. brave, warrior, fighter, fighting man, man-of-arms, man-at-arms; infantryman, common soldier, cannon fodder, GI or GI Joe, U.S. Sl. grunt, U.S. Marine Sl. leatherneck, U.S. Sl. grenade, Brit. Tommy, Scot. Jock, Fr. poilu, Inf. doughboy; intrepid or fearless warrior, lion, tiger, bulldog, gamecock, fighting cock.
2. hero, champion, paladin, knight; stalwart, gal-lant, valiant, cavalier, Chevalier; a man, brave man, man of courage or mettle.
3. Informal. shirker, malingerer, Inf. goldbricker, Sl. goof-off, Sl. boodongdler; idler, loafer, layabout. See also shirker.

soldiery, adj. 1. martial, military, military-minded, soldierlike; brave, courageous, valiant, valorous; stout, stalwart, staunch, doughty; mettlesome, plucky, spirited, game, red-blooded.
2. militant, warlike, aggressive; bellicose, belligerent, combative, pugnacious, turbulent, full of fight, Sl. scappy.
solidarity, n. concern, care, thought, regard, consideration; anxiety, overconcern, nervousness, worry, inquietude; uneasiness, disquietude, disquiet, apprehension, fearfulness, fear, alarm.

2. overanxiety, overanxiousness, eagerness, overeagerness, desire, desirousness; zealalousness, zeal, enthusiastic, ardor, intensity, fervor, fervidness, earnestness; effusion, gush, smothering, shower of attention, hovering.

solidify, v. harden, concrete, cake, crystallize, compact, set; coagulate, congeal, clot, gel, gelatinize, jell, jelly, jellify, thicken, inspissate, Obs. incrustate; curdle, curd, Scot. and North Central U.S. lopper, Pathol. caseate.

2. consolidate, combine, join, join forces, unite, league, ally, confederate, Inf. hitch horses, pool interests; incorporate, amalgamate, merge, fuse, syndicate.

solitary, adj. 1. alone, unattended, companionless, Scot. waff; sole, single, lone, individual; apart, separate, cut off; deserted, abandoned, outcast, derail, forlorn, forsaken.

2. by oneself, unassisted, single-handed.

3. one, only, exclusive, unique, freakish, unrepeated; unparalleled, unequaled, unmatched, nonpareil.

4. unfrequented, secluded, hidden, lonely, isolated, private, remote, solitudinous; recluse, sequestered, cloistered, set apart; cut off, desolate, out-of-the-way, unvisited, in a backwater.

5. antisocial, unsocial, unsociable, estranged, alienated, friendless; retiring, withdrawn, reclusive, Inf. introverted; hermitlike, hermitical, monastic, monachal, eremitical, eremitic, anchoritic, stylistic.

6. recluse, hermit, eremite, anchorite, stylite, Albertist; solitaire; solitary, monk, monastic; troglohyde, cave dweller, inclosure.

7. lone, Inf. lone wolf, isolate, isolator, Inf. introvert.

solidness, n. 1. seclusion, retirement, privacy, isolation, solitaryness, aloneness; reclusion, seclusiveness, hermitry.

2. remoteness, separation, loneliness; unsociability, withdrawal, introversion.

3. desert, waste, wilderness, wasteland; desolation, vast expanse, emptiness.

solution, n. 1. resolution, finding out, discovery; denouement, revelation, uncovering, deciphering; clarification, definition, unfolding, unfoldment.

2. answer, explanation; key, secret, clue, signification, meaning; accounting, reason, justification, vindication; rationalization, elucidation, explanation, exegesis, Fr. éclaircissement.

3. emulsion, suspension, mixture, infusion.

solvable, adj. explainable, resolvable, decipherable, penetrable, ascertainable; understandable, intelligible, interpretable; capable of clarification, lending itself to solution.

solve, v. work out, figure out, resolve, find the answer; crack, disentangle, untangle, unravel, unriddle; translate, decode, unlock, find the key; penetrate, fathom, get at; clear up, explain, interpret, elucidate; make clear, make plain, unfold; justify, account for.

solvent, adj. financially responsible, credit-worthy, reliable, sound, solid, responsible; Inf. out of the hole, Inf. in the black, Inf. out of the debt, debt-free, on an even financial keel.

somber, adj. 1. dark, dusky, shadowy, dim, cloudy, gray, leaden, black, Cimmerian; drab, dull, dead, lifeless, dingy, bleak; gloomy, dismal, dreary, Literary. drear; murky, inky, pitchy.

2. depressing, depressive, melancholy, mournful, doleful, dolorous, dispiriting, disheartening; heavy, lugubrious, abatible, funereal, morbid.

3. grave, serious, sober, staid, sedate, solemn; grim, grim-visaged, grim-faced, stone-faced.

somebody, pron. 1. one, someone.

—n. 2. personage, dignitary, notable, Inf. VIP; person of note or consequence, public figure, famous
song, n. 1. melody, tune, air, lyric, ditty, strain; n. singer, vocalist, warbler, crooner.

somnambulism, n. sleepwalking, noctambulism, somewhat, occasionally, on occasion, at times, sometimes, someday, one day, one of these.

sonorousness, fullness, richness, deepness; loudness, thoroughness, clamor, plangency, amplification; reverberation, resonance, echoing, re-echoing; vibration, tremulousness, Both Music. vibra- to, tremolo.

sonorous, adj. 1. (all of sound) resonant, loud, re- sounding, booming, thunderous, powerful, amplified; ringing, tolling, plangent, clangorous; echoing, re- echoing, reverberating, reverberant, re- flected; vibrant, vibrating, vibratory, vibratile; pulsating, tremulous; sustained, prolonged, drawn-out, held, long, rich, full, full-bodied, pear-shaped, rounded, round; deep, deep-toned, low, bass, basso, baritone, baritonal.

sometime, adv. 1. someday, one day, one of these days, one fine day or morning, sooner or later, some- when; in time, in due time, in the fullness of time, in the long run, when all is said and done, eventually, ul- timately; in the future, at a future time or date, by and by, In the sweet by and by; soon, before long, In before you know it.

—adj. 2. former, erstwhile, late, previous, one- time, past, recent, quondam.

sometimes, adv. occasionally, on occasion, at times, from time to time, now and then, now and again, off and on, once in a while, every so often.

somewhat, adv. to some extent, to a certain extent, to a degree, to some degree, in some measure, more or less, In sort of, In kind of; quite, rather, pretty; fairly, reasonably, moderately, mildly; comparatively, relatively; passably, tolerably; in part, partly, partial- ly; a little, a bit, slightly.

somnambulist, n. sleepwalking, noctambulism, Rare nightwalking; somnambulation, noctambula- tion.

somnambulist, n. sleepwalker, noctambulist, noc- tambule, somnambule, somnambulator, Rare night- walker.

somnolence, n. sleepiness, drowsiness, doziness, grogginess, slumberousness, Sl. dopeness; oversleeping.

somnolent, adj. 1. sleepy, half-asleep, asleep on one’s feet, heavy with sleep, heavy-eyed; slumberous, drowsy, dozy, groggy, Sl. dopey; yawny, oc- ident, nodding, nodding-off, ready for bed.

2. soporific, somniferous, sleep-inducing, sleep-pro- ducing, hypnotic.

son, n. 1. male child, boy, chip off the old block.

2. (all used as forms of address) lad, laddie, sonny, boy, young man, Inf. kid, Inf. junior, Sl. bub, Sl. punk.

song, n. 1. melody, tune, air, lyric, ditty, strain; chant, round, chanty, descant; chorus, anthem, paean, cantata; madrigal, canzone, round, solo, duet, trio; vocal music, vocalization, Inf. pop tune, ballad, canzone; art song, Ger. Lied, love song, torch song, blues; drinking song, scolion; serenade, lullaby; dirge, psalm, hymn; spiritual, folk song, Ger. Volkslied.

2. verse, versification, poetry, lay, rhyme; meter, number, versecraft; roundel, rondeau, roundelay; rhapsody, idyll, dithyramb, ode, sonnet, triolé, ballade, villanelle; elegy; jingle, doggerel.

3. warble, chirping, pipe, whistle, trill; clamor, din, racket, outcry.

songster, n. 1. singer, vocalizer, warbler, crooner, soloist. See singer (def. 1).

2. poet, bard, minstrel, wandering minstrel, jongleur, troubadour, ballad singer, street singer, Meistersinger, minnesinger. See also poet.

3. songbird, singing bird, warbler. See singer (def. 3).

sonority, n. sonorousness, fullness, richness, deepness; loudness, thoroughness, clamor, plangency, amplification; reverberation, resonance, echoing, re-
sophism, n. See sophistry.

sophist, n. 1. casuist, paralogist, paralogician, Jesuit, circuitous reasoner or arguer; quibbler, specious arguer, equivocator, Sl. waffler, fudger; liar, prevaricatar, dissembler, deceiver, caviler; evader, dodger, Inf. weasel; hedger, doubletalker, backtracker, back-pedaler; tergiversator, vacillator; quack, charlatan.

2. scholar, savant, man of letters, learned person; sage, philosopher, intellectual, highbrow, Inf. egghead, Inf. brain, Inf. walking encyclopedia; authority, expert, pundit.

sophistic, adj. fallacious, false, unsound, faulty, flawed, imperfect, Inf. full of holes; inaccurate, specious, spurious, erroneous, mistaken, incorrect, Logic. paralogistic; quibbling, casuistical, subtle, captious, jesuitical, sophistical; illogical, irrational, Sl. cockeyed, Sl. cockamamie; unfounded, baseless, ungrounded, groundless; untenable, invalid.

sophistication, n. worldly-wise, knowing, knowl-

logic, soulful, sensuous, carnal, sensual; worldly-wise, knowing, knowl-

1. deceitful, misleading, deceiving, delusive, falla-

2. debase, detach, debase, defile; distort, gar-

3. sedative, sleep-inducer, sleeping potion or pill; anesthetic, narcotic, somnificant.

deper, misleading, deceiving, delusive, fal-

2. rain, pluvial, pluvius, Meteorology. precipita-

tive, raining cats and dogs, coming down in buckets; rain-drenched, watery, puddly, flooded, drowned, inundated, covered with water; slushy, splashy, splashy, sloppy, messy, muddy; drizzly, misty, foggy, vaporous; dreary, cloudy, dismal, bleak, grey, grim, Scot. and North Eng. dowel. Literary. drear; humid, damp, dank, moist, soupy, clammy, sweaty, muggy, steamy.

3. British Slang. teary, weepy, lachrymose, Inf. dripp-

y; maudlin, mawkish, soft, mushy, slushy, Sl. smaltz;

forte; maudlin, mawkish, soft, mushy, slushy, Sl. smaltz;

piping hot; seething, sizzling; burning, inflamed; irritated, ulcerated, ulcerous; hurting, in pain, aching, achy, bruised, in-

sorcery, n. 1. witch, necromancer, wizard, diabolist, demonologist, warlock; magician, thaumaturgist, theurgist, enchanter, charmer; medicine man, witch doctor, obi doctor, voodooist, shaman; diviner, soothsayer, seer, exorcist, exorciser.

sorcer, n. 1. dodden, soggy, sopping or wringing or dripping wet; soaked, drenched, saturated. See sod-

dens (defs. 1, 2).

3. ignoble, mean, petty; base, vile, low, low-down;

sordid, adj. 1. filthy, dirty, foul, unclean, washed, slimy, mucky, feculent, fecal; impure, offensive, fui-

some, detestable, polluting, tainted, filthy, smelly, rotten, fetid, gone bad, fly-blown, maggoty, putrid, purulent, Sl. crudty; soiled, stained, grimy, smeared, sooty, be-

3. ignoble, mean, petty; base, vile, low, low-down;

3. selfish, greedy, avaricious, grasping, Sl. grabby, rapacious, hoggish, piggish; miserly, penurious, parsimonious, grudging, niggardly, churlish; stingy, mean, illiberal, ungenerous, uncharitable, closefisted, tightfisted, close, Inf. tight, penny-pinching; mercenary, venal, usurious.

sore, adj. 1. painful, tender, sensitive, raw; smart-

ing, stinging, burning, inflamed; irritated, ulcerated, ulcerous; hurting, in pain, aching, achy, bruised, in-

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sorrow, n.
1. grief, sadness, sorrowful, 1.
3. distress, affliction, grievance, trouble, worry, vexation; plight, strait, predicament, sea of troubles, difficulty, rub; burden, load, albatross, cross, onus, crown of thorns, bitter pill, millstone around one’s neck; cares, pressure, stress, strain; trial, travail, tribulation, curse, ordeal, infliction.
4. misfortune, adversity, mischance, reverse; hindrance, handicap, impediment; hard luck, ill luck, bad luck, bad fortune, hard times, evil days; hardship, privation, austerity, pinch, extremity; disaster, calamity, catastrophe, evil; blight, cancer, scourge, scourgery.
5. lament, lamentation, jeremiad, cry, wail, weep, ululation, weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth; keen, threnody, dirge (in Scotland and Ireland) cor-nach.

—v.
6. grieve, mourn, pine, weep; bewail, bemoan, lament; despond, despair, lose heart, droop, languish, sink.
7. rue, regret, repine, deplore; take to heart, lay to heart.

sorrowful, adj.
1. sad, unhappy, dejected, despondent, destitute, downcast, Inf., down, Inf., low, feeling low, in low spirits, in the doldrums, Inf. down in the dumps, Inf. down in the mouth; discouraged, disheartened, downhearted, dispirited, Sl. bummed or bummed out; gloomy, melancholy, blue; inconsolable, disconsolate, heavy-hearted, crushed, broken, heartbroken, brokenhearted, sick at heart, heartbroken; wretched, miserable, woebegone; bowed-down, heavy-laden, in the depths or bowels of despair, Sl. in the pits.
2. plaintive, mournful, sighful, full of pathos; wistful, longing, yearning; wailing, ululating, crying, moaning, weeping; heart-rending, moving, affecting, touching; doleful, rueful; pitiful, piteous, pathetic; elegiac, dirgelike, dirgeful.
3. grievous, lamentable, unfortunate, deplorable, regrettable, infelicitous, unlucky, hapless, Scot. donsie; sore, bitter, sharp, afflicting, oppressive, distressing, poignantly depressing, heavy, oppressive, burdensome; unbearable, intolerable, insufferable; tormenting, torturous, cruel, violent; cutting, harsh, sharp, poignant; severe, acute, dire.
4. Informal. annoyed, irritated, peevish, vexed. See angry (def. 2).
5. irritating, annoying, vexing, irksome, provocative; offensive, disturbing, disconcerting; embarrassing, awkward, ticklish, touchy, delicate, unmentionable; difficult, troublesome, spiny, scornful.
6. annoyed, irritation, vexation, exasperation; nuisance, bother, pest, thorn in the side or flesh, Sl. hardness; burden, load, albatross, cross, onus, sorrow, grief, woe, distress; plight, plague, pestilence, scourgery.

sorrow. n.
1. grief, sadness, Archaic. dole, wo, rue, heartache, heartbreak; misery, Archaic. bale, dolor, anguish; ache, hurt, pain, suffering; torture, torment, agony; bereavement, mourning; wofulness, wretchedness, heaviness of heart, desolation, dejection, depression, oppression; disconsolateness, unhappiness, infelicity.
2. repentance, contrition, penitence, regret, rue, remorse, compunction.
3. distress, affliction, grievance, trouble, worry, vexation; plight, strait, predicament, sea of troubles, difficulty, rub; burden, load, albatross, cross, onus, crown of thorns, bitter pill, millstone around one’s neck; cares, pressure, stress, strain; trial, travail, tribulation, curse, ordeal, infliction.
4. misfortune, adversity, mischance, reverse; hindrance, handicap, impediment; hard luck, ill luck, bad luck, bad fortune, hard times, evil days; hardship, privation, austerity, pinch, extremity; disaster, calamity, catastrophe, evil; blight, cancer, scourge, scourgery.
5. lament, lamentation, jeremiad, cry, wail, weep, ululation, weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth; keen, threnody, dirge (in Scotland and Ireland) cor-nach.

—v.
6. grieve, mourn, pine, weep; bewail, bemoan, lament; despond, despair, lose heart, droop, languish, sink.
7. rue, regret, repine, deplore; take to heart, lay to heart.

sort, n.
1. kind, class, category, genre, order; lot, kind of.
2. sort of.
3. of sorts.
4. out of sorts.

sortie, n.
1. sally, foray, charge, thrust, offensive, drive; raid, attack, assault, onset, onslaught; rush,
dash, coming forward, issuance, coming out, onrush, outrush, outflow, efflux, effluence, outpour, pouring.

—v. 2. salty or salty forth, raid, foray, charge, attack, assault, assail, storm; rush, surge or come or sweep forward, thrust or drive or push forward, take the offensive; fall upon, set upon, pounce upon, strike at, march upon, swoop down upon, descend on or upon.

so-so, adj. 1. mediocre, indifferent, Fr. comme ci, comme ça; fair, fair to middling, betwixt and between, Inf. no great shakes, Inf. nothing to write home about; undistinguished, unprecedented, notable, modest, of sorts, of a sort; neutral, bland, insipid, uninspiring, unmoving, Stl. ho-hum, Stl. blah.

2. average, middling, moderate, medium; adequate, passable, acceptable, tolerable; respectable, presentable, admirably, fairly good, Inf. not that bad, not too bad.

—adv. 3. middling, moderately, fairly, passably, adequately, tolerably, sufficiently, satisfactorily.

sot, n. drunkard, drunk, inebriate, soak, tosspot, toper, winebibber, bibber, bibbler, Obs., Rare. biberon, U.S. Inf. barfly; alcoholic, chronic alcoholic or drunk, dipsomaniac; drinker, hard drinker, serious drinker, problem drinker; tippler, guzzler, swiller, Inf. lovepot; All Stl. soaker, sponge, boozer, boozehound, lush, sot, souse, rummy, wino, alky, dispo, juicehead, juicer, hooch hound, gin hound, swillbelly, swillpot, stew, stewbaw, elbow-bender, elbow-crooker.

sough, v. 1. sigh, whisper, moan, rustle, murmur, sing, whistle, shriek, wail, rush, roar.

—n. 2. sigh, sighing, whisper, whispering, moan, moaning, rustle, rustling, murmur, murmuring; singing, whistling, shrieking; wailing, rushing, roaring.

soul, n. 1. spirit, animating principle, vital spirit, psyche, spirit of life, life, spirit, consciousness, psyche, mind, intellect, Gk. ιχθύς, nous; reason, understanding, intelligence; self, ego, inner self, true being.

2. ghost, waraith, disembodied spirit, presence, Gk. and Rom. Religion. shade, specter, apparition, phantom, eidolon.

3. heart, center of emotion, seat of feelings or sentiments.

4. human being, human, being, person, mortal, life, creature, member of the human race, Adamite; individual, entity, personage, personality, persona; living soul, spirit; world soul, anima mundi, Welligist.

5. essential part, essence, quiddity, quintessence, substance, sum and substance; marrow, pith, heart of the matter, crux, gist, Inf. nub, meat, nitty-gritty; core, inner core, heart, center, nucleus, kernel; base, bottom, root.

6. embodiment, incarnation, personification.

7. Informal. negritude, Blackness, intense sensitivity, emotional fervor, feeling.


soulful, adj. emotional, moving, deep, Sl. heavy, intense, meaningful, expressive.

sound, n. 1. noise, utterance, sonance; tone, note, chord, music.

2. outcry, vociferation, clamor, din, hubbub, racket; shout, whoop, yell, roar; blare, blast, bang, rumble, jingle, tinkle, peal, ring, toll; clatter, clink, clank, creak, grate. See also noise (def. 1-3-6).

3. quality, cast, color, coloring, tenor, drift.

4. earshot, earreach, hearing, hearing distance.

—v. 5. ring, chime, clang, ding-dong, peal, knell, toll; tinkle, clink, clank; rumble, thunder, boom; reverberate, resonate, resound, echo.

6. seem, appear, appear like, look like, look as if, look to be, have the look of; strike one as, have every appearance of, have every indication of, have the earmarks of, sound like.

7. pronounce, enunciate, articulate, phonate, vocalize, voice, utter, express; vociferate, shout, bawl, cry; declare, announce, annunciate, broadcast, herald, blare, blazon, trumpet, noise abroad.

sound, adj. 1. healthy, fit, fit as a fiddle, physically-fit, in good condition, in fine fettle, Inf. in shape, Inf. in good or fine shape, Inf. in fine or high feather, Inf. in fine whack, Inf. in the pink, Brit. Dial. bonny; well; in good health, rosy-cheeked, glowing, blooming; ruddy, vigorous, full of vigor, hale, hearty, hale and hearty, robust, lusty, strong and healthy, bursting with health or vigor or life.

2. intact, unimpaired, undamaged, unharmed, unjured, unscathed, unmitigated, undecayed, inviolate; whole, unbroken, as good as new, faultless, flawless, defectless; well-built, well-constructed, built to last, solid, firm, sturdy, strong, rugged, tough, durable, resistant.

3. solvent, having good credit, secure, in the black; well-off, well-situated, well-to-do.

4. rational, practical, pragmatic, commonsense, commonsensical, reasonable, logical, sensible; competent, reliable, dependable, good, fair, fit, proper, advisable, well-argued, well-grounded, well-founded; valid, believable, credible, plausible.

5. lucid, clearheaded, right-minded, clear-minded, cogent, well-grounded, level-headed, stable, responsible, sober, sane, Latin. compus mentis, right; normal, wholesome, healthy-minded, Sl. together, Sl. with it, Sl. all there; intelligent, wise, judicious, sagacious, sage; discreet, prudent, circumspect; politic, perspicacious, farsighted, astute, provident; perceptive, apperceptive, foresighted; understanding, thoughtful, reflective, philosophical.

6. upright, upstanding, ethical, moral, virtuous; honest, truthful, aboveboard, trustworthy, honorable; loyal, steadfast, faithful, true, constant.

soundless, adj. silent, quiet, noiseless, echoless; hushed, calm, still, deathlike; inaudible, muffled, stifled, muted, dampened.

soundless, adj. deep, unfathomable, fathomless, plumbless, immeasurable, abyssal, abysmal, bottomless; unmeasured, unfathomed, unsounded.

soup, n. broth, stock, bouillon, consommé, julienne; soup, stew, stewbum, elbow-bender, elbow-crooker.

sour, adj. 1. acid, tart, subacid, acidulous, vinegarish, acid, acerb, astringent, acidulent, astringent, acidulated; fermented, turned, bad, spoiled, rancid, curdled, clabbered.

2. unpleasant, bitter, nasty, disagreeable, unlikable, undesirable; distasteful, unappetizing, unsavory; offensive, repulsive, repugnant, odious, disgusting.

3. harsh, severe, auster, stringent, stern, brusque, caustic, mordant, acrimonious, stinging; trenchant, cutting, incisive, scathing, penetrating, biting; keen, sharp, sharp-tongued; spiteful, virulent, venomous, vitriolic, rancorous; splenetic, choleric, waspish, ir-
ritate, testy, touchy, edgy, on edge, snappy, snappish, huffy, huffyish; peevish, petulant, crabbed, crabbcy, groughy, grumpy; surly, churlish, ill-tempered, ill-natured, ill-humored, crusty, sullen, morose.

—v. 4. ferment, acidify, spoil, go bad, turn, curl, claffle; acerbate, acidadulate.

5. embitter, envenom, disillusion, disenchant.

source, n. 1. origin, provenience, provenance; beginning, commencement, genesis, dawn, dawning; incipience, inception, start, outset; germ, seed, nucleus, embryo; root, rootstock, Brot. radicle, Bot. radix; derivation, ancestry, extraction; matrix, womb, cradle,hotbed; fountainhead, fount, fountain, head, wellspring, well, spring; basis, base, foundation, ground; cause, reason, occasion.

2. informant, apprizer, adviser, notifier, Inf. tipster, Inf. horse’s mouth, Sl. Deep Throat; reference, authority, citation, documentation, footnote, note.

souse, v. 1. immerse, plunge, dip, submerge, duck, dunk, sink; soak, steep, swash, slish; drench, douse, imbue, saturate; flood, inundate, drown.

2. pickle, marinade, brine, corn.

3. Slang. intoxicante, inebriate, besot, Sl. put under the table; stupefy, befuddle, fuddle, muddle.

souvenir, memento, remembrance, remen-
nr. sovereign, n. dominion, supremacy, primacy, preeminence, swawe, hegemony, regin, royalty, suzerainty, empery, (in India) raj; kingship, lordship, mastership, leadership, seigniority; authority, jurisdiction, power, Inf. say or say-so; rule, command, mastery, control, domination; hold, grasp, grip, clutches.

2. autonomy, autarchy, self-government, self-rule, home rule; independence, freedom, liberty, self-determination, self-direction.

3. territory, region, area, country, kingdom, domain. See domain (def. 1).

sow, v. 1. scatter, disperse, stew, bestrew; broadcast, disseminate, spread, circulate, distribute, propagate; publicize, make known, give out, pass the word around, blaze about, hawk, rumor;’bruit.

2. foment, sow the seeds of, provoke, incite, instigate, actuate, brew; stir up, work up, ignite, touch off; stir the embers, fan the fire; promote, foster, fur-ther, forward, advance.

3. sprinkle, besprinkle, bedew; scatter, litter.

space, n. 1. expanse, extension, expansion, spaciousness, vastness, immensity, largeness, greatness, amplitude, capaciousness; capacity, volume, proportions, dimensions, size; breadth, width, depth, broadness, wideness, height, length; stretch, spread, reach, span, scope, sweep, range, compass, measure; room, area, acreage, land, open country; personal space, elbowroom, leeway, latitude, margin, swing, play; surface space or area.

2. air, plenum, atmosphere; heavens, sky, firma-

ment, atmosphere, ether; vault or canopy of heaven, celestial sphere, the blue, Inf. wild blue yonder; empty space, vacuum, void; outer space, infinity; universe, cosmos, macrocosm.

3. seat, berth, place, spot, reserved seat.

4. separation, break, crevice, schism, rift, breach; gap, opening, chasm, abyss, gulf; hole, hollow, cavity, crater.

5. (all of time) extent, stretch, period, interval, in-
terseps, interstice; span, spell, a while; season, stage; age, era, epoch.

6. break, interruption, pause, lapse; intermission, in-
terlude, recess, rest, respite; hiatus, lacuna, gap, omis-
sion.

—v. 7. arrange, range, line up, order, array, rank, align; interspace, put a space between, set apart, put distance between, place or set at intervals.

spacious, adj. 1. roomy, commodious, capacious, ample, enough room to swing a cat; voluminous, large, big, sizable, huge, great, vast, immense; extensive, far-flung, expansive, broad, wide; massive, gigantic, enormous, tremendous, mammoth, gargantuan; all (of clothes) loose, loose-fitting, oversized, outsized.

2. broad, widespread, wide-ranging, far-reaching, extensive, in-depth, comprehensive, universal, all-inclusive.

span, v. extend across or over, bridge, reach across, stretch across; cross, traverse, go over, pass over, arch over; join, connect, unite, join, link, tie.

spangle, n. 1. sequin, bright spot, bead.

—v. 2. (all with spangles) decorate, adorn, ornament, dress or dress up, embellish, Sl. jazz up.

3. glitter, sparkle, shine, shimmer, twinkle, scintillate, catch the light, glisten, flash, gleam, coruscate.

spank’, v. slap, smack, Inf. paddywhack, rap; take over one’s knee, Inf. lick, Inf. give [s.o.] a licking or good licking, give [s.o.] a hiding, Inf. tan [s.o.’s] hide, warm [s.o.’s] bottom, fix [s.o.’s] wagon or little red wagon, take [s.o.] out to the woodshead; thwack, Inf. whack, beat, Inf. whale, thrash, beat the tar out of; paddle, switch, birch, strap; box [s.o.’s] ears, Dial. hit upside the head; punish, show who’s boss, Sl. give [s.o.] what for.

spank’, v. rush, run, haste, speed, he, career, Inf. scoot, scamper, scurry; dart, dash, shoot, tear, sprint, race, charge; fly, outstrip the wind; whip along, zoom, whoosh, whiz, zip, ting, Sm. smoke. Inf. hightail it; hustle, get a move on, cover ground or hightail it; hustle, get a move on, cover ground, beat it out.

spare, v. 1. save, leave uninjured, leave alone, live and let live; free, liberate, redeem, rescue.

2. be considerate of, prevent, forestall, deliver from; (all with against or from) safeguard, protect, guard, shield, defend, shelter.

3. withhold, forbear, hold back, not use; omit, delete, cancel, forget, avoid, neglect; stop, cease, halt, stay, hold.

4. afford, manage, handle, eke out; part with, relin-
quishe, give, lend, supply, yield, provide.
5. dispense with, do without, get along without, manage without; give away, give up, let go, forgo, sacrifice, forsake, drop.
6. be meager, skim, scrimp, hold back, husband, limit; hoard, keep, retain, conserve, lay up, set aside; economize.
—adj. 7. reserve, extra, on hand, substitute, supplementary, auxiliary.
8. excessive, in excess, superfluous, surplus, left over, unneeded, unnecessary; abundant, plentiful, plenteous, copious; free, unoccupied, unscheduled, not spoken for, unconsumed.
9. restricted, constricted, stringent, strict; meager, frugal, skimpy, limited.
10. (of a person) lean, thin, lanky, lank, skinny, gangling, rawboned, without an extra ounce of fat, all skin and bones.
11. economical, parsimonious, penurious. See sparing (def. 1).

sparing. adj. 1. economical, frugal, thrifty, saving, knowing the value of a dollar; penurious, parsimonious, Inf. tight, Inf. tight-fisted, close, closefisted; stingy, niggardly, miserly, skinflinty, Scrooge-like, having the first nickel one ever made; cheap, mean, grudging; chary, cautious, careful, wary, watchful, leery.
2. lenient, tolerant, permissible, indulgent, forbearing; easy, tender, soft, soft-hearted, kindhearted, kindly, kind, full of the milk of human kindness; merciful, benignant, clement, forgiving, sympathetic, understanding, compassionate.

sparking, spark'. n. 1. scintilla, sparkling, spark, flicker. See also sparkle (def. 1).
2. bit, trace, touch, hint, trifle, tinge, suggestion, suspicion, shadow; gleam, glimmer, sparkling, glint; mite, speck, smidgen, iota, molecule, atom, jot, whit, tittle; dot, point, dab, fleck, speck; minimum, pit, modicum, driblet.
3. life, liveliness, animation, vivacity, spirit; dash, zest, verve, zing; fire, warmth, glow, dazzle; sprightliness, energy, buoyancy, ebullience; vigor, vim, vitality; energy; exuberance, enthusiasm, dynamism; genuineness, flavor, Inf. punch, Inf. kick, spice.
—v. 4. ignite, take fire, catch fire; (of engines) start, start up, turn over.
5. Informal. kindle, enkindle, stimulate, animate, reanimate, whet, invigorate; motivate, inspire, galvanize, electrify; energize activate, rally, revive, enliven; push, press, drive, propel; promote, advance, Inf. sparkplug.

spark. n. 1. pop, dandy, coxcomb, Beau Brummel, fancy Dan, popinjay; fashion plate, exquisite, fashionable, swell, blade.
2. lover, beau, infatuate, swain, wooer, courtier, Romeo; suitor, gallant, amoret.
3. beauty, belle, siren, seductress, charmer, enchantress, Fr. femme fatale.

sparkle, sparkle'. v. 1. spark, light, scintillate, flame, blaze, burn, shine, twinkle, flicker, blink, wink, flutter; quiver, shiver, ripple; shimmer, dance, dazzle, bedazzle; glisten, Archaic. glister, glitter, glint, glimmer; gleam, glare, effulge, shine forth, beam, streak; flash, flare, fulgurate, coruscate; radiate, glow, incandesce, phosphoresce; illuminate, illumine, Archaic. illumine.
2. effervesce, bubble, bubble; foam, froth, fuzz, fizzle, hiss, sputter; pop, snap; spume, spew forth.
3. caper, romp, frolic, make merry, be vivacious or lively; effervesce, bubble, rejoice, delight, laugh, show excitement; exhibit happiness, exult, be in good or high spirits, be the life of the party; play, disorder, dance, be lively or spirited.
—n. 4. spark, sparkling, scintilla, scintillation; flame, flaming, lambency, flare, flaring; flash, flashing, streak, streaking, gleam, gleaming; glare, glaring, coruscation, fulguration.
5. glint, glinting, glimmer, glimmering; glistening, Archaic. glistening, glittering, shining, twinkle, twinkleling, flicker, flickering; flutter, fluttering, quivering, shivering, ripple, rippling, shimmer, shimmering, dancing, dazzling, dazzle; bedazzle, bedazzlement, splendor, resplendence; brilliance, lambency, radiance, irradiation, radiation; brightness, gleam, gleaming, glare, glaring, blare, blaring; refugence, refugency, effulgence; illumination, luminosity, luminousness, luminosity, lucidity; luster, shine, gloss, polish, burnish, sheen, nitidity; glow, incandescence, phosphorescence, iridescence, opalescence.
6. liveliness, vivacity, brilliance, effervescence, bubbling; bithesomeness, airiness, breeziness, buoyancy, high spirits, good spirits, gaiety, merriment, light-heartedness; gladsomeness, joyousness, jubilation, cheerfulness, levity; hilarity, mirth, mirthfulness, elation; jocundity, joviality, conviviality, jollity; jauntness, sprightliness, pertness, briskness, playfulness, sportiveness; energy, spirit, elan, dash, ardor, passion, zeal, gusto; vigor, briskness, alacrity, eagerness, animation, Inf. ginger, enthusiasm; exhilaration, ebullience, excitement, ecstasy, thrill, Inf. rush, tingling.

spasm, spasms. adj. scanty, meager, slim, slight, poor; scattered, widely dispersed, thinly distributed, few and far between; sporadic, infrequent, spotty, irregular, intermittent; insufficient, inadequate, in short supply, hard to come by.

Spartan, adj. 1. austere, severe, harsh, strict; stern, grim, forbidding, rigid; rigorous, hard, demanding, laborious, Herculean, difficult.
2. disciplined, controlled, self-controlled, restrained, self-restrained; self-mortifying, ascetic, self-denying, self-abnegating; abstemious, puritanical, puritanlike, abstinent.
3. brave, courageous, valiant, valorous, heroic, stout-hearted; virile, manly, solidly, bold, boldspirited, daring, Inf. nervous, Inf. firm, resolute, stalwart, doughty, sturdy, hardy; indomitable, redoubtable, formidable; dauntless, undaunted, intrepid, fearless, unfraid; unblenching, unwavering, unaltering, unbending, unyielding.

spasm. n. 1. fit, convulsion, paroxysm, Pathol. eclampsia, Pathol. tetanus, throes, qualm, Pathol. jactation; attack, seizure, epilepsy, spell, stroke, Pathol. ictus, tantrum; cramp, charley horse, contraction, orgasm.
2. outburst, explosion, eruption; tempestuousness, turbulence, boisterousness, rage, fume, fury, Inf. conviction, Inf. cat fit; raving, hysterics, delirium, Pathol. calenture, tarantism; violent emotion, emotional upheaval.

spasmical, spasmodic. adj. 1. spasmodical, Pathol. spastic, convulsive, twitchy, hectic, jerky, paroxysmal, volvistic, intermittent, fitful, irregular, snatchy, sporadic, random, Pathol. arrhythmic; recurring, recurrent, remittent, on-again-off-again, on-and-off, hot-and-cold, alternate, alternating; periodic, cyclic, cyclical, seasonal; rhythmic, pulsating, punctuated; discontinuous, broken, interrupted, broken off, disconnected.
2. excited, nervous, high-strung, emotional, skittish; inflammatory, volcanic, explosive, ebullient, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent; frantic, frenzied, rabid, hysterical, delirious; impulsive, uncontrollable, uncon-
trolled, irrepressible.

spat, n. 1. quarrel, disagreement, squabble, tiff, Brit. Dial. frat; personal conflict, Inf. run-in, Inf. hassle, Inf. Barney; falling-out, rupture, open variance; dispute, wrangle, bickering, controversy, difference of opinion.

2. slap, blow, smack, buff, spank, flap, clap, crack; whack, thwack, hit, bang; Inf. swat, clip, Inf. buff, Inf. bat, Inf. clout; Sl. sock, Sl. slug, Sl. shot; swipe, cuff, jab; buffet, Sl. whop, bash.

—v. 3. squabble, altercation, quarrel; argue, disagree, dispute, spar, have words, Inf. pick a crow; fall out, tiff, quibble, wrangle; differ, contend, clash, raise voices; take issue, object.

4. spatter, splash. See spatter.

5. slap, smack, hit, whack, thwack, rap, spank, Inf. swat, clip, Inf. bat, Inf. clout.

spatter, v. splash, bespatter, slobber, swash, splash, dabble; sprinkle, besprinkle, spatter, splay, dot, speckle, spangle; scatter, stew, bestrew; spray, choice to, potted, diff to, mention to, point out, bring to [s.o.'s] attention, let know, have one to know, give one to understand, enlighten, clue in, Inf. open [s.o.'s] eyes; convey, relate, put across, get across; disclose, reveal, divulge, bring out, make known, lay open.

—v. 2. give birth to, bring into the world, bring forth, have, bear, produce; procreate, generate, engender, beget, father, mother, sire, dam; give rise to, bring into being, give life to, call into existence, cause to exist; create, compose, make up, originate, invent, conceive of, think up, Inf. dream up, Inf. hatch.

3. reproduce, breed, propagate, multiply, increase and multiply, proliferate, spread.

4. speak, v. 1. converse, talk, discuss, chat, chitchat, confabulate, Inf. confab, coze, pass the time of day, Brit. Dial. tell, Sl. yap, Sl. rap, Sl. chin, Sl. chew the fat or the rag, Sl. shoot the breeze, Sl. bull.

2. communicate, inform, advise, apprise, notify, give notice to, potted, diff to, mention to, point out, bring to [s.o.'s] attention, let know, have one to know, give one to understand, enlighten, clue in, Inf. open [s.o.'s] eyes; convey, relate, put across, get across; disclose, reveal, divulge, bring out, make known, lay open.

3. say, utter, express, breathe, whisper, give or let out, come out with, blurt out; speak out, speak up, open one's mouth, Inf. pipe up; (of a dog) bark.

4. articulate, enunciate, enonce, pronounce, voice, vocalize.

5. discourse, make a speech, give a talk, deliver an address, address, soapbox, platform; declaim, hold forth, orate, lecture, sermonize, preach, pontificate; harangue, rant, out-herod Herod, Inf. spout, spiel, Australian Sl. spout, Inf. spout.

6. signify, import, impart to, give a token or sign of, betoken, bespeak; show, demonstrate, display, evince, exhibit, manifest, betray, give away; indicate, imply, intimate; mean, denote, connote, suggest, purport.

7. so to speak as it were, in a manner of speaking; figuratively speaking, metaphorically speaking.

8. speak for represent, act for, act in behalf of, intercede for; defend, advocate, support, uphold, contend for, Inf. stick up for, Inf. stand up for; recommend, put in a good word for.

9. speak out proclaim, announce, herald; have one's way, take the floor; affirm, assert, aver, asseverate, avow, avouch, declare, protest.

10. speak well of commend, speak highly of, describe in glowing terms or colors, have a good word for; promote, cry up, puff, sing the praises of, Inf. boost, Sl. tout, Sl. plug, Sl. hype.

speaker, n. 1. orator, soapbox orator, stump orator, speechmaker, public speaker, spellbinder; keynoter; haranguer, declamer, rarer, Inf. spouter, Inf. speaker, Inf. tub-thumper, Sl. jawsmith; demagogue, rabble-rouser.

2. loudspeaker. See loudspeaker.

spear, n. 1. lance, javelin, pike, halberd, trident, harpoon.

—v. 2. pierce, transpire, penetrate; stab, gore, gouge, lance, lancinate, strike, run through, Sl. let the daylight in; impale, transfix, fix, spit, skewer, Sl. shish kebab.

spearhead, n. 1. vanguard, van, advance guard, cutting edge, point; forefront, avant-garde.

—v. 2. lead, lead off, lead the way, blaze the trail, pioneer, take the first step, take the initiative, take the lead, break the ice.

special, adj. 1. especial, particular, specific, certain, distinct; distinctive, individual, singular, signal, one of a kind; different, unusual, uncommon, rare, unique; out-of-the-ordinary, unconventional, unorthodox, novel, new; peculiar, idiosyncratic, strange, curious, odd, bizarre, queer, weird.

2. specific, exact, precise, explicit, definite, express, pointed, strict.

3. important, significant, memorable, momentous, great; earthshaking, pressing, urgent, of the utmost importance; foremost, predominant, primary, paramount, chief, principal, prime; distinguished, notable, noteworthy, noted, remarkable; eminent, respected, prominent, outstanding; well-known, famous, famed, renowned, illustrious, celebrated.

4. secret, confidential, personal, private; exclusive, restricted, limited, select, elite.

5. extraordinary, extraordinaire, exceptional, spectacular, incredible, unbelievable, Inf. unreal, Sl. mind-blowing, overwhelming, astounding, astonishing, amazing; unparalleled, unprecedented, unequaled, peerless, matchless, unrivaled, inimitable, incomparable; striking, magnificent, impressive, breath-taking, glorious, grand, sublime, miraculous, wondrous, wonderful, fantastic, fabulous, superb, excellent, marvelous; All Inf. terrific, super, super-duper, far-out, too good for words, out of this world; All Sl. the greatest, too much, out of sight.

6. great, good, dear; close, intimate, bosom, Sl. tight, fast; devoted, true, tried and true, staunch, loyal, steadfast, faithful, constant.

specialist, n. expert, authority, connoisseur; master, maestro, proficient, adept, master hand; professional, Inf. pro, veteran, old hand, old stager, past master.

speciality, n. 1. specialization, field of study, major, concentration; forte, strength, Inf. what one does best, line, sphere; Inf. baby, Inf. cup of tea, Sl. bag, Sl. thing; line of work, métier, trade, craft; talent, gift, genius, ability, skill.

2. house special, feature, featured item, soup of the day.

3. peculiarity, idiosyncrasy, eccentricity, mannerism, habit, quirk; characteristic, trait, quality, property, attribute, part; feature, distinction, mark, earmark, hallmark, stamp. See also peculiarity (defs. 1, 4).

species, n. 1. class, sort, kind, kidney, variety, type, genre; genus, subgenus, category, subcategory, division, subdivision, section, branch; classification, group, grouping, set, suit; make, cast, cut, mold, form, style, manner; grain, feather, tone, color, stripe; name, brand, designation, description, denomination.

2. the species the human race, mankind, flesh, Homo
specific, adj. 1. exact, precise, pointed; made for, aimed for, directed toward, appropriate for, right for, good for; only good for or with, only effective on or with, only works on; pertinent to, apposite to, bearing upon, regarding, in respect to; symptomatic, diagnostic, signal, signaling, indicative, marking, designative, Med. diacritic.

specify, v. itemize, enumerate, list, check-list, enumeration, numeration, inventory; register, roll, attendance, muster, muster roll, roster, beadroll; catalog, index, table of contents, directory.

descriptive, adj. specific, singular, unique, one of a kind, original; own, various, diverse, chosen; characteristic, typical, usual, normal, customary, regular, expected; intrinsic, innate, inherent, inborn, concomitant, accompanying, side, found with or in, occurring with or in; peculiar, quirkish, idiosyncratic, idiocratic, idiomatic; unduplicated, unmatched, uncommon, unexceptional, rare; strange, odd, curious, unusual, outlandish, freakish.

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speculate, v. meditate, think, reflect, cogitate, exccogitate, rationalize, intellectualize; deliberate, put on one's thinking cap, contemplate, ponder; study, muse, mullock, ruminate, digest, think over, ponder over, brood over; reflect over, reflect on, turn over in the mind; weigh, evaluate, take under advisement, sleep on, reconsider, reexamine.

speculator, n. watcher, viewer, beholder, gazier, gaper, gawkier; theatergoer; moviegoer, patron, attendant; sightseer, tourist, Inf. rubberneck; bystander, onlooker, observer, witness, eyewitness; passer-by, looker-on, Inf. sidewalk superintendent.

specter, n. apparition, ghost, shade, shadow, manes, revenant, Doppelgänger, doubleganger; spirit, presence, wrath, fetch, banshee; phantom, phantasm, Inf. spook; fairy, fay, sprite, elf, Puck, Robin Goodfellow; vision, eidolon, sight, image, hallucination, spectacle, ignis fatuus, Friar's lantern, will-o'-the-wisp, illusion, delusion, hallucination; phenomenon, event, incident, curiosity; wonder, marvel, prodigy, revelation, sign, sensation, splash.

spectacular, adj. scenic, panoramic, picturesquc; striking, impressive, staggering, breath-taking, magnificent, grand; wondrous, extraordinary, remarkable, phenomenal; vivid, brilliant, Sl. stunning, smashing, gorgeous, sumptuous; superb, splendid, glorious, divine, terrific, Sl. terrific, sensational, exceptional, marvelous, Sl. marvy, wonderful, Sl. super, Inf. superduper, gee-whiz; fabulous, fantastic, Sl. far-out, out of this world; thrilling, daring, dramatic, theatrical, stagy, typical, usual, normal, customary, regular, expected; typical situation, illustration, example.

spectacle, n. picture, vision, sight, panorama, phantasmagoria; show, showing, display, exhibition, scene; phenomenon, event, incident, curiosity; wonder, marvel, prodigy, revelation, sign, sensation, splash.

demonstration, presentation, exhibit, unveiling, airing; stage show, staging, production, performance, revue, extravaganza; light show, sound and light show, Fr. son et lumière; retrospective; exhibition, Inf. expo, fair, festival; pages, parade.

spectacles, n. eyeglasses, glasses, Inf. specs; horn-rims, wire-rims, granny glasses; sunglasses, Sl. shades, aviators; pince-nez, lorgnette, opera glasses, lorgnon, monocle, eyeglass; goggles, blinkers; contact lenses, contacts, lense, hard lenses, soft lenses.

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speculation, n. 1. thinking, thought, reflection, meditation, contemplation; musing, pondering, brooding, mulling over, dwelling on; cogitating, cogitation, excogitating, cogitation; rumination, ruminating, chewing over, chewing one's cud; putting on one's thinking cap, cerebrating, cerebration, lucubration, brainwork, headwork; wondering, considering, weighing, evaluating, studying, examination.

2. inference, deduction, judgment, conclusion; considering, weighing, evaluating, studying, examination.

3. talk, oration, after-dinner speech, address, presage, omen.

speed, n. 1. rapidity, haste, hurry, hurriedness, celerity, velocity, speediness; alacrity, promptness, dispatch; swiftness, fleetness, quickness, fastness, expedition, expeditiousness, precipitously.

—v. 2. further, forward, expedite, promote, advance; nudge ahead, get moving, get on the road, boost, give a boost to, give a leg up; back, assist, aid, support, pull strings for, facilitate.

3. rush, run, haste, scamper, Inf. scoot, scurry, hie, career; dash, dart, shoot, tear, sprint, race, charge; fly, go like the wind, outstrip the wind; whirl along, span, zoom, whoosh, whiz, Sl. zing, Sl. smoke, Inf. zip, Sl. make it snapny, Inf. hightail it; hustle, cover ground, streak; bolt, Inf. skedaddle, run like a scared rabbit, Sl. vanoose, decamp, Sl. make tracks; gallop, trot, Sl. put the heat on; Inf. go hellbent for leather or election, go at breakneck speed, go like a bat out of hell, go like a shot, go like lightning or greased lighting; Inf. tear up the road, Sl. barrel, Inf. floor it, Inf. gun it.

4. drive too fast, exceed the speed limit, Sl. have a heavy foot, disobey the rules of the road or highway signs.

5. speed up accelerate, hurry up, quicken, hasten, precipitate, get moving or going, get a move on, shake a leg, step on the gas, Inf. rev up.

speedy, adj. 1. fast, hasty, rapid, swift, fleet, fleet of foot, winged; hurried, precipitate, Inf. helbent, high-speed; nimble, agile, snappy, spanking.

2. prompt, punctual, expeditious, quick; early, Sl. in jig time, in good time, Sl. P.D.Q., immediate, instant, without delay, as soon as possible.

spell, v. 1. orthographize, name or say the letters, write the letters, write out.

2. signify, mean, amount to, add up to, promise, look like; signal, indicate, point to; denote, bespeak, stand for, symbolize, represent; portend, augur, presage, omen.

3. spell out specify, make explicit, clarify, make clear or plain, leave no doubt.

spell, n. 1. charm, rune, Scot. cantrip; incantation, chant, invocation, conjuration.

2. enchantment, bewitchment, bedevilment; mesmerism, hypnotism, obsession; capitvation, possession, enthrallment, enthralment; rapture, transport, ecstasy.

3. fascination, irresistible influence, magnetism, draw, pull; allure, allurement, charm, appeal, engagingness, attraction; enticement, lure, temptation, tantalization, seducement; beguilement, wiles, cajolery, blandishment, inducement, persuasion.

spendthrift, n. 1. prodigal, prodigal, wastrel, squanderer; scattergood, spender, Inf. big spender, Inf. free spender, Inf. high liver.
—adj. 2. prodigal, profuse, wasteful, extravagant; dissipative, squandering, improvident, thriftless; munificent, generous, open-handed, free-handed.

spent, adj. used up, consumed, emptied, drained, depleted; exhausted, prostrate, prostrated, worn-out, jaded, Sl. burned-out; played out, U.S. Inf. tuckered out, Inf. beat, beaten, Inf. done for, Inf. done in; fatigued, tired, wearied, weary, fagged out, Inf. bushed; on one's last legs, ready to drop, half-dead, more dead than alive; weak, weakened, feeble, enfeebled, faint, emaciated, emaciated.

spew, v. 1. disgorge, spit out, vomit, vomit forth; regurgitate, throw up, heave, be sick, puke, retch, Sl. barf, Sl. upchuck, Sl. blow lunch.
2. gush, issue, spout, spurt; emit, send forth, eject, discharge.

sphere, n. 1. globe, ball, orb, round, globoid; globule, spherule, spheroid, oval.
2. planet, moon, star, luminary, heavenly body, orb.
3. field, domain, realm, district; territory, province, bailiwick, bounds, department; environment, habitat, medium, element; beat, jurisdiction, precinct; office, function, responsibility.
4. discipline, specialization, forte, specialty, expertise, Sl. bag, Sl. thing, Inf. cup of tea.
5. rank, class, level, stratum, caste; state, station, place, position, standing, status, situation, circumstances; grade, estate, order, range.

spherical, adj. globular, global, globulous, globe-shaped, globate, globoid, globe, globelike; sphericoid, spheroidal, spheric, spherical, spheric, sphere, spherical, orbicular, orbiculate, round, rounded, round, bulbous, bulb-shaped; oval, ovate, oviform, ovoid, egg-shaped; elliptical, ellipsoidal, circular, circular, oval, cycloidal, oval, bell-shaped, campanulate; pear-shaped, pyriform.

spice, n. 1. seasoning, herb, relish, condiment, flavoring, flavor; salt, pepper, cayenne, chili pepper, horseradish, garlic. See seasoning.

—v. 4. season, salt, pepper; spruce up, enliven, invigorate, invigot, vocativeness, invitingness, bewitchery, winning ways; flatter, flatter, treacher, treachery, treachery, treachery, treachery; bite, sting, edge, Inf. SI. blow.
pneuma, breath of life, anima, life; consciousness, soul, psyche; mind, intellect, *Gk. Philos.* nous; reason, understanding, intelligence; heart, self, ego, inner self.

2. incorporeality, immateriality, insubstantiality, spirituality; impalpability, intangibility.

3. apparition, phantom, eidolon, shadow, presence; wrath, shade, manes, revenant, ghost, specter, *Inf.* spook; fairy, sprite, elf; angel, devil, demon, ghoul; imp, goblin, hobgoblin, *Obs.* bugbear; *in Irish folklore* banshee.

4. motivating force, impulse, urge; dominant character, prevailing tendency, genius; composition, cast, characteristic, quality; ethos; essence, quintessence, quiddity, embodiment; sense, root, reality, truth; meal, pith, marrow, core.

5. meaning, intent, aim, purport; implication, intimation, suggestion, underlying message, significance, significance; sense, gist, tenor, drift, nature; purpose, intention, animus.

6. *cap.* God, Divinity; the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of Love; the Sanctifier, the Comforter, the Paraclete, the Dove; the third person of the Trinity.

7. *Often spirits* feelings, sentiments, mood, humor, temper, grain; disposition, affection, temperament, constitution, make-up; outlook, attitude, frame or turn of mind; vein, stripe, streak, tone, cast, hue; tendency, propensity, proclivity, predisposition.

8. valor, courage, bravery, fearlessness, dauntlessness; mettle, pluck, backbone, grit, *U.S.* inf. sand, *Inf.* spunk; *SI.* guts; firmness, resolution, vigor, stoutness, manfulness, stout-heartedness; audacity, boldness, daring; doughnut, gameness, feistiness.

9. enthusiasm, eagerness, zeal; ardor, fervor, fire, passion; energy, enterprise; liveliness, vivacity, animation, glow, warmth; dash, élan, *It. brio,* zest, verve, style, flair, panache; spice, pungency, piquancy.

10. esprit de corps, fellowship, togetherness, fellow feeling; cohesiveness, community, oneness, unity; oneness, identity, solidarity, unison, soul; feelings, sentiments, mood, humor; spirit, pure of heart; holy, saintly, angelic, Christly, virtuous, good, right-minded, clean-minded, pure in heart; holy, saintly, angelic, Christlike.


—v. 12. animate, inspire, enliven; inspire, embolden, enhearten, encourage; stimulate, arouse, incite; urge on, goad, stir, kindle; activate, quicken, bolden, enhearten, encourage; stimulate, arouse, incite; get, induce, make, run off with; kidnap, snatch, expectorate, hawk, spew, slobber.

13. carry off, abduct, capture, seize; steal away, make or run off with, kidnap, *SL.* snatch.

**spirited**, adj. 1. animated, lively, vivacious, energetic, active, alive; forceful, dynamic, vigorous; sparkling, glowing, dazzling, bright, brilliant, vivid, florid, *Music.* bravura; sprightly, airy, brisk, breezy, buoyant; effervescent, bubbling, bubbling, ebullient.

2. courageous, valiant, valorous, brave, heroic, lion-hearted; high-spirited, mettle-some, game, plucky, feisty, gritty, *Inf.* spunky; hearty, stout-hearted, stout, stalwart; resolute, determined, tenacious.

3. ardent, fervent, heated, zealous, passionate; enthusiastic, eager, avid, earnest, keen; fiery, volatile, excitable, high-strung; hasty, quick-tempered, impetuous, vehement, violent.

**spiritless**, adj. 1. listless, languid, droopy, mopey, mopish; exanimate, torpid, sluggish, phlegmatic, lethargic, *Inf.* dopey, heavy; lifeless, inanimate; inert, inactive, stagnant; lazy, obtant, drowsy, *SL.* out of it.

2. indifferent, uncaring, unmoved, unconcerned, uninterested; passionless, cold, dead.

3. colorless, pallid, pale, wan, wishy-washy, anemic, ash; flat, mat, lackluster, lusterless, dull, dingy, washed-out.


**spiritual**, adj. 1. incorporeal, insubstantial, asomatous, bodiless, nonmaterial, immaterial; unearthly, unworlly, extramundane, ultramundane, unreal; ethereal, impalpable, intangible; psychical, spectral, ghostly, supernatural; occult, mystic, mystical, transcendental, metaphysical.

2. spiritual-minded, devout, devoted, pious, godly, God-fearing, God-loving, religious; humble, worshipful, reverent, reverential, venerative; righteous, moral, virtuous, good, right-minded, clean-minded, pure in spirit, pure of heart; holy, saintly, angelic, Christlike, Christlike.

3. ecclesiastical, churchly, nonsecular; clerical, cleric, ministerial, pastoral; priestly, sacerdotal, prelatic, episcopal; sacred, heavenly, celestial, supernatural, devotional.

**spirituality**, n. 1. incorporeality, incorporeity, immateriality, insubstantiality, bodilessness; intangibility, impalpability, imperceptibility; otherworldliness, unworldliness, unearthliness, ghostliness, shadowiness.

2. piety, piousness, prayerfulness, devoutness, devotion, religiousness, fear of God; sanctity, saintliness, holiness, godliness; spiritual-mindedness; virtuousness, righteousness.

**spite**, v. 1. expectorate, hawk, spew, slobber, salivate, drive, drool, dribble, froth, slaver, slabber, sputter, splutter.

2. jeer, hiss, sneer, scoff, slur, flout, snort; snort, jeer, hiss, sneer, scoff, slur, flout, *SL.* razz; snort, *Inf.* curl one's lip, *SL.* give the raspberry or Bronx cheer, hoot, rail; revile, taunt, gibe, ridicule; traduce, vilify, deprecate, disparage, deery, calumniate, deride, contemn.

3. fall, precipitate, shower, sprinkle, drizzle.

—n. 4. spittle, drool, sputum, saliva, slobber, expectation.

**spit and image** *Informal.* exact likeness, counterpart, copy, duplicate, duplication, *Inf.* ditto; chip off the old block, the very image, the spitting image, mirror image, twin, clone.

**spit** v. 1. turnspit, rôtisserie, roasting rod, grill; skewer, pin rod.

2. point, projection, promontory; tongue, cape, reach, strip, head, peninsula, land's end, *Inf.* jumping off place.

—v. 3. impale, transfix, bore, pink, spike, spear; puncture, stab, stick, prick, pierce, penetrate, transfix, pass through or into, enter; perforate, make a hole through, punch, lancinate, gore.

**spite**, n. 1. malice, malignity, maligneance, malevolence, malignness, venom, ill will; animosity, antagonism, hostility, evil, evil eye; resentment, envy, jealousy, covetousness, cupidity.

2. grudge, hate, hatred, aver, aversion, detestation, antipathy, contempt, abhorrence, loathing, odium, enmity, ill feeling; choler, acerbity, acrimony, bitterness, gall, bile, spleen, virulence, invidiousness, viciousness.

3. pique, anger, ire, wrath, dudgeon; vengeance, revengefulness, feud, bad blood.

4. in spite of despite, notwithstanding, regardless of; despite the fact that, although, albeit, even if, even so, for all that, even though, though; in the face of, disregarding, in disregard of, in defiance of, flying in the face of; overcoming, ignoring, in the teeth of, counter to, in the face of; disobeying, in conflict with, flouting, *Fr.* malgré.

—v. 5. injure, hurt, harm, abuse, attack, misuse; maltreat, inflict injury on, wound, *SL.* shaft, *SL.* do a

2. distinguished, glorious, illustrious, eminent, brilliant, notable, noted, *Archaic. eximious; renowned, famous, celebrated, revered, honored, venerable, respectable, respected; noble, lordly, exalted, lofty, sublime, high, elevated; remarkable, conspicuous, prominent, preeminent; fabled, legendary, storied, memorable; immortal, deathless, unfading.

3. admirable, outstanding, superior, grand, superb, supreme; fine, exemplary, virtuous, exceptional, standout, striking; prime, best, sterling, select, choice, nonpareil, classic, peerless, matchless, sovereign, superlative, first-class, *Australian Sl. bosker, *Scot. and North Eng. braud; creditable, estimable, commendable, meritorious, deserving, worthy; praiseworthy, noteworthy, laudable, honorable.


splendid, adj. 1. magnificent, impressiveness, imposingness, grandiosity; gorgeousness, *Jocular. gorgosity, exquisiteness, superliness, splendidness, *Inf. splendiferousness; show, display, parade, pageant, ceremony, state; elegance, beauty, stateliness, handsomeness, majesty; luxury, luxuriousness, sumptuousness, lavishness, richness; *All Inf. poshness, plushness, swankiness, ritziness.

2. glory, distinction, eminence, renown, prestige, illustriousness; repute, reputation, celebrity, report, mark, fame, name; esteem, honor, respect, credit; nobleness, nobility, loftiness, resplendence, blaze of glory; importance, consequence, significance, moment, gravity, weight.

3. preeminence, sublimity, superiority, supremacy, paramountcy; excellence, greatness, grandness, exaltation, transcendence; worth, value, merit; wonder, marvel.

4. brightness, brilliance, radiance, irradiance; luster, sheen, glitter, gleam, gloss, shimmer, shine; dazzle, refulgence, light, fire, blaze; luminosity, luminousness, effulgence, nicety, lambency.

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spill, v. 1. interweave, braid, knit, twist; intertwine, intertwist, interlace, interknit; join, unite, connect, tie, bind, conjoin, fix; fasten, *Naut. bend, knot, yoke, link, belt, cinch; dovetail, miter, weld, rabbit; mortise, overlap, graft.

2. union, juncture, joining, bond, tie, joint, fastener; connection, liaison, tie-up, knotting, knot; linkage, linking, fastening.


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split, v. 1. divide, separate, break up, part, disjoin, disjoint, break asunder; rive, halve, bisect, cut in two, partition, dichotomize, Obs. dimidiate; sever, dissever, rend, abscond, sunder; dissect, anatomiize, divorce, disband, go separate ways, fan out, spread out; pull apart, disconnect, disarticulate, disengage, unclench, detach; fork, branch, bifurcate, ramify, radiate.
2. split, cut, hew, cleave, carve; slice, lop, whack, cut off; hack, dismember, mangle, slash, slit, gash, score; break, Sl. bust, fracture, rupture, snap, crack.
3. rend, burst, tear, rip, break apart, open, dehisce, divorce, disband, go separate ways, fan out, spread; dissever, rend, abscind, sunder; dissect, anatomize, disjoin, disjoint, break asunder; rive, halve, bisect, cut a dash, be ostentatious, flaunt, parade, make a big deal,
4. alienate, isolate, set apart, estrange, disunite; set against, set at odds, come between; disaffact, make hostile, Inf. stir up trouble, cause dissension.
5. share, apportion, portion, divide, Inf. divvy, dispose; partition, subdivision, carve up, demarcate, segregate; distribute, deal, dole, parcel out, allot, allocate; disperse, dispense, assign, detail.
6. Slang. depart, leave, take off, quit, exit; vacate, check out, be off, take leave, push off, shove off, go forth.

—n. 7. crack, fissure, tear, rip, rift, cleft; slot, interstice, interspace, chink, cranny; gap, hiatus, opening, aperture, orifice; chasm, gulf, crevice, crevasse; check, chap; slit, slash, score, gash; furrow, ridge, channel, groove, sucsus, Archaic. scissure; fission, partition, section; fork, bifurcation, ramification, bifidity, Obs. dimidiation.
8. break, breach, rupture, separation, severance, sunderance, cleavage; schism, difference, dissension, dichotomy; disjunction, disconnection, disengagement, division, disunion, division; interruption, disjunction, divarication; division, subdivision, partition, scission; dissolution, parting, alienation, detachment, withdrawal; segregation, isolation, fragmentation, compartmentalization; breakfast, divorce, divorceament, Sl. crack-up.

—adj. 9. parted, broken, ruptured, cleft, cloven, riven, reft; halved, dimidiate, bisected; slit, rent, cut, torn, cracked, dehiscent.
10. divided, disunited, parted, divorced, asunder; alienated, estranged, poles apart; detached, apart, withdrawn, isolated.

splootch, n. 1. blotch, patch, blob, glob, splash; spot, blot, ink stain, stain, soil, mark, dirty spot, smudge, smut, smear, smirch.
—v. 2. splash, splatter, spatter, bespatter, splutter; blotch, spot, blot, stain, soil, sully, dirty mark, smudge, smut, smear, besmear, bedaub, smear, besmirch.

splurge, v. 1. indulge, go all out, Inf. go whole hog, Sl. shoot the works, go overboard, go off the deep end.
2. show off, make a splash, Inf. cut a dash, be ostentatious, flaunt, parade, make a big deal, Sl. showboat.
3. lavish, spend extravagantly, slather, Sl. hang the expense, pay the profligate or prodigal; throw money around, spend money like water, spend like a drunken sailor; spend money as if it grew on trees; spend money as if it were going out of style; quander, dissipate, throw away, burn up, waste, Sl. blow, pour down the drain.

—n. 4. spree, shopping spree; indulgence, indulgenc, extravagance, display, show, splash.

spoil, v. 1. damage, harm, hurt, injure, impair, disable; disfigure, scar, deface, deform; mar, blemish, blight, tarnish.
2. destroy, break, break, demolish; ruin, wreck, queer, vandalize, trash, Sl. cook, Inf. upset the or [s.o.’s] apperceive.
3. pamper, indulge, lavish, gratify; dote on, coddle, baby, overprotect; corrupt, pervert.
4. defile, debase, vitiate; foul, befoul, soil, sully, blacken, smear, smudge, stain.
5. botch, bungle, mess up, muck up, Butler, Dialect. butch, hack or mash up or make a hash of; make sad work of, Sl. bitch or pitch up, Sl. screw or screw up, Sl. gum up the works, Sl. louse up.
6. decompose, decay, rot, addle, putrefy; go bad, sour, turn; mold, mildew.
7. spoiling for eager, desirous of, longing for, hungry, craving, Inf. looking for, Inf. after, Inf. out to get.

—n. 8. Often spoils booty, Archaic. boot, loot, plunder, pillage, Archaic. prey, Scot. Obs. reif; stolen goods, Inf. steal, Sl. hot goods, Sl. boodle, Sl. the take, Sl. the goods, Sl. swag.
9. Usu. spoils Chiefly U.S. political patronage, sinecures, Sl. plums; emoluments, advantages, perquisites, Inf. perks.
10. Usu. spoils prize, winnings, reward, recompense; profits, earnings, wages, salary; gain, grab, pickings, takings, Inf. haul.

11. Usu. spoils valuables, treasures, gifts; possessions, purchases, goods; riches, hoardings, savings; stock, cache.
12. Usu. spoils waste, refuse, offscourings, scouings, sweepings; rubbish, trash, garbage, slag, sprue, dross, sordes; dregs, druff, sediment, settlings, deposit, lees, grounds; residue, remainder, rest, leftovers; cinders, ashes, embers, soot, smut; Chem. precipitate.

spoilage. n. 1. (usu. used in reference to foodstuffs) decomposition, decay, putrefaction, putrescence; putrefying, rotting, adding, souring; mold, mildew; disintegration, dissolution, deterioration.
2. damaged goods, discount goods, markdowns, seconds, factory rejects, irregulars.
3. residue, rest, leftovers, dregs; rubbish, trash, garbage.

spokesman. n. 1. mouthpiece, voice, spokesman, spokesperson; public relations man, P.R. person, press agent, ad man, copywriter; mediator, intermediary, intermediary, intercessor, interceder, intermedium, medium, go-between, messenger, middleman; negotiator, arbitrator, umpire, referee; interagent, agent, proxy, surrogate, stand-in, representative, Inf. rep, delegate, elected official, appointed official, minder, announcer; advocate, espouser, propagandist, activist, champion, defender, backer; attorney, defense attorney, prosecuting attorney, prosecutor, lawyer, counselor-at-law, counselor, counsel, counselor, barrister, solicitor; pleader, apologist, friend of the court, Law. amicus curiae; instrument, tool, operative, puppet, cat’s-paw, front.
2. speechmaker, addresser, Inf. stumper, reciter; orator, declaimer, rhetorician, Speech. elocutionist; spellbinder, silver-tongued devil, smooth talker, salesman, saleswoman; speaker, keynoter, valedictorian, salutatorian; chairman, chairwoman, chair, (of a jury) foreman, prolocutor, moderator, interlocutor, emcee, host, announcer, broadcaster, anchorman, reader; lecturer, preacher, sermonizer, Boanerges, expositor, expounder; haranguer, rante, talker, Inf. spouter, Inf. spiel, Sl. jawsmith.
spoliate, v. 1. plunder, rob, despoil, Archaic. spoil, pillage, Chiefly Scot. reive; ravage, harry, rape, maraud, depredate;ransack, sack, loot, gut, fleece, strip, rifle; raid, foray, forage, prey on or upon.

2. devastate, lay waste, desolate, wreak havoc upon; destroy, ruin, lay in ruins, blast, wreck; demolish, raze, level, obliterate, annihilate, extirpate.

spoliation, n. 1. pillage, plunder, plundering, rapine, depredation, despoliation, depoishment, Obs. direption, ravens; ravaging, pillaging, harrying, marauding, sacking. Rare. sackage; raid, foray,razzia, inroad; foraging, looting, ravishment, seizure, grab, rape.

2. devastation, ravage, waste, desolation, destruction, ruin, havoc, damage, wreckage; burning, razing, leveling, demolishing; desecration, defilement, outrage, violation, vandalism.

3. vandalizing, injuring, damaging, disabling, harming, marring; hurt, impairment, disableness.

4. defilement, debasement, vitiation; fouling, befouling, soil, blackening, smearing, staining.

sponge, n. 1. Informal. parasite. Inf. sponger, scrounge or scrounger, Sl. moocher or moocher. See sponger.

—v. 2. wipe, wipe off or up, rub, clean, clean off or up, wash or wash off, rinse or off, swab, mop or mop up.

3. Often sponged out wipe out, efface, expunge, obliterate, blot out; erase; rub out, cancel, delete, cross out, scratch out, x out, black out, mark off, blue-pencil, Print. dele.

4. Often sponged up take up, pick up, soak up, sop up, absorb, take in, suck up or in, drink in.

5. Often sponged off or on Informal. scrouge, Sl. mooch, Sl. borrow, Yiddish. schnorrer, Inf. freeloader; borrower, cadger, Inf. four-flusher; take advantage of, impose on or upon, parasitize, live off of, Inf. freeoad.

sponger, n. Informal. parasite. Inf. sponge, scrounge or scrounger, Sl. moocher or moocher, Yiddish. schnorrer, Inf. freeloader; borrower, cadger, Inf. four-flusher, Sl. bum, beggar, Inf. panhandler; leech, hanger-on, bar-nacle, bur, appendage; courtier, minion, follower, attendant, satellite; flunky, lackey, yes man, jackal, spaniel, footlicker, bootlicker, footlicker, licksplit, licksplit, kowtower, Conemptious. Uncle Tom, Sl. orioe, cringer, groveler, sniveler; sycophant, toady, toad-eater, tafthunter, fawner, fawning flatterer, truckler; flatterer, wheedler, puffer, backslapper, timeserver, Inf. apple-polisher, Sl. brown-nose, Sl. brownie, Obs., Rare. blander, Archaic. pickthanking.

spongy, adj. 1. light, lightweight; porous, holey, sievelike, loose, incomplete; yielding, compressible, flexible, resilient, springy.

2. absorbent, absorbing, bibulous; soft, mushy, squishy, pulp, pithy, Bot. fleshy; squishy, wet; damp, moist, oozy; plashy, marshy, boggish, boggy, quaggy, swampy.

sponsor, n. 1. patron, (of the arts) Macenas, financer, angel, subsidizer; guarantor, warrantor, endorser, ensurer, co-signer; supporter, Upholder, champion, advocate, promoter, advertiser, Inf. pusher; proponent, fawner, partisan off, pamphleteer, well-wisher.

2. godfather, godmother, godparent.

—v. 3. answer for, speak for; promise, assure, guarantee, warrant, attest to, vouch for;Inf. go to bat for, Inf. stick up for, take [s.o.'s] side or part, stand by, Inf. stick by; aid, support, back, finance, subsidize, uphold, maintain, sustain, endorse, smile upon; promote, further, advance, give a boost, forward, Inf. push for, advocate, recommend.

spontaneity, n. 1. spontaneousness, naturalness, instinctiveness, intuitiveness; instinct, tendency, urge; involuntariness, reflexiveness.

2. freedom, openness, effortlessness, unrestraint, lawlessness, abandon; enthusiasm, spirit, elan, animation; verve, dash, life, vigor, ardor, zest.

3. immediateness, directness, extemporaneity, temporariness, impulsiveness, impetuosity, rashness.


spontaneous, adj. 1. natural, instinctive, unconscious, intuitive, Sl. gut, Sl. seat-of-the-pants; reflex, reflexive, involuntary, automatic, mechanical; compulsive, uncontrollable, irresistible; impulsive, impetuous, blind, rash, snap.

2. free, open, effortless; voluntary, willing, unrestrained; unconstrained, unforced, uncompelled; unprompted, unbidden, unasked for, unrequested, gratuitous.

3. unpremeditated, unplanned, unstudied, unprepared, unrehearsed; immediate, offhand, extemporaneous, extempore, extemporary, extemporized, spur-of-the-moment, on-the-spot, ad-lib, impromptu, Inf. off-the-cuff; unwitting, unknowing, unh thinking, unguarded, unintentional.


5. (usu. of vegetation) uncultivated, wild, in a natural state, native, unadorned; untended, untouched, overrun, overgrown; dense, lush, luxuriant, rank, flourishing.

spoon, n. 1. teaspoon, tablespoon, measuring spoon; soup spoon, dessert spoon, grapefruit spoon, serving spoon, iced tea spoon, slotted spoon, wooden spoon; ladle, dipper, scoop.

2. spoonful, teaspoonful, tablespoonful, scoopful.

spoon-feed, v. 1. hand-feed, feed by hand, feed with a spoon.

2. pamper, coddle, mollycoddle, cocker, cosset, baby; indulge, cater to, wait on hand and foot, over indulge, spoil, Sl. spoil rotten.

sporadic, adj. 1. sporadical, occasional, chance, random, irregular, uneven, spotty, intermittent, periodic; fitful, spasmodic, spasmodical, erratic, up-and-down; infrequent, uncommon, exceptional, uncustomary, habitual, unwonted; scarce, scattered, strewn, dispersed, widely distributed, spread out, few and far between.

2. isolated, separate, disconnected, unconnected, unassociated, disjoined, indisputant, distinct, individual, different, disparate; single, solitary, one.

sport, n. 1. game, contest, tournament, competition, athletic event; athletics, sports, exercise.

2. recreation, play, pastime, amusement, entertainment; diversion, divertissement, distraction, relaxation; pleasure, enjoyment, delight, gaiety, cheer, good fun, Brit. beer and skittles, Inf. fun and games, Sl. jollies; merriment, merrymaking, revelry, jollification, joviality, Inf. whosepom, tomfoolery, skylarking, Sl. monkey bussings, Sl. high jinks, Antics.

3. fun, jest, jesting, joke, joking, mirth, mirth; trifling, badinage, banter, raillery, persiflage; ridicule, mockery, scoffing, derision, insult, slur, disparagement, detraction.

4. laughingstock, gazingsk, byword, butt, fool, everybody's fool, ass, fair game, Inf. goat, Brit. Sl. mug; dupe, gudgeon, Brit. Dial. cull, Archaic, cully, Inf. chump, Sl. sap, Sl. schnook, Sl. schlemiel, Sl. boob; greenhorn, sitting duck, easy or soft mark, easy
or soft target. Inf. sucker, Inf. cinch, Sl. patsy, U.S. Sl. fill guy, Sl. softie, Sl. soft touch, Sl. pushover; victim, dupe. Tool, instrument, cat's-paw, creature, minion, dummy, Sl. stooge.

—v. 5. amuse oneself, have fun while away time, play, disport; frolic, frisk, gambol, skip, trip, dance about, jump about, romp, rollick, lark; cavort, caper, cut capers, curvet; have a good time or a good old time, make merry, revel, carouse, wassail, roister, whoop it up, Inf. make whoopee.

6. daily, trifly, toe, treat lightly; make light with; pottet, putter, smatter, tinker, fiddle, tamper with, Inf. fool with; play upon, take advantage of.

7. clown around, play the clown; horse around, fool around, kid around, Inf. cut up; joke, jest, fool, tease, Inf. josh, Inf. kid, Inf. put [s.o.] on, Inf. pull [s.o.}'s] leg; banter, chaff, poke fun at, rally, twit; taunt, jeer, gib, mock, ridicule, make fun of, laugh at; satirize, lampoon, parody, caricature, travesty, burlesque, Inf. roast; scoff at, fleer, scowl, scowl, roister, deride, disparage.

8. Informal. show off, show, display, exhibit, wear.

**sportive, adj.** 1. playful, gamesome, (in musical directions) scherzando; frolicsome, full of fun, fun-loving; spirited, high-spirited, frisky, coltish, skittish, Inf. full of beans, Inf. feeling one's oats; kithenish, romping; sprightly, lively, jaunty, debonair; sparkling, buoyant, light-hearted, airy, blithe, blithesome, whim-sical; merry, gay, sunny, riant, cheerful, gleeful, romping; sprightly, lively, jaunty, debonair; sparkling, gay, buoyant, active, sprightly; merri, gay, buoyant, lively, spirited; merry, gay, sprightly, sprightly; merry,

2. athletic, gymnastic, acrobatic, palaestral, agonistic, Gk. Antiq. gymnastic, Gk. Antiq. palaestral.

**sportsmanship, n.** 1. skillfulness, expertise, mastership, mastery, proficiency; dexterity, deftness, adroitness, adroitness, astuteness, facility, ability.

2. fair play, honesty, justice, fairness; scrupulosity, probity, rectitude, uprightness, integrity, self-control, honorableness; courtesy, politeness, good will.

**spot, n.** 1. mark, dot, point, speck, speckle, fleck, flyspeck, mote, mote, particle; dab, daub, maculation, smudge, smirch, smirch, blot; defect, fault, defectment, disfigurement; patch, blotch, splotch, daple, mottle, discoloration, birthmark, nevus, blemish, blot, flaw, taint, stain, tarnish, stigma, brand.

2. pimple, pustule, papule, papilla, boil, blain, wen, whekl, Archaic. botch; pock, pockmark, pit, whitehead, blackhead, Sl. zit.

3. place, location, position, niche; site, locality, locale; scene, scene of the crime, setting, Law. venue; bearings, latitude and longitude; region, area, section, quarter, zone, neighborhood.

4. on the spot, without delay, quickly, posthaste, before one can say "Jack Robinson," in a flash; straightforwardly, immediately, at once, instantly, this instant, right now, right away.

—v. 5. stain, dirty, soil, muddy, sully, dab, daub, blot, smudge, smut; sprinkle, spray, sparge, splash, spatter, Inf. slop up; bedraggle, begrime, besmear, smear, smirch, besmirch, defile, foul, befoul; mar, injure, damage, blemish, tarnish, blacken, taint, stigmatize, brand.

6. mark, dot, speckle, speck, fleck; dapple, mottle, diversify, variegate, color; strew, bestrew, strew.

**spotless, adj.** 1. unspotted, speckless, clean, unsoiled, white, snowy, immaculate; cleansed, washed, bathed, laundered, scrubbed, wiped, scoured; polished, dusted, swept, vacuumed, whisked; tidy, well-groomed, well-kept, spick-and-span.

2. pure, unstained, stainless, untarnished, unsullied, unblemished; perfect, flawless, faultless; virgin, virginal, untouched, undeladtered, unsupplied, untainted; unpolluted, uncontaminated, sanitized, disinfected, antisepticized, deodorized.

**spotlight, n.** 1. floodlight, flood, arc light, arc, foot-light, Inf. foot, klieg light, Inf. spot; searchlight; flashlight, Brit. torch.

2. limelight, public eye or consciousness, glare of public attention, glare, daylight, bright light; fame, notoriety; publicity; currency, popularity; attention, interest, observation.

—v. 3. light, light up, lighten, illuminate; shine light upon, shed light upon, cast or throw light upon; floodlight, flood or bathe with light.

4. feature, highlight, play up, set off, give prominence to, bring to the fore, bring into relief; star, Inf. headline; emphasize, stress, lay stress or emphasis upon, give emphasis to, punctuate, accent, accentuate; underscore, underline, italicize, point up, call attention to, mark; intensify, deepen, heighten.

**spotted, adj.** 1. speckled, specked, flecked, freckled, spotted, splotched, punctate, ocellated; marked, dotted, blotchy, eplike, piebald, zit, Inf. spruik, Informal, declaim, orate, Australian SI. rostrum, Inf. rostrum; speck, Inf. sprout, Inf. spurt, squash, gush, jet, spurt, squirt; spray, fountain, aeration, thrust, splashing, stroke, Inf. saddle,Inf. splash,Inf. splashout; spurt, squirt, gush, jet, spurt, squirt; spray, fountain, Inf. spirtz, gush, rush.

2. irregular, uneven, rough, ununiform; unmethodical, methodless, inconsistent, desultory, orderless, unsystematic; disarranged, disordered, confused; rambling, wandering, straying, roving; inconsistent, erratic, eccentric, capricious, spasmodic, fitful.

**spouse, n.** husband or wife, common-law husband or wife, Inf. better half, consort, companion, marital partner, partner, (former) ex, yokefellow, yokemate; married man, benedict, bridegroom, groom, Inf. hubby, Inf. Mr. or Mrs.; married woman, bride, housewife, woman, lady, matron, Amer. Ind. squaw, wife of one's bosom, Law. femme, Law. femme covert, concubine, Inf. missis, Inf. little woman, Humorous. rib, Sl. old lady or woman, Scot. Inf. wifey, Archaic. goodwife or goodly. See partner (def. 3).

**spout, v.** 1. spurt, squirt, gush, jet, spray; surge, flow, stream, pour; spurt, spit, spew, eject, discharge, debouch, disgorg, disembogue, pour out, Geol. extravasate.

2. Informal. decimate, orate, Australian Sl. spruik, rant, rant and rave; harangue, soapbox, speechify, serenize, preach, spiel; hold forth, run on at the mouth, go on and on, ramble on, maundor.

—n. 3. nozzle, nose, lip, rose, jet; waterspout, gargoyole, drain, outlet, duct; chute, pipe, tube, sluice, trough, conduit.

4. stream, rivulet, runoff; spillage, overflow; eyser, jet, spurt, squirt; spray, fountain, Inf. spitz, gush, rush.

**sprawl, v.** 1. stretch out, sprawdle, straddle, loll, lounge, Brit. Dial. lollip; lie around, recline, repose, supinate; droop, slump, flop, slouch.

2. branch out, flare, splay, spill over; spread, strangle, sprawle, wander, trail, droagle, meander, wind.
3. scramble, crawl, creep, scramble; scuttle, hitch, hobble, jerk, shuffle, shamble.
   —n. 4. spread, stretch, Sl. skimble-scamble, growth, outgrowth; expansion, extension, widening, broadening; branching out, spreading out, dispersion, dispersal.

**spray**

1. *n.* spray, sprinkling, shower; mist, drizzle, Dial.izzle; fountain, jet, splash, spatter,

2. *v.* spread, stretch, extend, bud, branch, sprig; nosegay, posy, bouquet, floral arrangement, May basket, corsage, blossoms; chaplet, wreath, garland, festoon; (all of flowers, twigs, etc.) cluster, bunch, sheath.

**spread**

1. Often spread out stretch, extend, enlarge, widen, broaden, augment, aggravandize, amplify; stretch out, draw out, lengthen, elongate, protract, prolongate, drag out; expand, dilate, distend, swell, blow, grow, develop, increase, advance, multiply, mushroom, branch out; deep, thicken, heighten, wax, intensify, escalate, accelerate; sprawl, overdevelop, overgrow, become a cancer; transfer, transfer, move around, Pathol. metastasize.

2. Usually spread out stretch out, open out, unfurl, unfurl, uncurl, unroll, unfold, untwist; open up, bloom, flower; display, exhibit, show, present; produce, reveal, unveil, uncover.

3. Often spread out disseminate, distribute, send out, dispense, give out, pass out, hand out, circulate; broadcast, air, televise, publish, make public; promulgate, propagate, spread around, teach, preach, tell of or about, give to the world, advertise, trumpet, blazon, herald, blaze about, hawk, announce; recite, repeat, bruil, bandy about, rumor; disperse, scatter, strew, bestrew, cast, throw out, sow; shed, radiate, shine, effuse, throw off, give forth; diffuse, circumfuse, dissipate, disperse.

4. array, arrange, set up, organize, order; put things on, lay around, situate, position, posit, locate, dispose; lay out, set out, (both of a table) set, lay.

5. apply, put on, daub on, lay on, smooth on, paint on; pour on, plaster on, go heavy around, situate, position, posit, locate, dispose; on fuse, circumfuse, dissipate, dispel.

6. Each other spread [s.t.] cover, overspread, overlay; blanket, mantle, cloak, wrap up, enwrap, bundle up, muffle up, swaddle; shelter, canopy, house, protect; shield, screen, veil, curtain, shroud; coat, film, layer, carpet, pave, plaster, garget, incrust; plate, gild, enameled, lacquer, paint, varnish, wash; glaze, ice, top carpet, pave, plaster, parget, incrust; plate, gild, slather, Sl. slop on, Sl. pile on.

7. Usual spread [s.t.] cover, overspread, overlay; blanket, mantle, cloak, wrap up, enwrap, bundle up, muffle up, swaddle; shelter, canopy, house, protect; shield, screen, veil, curtain, shroud; coat, film, layer, carpet, pave, plaster, garget, incrust; plate, gild, enamelled, lacquer, paint, varnish, wash; glaze, ice, top off, sugar-coat, candy, spatter, asperse, bespatter, fleck, dot; wash over, overflow, overrun, engulf, inundate, flood, submerge, drown, smother.

8. separate, part, come apart, come undone or unglued; force apart, take apart, fold or bend back, hold open or down, pin or tack back or down; unfasten, undo, open; flatten out, flatten, make flush, level; smush, mash, squash, crush, pound down.

—n. 8. expansion, extension, enlargement, augmentation, magnification, agrandizement; widening, broadening, dilation, dilatation, distension, swelling, bloating, tumefaction, Physiol. diastole; growth, propagation, multiplication, increase, increment, development, advance, advancement, inflation, mushrooming; deepening, heightening, waxing, intensification, escalation; transmission, transference, communication, contagion, movement, Pathol. metastasis; sprawl, invasion, blight, cancer; stretching out, branching out, spreading out, dissemination, dispersion, dispersal, Mil. deployment; circumfusion, broadcasting, aspersion, effusion, radiation; diffusion, dissipation.

9. elasticity, stretchability, extensibility, tensility, tenseness, springiness, dilatability; rubberiness, plasticity, ductility, flexibility, suppleness, resilience.

10. expanse, extent, distance, breadth, broadness, width, wideness, depth, deepness, length, height; size, gauge, dimensions, measurements, proportions, volume, capacity; space, area, region, territory, district, stretch, reach, compass, radius, orbit, swing, sweep, play; limit, margin, bound, boundary; period, term, length of time, time, duration, longevity.

11. bedspray, bedcover, counterpane, coverlet; comforter, eiderdown, quilt, cover, blanket; throw, slipcover, top, protection, covering, tablecloth, cloth, mantle, cloak, shawl, robe, wrap; veil, mantilla, hood, cowl, scarf, kerchief.

12. butter, margarine, oleo, peanut butter, apple butter; jelly, jam, gelatin, marmalade, preserve, conserve, confiture, confit, compote; topping, sauce, gravy; coating, icing, glaze, meringue; screen, lotion, oil, emulsion, cosmetic, make-up.

13. layout, array, arrangement, organization, setup; full-page ad, two-page ad, double truck, centerfold, Journalism. center spread.


15. Informal. place, piece of property or land or real estate, plantation; farm, farmhouse, farmstead, Archaic. homestead, Brit. farmery, ranch, rancho, rancheria, hacienda, manor, manor farm; home, homestead, Both Brit. croft, homecroft, Scot. and North Eng. stead.

**sprightly**

1. adj. spry, spritely, spry, nimble, agile; brisk, frisky, spry, nimble, agile, quick, Dial. peart, yare, Inf. peppy, chipper, sanguine; effervescent, sparkling, spirited; enthusiasm, exhilaration, sanguineness, cheerfulness, optimism; airy, buoyancy, effervescence, sparkle; sportiveness, playfulness; gaiety, jollity, joviality.

2. Informal. lively, vivacious, gay, jovial, jolly, blithe, blithesome; elated, ecstatic, joyful, jubilant; light-hearted, debonair, jaunty, lively,airy,
spry.
spring, v. 1. leap, jump, bound, vault, hop, skip.
2. appear, come into view, arise, come to light; come up, crop up, Inf. pop up, Inf. come out of nowhere.
3. recoil, rebound, resile, bounce back, pop up, Inf. come out of
4. shoot, dart, fly
5. begin, start, commence, come into being, come into existence; arise, rise, dawn, see the light of day, take birth.
6. originate, proceed, emerge, emanate, flow, disperse, spread, asperse, scatter.
7. derive, come from, stem from, grow out of, descend from, result from, issue from, be the effect of.
8. bend, warp, buckle; contort, twist, crook, wrench.
9. split, crack, part, come apart, come undone, come unstuck, come unglued; fracture, rupture, open up, fly open or apart.
10. (all suddenly or without warning) disclose, reveal, divulge, bring out; pop, surprise [s.o.] with.

—n. 11. leap, jump, bound, vault, hop, skip.

springy, adj. bouncy, buoyant; youthful; elastic, resilient, flexible, stretchable, stretchy, extensible, extensible, protrusible.

sprinkle, v. 1. hail, splash, sparge, spit, spatter, dabble, dribble, trickle; barrage, volley, bombard.
2. disperse, spread, disburse, scatter, asperse, diverge; distribute, broadcast, spray, throw; disseminate, diffuse, sstrew, bestrew.
3. suffice, overspread, dust, powder, Cookery. dredge; overlay, screen, coat, cover; stipple, dapple, speckle, mottle; dot, spot, fleck, speck, maculate, bespatter.
4. intersperse, insert among, diversify, varigate, vary.
5. shower, drizzle, mist, Chiefly Dial. mizzle, flurry, rain.

—n. 6. showering, drizzling, misting, Chiefly Dial. mizzling, sprinkling; dribbling, trickling, sparge, sparging; spit, spitting, spew, spewing; barrage, volley, bombardment.
7. dispersion, dispersing, spreading, disbursement, disbursing, scatter, scattering, aspersing, aspersing; distribution, distributing; broadcast, broadcasting, spraying, throwing, dissemination, disseminating, diffusion, diffusing; strewing, bestrewing.
8. diversification, diversifying, variegation, variegating, variation, varying, interspersion, interspersing, interjection, interjecting, insertion, inserting.
9. sprinkles jimmies, shots, sprinkles.
10. shower, drizzle, mist, Chiefly Dial. mizzle, Scot. dribble, rain, wet.
11. dash, pinch, smattering. See sprinkling.

sprinkling, n. scattering, sprinkle, dribble, driblet, trickle, drop, droplet; few, modicum, smattering, handful, fistful; dash, pinch, tinge, scantling, touch, bit; trace, suspicion, soupcon.

sprite, n. fairy, faery, pixy, pu, sylph, nymph, dryad; pix, pixie, kelpie; goblin, gremlin, brownie; imp, demon; Puck, Oberon, Mab, Titania, Tinker Bell; elf, leprechaun, troll, gnome, kobold; (pl.) wee folk, little folk, little people.

sprout, v. 1. bud, begin to grow, come up, germinate, pullulate, put forth, shoot out or up; bloom, blossom, flower, open, bear fruit, fructify; flourish, luxuriate.
2. grow, develop, proliferate, wax, multiply; accelerate, quicken, snowball, mushroom; increase, escalate, expand, spread.

—n. 3. new growth, bud, burgeon, shoot, sprig; stem, twig, small branch; offshoot, Bot. runner, Bot. stolon, Bot. sucker; scion, cutting, slit, Hort. graft.

spruce, adj. 1. trim, neat, dapper, looking as if one just stepped out of a bandbox, smart, natty, chic, Inf. Infl. sl. sissy, sleek; tidy, orderly, well-ordered, in good order, shipshape, Chiefly Dial. tight, Chiefly Brit. or Brit. trigg, Inf. neat as a pin, regular, in place, spick-and-span.

—v. 2. Usu. spruce up neaten, tidy, tidy up, straighten up or out, pick up, clean up; groom, trim, put in trim, Brit. Dial. trigg up or out; arrange, order, put in order; primp, prink, trick up or out, deck out, Inf. do up, Inf. fig out.

spry, adj. active, energetic, energetical, vibrant, full of verve; vital, lively, full of life, Inf. snappy, Inf. full of pep, Inf. peppy, Inf. full of get up and go, Chiefly U.S. Inf. chipper; vivacious, sprightly, sprightful, jumping, hopping, swinging, animated, spirited, Sl. go-go; vigorous, hearty, brisk; nimble, agile, lithe and light and quick; light-footed, nimble-footed; full of pep, Inf. of pep, Inf. guts, Inf. gutsiness, Inf. Si. guts, Inf. gutsiness.

spume, v. 1. Often spume forth eject, discharge, emit, send forth; gush, issue, spout, spur.
2. foam, froth, cream, lather, soap; boil over, bubble, fizzle, effervesce; spume, spume, spasmodically, impulsively, impetuously, without warning, all at once, slap.

—n. 3. foam, head, froth, lather, suds; spray, mist, spindrift, spoor, surf; fizz, fizzle, effervescence, sparkle.

spunk, n. 1. Informal. pluck, mettle, mettlesomeness, spirit, pluckiness, gameness, nerve, chutzpah, backbone, gumption, heart, blood, marrow, Archaic. pith, stamina, Inf. toughness, grit, true grit, Inf. starchy, U.S. Inf. sand, Inf. spunkiness, Sl. guts, Sl. gutsiness, Sl. moxie; high-spiritedness, daring, derring-do, bravado, élan, dash, panache.

2. tinder, touchwood, punk, amadou.

spur, n. 1. rowel, goad, prick, point, prod.
2. stimulus, stimulant, incentive, fillip, provocative, motive; jolt, jog, poke, lash, whip, incitement, induce- ment, instigation, encouragement, abetment, provocation, egging on, putting up to; dare, taunt, gibe.

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3. Ornithology. horn, promontory, knob, gnarl, knot.

4. spike, prong, tooth, gaff, spic, cusp, tip; spine, quill, barb, barbule, barbiet, prickle, nib, neb, spinele.

5. shoot, scion, spear, stem, twig, branch, stunted branch, ramification; snap, projection, beurgen, bud, sprout.

6. on the spur of the moment impulsively, impetuously, precipitately, without thinking, unthinking ly, thoughtlessly, recklessly, rashly, brashly, incautiously, headlong, bell-mell, helter-skelter; suddenly, all of a sudden, abruptly, unexpectedly, out of the blue, without warning, all at once, slap, Inf. slap-
bang.

—v. 7. prick, poke, stick, goad, prod, prompt, thrust, jog, jolt; push, drive, press, propel, hound, whip, lash, flog; speed, speed up, accelerate, hurry, hasten, quicken. Obs. festinate.

8. incite, provoke, actuate, instigate, set in motion, look for trouble. Inf. start something; foment, agitate, excite, arouse, rouse, whip up, work up, stir up, wind up, inflame, enflame, kindle, touch off; stimulate, animate, whet, reanimate, enliven, liven up, vivify, bestir; boost, embolden, build up; encourage, egg on, urge on.

9. wound, strike, cut, lacerate, slash, slash, slice; pierce, puncture, stab, lacerate, spike, spic, impale, endanger, slit.

10. gallop, race, sprint, whisk, bolt, dart, fly, post, dash, clap spurs, ride hard, tear along, cover ground, burn up the road, fly like or race with the wind.

11. make haste, proceed hurriedly, make strides or rapid strides, make time, open up, Inf. move out; press forward, press on, push on, carry on, plunge ahead.

spurious, adj. 1. counterfeit, fraudulent, imitation, forgery, fake. Inf. phony, forged; not genuine, bogus, supposititious, bastardly. Australian. bunyip; unreal, false, insincere, mock, ersatz, synthetic; pretended, feigned, simulated, sham, make-believe; artificial, factitious, contrived, Sl. hokey, fictitious; put-on, pseudo; specious, meretricious, theatrical.

2. bastard, illegitimate, misbegotten, base-born, unlawfully begotten, out-of-wedlock.

spurn, v. 1. reject, refuse, repudiate, turn away, cast out, cast aside, turn down, Sl. give thumbs down to, slam the door in [s.o.'s] face; scorn, slur, rebuff, disregard, ignore, snub; brush off, cut. Inf. give [s.o.]. the cold shoulder, Inf. cold-shoulder, Inf. give [s.o.]. the go-by; refuse to associate with, not have anything to do with, not want any part of, turn one's back upon, wash one's hands of.

2. despise, disdain, contemn, scout, hold in contempt; sneer at, sneeze at, curl one's lip at, look down upon, look down one's nose at, turn one's nose up at, spit upon.

—n. 3. rejection, repudiation, refusal; disregard, Inf. the go-by, Inf. the cold shoulder.

3. contumely, contempt, disdain, derision, ridicule, mockery, raillery, jeering, scoffing, mockery; give [s.o.]. the go-by, Inf. the cold shoulder.

4. spout, squirt, shoot, spray, spume, spurt, spew, discharge, spume, froth, foam; spit or spit out, emit, eject, shoot forth, come out; fly in all directions, spatter, spat, splatter, splash; spray, shower, diffuse, disperse, scatter, strewn.

2. stammer, stutter, speak thickly, talk rapidly or incoherently, gibber, jabber. Inf. gibber-jabber.

spy, n. 1. operative, secret agent, intelligence agent, undercover agent. Inf. spook, Fr. espion, Sl. 007, FBI agent, G-man, CIA agent; double agent, informer, informant, Horse Racing; tout; detective, investigator, private detective or investigator, Sl. private eye, Inf. sheriff, U.S. Sl. gumshoe, Inf. sleuth, U.S. Sl. dick; shadow, Inf. tail; scout, reconnoiterer.

—v. 2. Often spy on or upon watch secretly, observe, scout, reconnoiter, Inf. check out, Sl. case; keep an eye on, shadow, follow, Inf. tail.

3. search for, seek, look for; scan, search, survey; explore, range or go over, scour, leave no stone unturned; examine closely, scrutinize, go over with a fine-tooth comb, inspect, investigate, Inf. check out, look into, probe.

4. discover, detect, find or find out, determine, figure out, come up with; hit upon or on, stumble upon, fall upon, come upon, light on or upon; trace or trace down, track down, Inf. scout out, ferret out, nose out, hunt down or out; root out, dig up, unearth, disinter, uncover, bring to light, smoke out, expose.

5. espy, catch sight of, glimpse, catch a glimpse of; sight. Inf. spot, recognize, identify; descry, make out, discern; see, view, set or lay eyes on, Sl. get a load of, notice, note, remark.

squad, adj. 1. fat, obese, corpulent, overweight, portly, portly, Scotch. fagdoll; dumpy, stumpy, stubby, squat, squatty, squabby; chunky, lumpy, lumpish.

2. chubby, tubby, pudgy, Chiefly Brit. pudgy, plump; round, rounded-out, rotund; fleshy, filled-out, well-fed, bondrous; ample, substantial, full.

3. stout, stodgy, thickset; heavy, heavyset, well-fed, bouncing; ample, substantial, full.

squelch, v. 1. quarrel, row, altercation, spat, cross swords; argue, debate, dispute, bandy words, have words, Inf. pick a crow; disagree, differ, take exception to, contend, contest, make something of it, fall out, clash, be at odds, be at loggerheads; fight, spat, tiff, Brit. Arch. brangle, wrangle, jangle, bicker, Obs. brabble.


squad, n. company, platoon, squadron, troop, force, unit, section, Inf. outfit; band, Theat. troupe, crew, gang, pack, group, set, cluster, knot, cohort; party, league, alliance, federation.

squalid, adj. 1. foul, filthy, mucky, fat, objections, slimy, smutty, grungy, dingy, mangy, ratty, dirty, grubby, soiled, unclean, unwashed. Rare. immund; Scot. ouries; repulsive, offensive, rank, reeking, odious, horrid, nasty.

2. abject, miserable, wretched, stark, sordid, slum-
my, slum-like, poverty-stricken; poor, impoverished, sorry, down-and-out, degraded, depressed, decayed; neglected, uncared-for, dilapidated, ramshackle, bated, in disrepair, rundown, broken-down, tumble-down, seedy, Sl. crummy, Sl. beat-up.

**squall**
- **n.**
  1. strong wind, gale, gust, blast, blow; windstorm, storm, tempest, hurricane, barat.
  
  - **v.**
    3. blow, bluster, gust, storm, rage.

**squall**
- **n.**
  1. cry, weep, wail, sob, bawl; cry out, squall',
  2. v. misspend, misuse, waste, dissipate, go SI. down, seedy, 5/. crummy, Slang, conformer, conventionalist, traditionalist, griminess, grubbiness, uncleanliness, uncleanness, abjection, slumminess, starkness; filth, dirt, foulness, squalidness, squalidity; sordidness, abjectness, crying out, screaming, shrieking, yelling, shouting, *Inf.* hollering, yowling, howling.

**squallor**
- **n.** misery, miserableness, poverty, wretchedness, squalidness, squalidity; sordidness, abjection, abjection, slumminess, starkness; filth, dirt, foulness, vileness, fulsomeness, feculence, scumminess, muckiness, sliminess, smuttiness, grunginess, dininess, grimmness, grubbiness, uncleanliness, cleanliness, filthiness, dirtiness, *Rare.* immundity, *Obs.* immundity; repulsiveness, offensiveness, rankness, odorousness, nastiness.

**squander**
- **v.** misspend, misuse, waste, dissipate, go or run through, *Sl.* blow; *all of time* kill, fritter or fool away, lose; spend recklessly, play dukes and drakes with, throw away, burn up, *Sl.* shoot one's wad, pour down the drain, throw good money after bad; throw money around, spend money like water, spend like a drunken sailor, spend money as if it grew on trees or as if it were going out of style; slurge, lavish, slater, Sl. hang the expense, play the profligate, or prodigal.

**square**
- **n.**
  1. quadrature, rectangle, *Rare.* tetragon; block, cube.
  2. try square, T-square, measure, ruler, straightedge, set square, carpenter's square.
  3. plaza, place, park, piazza, forum, rialto; town green, green, town common, common, marketplace, market, public square, *in ancient Greece* agora; block, city block; tract, section, close, enclave, enclosure, quadrature, *Inf.* quad.


  - **v.**
    5. quadrant, cube, dice; block out, mark off, measure off; set at right angles, line up.

  - (of the shoulders or back) straighten, straighten up, set, throw back; stiffen, tense, make rigid.

  - true, true up, render true, plumber, make plumb; regulate, adjust, set, try, fix, rectify, resolve; equalize, flatten, smooth, even off or out, align, coordinate, fit, tailor, measure, proportion; put in order, order, neaten, put to rights, right, set right; settle, arrange, unravel, disentangle.

  - Often square with adapt, reconcile, synchronize, *Inf.* sync; compose, harmonize, coordinate, balance, compensate; agree, accord, suit, correspond, conform, accommodate, comport with, be congruous, comply; adjust to, trim to, cut to, gear to, key to, be in tune, be in unison; combine, team, match, tally, dovetail, *Inf.* jibe, wash; fit together, integrate; prove, conclude, clinch.

  - pacify, make peace, come to terms, patch up, mend; clear up, solve, heal, bridge over, mediate, negotiate.

10. **Often square up** pay off, settle, settle up, pay in full, *Inf.* pay up; discharge, liquidate, honor; settle with, settle or square accounts, square oneself with, get square with; make restitution, satisfy, meet one's obligations, make good, make up for, *Inf.* square things; even the score, pay old debts, clear the board, *Inf.* ante up, *Inf.* pay one's dues, *Inf.* wipe the slate clean; recompense, pay back, repay, reimburse, compensate.


12. **square off** take a stance, toe the mark, *Inf.* assume the position; be at the ready, be on guard, be ready to fight, prepare to do battle, make ready, stand toe to toe, wait for the bell, take the measure of *[s.o.]*; confront, come face to face, face, challenge, defy; dis agree, conflict, collide, come to blows, take exception, offer resistance, show fight, take one's stand.

13. **adj.** angular, cornered, right-angled, sharp-angled; sharp, neat, folded, tucked in, boxed.

14. **quadrangular, foursquare, cubic, cubiform, cube-shaped, rectangular; cubed, diced, boxy.**

15. equal, on a par, commensurate, proportionate, measured, uniform; consistent, accordant, harmonious; counterposed, counterbalancing, equiponderating.

16. straight, level, even, true, exact, precise; accurate, close, faithful, correct, right, justified; specific, strict, on the line.

17. corresponding, balanced, poised, parallel, symmetrical; appropriate, suitable, meet, fit, satisfactory, well-balanced.


19. *Inf.* straight-out, fair, honest, fair and square, on the up-and-up, on the level, on the square, *Inf.* straight-arrow; as it should be, right and proper, fit, fitting; even, even-handed, fair-minded, sporting, square-dealing, *Inf.* square-shooting, honest as the day is long.


**squash**
- **v.**

  2. crowd, crowd in, compact, cram in or together, scrunch, cramp, constrict, jam, pack, jam or pack together.

  3. supress, put down, squash, hold down, keep down; prostrate, vanquish, overcome, overpower, conquer, overwhelm, mow down, sink, swamp; oppress, persecute, repres, *Inf.* put the lid on, smoother, stifle, extinguish, strangle, choke off, gag, muzzle; subdue, quell, squelch, scotch, nip in the bud, *Sl.* pull the plug on, clamp down on, *Sl.* put the kibosh on, put a damper on; engulf, submerge, make mincemeat of, put through the mill or the wringer, erase, blot out, trample in the dust; put *[s.o.]* in his place, *Inf.* sit on, *Sl.* jump on, *Inf.*
squeamish, 1. creak, scrape, screech, twang, whine; 1. v. squat, squashy, Bot. fleshy, pulpous, adj. pulpy, pithy, compress, pinch, tweak, crush, squeeze, 1. v. n. squeal, 1). See squashy

3. easily nauseated or dainty, delicate, finicky, fussy, Obs. priggish, old-maidish, Informal.

4. Informal. silence, strike dumb, cut [s.o.] short, refuse, confound, nonplus, put down, bring down, take down, Inf. take down a peg or two; dumfounded, disconcert, intimidate, upset, embarrass, humiliate, mortify; shatter, cut to the quick, flatten with a word, Inf. floor, Inf. step on, Inf. squash like a bug, Sl. dump on; take [s.o.'s] breath away, deflate, prickle [s.o.'s] balloon, take the wind out of [s.o.'s] sails, put to shame, browbeat, ride roughshod over.

squashy, adj. 1. pulpy, pithy, Bot. fleshy, pulpous; mushy, pappy, succulent. 2. juicy.

4. slang, soft, wet, damp, moist, oozy; plashy, marshy, bogbish, boggy, quaggy, swampy.

squawk, v. 1. crouch, sit on one's haunches or heels, hunker down, bend, bend down, stoop, hunch, hunch over. 2. cringe, cow, shrivel, lie low, crawl, creep. 3. settle, take up residence, set up housekeeping, establish oneself, put down roots; locate, encamp, pitch tent; inhabit, dwell, abide, reside.

—adj. 4. short, stubby, stubbed, stump, dumphy, squashibbys, squatty, chunky, thickset, broad, stocky, stout, stodgy; fleshy, filled-out, plump, chubby, tubby, pudgy; fat, portly, pursy.

4. Informal. coercion, force, extortion, blackmail, granulate, powder; stamp on, fall on, trample on; squeeze, compress, compact, flatten; stuff, cram, crowd, over-crowd, pack.

2. subdue, put down, quell, squash, suppress, repress; overthrow, subvert, over-power, overcome, overwhelm; conquer, vanquish, defeat, topple, cause the downfall of; extinguish, quench, sniff out, kill, stamp out, put out; smother, stifle, strangle, choke; terminate, dissolve, stop, cut short; shoot, Inf. put the kibosh on, put the lid on, sit on or upon, sit down on, clamp down on, shoot down, slap down, smack down; keep down, hold down, keep under; silence, still, hush, shush, muffle, muzzle, quiet; deflate, take the wind out of [s.o.'s] sails, Inf. settle [s.o.'s] hash, take down a peg or two, humiliate.

3. squash, swish, whish, splash, splish, splash, splutter.

—n. 4. pulp, mash, mush, pap, paste, squash.

5. squash, swish, whish, splash, splash, slush, splush, splotch.

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7. Informal. retort, riposte, barb, Obs. put-down, killing, smothering, stifling.

squint, v. 1. skew, look askance, look sidewise, glance obliquely, look out of the corner of one’s eye; look out of half-closed eyes, peer, peek, peep; blink, wink, nictitate.

2. Usu. squint toward or at refer to indirectly, al-lude to, infer, imply, intimate, insinuate, suggest, hint; tend toward, incline toward, lean toward, be prone to, be prejudiced toward.

—n. 3. Informal. glance, side glance, brief or quick look.

4. indirect reference, allusion, inference, implication,
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2. wound, hurt, pain, violate, attack, injure; grieve, aggrieve, distress, afflict, trouble, discomfort.
3. stab [s.o.'s] secrets, break faith with, Inf. double-cross, let down, sell or sell out, play false, go over to the enemy; backbite, be two-faced, play Judas, give the Judas kiss, slander, vilify, Sl. badmouthing, Sl. knife.
4. thrust, blow, jab, pass, stroke, lunge, punch, poke; pink, prick, hit, coup.
5. wound, laceration, trauma, gash, slash, slit, nick, tear, rent; scratch, cut, incision, puncture.
6. Informal. try, attempt, effort, plunge, fly, risk, chance, Inf. whirr.
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stab, n. 1. fixedness, permanence, solidity, solidness, fixity, immovability, stableness; rest, repose, immobility, inertia, dormancy, inaction, inactivity, quiescence; balance, equilibrium, steadiness.
2. changelessness, unchangeableness, immutability; abidingness, endurance, maintenance, perseverance, pursuance, perpetuation; continuity, unity, similarity, uniformity; continuance, duration, prolongation.
3. steadfastness, reliability, dependability, constancy, steadiness; resolution, resoluteness, determination, perseverance, persistence; tenacity, adherence, devotion, Inf. stick-to-it-iveness; resolve, poise, aplomb, decisiveness, purposiveness; grit, mettle, will, pluck, Inf. sand, backbone, hardness of spirit; obstinateness, obstinacy, doggedness, stubbornness, Inf. cussedness, inflexibility, intransigence; obdurate ness, contumacy, contumaciousness.
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7. Slang. blow one's stack Inf. blow one's top, Inf. lose one's cool, Sl. sound off.

—v. 8. accumulate, heap, pile, pile up, roll up, pack, compile, amass, cumulate; hoard, squirrel away, load up, stow away.
9. gather, glean, take in, pull in, harvest, reap, collect; garner, store up, stock up, lay by, lay up, lay in, Inf. stash away, reserve, set aside; save, save up.

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Irish Eng. shillelagh.

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3. personnel, employees, hired help, the help; gang, crew.

—v. 4. (with personnel) equip, furnish, supply, provide, man.

stage, n. 1. level, echelon, stratum; place, position, station, status, standing, rank.

2. platform, rostrum, dais, podium, pulpit, estrade, scaffold, Inf. soapbox, Fig. stump; thrust stage, picture-frame stage, prosenium stage, (in ancient Greek and Roman theater) scene.

3. the stage show business, Inf. show biz; drama, the theater, the footlights, the boards.

4. site, scene of action, arena, field, ground; setting, milieu, background, backdrop, locale, frame, Fr. mise en scène.

5. juncture, point, period, time, moment, hour, day, season.

—v. 6. present, produce, mount, put on; block, block out; act, perform.

stagger, v. 1. reel, sway, rock; teeter, totter, teeter-totter, wobble; lurch, pitch, Brit. Dial. stoit.

2. falter, waver, hesitate, pause, hang back; demur, boggle, think twice, have second thoughts; hem and haw, blow hot and cold, shilly-shally, be of two minds, not know one's own mind, be unable to make up one's mind, be betwixt and between; vacillate, fluctuate, vary, seesaw.

3. shock, startle, stun, gravel, shake, jar, jolt, give one a turn, take aback; astonish, amaze, astound, take one's breath away, make one's head swim, overwhelm, Inf. flabbergast, Inf. bowl over, Inf. blow over, Sl. blow one's mind, Sl. blow away; dumbfounded, confounded, nonplussed, bewildered, discompose, stupefy, strike dumb, Inf. flummox.

4. alternate; zigzag.

staging, n. 1. (all of a drama) production, presentation, mounting, performance; stage management, Fr. mise en scène.

2. scaffolding, framework, grid, skeleton.

stagnant, adj. 1. foul, stale, flat; dirty, filthy, polluted; putrid, putrescent, putrefied.

2. sluggish, leaden, phlegmatic, lymphatic, lethargic, torpid, torporific, torpescence; idle, passive, supine, inactive, lazy; dull, listless, languid, lackadaisical.

3. motionless, quiet, quiescent, still, stock-still; unmoving, immovable, immobile; undisturbed, dormant, dormant, reposing, resting, sleepy, sleeping; inert, lifeless, dead; stationary, fixed, static, becalmed.

stagnate, v. 1. rot, decompose, decay, spoil, putrefy; fester, suppurate, Pathol. maturate, deteriorate, degenerate, decline, worsen, go to seed, go to pot; smell, stink, reek; stale, sour.

2. idle, lie idle, slumber, loaf, vegetate, rest; languish, laze, lazy, loll, Inf. bum, Inf. bum around; trifle; or fritter or fool or while away one's time, twiddle one's thumbs, let the grass grow under one's feet; lag, tarry, linger, loiter, hang back.

3. stop, cease, desist, halt; stand, come to a standstill, lie or stand still, remain motionless; pause, wait, hesitate; procrastinate, defer, postpone, delay; stall, suspend, mark time, hang fire.

4. abate, slacken, Inf. slack off, Inf. let up.

stagy, adj. 1. theatrical, dramatic, dramaturgical; scenic; operatic; thespian, histrionic, Roscian.

2. artificial, unnatural, forced; melodramatic, overdone, overacted, Sl. hammy; ostentatious, pretentious, affected, la-di-da.

staid, adj. grave, serious, somber, sober, sedate, solemn; quiet, pensive, introspective, thoughtful; settled, steady-going, steady, sober-minded, sober-sided, serious-minded; proper, formal, rigid, stiff, starched, prim, Inf. stuffy, Inf. tight, Sl., Derog. nunny.

stain, n. 1. discoloration, spot, speck, mark, maculation, dot; patch, blotch, splotch, daub; smudge, smut, smirch, smear, blur, soil; dirt, flaw, imperfection, disfigurement, disfigure, fault, defect.

2. blemish, taint, attaint, blot, blot on the escutcheon; tarnish; brand, stigma, shame, disgrace, dishonor, Inf. black eye.

3. dye, color, coloring, pigment, tint, Obs. tincture, Chem. reagent.

—v. 4. spot, soil, dirty, sully, smudge, smut, smirch, besmirch; blotch, blot, mark, speckle, maculate; ink; daub, bedaub, spatter, bespatter, sprinkle, splash, splash, draggle, dribble, Archaic, dazzle; smear, slime, muck, bemire; discolor, rust, oxidize.

4. blemish, tarnish, blacken, blot; mar, damage, injure, hurt, spoil; brand, stigmatize, Sl. dump on, drag through the mud or mire, heap dirt upon; impeach, slur, asperse, vilify, scandalize; slander, calumniate, libel, denigrate, defame; disgrace, shame, dishonor, degrade, abuse, debase, vitiate; corrupt, defile, contaminate, taint, pollute, foul.

5. dye, color, tint; imbue, imbrue.

stake, n. 1. pale, picket, palisade, spike, pike, stick; post, upright, column, pillar, standard, rod, bar, peg, pin.

2. the stake death by fire or burning, auto-da-fé.

—v. 3. Often stake out or off mark, demarcate, define, outline, delineate, determine; limit, delimit, mark off, underscore; bound; possess, claim, reserve.

4. separate, close off, enclose, hem in, shut in, close in; pen in, pen in, fence in, corral, Archaic. pound, impound, cage, confine; immure, wall in, imprison, embarm, cloister, encompass, surround, girdle, picket.

5. support, brace, prop, stay, hold up.

6. tether, fetter, picket, hitch, tie, fasten; lash, moor, secure, make fast.

stake, n. 1. wager, bet; ante, pot, jackpot; chance, long shot, Sl. shot in the dark, risk, hazard, Obs. venture.

2. investment, share, interest, concern, involvement.

3. Often stakes prizes, award, reward, winnings, purses, trophy; gain, profit, Sl. take, returns; spoils, plunder, loot, booty.

4. at stake risked, at risk, gambled, invested; endangered, in danger, in jeopardy; involved, implicated, concerned, in question.

5. bet, put up collateral, put money on; gamble, wager, lay a wager, Obs. impone, Brit. punt; risk, take a chance, venture, hazard, jeopardize, imperil, endanger.

stale, adj. 1. unfresh, wilted, limped, withered, moldy; dry, hardened, hard; tasteless, savourless, bland, insipid, vapid, flat; sour, turned, spoiled; stuffy, musty, dusty, frowzy, close.

2. hackneyed, banal, trite, overdone, Inf. bombicid, platitudeous, Inf. corny; tired, thin, threadbare, showworn, worn-out, played out, Inf. old hat, old, moth-eaten, worn, warmed-over; unimaginative, original, insipid, uninspired; prosaic, prosy, dull, tedious, uninteresting, matter-of-fact; conventional, humdrum, commonplace, stock, overused, familiar, stereotyped; simple, fatuous, aimless, feeble, wishy-washy.

3. weary, bored, vigorless, effete; uninitiative, unefficacious; unoriginal, unimaginative, unproductive, useless.

stalemate, n. 1. deadlock, impasse, standstill; qui...
etch, deathblow; halt, stop, stoppage, full stop, dead stop; stand, stay, check, checkmate, mate; blockage, block; stand-off, tie, draw, dead heat.

2. dilemma, perplexity, nonplus; predicament, hole, Inf. fix, corner; dead end, blind alley, cul-de-sac.

3. defeat, overthrow, rout, vanquishment; collapse, fall, downfall.

—v. 4. stop, halt, cease; deadlock, bring to a standstill; stand, stay, curb, check, checkmate; forestall, preclude, obviate, intercept; block, blockade, bar, debar; thwart, trump.

5. prostrate, paralyze, incapable, disable, render helpless, make ineffective; undermine, spike, Inf. put the kibosh on.

6. hinder, impede, obstruct, clog, trammel; cramp, bind, shake, inhibit; corner, run or drive into a corner; drive or push to the wall, Inf. tree.

7. confuse, confound, perplex, bewilder, stump, embarrass, nonplus, Inf. flummox.

stalk', n. 1. stem, trunk, caudex, culm, haum, cane, calamus, quill, Bot. caulis, Bot. pedicel, Bot. axis; shaft, spindel, pinnule, pinnule, swivel, axile.


2. corral, pen, coop, hutch, cote, fold, sty, pigpen; dressing room, shower, bathroom, toilet, privy.

3. hunt, tracking, Inf. stalk; hound, Inf. Brit, chevy, (in India) shikar, follow close or hot on [s.o.'s] heels or trail; hunt, track down, track, trail, still-hunt, follow, shadow, haunt, Inf. tail; hound, Sl. bird-dog, dog, scent, hawk, pigsticking, smell out; approach, sneak or creep up on, surprise, ambush.

2. march, goose-step, tramp, stamp, floounce, Dial. trapse, strut, swaggerer, prance, peacock; hike, foot, hoof, stump; stride, walk, step, tread, pace.

—v. 3. hunt, tracking, Inf. still hunt, Inf. tailing; chase, pursuit, course, coursing, Brit. cheese, (in India) shikar, Archaic. venery; hawk, falconry, Brit. beagling.

4. march, goose step, slow march; strut, prance, swagger; stride, walk, gait, step, pace.

stalk', n. 1. crib, booth, cage, cell, bay, carrel, carol; quarters, chamber, room, roo mette, apartment, enclosure, Theater. box; compartment, cubicle, pigeon-hole, cubby-hole, cubby, niche, nook, alcove, corner; partition, section, part, division; closet, locker, Brit. lockup; parking space or place, slot, garage; slip, Naut. anchorage, Naut. moorage, Naut. quayage; dressing room, shower, bathroom, toilet, privy.

2. corral, pen, coop, hatch, hutch, fold, sty, pigpen; stable, barn, cowshed, shed, lean-to, outbuilding, out-house; house, home, shelter, protection, roof.

3. booth, stand, cart, table, counter.

—v. 4. pen, cage, coop, sty, corral, fence in, picket, corral, quarter, quarter, pen, house, shelter, shed, sleep, bed down; place, put, situate, locate, set up; park, garage, Naut. moor, Naut. dock, Naut. anchor, Naut. tie up; enclose, shut in, immerse, wall in, lock up, confine, imprison, jail, incarcerate.

5. (of a motor or vehicle) flood, choke, kill; halt, stop, bring or come to a stop, bring or come to a standstill or a stand; give out, die, Sl. conk out; get stuck, stick, get caught; bog down, mine, swamp, get sucked in, sink into; slide, spin one's wheels, go nowhere, make no progress.

6. hinder, impede, obstruct, clog, trammel; cramp, bind, shake, inhibit; corner, run or drive into a corner; drive or push to the wall, Inf. tree.

7. confuse, confound, perplex, bewilder, stump, embarrass, nonplus, Inf. flummox.

stalk', n. 1. Informal. delay, dilatory tactic or maneuver, Inf. footdragging, U.S. filibuster, Brit. stonewalling; subterfuge, wile, ruse, Trojan horse; artifice, trick, device, device, move; pretext, pretense, deception, deceit, Obs. cog.

—v. 2. delay, go into a holding pattern, slow down, dally, dillydally, dawdle, linger, lag, loiter, poke along. Both Inf. drag one's feet, footdrag; beat around the bush, skirt or evade the issue, hem and haw, muddle, mumble, hum, Inf. give [s.o.] the run-around, Scot. and North Eng. haver, Brit. Dial. manner; play for or gain time, kill time, eat up or consume time, use up time, waste time, U.S. filibuster, Brit. stonewall; stave off, put or hold off, keep busy or occupied, send on a wild-goose chase.

stalwart, adj. 1. stout, sturdy, rugged, hefty, husky, burly, Scot. and North Eng. stiff, solid, iron, Inf. tough as nails, Inf. hard as rock; able-bodied, able, athletic, sinewy, well-knit; muscular, muscled, well-muscled, full-muscled, brawny, strapping, broad-shouldered, powerfully built, Derog. musclebound, herculean; powerful, mighty, Literary. puissant.

2. robust, vigorous, full of vigor, hearty, hale, and hearty, hardy, strong and healthy, bursting with health or vigor; sound, healthy, in good health, fit, physically fit, in fine fettle, in good condition, Inf. in good shape, Inf. in shape.

3. brave, courageous, valiant, valorous, intrepid, indomitable, heroic, manly, manful, brave and strong, Archaic. stalworth; stout-hearted, lionhearted, ironhearted, great-hearted, strong-willed; bold, daring, audacious, adventurous, fearless, aweless, dauntless, dreadless; mettle, stump, grit, plucky, game, spirited, red-blooded, defiant, Inf. spunky.

4. firm, steadfast, staunch, tenacious; uncompromising, unyielding, inexorable, intransigent; resolve, resolved, determined, decided, settled, fixed; unflinching, unsurprising, unwavering, undeviating, unshrinkling, unbending, unaltering, unhesitating; persevering, pertinacious, relentless, implacable, stubborn, indefatigable, tireless, persistent, unflagging, unwearied, enduring, stalinal, true, faithful, constant, steady, stable, unshaken, undaunted.

—n. 5. hero, heroine, paladin, vaillant, gallant, good soldier, trooper, a man; strong man, tower or pillar of strength.

6. support, supporter, mainstay, maintainer, sustainer, upholder, Inf. stand-by, Inf. old faithful or reliable; regular, loyalist, partisan, party man, party member, party faithful.

stamina, n. endurance, staying power, Inf. stick-to-it-iveness, Inf. stick-at-it-iveness; fortitude, intestinal fortitude, inner strength, Sl. guts, Sl. gutsiness; courage, pluck, spirit, mettle, U.S. Inf. sand; vigor, vitality, energy, Inf. steam, Inf. starch, Inf. punch, Inf. kick, Inf. zip; resistance, health, soundness, staunchness, lustiness, heartiness, vigorosity, robustness, haleness, fitness, able-bodiedness; strength, might, power, Literary. puissance, force, Archaic. pith; sturdiness, stalwartness, ruggedness, toughness, steeliness.

stammer, v. 1. stutter; pause, hesitate, falter, stumble, speak haltingly; mutter, mumble.

—n. 2. stutter, speech impediment; stuttered utterance.

stamp, v. 1. (all with the foot) strike, beat, pound, crush, mash, squish, Dial. squish; step on, Inf. stomp, tread on, tramp on, trample.

2. Usu. stamp out put out, extinguish, snuff out, kill; suppress, subdue, quell, quash, put down, squelch, scotch, repress, Inf. put the kibosh on, nip in the bud; eliminate, abolish, get rid of, terminate, put an end to, dissolve; annihilate, exterminate, extirpate, eradicate, obliterate.

3. grind, crush, crush, mortar, comminate, triturate, levigate, powder, granulate, crumble; pulverize, pound, batter, bray, beat, mash, smash, Sl. smash.

4. imprint, print, engrave, emboss, inscribe; initial, monogram, sign, seal, mark, label.
stand, rise, rise to one’s feet, get up; remain

stampede, n. 1. rush, dash, race, run, flight, rout, Chiefly Australian. breakaway, panic, scattering.

—v. 2. scatter, flit, rout, rush, dash, race, Inf. tear off, take flight, take to one’s heels, panic.

stand, v. 1. rise, rise to one’s feet, get up; remain upright, hold oneself erect, be vertical.

2. set upright, place on end, upend; set, position, place, put.

3. (usu. imperative) halt, stop, pause, come to a halt or standstill.

4. last, continue on, continue to exist, persist, be permanent; be durable, wear, wear well, stand up.

5. remain, remain in force, obtain, be the case, hold, hold good; abide, stay.

6. face, encounter, meet, meet with; undergo, experience, submit to.

7. withstand, endure, resist, tolerate, brave, breast, suffer; bear, weather, hold out against, cope with, handle.

8. stand by a. uphold, support, defend, stand or stick up for, go to bat for, take the side of, stand behind. b. adhere to, affirm, stick with; repeat, reiterate; stick to one’s guns. c. wait, hold on, tarry, bide one’s time; be patient.

9. stand for a. represent, symbolize, exemplify, illustrate; embody, personify, typify, epitomize; be the equivalent of, be regarded as. b. advocate, favor, countenance, support, back, second; champion, defend, sponsor, promote; speak in favor of, argue for, uphold; subscribe to, take the side of, fall in with, lend one’s name to, take up or espouse the cause of. c. In formal. allow, permit, sanction, put up with, hear of, countenance, approve of; tolerate, suffer, brook, abide, acquiesce in; swallow, stomach, digest, pocket; condone, forgive, overlook.

10. stand out a. project, protrude, jut out, stick out, poke out; extend, bulge, bristle, protrude, excurve; overhang, hang over, overhang, stick out; protrude; be conspicuous, be prominent, be noticeable; be extraordinary, be singular.

11. stand up to confront, meet boldly, defy, face in defiance; question, dispute, challenge, oppugn.

—n. 12. stance, posture, carriage, bearing, port.

13. defensive effort, resistance, opposition, withstand, counteraction; repulsion, repulse, front, rebuff; defiance, refusal, oppugnancy.

14. policy, position, line; attitude, point of view, viewpoint, way of seeing things; principle, doctrine, belief, assertion, contention; feeling, sentiment, way of thinking, opinion, philosophy, plan, plan of action. Inf. game plan, strategy.

15. station, post; place, location, locale, spot, site, ground.

16. platform, dais, pulpit, rostrum, podium, lectern, stage; reviewing stand, gallery, box; witness stand, Chiefly Brit. witness box.

17. stand grandstand; bleachers, box seats, Inf. boxes, clubhouse.

18. table, counter, stall, booth, display case; rack, frame, shelf, bracket, support.

19. grove, copse, Chiefly Brit. coppice, thicket, brake, Brit. spinney, covert, pinery, Southwestern U.S. chapparal; orchard, orangery; wood, woods, woodland.

20. performance, show; engagement, appearance; run, stay, stopover.

standard, n. 1. model, pattern, example, paradigm, ideal, beau ideal, mirror, paragon; prototype, archetype; rule, principle, canon, law, guideline, rule of thumb, regulation, precept, order, gauge, yardstick, scale, guide, touchstone, measure, criterion; axiomatic, fundamental.

2. par, norm, normal, average, mean, median; grade, level, degree, rank.

3. flag, ensign, oriflame, banner, pennant, pennon, streamer, (collectively) bunting; gonfalon, guidon, labarum, vexillum; jack, union jack, Brit. Union Jack, Both U.S. Stars and Stripes, Old Glory; France. tricolor; emblem, insignia.

4. upright, stanchion, pier, footing, platform, base, support; column, post, pillar.

—adj. 5. recognized, accepted, approved, orthodox, official; definitive, classic, authoritative; established, dependable, sure, reliable.

6. usual, customary, consuetudinary, wonted, habitual; regular, stock, set, normal, expected, traditional; common, commonplace, familiar, ordinary, conventional; required, Fr. de rigueur; universal, widespread, prevalent, popular.

standard-bearer, n. leader, ringleader, bellwether, flag bearer; commander, chief, commander-in-chief, head; boss, person in charge, the one who calls the shots; torchbearer, leading light, pacemaker, pacesetter; very important person; Inf. VIP, S. top dog; party leader, party boss, party chairman, sachem; campaigner, Inf. war-horse; candidate, party choice, office seeker, official holder, governor, president.

standardize, v. make uniform, regulate, systematize, stabilize, normalize, equalize, homogenize; cut to size, cut to a pattern, cut from the same cloth.

stand-by, n. 1. supporter, adherent, backer, booster, promoter; fan, admirer, votary, disciple, partisan, well-wisher, champion; friend, alter ego, bosom buddy, confidant, confidante; sidekick, buddy, Fr. compain, Inf. pal, chum, comrade.

2. stalwart, mainstay, Inf. shoulders, Inf. old faithful.

3. substitute, fill-in, backup; understudy, replacement, alternate, second.

stand-in, n. 1. (of motion pictures) stunt man, stunt girl, double.

2. substitute, sub, succedaneum, replacement, alternate, backup, fill-in; agent, proxy, surrogate, second, deputy, chargé d’affaires; understudy, stand-by, second; pinch hitter, designated hitter, relief pitcher, pinch runner.

standing, n. 1. rank, status, place, position, estate, station, footing; caste, class; order, echelon.
stand-off

stand-still, n.
1. stoppage, suspension, stop, halt, desistance, termination, abruption, full stop; hold up; hang-up.
2. duration, permanence, longevity, continuance; endurance, durability, lastingness, abidingness.
—adj. 4. erect, upright, plumb, perpendicular, vertical, stand-up, straight-up-and-down, Heraldry. rampant.
5. still, static, stagnant; stationary, immobile, fixed; motionless, unmoving.
6. continuous, continual, constant, steady, unbroken, uninterrupted, ongoing; unrelieved, unremitting; perpetual, lasting, long-lasting, permanent.
7. customary, conventional, habitual, usual, regular; customary, conventional, habitual, usual, regular; customary, conventional, habitual, usual, regular; customary, conventional, habitual, usual, regular.
8. idle, unused, out of use, unemployed.

stand-off, n.
1. reserve, aloofness, coolness, coldness; un Neighborliness, inaccessibility, unapproachable; remoteness, inaccessibility, unapproachableness.
2. tie, tied score, draw; dead heat, photo finish; deadlock, stalemate.
3. countermotion, countermotion, counterpoise, equipoise, offset.
adj. 4. aloof, reserved, standoffish, Inf. offish; cool, cold, icy, frigid, frosty; withdrawn, distant, remote; reserved, aloof; detached; inaccessible, unapproachable; Olympian; unfriendly, unamicable, unsociable, unneighborly; unexpansive, under demonstrative, unaffable, uncongenial.

standpoint, n.
1. vantage point, seat, post, station, distance, footing; lookout, overlook, observatory, observation post or point, lookout tower.
2. position, stance, where one stands or sits; angle, slant, side, light, frame of reference; attitude, outlook, opinion, point of view, viewpoint, view, perspective; mind, frame of mind, disposition; idea, belief, conviction, mind-set, Sl. hang-up.

standstill, n.
1. cessation, arrest, end, stop, stoppage; halt, desistance, termination, abruption, full stop, dead stop, deadlock, stalemate, impasse; stand, stand-off, tie, draw; check, checkmate, mate.
2. pause, rest, respite, lull, lapse, Inf. letup; recess, adjournment, time-out; breath, breather, breathing spell, spell, breathing space; wait, waiting period; hold, holdup, holding pattern, status quo; reprieve, stay, moratorium.
3. interruption, discontinuance, suspension; deferral, deferment, postponement, abeyance, prorogation; gap, hiatus, break, interstice; interval, interlude, intermission; interim, intermission.

staple, n.
1. (all principal or basic) commodity, product, raw material, resource.
2. Often staples basics, fundamentals, necessities, essentials; stock items, goods, vendibles, salables.
3. (all principal or basic) item, thing, feature, element, part; substance, body, bulk, mass, Archaic. heft, main part, chief ingredient.
—adj. 4. chief, primary, prominent, principal, main, foremost, leading; basic, fundamental, radical, essential, indispensable, necessary, important, vital, sustentative, supporting; established, proved, merchantable, marketable, salable, vendible, popular, in demand.

star, n.
1. heavenly body, celestial body, Astron. nova, Archaic. lamp, luminary; orb, planet, Astron. planetoid, Astron. asteroid; falling star, shooting star, meteor, Astron. meteoroid, meteorite, comet.
2. destiny, fate, kismet, predestination, Brit. cup of tea; luck, fortune, lot, doom; plight, state, condition, situation, estate, status.
3. pentagram, pentalpha, pentacle; asterisk, mark, check, tick.
4. celebrity, Sl. celeb, somebody, name, Inf. big name, toast of the town, superstar; personage, dignitary, Inf. VIP, Inf. bigwig, Sl. big shot, Sl. biggie, Sl. big wheel, Sl. big cheese.
5. principal, lead, leading lady, leading man, hero, heroine, Theat. Sl. line-up; diva, prima donna.
—adj. 6. celebrated, renowned, well-known, prominent, famous, illustrious; chief, main, principal, leading, first; preeminent, superior, distinguished, peerless, matchless, supreme, sublime, transcendent; incomparable, inimitable, unrivaled, unsurpassed, unmatched, unequaled, unparalleled; utmost, topmost, top, foremost; paramount, surpassing, reigning, ruling; brilliant, great, glorious, exalted, prized.
—v. 7. spangle, bead, stud, bejewel; decorate, adorn, ornament, dress or dress up, embellish, Sl. jazz up.
8. feature, present, introduce; advance, promote.
9. asterisk, mark, check, tick, indicate, note.
10. shine, be brilliant, be prominent, be distinguished, be important; appear, be presented.

starch, n.
1. formality, ceremony, stiffness, rigidity, inflexibility, primness, propriety, prudery, Sl. uptightness; etiquette, manners, decorum, convenance; strictness, exactness, exactitude, punctilio, punctiliousness, precision, preciseness, fastidiousness, meticulosity.
2. Informal. vigor, energy, vitality, birr, stamina, get up and go; grit, pluck; intensity, force, boldness, courage, Sl. guts, nerve.

stare, v.
1. gaze, gape, gawk, goggle, Inf. rubber; eye, Inf. eyeball, ogle, stare at; keep an eye on, watch.
2. be conspicuous, catch the eye, stand out, be prominent, project, stick out; glare, be vivid, be ostentatious; loom, beetle, jut.
3. (all of hair, feathers, etc.) bristle, stand on end, stick up.
—v. 4. empty gaze, blank look, fixed look; gape, gawking, goggling, ogling.

stark, adj.
1. sheer, utter, downright, absolute, unqualified, unmitigated,arrant, thorough, pure, perfect; complete, entire, out-and-out, outright, total, veritable, unconditional; rank, gross, glaring, flagrant, conspicuous; clear, evident, patent, unmistakable, obvious, plain, mere.
2. harsh, grim, dreary, drear, gray; desolate, barren, desolate; bare, vacant, abandoned, empty; arid, desert; wasted, deserted, ravaged, destroyed; exhausted, depleted, worn, unfertile.
3. simple, severe, austere, spartan, puritanical, ascetic; unadorned, undecorated, unfurnished, unadorned.
4. stiff, rigid, hard, inflexible, nonflexible, unbendable, unbending, inflexible, inelastic, unpliant, unmanageable; tight, tense, taut, Inf. stiff as a poker, Inf. stiff as a ramrod; cold, dead, Inf. stiff as a board, petrified, ossified.
—adv. 5. utterly, absolutely, downright, out-and-out, outright, all-out, straight-out; through and through, backward and forward, Sl. all the way, to the nth degree, grossly, quite; completely, entirely, wholly, totally, thoroughly, fully, altogether; unqualifiedly, unconditionally, unreverently, unequivocally, unambiguously, clearly and simply, plain, plainly; clearly, obviously, evidently.

starlike, adj.
1. stellate, stellarform, stellar, star-shaped, astral, starry; radiant.
2. shining, bright, brilliant, illuminated, aigleight, light,
lit, lighted; white, aureate, radiant, irradiant, lambent, resplendent, beaming, beamy; dazzling, fulgent, effulgent, refulgent; aglow, glowing, luminous, lumescent, luminiferosus, incandescent; sparkling, scintillating, scintillant, coruscating, twinkling, shimmering; glimmering, agilemmer, glittering, aglitter.

**starry**, adj. 1. star-spangled, bespangled, star-studded, full of stars.

2. stellar, sidereal; celestial, emporeal, empyrean, heavenly, astronomical, uranic; planetary, asteroidal.

3. stellate, star-shaped, starlike. See **starlike** (def. 1.)

4. shining, bright, alight, radiant, twinkling, glittering, starlike. See **starlike** (def. 2.)

**start**, v. 1. depart, start out, set off, embark; Inf. take off, Inf. jump off, Inf. kick off, Inf. blast off, become airborne; Inf. hit the trail or road or pavement, sally forth, push off, set sail.

2. commence, begin, go ahead, go ahead with, kick off, get away, take off.

Inf. Inf. Inf. Inf.

3. commence, begin, go ahead with, undertake; turn to, Inf. buckle down, get going on [s.t.], set about doing [s.t.], take steps toward, start in on; plunge in, Inf. pitch in, Inf. roll up one's sleeves; Inf. dive in, Inf. dive in headfirst, Inf. get one's feet wet, Inf. get down to business, Inf. get down to it, Inf. get to it, Inf. get around to it; Inf. buckle down, Inf. put one's hand to the plow, Inf. put one's shoulder to the wheel, Inf. get the show on the road, Inf. get off the dime, Sl. get off one's duff.

3. appear, emerge, rise, rise up, dawn, be created, come into existence, come to be, have birth, be born, first see the light of day; be developed, be invented, come into being; issue forth, come forth, burst forth, break out; spring out, spring forth, loom up; sprout, come into being; issue forth, come forth, burst forth, come into existence, come to be, have birth, be born, the dime, get off one's duff.

4. spring, dart, move; jump out, leap out from cover; jerk, twitch, blink, shy, draw back, recoil; quail, cow, blench, flinch, wince, shrink; lurch, bounce, convuls, be shaken, be taken aback, be frightened, Inf. jump out of one's skin.

5. prostrate, project, extrude, jut or jut out, stick out, poke out; extend, excurve, obtrude, bulge, protrude, jut out, project, protrude; swell out, swell, (all usu. in reference to the eyes) dilate, pop, goggle, open wide, protract; swell out, swell, (all usu. in reference to the eyes) dilate, pop, goggle, open wide, Inf. bug, Inf. bug out, stare, nearly start from their sockets.

6. slip, slip out, come loose, come unloosed, work loose; become disengaged, come unnailed or unscrewed, work out; come unhinged, become unseated; divide, separate, drop off or out.

7. begin the race or contest, be among the contestants, be a contender, be entered; enter the lists, join in, compete, be part of the field, Sl. make the scene.

8. set moving, set into motion, propel, give impulse to, activate, (of engines) turn over, crank up, Inf. gear up; propel, launch, push forward, push; poke, prod, goad, shove, Inf. wind up; encourage, back, second, Inf. get behind, prompt, urge, promote, aid; endorse, sponsor, finance, subsidize, set up, befrend, patronize.

9. establish, found, insitute, actuate, implement, instigate, set in motion; initiate, Inf. start the ball rolling, take the first step, take the initiative, take the plunge, make a start, break the ice; open, pioneer, lead off; inaugurate, set up, organize, originate; break ground, lay the foundation, lay the cornerstone; introduce, broach, usher in; create, beget, engender, father, conceive, give birth to.

—n. 10. beginning, outset, onset, commencement; outbreak, dawn, conception, birth, genesis, exordium, Inf. kick off, Inf. take off, Inf. blast off, Inf. getaway; leaving, exodus, sailing, departure.

11. rise, arising, beginnings, emergence, incipience, nascence, infancy, creation, inception; origin, source, first cause; starting line or point, square one; foundation, foundation, wellspring, spring, mainspring.

12. impulse, signal, Inf. send-off, Inf. starting gun; initiation, actuation, institution; introduction, establishment, origination, organization, founding, foundation.

13. jerk, twitch, jump, leap, bound, vault; startle, surprise, jar, jolt, Inf. turn.

14. head start, lead, advantage, advance, odds, Inf. good break; superiority, precedence, antecedence, Inf. jump, Inf. edge, Inf. drop or draw, Inf. inside track, Inf. good post position; upper hand, whip hand.

15. chance, opportunity, opening, Inf. break; support, financing, backing, introductions; sponsorship; interest, encouragement, patronage, guidance; favor, aid, assistance.

**startle**, v. 1. dismay, disturb, agitate, shake up, perturb, unsettle, discompose, upset, jolt, jar; surprise, come up behind, sneak up on, take aback, take off one's guard; astonish, astound, amaze, boggle, overwhelm, overcome; stun, shock, scare, frighten, fright, affright, Archiac. affray, alarm; intimidate, daunt, Inf. faze, awe, overawe, put the fear of God into; terrify, strike terror into, terrorize, appall, horrify; scare stiff, Sl. scare the living daylight out of, Sl. scare the bejesus out of, Sl. scare the pants off, Inf. scare out of one's wits, curl one's hair, make one's hair stand on end, make one's flesh crawl, make one's blood run cold.

2. start, jump, blink, flinch, wince; draw back, recoil, shy away from, shrink, quail, blench, cow, wince.

**starvation**, n. extreme hunger, famine, inanition; exhaustion, deploration, deprivation, need, want, lack, emptiness.

**stave**, v. 1. die, perish, starve to death, Archiac. famish.

2. go hungry, go without food, fast, suffer from hunger, hunger, be hungry, be famished, crave food, be ravenous, Inf. lick one's chops.

3. Usu. stave for want, hunger for, long for, pine for, yawn for, Inf. hang or hang for, have a yen for; itch for, ache for, be hurting for, be dying for, burn for, die for; covet, crave, thirst for or after, lust after, pant after, Sl. have the hots for, desire, gasp after.

**stave off**, v. 1. starving, very hungry, famished, dying for food; undernourished, underfed, ill-fed; starved-looking, pinched, withered, shriveled, wizened; emaciate, emaciated, wasted, attenuated, Pathol. tabetic, Pathol. tabid; thin, thin as a reed or rain, skinny, too skinny to throw a shadow, lean, meager, gaunt, mere skin and bones, skeletal, bony, rawboned, fleshless; scrawny, scraggy, spindly, spindle-shanked, spindle-legged, gangly, gangling.

2. poor, second-rate, second-class, inferior, substandard, Sl. cheesy, flimsy, Inf. no-good, bad, cheap; pitiful, pathetic, sorry, shabby, beggarly, seedy, Sl. crummy, Sl. crapy, run-down, sleazy.

**state**, n. 1. condition, stage, phase; situation, circumstance, state of affairs; form, shape.

2. predicament, scrape, plight, quandary, dilemma, fix, corner, pinch, Inf. pickle.

3. standing, rank, status, place, position, estate, station, place, footing; caste, class; order, echelon, level, stratum, grade.

4. grandeur, splendor, brilliance, glory, magnificence, style; dignity, gravity, solemnity.

5. country, nation; commonwealth, republic; Political Science. body politic, people; land, realm,
dominion, kingdom.

—adj. 6. governmental, national, federal, official. 7. ceremonial, formal, solemn, celebratory; ceremonious, dignified, stately, imposing, impressive, majestic.

—v. 8. declare, aver, assert, asseverate, affirm, avow, avouch, set down, lay down, speak up or out, have one's say; maintain, contend, have, hold, insist, submit; allege, profess, claim; swear, predicate, attest, testify; certify, validate, ratify, confirm. 9. announce, announce, broadcast, herald, cry, blare, blazon, trumpet; pronounce, rule, decree, proclaim, promulgate. 10. disclose, divulge, tell, give out, come out with, let out, make known, manifest, reveal.

stated, adj. 1. settled, fixed, set, defined; decided, confirmed, concluded; resolved, agreed upon, determined, chosen; ruled, ordained, adjudged, adjudicated. 2. authorized, warranted, sanctioned, approved, allowed; certified, licensed, accredited, validated, authenticated; authentic, valid, verified, documented. 3. official, authoritative, from the top, Latin, ex officio. 4. official, authorized, warranted, sanctioned, approved, allowed; certified, licensed, accredited, validated, authenticated; authentic, valid, verified, documented.

stately, adj. august, dignified, distingué, distingue, stately, regal, kingly, princely, royal, lordly, noble, monarchal, monarchial, imperial, majestic, regal, kingly, princely, royal, lordly, noble, monarchal, monarchial, imperial, majestic, Rare. magistral; sublime, elevated, high, lofty, exalted, glorious; awesome, imposing, impressive, striking.

statement, n. 1. declaration, announcement, announcement, publication; averment, asseveration, assertion, say-so, affirmation, avowal, avouchment; testimony, evidence; revelation, disclosure, divulgence, manifestation. 2. proclamation, pronouncement, manifesto, proclamatio, promulgation; notice, formal notice, notification. 3. Commerce. bill, invoice, check, charge, tally, Inf. the reckoning; account, record.

static, adj. 1. stationary, motionless, unmoving. See stationary (def 1). 2. changeless, unvarying, constant. See stationary (def 3).

stature, n. 1. height, length, tallness, size, elevation, altitude, measurement. 2. status, rank, degree; standing, position, posture, condition, station, state, place; importance, import, consequence, eminence, prominence, prestige, estimation.

status, n. 1. position, posture, standing, station, stature, place; rank, level, grade, class, degree; importance, consequence, significance; reputation, repute, name, character, consideration, estimation. 2. condition, state, state of affairs, circumstances, situation, case, shape, form, mode, appearance, looks, aspect, tenor, air, health.

staunch, adj. 1. firm, steadfast, unflinching, unswerving, unwavering, undeviating, unshrinking, unyielding, implacable; indefatigable, tireless, untiring, unflagging, unwearying, weariless; plucky, gritty, game, mettlesome, spirited, red-blooded, Inf. spunky. 3. sound, sturdy, stout, solid, well-built, durable, lasting, long-lasting, made to last; rugged, hefty, husky, burly, Scot and North Eng. stiff; able-bodied, able, athletic, sinewy, well-knit; muscular, muscled, well-muscled, full-muscled, brawny, strapping, broad-shouldered, powerfully built; healthy, in good health, fit, physically fit, in good condition, Inf. in good shape, Inf. in shape.

4. watertight, waterproof, moistureproof, damp-proof, impermeable, unporous, nonporous, im-
passable, unpassable, impenetrable; sealed, hermetically sealed, airtight; water-repellent, water-resistant, impervious, impermeable; Naut. seaworthy.

**stave n.**
1. slat, stay, lath, rib, board; staff, crook, walking stick, alpenstock, pikestaff, cane; stick, branch, club, cudgel; rod, wand, baron; pole, shaft, beam, upright, standard; pale, paling, stake, post, picket.
   - v. break in, thrust, put a hole in, cave in, pound in, push in, press in, indent.
2. break to pieces, *Inf.* break into smithereens; smash, splinter, shiver, fracture; rip or tear apart, rive, split, rend, cleave; hack up, chop up.
3. beat, bastinado, cudgel, cane, birch, club; lay on, strike, attack, set on; whack, thump, buffet, batter, pound, pommel; trounce, *Inf.* lambaste, scourge, thrash.

**stay off** a. ward or fend off, evade, avert, duck, dodge; avoid, shun, side-step, fence, parry, deflect, keep at bay or at arm's length; repel, repulse, rebuff; shove back or off, turn aside. b. forestall, prevent, hinder, obviate, deter, preclude; put off, delay, postpone, defer; intercept, inhibit, stop, halt, obstruct, block, trip up; thwart, foil, frustrate, scotch, spike, end.

**stay**
1. remain, dwell, live, reside, sojourn, lodge, abide, inhabit, cohabit; establish oneself, pitch tent, settle, anchor, put down stakes, plant oneself.
2. continue, keep, remain, maintain, sustain, Inf. sit on, nip in the bud, prostrate; destroy, over-turn, overthrow, upset, discomfit; put an end to, deal a death-blow to, bring to naught, break the neck or back of, or put the hinder, deter, thwart, scotch, frustrate, Inf. lull, settle, stop, put at rest.
3. restrain, constrain, arrest, prevent, check, curb, rein in; hamper, obstruct, block, retard, foil, impede, hinder, thwart, thwart, scotch, frustrate, Inf. put the kibosh on.
4. suppress, quell, stop, halt, put down, *Inf.* squelch, *Inf.* sit on, nip in the bud, prostrate; destroy, overpower, overturn, overcome, vanquish; crush, smash, rout, upset, discomfit; put an end to, deal a death-blow to, bring to naught, break the neck or back of, stamp or trample out, make short work of; undermine, deadlock, checkmate, bring to a standstill.
5. adjourn, recess, suspend, postpone, delay, put off, interrupt, intermit; take a break, shut up shop, take time out.
6. appease, satisfy, allay, reduce, alleviate; pacify, tranquilize, compose, comfort, soothe, calm, quiet, lull, settle, stop, put at rest.
   - n. halt, standstill; intermission, break, suspension, interval, interlude; pause, stoppage, cessation, discontinuance, desistance; rest, respire, *Inf.* letup, lull, reprieve, breathing spell, wait, lapse, recess, *Inf.* time out.
7. sojourn, stopover, visit, residency, habitation; rest, repose, pause, vacation, holiday.
8. Informal. staying power, endurance, stick-to-it-iveness, perseverance.

**steady**
1. stable, solid, substantial, stout, sound; poised, balanced, offset, counterbalanced, counterpoised.
2. (all of movement) even, regular, rhythmic, rhetorical; metronomic, metronomical.
3. uniform, changeless, unchanging, unvarying, invariable, undeviating, the same; continuous, continual, nonstop, ceaseless, unceasing, perpetual, persistent, twenty-four hour, round-the-clock, uninterrupted, undying; ending, endless, never-ending, unremitting, unresolved, broken.
4. constant, chronic, inveterate, habitual; frequent, infixed, ingrained, implanted, rooted, deep-seated, deep-set, well-founded, well-grounded, long-established, well-established, firmly established; durable, of long duration, long-lived, long-lasting, longstanding, remaining, staying, continuing, enduring, lasting, abiding; perpetual, constant, indissoluble; settled, proved, irrefutable, unchangeable, immutable, unalterable.
5. firm, solid, grounded, stable, substantial, secure, fast, *Inf.* solid as a rock; riveted, moored, anchored, planted, fixed, irremovable, immovable, unmovable; immobile, stationary, static, frozen, stiff, rigid, inflexible, changeless, unchanging.
   - v. stabilize, settle, fix; balance, poise; counterbalance, offset.
steam, n. 1. vapor, condensation, mist, haze, fog, cloud, fume, smoke; moisture, dampness, wetness; vaporescence, exhalation.
2. blow off steam Slang. get excited, rant and rave, holler, yell, scream and holler; let oneself go, revel, roister, cut loose, let loose, SL. party, whoop it up; SL. let it all hang out; give vent to one's feelings.
3. vaporize, volatilize. Chem. sublime, Chem. sublimate, moisturize, gasify; distill, concentrate, purify.
4. steam up mist, bemist, fog, befog; dim, blur, cloud.
5. rush, race, dart, dash, sprint; tear, INF. rip, charge; speed, spank, haste, hurry, bezip, whoosh, chug, sail, skim, slide, glide.

steamy, adj. 1. gaseous, volatile, fuming.
2. misty, hazy, foggy, befogged, dim, bedimmed, beclouded, cloudy, obscure, blurred.
3. hot and humid, muggy, sticky, damp, moist, wet, dank, like a Turkish bath or sauna, dripping, sodden, soppy, sweaty; sweltering, sultry, close, like the Black Hole of Calcutta; steaming, broiling, boiling, roasting.

steal, v. 1. rob, thief, pilfer, purloin, finger, filch, INF. snatch, cabbage, abstract, Chiefly Brit. prig. Euph. borrow, Archaic. nim; peculate, embezzle, Law. defalcate, misappropriated, swindle, pocket, mal, shock, shoplift, palm, SL. boost, walk off or cut with, Euph. remove; All SL. heist, pinch, hook, swipe, hustle, rip off, frisk, crook, cop, lift.
2. appropriate, expropriate, arrogate, usurp; commandeer, hijack, skyjack; pirate, plagiarize, copy, INF. lift, INF. crib, forge, counterfeit.
3. (usu. of persons) abduct, kidnap, SL. snatch, make off with, carry off, rape, seize; (usu. in reference to military service) impress, press, conscript, Naut. shanghai, crimp.
4. plunder, despoil, pillage, ravage, harr, ransack, sack, loot, gut, fleece, strip, rifle.
5. pirate, freeboot, buccaneer, privateer, filibuster.
6. INF. poach, deerjack; smuggle, bootleg, INF. sneak [s.t.] in.
7. scrounge, SL. freeload, SL. mooch, INF. sponge, scavange, SL. bum.
8. sneak, prowl, lurk, couch, skull, U.S. SL. gumshoe; slick, worm, slide, slither; slip, tipote, pussyfoot.
9. pass, go by, elapse, lapse, fly, flit, glide, drift, flow; slide, creep.

steal, n. 1. theft, stealing, robbery, theft, thievery, pilferage, see, shoplifting, palming, copy, INF. lift, INF. crib, forge, voltegaft.
2. expropriation, appropriation, arrogation, usurpation, usurpation, assumption, plagiarism, copying, INF. cribbing, INF. lifting; dispossession, deprivation, deprival, divestiture, bereavement.
3. commandeering, hijacking, skyjacking, air or sky piracy; (usu. of persons) kidnapping, capture, seizure, rape, impressment, conscription, manstealing; (all of animals) poaching, deerjacking, pet-napping, dognapping, (of cattle) rustling.

stealing, n. 1. robbery, theft, thievery, pilferage, pilfering, filching, SL. swiping, SL. hustling, SL. copying; peculation, embezzlement, Law. defalcation, misappropriation; shoplifting, palming, SL. boosting, Psychol. kleptomania; smuggling, bootlegging; burglary, breaking and entering, Law. larceny, safe-cracking; purse-snatching, U.S. INF. mugging, SL. jumping.
2. expropriation, appropriation, arrogation, usurpation, accomph, assumption, plagiarism, copying, INF. cribbing, INF. lifting; dispossession, deprivation, deprival, divestiture, bereavement.
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stealth, n. furtiveness, surreptitiousness, clandestine, conceitiveness, covertsness, stoleness, slyness, sneakiness, INF. shadiness; underhand dealing, INF. shady operation.

stealthy, adj. covert, clandestine, surreptitious, under-cover, underground, back-alley; sly, furtive, sneaky, sneaking, underhand, underhanded, INF. under the table or counter, backroom, backstairs, secret, hugging-mugger, hole-and-corner, closed-door, closet; sly, slippery, INF. shady.

steam, n. 1. vapor, condensation, mist, haze, fog, cloud, fume, smoke; moisture, dampness, wetness; vaporescence, exhalation.
stench, v. 1. stop, arrest, stay, stall, bring to a halt or standstill; put a stop or an end to, terminate, end, quash, quell, squash. Inf. put the kibosh on; check, nip in the bud; curb, control, limit, circumscribe, restrict, contain, Law. enjoin; restrain, hold back, repress, constrain, suppress, hold in, pull back on, hold the reins on; retard, slow down, cut back on, diminish, decrease, reduce, lessen, curtail, abridge, cut short.

stem, v. 1. breast, push through, inch through, move; confront, meet, face; repel, fend off, beat back, against; surmount, rise above, prevail over, win over, against; surmount, rise above, prevail over, win over, take the high road against, make headway against, gain an advantage. 2. spindle, swivel, pilot, axle, winder, turner, turnbuckle, screw; handle, holder. 3. stock, strain, line, lineage, bloodstream, bloodline, blood, race; genealogy, pedigree, family tree, ancestry, parentage, family, tribe, people, clan, Anthropic. gens; heritage, origin, birth, background, extraction, descent. —v. 4. Usu. stem from arise, rise, spring, issue, emanate, flow, come, proceed; root, sprout, bud, grow, evolve, develop, burgeon; germinate, originate, start, commence, begin; descend, derive, follow, ensue, result, be generated by, be brought about by, be bred by, be caused by, be based or grounded on.

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stereotype, n. 1. convention, set form; tradition, custom; pattern, groove, rut, routine; habit, wont, one's old way. 2. banality, hackneyed phrase, conventionalism, cliché. —v. 3. classify, generalize, categorize, pigeonhole, Sl. peg. Sl. button down, Inf. put [s.o.] or [s.t.] down as, Sl. have [s.o.]'s number, prejudice; identify, label, type, typecast; designate, denominate, style, tag, term, name, call, dub; brand, mark, stigmatize.

sterile, adj. 1. pure, sterilized, harmless, uninfect– ed, disininfected, germfree, sanitary, aseptic, uncontaminated, unpolunted, antiseptic. 2. unfruitful, fruitless, unproductive, unyielding; childless, barren, abortive, fallow, infecund, infertile, unprolific, Bot. acarious, impotent, effete; empty, bare, arid, dry, dead. 3. useless, futile, vain, idle, unavailing, fruitless; ineffectual, ineffective, inefficient, inadequate, operative, unproductive, impracticable; worthless, valueless, meritless, nugatory; unprofitable, profitless, remunerative, unrewarding, unproductive, gainless; unsuccessful, Inf. no-go, to no avail, to no purpose, for naught. 4. ineffectiveness, ineffectualness, inefficacy, inadequacy, ineffectiveness, incompetence, ineptness; uselessness, inutility, worthlessness, valuelessness, meritlessness, nugacity; futility, fruitlessness, unavailingness, idleness; unprofitableness, profitlessness, nonsuccess, failure, defeat.


sterling, adj. 1. genuine, pure, unadulterated, unmingled, unalloyed; priceless, precious, exquisite; per–
fect, flawless.

2. excellent, exceptional, superior, standout, outstanding, striking; superlative, supreme, transcendent, sovereign, the best; matchless, peerless, nonpareil, perfect, classic, first-class; choice, prime, select, very good, Australian Sl. bosker, Scot. and North Eng. braw; fine, admirable, worthy, estimable, notable.

3. first-rate, Inf. tip-top, Inf. A-1, Inf. A number 1; extraordinary, very remarkable, Sl. bang-up, Inf. smashing, wonderful, splendid.

stern', adj. 1. strict, demanding, exacting, stringent, critical, unsparing, unremitting, rigid, harsh, severe, rigorous, hard; firm, steadfast, determined, resolute, resolved; uncompromising, adamant, relentless, unrelenting, inflexible, immovable, obdurate, recalcitrant, unyielding, hardlined, inexorable, implacable, unyielding, stubborn, willful; unsympathetic, unfeeling, hard-hearted, hard-boiled, ruthless, pitiless, unkind, unmerciful, inclement, cold-blooded, cold, cruel.

2. overbearing, coercive, iron-handed, ironfisted, dictatorial, imperious, peremptory, tyrannical, despotic, autocratic; excessive, extreme, drastic, Draconian, exiguous, extortionate, arbitrary, unreasonable.

3. austere, stark, grave, sober, somber; still, ascetic, Spartan, strait-laced, puritanical; sour, vinegary, aceous; grim, forbidding, dour, gaunt, frowning, satiric, gloomy, taciturn; fierce, rough, caggy, ungentle, gruff, churlish, crabbed, surly, rude, crusty; brusque, short, curt, blunt, brutf.

diehard, intransigent, Inf. standpat or standpatter; martinet, disciplinarian.

2. problem, puzzler, poser, teaser, Inf. brain-teaser, Inf. hard nut to crack, Inf. mind-boggler, Inf. stump'er, Inf. floorer; puzzle, enigma, riddle, conundrum, mystery, Chinese puzzle.

sticky, adj. 1. adhesive, adherent, tacky; gluey, sticky, Inf.

2. (all of the weather) hot and humid, muggy, close, sultry, dank, Rare. madid.

3. awkward, tricky, ticklish, delicate, Sl. hairy, precarious, touch-and-go, Dial. kittle, being easier said than done.

stiff, adj. 1. rigid, firm, unpliant, inflexible, unmaliable, unyielding, unyielding, resistant; imperious, impenetrable, impregnable, repelling, unassailable, rugged; brittle, crisp, dried-out, Inf. stiff as a board.

2. (all of a person or animal) unlimber, not supple, unendurable, arthritic, rheumatic, gouty, Inf. creaky, Inf. frozen, Inf. musclebound, Inf. out of shape.

3. (all of a beverage) strong, potent, alcoholic; fermented, corned, turned; overpowering, Sl. pickling, Sl. packing a wallop, enough to grow hair on one's chest or on a cueball.

4. resolute, unyielding, taut; determined, decided, set, set upon, resolved, confirmed; staunch, authoritative, authoritative, authoritarian, autocratic; stubborn, intractable, obstinate, pertinacious, hard-line, obdurate, intransigent; unrelenting, unflagging, dogged, indomitable, relentless, inexorable, pledging; tenacious, gritty, Inf. hellbent, Inf. stick-to-it-ive.

5. consistent, unchanging, steady, stable, balanced, even, constant; unchangeable, unalterable, changeless, immutable, invariable; irrevocable, irreversible, indis- soluble, irrepealable; abiding, enduring, durable, deep-rooted, deep-seated, longstanding; steadfast, un- wavering, unsurprising, unflinching, unaltering, unde- viating, unhesitating, true.

6. strong, forceful, powerful, fresh, spanking, vigorous, steady, pounding; keen, brisk, intense, per- sistent, gusty, gusting, howling, smacking.

7. formal, unrelaxed, reserved, constrained, restrained, Sl. uptight, strait-laced; prim, priggish, prudish, puritanical, old-fashioned, old-school; strict, rigid, exact, precise, punctilious, stuffy, proper, dec- rorous, ceremonial, ritualistic; elaborate, Sl. vedly-veddy proper; elegant, pretentious, pompous; cold, chilly, unfriendly, unresponsive, exclusive, snobbish, stand- offish, Inf. offish, aloof.

8. gauche, awkward, ungraceful, graceless, clumsy, inelegant; gawk'y, bumbling, maladroith; all-thumbs, having two left feet, unhandy, unskillful, inept, bent, bungle'some, bungling, Inf. klutzy; ungenerally, lumbering, lubberly, like a bull in a china shop; unpolished, un- mannered, uncouth; unrefined, clodhoddish, coarse; pro- vinci'd, unsophisticated, Inf. hick, Inf. off the farm, Inf. country, Inf. not with it.

9. laborious, difficult, laborious, arduous, strenuous, heavy, toilsome; uphill, full of obstacles, Herculean, Inf. wicked, Inf. tough, Inf. tough, Inf. nasty; rigorous, exacting, painstaking, challenging; tedious, unmitigating, seemingly endless, infinite; tiresome, boring, Inf. deadly, Inf. a drag; knotty, complicated, complex, involved; trying, deep, profound.

10. severe, harsh, stringent; unsparing, punitive, to the full extent of the law; inclement, merciless, aveng- ing, revengeful; ruthless, vindictive, oppressive, cruel; excessive, unusually great or heavy, unwarranted; im- moderate, extravagant, undue.

11. thick, solid, solidified, close, compressed, pressed, dense, compact, condensed; flinty, stony, steely, con- crete, petrified, ossified, hardened, lithoid, marblelike, granite-like; substantial, stout, fixed, stable, sound; set, tight, secure, fast; tough, horn.

—n. 12. Slang. a. corpse, body, dead body; b. prune, prig, priggish person, puritan; snob, Inf. blue- nose, pedant, precisionist, purist, formalist; fuss- budget, fusspot, Inf. fuddy-duddy, Inf. old biddy, Inf. biggy; pettifogger, Inf. nitpicker, stickler, Inf. stick- in-the-mud. c. miser, niggard, skinflint, Sl. skin, Sl. cheapskate, Inf. piker, muckworm, Sl. cheap screw, penny pincher, pinch-penny. d. drunkard, drunk, infidel, sot, soak, tippler; tospot, toper, barfly; al- coholick, chronic alcoholick or drunk, dipsomaniack; hard drinker, serious drinker; All Inf. guzzler, swiller, soaker, sponge, lovepot; All Sl. boozier, boozehound, louse, souse, rummy, wino, alkie, juicerhead, hooch hound, gin hound, swillbelly, swillpot, stew, strewbaw, elbow-bender.

13. Slang. a. fellow, individual, chap, guy, duffer, gaffer, Inf. customer, Brit. Sl. cove, Sp. hombre, cogder. b. laborer, worker, working man, Inf. working stiff; day laborer, field hand, manual laborer, blue-collar worker; hired man, drudge, coolie, peon, plodder, proletarian.

stiffen, v. 1. harden, make stiff; starch; callous, indurate, temper, cement, fix; All Cooking. beat, whip, gelatinize, ossify, petrify, Archaic. lapidify, turn to stone; fossilize; vitrify, crystallize; freeze, clot, jell, congeal.

2. brace, brace oneself, prepare oneself; anticipate, hold oneself in readiness, forearm, arm, Inf. square one's shoulders, steel oneself, gird one's loins.

stiff-necked, adj. 1. pertinacious, stubborn, Inf. ornery; pigheaded, bullheaded, mulish, stubborn as a mule; unyielding, intractable, obdurate, obstinate, Inf. hard-headed, Inf. boneheaded; inflexible, unyielding, adamant, adamantine; rigid, stony, fixed, unsurprising, undeviating, uncompromising, relentless, unrelenting, unshrinking, stern; perverse, headstrong, set-willed, pervicacious; refractory, contrary, intransigent; unmanageable, ungovernable, immovable, unshakeable; persistent, consistent, tenacious, bulldog.

2. opinionated, bigotted, intolerant, illiberal, close- minded, narrow, narrow-minded, limited; unreceptive, prejudiced, biased, warped, twisted, partial, one-sided.

stiffle, v. 1. smother, suffocate, asphyxiate, choke; strangle, burke, garrotte, throttle, Sl. scrag.

2. check, restrain, hold back, keep back, control, limit, circumscribe, restrict; prevent, preclude, make impossible; curb, repress, restrain, contain, suppress, hold in, withhold; still, hush, silence, mute; conceal, keep to oneself.

3. put a stop or an end to, terminate, end, quash, put the kibosh on, nip in the bud; Inf. stop, arrest, stay, bring to a standstill; annihilate, destroy, extinguish.

4. gasp, gag, suffocate, smother, be breathless.

stigma, n. mark of disgrace, slur, loss of reputation, disparagement, depreciation, defacement; bemish, blotch, smudge, smirch, smutch, taint; mark, spot, blot, blot on the escutcheon, demerit, stain; imputation, false accusation, calumniation, slander, Law. libel; shame, disgrace, dishonor, Inf. black eye.

stigmatize, v. 1. disgrace, discredit, ruin [s.o.'s] reputation; spot, blot, stain, blemish, blotch, smudge, smirch, smutch, taint, spoil, sully, dirty; slur, dis- parage, depreciate, defame; charge, Law. impute, ac- cuse falsely, calumniate, slander, Law. libel.

2. brand, tattoo; label, ticket, tag.

still, adj. 1. motionless, unstrirring, unmoving, inert, immovable, immobile, becalmed, stock-still, Chiefly Literary. stilly; stationary, stable, fixed, static;
stilted, adj. pompous, inflated, bombastic, turgid, high-sounding, high-flown; overblown, swollen, tumbid, pedantic; starched; Inf. stuffy, prim, priggish; formal, forced, labored, stiff, wooden; affected, mannered, feigned, put-on; stately, dignified, august, ceremonial.

stimulant, n. 1. Physiology. excitant, quickener, Med. psychic energizer, anti-depressant; Biochem. epinephrine, Biochem. adrenaline, adrenin, Chem., Pharm. caffeine; amphetamine, amphetamine sulfate, Sl. white cross, Sl. blacrotte, choke, strangle; stop, arrest, curb, check, stay, cut off, prevent, forestall, preclude, put an end to; kill, slay, murder.

stimulate, v. 1. incite, instigate, provoke, motive; goad, spur, prod, poke, jog, jolt; impulse, urge, drive, push, itch; dictate, call; encouragement, abetment, provocation, egging on, putting up to; dare, taunt, gib; temptation, enticement, allurement, beguilement, inveiglement, persuasion.

sting, v. 1. prick, nettle, bite, nip, pinch; prick, stick, stab, pierce, wound, envenom; smart, burn, chafe, grate, rasp, gall, irritate; gripe, grind, gnaw.

stink, n. 1. adj. stink, reek, smell, smell to high heaven, smell; degradation, barbarity, infamy; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, reproach, shame, disgrace; disrepute, ill repute, bad name, bad report, bad taste; disrepute, ill repute, bad name, bad report, bad taste; disgrace, disrepute, ill repute, bad name, bad report, bad taste; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; infamy, malignity, impudence, impiety, sin; 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2. Slang. drunk, Inf. buzzed, Sl. soused, Sl. plastered, Sl. smashed, Sl. bombed, Sl. wasted; in one’s cups, intoxicated, inebriated.

3. Slang. very rich, wealthy, flush, Sl. loaded, made of money, rolling in riches or dough.

contemptible, despicable, sorry, wretched; disgusting, vile, mean, base, low, obnoxious.

**stir**, v. mix, commix, intermix, scramble; blend.

n. specify, determine, fix, designate, stipulate.

1. salary, pay, earnings, wages, hire; stipend.

stint, n. limit, set limits to, restrict, circumscribe.

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be up and doing; bustle, hustle, flit, flutter, step lively; shake a leg; scramble, whirl, rush, buzz about, dart to and fro; push, Sl. get down to it, Inf. go all out, Inf. get moving. Sl. get a move on.

5.Usu. stir up rouse, awaken, waken, wake up, shake up; revivify, resuscitate, rekindle, enliven, vitalize, invigorate.

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—n. 8. movement, hustle, activity, action, motion, militancy; bustle, perturbation, flurry, agitation, disturbance; tremble, tremor, flutter, flicker; quiver, quaver, shake, shudder, quake; pulsation, palpitation, throb, twitch.

9. excitement, commotion, disorder, ado, confusion, to-do; fuss, pother, fidget, bother; hurly-burly, hubbub, bubble, Inf. flap, hullabalo, stew, fluster; outburst, uproar, upheaval, convulsion, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, storm; ferment, furor, ebullition, fever, fervor, rush, flush, frenzy.

10. rustle, susurrus, susurrun, breath; murmur, sigh, whisper, hush, rush; hum, buzz, whizz, sibilation.

11. impulse, sensation, feeling, impression; thrill, awakening, excitation, stimulation, upsurge, passion; flutter, twitter, palpitation, titillation, tingle, throb.

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8. movement, hustle, activity, action, motion, -- n. quiet, discompose; work up, impassion, impress.

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**stitch**, n. 1. tuck, Sorg. suture, loop, piece of thread or floss or yarn.

2. embroidery or crewel stitch, cross-stitch, French knot; knitting or crochet stitch, purl, stockinet; pattern, design, decoration, ornamentation, adornment.

3. thread, strip, shred, tatter, scrap, snatch, remnant; piece, article, any clothing or clothes; bit, speck, atom, iota, wht, jot, tittle, particle; trace, hint, speck, Inf. smidgen, Inf. smitch; any, no, zero; anything, nothing, Sl. zilch.

4. pang, twinge, pain, sharp pain, stabbing pain, shooting pain; twitch, spasm, Pathol. tic douloureux, Pathol. neuralgia; crick, kink, pinch.

—v. 5. sew, suture, loop up, baste, seam, sew together, machine stitch; take a tuck in, tuck, smock, gather, pleat; make, run up, Inf. whip up; turn up, hem, take in, alter, fit, tailor; sew up, mend, repair, fix; embroider, cross-stitch, do crewel or crewelwork, knit, purl, crochet, tat, do needlework or needlepoint; decorate, put a design on, ornament, adorn.

6. secure, close up, close; fasten, hook, attach, clasp; link, join, couple, connect; staple, rivet, clip, pin, tack.

**stock**, n. 1. supply, store, stockpile, inventory; quantity, fund, lot, bunch, heap, pile, mass, stack, load, Chiefly U.S. Dial. grist; assortment, range, selection, variety; collection, accumulation, amassed, aggregate, Obs. commodity; reserve, reservoir, back-log, nest egg, hoard; treasure, mine, quarry, well;
unimpassioned, stoical, stoic; indifferent, disinterested, apathetic; dull, obtuse, thick, thick-witted, dense.

**stomach**, n. 1. belly, abdomen, **Inf.** tummy, guts, **Sl.** breadbasket, **Brit. Inf.** little Mary, **Scot. and North Eng.** wame; paunch, potbelly, **Inf.** bay window, **Inf.** corporation, **Sl.** pot, **Sl.** beerbelly, **Sl.** spare tire.

2. colonic cavity, intestinal cavity, visceral cavity, **Anat.** Zool. venter, ventral region, ventricile, ventricular cavity, **Anat.** epigastrium; pouch, (of birds) gizzard, (of herbs) crop, craw, maw, ingluvies, (of birds) proventriculus, (both of ruminating animals) first stomach, rumen; intestines, bowels, colons, (of swine) chitterlings; inwards, inwards, insides, vitals, viscera, (of animals) entrails, **Inf.** gizzard, **Sl.** guts.

3. appetite, appetite, appetency, hunger, thirst, craving, gluttony, **Pathol.** bulimia; relish, gusto, zest, eagerness, hankering, yearning, longing; lust, **Sl.** itch.

4. desire, liking, fondness, weakness, fancy, **Inf.** mind, pleasure, preference; tendency, leaning, bent, inclination, favoritism, bias; partiality, predilection, disposition, predisposition, proclivity, propensity.

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5. **v.** endure, tolerate, bear, bear with, **Archaic.** forbear, suffer, abide, **Inf.** take, **Inf.** stand, **Inf.** swallow, put up with, pocket; be content with, reconcile oneself to, of oneself.

6. permit, allow, allow for, make allowance for, be lenient toward, admit, countenance.

7. forgive, pardon, excuse, condone, let pass; overlook, blink at, wink at, close the eyes to, shut the eyes to; ignore, disregard, pass over.

**stone**, n. 1. pebble, lapillus, rock, boulder; flint, slate, granite, adamant; crag, tor; gravel, lava, scoria; shale, bluestone, sandstone.

2. slab, flagstone, paving stone, cobblestone, building stone, cornerstone; monolith, obelisk.

3. precious stone, gem, jewel, **Sl.** rock, **Sl.** ice, bijou, brilliant, birthstone.

4. pit, seed, kernel, nut, **Bot.** endocarp, pip.

5. gravestone, tombstone, headstone, footstone; marker, tablet, memorial stone, monument, stela, cenotaph.

6. grindstone, whetstone, millstone, hone.

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7. lapidate, pelt, stone to death.

8. sharpen, whet, polish, hone, smooth, sharpen, whet, polish, hone.

**stony**, adj. 1. rocky, rock-strewn, rock-ribbed, pebbly, **Brit.** shingly, gravelly, gritty, cobbled; rough, jagged, bumpy.

2. lithic, hard, adamantine, adamant, granite, marble, rock-hard; petrified, ossified, hardened; craggy, flinty, impervious, impenetrable.

3. unfeeling, uncaring, bloodless, bloodless, cold, hard-hearted, un-sympathetic; callous, indurate, insensitive, insensitive; indifferent, aloof, dispassionate, uninvoluted, haughty, austere; hard-boiled, unsentimental, tough, heartless, unmoved, unstrirred; cold-hearted, cold, cool, icy, frigid; merciless, pitiless, ruthless, unrelenting, unforgiving; cruel, severe, stern, harsh, cold-blooded, unkind, hard-hearted; obdurate, obstinate, stubborn, unyielding, unyielding, inflexible, rigid, steely; iron-jawed, persevering, determined.

4. motionless, unmoving, still, unmoving, bloodless, bloodless, iron-hearted, unsympathetic; callous, indurate, insensitive, insensitive; indifferent, aloof, dispassionate, uninvoluted, haughty, austere; hard-boiled, unsentimental, tough, heartless, unmoved, unstrirred; cold-hearted, cold, cool, icy, frigid; merciless, pitiless, ruthless, unrelenting, unforgiving; cruel, severe, stern, harsh, cold-blooded, unkind, hard-hearted; obdurate, obstinate, stubborn, unyielding, inflexible, rigid, steely; iron-jawed, persevering, determined.

5. petrifying stupefying, paralyzing, unnerving, numbing, dumbfounding, overwhelming; bloodcurdling, blood-chilling, hair-raising, shivery; terrifying, frightful, frightening, scary, horrible, nightmarish; amazing, astounding, astonishing, stunning.

**stool**, n. 1. footstool, hassock, ottoman, taboret; stepstool, folding stool, campstool, milking stool; seat, seat, bench, chair; kneeler, prie-dieu, faldstool.

2. decoy, bait, lure, come-on, trick; trap, snare, spring.

3. toilet, lavatory, privy, cloaca, latrine, outhouse, backhouse; bathroom, washroom, lavatory, **Brit.** water closet.

4. feces, faecal matter, excrement, excreta, bowel movement; dung, ordure, manure, **Obs.** sterco-ration.

5. window sill or ledge, apron, casement.

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**stoop** 1. bend, lean, crook, bow, cur, curv, sa-laam, kowtow, genuflect; crouch, squat, hunker, hunch, **Sl.** squoosh down, kneel; slouch, slump, droop, nod, flag, sag, sink; duck, bow, dip, dive.

2. cessions, lower or humble oneself, deign; assent, consent, submit, yield, give in, acquiesce, concede.

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3. slouch, slump, droop, sap; **Vet. Pathol.** sway, bow; cur, sun, curv, genuflect; crouch, squat; duck, bow, dip.

4. condescension, deigning, debasement, abasement, abasement, modesty, self-abnegation, self-abnegation, self-derogation, self-abasement; yielding, submission, acquiescence.

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**stoop** 2. porch, portico, **Hawaiian.** lanai, verandah, **Chiefly New Eng. and Southern U. S.** piazza, front or back step or steps; patio, terrace, **Fr.** terrasse.

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**stop** 1. discontinue, quit, cease from, leave off, **Inf.** drop, abandon, desist from, forbear, cut out, **Sl.** can, **Sl.** cheese, **Brit. Inf.** skunk it; withdraw from, have done with; (all of work) **Inf.** call it quits, call it a day, shut up shop, **Inf.** knock off; finish, complete, consummate, consummate.

2. pause, desist, cease, halt, quit, **Sl.** hold the phone, **Archaic.** surcease; slow down, hold one's horses, come to a standstill, (of a car) pull up or over, (of a ship) lie to; come to an end, conclude, draw to a close, lapse, break off, wind up, run out, run its course; rest, wait, linger, tarry, idle.

3. terminate, close, end, put an end to; lay to rest, make an end of; silence, quiet, still; quell, squelch, subdue, put down, squash, scotch; lower the boom, crack down on, quash, put the kibosh on; arrest, check, cut short, interrupt, nip in the bud, throttle, **Archaic.** stanch; defeat, discomfit, rout, smash, crush, destroy, overpower, master.

4. intercept, cut off, choke off, shut off; withhold, refuse, deny; retain, hold back.

5. restrain, repress, suppress, curb, rein in, constrain; hamper, impede, thwart, foil, frustrate, checkmate, deadlock; hinder, delay, retard, prevent, **Inf.** tie up; deter, stall, postpone.

6. block, bar, obstruct, clog, barricade, blockade, occlude; stifle, muzzle, choke, stem; close, stuff, cram, ram, dam, obfuscat; caulk, seal, plug, bung, cork.

7. step by step, stop by stop, step in or over, stop in or over. **b.** remain, lodge, sojourn, layover, rest area, roadstop, truck stop, **Brit.** layover.

8. cessation, arrest, end, stay, standstill, halt, desistance, termination, abruption; intermission, interlude, interval, abeyance, break, **Inf.** letup; interruption, disruption, discontinuance, discontinuation, discontinuity; delay, hold back.

9. sojourn, stay, visit; stop-off, stopover, layover; rest, repose, vacation, **Brit.** holiday.

10. station, depot, terminal, terminus, station house, rest area, roadstop, truck stop, **Brit.** layover.

11. closing up, closure, shutting off, **U. S. Parl. Proc.** clôture; blocking, filling up, stoppage, opallation.
blockage, occlusion, Pathol. embolism; obstruction, 
Pathol. infarction.

12. barricade, obstacle, impediment, hindrance, bar-
rier, ban, block, Law. estoppel; ban, prohibition, pro-
scription, disallowance, embargo, injunction, enjoin-
ing, curb, crackdown; prevention, debarment, preclusion; repression, suppression, quashing, squelch, Inf.
kibosh; tramnel, restraint, constraint, bridle, shackles, restriction; dam, snare, catch.

13. plug, stopper, stopple, cork, bung, tampion; Med.
obstruct; peg, spill, spile, Dentistry. dowel; tap, spigot, cock, stopcock, faucet, valve; governor; pled-
et, Surg. tent, packing, wadding, stuffing, Med. tam-
pion; Engraving. ossil.

stopcock, n. tap, spigot, cock, petcock; faucet, valve.

stopgap, makeshift, temporary, substitute, brief stop, short visit, layover. See n. stop

tap, spigot, cock, petcock, faucet, valve; faucet, valve; governor; pled-
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lous, turbulent, squally; windy, gusty, blustery, blusterous, howling, roaring, raging; rainy, damp, raw, sleety, snowy, icy, cold; bad, foul, inclement; bleak, gray, overcast, threatening.

2. violent, fierce, intense, impassioned, inflamed, fiery, strong, vehement; loud, noisy, boisterous, raving, ranting; angry, irate, wrathful, furious, mad, boiling, raging; excited, agitated, wrought up, worked up, frantic, frenzied, frenetic, feverish, beside oneself, out of control.

story, n. 1. narration, tale, account, recital, chronicle; history; fable, myth, fairy tale, epic, saga, Archaic. gest; parable, allegory, apologue; anecdote, incident, joke, Inf. yarn, tall tale, Sl. fish or war story, Sl. megliah; fiction, fictitious tale.

2. narrative, novel, romance, novella, novelette, short story; drama, play, teleplay, script, episode; adventure story, mystery story, Inf. mystery, detective story, Inf. whodunit, thriller, tale of suspense; science fiction, Sl. sci-fi, speculative fiction; horse opera, Inf. Western, soap opera, dime novel.

3. story line, plot, plot development; events, episodes, series of incidents.

4. statement, allegation; rumor, gossip, scandal, hearsay.

5. Informal. lie, fib, falsehood; alibi, excuse.

6. report, news, news article, item, piece, exposé, report; scoop, Inf. story, news article.

7. memoirs, biography, Inf. bio, autobiography; life, experiences, confessions, fortunes, adventures.

storyteller, n. 1. tale-teller, teller of tales, Inf. yarn-spinner or spinner of yarns, fabber, fabulist; narrator, relation, observer, reporter; describer, delineator, outline, author; author, novel, writer, romancer, historian, biographer; anecdote, raconteur.

2. Informal. fibber, liar, fabricator, prevaricator, falsifier, Psychiatric. maniac, maniacal.
plete, total, full; categorical, unconditional, unreserved, unimpeachable, unqualified; absolute, sheer, utter, out-and-out, outright, downright, U.S. Inf. straight-out; perfect, proper, veritable, born, Inf. plumb, Inf. regular.

10. unmodified, unaltered; uncultivated, uninvolved, unmixed, undiluted, unwatered; pure, unmingled, unblended, alloyed, uncombined, unsophisticated.


—adv. 12. directly, straightly, in a straight line, Inf. down the pipe, Inf. down the alley, Inf. in the groove. See also straightforward (def. 7).

13. square, squarely, flush, right; plumb, plump, Inf. smack-dab.

14. frankly, candidly, straightforwardly; plainly, explicitly, unequivocally, undisguisedly, in plain words or English, with no nonsense, all jokings aside; outspokenly, freely, boldly, unreservedly, unashamedly, uninhibitedly, with no holds barred, with no punches pulled.

15. honestly, honorably, justly, fairly, equitably, aboveboard; virtuously, righteously, morally; by the book, along the straight and narrow.

16. straight off straightforward. See straightforward (def. 2).

straightway, adj. 1. straight. See straight (def. 1).

—adv. 2. immediately, Inf. immediately if not sooner, now, right now, right away, at once, this minute or instant, summarily, forthwith, without delay or further delay, without further ado, straightforward, Sl. pronto, Sl. PDQ; promptly, on the spot, right off, right off the bat, straight off, then and there.

straighten, v. 1. adjust, correct, rectify, right, square, set or put straight; unbend, uncurl, unkink, (of hair) conk; unsnarl, untangle, disentangle.

2.Usu. straighten out mend one's ways, reform oneself, take to or follow the straight and narrow, Inf. go straight.

3.Usu. straighten up order, put or set in order, arrange, tidy or tidy up, neaten, put in trim, police, pick up, clean up, Inf. fix up, Inf. spruce up.

straightforward, adj. 1. steady, steadfast, fixed, inflexible; undeviating, unswerving, unembellished, unflinching; keen, intent, unbroken, undistracted; piercing, penetrating, probing, searching.

2. direct, straight, straightforward, linear, rectilinear, rectilinearly; even, true, un bent, unturned, undistorted.

3. candid, frank, forthright, foursquare, straight-from-the-shoulder, man-to-man, heart-to-heart; plain, plain-spoken, plain-speaking, shirt-sleeve, downright, outright, explicit, unequivocal, unambiguous, undisguised, Inf. flat-footed, Inf. matter-of-fact; outspoken, free-spoken, free-speaking, free, unreticent, bold, unreserved, unrestricted, unconstrained, unchecked, unabashed, uninhibited, unsubordinated; blunt, bluff, brusque, tactless.

4. open and sincere, open-hearted, genuine, transparent; guileless, ingenuous, sincere, artless, naive, simple, undeceptive, undeceitful, undeceiving, undissembling.

5. aboveboard, open and aboveboard, legitimate, Sl. legit, sound, up front, up and up, on the up and up, on the level, no-nonsense; straight, square, fair and square, square-dealing, square-shooting, straightforward, shirt-sleeve; honest, trustworthy, Inf. trusty, uncorrupt, uncorrupted, faithful, Inf. O.K.; honorable, respectable, creditable, estimable; right, rightful, lawful, licit.

6. just, fair, impartial, equitable, objective, balanced, even, even-handed, Inf. level; unbiased, nonbiased, unprejudiced, nonprejudiced, nonprejudicial, unprepossessed, unjaundiced, open-minded.

—adv. 7. direct, directly, right, straight, straightforward, straight ahead, dead ahead; unswervingly, unerringly, undeviatingly; in a direct or straight line, in a line for, in line with, Inf. in a beeline, Inf. as the crow flies, Inf. straight as an arrow.

strain', v. 1. tighten, draw tight or taut, stretch, extend, elongate, distend.

2. exert to the utmost, sharpen, whet, hone, make keen, sensitize; rack the brain, peel the eye, squint, listen hard, cock the ear, keep one's ears open.

3. strain, wrench, wrick, twist, dislocate, injure, hurt, damage; impair, weaken, exhaust, tire, fatigue.

4. distort, warp, falsify, garble, pervert, stretch too far, change; exaggerate, hyperbolize.

5. force, drive, tax, overwork, burden, overburden; push to the limit, make ineffectual, negate, nullify; overreach, overshoot, overstep, impose upon, go or carry too far, overdo it.

6. draw off, rack, filter, percolate, sieve, bolt, screen, riddle; sift, winnow, refine, purify; pan, separate; drain, ooze, seep, trickle, flow.

7. clasp, hold, enfold, envelop, hug, embrace; press, squeeze, clutch, grasp, seize.

8. pull, tug, heave, haul; try hard, make a supreme effort, struggle, strive; labor, toil, moil, drudge, grub, grind; overwork, work night and day, Inf. go all out, Inf. give it one's all, drive oneself, push oneself, burn the midnight oil, burn the candle at both ends; work one's fingers to the bone, work like a dog, slave away, work like a slave, Inf. put one's back into it, keep one's shoulder to the wheel, keep one's nose to the grindstone; be under stress, be under pressure, be tense.

—n. 9. force, weight, heft; pull, stretch, draw, traction, tensility, tautness; extension, distension, elongation.

10. effort, exertion, struggle, laboriousness, plodding, Inf. plugging, pegging; industry, industriousness, operoseness, diligence; labor, toil, travail, sweat of one's brow, moil, drudgery, grind.

11. distortion, falsification, garbling, perversion, changing, warping; exaggeration, hyperbole, overstatement.

12. sprain, wrench, twist, dislocation, injury, damage; impairment, weakening, exhaustion, fatigue.

13. pressure, stress, tension, heat, strain, charge, tax; burden, Archaic. burthen, cross, cumbrance, cumbrance, inconvenience, trouble, vexation; load, millstone, albatross; All Inf. squeeze, crunch, pinch, push.


15. Music. theme, melody, tune, air; aria, song, movement, section, passage; verse, stanza, verse, canto, passage or piece of poetry.

16. strain', n. 1. family, dynasty, house, clan, tribe, race, people; stock, stirps; offspring, young, children, progeny, seed, issue; successors, succession.

2. ancestry, ancestral line, lineage, descent, parentage, birth, derivation, extraction, filiation; heritage, background, past, history, roots; breed, bloodline, pedigree, stem, branch.

3. disposition, temperament, temper, grain; trait, characteristic; tendency, inclination, proclivity, propensity; predisposition, subjectability, susceptibility, weakness, openness.

4. vein, streak, trace, mark, vesture; sign, indication,
manifestation, evidence.

5. variety, kind, sort, type, description.

strained, adj. forced, unnatural, artificial, plastic, false, Sl. phony, insincere; overdone, stagy, theatrical, far-fetched, cacochromatic; affected, stilted, Inf. put-on, feigned, pretended; studied, labored, laborious, calculated, mannered; self-conscious, stiff, formal, ceremonious.

strainer, n. sieve, tamis, tammy, sifter, filter, screen, ricer; colander, steamer.

strait, n. 1. Often straits narrowed, inlet, gut, arm.

2. Often straits predicament, Inf. pickle, dilemma, plight, Sl. hot spot, hot spot, hot water, stew; impasse, dead end, crisis, crux, hitch, rub, bind; quandary, perplexity, imbroglio, intricacy, entanglement, maze; slough, muddle, quagmire; problem, trouble, distress, difficulty, All Inf. clutch, jam, scrape, corner, hole, box, mess, pretty kettle of fish, fine how-do-you-do or how-de-do, pretty state of affairs, pretty pass, Sl. screw-up.

straits, v. 1. pauperize, impoverish, break, bankrupt, ruin; distress, embarrass, press, corner, Inf. drive to the wall. Inf. have on the ropes. Inf. have between a rock and a hard place; trouble, bother, harry, vex, annoy; persecute, plague, harass, oppress, afflict, perturb, disturb; encumber, overburden, overload, tax, strain.

2. limit, restrict, confine, keep within bounds, keep on a budget, Inf. keep on a short leash or rein; curb, restrain, shackle, braid, trammel, bind, stay, hold in check; cut down, cut back, watch, impede, hinder, hamper, tie one's hands; frustrate, thwart, clip one's wings.

straitemned, adj. 1. poor, destitute, poverty-stricken, adj. straitened, puritanical, puritan, prudish, nice-strait-laced, adj. straiten, pauperize, impoverish, break, bankrupt, ruined, wiped out, on the rocks, insolvent, overdrawn, in the red.

2. distressed. Inf. at the end of one's rope. Inf. between a rock and a hard place, between Scylla and Charybdis, in a sea of difficulties or troubles; in a precarious situation, in jeopardy, Inf. out on a limb, Inf. up a creek, Inf. up a creek without a paddle; encumbered, overburdened, overloaded, taxed, overtaxed, strained, close to breakdown; afflicted, perturbed, disturbed, troubled, troubled, worried, bothered, harried, vexed, perplexed.

strangulated, adj. puritanical, puritan, prudish, nicely, morallistic, strict, austere, ascetic; severe, precise, abstinent, abstemious; stiff, stiff-necked, rigid, arbitrary, narrow, uncompromising; priggish, overmodest, old-maidish, old-fashioned, of the old school; formal, stilted, Inf. stuffy, fussy, fusty; prim, proper, overscrupulous, blue-nosed; sanctimonious, moralizing, self-righteous, holier-than-thou, Inf. goody-goody; pharisaic, unctuous, tartuffian.

strangle, v. 1. unusual, uncommon, unconventional, unorthodox, uncommon, unwonted, rare; atypical, original, singular, exceptional, individual; deviate, deviant, aberrant, anomalous, anomalistic, abnormal, irregular; unexampled, unparalleled, unprecedented; odd, oddish, peculiar, curious, queer, offbeat, quizzical, cranky, incongruous, Inf. funny, Inf. off-center, Inf. quaint, eccentric, isodysyncratic, Inf. quirky, Inf. kingly; droll, comical, laughable, flaky, Sl. wacky, Sl. squirrely, Sl. buggly, Sl. screwy, Sl. balmy, Chiefly Brit. barmy, Sl. off the wall; weird, bizarre, erratic, freakish, grotesque, Inf. tricky, Inf. rum, Sl. far-out; extraordinary, egregious, remarkable, astonishing, Scot. and North Eng. unco; fantastic, incredible, inconceivable; fey, supernatural, preternatural, out of this world.

2. estranged, alienated, disaffected, separate, apart, segregated, sequestered, shut off; isolated, alone, solitary, insular, lonely, friendless, companionless; nervous, troubled, rattled, diseased, composed, restless, on edge, constrained, uneasy, ill-at-ease, uncomfortable; lost, overwhelmed, disoriented, confused, bewildered, befuddled, perplexed, puzzled, baffled, nonplused, confounded, mystified.

3. unfamiliar, uncomfortable; remote, distant, far-off; foreign, alien, exotic, tramontane, transmontane, barbarian, Scot. fremd; extraneous, external, exterior, exoteric, ulterior, outside, outland, outlandish.

4. new, fresh, novel, unique, different, dissimilar, disparate, unlike, diverse, divergent; unknown, unheard of, untried, unsuspected, unperceived, unprecedented, never encountered, hitherto unknown; virgin, unspoiled, undiscovered, unexplored.

5. unaccustomed to, inexperienced in or at, unfamiliar with, unaquainted with, a stranger to, a novice at; ignorant, uninformed, unenlightened, unininitiated, unversed; raw, green, rookie, amateurish, unskilled, unpracticed, unseasoned, unconversant, unused to, new to, uninured, unhabituated.

6. aloof, reserved, detached, remote, removed, unsocial, uncommunicative; shy, bashful, diffident, meek, reticent, demure, demuring, shrinking, withdrawn, introverted, retiring; timid, reluctant, evasive, skittish, fearful, afraid, Inf. scared, uncourageous, cowardly, shamefaced; distrustful, suspicious, guarded, on guard, wary, chary, leery, cautious, careful, circumstance, precautious, prudent, noncommittal.

stranger, n. 1. nonacquaintance; unknown person, John or Jane Doe.

2. newcomer, new arrival, immigrant, emigrant, Johnny-come-lately, Inf. a new kid in town; alien, foreigner, outlaw, outlier, tramontane, barbarian, guest, visitor, incomer, Inf. out-of-towner; entrant, novice, tenderfoot, greenhorn; interloper, intruder, obruder, crater, gate-crasher, trespasser, squatter, uninvited, unwanted, undesired, undesirable.

3. outsider, odd man out, loner, maverick; nonmember, unininitiated, uninformed.

strangle, v. 1. choke, throttle, squeeze, garrote, strangulate, bowstring, burke; stifle, suffocate, smother, gag, asphyxiate.

2. suppress, subdue, check, inhibit; repress, hold back, muzzle, restrain, restrict, curb; obstruct, clog, block, stop up, cram, plug, cork, congest, constrect, 

ment.

3. tress, lock, wisp, curl, flock, bang,plaint, quiff; elflock, lovelock, forelock, cowlick; pigtail, pony-tail.

—v. 4. plait, braid, weave, twist, twine; entwine, intertwine, interlace, interweave, intertwist, twirl.
close, occlude.

strap, n. 1. band, strip, cord, string; thong, lash, tie, leash, strap; belt, cord, braid, baldrick; girdle, sash, waistband, cummerbund, Archaic, zone, cestus; ligature, ligament, tendon, bond, link, nexus; with, fascia, copula, vinculum.

—v. 2. secure, fasten, tether, lash, lead; bind, tie, truss, pinion, moo; bondage, band.

strapping, adj. muscular, brawny, broad-shouldered, powerfully-built, musclebound; stalwart, rugged, hefty, husky, solid, well-knit; able-bodied, able, athletic, sinewy.

2. robust, vigorous, full of vigor, hearty, hardy, hale, hale and hearty, lusty, strong and healthy, bursting with health or vigor; sound, healthy, in good health, in good condition, Inf. in good shape, fit, physically fit, in fine fettle; stout, staunch, firm, sturdy, burly, Scot. and North Eng. stiff, tough, iron, Inf. tough as nails, Inf. hard as rock; powerful, potent, mighty, all-powerful, herculean, Literary, puissant.

3. Informal: huge, gigantic, large, whopping, big, titanic, massive, tremendous.

strategem, n. scheme, plot, artifice, vile, subterfuge, trick, trickery, ruse; maneuver, machination, gambit, ploy; device, tactic, trap, snare, deception, feint, intrigue, conspiracy, cabal.

strategic, adj. important, significant, momentous, essential; pivotal, crucial, decisive, key, vital; fundamental, integral, basic.

strategy, n. 1. generalization, military science, martial art, tactics, logistics.

2. plan, Inf. game plan, master plan, Inf. scenario, outline, diagram, schema, blueprint; program, schedule, organization, management; scheme, plot, design, arrangement, method; policy, game, intent, approach.

stratum, n. 1. layer, bed, tier, stage, table; lamina, layer, bed, tier, stage, table; lamina, stratum, stratagem, stratagem, strategic, strategy.

2. level, degree, grade, graduation; status, standing, station, class.

3. Informal: huge, gigantic, large, whopping, big, titanic, massive, tremendous.

straw, n. 1. stalk, Bot. petiole, spear, blade, spire, shoot, stem, reed, fiber, sprig.

2. hay; fodder; silage, ensilage; chaff.

3. trifle, least bit, pin, fig, bean, hill of beans; Inf. hay, fodder; silage, ensilage; chaff.

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streamlet, n. brook, brooklet, stream, creek, Dial. crick; streamlet, rivulet, rill, run, runnel; channel, watercourse, waterway, artificial waterway, canal, sluice, wadi, arroyo; branch, tributary, feeder, affluent, confluent; estuary, inlet, reach, arm, fjord.

2. current, Geol. race, drift, course; flow, flux, tide, inflow, flood, outflow, ebb; undercurrent, undertow, undertet, rip tide.

3. flow, afflux, issuance, emanation, flux, outflow, outrush, outpour, outpouring, efflux, effluence; rush, onrush, surge, flood, torrent, gush; jet, bolt, spurt, squirt, spout, spring, fountain, geyser; cascade, cataract, waterfall, falls, rapids.

4. air current, wind current; electrical current.

5. (all of light) beam, ray, shaft, trail, pencil, streak, gleam, flash.

6. continuous flow, torrent, rush, outpour, outpouring, gush, effusion, flux, deluge; succession, battery, barrage, volley, outburst, burst.

—v. 7. flow or flow from, flow out, issue, emanate, come from, well out or forth; run, roll, course, slide, glide, move, pass, proceed, drift, go along; fall, cascade, pour out or forth, spill, effuse, shed, let fall or drop; flood, overflow, brim over, well over, run over, spill over; rush, gush, surge, spurt, spout, jet, ejaculate, squirt, shoot out.

8. (all of light) shine, gleam, beam; come in, flood in, pour in.

9. file, parade, walk, march, roll, move, proceed.

10. wave, stir, move to and fro, flutter, blow; float outward, extend, waft; flap, sway, swing, hang.

streamer, n. 1. flag, pennant, pennon, banerole, barnerol, burgee, bunting, jack, banner, bannet.

2. ribbon, hair ribbon, feather.
sike, Scot. and North Eng. burn; channel, waterway, watercourse; branch, offshoot, tributary.

**street,** *n.*
1. public road, thoroughfare, main road, **Inf.** drag, artery, highroad, roadway; avenue, boulevard, concourse, strip, pavement; lane, drive, terrace, circle, row.
2. walk, walkway, sidewalk, path, pathway; passage, passageway, alley, by-path, byway, crosscut, short cut; by-road. by-street, side road or street.
3. highway, turnpike, pike, tollroad, state highway; freeway, expressway, parkway, causeway, thoroughway, **U.S. Inf.** interstate; speedway, autobahn, superhighway.
4. residents, locals, inhabitants, occupants, dwellers; neighborhood, quarter, district, section, precinct.

**streetwalker,** *n.* prostitute, harlot, whore, woman of the streets; lady of the evening, woman of the profession, Mrs. Warren, call girl, **Fr. fille de joie;** streetpimp, Archaic. wench, trull, drab, quean, painted woman, bar girl, **Inf.** pick-up; slut, hussy, cocotte, demimondaine, loose woman, wanton, fallen woman, woman of ill repute, white slave; **All Sl.** cat, tart, hustler, bin, moll, hooker, floozie, working girl, Brit. Sl. bird, Mexican Sl. caliente, bitch, broad, chippy. See also prostitute (def. 1).

**strength,** *n.*
1. muscular power, power, muscles, muscularity, brute force, might, mightiness, brawn, brawliness, thaws, **Inf.** huskiness, **Inf.** heftiness, **Inf.** bulkiness, burliness, sinewiness; force, forcefulness, dint, **Literary** puissance; vigor, lustiness, Archaic. lusthoo4d, vitality, energy, dynamism; hardness, sturdiness, robustness, stoutness, toughness, steeliness; sinew, sinews, resilience, resiliency.
2. courage, fortitude, intrepidity, backbone, firmness; pluck, grit, will power, nerve, Sl. guts, Sl. gutsiness, **Inf.** intestinal fortitude; tenacity, pertinacity, perseverance, resoluteness, persistence; determination, red-bloodedness, full-bloodedness, pluck, **Inf.** stick-to-it-iveness; boldness, gameness, **Inf.** spunk.
3. greatness, magnitude, immensity, largeness, bigness, enormity; sway, control, dominance; seriousness, gravity, import, urgency.
4. efficacy, effectiveness, efficiency, potency, potence; weight, substance, pith, solidity; cogency, incisiveness; weight, importance, gravity, seriousness, solemnity; urgency, imperativeness, exigency, press, pinch, high pressure; affiliation, assurance, averment.

**stress,** *n.*
1. emphasis, accent, accentuation, italics, underscoring, underlining; significance, consequence, consideration, moment, import, concern, note, mark; importance, primacy, priority, preeminence, distinction, prestige; value, worth, merit, virtue; weight, gravity, seriousness, solemnity; urgency, imperativeness, exigency, press, pinch, high pressure; affirmation, assurance, averment.
2. **Phonetics.** accent, accentuation, syllable stress, primary or secondary or tertiary stress, weak stress; attack, delivery, force of utterance.
3. **Prosody.** icus, metrical stress, cadence, beat, rhythm; rhythmic pattern, rhythmical emphasis, rhythmical accentuation.
4. strain, straining, tension, density, physical tension or pressure; stretch, extension, distension, elongation, protraction; pull, draw, haul, tug; force, thrust, push, shove, heave.
5. pain, distress, grief, suffering; stress and strain, rigor, stress of life, vicissitude, care, heat; nervous strain or tension, mental strain or pressure, worry, anxiety; psychological stress, frustration, conflict, trauma; overexertion, overstraining, overstress; stressfulness, tenseness, tautness.

—v. 6. emphasize, lay stress or emphasis upon, give emphasis to, punctuate, accent; underline, underscore, point up, italicize, call attention to, mark, bring home, press home; feature, spotlight, highlight, play up, give prominence to, bring to the fore, bring into relief, **Inf.** headline; intensity, strengthen, deepen, heighten.
7. insist upon, reassert, reaffirm, repeat; belabor, rub in, harp on, dwell on, hammer away, pound away; dramatize, overemphasize, overstress, overaccentuate, make a mountain out of a molehill, make a big thing out of nothing, make a federal case out of [s.t.]
8. drive, whip, flog, force, run, run into the ground; harass, pull, bulldoze; tire, fatigue, weary, fag; exhaust, enervate, prostrate, bleed white; tax, burden, oppress, press, bear, bear upon; overwork, overtax, overstrain.
9. tense, stretch; pull, tug, haul; push, shove, heave.

**stretch,** *v.*
1. extend, draw out, pull, tense, taunt; lengthen, elongate; widen, broaden; expand, enlarge; increase, amplify, agrandize; distend, dilate, puff up, blow up, balloon, inflate.
2. offer, proffer, hold out, reach out, reach forth.
3. spread, sweep, range, cover, take in, encompass, span.
4. strain, overstrain, overstretch, overextend, overdraft; tax, overtax, burden, overburden, overwork, overtax, push to the limit, push too far.
5. recline, lie down, sprawl, loll, lounge.

—n. 6. range, reach, compass, extent, scope, sweep, measure, distance, length and breadth.
7. period, term, tenure, spell, run, fit, interval, bout; tour, tour of duty, **Inf.** hitch.
8. elasticity, resiliency, tensility, give, snap; extensibility, stretchability, stretchiness, protrusibility.

—adj. 9. elastic, resilient, stretchable, extensible, extensible, protrusable.

**stretcher,** *n.* litter, pallet.
strew, v. 1. scatter, sprinkle, spread, diffuse, sow, disperse, distribute, bestrew. 2. broadcast, propagate, promulgate, publish; advertise, bruise, pass the word around, disseminate.

stricken, adj. 1. wounded, smitten, hit, struck, hurt, injured, laid low.

2. beset, afflicted, plagiarized, tormented, persecuted; tortured, torn, harassed, wracked, agonized.

3. overcome, overwhelmed, crushed, broken, undone, Inf. done in; demoralized, inconso- lable, desolate; heartbreak, sick at heart, heartbroken, broken-hearted, sorrow-stricken, grief-stricken.

strict, adj. 1. narrow, rigid, vigorous, stringent, harsh, illiberal; hard, hard and fast, adamant, inflexible, inexorable, unyielding, uncompromising, hard-nosed.

2. exact, exacting, precise, accurate, faithful, literal; scrupulous, meticulous, conscientious, religious, particular, fussy, fastidious, punctilious.

3. close, careful, detailed, minute, microscopic.

4. absolute, perfect, total, utter, complete.

5. orthodox, fundamentalist, purist, hidebound, creedbound.

6. stern, severe, austere, dour, grim, strait-laced, Inf. tough.

stricture, n. 1. criticism, hostile or adverse criticism, bad press, Inf. flak; thrust, Inf. hit, Inf. knock, Inf. slam, Inf. rap, Inf. swipe, Sl. shot; animadversion, derogation, aspersion, imputation.

2. (all of a bodily duct or passage) contraction, constriction, compression, strangulation.

3. restriction, limitation, astriction; check, curb, constraint, restraint, hindrance.

strife, n. 1. conflict, discord, disaccord, dissension, friction, variance, opposition; bad or soft feelings, hostility, antagonism, antipathy, bad blood, ill will, hatred.

2. disagreement, difference of opinion, imbroglio, contention, controversy, altercation, embroilment; argument, Inf. words, quarrel, dispute, squabble, row, spar, wrangle, jangle, Scot. sturt, Scot. collieshangie, Obs. brabble, Scot. and North Eng. theap, Brit. Archaic. grapple; spat, tiff, Brit. Dial. frac balk, Inf. run-in, Inf. hassle, Inf. barney, falling-out, Sl. blow-up; fight, fisticuffs, scuffle, tussle, Inf. set-to, Inf. scrap, struggle; hand-to-hand combat, combat, battle, skirmish, fray; brannigan, broil, brawl, donnybrook, free-for-all, melee, Inf. dustup, U.S. Sl. rhubarb.

3. competition, contest, rivalry; match, game, regatta, meet, joust, duel, tug of war; debate, battle of wits; tournament, tourney, bout, round, encounter, engagement, Fr. concours, athletic event; race, run, dash, sprint; trial, heat, scrimmage; run-off, sudden death, showdown; sweepstakes, derby, handicap, steepelchase; Olympics, (in ancient Greece) agon, decathlon, pentathlon, marathon, (in ancient Greece) agonistics.

strike, v. 1. hit, smite, thwack, slap, smack, Australian. ding; cuff, buffet, knock, punch, box, sandbag, Scot. clout, Scot. and North Eng. pak, Inf. clout, Inf. slap, Inf. whack, Inf. knock [s.o.'s] block off, Inf. wallop, Inf. crown, Sl. conk, Dial. hit [s.o.] up side the head, Sl. belt, Sl. bash, Sl. plug, Sl. sock, U.S. Sl. biff, Sl. bop; beat, batter, pound, lay down, pommel, pummel, pelt, Sl. paste, Sl. lay into, Sl. let [s.o.] have it, Archaic. belabor; thrash, flail, lash, switch, birch, scourge, flagellate, whip, whipsaw, curry, strap, thres, flail, cowhide, spank, Brit. Dial. yerk, Inf. ten [s.o.'s] hide, Inf. trim, Inf. thump, Inf. fence, Inf. lambaste, Inf. whale, Sl. whomp; cudgel, fustigate, bludgeon, baste, cane, bastinado, club, hammer, sledge-hammer, tap, rap, fillip.

2. attack, charge, storm, rush, set upon, assail, assault; fell, drop, sink, bring down, shoot, send to the mark, make a bull's-eye, Sl. zap, Sl. blast; drive, bat, propel.

3. thrust, shove, push, plunge, lunge, force; stab, pierce, dagger, spear, javelin, harpoon.

4. ignite, light, kindle, enkindle, inflame, flame, fire, set on fire; spark, light up, glow, flare, flame, burn, blaze.

5. collide with, impact against, smash into, dash against, jolt, bang into or against; bump, knock into, clap together, percuss, run into, meet head-on, impinge upon or against.

6. impress, arouse or pique one's interest, catch one's eye; accord, please, appeal to, delight, tickle, gratify; suit, fit, befit.

7. come upon, light upon, happen or chance upon, blunder upon, meet with, Inf. dig; find, discover, uncover, unearth, ferret out, dig up, learn of or about; detect, descry, notice, esp, perceive, discern, Inf. spot, Sl. pick up; pitch on or upon, think of, get into one's head, come up with, dream up, hatch, concoct.

8. root, take root, put down roots, take hold, settle, plant, Rare. implant.

9. reach, attain, gain, achieve, arrive at; compromise, find a balance, find a median, determine a middle ground.

10. take apart, undo; pull down, take down, knock down, Inf. level.

11. level, smooth, plane, even, flatten, strickle.

12. Usu. strike out delete, cross over, mark through; efface, erase, rub out, blot out, wipe out; 12. strike out down, Inf. level.

13. (all of coins, medals, etc.) coin, mint, stamp, punch out, cut, form, make; impress, imprint, print.

14. (all of clocks) ding, ring, clang; sound, go off, cuckoo; resound, resonate.

15. Often strike down afflict, distress, plague; disease, make sick or ill, harm, impair, damage, injure, hurt, wound, cripple, maim; kill, slay, slaughter, murder, massacre, deal a deathblow; annihilate, destroy, ruin, blast.

16. terrify, terrorize, frighten, instill fear, scare to death; overwhelm, move, affect, have an effect on, influence, make an impact or impression on, leave a mark on; induce, cause, effect, bring about, create, produce.

17. assume, adopt, take on; imitate, copy, mimic, reproduce; affect, feign.

18. agree or settle on, reach accord, make a settlement; approve, sanction, ratify, confirm.

19. walk out, walk off the job; quit or stop working, sit down on the job, picket.

20. hit, hitting, smiting, thwack, slap, slapping, smack, smacking; cuff, buffet, knock, punch, box, Inf. whacking, knockout, Both Boxing. left, right, Inf. whack, Inf. wallop, Inf. whomp, Inf. clout,
striking, adj. 1. impressive, imposing, majestic, grand, august, awesome, awe-inspiring; wondrous, marvelous, stupendous, amazing, astounding, incredible; miraculous, fabulous, exceptional, out-of-the-ordinary, unusual, singular, unique; extraordinary, excellent, magnificent, Inf. great, superb, Sl. bang-up, Inf. smashing; splendid, wonderful, brilliant, dazzling, Brit. Sl. ripping.

2. noticeable, conspicuous, obvious, evident; effective, forceful, impactful; blatant, obtrusive, flagrant, glaring, egregious; overt, visible, prominent, unconcealed, plain, unmistakable; clear, lucid, plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face, distinct, clear-cut, explicit.

3. attractive, good-looking, stunning, beautiful; handsome, comely, well-favored, well-groomed.

4. style, sort, kind, variety, brand, line; ilk, set, lot, style, sort, kind, variety, brand, line; ilk, set, lot, Inf. catches, Sl. hookers, fine print; provisions, provisos, articles, conventions, clauses.

—v. 5. tie, bind, lash, leash, moor; fasten, secure, bathe, shower, drench, douse, drench, douse, bash, bop; SI. douse, bash, bop; SI. SI. SI. plug, SI. tad, kid, young one, young'un, Inf. con, Scot, laddo, laddie, gossoon; child, master, son, Fr. garçon, Zool. strigose.

string, n. 1. cord, line, cable, rope, yarn, twine; thread, lace, catgut; braid, twist, ligament, strand, tendon; fiber, filament, tendril; chord, wire, gut, bowstring, piano wire; ribbon, strap, thong.

2. necklace, riviere, band, strand, beads; gorget, carcanet, chaplet.

3. series, chain, range, concatenation, catenation, canetsna; row, file, tier, column, queue, line, single file, Indian file; procession, train, stream, parade, cavalcade, motorcade, cortege, caravan, coffle.

4. strings. Informal. limitations, conditions, qualifications, contingencies, stipulations; prerequisites, requirements, musts; terms, Inf. catches, Sl. hookers, fine print; provisions, provisos, articles, conventions, clauses.

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stringed, adj. banded, streaked, striped, stripy; variegated, striated, striped; listed, veined, brindled, brindled, Zool. strigose.

stringing, n. youth, juvenile, minor, young man or fellow, youngling, teen-ager, teen or teener, pre-teen, hobbledehoy, schoolboy; youngster, lad, boy, Fr. garçon, Scot. laddie, Inf. laddo, Irish Eng. gossoon; child, young one, DiaL. young'un, Inf. kid, U.S. Inf. tad, Inf. shaver or little shaver; master, son, Inf. sonny, Inf. sonny; chip off the old block, junior; whippersnapper, brat; urchin, street urchin, gamin.

stringy, adj. 1. fibrous, sinewy, ropy, wiry, thready; fibrous, sinewy, ropy, wiry, thready; thread, lace, catgut; braid, twist, ligament, strand, ten- don; fiber, filament, tendril; chord, wire, gut, bow-string, piano wire; ribbon, strap, strip, thong.

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stringy, adj. 1. fibrous, sinewy, ropy, thready; ligamental, filamentary, tough, leathery, gristy, Inf. chewy.

2. ropy, mucous, albuminous, Vulgar. snotty; gluey, pasty, tacky, gooey, Archaic. sly; glutinous, mucilaginous, synovial, gumbo, viscous, gelatinous.

strip1, v. 1. peel, pare, skin, excoriate, decorticate, excorticate, flay, scale, bark; hull, shell, husk, shock; uncover, expose, lay open, bare, denude.

2. remove, take off, cast off, throw off, strip, shed, exfoliate, Pathol. desquamate, slough, molt, exuviate, flake off, peel off, scale.

3. deprive, deprive of, take away, take from; dispossess, Law. disinherit, expropriate, confiscate, seize.

4. clear out, empty or empty out, clean out; dismantle, disfigure.

5. rob, burglarize, burglary, Sl. rip off, steal, take or take away, walk off or walk away with; plunder, deposei, Archaic. spoil, spoliate, pillage, Chiefly Scot. reive; ravish, rifle, sack, loot, gut.

6. undress, disrobe, undrape, unclothe, Inf. peel, doff, shed, cast or throw off, Sl. drop one's drawers, Sl. drop trow, strip down to nothing, strip-tease.

strip2, n. 1. narrow piece, band, stripe, belt, cord, cordon, braid, thong, ribbon, frontlet, fillet. See stripe(def. 2).

2. comic strip, cartoon, comics, U.S. funnies.

strip3, n. 1. band, bar, tricolor, tiger-stripe, zebra-stripe, striation; furrow, ridge, stripia, Archit. strix, flute; streak, streaking, lineation, delineation; line, dash, stroke, score, scratch; rule, mark, slash, hacking, hachure.

2. strip, braid, tape, ribbon, fillet, stripe; chevron, insignia, eagle, wings; belt, cordon, girdle, sash, Archaic. zone, waistband.

3. layer, seam, vein, lode; stratum, level, ledge, bed, plane.

4. style, sort, kind, variety, brand, line; ilk, set, lot, character, description, nature; Inf. like or likes; species, genus, family, race, strain, blood, breed; stamp, form, mold, cast, make; persuasion, manner, type, color, feather, kidney, grain; aspect, grade, classification, order, degree.

—v. 5. strait, bar, blaze, streak, line; hatch, score, rule; variegate, seam, band, vein, marble.

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striping, n. 1. pleasant, attractive, good-looking, stunning, beautiful, handsome, comely, well-favored, well-groomed; handsome, comely, well-favored, well-groomed.

2. noticeable, conspicuous, obvious, evident; effective, forceful, impactful; blatant, obtrusive, flagrant, glaring, egregious; overt, visible, prominent, unconcealed, plain, unmistakable; clear, lucid, plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face, distinct, clear-cut, explicit.

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do all one can, Sl. shoot one's bolt, do all that lies within one, Inf. go all out, knock oneself out, Inf. give it one's all, Inf. bend over backwards, Sl. do it up brown.

1. stroll, v. stroke, n.
2. work hard, toil, labor, moil, grudge, grub, grind; work one's fingers to the bone, slave or slave away, work like a slave, work like a Trojan, Inf. put one's back into it, Sl. kill oneself; work day and night, burn the midnight oil, burn the candle at both ends; sweat, Sl. beat one's brains out, strain oneself.
3. compete, contend with; fight, battle, tussle, skirmish, struggle. See struggle (def. 1).

stroke, n. 1. blow, hit, slam, buffet, cut, uppercut; jab, punch, belt, chop, crack, chip, sock, smack, whack, Sl. paste, Sl. kerpow, thwack, Inf. wallop, swat, Inf. lick; rub, smear, brush, knead, knead, stuff, 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2. endeavor, labor, try hard, do one’s best, do all one can or that lies within one, Sl. do it up brown, set at [st.] with a will; work hard, burn the midnight oil, burn the candle at both ends, work day and night, work like a Trojan, keep one’s shoulder to the wheel; beat one’s head against a wall, fight a losing battle, get nowhere fast; try, make an effort, take pains, bestir oneself; attempt, tackle, take on, essay, undertake, work at, go about; seek to, venture, make a bold push. —n.

3. labor, work, toil, travail, sweat of one’s brow, moil, drudgery; exertion, effort, strain, laboriousness, plodding, Inf. plugging, pegging; industry, industriousness, oporeseness, diligence; endeavor, striving, try, attempt, essay, effort, nisus, conatus.

4. contention, conflict, strife, hostilities, combat, war; fight, clash, skirmish, battle; fray, affray, fracas, melee, brawl, scuffle, tussle, tug of war; set-to, scrap, scuffle, slugfest; rivalry; competition; wrangle, brol, quarrel, feud.

5. task, chore, Inf. hassle, Sl. drag; grind, Inf. rat race; bother, worry, trouble, trial.

6. study, n. 1. pupil, schoolgirl, schoolboy, learner, educatee, Fr. élève; collegian, undergraduate, coed; scholar, intellectual, Inf. bookworm, Inf. grind, Sl. squid.

2. beginner, novice, tyro, abecedarian, catechumen, neophyte, initiate, probationer, postulant.

3. apprentice, ward, trainee, protegé, disciple, follower, apostle, proselyte; adherent, sectary, admiral, votary, devotee.

4. observer, spectator; commentator, reviewer, critic, interpreter, analyst; examiner, investigator.

studied, adj. 1. deliberate, premeditated, preconceived, predetermined; calculated, contrived, forced, unnatural, artificial, plastic, Sl. phony, Inf. put-on, feigned; affected, mannered, precious, recherche; strained, labored, laborious, self-conscious, stiff, stilted, formal, ceremonious; overcome, elaborate, stag, theatrical.

2. considered, well-considered, pondered, contemplated, meditated, carefully weighed; planned, well-laid-out, well-arranged, well-thought-out, thoughtful; careful, thorough.

studious, adj. 1. diligent, industrious, sedulous, hard-working; busy, busy as a bee or beaver, active, employed, engaged, occupied, hard at it; intent, intense, concentrated, steady, earnest, zealous; assiduous, painstaking, thorough, thorough-going; persistent, pertinacious, dogged, plodding, slogging; persevering, unremitting, unrelaxing, unfaltering, untiring, tireless, indefatigable.

2. scholarly, academic, intellectual, cerebral; erudite, cultured, lettered, literary, bookish.

3. considered, well-considered, well-thought-out, planned, studied. See studied (def. 2).

study, n. 1. reading, review, reviewing, learning, taking in, absorption, memorization; concentration, attentiveness, application, endeavor, effort, enterprise, work, hard work; industry, industriousness, sedulousness, assiduity, plodding, Inf. plugging, pegging, Inf. grinding; thought, reflection, mulling, pondering, contemplation, rumination, deliberation, speculation, consideration; attention, observance, observation, notice, note, regard.

2. research, investigation, inquiry, exploration; examination, scrutiny, inspection, probe, dissection; analysis, interpretation, explanation, elucidation; treatise, thesis, text, survey, Civ. Eng. reconnaissance.

3. subject, field, area, branch of knowledge.

4. reverie, woolgathering, musing, meditation, introspection, pensiveness, brown study; preoccupation, absorption, engrossment, absent-mindedness, abstraction.

5. library, reading room, den; office, workroom, studio; schoolroom, study hall.

—v. 6. apply oneself, endeavor, work, work hard, Sl. crack a book, Inf. hit the books; learn, con, memorize, get by heart, learn by rote, Inf. grind, Brit. Sl. muzz, Brit. Sl. swot, Sl. pull an allnighter, burn the midnight oil, Inf. cram; slog, toil, drudge, review; go over, Inf. bone up; peruse, pore over, read, scan, skim, glance at, dip into; take up, occupy oneself with.

7. consider, deliberate, ex cogitate, take to heart, Archaic. perpend; revolve, turn over, weigh, evaluate; cogitate, reflect, ruminate, chew over, chew one’s cud, be in a brown study; meditate, muse, ponder, brood, mull over; think, think about or over, cerebrate, put on one’s thinking cap, be abstracted, be lost in thought.

8. contemplate, watch, keep an eye on, keep a vigilant, rivet one’s eyes upon, stare at, gaze at, view, look at, observe, regard; attend, pay attention to, heed, survey,
stumble, n. 1. make a mistake, blunder, bungle, botch, muddle, flub, fumble, Inf. slip up, Inf. drop the ball, Inf. put one's foot in one's mouth, Inf. put one's foot in it, Sl. goof, Sl. make or pull a boner, Sl. make a boo-boo, Sl. commit a no-no, Sl. boot one or it.
3. falter, hesitate, waver, hover, hang back, pause; demur, balk, boggle, scruple, have qualms, think twice, have second thoughts; hem and haw, blow hot and cold, shilly-shally, be of two minds, be unable to make up one's mind, not know one's own mind.
4. stumble upon chance upon, happen upon, come across, hit upon, find, discover, locate; encounter, meet, run across or into, cross the path of, Inf. meet up with, Inf. come or run up against, Inf. bump into, Inf. run smack into.

stumbling block, n. obstacle, obstruction, block, impediment, hindrance, barrier, bar; difficulty, hurdle; snag, hitch, catch, drawback, rub, fly in the ointment, Inf. joker, Inf. one small problem.

stump, n. 1. trunk, stem, stalk; remnant, remains; stub, end, butt, tail end, tail, dock
2. heavy footfall or footstep, clamp, clunk, thud, thump; trap, stomping, lumbering.
3. hustings, campaign trail, rubber-chicken circuit; podium, dais, speaker's platform.

stuff, n. 1. close, poorly ventilated, ill-ventilated
stuffing, n. 1. stuff, matter, material, substance, fabric

stuffy, adj. 1. close, poorly ventilated, ill-ventilated
2. dull, dull as dishwater, uninteresting, boring, bore-some, tedious, tiresome, tiresome; Inf. ho-hum; dry, dry-as-dust; Sl. deadly, Sl. dead; flat, bland, insipid, vapid, jejune, Sl. for the birds, Sl. nothing, Sl. blah; ponderous, elephantine, wooden.

stuffing, n. 1. filling, filler, padding, packing, wadding
2. dressing, Cookery. forcemeat, Cookery. farce-meat or farce
3. Informal. insides, internals, inwards, Inf. innards, Sl. guts.
stupefaction, n. 1. stupor. See stupor (def. 2).
2. amazement, astonishment, astoundment; wonder, wonderment, breathless wonder, awe; bewilderment, confoundment, perplexity, bafflement.

stupified, adj. 1. numb, numbed, benumbed, deadened; comatose, in a coma or stupor, senseless, insensible, unconscious, oblivious, out, out cold, dead to the world, knocked out, anesthetized, Ephph. asleep; drugged, doped; All Sl. blitzed, stoned, out of it, in the ozone, in another zone, spaced or spaced out, in outer space, lost in space.
2. stunned, dazed, bedazzled, dazzled; amazed, astonished, astounded, Inf. flabbergasted; breathless, awestruck, transfixed, unable to think of one's eyes; bewildered, confounded, dumfounded, struck dumb; petrified, paralyzed, frozen, scared to death, Sl. scared stiff.

stupify, v. 1. stun, benumb; drug, narcotize, Sl. dope up. See also stun (def. 1).
2. daze; amaze. See stun (defs. 2, 3).

stupendous, adj. 1. amazing, astounding, astonishing, miraculous, surpassing belief; wondrous, wonderful, remarkable, marvelous, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, Sl. out of this world, phenomenal; fabulous, fantastic, Sl. far-out; staggering, break-taking, Sl. stunning; indescribable, ineffable, mind-boggling, Sl. mind-blowing.
2. immense, colossal, vast, prodigious, huge, gigantic, Sl. gigundo, titanic, enormous, massive, monstrous, mighty.

stupid, adj. 1. dull-witted, Inf. dumb, unintelligent, fatuous, insensate, bètise; imbecility, Inf. moronism, Inf. moronity, retardation, subnormality; headless, brainless, mindlessness; dullness, Inf. dopesiness, witlessness, unwittiness; vapidity, insipidity, insipidness, blankness, emptiness, voidness, vacancy, vacuity, blankness.
2. senseless, density, obtuseness, boveness, doltishness; lassitude, listlessness, torpor, inertness, torpidness, lethargy, paralysis, numbedness, unactivity, feebleness, unconsciousness, senselessness, insensibility, obvilineasness; torpor, inertia, supineness; lassitude, listlessness, lethargy, sluggishness, languor, lifelessness, Inf. dopesiness; apathy, indifference, unresponsiveness, dullness, phlegm.

sturdy, adj. 1. stalwart, stout, rugged, hearty, husky, burly, brawny, powerful, mighty, robust, strong, brawny, strapping, broad-shouldered, well-muscled, solid, sound, tough, yeomanly, Scot. bairnly, Scot. and North Eng. stiff, Inf. tough as nails, Inf. hard as rock; muscular, muscled, well-muscled, full-muscled, strong, brawny, strapping, broad-shouldered, powerfully-built, herculean, musclebound; powerful, mighty, Literary. puissant; able, able-bodied, athletic, sinewy, well-knit; robust, vigorous, full of vigor, hearty, hearty, hale and hearty, hale, lusty, strong and healthy, bursting with health or vigor; sound, healthy, in good health, fit, physically fit, in fine fettle, in good condition, Inf. in good shape, Inf. in shape.
2. solid, stout, solid, substantial, well-built, well-made, well-constructed; hard, heavy, tough, durable, long-lasting, lasting, made to last.
3. firm, staunch, steadfast, doughty, tenacious, un-
compromising, unyielding, inexorable, intransient; resolve, determined, decided, fixed; unflinching, unwavering, undeviating, unshrinking, unyielding, unaltering, unhesitating; stubborn, obstinate, pertinacious; indefatigable, tireless, untiring, unflagging, unwearying, enduring, staminable; indomitable, invincible, unconquerable, defiant, resistant, resisting; mettlesome, plucky, gritty, game, spirited, red-blooded, Inf. spunky.

4. brave, courageous, valiant, valorous, hero-like, stout-hearted, iron-hearted, lion-hearted, great-hearted, Archaic. stalworth; virile, manly, manful, masculine, gallant, chivalrous, chivalric; intrepid, fearless, dauntless, aweless, dreadless, undaunted, unalarmed, undismayed, unappalled, unblenched; bold, daring, dashing, audacious, adventurous, bold-spirited, high-spirited, high-spirited, high-spirited.

stutter, v. 1. stammer, pause, hesitate, falter, stumble, speak haltingly.

—n. 2. stammer, speech impediment or defect.

sty, n. 1. pigeon, pigsty, Chiefly Brit. pigsty.

hole, hovel, pesthole, Sl. dump, Sl. dive, Sl. flop house; slum, Warren, rookery; sink, sewer, cesspool.

style, n. 1. mode, manner, Archaic. guise, method, taste; system, approach, way; type, kind, sort; fashion, cut, line, design, pattern; form, shape, texture, quality.

2. fashion, Brit. twig, mode, vogue, look; trend, rage, fad, craze, latest thing; practice, custom, general tendency.

3. stylishness, smartness, neatness, sprueness, dapperness, trimness, neatness; fashionableness, modishness, chic, elegance; dressiness, flashiness, Sl. snazziness, Sl. sharpness; flair, panache, pizzazz, dash; fanciness, Sl. ritiness, Inf. swankiness, luxuriousness, Sl. class; polish, grace, refinement, culture; sophistication, cosmo-politanism, urbanity, urbanliness, suavity, suaveness.

4. tone, spirit, strain, vein; character, Obs. tenor, characteristic, condition; spirit, feeling, mood, temper; mark, stamp, brand, seal, touch.

5. phraseology, wording, phrasing, expression; language, words, vocabulary, dialect, speech.

—v. 6. name, call, address, designate, nominate; term, tag, label, dub.

7. design, fashion, make, do; sketch, outline, draft, plan, delineate, trace out, block out.

stylish, adj. 1. fashionable, smart, natty, spruce, dapper, trim; chic, modish, a-go-go, in the very latest taste; in vogue, à la mode, in fashion, in style; popular, in, Sl. in the groove, all the rage; up-to-date, current, modern, mod, new; up-to-the-minute, Inf. trendy, Sl. cool, Inf. nifty, Sl. neat, Sl. hip, Sl. hep.

2. elegant, high-class, Sl. classy, high-toned, Sl. tony; silk-stocking, posh, luxurious, Sl. ritzy, fancy, Inf. swank, Inf. swanky, Sl. swell; dressy, flashy, Sl. snazzy, snazzy, down-to-a-ticker; suave, urbane, sophisticated, chi-chi, cosmopolitan.

stylist, n. 1. craftsman, purist, classicist; writer, author, speaker, orator, artist.

2. couturier, couturière, fashion designer, designer; interior decorator, decorator, room designer.

stylize, v. formalize, conventionalize, ritualize, ceremonialize, solemnize; shape, pattern, design, form, arrange, fashion, frame, block out.

suave, adj. urbane, sophisticated, worldly; courteous, polite, civil, fair-spoken, smooth-spoken; pleasant, agreeable, easy to get along with, tactful, diplomatic; smooth, bland, untroublesome; nonchalant, uneccita-

—n. 2. subordinate, junior, lower, inferior. See subordinate (def. 1).

subaltern, adj. 1. subordinate, junior, lower, inferior. See subordinate (def. 1).

subconscious, adj. 1. suppressed, repressed, hidden, unconscious, latent, Inf. Freudian; deep, inmost, inmost, inner, deep-rooted, underlying, Psychol. subliminal.

—n. 2. subconsciousness, inner self, unconsciousness; collective unconscious.


2. portion, piece, share, part, section, subsection, segment, subsegment.

subdue, v. 1. conquer, vanquish, subjugate, oppress; rout, discomfit, put to flight, overwhelm, overrun, trample, crush, overthrow; smash, thrash, trim, whip, drub, floor, bow, Inf. skin alive, Inf. settle [s.o.'s] hash, worst, defeat.

2. master, overpower, overcome, surmount, triumph over, get the better of; control, subject to one's will, dominate, gain the upper hand over, browbeat, overawe, intimidate; humble, bring down, have at one's homework, have at one's hand, have eating out of one's hand, Inf. have wrapped around one's little finger; captivate, charm, enthrall, ensnare, capture, tame, break, bend, reduce, break in, discipline, gentle, domesticate, Obs. domesticate; repress, suppress, put down, quell, restrain, check, curb, choke, smother, inhibit; muzzle, bridle, harness, rein, rein in, hold back, keep down, hold or keep in check.

3. reduce, moderate, temper, soften, mellow, tone down, muffle, silence, mute, quiet, dull, soft-pedal.

4. allay, alleviate, palliate, mollify, assuage, salve, relieve, dulcify; appease, pacify, soothe, still, ease, calm, gentle; mitigate, reduce, abate, slacken, slake, Obs. lenify; blunt, dull, cushion, tranquilize, deaden, kill, remedy, ameliorate.

subdued, adj. 1. quiet, hushed, mute; calm, peaceful, tranquil, sedate, composed, collected, reserved, solemn, grave, somber, sober, unperturbed, unagitated.

2. controlled, repressed, restrained, inhibited, smothered, bridled, muzzled, held in check.

3. unresponsive, undemonstrative, unimpassioned, unemotional, inactive, passive, dull, dead, lifeless, spiritless.

4. reduced, lowered, muted, toned down; subtle, refined, finely shaded, tasteful.

subject, n. 1. topic, subject matter, matter, theme, angle; gist, meaning, substance, point, Inf. nub, heart; text, thesis, proposition; plot, plot line, story, motif, leitmotif.

2. branch of knowledge or study, discipline, course, study, course of study.

3. motive, cause, ground, rationale, reason, basis, source; peg, occasion, instance, factor; provocation, inducement, instigation.

4. liege, dependent, retainer.

5. citizen, national, allegiance, inhabitant, resident, taxpayer, voter.

6. puppet, satellite, cat's-paw, tool, instrument, Sl. stool; underling, subordinate, follower, handmaiden; chattel, thrall, slave, bondman, bondmaid, vassal, serf.

7. patient, case, client; examinee, testée, Inf. guinea pig.

—adj. 8. dependent, subservient, subordinate, inferior, under [s.o.'s] thumb, not able to call one's soul one's own, at [s.o.'s] beck and call; servile, slavish, subjugated, crushed, abject; puppetlike, satellize, vassal; controlled, manipulated, dominated, ruled; powerless, impotent, unable to stand on one's own two feet;
1. subjugate, v. 
2. sublimate, v.
3. subjective, adj.
4. subject, n.

1. conquer, quell, subdue, subjugate, subordinate, bring to one's knees, master, dominate, rule; enslave, enthral, capture; tame, break, bend to one's will, lead by the nose, use as a doormat, humble, crush, keep down.

14. lay open, expose, make vulnerable; treat, put through, give, deal, deliver, administer.

1. subjugate, v. 
2. subjugation, n.
3. subjective, adj.
4. subjective, adj.

17. submit, v. 
18. submit, n.
19. supine, adj.
20. submit, n.

1. allegiant, loyal, faithful, obedient, respectful; obsequious, servile, obsequious, obsequious, obsequious, obsequious.
2. allegiance, n.
3. submission, n.
4. submission, n.

1. submit, v. 
2. submit, n.

1. subject, v. 
2. subject, n.
5. propose, offer, proffer, tender; suggest, advance, present, introduce, put forward, put forth, volunteer, move, bid.

**subnormal, adj.** 1. inferior, low, too low, under the required level, insufficient, inadequate; below par, below normal, less than average, not up to standards, not up to snuff, second-rate, low-grade; shoddy, slipshod, rickety, cheap, dime-store, bargain-basement, *Inf.* junky, *U.S.* Inf. cheap, *Brit.* Sl. humpty; bad, awful, terrible, abysmal, wretched, miserable, sorry, dismal, *Inf.* lousy, Sl. crappy; shabby, sleazy, seedy, raunchy, squalid, grubby.

2. retarded, dull, dull-witted, dim-witted, half-witted, not all there, deficient, lacking, unsound, incompetent, infirm, senile, *Inf.* dotty; psychologically or emotionally disturbed, maladjusted, unbalanced, neurotic, psychotic; abnormal, aberrant.

3. subaltern, junior, underling, inferior, second-class, less than, below, under; subservient, subject, dependent.

**subscribe, v.** 1. sign up for, sign on the dotted line, assent to, give one's assent to, agree to, say "yes" to, consent to, give one's consent to, give permission for, give approval for, approve a request for, authorize, *Inf.* O.K.; *Inf.* nod, consent, permission, *Inf.* the green light, *Inf.* the go-ahead; sanction, countenance, blessing, condonation; agreement with, acceptance of, belief in, faith in, trust in, confidence in.

4. signing, signing on the dotted line, signature; countersignature, underwriting, endorsement, guarantee.


6. approval, vote of approval, yes or aye vote, ratification, stamp of approval, seal, authorization, *Inf.* O.K.; assent, nod, consent, permission, *Inf.* the green light, *Inf.* the go-ahead; sanction, countenance, blessing, condonation; agreement with, acceptance of, belief in, faith in, trust in, confidence in.

7. subsequent, adj. following, ensuing, succeeding, next, coming, to come, future; successive, consecutive, sequential, consequent, sequacious.

**subserve, v.** promote, encourage, foster, cultivate, nourish, nurture, help develop; advance, further, help along, bolster, boost, recommend, advocate, speak in favor of, push for, *Inf.* plug or put in a plug for; patronize, support, endorse, sanction, back, finance; conduct to, contribute to, add to, improve, strengthen, better, upgrade, ameliorate, meliorate, enhance, enrich, fatten, augment; help or help out, lend a hand, give a helping hand, give a leg up, do a good turn, aid, assist, succor; be of service to, be of some use to, be useful to, benefit, serve [s.o.'s] purposes, do some good for; enable, empower, make possible, pave the way, facilitate, facilitate matters, make things easier for, grease the wheels, soap the way.

**subscribe, v.** 1. sign up for, sign on the dotted line, sign for, contract for, enter into a contract for; promise to pay for or purchase, make a pledge to, promise to contribute or give to; take, accept, assume, undertake, take on responsibility for.

2. buy, purchase, pay for, make payment for, remit; buy into, invest in, put money into; contribute toward, make a contribution toward, chip in for, go on in, donate [s.t.] to, make a donation to, give [s.t.] to.

3. sign for, consign for, countersign for, underwrite; attest to, testify to, advocate, recommend, guarantee; endorse, back up, second, stand behind or by, befriend, help, aid.

4. sign for, consign for, countersign for, underwrite; attest to, testify to, advocate, recommend, guarantee; endorse, back up, second, stand behind or by, befriend, help, aid.

4. assent to, give one's assent to, agree to, say "yes" to, consent to, give one's consent to, give permission for, give approval for, approve a request for, authorize, *Inf.* O.K.; *Inf.* give the green light or go-ahead on; sanction, condone, countenance, give one's blessing to, approve of, go for; allow, permit, tolerate, brook, stand for, put up with, take; believe in, have faith in, have confidence in, trust, *Inf.* put stock in, *Inf.* buy, *Inf.* swallow; accent oneself to, get used to, reconcile oneself to.

**subscription, n.** 1. payment, remission, amount paid, price, cost; money, grant, grant-in-aid, subvention, subsidy, stipend, pension, alimony, subsistence allowance; endowment, contribution, obligation, donation, charity, alms; gratuity, tip, gift, present, bounty, largess.

2. purchase agreement, agreement to buy, contract; pledge, obligation, responsibility, investment.

3. outstanding pledges, amount due or owed, income from a drive; fund, collection, offering, *Eccles.* offertery.

4. signing, signing on the dotted line, signature; countersignature, underwriting, endorsement, guarantee.


6. approval, vote of approval, yes or aye vote, ratification, stamp of approval, seal, authorization, *Inf.* O.K.; assent, nod, consent, permission, *Inf.* the green light, *Inf.* the go-ahead; sanction, countenance, blessing, condonation; agreement with, acceptance of, belief in, faith in, trust in, confidence in.

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**subservient, adj.** 1. subordinate, subaltern, junior, lower; secondary, auxiliary, accessory, ancillary, subsidiary; inferior, second-class, less than, below, under; dependent, subject, under [s.o.'s] thumb.

2. servile, obsequious, *Obs.* obsequious, submissive; docile, tractable, manageable, unassertive, compliant, obedient, deferential, yielding; toadyish, toadying; unctuous, oily, ingratiating, obsequious, obeisant; deferential, yielding; truckling, obeisant, obsequious; abject, abasing; lowly, subservient, subservient, subaltern, junior, underling, inferior, second fiddle; hireling, employee, hired hand; dependent, subject, vassal, servant, slave, serf.

**subsidy, v.** patronize, support, endorse, sanction, back, finance; conduct to, contribute to, add to, improve, strengthen, better, upgrade, ameliorate, meliorate, enhance, enrich, fatten, augment; help or help out, lend a hand, give a helping hand, give a leg up, do a good turn, aid, assist, succor; be of service to, be of some use to, be useful to, benefit, serve [s.o.'s] purposes, do some good for; enable, empower, make possible, pave the way, facilitate, facilitate matters, make things easier for, grease the wheels, soap the way.

**subsidy, adj.** 1. auxiliary, additional, supplemental, supplementary, complementing, reserve,
extra; accessory, ancillary; tributary, contributory; helping, assisting, assistant, adjutant, aiding, abetting, ministrant; ministerial, instrumental.

2. subordinate, subaltern, secondary, junior, lower, inferior, second-class, less than, below, under; subervent, subject, dependent.

subsidize, v. 1. support, finance, maintain, back; fund, sponsor, pay the bill, foot the bill, Inf. pick up the tab; aid, help, assist; stake, sink into, invest, Sl. angel, set up, bankroll, underwrite.

2. and buy over, bribe, purchase, substain, secure, tip; oil, Sl. grease, Sl. grease [s.o.'s] palm, throw a sop to; facilitate, speed, expedite, help along.

subsidy, n. aid, grant, provision, subvention; allotment, allowance, expense account, viaticum, honorarium, stipend; backing, contribution, gift, award, sponsorship; fellowship, scholarship, assistantship, financial aid, grant-in-aid, state aid, federal aid; pension, annuity, Law. alimony, bounty; subsistence, maintenance, support, help; price support, subsidization, write-off, tax exemption, tax break; welfare, dole, public assistance, relief, poor relief; pecuniary assistance, economic aid, foreign aid.

subsist, v. 1. exist, be, live, breathe, draw breath, respire.

2. remain, stay alive; last, continue, stay, survive, persist, hold; abide, bike, fare, run, wear; endure, keep on, go on, maintain, Sl. hang in there; scrape by, eke out, keep body and soul together, Sl. get along, Sl. get by, make out; cope, keep one's head above water, keep afloat, make ends meet.

3. maintain, support, sustain, keep; feed, nourish, nurture, provide, supply; keep alive, preserve, keep going.

4. Usu. subsist in reside, dwell, lie in, inhabit; in-form, consist in, inhere in; stand, obtain, hold, prevail, be present.

subsistence, n. 1. existence, being, Latin. esse, living; activity, reality, factuality, substantiality, materiality.

2. endurance, duration, continuance, persistence; abidingness, lastingness, preservation, survival, maintenance.

3. support, keep, maintenance, board, and board and board, bed and board; upkeep, accommodation, sustenance, sustainment, provision; nourishment, nutriment, nurture, food; daily bread, bread, manna, rations, alimnet, bread and water; means, living, livelihood.

substance, n. 1. matter, material, stuff, medium, fabric; building blocks, sum and substance, stock, body; something, element, mass; meat, marrow, flesh and blood.

2. reality, actuality, reallness, factuality, hypostatization; materiality, substantiality, substantialness, corporeality, corporeity, ponderability; concreteness, palpability, tangibility, physicality.

3. essence, essentiality, being, essential part, quiddity, haecceity, quintessence, Metaphys. hypostasis; principle, entity, suchness, essentialness; essential, fundamental, gravamen, main point, Latin. sine qua non, vital element, necessary condition; gist, meat, sum total, soul, core; crux, heart, Inf. nub, kernel; keystone, cornerstone, quoin, mainstay.

4. subject, subject matter, theme, thesis, motif; focus, topic, content, purport, text; point, issue, question, case, concern, interest.

5. solidity, density, firmness, stoutness, strength; steadiness, soundness, stability, durability.

6. consistency, body, thickness, stiffness, density, denseness, compactness; cohesion, viscousness, viscosity.

7. meaning, significance, signification, purport, intent, intention; gist, essence, spirit, pith; sense, drift, tenor, tone, vein; declamation, connotation, sense, idea; import, importance, gravity, weight, consequence, moment.

8. in substance a. substantially, essentially, in essence, Latin. per se; fundamentally, basically, at heart, at bottom, Sl. fr. au fond, actually, really, in reality, truly; in truth, truthfully, to tell the truth, veritably, verily; in point of fact, as a matter of fact, in fact, in effect, for all practical purposes, as it were, Fr. au fait.

substantial, adj. 1. considerable, significant, sizable, major, big, great, grand; large, good, tidy, healthy, Inf. tall; Inf. big-league, Inf. major-league, Inf. pro, Inf. heavyweight, Inf. big-time; consequential, weighty, momentous, bulky, notable, noteworthy, marked.

2. real, actual, physical; material, corporeal, incarnate, bodily, somatic, fleshly; palpable, tangible, ponderable, concrete; temporal, earthly, secular; hypostatic, hylic, hylozoistic, materialistic; appreciable, sensible, substantive.

3. firm, strong, solid; hard; stout, massive, big; stable, sound, steady, steadfast, staunch; fast, secure, close; durable, lasting, perdurable, longstanding.

4. compact, dense, tight, thick, packed; concentrated, crowded, jammed, crammed; close-set, thickset, heavy, serried; impenetrable, impermeable, imporous, solid.

5. wealthy, prosperous, well-to-do, rich; flush, flourishing, thriving, affluent; influential, prestigious, powerful, forceful; landed, propertied, moneyed, well-heeled; responsible, solvent, independent, unindebted.

6. essential, fundamental, basic, constitutional, basal, primal; necessary, vital, indispensable, imperative; material, serious, grave, grievous, important, significant, valuable.

7. valid, true, veritable, genuine, authentic; existent, substantive, factual, Latin. de facto; positive, absolute, undeniable, reliable, plain, authoritative.

substantiality, n. actuality, reality, corporeality, physicality. See substance (def. 2).

substantiate, v. 1. prove, establish, demonstrate, ascertain; manifest, evidence, show clearly, document; validate, authenticate, confirm, verify, certify; corroborate, bear out, support, sustain, back up, uphold, vindicate, justify, circumstantiate; vouch for, warrant, guarantee, avouch, attest to, swear to, testify to, endorse.

2. materialize, embody, incarnate, reify, solidify; actualize, realize, externalize, exteriorize, hypostatize.

3. strengthen, breathe life into, breathe life into, infuse, invigorate, vitalize; material, serious, grave, grievous, important, significant, valuable.

4. substantiation, n. 1. proof, documentation, validation, authentication, confirmation, verification, certification; corrobororation, vindication, circumstantiation, endorsing; establishment, acknowledgment, avowal, acceptance.

2. embodiment, reification, realization, actualization; animation, strengthening.

substitute, n. 1. sub, succedaneum, replacement, alternate, backup, relief, fill-in; agent, proxy, dummy, surrogate, secondary, deputy, vicar, Chieflly Brit. locum tenens, regent, chargé d'affaires; understudy, stand-by, double, stand-in, Sl. ringer, imitation, copy, fake, second, changeling; pinch hitter, designated hitter, relief pitcher, pinch runner, second string or team, bench warmer; scapegoat, whipping boy.

—v. 2. replace, relieve, sub, fill in, back up, Inf. cover, do duty for; stand in, understudy, take the place of, double for, pinch-hit; supersede, supplant; Sl. take
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substitution, n. replacement, relief, supersession, supplanting, subrogation, substitution, deputation, delegation, exchange.

substratum, n. base, basis, foundation, foot, groundwork, substructure, substraction, understructure; frame, underlayer, floor, bed.

substructure, n. foundation, groundwork, underground, underbuilding, structure, substraction; basement, cellar, subcellar; base, bottom, underlayer, floor, bed, rest, frame, Naut. keel.

subterranean, adj. 1. underground, hypogeal, hypogeous, subterrestrial; below the surface, buried, sunk.

subterfuge, n. device, contrivance, expedient, Inf. subterfugium; foundation, groundwork, understructure; frame, underlayer, floor, bed.

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success, v. 1. turn out well, inf. pan out, work out; reach or get to first base, get off the ground, sl. fly. 2. accomplish, do, carry out or through, complete, fulfill, realize; achieve, attain, reach, arrive at; succeed in, manage, bring off, sl. pull off, inf. put over, U.S. sl. swing it, inf. cut it or cut the mustard, U.S. sl. hack it. 3. attain success, make good, make it, inf. arrive; thrive, prosper, grow, flourish, fare well, Brit. dial. fadge; advance, get ahead, inf. go places, go or come up in the world, rise in the world, climb the ladder of success, progress, make headway, get on or along; pass, inf. make the grade, inf. pass muster, U.S. sl. come through, come through with flying colors; triumph or triumph over, win, win out over, be victorious, prevail or prevail over, conquer; win one's spurs, earn one's wings; impress favorably, make a hit, make a splash, inf. go over big; be fortunate, inf. luck out, have a streak or run of luck; strike it rich, strike oil or gold, make it big, hit the jackpot, inf. hit the bull's-eye; grow rich, become wealthy, make one's fortune or pile; be well-off, be on easy street, be comfortable or set, lead a life of luxury or ease, live the life of Riley.

4. Often succeed to accede to, inherit, come into, enter upon, assume, take on or over, replace, take the place of, supersede, supplant.

5. come after, come next, follow, follow after, ensue, supervene.

succeeding, adj. subsequent, following, ensuing, next, coming. See subsequent.

success, n. attainment, accomplishment, achievement; hit, inf. smash, sl. sockeroo, sensation, winner, best seller; box-office hit, sellout, Theat. boff, sl. boffo or boffolla; triumph, victory, inf. ten-strike, inf. grand slam; coup, stroke of genius, tour de force, master stroke, Fr. coup de maître; stroke or piece of luck, good fortune; prosperity, prosperousness, good life, life of ease or luxury, sl. easy street, sl. life of Riley; money, wealth, riches, fortune, affluence, opulence, sl. fat city; fame, celebrity, renown, widespread and high reputation.

successful, adj. prosperous, flourishing, thriving, prospering, going, booming, growing, mushrooming, burgeoning; profitable, remunerative, gainful, rewarding, productive, cost-effective, fruicy, fruitful; lucrative, paying, well-paying, moneymaking; best-selling, sl. boffo, sl. socko, impressive, winning, triumphant, victorious; important, big, great, famous, famed, renowned, well-known, known the world over, rising, U.S. up-and-coming, advancing, aggressive, sl. hotshot; succeeding, out in front, at the head of the pack, leading, ahead of the game, on top, sl. on top of the heap or pile, inf. on top of the world, in the catbird seat, sl. sitting pretty; well-to-do, well-off, inf. well-heeled, wealthy, rich, opulent, affluent, fat; moneyed, inf. in the money, flush, sl. loaded, sl. in the bucks, sl. rolling in dough; very comfortable, financially set, inf. well-fixed, in cloyer, sl. on easy street, on a bed of roses, sl. in velvet.

succession, n. 1. order, sequence, consecution, progression, gradation, step; series, procession, following, consecutiveness, suite; cycle, round, rotation, turn, catenation, concatenation; course, flow, run, chain, train; continuity, continuousness, continuance, extension, prolongation.

2. (usu. of an office, title, or position) accession, inheritance, assumption, taking on or over; entering upon, arrival at, advent to; elevation, promotion, rise, climbing, ascending, taking on or up, inf. assumption, intimation, intimation, initiation, inauguration, investiture, crowning.

3. dynasty, ancestral line, ancestry, lineage, descent, extraction, derivation, filiation; heritage, birth, birthright, family, stock; pedigree, bloodline, strain, race; descendants, offspring, children, progeny, issue, seed, posterity, future generations.

successful, adj. 1. consecutive, serial, seriate, seriatum, in a series, one after the other, in a row, side by side; back to back, uninterrupted, without a break, unbroken, continuous, nonstop; in sequence, step-by-step, progressive, regular, in order, orderly, ordinal, 1-2-3, correct, logical, direct, linear, in a line.

2. next, next in line, sequential, sequent, succeeding, subsequent, following, ensuing; adjacent, next-door, neighboring, bordering, contiguous, adjoining, attached; immediate, closest, nearest, proximate.

successor, n. 1. heir, inheritor, heritor, heir apparent, heir at law, heirress, heiratrix, inheritrix; coheir, coheireuse, joint heir, Law. parceller; follower, inf. next in line; replacement, substitute; beneficiary, recipient, receiver, devisee, legatee, Law. reversioner; Law. donee.

2. dispossessor, supplanter, usurper.

3. descendant, scion, offspring; children, progeny, brood, spawn, issue, seed, posterity, future generations.

succinct, adj. 1. concise, brief, short, written in a few well-chosen words, short and sweet, tight, neat; terse, pithy, meaty, epigrammatic, sententious; direct, straightforward, to the point, pointed; cryptic, short, hand, coded; clipped, cut short, Yanke, abrupt; curt, brusque, crisp, military, brisk, fast.

2. compact, capsule, condensed, compressed, compendious, synoptic, summary, summarized; abridged, abbreviated, shortened, curtailed, pocket-sized, traveling.

succor, n. 1. aid, assistance, help, a helping hand, support, reinforcement; relief, a rest, a break, a breather; ministration, ministry, treatment, therapy; care, tender loving care, TLC, comfort, consolation, solace, a lift, a boost, a shot in the arm.

2. lifesaver, savior, rescuer, the cavalry; aid, aide, aider, abettor, helper, helpmate, helpmeet, assistant, auxiliary, coadjutor, coadjutrix, coadjutrix, right hand, right-hand man, gal or man Friday, Mil. aide-de-camp; relief, reinforcement, substitute, inf. sub, backup, fill-in, stand-in, replacement; pain-reliever, succorer, ministrant, nurse, doctor, therapist; comforter, consoler, solace, shoulder to cry on; friend, friend in need, ally, supporter, good Samaritan, inf. fairy godmother.

—v. 3. aid, come to [s.o.'s] aid, render assistance to, assist, help out, help, lend a helping hand, support, back up, reinforce; come to [s.o.'s] rescue, rescue [s.o.] from [s.t.]s, save, liberate, deliver; disburden, relieve, give [s.o.] a rest, give [s.o.] a break, fill in for, substitute for, take [s.o.'s] place, take over for, replace; care for, take care of, attend to, minister to, nurse, doctor, treat.

succulent, adj. 1. juicy, full of juice, sappy, dripping; soft, doughy, spongy, pappy, mushy; (all of plants) fleshy, pithy, pulpy, pulpsus, pulpal, pulpile, pulpaceous.

2. rich, in vitamins and minerals, nutritious, nutritive, nourishing, good for you, healthy, healthful, salubrious.

succumb, v. 1. yield, give way, submit, give in, admit, concede; surrender, give up, capitulate, admit defeat, cry or say uncle, throw in the towel or sponge, lay down one's arms, strike one's colors; draw in one's horns, put one's tail between one's legs, take a seat, retreat, back off or down, withdraw, retire.

2. deteriorate, worsen, go downhill, fail, go under or down; die, expire, perish, perish, sl. bite the dust, sl. kick the bucket, sl. kick in; give up the ghost, breathe one's last, draw one's last breath, sl. croak; pass away
or on, go the way of all flesh, pay the debt of nature, pay Charon, Sl. cash in, Sl. cash in one's chips, Sl. turn up one's toes; go to one's reward, go to one's resting place, go to one's last home, go the happy hunting ground, leave this world, Euph. go west.

suck, v. 1. (all in reference to or by means of the mouth) draw into, take in; pull at, extract; dissolve, absorb.
2. ingest, eat, mouth; drink, sip, quaff, imbibe.
3. suck in Slang. deceive, mislead, misinform; cozen, dupe, gull, defraud; bamboozle, hoodwink, Sl. hornswoogle. See deceive.
4. suck up to Slang. toady to, fawn upon, Sl. fall all over, Sl. brown-nose, Inf. apple-polish, lick [s.o.'s] toes. See toady (def. 2).

sucker, n. Informal. dupe; gull, gudgeon, Inf. chump, Sl. sap, Sl. schnook, Sl. boob; greenie, tin, sitting duck, easy or soft mark or target. Inf. cinch, Sl. patsy, Sl. pigeon, U.S. Sl. fall guy. Sl. softie or soft touch, Sl. pushover; laughingstock, butt, fair game, fool, everybody's fool, Inf. goat.

suckle, v. 1. nurse, give suck, breast-feed, feed at suckle, v. 2. nurture, nourish, sustain, provide for, care for, take care of, tend; parent, foster, bring up, rear, raise.
suddenly, adv. 1. unexpectedly, unreasonably, unanticipated, unlooked-for, unannounced, without warning; prompt, expeditious, instant, instantaneous, immediate.
2. rapid, meteoric, quick, swift, speedily; abruptly, brisk, hasty; hurried, precipitate, feverish, headlong; fleeting, brief, short-lived, momentary, ephemeral, transient.

suffice, v. be enough, be adequate, be sufficient, pass muster, do, serve, satisfy, answer; please, gratify, appease, content, assuage, pacify, placate; fulfill, fill, sate, satiate; saturate, quench, slake; Inf. hit the spot or bull's-eye, do the trick, be on target.
sufficiency, n. 1. adequacy, adequateness, sufficiency; enough, no less, no more and no less; satisfaction, satisfactoriness, acceptability, tolerableness, contentment; completeness, thoroughness, exhaustiveness.
2. plenty, amplitude, abundance, copiousness, plenitude, plenteousness, profusion; repletion, surfeit, satiety.
sufficient, adj. 1. enough, adequate, ample, abundant; plenteous, plentiful, Inf. plenty, Archaic. enow; suitable, commensurate, proportionate, equivalent, equal.
2. satisfactory, up to scratch, Inf. up to snuff, passable, tolerable; presentable, admissible, allowable; fairly good, Inf. not that bad, not too bad, pretty good.
suffix, n. 1. ending, postfix, Gram. termination; affix, addition, appendage, subjoinder, postscript, tag, appendix, codicil, adjunct, supplement, addendum, amendment, rider.
—v. 2. postfix, affix, tag on, tack on; add on, append, subjoin, supplement, amend.
suffocate, v. 1. asphyxiate, smother, stifle, burke; choke, strangle, strangle, throttle, garrote, bowstring.
2. oppress, quell, put down, subdue, overcome; extinguish, dampen, Inf. douse, suffoc out.
suffocation, n. 1. asphyxiation, smothering, stifling, burking; choking, strangulation, throttling, (in India) thuggee, garroting.
2. suppression, quelling, subduing, overcoming; extinguishment, dampening, Inf. dousing, suffocating out.
suffrage, n. franchise, right to vote, ballot; determination, voice, say, choice, option.
suit, n. set of clothes, matched outfit, outfit, ensemble.

suicide, n. self-destructive, despondent, desperately depressed.

suggest, v. 1. mention, bring up, propose, introduce, submit, offer, proffer; put forward, advance, propound, Inf. toss or throw out; counsel, advise, offer an opinion, recommend, advocate.

suggestion, n. 1. idea, thought, proposal, proposition; advice, counsel, opinion, recommendation; word to the wise, tip, pointer, helpful hint, Inf. steer or steer in the right direction; implication, insinuation, intimation, innuendo, Rhet. paralipsis.

sugary, adj. 1. sweet, sweetened, honeyed, honey, confectionary; sugared, candied, nectarated, nectarous, nectaran, saccharine; rich, delicious, cloying, sickening.


suitable, adj. 1. appropriate, aptness, appropriateness, fitness, meetness; seemliness, decorum, decency, propriety; justness, right, commonsenseness, equity, equivalence.

suitcase, n. valise, traveling bag, overnight bag, duffel bag, array, dress, garb, cloth, vest, attire, apparel, habit, Brit. dude up, robe, costume; equip, furnish, Obs. appoint; gird, ready, prepare: All Mil. arm, forearm, Sl. heel, Archaic harness; deck, deck out, bedeck, caparison, trap, adorn, dress out, decorate.

sulkiness, n. sullenness. See sulleness (defs. 1-3).
sullen, adj. sullen. See sullen (defs. 1-3).

sullen, adj. 1. cross, angry, peevish, miffed, in a bad or ugly mood, out of humor. Inf. sore, mad, Sl. hot, Sl. ticked-off, Sl. teed off; scowling, frowning, glowering, beetle-browed, black-browed.

2. sulky, morose, mumpish, glum; resentful, bitter, embittered, rankled; acrimonious, acerb, acerbic, choleric, splenetic, dyspeptic, bilious; ill-tempered, bad-tempered, ill-natured, temperamentally; irritable, irascible, petulant, peevish, cranky, touchy, trenchy; surly, churlish, crusty, Inf. mean, Inf. ornery; grumpy, grouchy, crabby.

3. gloomy, depressing, somber; ill-sullenness, Inf. sulkiness, Inf. crossness, angriness, anger; ill-sullenness, Inf. crossness, angriness, anger; ill-sullenness,

sultry, Inf. 1. stickiness, humidity, mugginess, Inf. stifling, close.

2. sensualness, sensuality, sensuousness, sexiness, animal magnetism, voluptuosity; luxuriosity.

sultry, adj. 1. hot and humid, humid, muggy, sweltering, Inf. sticky, Archaic. mad, oppressive, suffocating, stifling, close.

2. sensual, sexy, voluptuous, luxurious; alluring, enticing, seductive, tempting.

sum, n. 1. aggregate, total, sum total, grand total, answer; gross amount, gross, bottom line, total cost or price; gross income, receipts, proceeds, Inf. take; tally, tally, score, final score, end result, outcome.

2. amount, quantity, count, measure, just so much, Scot. and North Eng. feck; mass, pile, stack, wad, Sl. heap, Sl. mess.

3. addition problem, Math. additive group, problem, sum to.

4. whole, whole or entire thing, entire amount, entirety, entire, totality, ensemble; lot, Inf. whole kit and caboodle, Sl. whole lot or bunch or mess, whole shabang; whole shooting match or works, whole ball of wax; everything, be-all and end-all, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega, all there is or that exists, it.

5. sum and substance, content, meaning, message, point; main or central idea or thought, pith, substance, gist, crux, heart, soul, backbone, core, kernel, center, nucleus; essence, quintessence, quiddity, elixir, suchness, Latin. sine qua non.

6. summary, summation, synopsis, compendium; abstract, précis, résumé, epitome; condensation, digest, brief, concise or brief form, abridgement, Chiefly Brit. minute; syllabus, outline, sketch, quick look, glance, Fr. aperçu; summarizing, recapitulation, review, rehash, rundown, wrap-up; overview, survey, conspectus, prospectus.

—v. 7. Often sum up add up, add to, total up, tot up, top, foot up, cast up, come up with or get the answer; count up, count, tally up, tally, score up, score, (on a cash register) ring up, enumerate, number, cipher; calculate, compute, figure up, reckon, ascertain, estimate.

8. Often sum up summarize, synopsis, capitate, encapsulate, capsule, epitomize, put in a nutshell; recapitulate, rehash, review, run or go or skim over, wrap up; condense, concentrate, consolidate, brief, digest, abridge, abbreviate, shorten; outline, survey, sketch, give a glance or look or peek at.

9. Usu. sum or to amount to, add up to, total up to, count up to, number in, reckon up to; approximate, near, reach, come to, be; run to, mount up to, climb to, rise to, soar to.

summarily, adv. 1. promptly, forthwith, immediately, instantly, instantaneously, Sl. P.D.Q., directly, straightaway, without delay, right off the bat; with dispatch, Archaic. presently, Inf. in a jiffy, in a trice, Inf. in a mo or sec, at once, right now; quickly, speedily, swiftly, briskly, expeditiously, apace; readily, at short notice, on the spot; curiously, tersely, peremptorily; suddenly, abruptly, precipitately, headlong, extemore, on the spur of the moment; shortly, soon, Archaic. anon.

2. concisely, succinctly, straightforwardly, emphatically, pointedly, pointedly, condensedly, compressedly, contractedly, abridgiously; compactly, closely, neatly, compendiously, comprehensively, synoptically; pitifully, sentimentally, epigrammatically, crisply, precisely, exactly, gnomically; laconically, elliptically, economically, breviloquently; in brief, in short, in a word. See also brief (def. 10).

summarize, v. 1. abstract, epitomize, sum up, encapsulate, capsule, wrapp up, synopsis, brief; digest, survey, outline, sketch, skim over; review, recapitulate, rehash, go over, run over, run down.

2. condense, compress, concentrate, consolidate, compact; contract, abbreviate, abridge, shorten, reduce, cut down, cut short, cut back.

summary, n. 1. abstract, synopsis, compendium, survey, précis, conspectus, prospectus; digest, epitome, brief, outline, capitulation, enumeration, sketch; review, recapitulation, résumé, summation, rehash, fill-in, rundown, wrap-up, roundup.

—ad. 2. concise, succinct, brief, to the point, short and sweet, short, straightforward, direct, point-ed, emphatic; abbreviated, abridged, shortened, condensed, compressed, summarized, thumbnail, curtailed, curtate, contracted, Obs. breviate; compact, comprehensible, packed, lean, close, neat; comprehensive, synoptic, synoptical, Inf. meaty; pithy, sententious, epigrammatic, crisp, precise, exact, gnomic; concise, elliptical, breviloquent, Rare. pauciloquent.

3. direct, prompt, immediate, instant, instantaneous; fast, rapid, fleet, quick, brisk, swift, speedy, meteoric, expeditious; hatchy, cursory, hurried; cur, terse, short, peremptory, abrupt, sudden.

summer, n. 1. summertime, daylight-saving time, Astron. (in the northern hemisphere) summer solstice; summer break, school vacation, end of school, vacation time, vacation, Chiefly Brit. holiday; dog days, hot or warm weather, sunny or bright weather, beach weather.

2. heyday, prime, acme, zenith; efflorescence, flowering, blossoming, fructification, bloom, blossom, pink.
sunburned, adj. 1. inflamed, burned, blistered, peeling; red, reddened, ruddy, crimson, scarlet; wind-
burned, chapped.
2. tan, bronzed, sun-tanned, brown, brown as a berry.

sunder, v. separate, part, divide, divorce, split, cleave, sever, dissemble, rupture; partition, halve, bis-
sect, quarter, section; rive, rend, Obs. dimidiate, bifur-
icate; disconnect, disjoint, dissociate, disassociate; cut or chop apart, cut in two, hack, slash.
sundry, adj. various, varied, variegated, diversified, diverse, heterogeneous, assorted; divers, several, manifold, multifarious, multifaceted, many; dissimilar, separate, individual, different.
sunk, adj. Slang. Done for, washed-up, beyond help; ruined, demolished, kaput; bankrupt, on the rocks; had it.

summerhouse, n. 1. parkhouse, gardenhouse, pavilion, gazebo, (in Turkey and Iran) kiosk; pergola, ar-
bor, bow, trellis, lattice, leafy shelter; groto, alcove, recess; greenhouse, conservatory.
2. retreat, refuge, haven, shelter, hermitage; asylum, resort, sanctuary, ark, covert, hideaway, mew.

summit, n. 1. apex, vertex, apogee, crest, heights, pinnacle, peak, spire, point, tip, tippot; top, cap, crown, headpiece, head.
2. prime, heyday, bloom, full flower; ideal, aspiration, goal, aim, objective.
3. acme, zenith, maximum, climax, culmination, crowning point, Latin. ne plus ultra; meridian, sublimity, supremacy, best, finest, perfection, consumma-
tion; extreme, utmost, uttermost, U.S. Slang. The most, U.S. Slang. The greatest.
4. top level, high echelon, highest grade or rank.

summon, v. 1. call, call upon, ask, invite, signal; bid, tell, request, ask for, call for; command, order, direct, require, adjure, charge, instruct, stipulate, de-
mand, exact.
2. convoke, convene, muster, assemble, call together, convocate.
3. call to witness, command to appear, serve with a writ, Law. arraign, Law. subpoena, cite.
4. Often summon up a. rouse, arouse, call up, provoke, call into action; excite, work oneself up, nerve oneself, get up steam; muster up, gather up; im-
passion, inspire, set astrì; awaken, wake up.
b. recall, recollect, remember, revive; conjure up, call up, bring to mind, refresh the memory, fan the embers, rekindle; retract, review, look back upon, keep in mind.

summons, n. 1. signal, alarm, tocsin; invocation, invitation, bidding, calling, call, appeal, notice, notification, request.
2. order, dictate, dictation, dictum, instruction, dire-
ction, directive, behest, Archaic. hist, imperative; assignation, assignment; commandment, precept, prescript, prescription, enjoinment, ordinance; mandate, de-
cree, edict, proclamation.
3. warrant, authorization, citation, All Law. writ, subpoena, habeas corpus, arraignment.

sumptuous, adj. expensive, costly, dear, high-priced, exorbitant, extravagant; valuable, precious, priceless, inestimable; rich, opulent, lavish, magnificent, splen-
did, luxurious, gorgeous; dazzling, showy, splendor-
ous; imposing, palatial, stately, august, majestic; impres-
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sunshade 1192 3. climax, culmination, finish, end, conclusion, termination; homestretch, last round or lap or stage, final act, final curtain, curtain; waning days, golden years, sunset years; last inning, bottom of the ninth.
3. children's hour, cocktail time, happy hour, cur-
few, Inf. shank of the evening.
2. culmination, finish, finis, finale, end, conclusion, termination; homestretch, last round or lap or stage, final act, final curtain, curtain; waning days, golden years, sunset years; last inning, bottom of the ninth.

sunshade, n. 1. sun hat, sunbonnet, sun helmet, pith helmet, topee, kibbutz hat, kchiefet, kaffiyeh; goggles, dark glasses, sunglasses, Sl. shades, smoked glasses, eyeshade, eyeshield, visor; tarpaullin, Inf. tarp,
sunshine, n. 1. sunlight, sun, light, daylight, light of day, direct light, Inf. yellow, Inf. yellow stuff, broad daylight, midday sun, noon sun; sunbeam, ray of sunshine.

2. brightness, radiance, sunniness, warmth; brilliance, luminosity, luminance, illumination; glow, glare, dazzle, gleam; sparkle, luster, glitter, Archaic gust, glisten, coruscation, lambency, shimmer.

3. cheerfulness, cheeriness, happiness, bliss, light-heartedness; good spirits, jollity, joviality; laughter, smile, bluebird of happiness.

4. cheer, good cheer, encouragement, approval, inspiration; comfort, balm, ease, calm; bright prospects, clear skies, clear sailing, light at the end of the tunnel.

superabound, v. 1. overabound, overstep, overstride, overlap, overjump, know no bounds; exceed, excel, outstrip, transcend, surpass, pass beyond, leave behind.

2. overflown, overspilled, spill over, run over, well over; overrun, run riot, run rampant, overgrow, overspread, spread over, be all over, meet one at every turn; infest, plague, beset; swarm, swarm with, teem, teem with, crawl with, climb with, creep, creep with, bristle with, pullulate.

3. overwhelm, overcome, overpower; choke, smother, suffocate; mount, mount up, pile up; flood, deluge, inundate, drench, engulf, swamp, submerge, whelm, sweep; sate, surfeit, gorge, glut, stuff.

superabundance, n. 1. overabundance, overfullness, overprofusion, overplentifulness, overplenteousness, overplenty, superflux, superfluosity, supersufficiency, supererogation, redundancy, redun- dancy; repletion, engorgement, congestion, surcharge; profusion, more than enough, enough and to spare, enough and to some.

2. surplus, surfeit, satiety, glut, plethora, excess, overflow, overspill; flood, deluge, inundation, spate, avalanche, landslide, riot, drug on or in the market, supersaturation; oversupply, overmeasure, overload, overburden; overdose, too much of a good thing.

superabundant, adj. 1. overabundant, plethora, overfull, overflow, overprofuse, overplentiful, overplenteous, overplenty, oversufficient, overmuch; overflowing, flowing over, overspilling, spilling over, running over, welling over; rampant, bristling, thick, thick with, teeming, teeming with, swelling, swelling with, crawling, crawling with, creeping with, alive with, Sl. lousy with, pullulating.

2. lavish, lush, rank, extravagant, excessive, profuse, profusive, exorbitant, inordinate, immoderate, beyond all bounds; uncalled-for, unwarranted, needless, unnecessary; overgenerous, overliberal, overbounteous, overbountiful, overlavish; too much, too many.

3. wasteful, prodigal, profligate, wanton, dissipative; intemperate, improvident, incontinent.

superannuated, adj. 1. retired, pensioned, Inf. put or let out to pasture; too old to work, Inf. over the hill, past one’s prime; aged, elderly, old, on or up in years, along or advanced in years; senile, (of women) anile, decrepit, senescent, infirm.

2. antiquated, old-fashioned, Inf. old hat, passé, outdated, out-of-date, outworn, outmoded, out of style, out; obsolete, obsolescent, archaic, out of use, no longer used; dated, vintage, antique, ancient.

superb, adj. 1. fine, admirable, worthy, estimable, notable, noteworthy, distinguished; creditable, commendable, exemplary, meritorious, deserving, praiseworthy, laudable; excellent, first-rate, of the first water, top-drawer, Inf. topnotch, crackercake, Brit. Sl. whizzo; choice, prime, select, Inf. tiptop, Inf. A-1, Inf. A number 1, Northwest U.S. and Canada. skookum, Australian Sl. bosker, Scot. and North Eng. braw.

2. superlative, matchless, peerless, nonpareil, perfect, sterling, classic; extraordinary, very remarkable, Sl. bang-up, Brit. Sl. spot on, Brit. Sl. bang on, exceptional, superior, standout, outstanding, striking; superfine, superbexcellent, marvelous, Sl. marvy, wondrous, wonderful, Inf. smashing, magnificent, splendid, Inf. splendidiferous, glorious, divine, sensational.

3. resplendent, dazzling, radiant, brilliant, glittering; incredible, unbelievable, amazing, astounding, astonishing, miraculous, surpassing belief, breath-taking, Sl. stunning, staggering, mind-boggling, Sl. mind-blowing; good, fantastic, fabulous, terrific, Sl. terif, stupendous; Inf. out of this world, Sl. unreal, Sl. out of sight, Sl. far-out, Sl. way-out, Sl. keen, Sl. boss, Sl. solid, Sl. magic; very good, capital, swell, Inf. great, Inf. superb, Inf. super-duper, Brit. Sl. ripping, Sl. tuff, Sl. bad, Sl. cool, Inf. dandy, Inf. jim-dandy, Inf. bully.

4. luxurious, lavish, deluxe, plush, rich, sumptuous, Inf. posh, Inf. swank, or swanky, Inf. ritzy; elegant, fancy, ornate, gorgeous, beautiful; costly, expensive, precious, valuable.

5. majestic, august, stately, grand, noble, sublime; palatial, imposing, impressive, commanding, awe-inspiring, Archaic. magnificent; royal, regal, kingly, prince-ly, imperial.

supercilious, adj. arrogant, Inf. up on one’s high horse, haughty, cavalier, cavalierly, insolent, contemptuous, disdainful, scornful, snifflish, Inf. sniffy; snobbish, snobby, conceited, Inf. stuck-up, condescending, patronizing, Inf. uppity, Inf. uppish, Inf. snotty, Sl. snooty, Inf. with one’s nose in the air, Inf. high-hat; above-it-all, lofty, lordly, high and mighty, pompous, high-fown, pretentious, Inf. highfalin, hoity-toity, stuffy; proud, prouder, overpride, vainglorious, vain, stuck on oneself, Inf. swell-headed, Inf. bigheaded, puffy, puffed up, inflated; self-important, egocentric, narcissistic, self-loving, self-esteeming, self-admiring, self-worshipping; self-centered, egotic, egotistical, egotistical, egotist; overconfident, cocky, overweening, overbearing, domineering, dominating, or bossy, imperious, magisterial, dictatorial.

superficial, adj. 1. surface, exterior, external, outer, outside, extrinsic, outward.

2. shallow, skin-deep, cosmetic; slick, glossy, glit, facile, smooth; unprofound, empty, meaningless, without substance, insubstantial; insignificant, unim- portant, trifling, trivial, petty, frivolous.

3. apparent, seeming, ostensible, presumable, Archaic. semblable; avowed, alleged, so-called, nominal, in name only; specious, plausible, possible; deceptive, misleading, fallacious, sophistic, casuistic, Logic. paralogical.

4. cursory, slapdash, hasty, hurried, inattentive, careless.

superficies, n. exterior, outside, façade, appearance,
superfluity, n. 1. excessiveness, redundancy, redun-
dancy, superfluousness; immoderacy, immoderate-
ness, extravagance, extravagancy, exuberance, lavish-
ness, lusshness, rankness, profuseness, profusiveness;
oinordinateness, Obs. inordinacy, exorbitance, exor-
bitancy, fulsomeness; overliberality, overliberalness,
overgenerosity, overgenerousness, overlavishness.
2. needlessness, unnecessaryness, unwarrantedness;
unessentiality, insensitiveness, nonessentiality, extrane-
ousness, dispensability, dispensableness, gratuitous-
ness; uselessness, worthlessness, valuelessness.
3. superabundance, spare, extra, remainder, residual;
overflow, spillover, runoff; surplus, surfeit, glut. See
also superabundance (defs. 1, 2).
4. luxury, finery, frill or frills, frillery, frilliness,
frills and furbelows.
superfluous, adj. 1. excessive, in excess, excess, re-
dundant, supererogatory, superimmoderate; moder-
ate, extravagant, exuberant, lavish, profuse, pro-
fuse; inordinate, exorbitant, fulsome, beyond all bounds;
extreme, in extreme, superlative, overgrown, over-
grown, superabundance, spare, extra, remainder;
overflow, spillover, runoff; surplus, surfeit, glut.
2. superabundance, spare, extra, remainder, residual;
overflow, spillover, runoff; surplus, surfeit, glut.
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bitancy, fulsomeness; overliberality, overliberalness,
overgenerosity, overgenerousness, overlavishness.
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frills and furbelows.

superintendent, n. 1. overseer, director, manager,
boss, administrator, advisor, supervisor. See supervisor.
2. rent collector, Inf. super; doorkeeper, doorman,
(esp. in France) concierge; elevator man; janitor,
custodian, maintenance man.
superior, adj. 1. excellent, first-rate, of the first
order, capital, Inf. tip-top, Inf. jim-dandy, Inf. A-1,
Inf. A number 1; extraordinary, Sl. bang-up, very
remarkable, Sl. bang-up, Inf. smashing, marvelous,
wonderful, splendid, Brit. Sl. ripping; Inf. great, Inf.
super, Sl. tuff.
2. exceptional, standing, outstanding, striking;
superlative, supreme, transcendent, sovereign, high-
class, the best; matchless, peerless, nonpareil, perfect,
sterling, classic, first-class; choice, prime, select, very
good, Australian Sl. bokser, Scot. and North Eng.
brawl; fine, admirable, Inf. topnotch, Inf. of the first
water, worthy, estimable, notable, noteworthy.
3. pretentious, snobby, coddlebody, descending, Inf.
holier-than-thou, sanctimonious.

superiority, n. 1. excellence, superexcellence, per-
fection, extraordinariness, superlativeness, magnifi-
cence; peerlessness, matchlessness; incomparability,
imimitability, iniquity, eminence, importance, top
billing; greatness, prominence, mark, note; sublimity,
regard, renown, prestige, grandeur, glory.
2. preeminence, dominance, predominance, control,
power, dominion, domination; pull, sway, hold, preva-
ence; preponderancy, paramountcy, primacy, pre-
pollence; ascendancy, supremacy, sovereignty, mast-
ery; priority, seniority, command, hegemony; ad-
antage, vantage, Inf. edge; vantage ground, superior
or strategic position.
superlative, adj. 1. supreme, paramount, preemi-
nent, superior, transcendent; uppermost, best, great-
est, finest, prime, choicest; unexcelled, second to none,
Latin. nulli secundus; matchless, peerless, unequalled,
unparalleled, nonpareil, Fr. sans pareil, incomparable,
imitable, unrivaled; perfect, ultimate, Sl. the living
end.
2. excellent, sterling, classic, first-class; first-rate,
of the first order, capital, Inf. tip-top, Inf. A-1, Inf. A
number 1; exceptional, extreme, outstanding, out of
the ordinary, unusual, singular, unique; extraordinary,
Inf. out of this world, Inf. fantastic, Inf. terrific, great,
Inf. superb, Sl. bang-up, Inf. smashing; splendid, wonderful, brilliant, dazzling, Brit. Sl.
ripping.
3. exaggerated, bombastic, high-sounding, high-
flowing, inflated, overblown, turgid, tupid; pretentious,
pompous, grandiose, fustian, magniloquent, grandilo-
cuent, sonorous; ornate, flowery, euphistic, rhetor-
ical, stilted, declamatory, pedantic.

—n. 4. summit, apogee, pinnacle, zenith; maxi-
 mum, utmost, uttermost, topmost.
supernal, adj. 1. heavenly, divine, godly, sublime,
celestial, supernal; ethereal, paradisiacal, Elysian,
Edenic, Arcadian, Olympian, utopian; angelic, seraph-
ic, cherubic, saintly, blessed, blest, holy, hallowed;
majestic, splendidorous, blissful, glorious, golden,
ambrosial.
2. lofty, honorable, venerable, revered, respected;
dignified, distingue, stately, blessed, blest; sublime, ex-
alted, godlike; Olympian; celestial, heavenly, sublime,
transcendent, Theol. immanent.
3. preternatural, otherworldly, unearthly, supermundane,
otherworldly, extramundane; metaphysical, spiritual;
spectral, astral, ethereal, ghostly, phantom, phantom-
like, wreathlike; mystic, unreal, unreal, fay; bewitched,
enchanted, haunted, Inf. spookey; occult, cabalistic,
mystic, mystical, transcendental; mysterious, arcane, eso-

supernatural
supersede, v. 1. supplant, displace, succeed; oust, subvert, cut out, expel; dethrone, unseat, take over, usurp; replace, take the place of, change places with; substitute for, act for, fill in for, relieve, pinch-hit, stand in the stead of, stand in the shoes of, represent.

2. void, Law. avoid, declare or render null and void, annul, nullify, dissannul; quash, invalidate, vitiate, vacate, disenact, disestablish; cancel, discharge, set aside, neutralize; suspend, Law. nol-pros, stop, cease, discontinue, break off; countermand, counterorder, overrule, override; negate, veto.

3. revoke, rescind, abrogate, reverse, repeal, abolish; recant, retract, withdraw, take back, undo, unmake, recall; renounce, relinquish, repudiate, abjure, forswear, abnegate; disavow, disclaim, disown, deny.

4. discard, dismiss, cast aside, abandon, throw out, dispose of; obsolesce, put into disuse, shelf, table, obviate, render unnecessary.

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supervise, v. oversee, administer, orchestrate, quan
tern, guidance; dominion, jurisdiction; supervision, tutelage, surveillance, watchful care; care, custody, charge, keeping, ward, hands; auspices, protection, guardianship, stewardship, patronage.

supervisor, n. overseer, director, manager, line manager, foreman, fuelegman, Inf. super; overlooker, overman, headman, boss, Inf. bossmans, U.S. Inf. straw boss, gang boss, Sl. the man, Inf. honcho, Inf. head honcho, Brit. gaffer; pilot, skipper, helmsman, man at the wheel; master, commander, overlord, taskmaster; administrator, executive, bureaucrat, functionary, official, marshal, officer, inspector; president, head, headmaster, chief, principal; governor, regent, dean, chairman, chairwoman, chairperson; provost, monitor, proctor, captain; guide, advisor, counselor.

supine, adj. 1. prone, prostrate, flat, flat on one's back, horizontal; accumbent, recumbent, decumbent, procumbent, couchant; abed, sprawling, lounging, loling, spread, laid out, reclining, reposing, lying.

2. inactive, passive, inert, motionless, lifeless; quiescent, dormant, nonactive; unresisting, resigned, nonopposing, nonresistant, nonactivist, do nothing, laissez-faire.

supper, n. repast, meal, evening meal; dinner, Fr. diner, buffet dinner, TV dinner; collation, refection, spread.

supplant, v. 1. displace, remove, supersede, succeed, step into the shoes of; unseat, unload, crowd out, dethrone, eject, expel, fire, bump, oust; depose, drive out, turn out, dismiss.

2. exchange, substitute, commute, subrogate, interchange, swap, trade; replace, double for, fill in for, Inf. sub for, act for; stand in for, do duty for, do time for; take the rap, take the blame, Sl. be the goat; take the place of, take over for, ghost, understudy for; relieve, pinch-hit, pinch-run.

supple, adj. 1. plant, flexible, pliable, bendable; elastic, extensible, stretchable; ductile, tractile, plastic, fleecy, flexible; whippy, springy, nonrigid, giving, fickle.

2. limber, lithe, lissome, Archaic. lithy; willowy, loose-limbed, double-jointed.

3. compliant, yielding, submissive, passive, unresis
tant; complaisant, acquiescent, docile, tame.

4. adaptable, malleable, adjustable, movable, changeable, resilient; responsive, accepting, receptive; agreeable, amenable, willing, easy, well-disposed.

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supine, adj. 1. prone, prostrate, flat, flat on one's back, horizontal; accumbent, recumbent, decumbent, procumbent, couchant; abed, sprawling, lounging, loling, spread, laid out, reclining, reposing, lying.

2. inactive, passive, inert, motionless, lifeless; examine, inanimate, stationary; indolent, idle, otiose, lazy, inattentive; indifferent, apathetic, uninterested, unconcerned, unfeeling, lethargic, incurious; sluggish, slothful, torpid, languid, lumpish, insensible; listless, lackadaisical, nonchalant, vegetative, phlegmatic; sleeping, quiescent, dormant, nonactive; unresisting, resigned, nonopposing, nonresistant, nonactivist, do nothing, laissez-faire.

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suppliant, adj. 1. supplicant, supplicating, suppliant, petitionary, precatory, supplicatory, supply, 1. supplicant, supplicating, suppli-

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2. petitioner, petitionist, postulant, solicitor; mendicant, solicitous, importunate; hat in hand, on bended knee, looking for a handout.

3. succor, relieve, comfort, condole, sympathize; cheer, inspire, insist, assure, reassure, give or raise hope, yield or afford hope, hold out or justify hope, raise one's hopes or expectations.

4. maintain, sustain, nurse, nourish, cherish, foster, mother; provide or provide for, keep, keep alive, care for, take care of, look after, take charge or under one's wing, see after, see or look to, Inf. look or watch out for; watch, mind, tend, keep an eye on, watch over, keep watch over.

5. finance, pay for, subsidize, underwrite, fund, sponsor, capitalize, provide money for, put up the money for, set up, meet the expense, Inf. foot the bill, Inf. bankroll, Inf. pick up the check or tab, Inf. stake, grubstake, Inf. angel.

6. encourage, abet, further, forward, uphold, back, second; help, aid, assist, oblige, accommodate, lend oneself to; hearten, enhearten, embolden, pat [s.o.] on the back, Inf. buck up or brace up.

7. advocate, promote, patronize, espouse, sanction, countenance, recommend, commend, speak well or highly or warmly of, have or put in a good word for; puff, Sl. plug, Sl. tout, Sl. hype, sing the praises of; fall in with, join oneself to, associate oneself with, lend one's one's name to, take the part of, take up or espouse or adopt the cause of; speak for, contend for, argue for, stand up for, side with, take sides with, stand behind; shield, protect, defend, champion, take up the cudgels for, Inf. stick up for, Inf. run interference for, Fig. block for, Inf. go to bat for.

8. confirm, affirm, verify, validate, certify, authenticate, accredit, attest, vouch for, swear to, warrant, guarantee, endorse, ratify; corroborate, circumstantiate, substantiate, bear out, make good.

—n. 9. prop, underprop, base, fulcrum, Archit. socket, abutment, truss, frame; basis, bed, bedding, sill, substructure, foundation, underbuilding, underpinning, groundwork, embankment; brace, bracer, bolster, bracket, stay, mainstay, buttress, shoulder, reinforcement; beam, header, rafter, girder, lintel, arm; post, pillar, column, upright, shaft, pole, shore, strut, stanchion; rope, cable, guy, guywire, guy-

line.

10. maintenance, sustenance, subsistence, sustainment, sustentation, upkeep, keep, provision, living, livelihood; nurture, nourishment, nutriment, alimentation, mothering, tender loving care, Inf. TLC; provisions, stores, necessities, food, victuals, aliments, meat, bread, daily bread; economic or price support, subsidy, subsidization, subvention, compensation, dole, Brit. Sl. brew, welfare, relief, charity, handout; bounty, means; alimony.

11. advocate, patron, patronizer, sympathizer, back-
er, champion, endorser, upholster, maintainer, sustain-
er, bearer, carrier, sanctioner, approver; subsidizer, underwriter, beneficiary, benefactress, angel, financier.
12. backing, approval, approbation, advocacy, en-
couragement, countenance, favor, espousal, patron-
age, promotion, blessing, grace, sponsorship, auspices, good offices, kind regard; fosterage, furtherance, ad-
vancement, advance, advantage, welfare; help, aid, as-
sistance, helping hand, lift, boost; relief, succor, champi-
onship, protection, friendship.
13. helper, aide, assistant, attendant, subsidiary, an-
cilla, auxiliary, second, right hand, right-hand man, aco-
ycle, deputy; partner, ally, comrade, colleague, as-
soicate, consociate, companion, helmate, helpmate, help-
meet, co-worker, consort, confere, sidekick, crony, Inf.
buddy, Chiefly Brit. mate; cooperator, collaborator, con-
tributor, participant, participant.

supportable, adj. 1. tolerable, endurable, suffer-
able, bearable, abidable, acceptable, maintainable, ex-
cusable.
2. tenable, defensible, vindicable, provable, demon-
strable, confirmable, sustainable, apodictic, evincible, checkable, attestable, verifiable, validatable, substau-
table, establishable, authenticable.
supporter, n. 1. prop, base, fulcrum, socle, truss; brace, bracer, bolster, buttress, bracket, stay, shoulder, reinforcement. See also supporter (Def. 9).
2. maintainer, sustainer, upholster, advocate, backer, second, abettor, patron, endorser, promoter; champi-
on, defender, apologist, exponent, protagonist, friend in or at court, mediator, intercessor, paraclete; adherent, follower, partisan, mainstay, stalwart, sec-
tary, votary, rooter, booster, aficionado, devotee, ad-
mirer, lover, Inf. fan, Inf. buff; encourager, favorer, well-wisher, sympathizer.
3. financer, funder, subsidizer, underwriter, angel, Inf. staker, grubstaker, Sl. meal ticket; benefactor, benefactress, benefiter, friend in deed, guardian angel, tutelary, patron saint, Inf. fairy godmother.
4. ally, partner, comrade, comrade in arms, col-
league, associate, consociate, companion, helmate, helpmate, co-worker, copartner, co-aid, consort, con-
frere, sidekick, crony, Inf. buddy, Chiefly Brit. mate; accomplice, accessory or Chiefly Law. accessory, Law. principal, confederate, partner in crime.
5. athletic supporter, jockstrap, jock; G-string; gar-
ter; brassiere, bandeau, Inf. bra, Sl. over-the-shoulder-
boulder-holder; girdle, corset, foundation garment, garter belt; suspender, suspenders, pair of suspenders, Chiefly Dial. galls.
supportive, adj. encouraging, reassuring, under-
standing, sympathetic; well-disposed, ready to help, helpful, aidful; behind [s.o.], in back of [s.o.], on [s.o.'s] side.
support, v. 1. assume, take for granted, presume, presuppose, postulate, post, predicate, theorize, hypo-
thesize, hypothecate, speculate; suspect, imagine, surmise, conjecture, guess, reckon, hazard a guess; be-
lieve, fancy, think, think likely, daresay, opine, North-
ern U.S. calculate, Inf. allow, conclude, judge, realize; infer, Inf. take it, deduce; understand, gather, pre-
prehend, get, Sl. dig; divine, intuit.
2. imply, presuppose, require logically.
supposed, adj. 1. hypothetical, theoretical; imag-
ined, imaginary, made-up, invented.
2. assumed, presumed, presupposed, taken for grant-
ed; accepted, believed, thought; professed, purported, rumored, said to be, claimed, so-called.
supposition, n. presumption, assumption, presup-
position, post, postulate, premise; inference, deduc-
tion, conclusion, theory, hypothesis, thesis; belief, conviction, persuasion, tenet, opinion, view, view-
point, position, stand, attitude, feeling, gut feeling; idea, notion, thought, suspicion, Sl. sneaking suspicion or feeling, Inf. hunch; guesswork, guess, educated guess, Sl. shot in the dark, Sl. stab, wild shot or guess, conjecture, speculation, surmise.
suppress, v. 1. restrain, curb, harness, check, stop, arrest; block, impede, inhibit, hinder, hamper, deter, halt; restrict, confine, limit, cramp; preclude, obviate, nip in the bud, Inf. put the kibosh on; prohibit, forbid, interdict, prevent.
2. extinguish, quench, snuff out, kill, stamp out, put out; do away with, remove, leave no vestige or trace of; eliminate, put an end to, get rid of, dispose of; quell, suppress, crush, vanquish, squash; overthrow, overturn, overwhelm, overpower, subvert, topple, de-
feat, conquer.
3. obliterate, annihilate, extinguish, expunge, extir-
pate, displace, eradicate, exterminate; blot out, strike out, stamp out, crush out.
4. keep secret, conceal, hide, bury, withhold; mask, cloak, secrete, veil, screen, shroud, keep dark, camou-
flage, disguise; squelch, muzzle, muffle, mute, still, tone down, hush up, silence, quiet; repress, hold in or back, keep down, smother, stifle, choke, gag.
5. censor, erase, rub out, efface, scrape out, scratch out; delete, Print. dele, blue-pencil, edit, edit out; cross out, x out, cancel, black out, mark off; wash out, sponge off or away; excise, cut, cut out, expurgate.
6. abolish, nullify, quash, invalidate; cancel, dis-
charge, set aside; counterorder, countermand, over-
rule, override.
suppression, n. 1. restraint, curb, harness, check, stoppage, arrest; blockade, impediment, obstruction, inhibition, hindrance, determent, deterrent; restriction, confinement, limitation; preclusion, obviation; prohibition, forbiddance, interdiction, prevention, re-
pression.
2. extinguishment, extinction, quenching; removal, elimination, putting an end to, getting rid of, disposing of; termination, dissolution; quelling, subdual, squelching, crushing, squashing, vanquishment; over-
throw, overturn, conquest, subversion, defeat.
3. obliteration, annihilation, expunction, extirpa-
tion, destruction, eradication, extermination, destruc-
tion; blotting out, striking out, stamping out, crushing out.
4. concealment, hiding, keeping in the dark, with-
holding; masking, cloaking, veiling, screening, camou-
flage, disguise; silencing, quieting, holding back, keep-
ing quiet.
5. censorship, erasure, deletion, editing; crossing out, cancellation, blacking out, marking off; excision, cutting, cutting out, expurgation.
6. abolition, nullification, quashing, invalidation; cancellation, discharge, setting aside; overruling, overriding, repeal, veto.
suppurate, v. fester, gather, matter, maturate, ripen, come or draw to a head; run, drain, discharge, excrete, rankle, weep.
supputation, n. 1. festing, gathering, mattering, maturating, ripening, coming or drawing to a head; discharging, excreting, running, draining, weeping, rankling.
2. pus, pussiness, purulence, purulency, purulent matter, Biol. humor, Archaic, peccant humor or mat-	er; discharge, excretion, fluid, Med. rheum, Pathol.
ichor, Pathol. sanies, Pathol. gleet, Pathol. the whites, Pathol. leukorrhea.
supremacy, n. 1. paramounty, preeminence, pre-
ponderance, preponderancy, superiority, ascendance, ascendancy, transcendence, transcendancy; primacy,
supreme

1. paramount, preeminent, superior, ascendant, transcendent, *Latin*. facie princeps; foremost, first, primary, leading; chief, main, capital, principal, supreme, sovereign, monarchal, monarchic, overruling, ruling, reigning, regnant; predominant, dominant, hegemonic, hemonomical, omnipotent, all-powerful, almighty, supernal.

2. uppermost, topmost, highest, soaring, top, tip-top; summittal; apical, apogean, crowning; best, finest, prime, choicest, superlative, unexcelled, second to none; excellent, ace, first-rate, top-grade, top-drawer, topnotch, top-dog. *Inf.* A-one. *Sl*. crackerjack; peerless, matchless, incomparable, inimitable, unrivaled, unequaled, unparalleled; *Fr.* sans pareil; sublime, masterful, masterly, consummate, perfect, unbounded, unlimited, limitless, boundless.


4. ultimate, endmost, last, *Fr.* dernier; final, ending, finishing, terminal, terminating, concluding, culminating, cuneatus; sunset, twilight, fading, waning.

surrcease, n. 1. cessation, discontinuance, expiration, abortion, breaking off, adjournment, stoppage, halt, standstill; ending, end, termination, conclusion, close, desinence, windup, completion.

—v. 2. come to an end, end, conclude, terminate, close, wind up or down, complete, finish or finish off, bring to an end, put an end to, make an end of; cease, stop, halt, discontinue, adjourn, break off, cut, cut short, drop, ring down the curtain.

sure, adj. 1. certain, definite, positive, absolute, categorical; conclusive, definitive, decisive, well-grounded, well-founded, proven, demonstrated, incontestable, apodictic, irrefragable, irrefutable, incontrovertible; unquestionable, unquestioned, beyond question, indisputable, undisputed, indubitable, doubtless, undeniable, unimpeachable, unqualified, unmitigated, authoritative, final, telling, irresistible; firsthand, eyewitness.

2. confident, decided, determined, settled, assured, reassured; convinced, persuaded, satisfied, *Inf.* sold; positive, free from doubt, dogmatic, cocksure; unquestionable, undeniable, unhesitating, unwavering, undeviating, unaltering, unshaken.

3. reliable, trustworthy, trusty, dependable, faithful, loyal; tested, tried, tried and true, certified, guaranteed, insured, attested, documented.

4. firm, stable, sound, steady, secure, good; fixed, close, tight, fast, constant; strong, solid, substantial; steadfast, changeless, unchanging, invariable, unalterable; well-founded, settled, rooted, unshakable; sealed, bound tight, lashed, planted, anchored.

5. unfailing, infallible, inerrable; unerring, never-slippering, impeccable; *Inf.* sure-fire, foolproof, *Sl*. goof-proof.

6. inevitable, unavoidable, inescapable, inevitable, ineluctable; inexorable, unstoppable, irrevocable, irremediable, irresistible; *Sl*. in the bag, cinched, fixed, established, *Sl*. on ice, clinched.

7. destined, fated, bound, fateful, doomed; foreordained, predestined, prearranged, *Inf.* in the cards, out of one's hands.

surely, adv. 1. firmly, confidently, surely; sure-footedly, unerringly, unsurprisingly, undeniably, unhesitatingly, unalteringly, unwaveringly; steadily, determinedly, doggedly.

2. undoubtedly, indubitably, doubtless, doubtlessly; unquestionably, positively, absolutely, unequivocally, beyond question, beyond a doubt, beyond the shadow of a doubt; certainly, decidedly, definitely, assuredly.

3. inevitably, unavoidably, inescapably, unfailing; unalterably, invariably, inexorably.


—v. 3. satiate, pall, overfill, overdo, indulge; cloy, glut, en-glut, stuff, cram, gorge, overfeed, overload, *Sl*. pig out, *Sl*. munch out, *Sl*. stuff one's face; saturate, soak, drench, flood, deluge, engulf, inundate; overload, overburden, overwhelm; suffocate, choke, gag, sicken, nauseate, disgust; jade, dull, deaden, weary, exhaust, tire, bore.

surf, n. waves, rollers, whitecaps, white horses; billows, swells, surge, rise, welling up; breakers, beachcombers, combers; tide, influx, flowing in; ocean or sea spray, foam, spindrift, spume; tidemark, residue, waves, rollers, whitecaps, white horses; bilgewater. 

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surface, n. exterior, superficies, outside, externals, superficiality; veneer, façade, appearance, aspect, face; integument, skin, covering, shell, carapace; superstratum, finish, coat, coating, crust, top.


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surge, n. 1. gush, rush, stream, flow, efflux, effusion, outpouring; upsurge, rise, ascension, upswipe, upcurve, up trend, ungrowth, upgoing; increase, acceleration, inflation, escalation, intensification; takeoff, rocketing, soaring, skyrocketing.

2. swell, welling up; billow, wave, roller, whitecap, white horse, breaker, beachcomber, comb; sea, ocean, tide, influx.

—v. 3. billow, swell, well forth, bulge; gush, rush,
sury, adj. 1. cantankerous, irascible, irascid, obnoxious, crabbed, choleric, brusque, petty, crusty; grumpy, grouch, crotchety, dyspeptic, thorny, bearish, snarling, growling; cross, feisty, huffy, sulky, sullen, bilious, cranky, peevish, irritable; testy, touchy, tetchy, ill-tempered, bad-tempered, short-tempered, ill-humored, ill-natured; fractious, quarrelsome, disagreeable, Infr. ornery, Inf. mean, Inf. bitchy, Inf. ugly; caustic, mordant, mordacious, sarcastic, insulting, biting; sharp, uncivil, rough, harsh; curt, short, terse, blunt.

2. unfriendly, unsociable, inhospitable, unamiable, unaffable; hostile, antagonistic, adverse, averse, contrary, oppugnant, inimical; anti, against, Sl. agin, down on.

3. gloomy, depressing, cheerless, mournful, doleful, dolorous; dismal, dreary, bleak, grim, funereal, lugubrious; dark, black, sinister, heavy, malign, malignant, malevolent; threatening, menacing, lowering, looming.

surmise, v. 1. imagine, suppose, presume, infer, suspect, guess, conjecture; assume, understand, gather, deduce, conclude, reckon, deem, feel, opin, be of the opinion, daresay.

—n. 2. matter of conjecture, open question; possibility, likelihood, probability.

3. idea, thought, belief, opinion; inference, assumption, presumption, supposition, supposal.

4. guess, conjecture, hypothesis, postulate, Inf. hunch, Inf. stab, Inf. shot, Inf. shot in the dark.

surmount, v. 1. climb, climb over, ascend, scale, mount, clear, vault.

2. overcome, conquer, triumph over, prevail over, get the better of, beat, Inf. lick; survive, pull through, make it, weather the storm.

3. top, overtop, tower above, rise above; overlook, outshine, show the shade, eclipse, put to shame, shame, or cast into disgrace; outstanding, in a class by itself, Latin. sui generis; unequalled, unmatched, unrivaled, unsurpassed, unparalleled.

surplus, n. 1. surfeit, superabundance, plethora, glut, satiety, excess; flood, deluge, inundation, spate, avalanche, landslide, riot, drug on or in the market, supersaturation; oversupply, overmeasure, overabundance, overload; overdose, too much of a good thing.

2. remainder, remnants, residue, residuum, remains, balance, rest.

—adj. 3. extra, space, unused; remaining, surviving, un consumed; excess, superfluous, redundant.

surprise, v. 1. astonish, amaze, astound, stun, Inf. flabbergast, Inf. snow, Sl. blow away, Sl. blow one's mind; overwhelm, overpower, Inf. bowl over, Inf. floor, Inf. knock or throw one for a loop, Inf. set back on one's heels; hit like a ton of bricks, Inf. hit between the eyes.

2. take by surprise, take unawares, catch off-guard, catch napping; catch red-handed, catch in the act, catch in flagrant delicto, Sl. catch with one's pants down, Sl. catch dead to rights.

3. ambush, U.S. bushwhack, Inf. jump; pounce upon, fall upon, descend upon, swoop down upon; come out of nowhere, drop from the clouds, come like a bolt from the blue; blitz.

4. pop, spring [s.t.] on [s.o.].

5. bolt from the blue, bombshell, shocker, blow; eyeopener, revelation; ace in the hole, card or ace up one's sleeve.

6. amazement, astonishment, astoundment, marvelment, wonder, wonderment, breathless wonder, awe.

7. marvel, phenomenon, prodigy, miracle, rarity, portent, sensation, Sl. stunner.

8. surprise attack, Inf. sneak attack, Pearl Harbor.

surprising, adj. 1. amazing, astounding, astonishing, beyond, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, incredible; unusual, uncommon, unwonted, unfamiliar.

2. unexpected, unforeseen, unanticipated, unlooked-for; sudden, like a bolt from the blue; stunning, foudroyant, jolting, jarring.

surrealistic, adj. bizarre, weird, erratic, freakish, grotesque, Inf. freaky, Sl. rum, Sl. far-out; dadaistic, absurd, phantasmagoric, nightmarish, Kafkaesque; strange, unusual, uncommon, unconventional, unorthodox, uncanny; irregular, odd, oddish, peculiar, curious, queer, extraordinary, fantastic, incredible, inconceivable; fey, supernatural, preternatural, out of this world.

surrender, v. 1. yield, deliver up, turn over, hand in, part with; render, remit; release, let go of, quit one's hold on, yield control of; relinquish, renounce, forsake, forgo, Law. disclaim; abdicate, resign, Chiefly Scot. demit; transfer, give over, cede, make over, convey, sign away, waive, Law. demise.

2. give oneself up, turn oneself in, throw oneself at the mercy of, Inf. hands-up.

3. lose hope of, despair of, give up, abandon, quit, Sl. pack it in, give up the ship, cry quits, cry craven, throw one's hands, throw in the sponge or the towel; resign oneself to, grin and bear it, lie down and die.

4. capitulate, submit, succumb to; fall, bite the dust, lay down arms, raise the white flag; acquiesce, comply, accede, give in, cry or say uncle; concede, back down, eat crow, eat humble pie, retract, recant, eat one's words; truckle, defer to, kneel to, bend the eyes.

5. capitulation, submission, yielding; acquiescence, compliance, accedence, concession, nonresistance; homage, prostration, deference.

6. relinquishment, renunciation, abnegation, abdication, resignation, Archaic. demission; transfer, transferal, transference, Law. conveyance, ceding, leasing, handing over; release, quittance, acquittance, aban-
surreptitious, adj. 1. clandestine, covert, undercover, stealthy, feline, nighttime, back-alley, backstreet, CIA-type, Watergate, *Canon Law.* surreptitious; collusive, conspirative, conspiratory, furtive, underhand, underhanded, *Inf.* under the counter, backroom, sneaky, sneaking, sly, foxy, vulpine, crafty, cunning; unethical, dishonorable, illegal, unlawful, unauthorized, *Canon Law.* surreptitious.

2. secret, secretive, hugger-mugger, dark, closed, unc public, not open, hide-public, private, confidential, closed-door, closet, *Archaic,* privy; hidden, concealed, encompassed, shrouded, cloaked, disguised, veiled, masked, screened, in the dark; undisclosed, unrevealed, unpublicized, silent; mysterious, arcane, intriguing.

surreptitiously, adv. 1. clandestinely, covertly, under cover, stealthily, under the table or counter; collusively, conspiratorily, furtively, underhandedly, sneakily, craftily, cunningly, slyly, on the sly, behind one’s back, behind the scenes; unethically, dishonorably, illegally, unlawfully, fraudulently.

2. secret, privately, behind closed doors, confidentially, sub rosa; silently, mysteriously, in the dark; in whispers, under the table, behind closed doors.

surrogate, n. 1. agent, proxy, secondary, deputy, delegate, vicar, charged d’affaires, regent, viceroy; representative, envoy, emissary, ambassador, consul; pinch runner, pinch hitter, designated hitter, relief pitcher; substitute teacher, sub.

2. replacement, succedaneum, alternate, backup, relief, fill-in, *Chiefly Brit.* locum tenens; understudy, stand-by, double, stand-in, *St.* ringer, dummy, imitation, copy, fake, chancing, benchwarmer, second team or string; scapegoat, whipping boy.

surround, v. 1. enclose, envelope, encloset, envelop, encase, encompass, environ, enshrine, circumfuse, encircle, circle, circumscribe, compass, belt.

2. circumvent, begird, engird, encircument, gird, girdle, confine, fence in, pen in, hedge in, hem in; circumvallate, beset, besiege, entrap, ensnare, blockade.

—n. 3. perimeter, circle, box, square; girdle, belt, border, fence, wall, confine, boundary, frontier; enclosure, encasement, case, surrounding, covering, coating, coat; envelopment, envelope, wrapping, wrap, integument, *Bot.* testa, shell, skin.

surrounding, n. 1. perimeter, enclosure, belt, border. See surround (def. 3).

2. surroundings environs, neighborhood, vicinity, vicinage, region, area, locale, district, section; environment, habitat, setting, *Fr.* mise en scène, scene, entourage, milieu, ambience, background; suburbs, bourgs, outskirts.

3. enclosing, enwrapping, enfolding, enfolding, envelopment, enveloping, encasing, encompassing, begirding, encirclement, encircling, circumscription, circumscribing, environing, circumambience, encircumference, encincturing, circumvallating, besetment, besetting, hemming in.

—adj. 4. enclosing, enwrapping, enfolding, enveloping, encasing, integumentary; encompassing, girdling, begirding, circumfuent, circumventive, circumventing; encircling, circling, circumscribing, circumjacent, circumambient, ambient, environing, circumvallating, besetting, hemming in.

5. environmental, vicinal, regional, sectional, local; neighboring, next-door, adjoining, conjoining, connecting, attached; adjacent, juxtagposed, juxtaposed, next to, proximate, bordering; contiguous, abutting, meeting, tangential, tangent, touching, *Obs.* attingent; near, nearby, close, close-by, nigh.

surveillance, n. 1. watch, observation, espionage; reconnaisance, probe, espionage, spying, police observation, *Sl.* stakeout; examination, visual examination, study, scrutiny, perusal, review, overview, survey; exploration, observing, noticing, seeing, looking, watching, viewing, witnessing, eying; notice, note, attention, inspection, regard.

2. supervision, care, careful attention; monitoring, regulation, control, management, administration, superintendence; direction, government, command, leadership; oversight, stewardship, charge, conduct, guidance, treatment.

survey, v. 1. appraise, take stock of, assess; take the measure of, size up, judge; ascertain, determine, figure, figure out; reckon, calculate, compute, estimate, *Inf.* check, *Inf.* check out.

2. scan, observe, scrutinize, regard, contemplate; consider, review, study, examine, investigate; inspect, pore over, peruse, take a close or careful look; take note or cognizance of, cast an eye over, *Inf.* give the once-over.

3. watch, keep an eye on, keep in sight or view; reconnieter, keep under observation, *Sl.* case, scout, scout out, stake out, spy upon; follow, monitor, *Inf.* keep tabs on; keep watch, be watchful; notice, note, take note of.

4. delineate, delimit, measure, calibrate; graph, lay out, chart, map, map out, trace, pace off, make a map or survey of.

—n. 5. examination, perusal, inspection, scrutiny, scrutinization, *Sl.* look-see, *Inf.* shopping trip; close observation or watch, investigation, inquisition, inquiry; study, analysis, research, exploration, probe, search; sifting, going through or over, review, check-out, audit; assessment, appraisal, *Inf.* once-over.


survival, n. 1. endurance, subsistence, maintenance, nourishment, nurture, sustenance, sustivation; living, livelihood; lasting, staying, enduring, going on through thick and thin, continuing through the ages, continuance.

—adj. 2. lifesaving, life-giving, emergency; sustaining, maintaining, supporting, nurturing, nourishing.

survive, v. 1. outlive, outlast, outwear; remain, remain alive, live on, subsist, endure; last, continue, abide, *Archaic.* bide, be extant.

2. live, persist, get through, succeed, win over, live through; weather the storm, stand fast, hold one’s foot; keep body and soul together.

susceptible, adj. 1. *Usu.* susceptible of or to open to, receptive to, amenable to, susceptible to; responsive to, sensitive to, alive to; easily hurt, thin-skinned, tender; easily excited or upset, excitable, high-strung, emotional; willing to listen to, accessible, reachable; influential, impressive, impressive, likely to be taken in by or fall for; gullible, dupable, easily deceived; credulous, wide-eyed, naive, innocent, innocent as a newborn babe, born yesterday, wet behind the ears.

2. *Usu.* susceptible to vulnerable to, defensesess
against, pregnant, unable to endure or tolerate or stand; subject, given to, disposed to, likely to get, liable to; prone to, predisposed to, inclined toward, leaning toward.

**suspict,** v. 1. doubt, disbelieve, be skeptical or suspicious, distrust, mistrust; harbor suspicions, Inf. smell a rat, smell something rotten, have one's doubts, not bet on.

2. surmise, guess, hazard a guess, conjecture, infer; imagine, fancy, think, opine, theorize, believe, wonder; suppose, postulate, assume, presume, hypothesize; divine, have a sneaking suspicion, intuit, have a clue.

—adj. 3. open to or under suspicion, suspicious, questionable, not believed, not trusted; doubted; sneaky, furtive, shifty, hiding something.

**suspend,** v. 1. hang, put up, depend, dangle, sling, drop, fall.

2. hold off, withhold, postpone, defer, delay, retard, put off; table, shelve, pigeonhole, put on the back burner; carry over, keep pending, continue, keep on ice; procrastinate, lallygag, fiddle around, dally.

3. stop, put a stop to, halt, stay, quit, cease, end, bring to an end; hold up, arrest, detain, stall, check, cut short; lift, intermit, remove, rescind; pretermit, interrupt, break off, discontinue.

4. debar, shut out, exclude, eliminate, have a sneaking suspicion, feel, have a suspicion, have a hunch, have a hunch about, have a hunch toward.

**sustained,** adj. 3. open to; prone to, predisposed to, inclined toward, leaning toward, subject, given to, disposed to, likely to get, liable to, be disposed to, be given to, be likely to have.

**suspicion,** n. excitement, anticipation, expectation, suspense.
sputter, sputter, rant, bully.

—n. 3. swashbuckling, vainglory, pomp, ostenta-
tion, show, display, parade; bluster, gasconade, brag-
gadocio, brag, boastfulness, fanfaronade, Sl. hot air;
arrogance, haughtiness, snobbishness, Inf. snootiness,
Inf. highfalutin manner, pomposity.

swaggerer, n. 1. swashbuckler, swash, strutter,
blusterer, Brit. Sl. bucko, bully, cock of the walk;
snob, dandy, prig, coxcomb, fop; braggart, bragga-
docio, gascon, boaster, fanfaron, Sl. blowhard, Sl.
gasbag, Sl. hot-air artist; blatherskite, Sl. windbag,
bigmouth, loudmouth.

swain, n. 1. lover, suitor, beau, inamorato, gallant,
admirer, adorer, idolizer; boyfriend, young man,
Romeo, flame, fiancé, intended.

2. country boy, country cousin, yokel, rustic, Ar-
chaic. hind, country bumpkin, clodhopper, bogtrotter,
Inf. hayseed, Inf. hick, Sl. rube.

swallow, v. 1. gulp, guzzle, digest, engorge; eat,
sup, down, Archaic. manducate; pop, drop; bolt, snap
up, wolf down, dispatch, put down or away; drink, im-
bibe, quaff, belt, swell, swig; tipple, tope, toss off,
throw back, knock back, Sl. chug-a-lug; ingest, intake,
take in, suck up, tuck away.

2. Usu. swallow up absorb, assimilate, engross,
soak up, mop up; engulf, swamp, overwhelm, whelm,
flood, inundate; consume, devour, ingurgitate, ingulf.

3. Informal. accept, take, take the bait, lap up, suck
up; take for granted, accept, take one's word, 5/. buy,
take on faith, believe anything; take for
absurdity, inanit, verbalism.

4. put up with, tolerate, bear, grin and bear it, suffer,
live with; stomach, stand, abide, take, pocket; brook,
brave, endure; ignore, disregard, turn a blind eye to.

—n. 5. gulp, Physiol. deglutition, ingestion, imbib-
tion; ingurgitation, engorgement; consumption, ab-
sorption, assimilation; eating, drinking.

6. mouthful, bite, nibble, munch, sample, patch, specimen;
sample, patch, specimen; example, copy; swatch,
Brit. Dial. sample, patch, specimen; example, copy; swatch,
Astroturf; greensward, grassplot, patch of grass,
grass, turf, sod, artificial grass.

scrap, remnant; piece, bit, portion, fragment, chunk,
cut, clipping.

swathe, v. 1. bind, wrap, bundle up, bandage,
swaddle. See swaddle.

—n. 2. bandage, swaddle, wrapping, covering,
dressing, gauze; band, tie.

sway, v. 1. swing, oscillate, rock, move back and
forth or to and fro, liberal, undulate, wave, vibrate;
roam, rove, wander, direct, guide, conduct, induce,
advise, talk into, win over, persuade, influence,
influence, impress, touch, move, stir, strike; per-
suade, talk into, win over, bring around, convince,
urging, persuasion, seduction, influence,
swashbuckler, n. soldier of fortune, musketeer, sol-
dier, adventurer, daredevil, hotspur; swordman, duel-
st, fencer; Errol Flynn, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

swatch, n. sample, patch, specimen; example, copy;
scrap, remnant; piece, bit, portion, fragment, chunk,
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influence, persuade, influence, seduce, induce,
urge, spur, stimulate, impel, prompt.

—n. 6. swaying, swinging, oscillation, vibration,
liberation, undulation; fluctuation, oscillation, hesita-
tion; incline, bend, tilt; slant, bias, prejudice, one-
sidedness, partiality, predisposition, predilection,
close-mindedness.

7. rule, dominion, authority, mastery, iron hand; in-
fluence, control, command, leadership, guidance,
direction; domination, power, hands, palm of one's
hand, charge; ascendancy, supremacy, reach, scope,
range, grasp, grip, clutch.

swear, v. 1. take an oath, swear on the Bible, swear
on a stack of Bibles, swear by all that's holy, say before
God.

2. vow, pledge, promise, solemnly promise; give
one's word, say on Scout's honor, pledge one's honor,
transpose, invert, commute, permute; interchange,
bandy, give and take.

swarm, n. 1. hive, horde, host, multitude, crowd,
throng, mob; drove, herd, pack, flock, cloud, gaggle,
bevy, covey, flight, school, shoal; band, company,
group, body, assemblage, assembly, aggregation;
con-
gregation, gathering, concentration, huddle, bunch,
class, cluster, knot; mass, concourse, confluence, con-
flux, convergence; congestion, jam, crush, press, rush,
stream, flood, deluge.

—v. 2. throng, crowd, herd, group, cluster, huddle,
concentrate, bunch up or together; mass, congregate,
gather, agglomerate; flock together, surge; stream;
convene, forget, converge, come together, meet.

3. Usu. swarm with abound, teem with, pullulate,
burst with, bristle with, be alive with, crawl with; over-
flow, overspill, overbrim, superabound, exuberate,
know no bounds; throng with, crowd with, jam, pack,
stuff, fill.

4. overrun, run riot or wild, overspread, overgrow,
infest, plague, beset.

swarth, adj. dark-colored, swart, Archaic. swarth,
dark-complexioned, dark-skinned, dark, dusky; black-skinned, black, ebony, sable, jet-
black, coal-black, pitch-black, Inf. black as tar, raven;
blackish, nigrescent; brown-skinned, brown, brown-
swashbuckler, n. soldier of fortune, musketeer, sol-
dier, adventurer, daredevil, hotspur; swordman, duel-
st, fencer; Errol Flynn, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

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swaddle. See swaddle.

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dressing, gauze; band, tie.

sway, v. 1. swing, oscillate, rock, move back and
forth or to and fro, liberal, undulate, wave, vibrate;
roam, rove, wander, direct, guide, conduct, induce,
advise, talk into, win over, persuade, influence,
influence, impress, touch, move, stir, strike; per-
suade, talk into, win over, bring around, convince,
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sidedness, partiality, predisposition, predilection,
close-mindedness.

7. rule, dominion, authority, mastery, iron hand; in-
fluence, control, command, leadership, guidance,
direction; domination, power, hands, palm of one's
hand, charge; ascendancy, supremacy, reach, scope,
range, grasp, grip, clutchs.
sweat

1. Obs. sweep, sweep away out
whisk,

2. execrate, exude, transude, ooze; distill, condense.

3. force, push, drive, blow, drift, carry, move; draw, clear out, remove the dirt from; dust, wipe, swipe.

4. brush, vacuum; clean, clean up, spruce up, tidy up, clear out, remove the dirt from; dust, wipe, swipe, swab, mop, scrub.

5. force, push, drive, blow, drift, carry, move; draw, pull, stroke, paint; clear, open, make a path through.

6. pan, scour, comb, winnow, sift through, rout through, search through; drag across, flow along, stream along, trail over, pass over; graze, brush against, rub against, glance, touch, hit; shave, skim, scrape, chafe, abrade.

7. curve, round, arch, bow, bend, Archit. embow; compass, go or move around or round; lap, circle, circuit, circumambulate, surround, encircle, encompass; extend, range, stretch, reach, go; span, cover, include, comprise.

8. Usual sweep along or through scurry, hurry, rush, run, haste, hasten, career, go, hightail it, scamper, Inf. skedaddle, dash, dart, shoot, tear, sprint, race, fly, go like the wind, streak, bolt; whip along, spank, zoom, whoosh, whiz, go like lightning, Sl. zing, Sl. zip, Sl. smoke; swoop down upon, blitz, charge, rampage, tear, stampede, rip.

9. 6. stroke, swipe, move, movement, motion, action.

10. drive, thrust, push; swoop, fell swoop, blow, attack, blitz; charge, rampage, stampede.

11. curvature, curvation, roundness, roundedness, bending, flexure; incurvation, incurvature, arcuration, Pathol. cyrtosis; curve, bend, arch, arc, vault, Archit. extrados; incurve, camber, crescent, lunule, lune, mensa, half-moon, horseshoe, U.S. oxbow; lap, round, turn, loop, circle, circuit, cycle, orbit, revolution.

12. compass, swing, scope, range, breadth, width; reach, stretch, spread, span, extent, area; space, room, play, elboorow.

sweating, adj. 1. broad, wide, widespread, extensive, expansive, far-reaching, panoramic, bird's-eye, Inf. wall-to-wall; inclusive, inclusory, nonexclusive, unlimited, indiscriminate; general, universal, worldwide, pandemic, all-embracing, catholic, ecumenical; umbrella, blanket, comprehensive, all-inclusive, liberal; encyclopedic, voluminous, exhaustive.

2. (of the outcome of a contest) overwhelming, decisive; final, complete, total, full, thorough, thoroughgoing, out-and-out, outright, sheer; absolute, plenary, unconditional, unqualified.

3. cleanings, dust, dusts, offscourings, filth, ashes, cinders; leavings; remains, residue, scum, scoria, slag, dross; leftovers; or, crumbs, bits and pieces, shreds, fragments, odds and ends, junk, rummage; litter, debris, rubbish, refuse, trash, throw aways.

sweaty, adj. 1. clammy, Inf. sticky; soaked, dripping with sweat; perspiring, sudoriferous, sudoriparous, sudorific.

2. laborious, strenuous, toilsome, arduous, operose, oppressive, onerous, backbreaking, uphill; hard, difficult, rough, tough.

3. amiable, gracious, likeable, pleasant, good-natured, honeyed, honey, honey-sweet, confectionary; candied, nectarous, nectarine, saccharine.

4. fresh, pure, refreshing, wholesome, clean; appetizing, flavorful, flavorsome, delicious; good, tasty, palatable, delectable, saporous.

5. sweet-sounding, mellifluous, dulcet, melodious. See sweet-sounding.

6. fragrant, perfumed, sweet-smelling. See sweet-scented.

7. pleasing, pleasant, pleasurable, enjoyable, to one's liking, to one's fancy, to one's taste.

8. amiable, gracious, likeable, pleasant, good-natured, Scot. and North Eng. Irish Eng. sonsy; congenial, Scot. couthie, Ger. gemütlich; complaisant; gracious, genial, polite, cordial, courteous, accommodating; amicable, friendly, neighborly, sociable.

9. appealing, attractive, comely, beautiful, elegant; bewitching, entrancing, charming, captivating, seductive, glamorous, alluring.

10. dear, beloved, dearest, loved, precious, treasured, cherished, valued, prized; favorite, pet, favored, darling.

11. sentimental, treacly, sickening, cloying; syrupy, sickeningly sweet, Inf. buttery; overdone, cutesy, too nice.

12. sweet on Informal. infatuated with, in love with, taken with, Sl. stuck on, gone on, keen on or about, wild about, mad about, head over heels in love with.

sweeten, v. 1. make sweet, dulcify; candy, sugar, sugar-coat; mull.

2. soften, make mild, mellow; make tender, make kind; mollify, pacify, appease, soothe, solace; alleviate, relieve, mitigate, palliate, allay, solace, assuage, ease, abate; temper, moderate.

3. purify, cleanse, disinfect, Chem. edulcorate; freshen, deodorize; ventilate, aerate, air.
sweetheart, n. sweet, sweetheart, Archaic. leman, Sl. sweet patottie, Sl. tootsie, Sl. tootsy-wootsy, Fr. petit chou, Fr. chou-chou, Fr. poulet, Fr. ma petite; honey, Inf. honeybun, Inf. sugar, Inf. sugar pie, darling, beloved, dear, dear one, dearest; hearthrob, heart's desire, true love, love of one's life, one and only, one's all; lover, paramour, Fr. intime, sex partner, bedmate, admirer, Inf. boyfriend, girl friend; suitor, beau, swain, inamorato, Romeo, wooer; betrayer, intended, Inf. steady, fiancé, fiancée; mistress, Sl. moll, best girl, lady-lik, inamorata; turtle-love, angel; spark, Inf. flame; goddess, Venus, Aphrodite; Sl. sweet mama, sugar daddy.

sweeten, n. confection, confiture, confectionary, candy, sweet; sweets; bonbon, fondant, comfit, sugarplum, taffy; butterscotch, praline, peanut brittle; fudge, cream, nougat, toffee, caramel; chocolate; mint, peppermint, kiss, lollipop, sucker; dainty, tidbit; pastry, pie, cake, patisserie, tart, puff.

sweetness, n. 1. sugariness, honeyedness, sacchariness. 2. freshness, pureness, refreshiness, wholesomeness, cleanliness; goodness, tastiness, saporosity, flavorfulness. 3. sweet-soundingness, mellifluence, mellifluousness, melody, harmony, dulcetness, euphoniousness, euphony, canorousness; softness, mellowness. 4. sweet-smellingness, sweet-scentedness, redolence, fragrance, odorousness, odoriferousness, balminess, perfume, bouquet. 5. pleasantness, agreeableness, amiableness, amiability; mildness, gentleness, kindliness, tenderness, lovableness; graciousness, generosity, selflessness. 6. loveliness, fairness, comeliness, prettiness; beauty, attractiveness; charm, winsomeness.

sweet-scented, adj. fragrant, aromatic; sweet, sweet-smelling, odoriferous, odorous; redolent, balmy, amiable, perfumed, scented.

sweet-sounding, adj. musical, dulcet, mellifluous, mellifluous, mellisonant, canonic, melodious; sweet, sweet-sounding; smooth, smooth-sounding; beautiful; refined, polished, gentlemanly, urbane.

sweet-tempered, adj. kind, kindly, cordial, amiable, good-natured, well-disposed; neighborly, friendly, nice, genial, hospitable, affable; well-meaning, well-intentioned, sympathetic, sympathizing, welloffered, wellbeseeming, considerate, understanding; thoughtful; helpful, obliging, accommodating; good, benevolent, benign, benignant, benificent; mild, gentle, tender, Fr. gentil; compassionate, loving, decent, human; gracious, generous, charitable, bounteous, giving; warm-hearted, kindhearted, tender-hearted, soft-hearted; pleasant, likeable, expansive, Scot. and North Eng., Irish Eng. sonsy.

swift, v. 1. dilate, expand, extend, spread, outspread, spread out; distend, inflate, blow up, puff out, blow up, dome; intumesce, tumefy; fill out, fatten; lengthen, elongate, stretch. 2. increase, enlarge, magnify, amplify, augment; wax, grow larger, rise, well up; intensify, escalate, step up, accelerate, snowball, mushroom. 3. protrude, project, extrude, jut or jut out, stick out, poke out; extend, excurse, obtrude, bulge, bilge, protruberate, Anat. protract; belly, bag, balloon, bilow. 4. strut, swagger, peacock, prance, parade, promenade; ride a high horse, swashbuckle, bluster; flower, flaunt, show off, throw out one's chest, put on airs, be arrogant, be insolent; flounce, U.S. Inf. sashay, mince.

swiftly, adv. 1. quickly, fast, speedily, fleetly, rapidly, hurriedly; promptly, instantly, expeditiously, straightaway, Sl. pronto, in a wink, in an instant, Inf. in a jiffy, in a trice, in a flash, double-quick, Inf. like greased lightning, like a shot, like a house afire, like a blazing, like a thunderbolt, Sl. like hell, Sl. like a bat out of hell; directly, at once, without delay, in less than no time, before one can say "Jack Robinson," before the ink is dry, Inf. lickety-split; fast, full tilt, full pelt, full gallop, tautly, by leaps and bounds, hotfoot, at full blast, in high gear, as fast as one's legs can carry one. 2. precipitately, hurriedly, headlong; abruptly, suddenly, unexpectedly; rashly, at half cock, pell-mell,
swiftness

1. swindler, highbinder, cheat, cheater, fraud, easily, effortlessly, with ease, swimmingly.
2. swindle, slop, hogwash, scraps, orts; garbage, swin.
3. swim, wile, ruse, sham, shuck, trick, deception, chicane, sting, put across.
4. swing, sway, oscillate, pendulate, librate; vacillation, rock, move back and forth or backward and forward, lurch, yaw; wag, wave, waver, waggle, Naught jibe; wobble, bob, dangle, hang; seesaw, teeter-totter, ebb and flow, come and go, wobble-wobble; hitch and hike, zigzag, wigwag, pass and repass.
5. swing around, whirl, spin, swivel, turn about, turn around; make a U-turn, Sl. pop or hang a U, Sl. bang a U-ie, turn on a dime; put about, heel, turn on one's heel, pivot; wheel, pirouette, gyrate, round, rotate, wobble.
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swinish

1. hog, pig, sow, barrow; razorback, boar, wart hog, peccary, babirusa; porker, grunter, tusker, oinker; piggy, piglet, pigling, hogling, shoat.
2. brute, animal, wolf, monster, savage; masher, lecher, libertine, pervert, dirty old man; worm, cur, hound, louse, vermin; cad, Brit. blighter, Chiefly Brit. Sl. bounder, scab, fink, skunk, Sl. bastard; pimp, pander.
3. sensualist, sybarite, voluptuary, hedonist, pleasure-seeker; gourmand, epicure.
4. slob, pig, sloppy Joe, sloven, mudlark, wallower; lout, litterer, litterbug; frump, schlep, drag, draggle-tail; slattern, trollop, slut.
5. swing, whirl, spin, swivel, turn about, turn around; make a U-turn, Sl. pop or hang a U, Sl. bang a U-ie, turn on a dime; put about, heel, turn on one's heel, pivot; wheel, pirouette, gyrate, round, rotate, wobble.
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sloppy, slavenly, slatternly, unclean, filthy, dirty. sluttish, slatternly, blozzy, frowzy; unkept, untidy. Inf. messy, mussy. Inf. sloppy, shabby, scrapply, scruffy. Sl. grungy, grubby, unwashed, slimy. voracious, ravenous, rapacious, edacious, glutonous; crassulous, omnivorous, insatiable, glutting, gorging, overfed.

swirl, v. 1. whirl, eddy, gurge, swirl around, stir around, agitate, move around, gurgle; swish around, move around, gyro, spin, spinning. 2. twist, spin, coil, spiral, convolute, convolve, roll, curl, furl, involute; incure, curve, reel, wind, wind around, unwind. 3. whirl, eddy, whirlpool, eddy, maelstrom; whirl, eddy, gurgle, gurgle around, move around, gyrate, gyre, spin, spinning. 4. twist, coil, turbation, helix, corkscrew, helix, volute, volution, circulution, volution, circling; moving around, gyration, gyro, spin, spinning. 5. curve, incurvation, incurvature, excurvation; sinuosity, winding, sinuation, sinus; bend, flexure, turn, crook, tortuosity, flexuosity, anfractuosity.

6. confusion, disorder, disarray, confusedness, jumble, mess; stir, commotion, fuss, fuss and feathers, Inf. to-do, bustle, flurry, excitement, agitation, unrest; disturbance, trouble, upheaval, turmoil, tumult, turbulence, storm, tempest.

swish, v. 1. whish, whoosh, whiz, whistle, hiss, sibilate, hiss, buzz. 2. rustle, swish, sough, sigh, whisper, murmure. 3. swirl around, move around, stir around, agitate, swirl around; splash, splash, splash against, wash, lap. 4. flourish, brandish, wave, swing, whirl, brahndish, wave, swing, whirl. 5. take off, cut off, Sk. whack off, lop off, chop off, hack off, slice off. 6. flag, whip, swirl. See switch (def. 4).

—n. 7. whirl, whishing, whoosh, whooshing, whiz, whizzing, whistle, whistling, hiss, hissing, sibilation; whirl, whirling, hum, humming, buzz, buzzing, rushing sound; rustle, rustling, susurrus, sough, swish, soughing, soughing, sigh, sighing, whisper, whispering, susurration, murmur, murmuring.

8. switch, stick, rod. See switch (def. 1).

switch, n. 1. rod, stick, swish, birch or birch rod, withe, willow twig, Chiefly Brit. osier; whip, lash, scourge, strap, belt, thong, rawhide, cat, cat-o'-nine-tails. 2. (all of plants) shoot, bud, burgeon, sprout, sprig; stem, twig, small branch; offshoot, Bot. runner, Bot. stolon, Bot. sucker; scion, cutting, slip, Hort. graft. 3. change, change of direction, new tack, shift; turn, maneuver, swerve, sheet, deviation, divergence, detour; move, transfer, relocation, realignment; reversion, Inf. flip-flop, U-turn Sl. U-ile, about-face, turnabout, turnaround, 360 degree turn, pirouette. —v. 4. hit, strike, beat, whip, Southern U. S. whup, thrash, lash, swish, birch, scourge, flagellate, horsewhip; curry, strap, thresh, flail, cowhide, spank, Brit. Dial. yerk, Inf. tan [s.o.'s] hide. 5. cast, throw, whisk, swing, sweep, move, wave, flourish, brandish, swish. 6. exchange, change, replace, substitute, swap, trade, barter; interchange, transpose, invert, commute, permute. 7. turn, veer, curve, bend, bear off, go off; swerve, shift, sheet, divert, deviate, detour, make a detour, go around; change course or direction, tack, Naut. jibe; reverse, Inf. flip-flop, about-face, do a turnaround or turnabout, make a U-turn, Sl. pull a U-ie.
tuousness, Inf. soft soap, Sl. bootlicking, Sl. footlicking, kow tow, Sl. apple-polishing, Sl. brown-nosing, Rare. blandiloquie, Obs. blandling, Obs., Rare. blandation, Obs., Rare. blandioly.

2. slavishness, servility, obsequiousness, obsequience, Obs. vernility; submissiveness, docility, unassertiveness, compliance, acquiescence, deference, tractability, tractableness; prostration, obeisance, abjection, abjectness, self-abasement; groveling, crawling, crouching, slithering; squirming, cringing, cowering; whining, whimpering, sniveling.

sycophant, n. toady, toadeater, fawner, flatterer, emblem, representation, insignia, n. adj. sylvan, woody, woodsy, bosky, forested.

blandiloquent. obeisant, on one's knees; abject, base, mean, beggarly, slavish, servile, obsequious, Obs. obsequent, subcandied, unctuous, honey-mouthed, sweet-talking, oring, sycophantical sycophantish, SI.

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2. slavish, servile, obsequious, subservient, menial, Obs. Rare. vernile; submissive, docile, unassertive, compliant, acquiescent, deferential, tractable, meal-ymouthed; prostrate, kowtowing, obeisant, on one's knees; abject, base, mean, beggarly, beggarred; groveling, crawling, crouching, slithering; squirming, cringing, cowering; whining, whimpering, sniveling.

sylph, adj. 1. woody, woody, bosky, forested, arboreal; forestal, forestal, forestlike; shady, shaded; unseemly, bowery, leafly; treelike, arborial, arborescent; rustic, bucolic, scenic; wild, uncultivated.

—n. 2. rustic, peasant, provincial, backwoodsman, yokel, bumpkin.

3. dryad, hamadryad, deity, nymph; faun; Pan, Silvanus.

symbol, n. 1. emblem, representation, insignia, regalia, token, sign, badge, totem; character, glyph, ideogram, ideograph, hieroglyph, figure, letter, phonogram; trademark, brand, monogram, stamp, initials, badge, ensign, logotype, Print. logo; watchword, password, countersign, grip, shibboleth; earmark, peculiarity, idiosyncrasy, trait, characteristic, feature, dead giveaway, Sl. tip-off, sure sign; notation, cipher, code, cryptogram, abbreviation, shorthand, Both Music. note, signature; arms, crest, coat of arms, escutcheon, armorial, bearings, epaulet, chevron, stripes, Mil. Sl. scrambled eggs; flag, pennant, standard, banner, oriflamme.

2. talisman, charm, amulet, periapt, phylactery; mystic, mystic, mystic.

3. metaphor, figure of speech, Rhet. trope; simile, similitude, correlation, likeness; imagery, personification, figurativeness, metonymy; allegory, allegorization, apologue, anagoge, parable, fable.

symbolic, adj. 1. representative, characteristic, typical, indicative, illustrative, token, emblematic; distinguishing, differentiative, distinctive, discriminative, diacritical.

2. metaphorical, figurative, allegorical; suggestive, indicative, indicant, denotative, allusive.

3. cabalistic, mystical, occult; esoteric, hermetic, supernatural, transcendental; mysterious, secret, arcane, mystic.

symbolize, v. represent, signify, token, stand for, exemplify, serve as an example of, be a sample or specimen of; illustrate, epitomize, embody, personify, typify; correspond to, be the equivalent of, mirror, be the counterpart of, be analogous to; indicate, show, point to, add up to; mean, denote, purport, import, connote, convey; imply, suggest, bring to mind.

symmetrical, adj. well-proportioned, proportional, balanced, well-balanced, eurythmic; isomeric, isometric, Biol. actinomorphic, isogonal; harmonious, concinnous, congruous, consonant, concordant, congruent, consistent; parallel, corresponding, even, equal, commensurable, coextensive; regular, uniform, orderly, well-ordered, well-arranged, tidy; euphoni- ous, cadenced, rhythmic, patterned; graceful, wellformed, well-made, shapely, classic, Praxitelean, acropolisian.

symmetry, n. 1. regularity, uniformity, evenness, sameness, similarity, parallelism; consonance, congruence, consistency, correspondence, conformity, agreement.

2. harmony, concinnity, balance, poise, proportion, eurythmy, congruity, appropriateness, fitness; orderliness, order, tidiness; euphony, grace, gracefulness, elegance, cadence, rhythm; beauty, comeliness, pleasingness, agreeableness, attractiveness.

sympathetic, adj. 1. compassionate, commiserative, pitying, ruthless, concerned, caring, solicitous; sorrowful, tearful, heartbroken, grief-stricken, moved, touched; comforting, supportive, consoling; affectionate, loving, fond, with a heart as big as all outdoors, generous, big-hearted; humane, kind, kindly, kindhearted, good-natured, warm-hearted, warm, charita ble; gentle, tender, good, considerate, thoughtful, pain ful, understanding, empathetic, interested.

2. congenial, simpatico, in rapport with, Fr. en rapport, compatible, easy to get along with, agreeable, pleasant; close, intimate, friendly, neighborly, brotherly, sisterly.

3. approving, supporting, backing, on the side of, pro; favorable, appreciative, commendatory, approbatory, laudatory, admiring.

sympathize, v. 1. get along, hit it off, complement each other, harmonize; go hand in hand, have rapport, understand each other, relate, be close to; see eye to eye, Inf. be on the same wavelength, agree, accord, correspond, correlate.

2. pity, feel sorry for, feel for; have one’s heart go out to, have one’s heart bleed for, cry for, weep for, mourn with, grieve with, have moved or touched; commiserate, console, comfort, solace; ease, assuage, lend a shoulder, be a shoulder.

3. approve, like, admire, value, esteem, favor; back, encourage, side with, second; applaud, commend, praise; nod assent, endorse, Inf. O.K., Inf. give the O.K. or go-ahead, signal thumbs-up.

sympathizer, n. 1. commiserator, comforter, con doler, soother, shoulder, wailing wall; friend in need, helping hand, good Samaritan, real or true friend.

2. well-wisher, partisan, advocate, backer, second, booster; fan, adherent, disciple; collaborator, cooperation, ally.
sympathy, n. 1. harmony, agreement, accord, concert, rapport; concord, concordance, congruity, sonance, conformance, correspondence; bond, link, tie, union, unity; correlation, mutuality, reciprocity, congeniality, compatibility, closeness, familiarity, intimacy, mutual attraction; similarity, likeness, affinity, sameness, similitude; communion, fellowship, brotherhood, sisterliness, friendship, camaraderie.

2. compassion, commiseration, ruth, heart, pity, concern, care, solicitousness; condolence, tears, sorrow, consolation, comfort, solace; affection, love, affection, brotherly or sisterly love; humanity, humaneness, responsiveness, kindness, kindliness, benevolence; considerateness, thoughtfulness, patience, consideration; fellow feeling, understanding, empathy, getting into somebody else's skin, walking in somebody else's shoes; mercy, mercifulness, clemency, tenderness, tender-heartedness, warm-heartedness, warmth, gentleness, benignity, charity.

3. approval, assent, nod, O.K., okay, endorsement, sanction, approbation, go-ahead, thumbs up; consent, acquiescence, concurrence; favor, esteem, good will, well-wishing, high regard; encouragement, assistance, backing, patronage, cooperation; appreciation, admiration, commendation, applause, plaudit, praise, kudos.

sympathetic, adj. 1. harmonious, in harmony, euphonious, symphonic, homophonic, monodic; assonant, unisonous, unisonant, single-minded. 2. concordant, accordant, consonant, agreeing, in agreement, in accord, correspondent, corresponding, in correspondence; concurrent, concurring, consen- tant, consonant; agreement, conformance, congruence, congruousness. 3. approval, assent, nod, O.K., okay, endorsement, sanction, approbation, go-ahead, thumbs up; consent, acquiescence, concurrence; favor, esteem, good will, well-wishing, high regard; encouragement, assistance, backing, patronage, cooperation; appreciation, admiration, commendation, applause, plaudit, praise, kudos.

symphony, n. 1. piece, opus; sonata, concerto, symphony. 2. symphonious, harmonious, in harmony, agreement, accord, consonant, agreeing, in agreement, in accord, correspondent, corresponding, in correspondence; concurrent, concurring, consen- tant, consonant; agreement, conformance, congruence, congruousness.

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symptom, n. 1. characteristic, feature, trait, earmark, specific, peculiarity; manifestation, evidence, diagnostic; index, means of identifying or recognizing, proof; accompaniment, concomitant, side effect; syndrome, pattern, picture, image.

2. sign, sure sign, dead giveaway, mark, symbol, representation, indication; signal, marker, warning, red light, cue, tip, notice, Sl. tip-off.

symptomatic, adj. Often symptomatic of characteristic, emblematic, token, symbolic, syndromic; diagnostic, specific, special, peculiar, idiiosyncratic, Med. diacritic; signalizing, signaling, significant, marking, indicating, indicative, suggestive, meaningful, denotive; valuable, crucial, vital, essential, necessary.

synchronism, n. simultaneity, simultaneousness, instantaneousness, isochronism, Inf. sync; concurrence, concurrency, concomitance, concomitancy, coincidence; coexistence, coexistant, coeval, contemporaneity, contemporariness, contem- poraneousness, coetaneity, coetaneousness; coextension, conterminousness.

synchronous, adj. simultaneous, cointaneous, synchronal, Inf. in sync, isochronal, isochronous; concurrent, concomitant, parallel, coincident; coexistent, coexisting, contemporary, contemporaneous, coeval, coetaneous, conterminous, coextension, coextensive.

syndicate, n. 1. cartel, trust, monopoly, pool; merg- er, consolidating company, holding company, joint concern, joint-stock company, chain, chain of stores; guild, firm, house, partnership; cooperative, colabo- ration, pool, co-op, Inf. combine; alliance, entente, coalition, confederation; commune, grange, society, fraternity, (of organized crime) family.

—v. 2. associate, affiliate, ally, marry, wed; bond, weld, fuse, yoke, bind, tie together; connect, join, link, chain, attach; couple, mate, partner, match or pair up, bring together; unite, conjoin, coalesce, league, club; merge, join forces, federate, confederate, incorporate; amalgamate, conglomerate, agglomerate; synthesize, consolidate, coordinate, put together.

synergetic, adj. cooperative, coactive, collaborative, coordinating, coordinated, interactive, interactive; valuable, crucial, vital, essential, necessary.

synonymous, adj. equivalent, equal, even, parallel, twin, corresponding; same, similar, like, alike, identical, exact; correlative, comparable, exchangeable, transposable; reciprocative, reciprocal.

synopsis, n. 1. outline, sketch, abstract, general view, précis, conspectus, prospectus; digest, survey, brief, epimote, pandect; review, recapitulation, résumé, summation, rehash, fill-in, rundown, wrap-up; condensation, compression, contraction, abridge- ment, abbreviation, extract, excerpt.

2. compendium, syllabus, Chiefly Brit. minute, bul- letin; capitulation, enumeration; chart, diagram, delineation.

3. summary, plot summary, story line, plot line, analysis, Trademark. Monarch Notes, notes; gist, essence, sum and substance, long and short, effect, drift, sense, spirit, import, tenor, purport, significance, implication, burden; pith, core, heart, marrow, main point, essential part.

synopsis, v. 1. summarize, abstract, epitomize, sum up, wrap up, encapsulate, capsule, brief; digest, survey, outline, sketch, skim over; review, recapitulate, rehash, go over, run over, run down.

2. condense, compress, consolidate, compact; contract, abbreviate, abridge, shorten, re- dicate, cut, cut down, cut short, cut back, tighten.

synoptic, adj. comprehensive, compendious, synop- tical, encapsulating, encompassing; pithy, Inf. meaty, substantive.

synthesis, n. 1. combination, union, unification, integration, incorporation, amalgamation, consolida- tion, fusion, coalescence, syncrétism.

2. amalgam, alloy, mixture, admixture, blend, com-
posite, compound.

synthesize, v. coalesce, merge, fuse, blend; combine, join, unite, unify; amalgamate, incorporate, consolidate, integrate, embody.

synthetic, adj. imitation, sham, mock, pseudo, ersatz; artificial, unguenuine, unauthentic, make-believe, bogus, spurious, fake, Inf. phony; plastic, tinsel, pincheck, brummagem; unnatural, man-made, test-tube; feigned, faked, simulated, put-on, pretended, counterfeited, affected.

syrupy, adj. 1. sweet, honeyed, honey, molasses-like, treacly; sugary, candied, saccharine, cloying, Archaic. luscious; thick, viscous, viscid, Inf. gooey, Inf. gunky, sticky.

2. mawkish, sentimental, maudlin; sickening, nauseating, sickeningly sweet; oversweet, overdone, overromantic, overemotional, melodramatic; Inf. mushy, Inf. slushy, Sl. kissy-face.

system, n. 1. order, organization, arrangement, disposition, structure, setup, layout, line-up.

2. process, procedure, method, methodology, technique; attack, tack, approach; way, wise, means, mode, fashion, style, ways and means; wont, custom, practice, praxis. Latin. modus operandi, M.O.; common practice, rule, standard operating procedure, SOP, Inf. bit; policy, polity, guidelines.

3. course, line, plan of action, plan, scheme, design, program; pattern, outline, delineation.

4. cosmos, universe, world, all creation.

systematic, adj. methodical, regular, steady, businesslike, routine, like clockwork; orderly, well-ordered, well-arranged, well-organized, well-regulated; formal, planned, well-planned, blocked-out, Inf. all worked out.

systematize, v. order, put or set in order, organize, arrange; regulate, regularize, methodize, standardize, systemize, normalize.
tab, n. 1. flap, lap, lappet; strap, loop, ring, appendage; projection, ear, handle.
2. tag, label, mark, marker, indicator; price tag, sticker, ticket, docket, stamp.
3. Informal. bill, check, Scot. lawing, Sl. score; statement, manifest, Fr. addition; account, tally, count, reckoning.
tabby, n. 1. old maid, spinster, lone woman, bachelor girl, Fr. femme sole; unmarried woman, single woman, maid.
2. gossip, tattler, magpie, fringe columnist.
3. striped, brindled, banded, streaked, stripy, streaky; listed, striated, variegated, Zool. striate.
table, n. 1. plane, horizontal, level; flat; ledge, platform, shelf, sill, mantle, shoulder, Archit. corbel.
2. plateau, plain, flatland, flats. See tableland.
3. stand, counter, bar, buffet, sideboard; desk, writing table, secretary; bench, workbench, worktable; card table, folding table, coffee table, tea table; trivet.
4. slab, sheet, plate, lamina; desk top, pool table, slate; board, plank, slat, tablet.
5. chart, graph, scheme, design, plan; schema, blueprint, draft, diagram.
6. index, census, code, tabulation, itemization, inventory, syllabus; list, table of contents, contents, synopsis; register, schedule, catalogue, file, digest.
—v. 1. list; register, schedule, catalogue, file, digest.
—v. 2. lay aside, defer, hold off; postpone, shelve, put off, delay, pass to the order of the day; put on the shelf, Inf. put on ice, put in mothballs, pigeonhole, Inf. sideline; suspend, stay, hold up, lay over.
tableau, n. 1. painting, picture, picturization, depiction, delineation, representation, portrayal, illustration; scene, view, scape, diorama, cyclorama, panorama, montage.
2. sight, spectacle, striking scene, eye-opener; pageant, Fr. tableau vivant.
tableland, n. plateau, mesa, table, upland, highland; elevated plain, bench, berm; flatland, flats, plain, steppe.
2. slab; slab, plank.
3. stone, tombstone, gravestone, headstone, memorial.
taboo, adj. 1. (among the peoples of the South Pacific) inviolable, inviolate, sacred, sacrosanct, un-touchable.
2. prohibited, banned, proscribed, vetoed; forbidden, Ger. verboten, unallowed, unpermissible.
—n. 3. prohibition, proscription, forbiddance, interdiction, disallowance.
4. ostracism, exclusion, blackballing.
—v. 5. prohibit, proscribe, interdict, forbid; rule out, ban, disallow, veto.
6. bar, exclude, ostracize, shut out, leave out, keep out, send to Coventry, blackball.
tabulate, v. tabularize, systematize, systemize, chart, graph; line up, line, arrange, range, order, dispose, place, group; rank, rate, grade, graduate; organize, sort or sort out, assort, class, classify, categorize, pigeonhole, Sl. peg; catalog, inventory, index, list, file, codify, alphabetize.
tact, adj. 1. silent, quiet, close-mouthed, tight-lipped, unspoken; speechless, voiceless, mute, mum.
2. understood, implied, implicit, Inf. inferred; un-stated, undeclared, unexpressed, unmentioned, unsaid, unvoiced, unspoken.
tacturn, adj. 1. reticent, uncommunicative, un-conversable, unconversational, untalkative; quiet, silent, close-mouthed, reserved, shy; tight-lipped, tacit, speechless, voiceless, mum, mute; distant, aloof, stand-offish, unsociable, antisocial, antisocialistic.
2. dour, stern, sullen, gloomy, sluggish, saturnine.
tacturnity, n. 1. reticence, uncommunicativeness, un-conversableness, reserve, shyness; quietness, silence, sameness, tacitness, speechlessness, voicelessness, muteness, distantness, aloofness, stand-offishness, unsociability, unsociableness.
2. dourness, sternness, sullenness, gloom, gloominess; sluggishness, saturnininess, saturnurnity.
tack, n. 1. nail, rivet, brad, cleat, staple; pin, peg, dowel, skewer; spike, bolt, toggle, cotter, cotter pin, treenail, trunnel, thole or tholepin; thumbtack, Brit. drawing pin, carpet tack, roofing tack; stitch, baste, lace; safety pin, straight pin, snap, button; catch, clamp, hook, grapper, holdfast, latch, loop.
2. direction, way, route, heading, bearing, trajectory, Naut. leeway, course; road, path, pathway, trail, track; run, cut, channel.
3. zigzag, Naut. jibe, deviation, yaw, Aer. drift; divergence, by-pass, detour, alteration, change, swerve, sheer, switch, shunt, divagation, sidling, Navig. driftage, Navig. windage; declination, divarication.
4. set, aim, tendency, inclination, bent, tenor; ap-
tackle, n. Archaic.
tack n. 2
tacky adj. 2, 1.

n. tact, Inf. savvy, poise, grace, style, finesse; taste, discrimination; refinement; perception, sensitivity, awareness, discernment, discretion; sagacity, shrewdness, cleverness, acumen; prudence, judiciousness, sense, good or common sense; skill, adroitness, dexterity.
tactful adj. diplomatic, politic, discreet, prudent; judicious, shrewd, sagacious, perspicacious; sensitive, perceptive, keen, sharp; adroit, skillful, clever; smooth, urbane, suave, civil, mannerly, polished, gracious; considerate, cautious, careful.
tactic n. 1. tactics strategies, moves, maneuvers, military operation, Mil. campaign; generalship, military science, martial art; logistics, engineering, orchestration, coordination, masterminding; management, conducting, direction, Inf. quarterbacking, superintendence, supervision, oversight, handling, running, execution.

2. strategy, plan, battle plan, Inf. game plan, master plan, Sl. scenario, outline, diagram, schema, chart, blueprint; program, schedule, timetable; scheme, plot, design, format, organization, arrangement; method, means, ways and means; policy, game, intent, approach.

adj. 3. tactical, tactful, skillful, adroit, clever, artful, adept.
tactician n. strategist, military strategist, mastermind; planner, plotter, schemer, intriguer, conspirator, conspiratrix; maneuverer, Sl. operator, manipulator; diplomat, ambassador; politician, campaigner, campaign manager; manager, engineer, orchestrator, coordinator, director, supervisor, overseer, Inf. quarterback.
tactile, adj. 1. Adject. touchable, tangible, palpable, material, corporeal, substantial.
tactless adj. undiplomatic, impolite, inexpedient, injudicious, imprudent, unwise, ill-advised, inadvisable, unadvisable; ill-considered, hasty, rash, impetuous, brash, brashy, impertinent, impudent; inappropriate, malapropos, gauche, maladroit; ill-suited, unsuitable, unmeet, unbecoming, unseemly, improper, unladylike, unmanly, blundering, clumsy, uncouth, awkward, Sl. klutzy, embarrassing, bungling, some, unskilled, inept, stupid, Inf. dumb; frank, candid, outspoken, direct, straightforward, plain-spoken, blunt, to the point; brusque, abrupt, short, sharp, gruff; thoughtless, inconsiderate, rude, impolite, uncivil, discourteous, disrespectful; offensive, disagreeable, unpleasant, unkind, unine.
tag n. 1. tab, stub, flap, lap, lappet, loop, ear; ticket, sticker, docket, price tag.

tatter, snip, snippet, rag, remnant, shred; sliver, slip, fragment, clipping, particle.


tail, n. 2. hinder part, rear appendage, tailpiece, rear; tail fin, flipper, rudder, stabilizer; (both of coins) reverse, flip side.
tailor, n. garment maker, couturiер, couturière, dressmaker, modiste, costumer, costumier, seamstress, sempstress, sewer, stitcher; needlewoman, needleworker, needlepointer, embroiderer, crewelworker, lace maker, tatter; knitter, crocheter.

takeoff

1. takeoff
2. starting point, starting line, starting gate, starting
3. episode; adventure story, mystery story,
4. fish yarn, tall story,
5. send-up; satire, lampoon, pasquinade; caricature,
6. Brit, burlesque, parody, amphigory, spoof,
7. Sci-fi, speculative fiction;
8. sci-fi, science fiction,
9. drama, play, teleplay, script,
10. short story,
11. talk up
12. hype up,
13. talent,
14. n.
15. talent,
16. gossip, gossipmonger, rumormonger,
17. scandalmonger, tattletale, tattler, Inf. blabbermouth,
18. Sl. big mouth; telltale, busybod, snooper, trouble-
maker, meddler, informer, quidnunc.
19. talent,
20. n.
21. gift, faculty, endowment, genius, fa-
cility, flair, bent, turn, knack, forte, strong point,
dowry; aptitude, intelligence, mother wit, ingenuity,
cleverness, aptness, mind for.
ballyhoo, beat the drum, advertise, publicize.

—n. 12. conversation, dialogue, chat, tête-à-tête, coze, causerie, confabulation, Inf. confab, discussion, Inf. chin session, Sl. rap or rap session, Sl. bull session.

13. speech, lecture, address, oration, allocation, declamation; discourse, dissertation, recitation, oral report, Fr. exposé; sermon, tirade, harangue, rant, denunciation; sales talk, sales pitch, Inf. spiel.

14. conference, consultation, parley, palaver, meeting, Inf. powwow, Fr. pourparler.

15. gossip, buzzing, blab, blabbing; rumor, grapevine, Inf. scuttlebutt, hearsay, Fr. outiâtre, report, Archic. bruit; an earful, Sl. dope, Inf. inside info, Sl. poop, little-tattle; scandal, dirt, whispering campaign, mudslinging.

16. small talk, chatter, chitchat, chatteratter, Inf. gab, idle talk, Sl. schmooze, Scot. chismaclaver, Sl. yak or yakking, Sl. yackety-yak, Sl. hot air, Sl. gas, Sl. bull; prate, prattle, clack, babble, Fr. bavardage, rat- britte, Brit. natter; badinage, perisfanger, banter, raillery.

17. language, speech, dialect, Inf. lingo, Linguistics. idiolectic; jargon, cant, argot, slang; patois, brogue, accent.

talkative, adj. talky, loquacious, garrulous, multiloquious, long-tongued, Inf. big-mouthed, Sl. all jaw; conversational, voluble, fluent, gib, Inf. blessed with or possessed of the gift of gab; chatty, gabby, gossipy, Sl. blabby, Sl. gassy, Sl. windy; effusive, gushy, profluse, exuberant, unrestricted, unrestrained; wordy, verbose, prolix, long-winded, longloquient; discursive, digressive, rambling, maudling.

talker, n. 1. speaker, orator, soapbox orator, stump orator, speechmaker, public speaker, spellbinder; main speaker, keynoter; haranguer, speechifier, declamer, ranter, Inf. spouter, Inf. spiller, Inf. thumper, Jawsaw; demagogue, rabble-rouser.

2. chatterbox, jabberer, gabbler, blatherskite, Si. windbag, Sl. windjammer, Inf. hot-air artist; blabber, babbermouth, blab, gusher; gossip, gossipmonger, newsmonger, scandalmonger; tattler, tattle, tell-tale, talebearer, informer; noisy chatterer, palaverer, magpie, popinjay, Inf. jay; pratter, babbler, prater, twaddler, Brit. twatter, drivelier; patterer, patterist, rattlebrain, rattleplate; braggit, bragger, boaster, gascon, winter.

tall, adj. 1. high, lofty, towering, skyscraping, sky-high, elevated, beastling; aerial, alpine, cloud-capped, heaven-kissing.

2. giant, big, statusque, large, sizable; rangy, lanky, Inf. gangling, long-legged, leggy, Inf. way up there, Inf. full-grown.

3. Informal. a. exaggerated, incredible, preposterous, hard to believe, overblown. b. unreasonable, excessive, overdone, inflated, exorbitant. c. grandiloquent, magniloquent, grandiose, bombastic, pompous, highfalutin, vainglorious, pretentious, plethoric.

tally, n. 1. count, enumeration, reckoning; sum, score, amount, total, Inf. bottom line; inventory, record, invoice, catalog; list, register, roster, roll; census, poll; check list, itemization.

2. notch, mark, stroke, dash, slash.

3. label, ticket, tag, stub, voucher; stamp, sticker.

—v. 4. register, record, enter, enroll, post; list, itemize, tabulate, catalog, inventory.

5. count, enumerate, number, tell; compute, calculate, add up, total up, figure, Inf. tote or tot up.

6. agree, accord, correspond, coincide, match, Inf. jibe, Inf. check; conform, comply, concur, fit.

tame, adj. 1. domesticated, tamed, broken, broken to harness, Sl. busted; trained, housebroken; (all of wild animals) gentle, fearless, unafraid.

2. docile, submissive, tractable, unresisting; meek, subdued, in harness, henpecked, tied to [s.o.'s] apron strings, under [s.o.'s] thumb, at [s.o.'s] beck and call.

3. dull, uninteresting, flat, insipid, inane, vapid, Sl. nothing, Sl. blah, Sl. for the birds; tedious, boring, boresome, dry, dry-as-dust, spiritless, lifeless, Sl. dead; commonplace, run-of-the-mill, Inf. old hat.

4. weak, pusillanimous, timorous, timid, fearful, afraid of one's own shadow; unmanned, faint-hearted, weak-hearted, lily-ivered, with a backbone of banana, Inf. chicken-ivered, Inf. pantywaist, Inf. yellow, Sl. yellow-bellied, Sl. candy-assed.

—v. 5. domesticate, gentle, break, Sl. bust; subdue, master, overcome; train, housebreak.

2. soften, tone down, moderate, modulate, mitigate, temper, lighten, ease up on; mollify, ameliorate, assuage; calm, stabilize, tranquillize, pacify.

5. harness, control, get under control, put to use.

tamper, v. 1. meddle with, monkey or monkey around with, Inf. fool or fool around with, Inf. mess or mess around with; manipulate, maneuver, juggle, pull strings; rig, set up, falsify, fake; load, stack, salt, salt a mine, Sl. plant.

2. corrupt, adulterate, contaminate, pollute, debase, taint, Inf. doctor, (of drugs or alcohol) cut, Sl. spike.

tan, v. 1. convert to leather, steep or soak in tannbark or tannin or tannic acid; lie in the sun, sunbathe, weather.

2. brown, embrown, turn brown, roast, darken.

3. Informal. spank, thrash thresh, Inf. whale the tar out of, Brit. Dial. york; whip, horsewhip, curry, strap, cowhide, Inf. leather, Sl. belt; lash, switch, birch, scourge, flagellate, flog, Inf. lace; beat; Inf. whale, Inf. thump, Inf. lambaste, Inf. trim, Sl. lay into, Sl. let [s.o.] have it, Sl. whomp.

—adj. 4. golden brown, bronze, bronzed, browny, coppery, copper, brown a berry, suntanned; light brown, ecru, khaki, drab; yellowish-brown, sien- na, brownish-yellow, fulvous, beige, fawn, tawny.

tandem, adv. one in front of the other, one behind or after the other; in single file, in a row or line or queue, Indian file.

tang, n. 1. piquancy, pungency, poignancy, sharpness; zest, zip, race, snappiness, life, Inf. twang, Sl. kick, Sl. punch, Inf. ginger; spice, spiciness, relish, hotness, pepperiness; bite, nip, sting, edge, mordancy, stingency, acerbity, asperity; acidity, sourness, harshness, roughness.

2. taste, flavor, aftertaste; touch, dab, smack, trace, hint, suggestion, soupcon.

tangent, adj. touching, contiguous, in contact, contactual, tangential, Geom. (of a curve) osculatory, Both Obs. attingent, attigous; meeting, coming together, convergent, converging, intersecting, concurring, overtapping, abutting, bordering, neighboring, conterminous; adjacent, juxtapositional, juxtaposed, adjoining, up against one another; proximate, next-door, nearest, closest, immediate.

tangential, adj. 1. touching, contiguous, contactual, tangential. See tangent.

2. slightly connected or related, just or barely touching, just or barely grazing, lambent.

3. off on or at a tangent, divergent, diverging, digressive, discursive; rambling, meandering, wandering, drifting, roving, straying; off the topic, unrelated, irrelevant, nongermane, disconnected, disconnected, beside the point.

tangible, adj. 1. touchable, palpable, tactile; perceivable, perceptible, sensible, ponderable, appre- ciable; material, materiatile, physical, substantial,
tangle, v. 1. snarl, ravel, knot, mat, entangle; kink, twist, intertwist; intertwine, interlace; interweave; disorder, disarrange; mess, mess, dishevel, shuffle, ruffle, rumple, touse; complicate, confuse, jumble, scramble, Sl. ball up, muddle; jam, tie up, delay.

2. snare, ensnare, Archaic. trepan, net, enmesh, trap, entrap.

3. Informal. argue, quibble, cavil; contend, dispute, disagree, contest, controvert, spar, cross swords, lock horns; fight, wrangle, bicker, haggle, Sl. hassle, Scot. argyle-barge.

—n. 4. snarl, knot, snag, jam, entanglement, tangle; kink, twist, coil; network, web, webework.

4. snarl, knot, snag, peck; touch, poke, knock, shove, push, nudge; cuff, spank, box, buffet, smack, whack, thwack, hit, Inf. clip, crack; strike, slam, punch, Sl. sock; bat, flap.

—n. 2. slap, pat, dab, rap, peck; cuff, box, buffet, punch, Inf. clip, Sl. sock; stroke, crack, blow, smack, whack, thwack; flap, Inf. bat; ping, patty, spatter, rapping, rat-a-tat.

tap³, n. 1. spigot, faucet, cock, petcock, valve; sea-cock, sea valve, sea connection; plug, bung, stopper, stopple, spike, peg, spout.

—v. 2. (of liquid) draw off, drain, bleed, siphon off, let run off; broach, draw, decent.

3. summon up, call forth; use; utilize; open up, draw from, exploit; dig into, reach into, probe, explore, penetrate, pierce.

4. wiretap, Sl. bug, listen in, eavesdrop, eavesdrop electronically; tape, record, get on tape.

tape. n. 1. strip, frit, band, strip; Naut. ribbon, roll, strip, belt; ribbon, string, thread; cellophane tape, Trademark. Scotch tape, adhesive tape, masking tape; tape measure, tapeline; ticker tape.

—v. 2. wrap, bind, seal, scotch-tape, mend, fasten.

taper, v. 1. narrow, thin, diminish, come to a point, contract, constrict, compress.

2. taper off diminish, decrease, Inf. peter out, ebb, wane, fade, dwindle; lessen, attenuate, slacken, let up, abate, bate; dissipate, blow away, evanesce, go up in smoke, evaporate, melt; weaken, fail, falter, slow down, slow down to a crawl; shrink, wither, wither on the vine, die away, tail, tail off; decline, droop, sag, wilt, drop, drop off, plummet, plunge, fall, fail off, slump; reduce, cut down, thin out, retrench, abridge, lower, shorten, snip off.

tapered, adj. tapering, narrowed, dwindling, pointed, filame-like, candlelike, cuspidal, cuspidate; wedge-shaped, cone-shaped, coneate, triangular, Bot., Zool. mucronate, Bot. acutale; fusiform, spindle-shaped, needlelike; conic, pyramidal, peaked, barbed.

tar, n. pitch, maltha, bitumen, asphalt, gipsonite, uintaite, uintaite; resin, rosin, colophony, gum, lac.

tardiness, n. lateness, slowness, dilatoriness, cunctation, Inf. pokiness; sluggishness, indolence, sloth, inertia, laziness, torpor; lethargy, languor; dawdling, fiddling around, Sl. screwing around, frittering away one's time; reluctance, hesitation, procrastination, putting off, temporizing, dragging one's feet; remissness, negligence, slackness, thoughtlessness; delay, deferment, postponement, prorogation.

tardy, adj. 1. late, behind time, unpunctual, overdue, behind schedule, belated, behindhand, never on time, eleventh-hour, last-minute; delayed, long delayed, retarded, Inf. hung up, Inf. held up; put off, deferred, postponed.

2. slow, leisurely, slower than molasses in January, phlegmatic, listless, unmoving; snaillike, Inf. poky, lazy, lackadaisical, indolent; sluggish, slothful, sluggardly, lethargic, languid, torpid, droopy, half-asleep.

3. reluctant, dilatory, hesitating, vacillating, procrastinating, holding back, marking time, foot-dragging.

target, n. 1. mark, bull's-eye, circle, point, quintain; objective, object, aim, goal, destination; intent, intention, purpose, idea; quarry, prey, game, pursuit.

2. butt, Inf. goat, laughingstock, stock, April fool; fool, game, victim, monkey, Brit. Sl. mug; jesting-stock, gaggingstock, jest, joke.

3. buckler, shield, Archaic. target, Class. Myth. aegis; Inf. pelta, ancile.

tariff, n. levy, toll, duty, impost, excise. See tax (def. 1.).

tarnish, v. 1. dull, discolor, oxidize, rust; dim, mat, fade, erode, corrode, blur, tinge, wash out, decolorize, achromatize, etiolate, blanch, blench.

2. stain, sully, dirty, soil, blemish, taint; spot,
maculate, streak, smudge, smear, besmirch, begrime; ink, speck, fleck, speckle, mark; daub, bedaub, dab, spatter, bespatter, draggle, dribble, splash, plash; blot, blotch, splotch.

3. blacken, slur, defame, dishonor, disgrace, shame; mar, injure, damage, Spoil, hurt; brand, stigmatize, taint, drag through the mud, Stl. dump on; denigrate, vilify, abuse, debase, degrade; calumniate, asperse, libel, slander, scandalize, impute; vitiate, pollute, corrupt, contaminate, foul.

4. discoloration, decoloration, oxidation; patination, corrosion, erosion, fading, blur, etiolation.

5. stain, blemish, blot, patch, taint, attain; smudge, smudge, smut, smear, splash, splash, streak, spatter; splotch, blot, chop, daub, dot, spot, maculation, macula; fleck, speck, speckle, dab; flaw, disfigurement, disfigurement, mar.

6. stigma, brand, taint; disgrace, shame, dishonor, reproach; blot on the escutcheon, Inf. black eye, black mark, mark, badge of infamy; defilement, ignominy, odium, obloquy, turpitude; derogation, disparagement, infamy, ingloriousness; discredit, disesteem, disrepute, ill repute, bad name.

tarry, v. 1. remain, stay, sojourn, abide; continue, stop, rest; dwell, reside, live, bide, house, take up quarters, pitch tent, settle, anchor, put down stakes, plant oneself, be established.

2. delay, linger, loiter, dawdle, lag, dally, be tardy, hang back, stay behind; Inf. stall, temporize, retard, procrastinate; postpone, suspend, prorogue, table; pertinaciously, persistently, persist, wait, pause, delay, delay, protract, protract, prolong, take one's time, bide one's time.

3. wait, pause, cool one's heels, Obs. attend; await; await;—

4. discoloration, decoloration, oxidation; patination, corrosion, erosion, fading, blur, etiolation.

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4. discoloration, decoloration, oxidation; patination, corruption, erosion, fading, blur, etiolation.
cious, SL. yummy, mouth-watering, luscious, scrumptious, delectable, good enough to eat, finger-lickin' good; ambrosial, ambrosian, like the food of the gods, Fr. délicieux; succulent, juicy, rich; nectarous, nec-
tar, sweet, honeyed; piquant, pungent, spicy, tart; epicurean, gourment.
2. Informal. tactful, appropriate, decorous; cultivated, refined, discriminative, tasteful. See taste-
ful.
tatter, n. 1. rag, shred, scrap, piece, bit.
2. tatters rags, castoffs, old clothes; scraps, shreds, patches, shreds and patches.
tadderemolain, n. ragamuffin, scarecrow; beggar, panhandler, gutshinne; hobo, tramp, vagrant, beach-
comber, vagabond, derelict, Inf. bum, Sl. vag, Sl. bo, Sl. stuff, poor, bedraggled, Sl. canvashack; wallf, street Arab, gutt urchin, gamin, mudlark.
tattle, v. 1. blab, blunt out, gush, Inf. spout; let slip, reveal, divulge secrets; tattle, tell on, inform on, Inf. snitch on, Sl. squeal on, Sl. rat on, Sl. fink on.
2. gossip, tit-tattle, buzz, talk idly, Sl. shoot the breeze, Inf. gab, Sl. gas, Sl. bull or shoot the bull; palaver, clack, clatter, tattle, Sl. run off or on at the mouth; be loquacious or talkative, ramble, maundur.
3. chatter, chitter, prate, prattle, cackle; babble, gibber, Sl. gibber-jabber, jargon; jabber, gabble, pat-
ter; twaddle, Brit. twattle, blather, drivel; chit-chat, chit-chat-cher, chatter, chatty words.
—n. 4. tattling, blabbing, bleating, blurt out, gushing, Inf. spouting; revealing or divulging secrets, gossiping; telling on, telling tales, informing on, Inf. snitching on, Sl. squealing on, Sl. ratting on, Sl. fink-
ing on.
5. gossip, tit-tattle, Inf. scuttlebutt, idle talk, Inf. gab, Sl. gas, Sl. shooting the bull, Sl. shooting the breeze; small talk, Anglo-Indian. bukh, chit-chat, chitter-chatter; palaver, palaverizing, palaverment; clack, clacking, clatter, clattering, rattling, Sl. running off or on at the mouth; rambling, maunduring.
6. chatter, chattering, chirping, prattle, prattling, cackle, cackling; patter, patterning, gabble, gabbling, jabber, jabbering, Jabberwocky; prate, prating, twad-
dle, twaddling, Both Brit. twattle, twattling; babble, babbling, babblement, gibber, gibbering, gibberish, blather, blathering, drivel, drivel.
tatter, n. telltale, tattle, talebearer, Brit. Sl. sneak; informer, Sl. squealer, Sl. fink, Sl. rat, Sl. rat-
fink, Sl. stool pigeon; blabber, blabbermouth, sieve, gossiper, busybody, rumormonger, excessive talker; jab-
berer, chatterer, gabble, gluttershite, Sl. windbag, Sl. windjammer, Inf. hot-air artist.
tattoo, n. 1. signal, summons, call, call to arms.
2. pulse, pulsation, beat, rhythm; patter, pitapat, ratatat; paradiddle; pant, panting, throb.
taut, adj. 1. tense, drawn tight, tight, strained; unrelaxed, under a strain, Inf. uptight.
2. tidy, neat, trim, in trim, shipshephe, spruce, smart, snug, in order, orderly.
tautological, adj. pleonastic, battological, redun-
dant; reiterative, repetitious, repetitive; wordy, ver-
bose, prolix, long-winded, Sl. gassy, Sl. windy.
tautology, n. pleonasm, battology, redundancy; re-iteration, repetition, repetitiveness, repetitiveness, wordliness, prolixity, verbosity, long-windedness, Sl. windiness, Sl. gassiness.
tavern, n. 1. bar, barroom, taproom, saloon, ale-
house, Brit. public house, Brit. pub; bar and grill, grill, grill room, brasserie; cocktail lounge, bistro, cabaret, nightclub; All Sl. beer-joint, gin mill, watering hole, dive, barrelhouse, honky-tonk, speakeasy, after-hours joint, U.S. Obs. blind tiger or pig.
2. inn, hostel, hostelry, hotel, motel, Fr. Auberge, Sl. Hophouse; hospice, traveler's rest, roadhouse, caravansary.
tawdry, adj. meretricious, showy, flashy, Sl. flash;
gaudy, loud, garish, Inf. tacky, screaming; cheap, brummagem, tinSEL, plastic, Sl. rinky-dink.
tawny, adj. yellow-brown, yellowish-brown, brown-
ish-yellow, khaki, fawn, fulvous, raw sienna; tan, light brown, ecru.
tax, n. 1. duty, impost, levy, payment, surtax,
surcharge; tribute, contribution, capitulation; tariff, charge, exactation, taxation, scot; excise, custom, Brit. cess, octroi; fee, dues, toll, rate, rating, assessment; poll tax, property tax, income tax, sales tax, tithe, tenth, Peter's pence.
2. charge, duty, burden, obligation, demand, responsi-
bility; weight, onus, Archaic. bale, strain; encum-
brance, imposition, exertion.
—v. 3. levy, toll, charge, excise, subject to duty; assess, rate, appraise; impose, lay on, put on, fix, in-
flict; exact, demand, require; wring, squeeze, wrench, pinch.
4. burden, charge, weigh down, load, saddle; encum-
er, cumber, task, strain; overload, overburden, over-
task, overtax; overwork, overdo, wear out, exhaust, fag, push too far; fatigue, tire, weary, prostrate, knock out; wind, whack, jade; oppress, drive, push, flog, whip; grind, crush, trample.
5. censure, reprove, rebuke, asperse, declaim against; decry, reprehend, disparage, contemn; accuse, charge, indict, arraign, impeach; impute, ascribe, cite, blame.
taxable, adj. subject to tax, dutiable, leviable tith-
able, exactable, assessable, Brit. ratable.
taxicab, n. taxi, cab, hackney, Inf. hack, Tradem-
ark. Checker, Trademark. Yellow Cab; carriage or coach for hire, fiacre, hansom or hansom cab, Brit. fly, Both in Japan, the Philippines jinrikisha, rickshaw.
teach, v. 1. instruct, tutor, school, educate, in-
form, enlighten, edify; question, catechize, drill, beat into, cram; indoctrinate, inculcate, instill, infuse;
train, coach, initiate, ground, prepare, ready; counsel, advise, guide, preach, lecture, moralize, sermonize; admonish, reprimand, warn.
2. explain, illustrate, clarify, clear up, elucidate, spell out; interpret, explicate, annotate, gloss; expound, propound, hold forth; indicate, show, show how, demon-
strate; describe, point out, tell; acquainted with, familiar-
ize with, introduce to, apprise of.
3. propagate, disseminate, spread, propagandize; promulgate, make known, broadcast, announce, publish.
teachable, adj. 1. docile, trainable, tractable, man-
geable, pliable; obedient, compliant, conformable;
mangle, hack up, cut to pieces, tear limb from limb, disjoint, dismember, dissect, anatomize, vivisect.
5. come apart, come apart at the seams, rip or split open, burst open, dehisce; make or leave a hole, fall apart, disintegrate.
6. rampage, rip, dart, dash, shoot, bolt, whiz, Inf. zoom, Inf. zip, Inf. go like lightning or the wind, Inf. go like the dickens; speed, sprint, race, hie, hasten, fly, flit, run, gallop, burn up the road, rush, hurry, scurry, scramble, bustle, Inf. hustle; scoot, scud, scuttle, flee, Inf. skedaddle, make tracks.
—n. 7. rip, rent, split, fissure, rift, fault, cleavage, cleft, severance, break, breach, rupture, fracture; cut, slit, slash, gore, gash, score, stab, laceration; wound, injury, hurt, Slang. boo-boo.
8. rampage, fury, rage, storm, ranting and raving, tantrum, fit, hysterics, passion; flare-up, outburst, explosion, blowup, fulmination; flurry, burst, spurt, gush, outpouring, effusion; dash, dart, rush, hurry, scurry, scramble.
9. Slang. spree, lark, fling, escapade, antics, adventure, Inf. bout, Inf. binge, Sl. bust, Sl. bender, Sld. hellbender, Sld. jag, Sl. toot, Sl. bat; gambol, frolic, rollick, romp, frisk; party, wing-ding, fun time, celebration, merrymaking, revelry, jollification, Irish. hooley; orgy, debauch, saturnalia; carousel, carouse, revel, wassail, guzzle, boister, branigan, potation, compotation, Inf. buzzo, Sl. drunk, Sl. barhop, Sl. bar-crawl, Brit. Sl. pub-crawl.
tearful, adj. 1. lachrymose, lachrymal, lachrymanthous, tearful, Inf. weepy; watery, dewy-eyed, on the verge of or close to tears, ready to cry or burst into tears or break down; weeping, crying, wailing, sobbing, blubbing, sniveling, whimpering; dissolved in tears, inconsolable, heartbroken, broken-hearted, crushed; unhappy, melancholy, blue, gloomy, depressed, dejected, Inf. down in the dumps.
2. sad, saddened, sorrowful, woeful, distressing, dismaying, lamentable, mournful; dolorous, lugubrious, funereal, elegaic, dirgeful, epicadian, threnoidical, black; pitiful, piteous, pathetic, heart-rending, heartbreaking, poignant, plaintive, moving, touching, affecting, emotional; maudlin, mawkish, sentimental, romantic, soft, mushy, slushy, sickening, cloying, Inf. drip, Inf. schmalzity, Brit. Sl. soppy.
tease, v. 1. torment, bedevil, harass, bother, pester, Sl. bug, Sl. hassle, Sl. drive [s.o.] nuts or crazy or bananas; irritate, annoy, vex, provoke, pique, Inf. aggravate, Inf. give [s.o.] a pain; pick on, be on [s.o.]'s back, Sl. ride.
2. kid, spoof, clown around, fool around, pull a leg, Inf. crack a joke, Inf. pull a rabbit out of a hat, Inf. throw a curve, Inf. dog's head, Inf. pull one's leg, Inf. hoodwink, Inf. give someone the slip, Inf. play a trick on, Inf. play a prank on, Inf. pull one's leg, Inf. pull a fast one on, Inf. razz someone, Inf. spoof someone, Inf. come up with, Inf. set a trap for, Inf. get a rise out of; taunt, twit, tweak, gibe, chaff, to pay a compliment on, Inf. joke, Inf. jest, Inf. pull a leg, Inf. pull a fast one on, Inf. give someone a pain; trick,Inf. pull a fast one on, Inf. get a rise out of [s.o.]; skulk, scurry, scurry, scamper, Inf. bustle, Inf. bustle, Inf. bounce, Inf. forget about it, Inf. forget about it, Inf. make fun of, poke fun at, Inf. call [s.o.] names.
technical, adj. 1. specialized, involved, intricate, complicated, detailed; precise, strict, exact, literal.
2. skilled in, familiar with, conversant with, at home in, versed in, practiced in, experienced in, trained in; competent in, proficient at, adept in, able, cabable, efficient.
technician, n. specialist, authority, expert, proficient, adept, maven, master hand, Chiefly Brit. Inf. hand, Brit. Dial. hand, Brit. Dialer, inf. derby hand, maestro, virtuoso, talent, genius, prodigy, standout, Inf. wizard, Inf. whiz, U.S. Sl. crackracker, Sl. shark, Inf. sharp; professional, Inf. pro, veteran, journeyman, past master, past mistress, old hand, old stager.
technique, n. 1. manner, method, way, means, wise, fashion, mode, style; system, approach, attack, procedure, course, tack, line; mode of operation, Latin, modus operandi, Inf. MO, manner of working; habit, custom, pattern, routine, order, standard operating procedure, Inf. SOP.

2. methodology, procedures, methods.

3. technical skill, aptitude, ability, faculty, talent, gift, genius, endowment, facility; flair, bent, turn, knack, way, touch; skillfulness, dexterity, dexterousness, adroitness, address, deftness; qualifications, experience, knowledge, know-how; competence, competency, capableness, adeptness, proficiency, savoir-faire; mastery, expertise, expertise, efficiency, efficacy.

tedious, adj. dull, boring, boresome, tiresome, wearisome, wearying, tiring, wearing; long, lengthy, drawn out, dragged out, prolonged, long-drawn; long-winded, prolix, wordy, verbose, windy; monotonous, unvarying, unchanging, undeviating, repetitive, soporific, sleep-inducing; uneventful, humdrum, routine, uniform, all the same, unvaried, undiversified; tasteless, bland, insipid, jejune, flat, vapid, Sl. blah; uninteresting, ho-hum, Sl. dead, dry, dry-as-dust, unexciting, uninspiring, dreary, drab, Scot. and North Eng. dree; ponderous, heavy, weighty, burdensome. cumbersome.

tediousness, n. tedium, monotony, monotonousness, boredom, ennui, dullness, humdrum, stuffiness. See tedium.

tedium, n. tediumness, monotony, monotonousness, routine, fixed routine, rut, groove, fixed schedule; lack of variety, changelessness, uniformity, sameness, selfsameness; repetition, iteration, reiteration, recurrence, redundancy; boredom, ennui, U.S. Sl. the blahs, low spirits, doldrums, malaise; dullness, lack of excitement, uneventfulness, humdrum, stuffiness, wearisomeness; prosaicness, prosiness, triteness, platitudinousness, banality, ordinarness, commonness, commonplaceness; tastelessness, blandness, insipidity, insipidness, jejuneness, jejunity, flatness, vapidness, vapidness; dryness, Sl. deadness, drabness, dreariness.

team1, v. Usu. team with abounding, swarm or swarm with, pullulate, burst with, bristle with, be alive with, crawl with, be rife with; be stocked with, be full of, be filled or stuffed with, be crowded or overcrowded with, be jammed or packed with; overflow with, overspill with, brim or overbrim with, superabound with, exuberate with; be overrun with or by, be overspread with or by, be infested with; be proflific, be fertile, be productive, increase, multiply, proliferate.

team2, v. empty or empty out, void, egest, Physiol. evacuate, clear out; pour out or forth, discharge, emit, eject, send forth or out, expel, excrete.

teeming, adj. 1. Usu. teeming with abounding, swarming with, burbling with, bristling with, alive with, crawling with, Sl. lousy with; stocked with, full or filled with, stuffed with, crowded or overcrowded with, jammed with, packed with; jam-packed, filled to the brim or hilt, Inf. filled to the gills, filled to overflowing; overflowing with, overspill with, brimming or overbrimming with, superabounding with; overrun with, overspread with, overgrown with, infested with.

2. prolific, fertile, philoprogenitive, yielding, fruitful, fructuous, feracious; fecund, proliferative, proliferous; productive, generative, fruitificative, fructive, fruit-bearing, fructiferous; propagative, propagatory, propagational, multiplicative, regenerative; profuse, abundant, superabundant, plenteous, Rare. uberos; exuberant, luxurious, lush, rank, rife, rich, flush, copious, bounteous, rich.

teen-age, adj. teen, teen-aged; young, youthful, juvenile, juvenescence; pubescent, adolescent, minor, under legal age.

teen-ager, n. teen, teener, teenybopper, teeny; youth, juvenile, adolescent, minor.

teeter, v. 1. seesaw, move or bob up and down, pitch; oscillate, vibrate, librate; fluctuate, vacillate, dither.

2. stagger, totter, rock, reel, sway, Dial. wamble, roll; wobble, waggled, waddle, waver, zigzag; flap, flop, lurch, jerk, hunch, hitch, lumber; tip, tilt, lean, sag, bend.

teetotaler, n. nondrinker, abstainer, neophiliast, water-drinker, hydropot; temperance advocate, W.C.T.U. member, prohibitionist, Inf. dry, blue-ribbonist, blue-ribbonite, blue-ribboner, Chiefly Brit. pussyfoot; puritan, ascetic, Rechabite, En克拉tite.

teetotalism, n. See temperance (def. 2).

telegraph, n. telegraph, wire, cable, cablegram, Inf. telex; lettergram, night letter, day letter, singing telegram; radiogram, radiotelegram, Rare. marconigram; eclip, message, Trademark. Mailgram; bulletin, flash.

telegraph, n. 1. ticker, stock ticker, news ticker, Telex, teleprinter, wire; radiotelegraph, wireless, marconigram.

—v. 2. wire, cable, send by wire, send collect, send press collect; flash, radio.

telepathy, n. mental telepathy, ESP, extrasensory perception, psychometry, mind reading, thought transference; clairvoyance, second sight, reading [s.o.] like a book, having eyes in the back of one's head.

telephone, n. 1. phone, line, party line, Sl. horn; pay telephone, dial or push-button telephone, wall or desk telephone, videophone.

—v. 2. phone, call, give or put in a call, call up, ring, ring up, Inf. buzz, Inf. give a buzz, dial, Sl. get on the horn; call long distance, make a long distance or l.d. call, Chiefly Brit. make a trunk call, call station-to-station or person-to-person, call collect, reverse the charges; give a wake-up call.

teleoscope, n. 1. scope, glass, spyglass; field glasses, binoculars, opera glasses; periscope, microscope.

—v. 2. shorten, abbreviate, truncate, cut, cut short; condense, reduce, boil, boil down, abstract, capsulize, summarize, brief, synopsis, abridge; compact, compress, contract, tighten, make tight; consolidate, squeeze together, jam together, slide into each other.

television, n. 1. broadcast, telecast, Sl. videocast, airing.

TV, television set, TV set, video, Sl. tube, tube, Sl. idiot box, Sl. box, Sl. box in the living room, Brit. Inf. telly, small silver screen, cable TV, console, cabinet, set.

tell, v. 1. narrate, relate, report, recount, rehearse, recite; describe, portray, depict, detail, explain; delineate, sketch, picture, paint; romance.

2. vociferate, voice, give mouth  break, report, publish, recite; describe, portray, depict, detail, explain; confess, Sl. fess up, own up, admit, acknowledge; but out, blab, leak, give away, Inf. let out, let slip, let the
cat out of bag, spill the beans, Sl. blow the lid off; Inf. give away the whole show, Sl. spill one’s guts, Sl. open up; betray, Inf. blow the whistle on, Sl. pull the plug on, Inf. pull the rug out from underneath [s.o.]; tattle, tattletale, All Sl. squeal, squeak, rat, fink, stool, peach.

4. discern, make out, esp. perceive; recognize, identify.

5. command, order, direct, charge, adjure, instruct, dictate; require, demand, lay down the law, give orders; determine; bid, request.

6. count, enumerate, number; compute, reckon, calculate, tally, cast, sum up, estimate.

7. weigh, carry weight, have force, be influential.

telling, adj. 1. effective, striking, forceful, cogent, telling, —v. moderate, mitigate, abate, reduce, Inf. cool, sang-froid; poise, level-headedness, self-control, self-possession, equanimity, equable.

-adj. 2. revealing, expressive, suggestive, telltale. See telltale (def. 3).

telltale, n. 1. tattletale, talebearer, whisperer; gossip, tattletale, talebearer, whisperer; gossip, telltale, n. 1. effective, striking, forceful, cogent, telling, —v. moderate, mitigate, abate, reduce, Inf. cool, sang-froid; poise, level-headedness, self-control, self-possession, equanimity, equable.

-adj. 2. revealing, expressive, suggestive, telltale. See telltale (def. 3).

temper, n. 1. disposition, mettle, nature, humor, spirit, temper, grain, mood, vein; outlook, mind-set, name of mind; character, make-up, inner man, qualities, constitution, idiosyncrasy.

-adj. 1. distinctive, individual, special, unique, singular, particular; idiosyncratic, peculiar, eccentric.

2. moody, irritable, ill-humored, snappish, huffy, fusty, curf, short, impatient; high-strung, nervous, sensitive; touchy, tests, thin-skinned, waspish, peevish, petulant; irascible, choleric, ill-tempered; crabby, crabbed, cranky, grouchy, grumpy, cantankerous, crotchety, crusty.

3. constitutional, inherent, innate, inborn, congenital; deep-rooted, ingrained.

temperamental, adj. 1. distinctive, individual, special, unique, singular, particular; idiosyncratic, peculiar, eccentric.

2. moody, irritable, ill-humored, snappish, huffy, fusty, curf, short, impatient; high-strung, nervous, sensitive; touchy, tests, thin-skinned, waspish, peevish, petulant; irascible, choleric, ill-tempered; crabby, crabbed, cranky, grouchy, grumpy, cantankerous, crotchety, crusty.

3. constitutional, inherent, innate, inborn, congenital; deep-rooted, ingrained.

temperance, n. 1. self-restraint, self-control, restraint, forbearance, desistance, abstention, nonindulgence, abstinence; continence, celerity, fasting; Puritanism, austerity, self-mortification, self-deprivation; asceticism, self-denial, self-abnegation.

2. teetotalism, nephalism, abstention, sobriety, soberness; prohibition, blue-ribbonism; Rechabitism.

temperate, adj. 1. self-restrained, self-controlled, self-disciplined; self-possessed, in control, self-assured, self-confident, poised; composed, cool, calm, collected, cool-headed; level-headed, equanimous, balanced; sane, lucid, clear, rational, reasonable, sensible; unruffled, unperturbed, unfurled, reposed, at ease; tranquil, peaceful, content, serene; subdued, quiet, soft, mellow, toned down.

2. abstemious, habitually abstinent, nonindulgent; fasting, dieting; continent, celibate, chaste, virgin, virgin; refraining, forbearing, desisting, self-depriving, self-mortifying; puritanical, puritanlike, austere, strict, severe; ascetic, self-denying, self-abnegating, self-sacrificing.

3. teetotal, sober, not intoxicated or drunk, Inf. sworn off, Sl. on the wagon or water wagon, Brit. on the water cart; prohibitionary, U.S. dry, blue-ribbon.

4. clement, fair, mild, gentle, pleasant; good, nice, warm, sunny; genial, balmy, soft, soothing; cool, comfortable, refreshing; calm, peaceful, tranquil, halcyon.

tempest, n. 1. violent storm, squall, barat, williwaw; hurricane, typhoon, tornado, whirlwind; U.S. twister, cyclone; thunderstorm, thundersquall, windstorm; blizzard, northeaster, snowstorm; duststorm, duster, sirocco, harmattan, sandstorm, simoon, samiel.

2. disturbance, disruption, disorder, outbreak, breach of the peace; tumult, turmoil, turbulence; hurly-burly, upheaval; unrest, disorder, excitement, commotion, imbroglio, confusion, chaos, furor, agitation.

tempestuous, adj. 1. stormy, violent, wild, proceed, turbulent, squally; windy, gusty, blustery, blustering, howling, roaring, raging.

2. fierce, intense, impassioned, inflamed, fiery, strong, vehement; loud, noisy, boisterous, raving, ranting; wrathful, furious; frantic, worked-up, wrought-up, frenzied, frenetic, feverish, out of control.
tempt, entice, allure, seduce, lure; fascinate,
1. v. fleetingly, flittingly, flicker-
1. temporarily, procrastinate, delay, pause, hang
v. passing, impermanent, transi-
adj. temporal, secular, nonspiritual, profane,
adj. temporal, passing, impermanent. See temporary (def. 1).
temporarily, adj. fleetingly, flittingly, flicker-
ings, here today and gone tomorrow, fly-by-night, fugitive,
flash-in-the-pan; brief, short, short-termed, short-
lived, momentary, soon past.
makehift, juryrigged, stopgap, stand-by, reserve,
backup, Infl. make-do, Infl. band-aid, utility, pinch,
provisional, spare, provisory, ad hoc.
temporize, v. procrastinate, delay, pause, hang
back, wait, play a waiting game, hesitate, Infl. drag
one's feet, Infl. footdrag, put off, gain time, pay for
time, sleep on it; hold off, hold [s.t.] up, lay [s.t.] over,
refrain from further action, let the matter stand; vacil-
late, waver, hover, debate, deliberate, think twice
about; equivocate, evade, hedge, fence, quibble;
Infl. stall, stave off, U.S. filibuster; detain, retard, hold
back, set back.
2. tarry, linger, lag, drag, loiter, idle, dally, dilly-
dally, dawdle, poke along; waste time, twiddle
one's thumbs, sleep on the job; shirk, dodge, hedge,
quit, Sl. welsh, malinger.
accommodate, agree, give in, back off, Infl. back
down, trim, yield, Rare: stoop; politicize, politic act
the timeserver, bide one's time, look after one's own
interests, feather one's nest, Infl. give-in, back
softer.
fistful, cup, Micauber, U.S. bum; idler, trifler, fain-
et, drifter, loafer, tramp.
3. trickster, schemer, shuffler, intriguer, fox, Obs.
slip-shoots. 4. opportunist, timeserver, self-seeker, trimmer,
profiteer, jobber; worldling, fortune hunter.
tempt, v. entice, allure, seduce, lure; fascinate,
engage, intrigue, carry away, enamor; excite, titillate,
magnetize, draw, beguile, captivate, charm, attract,
appeal; enthrall, enrapture, bewitch, ensorcel; tease,
whet the appetite, tickle.
2. induce, persuade, cajole, coax, Infl. sweet-talk;
blatant, lead down the primrose path, suck in;
unveil, prevail upon, move, prompt, influence, sway,
bring, carry, lead, hypnotize, mesmerize, make.
3. provoke, instigate, goad, prick, spur, dare, put
to the test, Sl. play chicken with; invite, incite, bait,
court, woo, flirt; solicit, summon, beckon, fetch; seek,
ask for, look for, play with.
temptation, n. enticeme, allurement, seduction,
1. v. fascination, tantalization, captivation,
begulement, enthrallment, enchantment, bew-
itchment, bewitchery, ensorcelment, entrapment.
cajoling, inducement, persuasion, coaxing; blan-
dishment, inveiglement, swaying; provocation, in-
stigation, dare; invitation, incitation, flirtation, sum-
moning beckoning.
3. lure, bait, decoy, trap, snare, song of the sirens;
heart's desire, desire, hope, desideratum; forbidden
fruit, plum, golden apple; honeyed words, Sl. come-
on.
tempter, n. enticer, seducer, charmer, enchan-
ter, tantalizer, teaser; seductress, enchantress, sorcer-
less, temptress, Fr. femme fatale, flirt, coquette, vamp;
flatterer, deceiver, inveigler, blandisher, fascinator;
L. serpens, Siren, Lorelei, Circe; vampire, Pied Piper of Hamelin.
2. Satan, Lucifer, Beelzebub, Mephistopheles; the
devil, the Evil One, the Prince of Darkness, the Arch-
fiend.
tempting, adj. inviting, alluring, attractive; en-
chanting, bewitching, witching, enthrallying, charming,
entranacing, enravishing; provocative, exciting, fasci-
nating, captivating; titillating, irresistible, intriguing,
appealing; exquisite, ravishing, voluptuous, sensuous;
seductive, enticing, Infl. foxy, Infl. sexy; engaging, win-
ing, taking, fetching, winsome, prepossessing.
2. appetizing, mouth-watering, luscious, savory,
delicate, delicious, toothsome, flavorsome, succulent.
tenable, adj. maintainable, sustainable, sup-
portable, justifiable, defensible, defendable, impreg-
able, invulnerable, invincible; irrefutable, indisput-
able, unassailable, unanswerable, undeniable, undeni-
able, sure, certain; ironclad, strong, solid,
secure, safe, sound, safe and sound, on safe or
secure ground, solidly based; cogent, logical, rational, rea-
sonable, sensible; plausible, believable, credible,
acceptable, conceivable, imaginable, thinkable, possi-
ble, within the realm of possibility.
holdable, tenantable, leaseable, rentable, oc-
cupiable, habitable, livable, usable; unoccupied,
available, open vacant, untaken, Infl. up for grabs.
tenacious, adj. adhesive, clinging, holding fast,
keeping a firm hold; cohesive, tough; viscous, viscid,
sticky, mucilaginous, glutinous, gummy.
2. retentive, retaining, unforgettable, unforgetting;
grasping, recollective.
steadfast, determined, resolute, purposeful,
strong-minded, strong-willed; persistent, pertinacious,
unfaltering, undeviating, unwavering, unshaken;
unchangeable, unalterable, uncompromising, unsparing,
imflexible, intransigent; obstinate, stubborn, dogged,
mulish, Infl. cussed, pigheaded, stiff-necked, perverse;
opinionated, bigoted, prejudiced, biased, partisan,
dogmatic; grim, set, hard-set, hard-bitten; arbitrary,
rele
tless, inexorable, adamantine; obdurate, refrac-
tory, contumacious.
tenacity, n. 1. tenaciousness, adhesiveness, adhe-
sion, cohesiveness, toughness, strength, resilience; vis-
cousness, viscosity, glutinousness, stickiness, gumin-
ness, mucilaginousness.
2. retentivity, retentiveness; retention; readiness of
memory, grasp, grip, remembrance, recollection, remi-
niscence, retrospection.

3. steadfastness, persistence, perseverance; continuity, endurance, abidingness, patience; stamina, indefatigableness, backbone, courage. gritty, Inf. sand, pluck, Sl. guts; application, zeal, ambition, devotion, diligence, persurance, sedulity, sedulousness, Inf. stick-to-it-iveness; resolve, determination, purposefulness, purposiveness, decisiveness, pertinacity.

4. stubborness, mulishness, doggedness, Inf. cussedness, inflexibility; insistence, insistency, intransigence, intransigency, obstinacy, obstinateness; obdurate, contumacious, contumacularious; intolerance, bigotry, bias, partisanship, prejudice, narrow-mindedness, perspicacity.

tenancy, n. 1. holding, possession, possessорship; freehold, householdership, title, ownership, propri- torship, right, tenancy, lordship, domain, Archaic. got; tenancy, renting, leasing, lesseeship, leasehold, interest, share, Finance. stock; occupancy, occupation, residence, residency, inhabitance, inhabitancy, inhabitation, habitation, habitancy, domiciliation, Law. commorancy; lodgement, lodging, billeting, quartering; sojourn, visit, stay, stop, stopover, stopover, layover.

2. tenure, length of residence; incumbency, term of office, time in office, length of service.

3. position, post, office, place, billet, slot, Brit. berth; appointment, assignment, commission, squire, job.

tenant, n. 1. lessee, leaseholder, renter, roomer, lodger, paying guest; tenant farmer, métayer, sharecropper, squatter, housekeeper, house-sitter; occupant, occupier, resident, resider, resider, residency, resi- dentiary, addressee, inhabitant, habitant, Archaic. inhabitant; holder, possess, shareholder, boxholder, landholder, householder, owner; homesteader, squat- ter, settler, cottager, cotter, Scot. cotter.

—v. 2. lease, rent, pay for room and board.

3. Usu. tenant in inhabit, occupy, reside in, dwell in, live in, room or lodge in; hold, possess, own.

tend, v. 1. be disposed, be inclined, have a tendency, show a tendency, trend, lean, be directed, be bound for; bear, head, aim, lead, steer toward, make for; conduct, converse, predispose, influence.

2. attend to, care for, serve, wait on, pander to, minister to; watch over, guard, keep, protect, take care of; accommodate, oblige, favor; help, aid, assist, abet, succor, relieve, comfort, give solace; nurse, nurture, doctor.

tendency, n. 1. inclination, disposition, proclivity, propensity; leaning, bent, turn, cast, inclining. Biol. tropism; tending, bearing, verging, gravitation, drift; proneness; subjectability, aptness, liabilitas, like- nesses, susceptibility.

2. penchant, predisposition, predilection, partiality; prejudice, tendentiousness, bias, preference; affinity, attraction; appetite, appetency, relish.

tender, adj. 1. unfibrous, butterlike, crushable, soft, silken.

2. weak, delicate, feeble, frail, frail as a reed, un- sturdy, slight, infirm; shaky, tottery, precarious, un- certain, unstable; poor, sickly, unwell, unhealthy, un- sound, weakly; wretched, pitiful, pitiable, piteous.

3. immature, inexperienced, callow, unripe, unsea- soned, undeveloped, uninitiated, untrained; raw, green, young, wet behind the ears, youthful, juvenile; impressionable, pliable, plastic.

4. subdued, muted, soft, toned down, pastel; subtle, fine, genteel, tame, mellow, mild.

5. gentle, light, smooth, easy, lambent; sensitive, sympathetic, warm.

6. tender-hearted, kind, compassionate. See tender- hearted.

7. affectionate, cordial, friendly, amiable, pleasant, agreeable; loving, amatory, amorous, fond, adoring, devoted; melting, emotional, sentimental, romantic.

8. sensitive, sore, easily pained, smarting, painful, hurting; aching, throbbing, red, inflamed, irritated.

9. ticklish, touchy, difficult, arduous, risky, dangerous; knotty, involved, complicated, complex, perplexing, baffling, troublesome.

tender, v. 1. present, proffer, offer; propose, sug- gestion, recommendation, put forward, hold out, extend; vol- unteer, give up, cede, yield; pose, set forth, advance, propound; submit, set before; bid, proposition, make overtures, make advances.

—n. 2. offer, proffer, proposal, proposition, offering, presentation; recommendation, suggestion, advice, submission; overture, invitation, bid.

3. payment, recompense, compensation; legal tender, currency, money, monies, specie, coin, cash, bills, notes, bank notes, dollars, Sl. spondulicks.

tender, n. 1. caretaker, watcher, watchman, night watchman, watchdog, lookout, observer; sitter, baby- sitter, house-sitter.

2. dinghy, dispatch boat, launch, pilot boat, tugboat, tug, lighter; jollyboat, rowboat, motorboat, outboard, runabout, skiff, scow, dory, gig.

tenderfoot, n. 1. novice, tyro, beginner, neophyte, youngling, freshman, abecedarian; learner, student, pupil, disciple; intern, apprentice, trainee, probationer; fledgling, cub, recruit, raw recruit, rookie, en- trant, initiate, novitiate, catechumen.

2. newcomer, Dial. newbie; immigrant, greenhorn, settler, pioneer, homesteader; new kid, new kid on the block.

tender-hearted, adj. soft-hearted, responsive, sensitive, feeling, perceptive, understanding, thoughtful, considerate, outgoing; sympathetic, compassionate, pitying, ruthless, concerned, caring, solicitous, moved, touched; comforting, consoling, supportive; generous, magnanimous, big-hearted, with a heart as big as all outdoors; humane, kind, kindly, kindhearted, soft, gentle, good; good-natured, warm-hearted, warm, merciful, charitable, giving; open, open-hearted, be- nevolent, benign; close, friendly, neighborly, help- ful.

tenerness, n. 1. immaturity, callowness, rawness, greenness, youth, Youthfulness.

2. delicacy, softness, subtlety, fineness, mellowness.

3. tender-heartedness, soft-heartedness, responsive- ness, sensitivity, susceptibility, feeling, perception, understanding, thoughtfulness, consideration; sympa- thetic compasion, pity, sympathy, solicitude, generosity; magnanimity, big-heartedness, charity, good-heartedness, mercy; humaneness, humanity, hu- manitarianism, decency, niceness, goodness; kindness, gentleleness, kindliness, warm-heartedness, kind- heartedness; openness, open-heartedness, forthright- ness, selflessness, unselfishness.

4. affection, love, fondness, friendliness; warmth, ardor, devotion, adoration; intimacy, closeness, pro- tective-ness.

5. trickiness, touchiness, ticklishness; problem, trouble, snag, difficulty; danger, peril, risk, hazard.

tenement, n. 1. dwelling, dwelling house, house, lodge, home, place where one hangs one's hat; abode, habitation, residence, domicile, boarding house.

2. tenement house, apartment house, warren, Inf. rookery, Sl. dump, slum; flophouse, Sl. Reabag, Brit. Sl. doss house.
tenet, n. belief, position, conviction, persuasion; assumption, presumption, supposition; view, opinion, judgment; theory, thesis, hypothesis, postulation; faith, article of faith, creed, credo, ideology; principle, maxim, precept, canon, axiом, basic, fundamental, rule; doctrine, dogma.

tenor, n. 1. purport, intent, meaning, tone, vein; 2. drift, tendency, bias, trend; course, movement, motion; purpose, object, design, aim.

tense, adj. 1. taut, tight, drawn taut; rigid, stiff, inelastic, uplаstic, inflexible, unbending, unyielding. 2. nervous, high-strung, strained, under a strain, Sl. uptight, keyed up, wound up, choked up; worked-up, wrought-up, agitated, flustered, upset, bothered, perturbed; distressed, troubled, worried, concerned, disquieted; anxious, unequ по, fretful, restless, impatient, fidgety, itchy, itching, Sl. antiy; jumpy, jittery, edged, on edge, Inf. on pins and needles, on tenterhooks; on a tightrope, on a cliff edge, waiting for the other shoe to drop, waiting for the ax to fall, waiting for the bomb to go off; uneasy, apprehensive, alarmed, with one's heart in one's mouth, fearful; frightened, scared, afraid; skittish, shy, timid, timorous; trembling, shaky, shaking. —v. 3. tighten, strain, draw tight, pull taut; stretch, extend, elongate, distend. 4. frighten, scare, affright, panic; choke, choke [s.o.] up, make nervous, key up, put on edge; disturb, distress, agitate, upset, dismаy.

tension, n. 1. tautness, tightness; extension, distension, elongation; pull, tug, yank, strain; stretch, draw, traction, tensity. 2. anxiety, uneasiness, disquiet, disquietude, inquiетude, fretfulness; worry, trouble, concern, vexation; perturbation, disturbance, burden, encumbrance; uncomfortable, unpleasant, Sl. heebie-jeebies, Sl. habdabs; excitement, agitation, perturbation; suspense, anticipation, expectation, apprehension, fear.

tent, n. wigwam, tepee, yurt, canvas, circus tent, (In the circus) Inf. big top, (in the circus) Inf. menagerie tent, pavilion, Chiefly Brit. marqueе, pup tent, camping tent; baldachin, canopy, awning; booth, Hebrew sukkah, lean-to.

tentative, adj. 1. experimental, probаtory, exploratory; probationary, on probation, temporary, on trial, under examination or consideration; trial, test, pilot; untried, unproven, in the trial stages, imperfect; questionable, doubtful, hypothetical, speculative, theoretical. 2. unsure, uncertain, doubtful, hesitant; indecisive, wavering, faltering, wobbling, shilly-shallying, hedgy, undecided; provisional, contingent, dependent, Inf. iffy.

tenterhook, n. 1. bent nail, hook, hanger. 2. on tenterhooks apprehensive, uneasy, anxious, qualmish, worried, alarmed, concerned; nervous, Sl. uptight, queasy, jittery, skittish, jumpу; on edge, edgy, on a cliff edge, on a tightrope, waiting for the ax to fall or for the other shoe to drop or for the bomb to go off. See also tense (def. 2).

tenuity, n. 1. tenuousness, flimsiness. See tenuousness.

2. slenderness, thinness, fineness, leanness; gracility, gracileness, delicateness, delicacy; frailty, frailness, fragility, fragileness; sheerness, diaphaneity, diaphanousness; lightness, etherealness, airiness, unsubstantiality; refinement, subtlety, rareness; rarefaction, attenuation, etherealization, volatilization, vaporization.

tenous, adj. 1. thin, slender, attenuated, rare, rarefied; fine, airy, light, ethereal, frail, fragile, delicate, gossamer, gossamery. 2. unsubstantial, weak, flimsy; of little or no significance or importance, insignificant, unimportant, inconsequential; trivial, trifling, negligible, paltry, petty, niggling; doubtful, dubious, questionable, uncertain. 3. vague, general, nebulous, hazy; indefinite, ill-defined, inspecific, undetailed; sketchy, partial, unconvincing.

tenousness, n. shakiness, insecurity, precariousness, Sl. hairiness; uncertainty, indefiniteness, doubtfulness, dubiousness; vagueness, haziness, nebulousness, fuzziness; weakness, flimsiness, insubstantiality. See also tenuity (def. 2).

tenure, n. 1. holding, possessing, possession, retention, Law. seizin; tenancy, tenantry, renting, leasing; occupancy, occupation, residence, residency, inhabitation, inhabitation, habitation, habitation, domiciliation, Law. comorancy. 2. incumbency, term of office, time in office, length of service; length of residence, stay, sojourn, visit, stop, stopover, stop-off, layover. 3. permanent status, permanency, permanence; job security, guarantee of continued employment.

tergiversate, v. 1. vacillate, shilly-shally, seesaw, Inf. flip-flop, blow hot and cold, waver; shift, hedge, fence, beat around the bush; equivocate, prevaricate, quibble, Inf. waffle, fudge, palter, lie; evade, dodge, elude, weasel out, shuffle; qualify, trim, modify, compromise; double-talk, Inf. talk out of both sides of one's mouth, Inf. straddle, hold with the hare but run with the hounds; backtrack, back-pedal, sidetrack, mislead, deceive, mystify, dissemble. 2. turn renegade or traitor, change loyalties, shift ground; veer round, do an about-face, reverse oneself; renge, back out, bail out, bow out, Inf. cop out, Inf. crawfish; defect, abandon allegiance, desert, change sides, break faith, go over, bolt, apostatize.

term, n. 1. word, vocable, phrase, locution, expression; name, designation, denomination, appellation, title. 2. period, on, era, epoch, age, time, days, years; space, spell, span, interval, stretch, span, stage, duration, date; season, cycle.

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See also tense (def. 2).

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3. reign, rule, presidency, administration, ministry, incumbency.

4. semester, session, course; sentence.

5. terms a. conditions, provisions, provisos, stipulations, demands; articles, clauses, particulars, points, qualifications; premises, assumptions, suppositions. b. footing, standing, relations.

—v. 6. call, name, designate, christen, baptize, style, dub, entitle, Archaic, elepe; label, tag, define.

termagant, n. virago, shrew, harpy, fury; vixen, spitfire, she-wolf, hell-cat, tigress; haridan, witch, ogress, old cat, brimstone, Inf. battle-ax; gorgon, hag, crane, baldam, Sl. bitch; nag, Inf. biddy, Inf. old biddy; scold, common scold, fishwife; grouch, crab, grumbler; henpecker, faultfinder, rebuker, reviler.
terrify, horrified, horror-struck, terror-stricken, terrified,
terrific,
1. adj.
earthly, terrestrial, tellurian, tel-
2. n.
3. adj.
1. end, boundary, terminus, termination; limit, bound, border, edge, verge, bourn, mete, frontier, march; extremity, utmost extent, apex, pinnacle, summit, Latin. ne plus ultra.
terminate, v.
1. end, complete, conclude, bring to an end; finish, close, in (radio and T.V.) sign off, discontinue, cease, drop; expire, run out, lapse, wind up; accomplish, achieve, consummate.
2. bound spatially, form the extremity of, set bounds to; define, delimit, limit, demarcate; circumscribe, encompass, confine.
termination, n.
1. end, conclusion, close, cessation; completion, consumption, accomplishment, achievement; finish, ending, finis, windup, denouement, Rhet. peroration, epilogue, fall of the curtain, lights out.
2. boundary, limit, terminal. See terminal (def. 3).
terminology, n.
nomenclature, terms, language, vocabulary; wording, phrasing, phraseology, location; jargon, Inf. jargon, argot, cant; bureaucratese, jargonese, newspapersese, businessesese, shorthand, Washingtonese, Pentagonese, officialese, newspaper, educationese, cinematic, legalese, medicalese.
term
1. n.
end, extremity, furthermost part, terminal; pole, point, nib, tip, top, head, horn; limitation, bound, boundary, limit, pale, bourn; border, confine, margin; acme, apogee, ultimate, utmost, uttermost, extreme.
2. goal, objective, aim, target, mark.
terrestrial, adj.
1. earthly, terrestrial, tellurian, luric, Archaic. earthy; earthbound, sublunary, subterranean, subterranea, Bot., Zool. or chthonic, Class. Myth, or chthonian.
2. mundane, worldly, temporal, subcelestial; secular, profane.
terrible, adj.
1. unbearable, unendurable, intolerable, insufferable, more than flesh and blood can bear, Inf. too much; extreme, severe, harsh, rough, grim.
2. odious, obnoxious, abominable, abhorrent, loathsome, hateful, despicable, detestable, contemptible; disgusting, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, gross; foul, filthy, vile, Inf. lousy, Inf. rotten.
3. formidable, reddownable, awe-inspiring, awful; dread, dreadful, dire, fell; fearful, frightful, horrifying, terrifying, Inf. terrific, harrowing; horrible, horrific, horrid, horrendous, unspeakable; hideous, gruesome, grisly, macabre.
terrific, adj.
1. Informal. superb, splendid, sensational, exceptional, SI. terrific; marvelous, SI. marvy, SI. far-out, Inf. out of this world; wonderful, smashing, superfine, superfine, Inf. super-duper, SI. super, Australian. bonzer; great, excellent, first-class, outstanding, standout, superior, Inf. A-1 or A-one or A number one, SI. bang-up, Brit. SI. bang on, Brit. SI. spot-on.
2. Informal. intense, extreme, tremendous, Inf. whacking, Inf. thumping, Inf. rousing.
3. Informal. terrific. See terrific (def. 3).
terrified, adj.
horrified, horror-struck, terror-stricken, awe-struck; frightened out of one's wits or skin, scared to death, SI. scared stiff; petrified, paralyzed, frozen, stupefied, stunned; unnerved, unmanned, unstrung, SI. spooked.
terrify, v.
terrorize, fill with terror, consternate, Chiefly Scot. fley, Archaic. affright; scare to death, SI. scare stiff, Inf. scare or frighten out of one's wits or senses; stun, paralyze, petrify, freeze, strike dumb, put one's heart in one's mouth; appall, shock, horrific, curdle one's blood, make one's blood run cold, make one's hair stand on end, make one's flesh creep, send chills or shivers up one's spine.
territorial, adj.
1. geographical, topographic; regional, sectional, zonal.
2. local, localized, insular, provincial, parochial, topical.
territory, n.
1. area, region, zone; district, precinct, quarter; neighborhood, purlieu, vicinity, vicinage, Inf. neck of the woods, SI. turf, SI. home turf or ground.
2. state, county, canton, shire, department.
3. orbit, orb, ambit, sphere; field, pale, arena, realm, domain; bailiwick, jurisdiction.
terror, n.
1. fear, fright, Archaic. affright, horror; dread, awe, consternation, dismay, fear and trembling; panic.
2. Informal. hellion, Inf. holy terror, Inf. spifire; hoodlum, SI. hood, tough, Inf. ugly customer, Inf. plugugly; devil, demon, brute, fiend; beast, monster, mad dog.
terrorism, n.
1. piracy, brigandage, banditry; buccaneering, freebooting, privateering, filibustering.
2. commandeering, hijacking, skyjacking, air or sky piracy; abduction, kidnapping, SI. snatch, capturing, holding hostage; impressment, conscription, manhandling.
3. incendiariam, arson, fire-bombing, bomb planting.
4. intimidation, bullying, browbeating, threatening; tyranny, despotism; coercion, pressure, arm-twisting, extortion, blackmail.
terrorist, n.
1. desperado, gunman, gangster, criminal, mafioso, (in Paris) apache; thug, tough, mugger, ruffian, rowdy, hoodlum, SI. hood, Inf. goon, hooligan, roughneck, (in India and Burma) dacoit.
2. revolutionary, insurgent, rebel, subversive; nihilist, anarchist, destroyer, radical, Derog. Bolshevik; incendiary, arsonist.
4. abductor, kidnapper; hijacker, skyjacker, sky or air pirate; assassin, Yank, Inf. murderer.
5. pirate, rover, viking, corsair, buccaneer, privateer; freebooter, rapprover, (in the Scottish highlands) cateran; pillager, plunderer, marauder, despoiler, depredator, ransacker, sacker, looter, rifler, forager, raider.
6. malefactor, miscreant, villain, hellhound, demon, brute, fiend; beast, monster, mad dog.
terrorize, v.
1. terrify. See terrific.
precise, exact, gnomic; straightforward, direct, emphatic, trenchant, mordant, mordacious; curt, short, clipped, bluff, brusque, blunt.

test, n. 1. trial, essay, attempt, try, Inf. crack; tryout, dry run, audition; feeder, trial balloon.

2. examination, exam, checkup, check-out; scrutiny, scrutinization, inspection, close observation; investigation, study, analysis; exploration, probe, search.

3. quiz, interrogation, the third degree, cross-examination, cross-questioning, Inf. grilling, catechism; questionnaire, set of questions, flyer; inquiry, inquest, investigation; day of reckoning, moment of truth.

4. criterion, touchstone, standard, measure, model, pattern.

—v. 5. assay, try, try out, experiment with, subject to trial, of ideas, plans, etc.) Inf. bounce off [s.o.]; put to the test, prove, put to trial; check, double-check, cross-check, check out; feel one's way, fumble, grope.

6. examine, analyze, inspect, scrutinize; investigate, probe, explore; sound, fathom, plumb; evaluate, assess, appraise, judge.

7. interrogate, give [s.o.] the third degree, cross-examine, cross-question, Inf. grill, pump; sound out, quiz, question closely, catechize, Inf. put through the paces.

testament, n. 1. Law. will, last will and testament, Law. devise, Law. legacy, Law. bequest.


testify, v. 1. attest, witness, bear witness, evidence, offer evidence, depone; depose, certify, certificate, warrant; document, circumstantiate, manifest, show, demonstrate; confirm, prove, bear out, verify, validate, establish, authenticate, corroborate, substantiate, sustain, uphold, vindicate; endorse, vouch for, support, back up, stand behind or by.

2. swear to, state under oath, allege, plead; vow, give one's solemn word or promise, pledge, state on one's honor, promise; avouch, asseverate, assure, offer assurance, affirm.

3. declare, protest, assert, profess; avow, own, acknowledge, admit, confess to; proclaim, speak out for, announce, make known.

testimonial, n. 1. recommendation, letter, letter of recommendation, reference, referral, voucher, credential; citation, commendation; good word, favorable mention, honorable mention, blurb, Inf. plug; sanction, approval, approbation, endorsement.

2. memorial, remembrance, memento, souvenir; trophy, medal, ribbon.

testimony, n. 1. evidence, information, witness, attestation, sworn statement, statement, document, Law. affidavit, Law. deposition, Law. exemplification; documentation, circumstantiation, demonstration, substantiation, support, ground; certification, certificate, Law. acknowledgment, confirmation, proof, verification, validation, establishment, authentication.

2. declaration, proclamation, announcement, protestation, testification; asseveration, averment, avowal, affirmation, assertion, profession; avowal, acknowledgment, admission, owning up, confession.

testiness, n. irritability, petulance, snappishness, irascibility, touchiness, tetchiness, prickliness; peevishness, waspishness, raspiness, fretfulness, edginess, nervousness; excitability, fieriness, inflammability; grouchiness, crankiness, crabbedness, grumpiness, cantankerousness, huffiness, crankiness; churlishness, bearishness, crotchettiness, gruffness; spleen, choler, moodiness, ill nature, ill humor, ill temper; crossness, crustiness, sharpness, asperity, tattiness, acerbity; resentfulness, chip on the shoulder, fractiousness, capriciousness, querulousness, contentiousness.

testy, adj. touchy, irritable, tetchy, snappish, petulant, irascible; peevish, huffish, waspish, raspy, peppery, fretful;uffy, edgy, on edge; grumpy, cranky, grouchy, snarling, crotchety, churlish, bearish; gruff, cantankerous, impatient, crabby; splenetic, choleric, dyspeptic, moody, sullen, temperamental, out of sorts; cross, crusty, crabbed, ill-tempered, ill-humored; excitable, fiery, inflammable, hasty, quick, trigger-happy; high-strung, hot-tempered, hot-blooded, thin-skinned, quick-tempered; sharp, sharp-tongued, tart, acerbic; fractious, quarrelsome, querulous, contentious, resentful, capricious; currious, shrewish, vixenish.

tête-à-tête, n. 1. private conversation, pillow talk, talk, dialogue, duologue, interview; chat, coze, causeur, confabulation, Inf. confab, discussion, Sl. rap, Sl. schmooze.

—adv. 2. in private, privately, behind closed doors, Law. in camera, secretly, in secret; confidentially, entre nous; vis-à-vis, face-to-face, side by side.

tether, n. 1. cord, chain, rope, tie, thong, line, lead, leash.

2. supply line, cable, connection, link, Anat. umbilical cord.

—v. 3. tie or tie up, chain, rope, bind, lash, leash, fasten, secure, stake, picket.

text, n. 1. matter, contents, body, main body, subject matter, printed matter; words, context, wording, wordage, phrasing, choice of words.

2. subject, theme, topic, motif; concern, focus, point, issue, case, idea, question; gist, essence, meat, substance.


texture, n. 1. weave, weaving, nap, pile, tissue, fabric; grain, surface, make, denier, feel, touch, granularity; fiber, woof and woof, tooth; content, intertexture, crossing, intertwinement, interlacement; mesh, net, web, meshwork, network, webwork; weft, cloth, stuff, warpage, weftage.

2. structure, build, frame, make; make-up, constitution, composition, arrangement, organization; fabrication, formation, set-up, Inf. get-up, format.

thank, v. 1. acknowledge, be grateful, give thanks, offer thanks, show one's appreciation, tender thanks; recognize, credit; appreciate, tip, requisite, reward, return; repay, recompense, return a favor.

—n. 2. thanks acknowledgement, credit, cognizance, recognition; thanksgiving, hearty thanks, grace, grace before or after meals, Brit. grace before or after meat; benediction, paean, hymn, praises, Te Deum, tributes; reward, recompense, requital, tip, thank-offering.

3. thanks thank you, I thank you, many thanks, much obliged, much appreciated, I appreciate it, Obs. gramericy; thank you kindly, Chiefly Dial. thankee, Brit. Sl. ta; Fr. merci, Fr. merci bien or beaucoup, Ger. danke, Ger. danke schön, Sp. gracias, It. grazie, Russ. spasibo.

4. thanks to owing to, because of, due to, due to the fact that; by reason of, as a result of, as, through, since.

thankful, adj. grateful, appreciative, obliged; indebted, beholden, under obligation; mindful, gratified, pleased, contented; blessing, praising.

thankfulness, n. gratitude, gratefulness, appreciation, appreciativeness, thanks; sense of obligation, beholdenness, obligedness, indebtedness; regard, re-
thankless
adj. 1. unappreciated, unrewarded, ungrateful, unacknowledged; unrequited, unreturned, unavowed; vain, in vain, useless, for nothing, forgotten.
2. ungrateful, unthankful, unappreciative, Archaic. ingratitude; unmindful, heedless, incon siderate, unthinking.
thaw, v. 1. melt, soften, dissolve, liquefy, liquidize; turn into water, liquefsce, deliquesce, melt away, leave nothing but a puddle; puddle, flow, stream, run.
2. Sometimes thaw out defrost, unfreeze, deice, take out of the freezer; warm up, heat up, put in the oven, put in front of the fire.
3. relax, loosen up, become more responsive, let oneself go, go. with the flow; bend, give quarter, give an inch, give ground, yield, relent, forbear, give in, submit, acquiesce; break the ice, get [s.t.] going, get the juices flowing.
—n. 4. melting, melt, ice-out, spring thaw; spring, warm weather, warmth.
thelät, n. 1. playhouse, odeum, auditorium, hall, lyceum; arena, collosseum, amphitheater; opera house, opera, music hall, concert hall; cabaret, night club, dinner theater; summer theater, strawhat theater; regional theater, repertory theater.
2. movie theater, movie palace, cinema, kino. Brit. picture house or palace, first-run house, second-run house; drive-in or drive-in theater.
3. audience, Archiac. auditorium, congregation, house, gallery, Inf. peanut gallery.
4. troupe, company, theatrical or acting company, repertory company, stock company.
5. the theater drama, dramaturgy, dramatic art, dramatic performance, histrionic or thespian art; show business. Inf. show biz; the stage, the boards.
6. field of operations, seat or theater of war; scene or place of action.
théatrical, adj. 1. dramatic, dramaturgic, drama turgical, theatrical; scenic, stagy; operatic; histrionic; histrionical, thespian, Roscian, Sl. ham or hammy, Sl. actressy.
2. affected, mannered, unnatural, forced, campy; artificial, false, insincere, put-on, Inf. fake, Sl. phonoy, overdone, overacted, overwrought; emotive, emotion alistic, overemotional, melodramatic; sensational, spectacular, Sl. grandstand.
3. pompous, bombastic, turgid, ornout, grandiloquent, stilted, self-important.
theft, n. 1. stealing, thievery, pilferage, pilfering, Sl. swiping, Sl. hustling, Sl. coping; peculation, embezzlement, misappropriation; shofflifting, palm ing, Sl. boosting; purse-snatching, smuggling, bootlegging.
2. burglary, robbery, Law. larceny, Sl. heist; break in, U.S. Inf. hold-up, U.S. Sl. stick-up, Inf. mugging.
3. expropriation, appropriation, arrogation, usurpation, accroachment, assumption; plagiarism, copying, Inf. cribbing, Inf. lifting.
4. disposition, deprivation, deprival, divestiture, bereavement.
commandeering, hijacking, skyjacking, air or sky piracy; (all usu. of persons) kidnapping, capture, seizure, rape, impressment, conscription, man-stealing, child-stealing; (all of animals) poaching, deerjacking, petnapping, dognapping, (of cattle) rustling.
brigandage, piracy, buccaneering, freebooting, banditry, highway robbery, Obs. latrociny, privateering, filibustering.
swindle, fraud, filimflam, confidence game, thim blering, Inf. ripoff, Sl. ripoff.
8. plunder, plundering, plundersage, rapine, pillage, depredation, spoliation, despoliation, despoliment, Obs. direption, raven.
thème, n. 1. topic, subject, subject matter, matter or issue at hand, topic under discussion or on the floor or up for debate, proposition, question, problem, argument; text, sum and substance, major or greater part or portion; keynote, main idea, gist, meaning; idea, concept, notion, point.
2. essay, composition, paper, manuscript; story, piece, article, Sl. thing; exposition, think piece, commentary, editorial; review, opinion, interpretation, critique, criticism; study, monograph, research paper, thesis, dissertation, disquisition, discourse, treatise, tract, tractate. homely.
3. motif, leitmotif, strain, melody, recurrent pattern; mood, tone, air, Archaic. tune.
thén, adv. 1. at that time, on that occasion, thereat, at that moment or minute or second or instant; instantaneously, right then, immediately, at once; at the same time, at the same time as, concurrently with, together with, along with.
2. thereupon, immediately following that, right after that; soon afterward, after that, afterwards; next, next on the agenda, moving right along, following that, subsequent to that, subsequently, at a subsequent time, later, at a later time; finally, in conclusion, at the end, to top it off.
3. therewith, in addition, besides, still, more; on top of that, as a bonus, to boot, on the side; also, too, yet again, as well, moreover, furthermore, further, ad ditionally; on the other hand, however, but, but also, but remember or don't forget.
4. in that case, since or seeing that or if that's the case, in which case, that being the case, that being so, if or since or seeing as that's what happened; under those situations or this situation, accordingly, taking that into consideration.
5. so, therefore, thus, ergo; for this or that reason, on that account, because of that or this; consequently, as a consequence or result, resultingly, hence, thereafter, thence.
thence, adv. 1. from there, therefrom, from a certain place or source.
2. since then, ever since, thenceforth, thenceforward, thereafter, thereinafter.
3. therefore, thus, so, ergo, that being the case, in that case. See then (defs. 4, 5).
théologian, n. 1. divine, religious scholar, hierophant, hierologist, theologian, Rare. theologician, Déróg. theologaster; exegete, textualist; canonist, decretist; patriot; rabbi, Talmudist, Talmudic scholar; Christian, philosopher, Church Father, Doctor of the Church.
théological, adj. 1. doctrinal, dogmatic, dogmatical, canonical, ecclesiastical, rabbinical, theological, hierologic, heirological, hagiologic.
2. Biblical, Scriptural, evangelical, textual, textuary; isagogic, exegetic, hermeneutic, hermeneutical.
3. apostolic, patristic, patristical, prophetic, prophetical.
4. divine, religious, sacred, spiritual, holy.
5. mystical, theosophical,osophic.
théology, n. 1. divinity, religion, hierogy, hagiography, hagiology, Rare. theologies; theosophy; patrology, patristics; rabbinism.
2. Scripture, the Gospel, revelation, theopneustly; Torah, Talmud; isogogics, exegesis, exegetics, her-
theory, n. 1. theoretical proposition or statement, hypothesis, theory, thesis, postulate; question, problem, moot point.
2. rule, law, dictum, axiom, assumption; idea, concept, belief, method.

theoretical, adj. theoretical, pure, unapplied, abstract, impractical, unreal; idea, ideal, theoretical, ideological, academic, doctrinaire; hypothetical, conjectural, notional, speculative, moot, postulatory, assumed, suppositional, suppositious, suppositional, putative, presumptive.

theorist, n. theoretician, theorizer, speculator, hypothetical, hypothesizer, philosopher, doctrinaire, ideologist; dreamer, woolgatherer.

theorize, v. hypothesize, speculate, conjecture, propose, posit, predicate, put forth; assume, suppose, presume, presuppose; impute to, ascribe to, assign as cause, derive from, account for; divine, guess, suspect, fancy.

theory, n. 1. hypothesis, conjecture, speculation, surmise, thesis, theorem; assumption, presumption, supposition, postulate; ascription, attribution, imputation; divination, guesswork, shot, intuition.
2. system of principles, science, school; philosophy, doctrine, pandect, dogma; idea, concept.

therapeutic, adj. therapeutic, curative, medicinal, medical, curing, healing, sanative, sanitary; remedial, corrective, reparative, reparatory; mending, restorative, restoring, recuperative, recuperatory; beneficial, advantageous, helpful, salutary, salutiferous, healthy, good, wholesome.

therapy, n. treatment, remedial treatment, allopathy, homeopathy; hydrotherapy, hydrotherapy; preventive treatment, Med. prophylaxis; speech therapy, physical therapy, P.T., psychotherapy, massage, occupational therapy, O.T.; psychotherapy, group therapy.

there, adv. in that place, at that place, thereat; to that place, into that place, thither, thitherward, to or toward that point; over there, yonder, Chiefly Dial. yon, Archaic. yond, over yonder; at that point; in that matter, in that respect.

thereabouts, adv. 1. about that time, near that time, around that time, approximately that time; about when or there, near then or there, around then or there, approximately then or there; about that place, near that place, around that place, by that place, thereby.
2. about that number, about that amount, about that much; nearly, almost, about, circa; roughly, approximately, in round numbers.

thereafter, adv. afterwards, afterward, after, after that, then, next, subsequently, thereupon; in after times, latterly, later, ultimately, posteriorly, ensuingly; thence, thenceforth.

therefore, adv. consequently, as a result, in which case, hence, whence, thence, wherefore, ergo, accordingly, so, then, thus; for that reason, for which reason, on that account, on account of, because of, due to, owing to.

thermal, adj. thermic, thermogenic, calorific; lukewarm, warm, heated, hot, sudorific, Med. diaphoretic.

thesaurus, n. 1. dictionary, lexicon, wordbook, synonymy, synonym finder, crossword puzzle dictionary; encyclopedia, cyclopedia.
2. storehouse, warehouse, Brit. pantechnicon; depository, treasury, cache, vault, repository, receptacle; arsenal, armory.

thesis, n. 1. proposition, argument, side, opinion, view, belief; theory, theorem, hypothesis, idea, supposition, assumption, premise, conjecture, axiom, postulate; statement, declaration, assertion, allegation, charge; question, topic under discussion or on the floor or up for debate, moot point.
2. theme, topic, subject, area or field of inquiry; concept, conceit, notion; keynote, main idea, gist, meaning, point.
3. research paper, study, investigation, dissertation, master's thesis; monograph, disquisition, discourse, treatise, tract, tractate, homily.

thespian, adj. 1. histrionic, histrionical, Roscian, Sl. ham or hammy, Sl. actressy; dramatic, dramaturgic, dramaturgical, theatrical, theatric, tragic; scenic, stagy, operatic.
2. actor, actress, player, playactor, stage player, stage performer, performer, role player, trouper; theatrian, hi, strio, hi, strion, Archaic. histrionic, Roscian, Sl. ham; personator, impersonator.


2. thews physical strength, brawn, beef, muscle, physique, musculature; Inf. huskiness, Inf. leanness, Inf. beefiness, burliness, brawniness, muscularity, sinewiness; hardness, firmness, solidity; power, potency, might, Literary. puissance; energy, vigor, vitality; activeness, athleticism, manliness, virility, able-bodiedness.

thick, adj. 1. broad, wide, beamy; large, big, ample, bulky, solid.
2. close-packed, close, dense, gross, heavy, crowded, surfeited, impermeable, impermeable, impassable, thickset; compact, tight, compressed, condensed, consolidated.
3. abundant, plentiful, plenteous, numerous, Inf. applied, full, filled, Inf. chock-full, jammed, packed, Inf. jam-packed, crammed, stuffed; rife, replete, abounding, overflowing, running or spilling over, bristling; teeming with, swarming with, crawling with, alive with, Sl. lousy with, thick with.
4. profound, deep, mysterious; intense, extreme, acuate, excessive.
5. husky, hoarse, dry, scratching, cracked; harsh, rough, raucous, gruff, raspy, gravelly, grating; guttural, throaty, raspy; indistinct, unclear, blurred, muffled, inarticulate, confused.
6. viscous, viscid, glutinous, ropy, mucilaginous; inspissate, condense, spissate; gelatinize, congeal, jell, jellify, jelly, set, solidify, harden; curdle, clabber, coagulate, gelatinous, coagulated, jellified, jelled, jellied, set.
7. turbid, roily, roiled, muddy, sedimentous, feculent.
8. misty, foggy, nebulous, vaporous, soupy, murky, obscure; hazy, smoky, nasty, smoggy, polluted.
9. Informal. chummy, clubby, inseparable, hob-nob, hand in glove, Sl. buddy-buddy, Sl. pals-walsy, Inf. thick as thieves; well-acquainted, familiar, close, Scot. pack, dear, intimate, confidential, bosom; friendly, comradely, brotherly, sisterly.
10. stupid, unintelligent, dull-witted, dull, slow, Sl. lamed, Inf. dopy, Inf. dill, oxlike; duncish, obtuse, bovine, Inf. cretinous, stolid, Boeotian; empty-headed, brainless, dim-witted, slow-witted, witted, fat-witted, beef-witted, thick-witted; boneheaded, wooden-headed, doltish, blockheaded, blockish, imbecilic, Inf. moronic.

thicken, v. 1. inspissate, condense, Pharm. incresate, gelatinize, congeal, jell, jellify, jelly, set, solidify, harden; curdle, clabber, coagulate, clot, cake.
2. grow more intense, intensify, deepen, become intricate, become complex.
thicket, n. copse, Chiefly Brit. coppice, Brit. spinney, small wood, grove, basket, Archaic. bosk, brake, canebrake; brushwood, Southwestern U.S. chaparral, underbrush, undergrowth, Hunting. covert; scrub, shrubbery, hedges; bush, jungle.

thickhead, n. blockade, dunce, lumphead, bonehead, knucklehead, fathead, pinhead, numskull; fool, tomtfool, dope, nincompoop, ninny, lightweight; oaf, boor, lout, dull, dolt, dullard, Inf. chump, lummox, looby, Sl. klutz; idiot, simpleton, half-wit, lambhead, pinbrain, moron, cretin, imbecile; All Sl. chump, sap, dumbbell, dingbat, ding-a-ling, meatball, meathed, jerk, booby, boob, noodle, blubberhead, nudnik, schmuck, schlemiel, U.S. schmo.

thickheaded, adj. stupid, unintelligent, dull-witted, duncish, obtuse, Inf. cretinous, half-witted, dense, thick. See thick (def. 10).

thickness, n. 1. denseness, density, body, bulk, bulkiness, heaviness, weight; measure, width, breadth, diameter; consolidation, compactness, closeness, crowdedness.
2. inspissation, condensation; viscosity, viscosity, glutinousness; coagulation, congelation, jellification, gelatinization, solidification.
3. layer, stratum, ply, sheet.

thickset, adj. 1. dense, close-packed, crowded. See thick (def. 2).
2. stocky, heavyset, thick, solid, stodgy; stout, sturdy, burly, beefy, brawny; squat, stubby, Inf. stumpy.

thickskinned, adj. 1. pachydermatous, elephantine, hippopotamian, rhinocerotic.
2. callous, tough, obdurate, hardened, hard, hard-boiled, steelied; insured, casehardened; insensitive, insensate, numb, unfeeling, insensitive.

thief, n. 1. pilferer, filcher, Inf. rip-off.
2. burglar, robber, housebreaker, cracksman, ganef; shopcrook, Brit. Inf. screw, Sl. bag.
3. swindler, fleecer, bilker, rook, trickster, sharper, SI. 2. burglar, robber, housebreaker, cracksman, gangster; shopcrook, Brit. Inf. screw, Sl. bag.
4. highwayman, footpad, yegg; hold-up man, SI. story man; stick-up man, mugger; kleptomaniac. SI. fingered Louie, dip; SI. 3. abduct, kidnap, (usu. of persons) snatch, make off with, carry off, rape, seize; (usu. in reference to military service) impress, press, conscript, Naut. shanghai, crimp.
5. victimize, take in, take advantage of, Inf. echieur out of, put across or over on, foist, palm off on, Sl. con, SI. screw, Sl. bag.
6. plunder, despoil, spoil, pillage, ravage, harry, ransack, sack, loot, filch, gleeze, strip, rifle; pirate, freeboot, buccaneer, privateer, filibuster.
7. poach, deerjack; smuggle, bootleg, Inf. sneak [s.t.] in.
8. mooch, sponge, scrounge, freeloader.

thievish, adj. 1. light-fingered, sticky-fingered, Chiefly Brit. thievery, pilferage, pilfering, filching, purloining, theft, thieving, Inf. snitching, Law. larceny, Sl. swiping, Sl. hopping, palming, Sl. boosting; purse-snatching.
2. peculation, embezzlement, misappropriation; swindling, defrauding, bilking, fleece, sheltering, Sloan, thimble rigging, cardsharling, Sl. hustling; fraud, swell, confidence game.
3. extortion, usury, blackmail, shakedown, bloodsucking, leeching, rapacity.
4. forgery, counterfeiting; plagiarism, pirating, Inf. copying.
5. robbery, burglary, Inf. hold-up, Sl. stick-up, Inf. mugging, break-in; breaking and entering, safecracking, second-story work.
7. plundering, plunderage, rapine, pillage, depredation, spoliation, despoliation, despoilment, Obs. direption; ravaging, harrying, marauding, sacking, Rare. sackage, laying waste, devastation, desolation; raid, razzia, foray; foraging, looting, ravishment, seizure, grab, rape.
8. commandeering, hijacking, skyjacking, air or sky piracy; (usu. of persons) abduction, kidnapping, Slip. snatch, capture, impressment, conscription, manstealing, child-stealing; (all of animals) poaching, deerjacking, petnapping, dognapping.
9. expropriation, appropriation, arrogation, usurpation, accroachment, assumption; deprivation, deprivation, divestiture, bereavement.
10. thievishness. Psychol. kleptomania; (among animals) kleptobiosis, lestobiosis.

thievishness, n. 1. Psychol. kleptomania, Humorous. facility or furcaciousness; All Inf. tricky fingers, light fingers, itching palm.
2. rapacity, rapaciousness, ravenousness, ravening; greed, avarice, avariciousness, acquisitiveness.
3. dishonest, fraudulent, underhandedness, knavery, roguely, villainy, unscrupulousness; corruptibility, bribrility, venality.

thimbleful, adj. capful, spoonful, teaspoonful, mouthful, swallow, sip, sup, drop, droplet; dab, dot,
thing, adj. 1. thinish, lean, spare, attenuate, attenuated; narrow, slender, slim, gracile, svelte, lithe, graceful; slight, wispy, wisplike; skinny, twiggy, thin as a reed or rail, narrow as an arrow, thin as six o'clock, slender as a thread, too skinny to throw a shadow, skin-and-bones, fleshless; gaunt, lank, lanky, bony, rawboned, skeletal; spindly, spindle-legged, spindle-shanked, Sl. chicken-legged, gangling, gangly, weedy; scrawny, scraggy, looking like a plucked chicken; thin-skinned, undersized, undergrown, small, stunted; light, underweight, undernourished, underfed, half-starved, starved-looking; hollow-cheeked, pinched, withered, shriveled, shrunken, wasted, emaciate, emaciated.

2. sparse, scattered, thinly distributed, widely dispersed, infrequent, few and far between; insufficient, inadequate, in short supply, hard to come by.

3. watery, waterish, diluted, dilute, watered-down; thin out dilute, weaken, ator down

4. scant, scarce, unplentiful, unplenteous; scanty, or down off Often

5. weak, small, tiny; gentle, soft, low, quiet, hushed, muffled, barely audible, murmuring, whispering.

6. weak, small, tiny; gentle, soft, low, quiet, hushed, indistinct, unclear, faint, feeble; subdued, muted, muffled, barely audible, murmuring, whispering.

7. thin out or down dilute, weaken, attenuate, extenuate, rarely; mix, adulterate, Inf. water or water down, (of alcohol or drugs) Inf. cut; eliminate, weed out, remove, get rid of; prune, trim, cut back.

8. Often thin out or down or off decrease, lessen, become smaller; dissipate, disperse, scatter, disappear.

thing, n. 1. object, article, something, anything, it; substance, element, solid, stuff; lump of matter, matter, lump, blob; constituent, component, ingredient, building block; unit, monad, particle; entity, being, organism, creature, animal; indescribable something, Fr. je ne sais quoi; subject, materiality, indivisibility, corporeity, corporeality, hyle; physicality, embodiment, incarnation.

2. item, gadget, device, contrivance, mechanism, apparatus, Fr. quelque chose, bird in the hand; widget, hickey, what's-its-name, gimmick; All Inf. doohickey, dingus, dojigger, jigger, dofanny, do-hinkey, dowhackey; gizmo, fandangle, flumfiddle; contraption, whachamacallit, thingumajig, thingum, thingumabob, thingumadoosh, Australian. doover.

3. things matters, affairs, relations; business, concerns, work; does, dealings, works, proceedings, operations, goings-on.

4. circumstance, situation, state of affairs, turn of events, course of events, conditions; fact, phenomenon, experience, matter, case; event, occurrence, incident, doing; happening, hap, episode, occasion.

5. action, deed, act, performance, feat; turn, exploit, move, coup, blow, stroke; adventure, proceeding, undertaking, endeavor, effort; accomplishment, achievement, doing, enterprise, measure, step.

6. particular, detail, instance, particularity, factor; item, point, special point, element, facet, minor detail, incidental detail, minutia; respect, feature, regard, aspect, reference, bearing, look.

7. aim, objective, goal, object, point, idea, purpose; intent, intention, design, scheme; end purpose, end in view, ultimate aim; implication, meaningfulness, significance, purport; ambition, view, desiderate, expect.

8. things a. utensils, tools, implements, articles, equipment; impediments, oddments, paraphernalia. b. belongings, possessions, effects, Law. choses, property; bags, baggage, luggage; goods, gear, kit, stuff, tackle, outfit; chattels, appurtenances, furnishings, parcels; accouterments, fittings, fixtures; equipage, Law. personality. c. clothes, clothing, dress, raiment, wear, habit; wardrobe, Inf. togs, Inf. toggery, Inf. duds, Inf. threads, Sl. setup, rig, Brit. fig. garments, apparel, array, costume, attire; vestment, vesture, rigging, trappings, finery.

9. chore, task, job, odd job; charge, assignment, detail, commission; errand, mission, project, service; homework, buswork, housework, yardwork, spadework, make-work.

10. Informal.quirk, phobia, Fr. idée fixe, superstition; fixation, obsession, crotchet; fear, mania, paranoia; dislike, aversion, distaste, loathing; terror, horror, abomination, consternation, trepidation.

11. Slang. liking, fancy, predilection, predisposition, preference, Inf. weakness; taste, bent, prejudice, partiality; inclination, tendency, leaning; Sl. bag, Inf. cup of tea.

think, v. 1. conceive, imagine, image, picture; ideate, form an image of, think of, dream up; dream, envisage, visualize, make up, conjure, feature; concoct, hatch, brew, fabricate, fashion, form, formulate.

2. meditate, ponder, reason, deliberate; reflect, muse, brood, mull over, turn over in one's mind; wander about, chew one's cud, think about, kick around, tinker with, toy with, flirt with the idea; mentalize, cerebrate, chew over, be in a brown study, put on one's thinking cap, be lost in thought, lurchate; cogitate, exsiccate, cudgel one's brains, rack one's brains, use one's head; concentrate on, focus on, take to heart, Archaic. perpend; analyze, examine, review, turn over, revolve, weigh; study, con, evaluate, give attention to.

3. recollect, bear in mind, remember, recall to mind; think back to, pass in review, retrace; call to mind, reminisce, bethink, carry one's thoughts back.

4. believe, opine, fancy, consider; suppose, conjecture, presume, assume, Archaic. trow, Archaic. ween; hold, maintain, esteem; surmise, speculate, daresay; judge, deduce, infer, conclude; hypothesize, theorize, posit, postulate.

5. consider, regard, view, look upon; acknowledge, deem, recognize; feel, divine, intuit; see, perceive, understand, comprehend, apprehend, reckon; value, estimate, gauge, appraise, assess, rate, prize.

6. intend, purpose, have in mind, have in view; aim, project, arrange, plan, compass; propose, design, calculate, premeditate, determine, destine.

7. think better of reconsider, change one's mind, reflect twice, think over; reexamine, review, recheck, look at again, take under advisement, view in a new light.

8. think up devise, contrive, improvise, come up with; invent, create, originate; design, scheme, construct, frame, draft; coin, mint, neologize, neoterize.

thinkable, adj. 1. conceivable, imaginable, cogitable; supposable, picturable, visualizable, fanciable; cognizable, apprehensible, knowable.

2. likely, possible, probable; belief, credible, plausible, tenable, reasonable.

thinker, n. philosopher, philosopher, idea man, theologist; sage, Solomon, Hinduism. rishi, Class. Myth. Nestor; savant, scholar, pundit, pantologist, rabbi, wise man, learned man, man of learning; wizard, Inf.
thinking, adj. 1. rational, reasoning, reasonable, sensible, cerebral, logical, practical, pragmatic; intelligent, knowing, rationalistic, percipient, perceiving; analytic, ideational, philosophical, sophic; speculative, imaginative.

2. reflective, contemplative, cogitative, cogitating, meditative, meditating, musing, pondering; reflecting, ruminant, ruminating, introspective; pensive, thoughtful, concentrating, preoccupied, engrossed, rap in thought, lost in thought, bemused, Archaic. museful; deliberative, expository, lucubratory, studious; conscientious, careful.

—n. 3. reasoning, rationalization, rationalization, intellectualization; cerebration, brainwork, headwork, ideation, cognition, exegesis; train of thought, association of ideas.

4. thought, logic, reason, judgment; opinion, conjecture, belief, view; conviction, persuasion.

5. contemplation, contemplating, meditation, consideration, rumination, ruminating, brown study, musing, pondering, brooding, mulling over, chewing over, chewing one’s cud, wondering; deliberation, deliberating, speculation, speculating, conjecturing.

thinness, n. 1. leanness, sparseness, attenuation, skinning; narrowness, slenderness, slimness, gracility, graciliness, slightness; gauntness, lankiness, lankiness, boniness; scrawyness, scraggyness, scrubbyness, puniness, runtness, smallness.

2. sparseness, sparcity, scarcity, infrequency, infrequency; scantiness, paucity, insufficiency, inadequacy, inadequateness.

3. flimsiness, insubstantiality, unsubstantiality, weakness, feebleness, frailty, fragility, frailness, fragility, diaphanity, diaphanousness, airiness, sheerliness, lightness; delicateness, delicacy, fineness, silkiness, gauziness, filminess; translucence, translucency, transparency, transparence, transparentness.

thin-skinned, adj. sensitive, oversensitive, hyper-sensitive, supersensitive, easily offended; touchy, temperamental, moody; testy, irritable, tetchy, snappish, prickly, brambly, briery; bristly, adj. prickler, point, barb, barbed, thorn, thorn, prickle, infilament, spike, spicule, spiculum, spine, spinule, Zool. setose; spiny, spinous, spinulose, aciculate; spiky, barbed, Bot., Zool. thorn, Zool. Muricate, spiculate.

through, adj. 1. in-depth, Inf. all-out, leaving no stone unturned, top to bottom, stem to stern, head to toe;Inf. go Z, extensive, extensive, widespread, sweeping, all-inclusive, all-embracing, all-encompassing, universal, worldwide, global.

2. painstaking, careful, meticulous, particular, scrupulous, conscientious; punctilious, precise, exact, accurate, close, fine, nice, scientific, methodical.

3. total, entire, perfect, complete, Chiefly Brit. Inf. proper; out-and-out, unqualified, utter, sheer, thoroughgoing, absolute, unmitigated, downright, arrant, drastic, extreme, radical.

thoroughbred, adj. 1. (all usu. of animals) purebred, pedigreed, highbred; pure, full-blooded, of unmixed race or stock.

2. high-spirited, mettlestone, high-strung, fiery, proud, headstrong, willful; courageous, bold, valiant, brave, daring, fearless, plucky, spunky, eager, fervent, zealous, avid, passionate.

3. elegant, graceful, Scot. genteel, gentle, aristocratic, silk-stocking, patrician, noble, blue-blooded; well-bred, refined, polished, finished, cultivated; polite, civil, civilized, courteous, mannerly, well-mannered, well-trained; gracious, ladylike, ladyish, fine, delicate; courtly, gentlemanly, gentlemanlike, chivalrous, chivalric, gallant, cavalier; debonair, charming, urbane, suave, sophisticated, cosmopolitan, worldly; fashionable, stylish, à la mode, modish, high-toned, Sr. Tony, high-class, Sr. classy.

thoroughfare, n. 1. thoroughway, road, street, avenue, boulevard, concourse, strip; main road, Inf. drag, Brit. Sr. toby, artery, highroad, roadway; highway, turnpike, pike, tollroad, state highway; freeway, Brit. clearway, expressway, parkway, causeway, U. S. Inf. interstate; speedway, autobahn, superhighway.

2. way, passage, passageway, alley, alleyway; bypath, byway, crosscut, shortcut; path, pathway, footpath, Brit. footway, towpath, bike path, bikeway; trail, track, walk, walkway, crosswalk.

3. strait, channel, canal, conduit, aqueduct, waterway, seaway; river, tributary, estuary.

thoroughly, adv. 1. exhaustively, extensively, universally; from top to bottom, from stem to stern, from head to toe or foot, from A to Z, backwards and forwards.

2. completely, downright, entirely, absolutely, positively, most definitely, extremely, dead, Sr. stone; unreservedly, Inf. whole hog, to the full, to the hilt, Sr. like mad, Sr. like crazy.

though, conj. 1. in spite of the fact that, despite the
thought, conception, concept, idea, conceit; adj. 1. thoughtless, careless, heedless, unheeding, Archaic, nous, reason, unthinking, intelligence, sense, Gk. Philos, good will, beneficence, charitableness; attention, attentiveness, mindfulness, heedfulness; care, concern, passionateness, tenderness, sympathy; benevolence, respect, regard, deference, esteem, honor, homage, regardfulness, reverence, veneration.

thought, n. 1. conception, concept, idea, conceit; imagination, notion, whim, whimsy, vagary, crotchety, fancy.

2. cerebration, cerebrating, thinking, brainwork, headwork, lucubration; concentration, concentrating, focusing, having one's mind on, reflection, reflecting; cogitation, cogitating, meditation, meditating, contemplation, contemplating, musing, pondering; speculating, speculating, wondering about, consideration, deliberation, deliberating, excogitation; rumination, ruminating, chewing, mulling, brooding, brown study; recollection, recall, memory, remembrance, reminiscence, retrospection, review.

3. intelligence, sense, Gk. Philos, nous, reason, unthinking, consideration, thoughtfulness, thoughtfulness, carefulness, cautious, circumspect, circumspective; attention, attentiveness, mindfulness, heedfulness; care, concern, passionateness, tenderness, sympathy; benevolence, respect, regard, deference, esteem, honor, homage, regardfulness, reverence, veneration.

thoughtless, adj. 1. careless, heedless, unheedful, unthinking, forgetful, oblivious, tactless, tactlessness, thoughtlessness, carelessness, heedlessness, unmindfulness, disregardfulness, negligence, neglectful, negligent, remiss, inadvertent, inconsiderate, insensible, inept, unreflective, unreflecting; ill-advised, ill-considered, unwise, imprudent, injudicious, impolitic, indiscreet, improvident.

2. reckless, rash, precipitate, headlong, foolhardy; unreasoning, unreflecting, unreflective; ill-advised, ill-considered, unwise, imprudent, injudicious, impolitic, indiscreet, improvident.

3. scatterbrained, harebrained, lamebrained, flighty, giddy, dizzy, Inf. gaga; vacant, empty, blank, vacant, empty-headed, with rooms to let.

4. foolish, Inf. fool, Inf. tomfool, stupid, dumb, senseless, witless, brainless, asinine, idiotic, moronic, crazy, insane, mad; All Sl. nutty, wacky, daffy, loony, screwy, screwball, batty.

thoughtlessness, n. 1. carelessness, heedlessness, unmindfulness, disregardfulness, negligence, neglectful, negligent, remiss, inadvertent, inattentive, unobservant; inconsiderateness, insensitivity, unthinkingness, forgetfulness, obliviousness; tactlessness, tactlessness, tactlessness, tactlessness, tactlessness.

2. recklessness, rashness, precipitance, foolishness, imprudence, injudiciousness, indiscretion, improvidence.

3. flightiness, giddiness, dizziness; vacuousness, emptiness, empty-headedness, blankness.

4. foolishness, stupidity, senselessness, witlessness, brainlessness; asinity, idiocy, moronism, craziness, insanity, madness; All Sl. nuttiness, screwiness, looniness, daffiness, wackiness, battiness.

thrall, n. 1. slave, bondsman, bond slave, chattel slave, chattel, indentured servant, Hist. or Archaic, theob; bondswoman, bondsmaid.

2. thraldom. See thraldom.

thralldom, n. slavery, servitude, subjection, subjugation, enslavement, enthrallment, thrall; captivity, bondage, bond service, indentureship.

thras, v. 1. flog, lash, switch, birch, scourge, flagellant, whip, horsemanship, curry, strap, thresh, flail, cowhide, spank, Inf. tan [s.o.'s] hide, Inf. thrump, Inf. flog, Inf. lash, Inf. switch, Inf. flog, Inf. lacer, Inf. whack, Inf. knock [s.o.'s] back off, Inf. crown, Inf. wallop, Sl. belt, Sl. sock, Sl. plug, U.S. Sl. biff, Sl. loop; cudgel, fustigate, cane, bastinado.

2. trounce, rout, vanquish, defeat, worse, Inf. lick, Sl. shellac, Sl. pulverize; conquer, overthrow, overpower, overwhelm, master; quash, crush, trample, destroy, do for, Sl. do in.

3. thresh, flail.

4. toss and turn, fling oneself about; jerk, jump, twitch; pitch, rock, roll, sway.

—n. 5. beating, battering, pounding, pummeling, pelting, going over, Sl. pasting; thrashing, flogging, bastinado, blasting, lashing, whipping, spanking, Inf. tanning, smacking, slapping, Inf. whacking.

6. blow, bastindo, Scot. dunt, Scot and North Eng. paik, punch, beat, box, Inf. clout, Inf. slug, Inf. whack, Inf. knock [s.o.'s] block off, Inf. crown, Inf. wallop, Sl. belt, Sl. sock, Sl. plug, U.S. Sl. biff, Sl. loop; cudgel, fustigate, cane, bastinado.

thread, n. 1. cord, string, yarn, twine, twist, piping; cable, wire; fiber, filament, fibril.

2. strand, line, seam, strip, chain, tape; wisp, hair; queue, file, row; stream, jet.

3. theme, subject, subject matter, thesis, motif; story line, plot; train of thought.

—v. 4. string, Naut. reef, braid.

5. pervade, permeate, penetrate, imbue, suffuse, fill; connect, unite, link, tie together, merge, fuse, intermingle, intermingle, intermingle.

6. wind, meander, loop, twist, stray, straggle; push through, squeeze through, shoulder through.

threadbare, adj. 1. worn, worn to a thread, worn out, shopworn, (of a tire) bald, napless, moth-eaten, frayed, ragged; raveled, holey, in need of patches; faded; marred, damaged.

2. meager, thin, lean, slight, insubstantial,
threadlike

small; scanty, skimpy, inadequate, trifling, negligible, piddling; poor, empty, unfulfilling, unsatisfying, dis-
satisfying.

3. hack-eyed, banal, trite, overdone, Inf. bromidic, plo-

claudious, Inf. corny; tired, played out, Inf. old-

hat, old as the hills, warmed-over; unimaginative, uninor-

ginal, stale, insipid, jeujeune, uninspired; proasica, pro-

sy, dull, boring, Sl. ho-hum, uninteresting, tedious, 

monotonous, dry, dry-as-dust; conventional, matter-

of-fact, humdrum, commonplace, ordinary, worka-

day, wonted; stock, familiar, stereotyped.

4. shabby, dingy, sorry, wretched; seedy, disheveled, 

slowly, unkempt, slatternly, untidy; forlorn, deso-

late, dreary, dismal, sad, pathetic, pitiful; im-

pecunious, penniless, destitute, Inf. on one's uppers, 

in bad or tough shape.

threadlike, adj. thready, fibrous, filamentous, fibri-

form, pliiform, fibrillar, fibrilliform; stringy, wiry, 

ropy, attenuated, drawn out; fine, thin, slender, nar-

row; winding, twining, meandering, circuitous, tor-

tuous, sinuous.

threat, n. 1. warning, intimidation, commination, 

cautions, caveat, alarm, Archaic. alarum, notice, word 

to the wise, saber-rattling.

2. menace, danger, peril, risk, hazard, jeopardy; 

time bomb, bomb, sleeping volcano, sword of 

Damocles, quicksand.

3. omen, forewarning, foreboding, portent, evil por-

tent, premonition; bird of ill omen, Cassandra, hand-

writing on the wall, gathering clouds, clouds in 

the horizon, burning sword.

threaten, v. 1. menace, endanger, imperil, frighten, 

scare, terrify, alarm, fill with unease; warn, put on 

one's guard, caution, give fair warning, Inf. tip off, 

comminate; intimidate, daunt, terrorize, cow; brow-

beat, bully, thunder at, yell at, fulminate, read the riot 

act; snarl, growl, rattle one's sabers, bark; lower, 

glower, scowl.

2. tower over, hang over, beetle; impend, loom, be 

imminent; portend, bode, forebode, presage, fore-

warn; augur, foreshadow, be in the air, be in the offi-

ce.

threatening, adj. menacing, frightening, terrifying, 

intimidating, minacious, dangerous, perilous, hazar-

dous, risky, chancy; looming, imminent, in the air, in 

the offing, in the wings, pending, impending, portend-

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threnody n. dirge, requiem, funeral song, burial 

hymn, threnode, Rom. Cath. Ch. trenal, Dies Irae; 

elegy, lament, lamentation, keen, epicedium, monody, 

monody, ululation, Jeremaid, coronach.

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thrice, adv. 1. three times, on three occasions, in 

three ways.

2. threefold, trebly, triply, three times as, to the third 

degree or power, multiplied by three.

3. much, greatly, highly; well, amply, fully, liberally, 

abundantly, lavishly, bountifully, profusely, copious-

ly, plenteously, without stint, as much or often as one 

could want or hope for, to one's heart's content; very 

much, very, extremely, radically, drastically, to the nth 

degree; awfully, terribly, damned, damned, U. S. Inf.

darned, Sl. altogether; too much, too often, far too 

much or often, more than necessary, overly; exceed-

ingly, excessively, inordinately, abnormally, usually, 

uncommonly; exorbitantly, outrageously. Both 

Chiefly U. S. Inf. all-fired, all-firedly.

thrift, n. economy, husbandry, thrift management, 

conservation, prevention of waste; conserving, saving, 
economiér; thriftiness, frugality, frugality, sparing-

ness; scrimping, skimping, penny-pinching, cutting 

corners, tightening one's belt, making ends meet; par-

simony, parsimoniousness, penuriousness; miserliness, 

niggardliness, stinginess, tightness, tight-fistedness, 

closefistedness, cheapness.

thriftless, adj. wasteful, profligate, profligate, spend-

thrift, dissipative, squandering, improvident, penny-

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thrust, v. 1. excite, stimulate, sensitize. Inf. turn 
on; inspirit, inspire, Inf.spark, reanimate, galvanize, 
electrify; touch, impress, strike, rivet the attention; 

penetrate, pierce, touch to the quick; tickle, titillate, 

kindle, fire; stir, move, rouse, arouse, awaken, Sl. 

send; agitate, incite, impulsion, work up.

2. please, Inf. tickle pink, gladden, elate, delight; 

appeal, (pi) attraction; titillation, Inf. kick, 

charge, SI. ter; throb, palpitation, pulsation.

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2. please, Inf. tickle pink, gladden, elate, delight; 

possess, intoxicates, enrapture, overpower, overhelm, 

enthral, charm.

—n. 3. tingling sensation, tingle, tingling, quivering, 
tingling, vibration, chills, goose flesh, flutter, twit-
ter; throb, palpitation, pulsation.

4. excitement, excitation, electrification, galvaniza-
tion; titillation, Inf. kick, Inf. charge, Sl. buzz, Sl. 
bang, Sl. gas, Sl. boot; pleasurable feeling, emotional 
appeal, (pi) jollies; enslavishment, magnetism, intox-
ication, enthrancement.

thrilling, adj. 1. exciting, electrifying, galvanizing, 
galvanic, spine-tingling, hair-raising, Inf. far-out, Inf. 
rip-roaring, Inf. rip-snorling; stimulating, stirring, 
bracing, rousing, inspiring, invigorating, exciting, ex-
citative, excitatory; moving, impelling, compelling, af-
fecting, soul-stirring, heart-moving; overpowering,
overwhelming, overcoming, startling, astonishing, Sl. mind-boggling, Sl. mind-blowing, Sl. trippy, kicky.

2. quivering, quivering, vibrating, trembling, trembly, tremulous, tremulant, shaking, shaky; quaking, quaky, shuddering, shuddery, shivering, shivery.

thrive, v. 1. prosper, succeed, make good, Brit. Dial. fadge, fare well, be fortunate, have a streak or run of luck; advance, get ahead, go up in the world, progress, make headway, get on or along; grow rich, become wealthy, make one's fortune, add to or increase one's riches; profit, gain, feather one's nest, line one's pockets, make one's pile, get all the gravy, enrich oneself, be well-off, be well-to-do, be on easy street; lead a charmed life, live a life of luxury or ease, live the life of Riley, bask in the sun, live in the clover, live off the fat of the land.

2. flourish, luxuriate, burgeon, mushroom, boom, lead a charmed life, live a life of luxury, get one's pocket, make one's pile, get all the gravy, enrich oneself; be well-off, be well-to-do, be on easy street.

throne, n. 1. royal seat, seat of state, seat of power, (in India) masnud, Anglo-Indian, gaddi.

2. sovereign, ruler, emperor, king, queen.

3. sovereignty, rule, command, reign, dominion, sway, hegemony, mastery.

throne, n. 1. crowd, horde, mass, host, assembly, gathering; mob scene; herd, pack, swarm, flock, drove, bevy.

—and. 2. crowd, swarm, flock, herd, cluster, muster, gather, concentrate, mass, bunch up; flock together, surge, stream.

3. shove, shoulder, jostle, push, press forward, make one's way, fight one's way, elbow one's way, work one's way, Inf. pile in, Inf. stumble over one another.

4. pack, jam, cram, cramp, squeeze, Inf. jam-pack; lump together, compress, congest, bunch, bundle, serry, Inf. pack as tight as sardines.

throttle, n. 1. choke, throttler, gas pedal, Auto. accelerator.

2. windpipe, Anat., Zool. trachea; gullet, throat, esophagus.

—and. 3. strangle, choke, garrote, strangle, button, gibbet, hang, stifle, suffocate, smother, asphyxiate, Burke; kill, murder, do away with, get rid of.

4. gas, muzzle, mute, still, silence, keep [s.o.] quiet; compress, squeeze, tighten, put pressure on, put a tourniquet on; cut off, shut off, seal off, close off, occlude; obstruct, block, stop up, clog, plug, cork, congest; check, stop, arrest; curb, impede, inhibit, cramp.

through, prep. 1. into and out of, inside, under, out of; past, by, beyond, to the other or far side of, outside of; between, among, amongst, mongst, Both Archaic. betwixt, 'twixt; amidst, amid, midst, mid; within, in, inside, along, beside, across, over.

2. during, for the duration of, throughout, over the distance of, until the end or finish of, until the finale or completion of; up to and including, including, inclusive of.

3. Usu. through with a. finished with, done with, at the end of, at the completion or termination of.

b. at the end of one's rope with.

4. by means of, by virtue of, by way of, by, via, under the aegis or auspices of, through the agency or aid of, per; because of, by reason of, on account of, due to, owing to, for; as a consequence of, as a result of.

—and. 5. all the way, to the end of the line; straight, directly, right; nonstop, without a stop or interruption.

6. from one end to the other, from beginning to end, from top to bottom, from stem to stern, from head to toe or foot, cap-a-pie, from A to Z, completely, thoroughly.

7. to the end, to the completion or termination, to a successful or favorable completion.

8. get through finish, complete, terminate, end; accomplish, do; survive, endure, make it.

9. pull through recover, come out of [s.t.], get better, get well.

—and. 10. nonstop, direct, straight; limited access, express, rapid, fast, quick.

11. finished, done; completed, ended, terminated.

throughout, prep. 1. all over, all around or about, in every corner or part of, everywhere in; all among, amongst all, in-between all.

2. all the way through, all through, through; all during, during, for the duration of.

—and. 3. everywhere, everyplace, all over, all around, in every nook and cranny, in every corner, everywhere under the sun, Latin. ubique; far and wide, widely, in every direction, extensively, to the ends of the earth, to the far reaches of the earth.

4. all the time or while, for the duration until [s.t.] is over, until the finish or finale or end or completion.

5. from one end to the other, from beginning to end, from top to bottom. See through (def. 6).

throw, v. 1. hurl, sling, toss, cast, fling, dash, pitch, Inf. chuck, Brit. Dial. slat, Scot., Australian, ding; jettison, jactulate, shv, hurtle, pitchfork; launch, send, deliver, impel, propel, project, plunge,
precipitate.
2. fell, floor, throw down, bring to the ground, prostrate; vanquish, defeat, drub, discomfit, rout; subjudget, overcome, overthrow, overpower, beat hollow, worst; make [s.o.] bite the dust, trample underneath, roll in the dust.

3. throw off a. eject, expel, evict, drive off, cast off; abandon, lay aside, ostracize, renounce, reject, repudiate; deport, relegate, banish; dismiss, strike off the roll, turn out, bundle out, sack, fire, send packing. b. deceive, misdirect, mislead, misrepresent, misinform, misguise, mistaste; bewilder, mystify, SI. flummox, confuse, confound, beguile, delude; put on a false scent, draw a red herring across the trail.

4. throw up a. abandon, desert, give up, relinquish; resign, abdicate, renounce, abjure. b. vomit, retch, puke, psew, keck, (of babies) Inf. spit up, Inf. heave or heave up, SI. barf, SI. lose or spill one's cookies; void, emit, excrete, egest, eject, ejaculate, eruct, eructate.

—n. 5. cast, fling, pitch, toss, shock, heave, sling, hurtle, hurl, dart, pelt, jerk, bolt, tilt, shot, shy; ejec- tion, ejaculation, discharge, propulsion, precipitation.
6. Informal. venture, chance, gamble, bet, risk, fortune, hazard, stake; attempt, try, shot.
7. scarf, muffer, comforter;shawl, stole, boa; yashmak, veil, mantilla, burnous cloak.
8. blanket, afghan, cover, counterpane, coverlet, yashmak, veil, mantilla, burnous cloak.

thrum, v. pick, strum, twang, play; finger, pluck, fingerpick.

thrust, v. 1. push, stroke, drive, propel, impel; advance, forward, urge forward, power, actuate; hurl, clasp, chuck, throw, fling, toss; plump, plonk, plop, slap; boost, start, prod, set going, press.
2. stab, pierce, lunge, plunge; pass, cut, feint, jab; pole, stick, jam, cram.
3. force, press forward, make one's way, Inf. elbow or shoulder one's way; squeeze through, wedge, charge; ram, bulldoze, butt, shunt, batter; pile drive, bump, run against; jog, jolt, jostle, joggle, poke, nudge.

4. thrust in break in, intrude, obrude, irritate, impede; interpose; interloper, burst in, muscle in, crash in; invade, encroach, infringe, interve, come between; charge in, Inf. butt in, Inf. horn in, Inf. barge in, cut in; crowd in, press in, squeeze in, rush in.
5. thrust upon force up, push up, urge upon, press upon; make to do, ram down one's throat, impose, enforce, coerce, twist one's arm, oblige, necessitate, constrain.

—n. 6. push, drive, shave, butt, bunt, shunt; propulsion, impulsion, boost, momentum, impetus; acceleration, pickup, motive power, driving force, steam.
7. lunge, stab, dig, press, punch; prod, poke, nudge, bump, jog, jolt, joggle; jab, feint.
8. attack, assault, offensive, charge; onset, onslaught, besetment, outbreak, irruption, incursion; strike, raid, hit, blitz, blitzkrieg; foray, sortie, foray, invasion, Obs. brunt, Fr. coup de main; siege, besiegement, beleaguerment; air raid, air strike, lightning attack.

thud, n. thump, knock, SI. clunk, SI. pow, SI. ker- paw, whom, rap, clap, smack, thwack, whack.

2. robber, highwayman, footpad, SI. yegg or yeggman, bandit, Sp. bandolero, outlaw, Southwest U. S. ladrone, Australian. bushranger, bravo, brigand; picaroon, rogue, (in India and Burma) dacoit.
3. assassin, murderer, killer, slayer, sniper; strangler, cutthroat, garrotter; liquidator, Euph. silencer, Euph. dispatcher: All U.S. Sl. gun, hired gun, hit man, hatchet man, triggerman, torpedo.

thumb, n. 1. pollex, Fr. pouce.
—v. 2. (of a book) skim, scan, run through, glance at or over, browse, leaf through, riffle through.
3. hitchhike, hitch, thumb or hook or bum a ride, get a lift.

thump, n. 1. blow, knock, rap, Sl. sock, Sl. bop, slap, rap, thwack, smack, whack.
2. thud, whom, Sl. pow, Sl. kerpow, Sl. clunk.
—v. 3. beat, cudgel, club, bastinado, bat, cane, birch, switch; hit, strike, thwack, whack, smack, Sl. bop, whom, Inf. slug; pommel, drub, batter, beat up.
4. pound, trudge, tread, slog, plod.

thumping, adj. 1. resounding, echoing, banging, clanging; dull, heavy.
2. Informal. huge, colossal, enormous, great, immense, tremendous; gigantic, giant, gargantuan, mammoth, titanic; monumental, towering, impressive, fantastic; exceptional, unusual, extraordinary, striking, uncommon, singular, Inf. terrific, wonderful; All Inf. whacking, whopping, walloping, thundering, super duper.

thunder, n. 1. thundering, thunderclap, thunderclap; rumbling, rumble, roll, boom, roar, loud noise; crack, crash, blast; detonation, explosion, discharge.
—v. 2. rumble, roll, boom, resound, reverberate; crash, crack, blast; detonate, explode, discharge.
3. fulminate against, denounce, decimate, implicate, curse, execute, swear at; threaten, menace, intimidate; bellow, roar, shout, yell, bark, snarl, growl.

thunderbolt, n. 1. thunderstroke, thunderclap, thunderclap; fulguration, lightning, lightning bolt.
2. blow, shock, surprise, eyeopener, bolt out of the blue.

thunderstruck, adj. dumfounded, astounded, astonished, amazed, Inf. flabbergasted, taken aback, floored, Inf. bowled over, open-mouthed, agape; stunned, shocked, startled, surprised, disconcerted, dazed, speechless, dumb, numb, paralyzed, frozen, petrified, incapacitated, aghast; confused, disoriented, baffled, confounded, nonplused, perplexed, bewildered, Inf. flummoxed; Inf. shaken, Sl. shook, Inf. caught up short, Inf. caught off guard, Inf. thrown for a loss, Sl. knocked for a loop.

thus, adv. 1. in this way, in this fashion, in this manner, in this wise, as follows, so, Latin. sic; thus and so.
2. therefore, consequently, as a result, in which case, hence, whence, thence, wherefore, ergo, accordingly, then, taking that into consideration; that being so, for that reason, on that account.
3. as an example, for example, for instance.

thwack, v. 1. hit, strike, smite, Inf. whack, smack, slap, Australian. ding; cuff, buffet, knock, punch, box, Scot. dunt, Inf. slug, Inf. wallop, Inf. crown, Sl. conk, Dial. hit [s.o.] upside the head, Sl. bash, Sl. plug, Sl. belt; beat, batter, pound, lay on, pommel, pummel, pelt, Sl. paste, Sl. lay into, Sl. let [s.o.] have it, Archaic. belabor; spank, Brit. Dial. york, Inf. tan [s.o.'s] hide, Inf. trim, Inf. thump, Inf. lace, Inf. lambaste, Inf. whale, Sl. whomp; rap, filip, cane.
—n. 2. hit, strike, Inf. whack, smack, slap, Inf. clout; blow, Archaic. dint, stroke, bastinado, punch, box, knock out, Inf. wallop, Inf. whomp, Inf. thump, Sl. conk, Sl. bash, U.S. Sl. biff, Sl. bop; rap, tap,
thwart, v. 1. frustrate, foil, balk, check, stop, abort; oppose, cross, contravene, Scot. thwart; defeat, undo, outmaneuver; prevent, preclude, obstruct, block, circumvent; intercept, interpose, intervene, interfere, impede, hinder, hamper; spoil, mar, blight, scotch, Sl. screw up, Inf. short-circuit; restrain, restrict, inhibit; detain, delay, retard, forestall; nullify, obviate, cancel, render null and void, neutralize.

2. baffle, confound, confuse, puzzle, nonplus, perplex, outwit, disin concert, sty; Inf. tree, Inf. discombobulate; damp, dishearten, disable, cripple, clip the wings of, take the wind out of one's sails, take down a peg, pull off one's high horse; disturb, trouble, plague, badger; mortify, embarrass.

tic, n. Pathology. twitch, Med. spasm, jerk, All Pathol. tic douloureux, facial neuralgia, trifacial neuralgia, trigeminal neuralgia.

tick, n. 1. click, tap, tapping, beat, striking, ticking; pulsating, throbbing, pounding, drumming, rataplan; rapping, ratatatatat.

2. check, mark, dot, Print. bullet, line, stroke, scratch; notch, nick, blaze.

—v. 3. ticktock, click, tap, beat, strike, pulsate, sound.

ticket, n. 1. admission, certificate, season ticket, Sl. pasteboard pass, Fr. laissez-passer, stub, coupon, Jesser; free pass, Inf. freebie, Sl. Annie Oakley, Sl. twoffer; token, transfer, fare.

2. label, tag, price tag, tally, badge, press badge, label, tag, ticket, or Inf. apple-pie order; methodicalness, come through, live through, endure, weather, weather system, predictable, untrustworthy, unreliable, unsound.

3. unstable, unsteady, rickety, tottery, wobbly, dangerous, perilous, hazardous, threatening.

4. sensitive, supersensitive, easily offended; temperamental, intricate, complicated, knotty, thorny; puzzling, awkward; difficult, tough, hard, arduous; complex, SI.

5. amuse, entertain, cheer, gladden, brighten, ex hilarate, divert; raise a laugh

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7. inf. chiefly Brit., assist, aid, help, help out, —v. 3. ticktock, click, tap, beat, strike, pulsate, sound.

8. string, cord, cordone, ribbon, braid, thong; strip, piece of cloth, bandage, ligature, band; shoelace, lace, Archaic. latchet, strap; rope, tether, lead, line, leash.

9. necktie, cravat, bow tie, ascot, scarf, neckerchief, Obs. neckcloth.

10. bow, hair bow, knot.

11. fasten, fastening, hook, catch, clip, snap, hook and eye, button; latch, lock, padlock, bar, bolt, hasp; pin, buckle, agraffe; clamp, vise, brace; link, bond, vinculum, nexus; binder, holder, connector, copula, yoke, harness; nail, dowel, tack, thumbback, thumb screw, screw, clincher, rivet, staple, fasten, peg, spike; chain or chains, fetters, shackles, tammers, manacles, handcuffs, leg irons.

12. bond, connection, relationship, friendship, business acquaintanceship, liaison, affiliation; kinship, blood relation, consanguinity, propinquity; responsibility, obligation, duty, devoir; engagement, pledge, promise, commitment, vow, one's word.

13. tie game, tie match or contest, draw, stand-off. 

tie-up, n. 1. slow-up, slowdown, delay, retardation; stoppage, blockage, clog, congestion, jam, log-
jam, traffic jam, bottleneck, Fr. embouteillage, C.B. Radio, parking lot.

2. involvement, connection, association, implication, entanglement, tangledness, enmeshment.


2. huff, bad mood, ill humor, fume; fit, tantrum or temper tantrum, pet; temper, irritation, agitation, snit, Inf. strew.

—v. 3. quarrel, row, squabble, altercate, spar, cross swords; argue, debate, dispute, bandy words, have words, Inf. pick a crow; disagree, differ, take exception to, contend, contest, make something of it, fall out, clash, be at odds, be at loggerheads; spat, Brit. Archaic. baing; wrangle, jangle, bicker, Obs. brabble, fight.

tight, adj. 1. fixed, fastened, fast, secure, secured, clinched, made fast, set, sound, stable, stationary, unmovable, immovable, irremovable.

2. taut, tense, strained, rigid; stiff; unrelaxed, under a strain, Inf. uptight.

3. snug, close-fitting, form-fitting, skin-tight; close, near, compact, compacted, constrained, confined, cramped, compressed, restricted, limited.

4. difficult, touchy, delicate, ticklish, tricky, precarious; dangerous, perilous, hazardous.

5. impervious, impermeable, impenetrable; impermeable, unporous, nonporous, watertight, waterproof, leakproof; proof, resistant, hermetic, hermetically sealed; closed, shut, sealed.

6. concise, succinct, terse, pithy, epigrammatic; cryp-

tical, laconic, to the point, pointed, direct, straightforward, clear-cut; sharp, incisive, keen, trenchant.

7. Informal. close, even, neck and neck, closefisted; cheap, Informal, tight, even, neck and neck.

8. Informal. stingy, tight-fisted, parsimonious. See tight-fisted.

till, n. 1. drawer, compartment, container, receptacle, repository, bin, coffier, box, cashbox, strongbox, safe; cash register, register; treasury, Eccles. bursary, the-saurus, depository; kitty, petty cash.

tillable, adj. arable, plowable, farmable, cultivable; fertile, fruitful, productive, prolific, fecund.

tillage, n. farming, husbandry, agriculture, geon-

etics, agronomics, agronomy; cultivation, gardening; plowing, harrowing.

tiller, n. farmer, granger, husbandman, Brit. yeoman, plowman, plow; agriculturist, agronomist; cultivator, gardener.

tiller, n. shoot, sprout, Scot. sucker; sapling, seed-
ing.

tilt', v. 1. lean, tip, list, cast, heel, Naut. careen. lurch; slope, slant, oblique, fall obliquely, skew, angle, bevel, pitch, grade, bank; ascend, rise; descend, drop or drop off, dip, sag, sink.

2. Usu. tilt at rush at, charge; oppose, contest, contend; joust, tourney, break a lance with, run a tilt or a tilt at.

—n. 3. slope, inclination, slant, bevel, pitch, grade, gradient, angle, skew, cant; ramp, inclined plane, bank, hillside, hill, mountain, declivity, ascent, rise; declivity, downward slope or slant, Scot. and North Eng. brae, decline, declension, descent, downgrade; drop, fall, dip, sag.

4. joust, tournament, tourney; contest, encounter, engagement, match, meeting; test, trial; scrimmage, skirmish.

5. dispute, quarrel; squabble, spat, tiff. See tiff (def 1).

tilt', n. awning, canopy, Archit. baldachin, marquee; covering, cover, tent.
	
timber, n. 1. wood, lumber; kindling, firewood.

2. spar, beam, pole, mast.

—interj. 3. look out, look out below, heads up, watch out or it, gardyloo, duck.

timbre, n. 1. Acoustics, Phonetics. voice quality, voice, tone of voice, tone; frequency, resonance.


time, n. 1. chronology; duration.

2. point, juncture, moment, instant, hour, day; period, spell, span, stretch, while, tide, term, tenure; interval, interim, intermission, interregnum, interruption, interlude, pause, break, hiatus; turn, shift, watch; tour, tour of duty, enlistment, Inf. hitch.

3. Often times era, epoch, age, date, season.

4. ease, leisure, leisure time, convenience; freedom, free time, spare time, odd moments.

5. chance, opportunity, opening, occasion; good chance, fair field, good time, high time, golden opportunity.

6. tempo, beat, rhythm; measure, meter.

7. ahead of time early, Inf. bright and early, Scot. timeous; beforehand, beforehand; in good time, with pari
der, hoarder, save-all, Scot. carl; scrooge, Har-
pagon, money-grubber, harpy, curmudgeon, churl, hunk.

till', prep. 1. until, up to the time of, up to, down to; before, sooner than, earlier than, prior to, previous to.

till', v. cultivate, dress, farm, work, work the land, labor; harrow, weed, delve, dibble; plow, hoe, dig, scrape, spade; rake; sow, plant, seed; fertilize, manure, compost.

till', n. drawer, compartment, container, receptacle, repository, bin, coffier, box, cashbox, strongbox, safe; cash register, register; treasury, Eccles. bursary, the-saurus, depository; kitty, petty cash.
time to spare

8. at one time a. once, once upon a time, time was; back when, in the past; previously, formerly, hitherto, heretofore. b. at once, at the same time, simultaneously, concurrently, at one and the same time, together, all together.

9. at the same time nonetheless, nevertheless, be that as it may, however that may be, however, still, yet, but, even so, just the same, all the same.

10. at times occasionally, from time to time. See time (def. 13).

11. behind the times old-fashioned, out of fashion, out of style, out, Sl. out of it, out of date, dated, obsolete, passé; of the old school.

12. for the time being for now, for the present; temporarily, Latin. pro tempore, pro tem; meanwhile, meantime, in the meantime, till then.

13. from time to time occasionally, on occasion, at times, at intervals, now and then, once in a while, sometimes, Inf. every so often.

14. in good time a. on time. See time (def. 20b). b. ahead of time. See time (def. 7).

15. in no time in short order, in a second, in an instant, in a trice, in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, Inf. in a jiffy, Inf. in two shakes or half a shake of a lamb's tail, Inf. before you can say "Jack Robinson," Inf. in no time flat; quickly, speedily, swiftly, forthwith, summarily, with dispatch, expeditiously, apace, Sl. PDQ.

16. in a time in good time, early enough, soon enough, with time to spare; just in time, not a minute too soon, just under the wire, in the nick of time, Facetious. in the nickel of dime, Fr. à point. b. in the future, in due time, by and by, Inf. in the sweet by-and-by, someday, sometime, in one of these days, in the nick of time, not too soon, at the eleventh hour, in good time, to the minute, in short order, in a second, in an instant, in a trice, in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, Inf. in a jiffy, Inf. in two shakes or half a shake of a lamb's tail, Inf. before you can say "Jack Robinson," Inf. in no time flat; quickly, speedily, swiftly, forthwith, summarily, with dispatch, expeditiously, apace, Sl. PDQ.

17. kill time consume or pass or spend time; beguile the time, while away the time, amuse oneself; waste time, fool or fritter or idle away time.

18. make time a. cover ground, make strides or rapid strides, make headway. b. Slang. wou, court, pay court to, pay suit to, address, Inf. spark; Inf. court and spark, Sl. hustle, Sl. put a move on, Sl. put or slap the make on.

19. many a time frequently, oftentimes, as often as not, often enough, most often, many times; habitually, regularly, routinely, commonly.

20. on time a. punctually, precisely, sharp, exact, in good time, to the minute, Inf. on the dot. b. on credit, on an account, on trust, Chiefly Brit. Inf. on tick, Inf. on the cuff; on the installment plan, in installments, Brit. on hire-purchase, Brit. Sl. on h.p., Brit. Sl. on the never-never; on terms, on easy terms.

21. pass the time of day converse, talk, speak, chat, chitchat, confabulate, Inf. confab, coze, Brit. Dial. tell, Sl. rap, Sl. chin, Sl. chew the fat or rag, Sl. shoot the breeze or bull, Sl. bull.

22. take one's time dawdle, dally, dillydally, shilly-shally, linger, loiter, delay, tarry, drag one's feet, Inf. lallygag. Inf. take one's own sweet time, Sl. goof off or around.

23. take time by the forelock seize the day, Latin. carpe diem, take the bull by the horns, make one's move, make hay while the sun shines, Inf. make hay, strike while the iron is hot; make the most of the situation, make the best of the situation, turn [s.t.] to account, cash in on [s.t.], capitalize on [s.t.], exploit.

24. take time after time again and again, time and again, and once again, time and time again, over and over, over and over, again and over, many times over, repeatedly, recurrently.

25. time and time again over and over. See time (def. 24).

26. time of one's life Informal. good time, great time, Inf. high time, Inf. good old time, Inf. a whale of a time, Sl. one helluva time; great fun, Sl. ball, Sl. blast.

v. 27. schedule, fix or set a time.

28. record time, Inf. clock.

29. regulate, adjust, set, synchronize, Inf. put in sync.

30. keep time, mark time, measure time, count.

31. timeless, adj. everlasting, eternal, Literary. semi- eternal, Archaic. etern. perpetual, endless, unending, never-ending; ageless, deathless, dateless, immortal, undying, amaranthine, immemorial.

32. timely, adj. 1. opportune, seasonable, well-timed, Scot. timeous; auspicious, propitious, ripe, favorable; fortunate, lucky, happy, felicitous, convenient.

—adv. 2. opportunistically, seasonably, Scot. timeously; auspiciously, propitiuously; in good time; just in time, in the nick of time, none too soon, at the eleventh hour, in good time, to the minute, in short order, in a second, in an instant, in a trice, in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, Inf. in a jiffy, Inf. in two shakes or half a shake of a lamb's tail, Inf. before you can say "Jack Robinson," Inf. in no time flat; quickly, speedily, swiftly, forthwith, summarily, with dispatch, expeditiously, apace, Sl. PDQ.

33. timepiece. n. 1. timer, chronometer, chronoscope, chronograph, Trademark. Chronotron; metronome.

2. clock, clock watch, Horol. repeater, timekeeper, Sl. ticker; watch, wrist watch, pocket watch; hourglass; sundial, horologue; water clock, clepsydra.

34. timeserver, n. opportunist, self-seeker, gold digger, fortune hunter, Fig. soldier of fortune, Obs. timepleaser; double-dealer, double-cropper, snake in the grass; weathercock, chameleon, trimmer, temporer; toady, toadeater, sycophant, tufthunter, bootlicker, Inf. apple-polisher, Sl. brown-noser.

35. timeserving, adj. selfish, self-seeking, self-serving, self-indulgent; opportunistic, careerist, ambitious for oneself, Inf. looking out for number one, Obs. timepleasing; venal, mercenary, fortune-hunting, gold-digging, Inf. on the make, Inf. on the take, Inf. on the hustle; untrustworthy, false-hearted, treacherous, perfidious, double-dealing, double-crossing, Sl. backstabbing; obsequious, servile, slavish, subservient.

36. timeworn, adj. 1. ancient, aged, archaic, antique, out-worn, the worse for wear, time-scarred, weathered, battered, Inf. beat-up; ragged, decrepit, moth-eaten; shabby, seedy, run-down; dilapidated, decrepit, ramshackle, tumbledown, broken-down, crumbling.

2. antiquated, dated, out of date, out, passé, obsolescent.

37. timid, adj. 1. timorous, pusillanimous, fearful, fearsome, afraid, afraid of one's own shadow, frightened, scared, Inf. chicken, Inf. shaking in one's boots; unnaturally, faint-hearted, weak-hearted, lily-livered, white-livered, having no backbone, with a chicken-liveredness, chicken-liveredness, SI. chicken-hearted, Inf. chicken-hearted, Inf. chicken-livered, Inf. pantywaist, Inf. yellow, Sl. yellow-bellied, Sl. candy-assed; cowardly, craven, dastardly, Archaic. niddling, Archaic. caififf.

2. shy, bashful, diffident, coy, demure, retiring, shrinking, sheepish, blushing, poor in spirit, Archaic. verecund.

38. timidity, n. 1. timorousness, pusillanimity, fearfulness, fearsomeness, lily-liveredness, faint-heartedness, weak-heartedness, Inf. chicken-heartedness, Inf. chicken-liveredness, Sl. yellowbelliedness; cowardice, cowardliness, dastardliness, poltroonery, craveness; faint heart, weak knees, white feather, no backbone, a backbone of banana, Inf. chicken heart, Inf. funk, Sl. cold feet, Sl. yellow streak.
2. shyness, bashfulness, diffidence, demureness, coy-ness, sheepishness, Archaic. secrescency.  

**tincture**

**n.** 1. infusion, insinuation, injection, imbue-ment, imbriquement, installation, incubation, in-pregnation, implantation, infiltration; intermixture, strain, vein, streak, element.  
2. tint, coloring, shade. See **tinge** (def. 3).  
3. trace, hint, suggestion; flavor, scent, smell; touch, smack, smattering, dash See **tinge** (defs. 4, 5).  
—v. 4. tint, color, tone. See **tinge** (def. 1).  
5.lace, streak, interweave, intermix, intermingle, shoot through with, inject; infuse, imbue, imbrue, in-still, ingrain, inculcate, impregnate; implant; infiltrate, suffuse, permeate.  

**tinder**

**n.** kindling, fagot, touchwood, punk, amadou; shavings, twigs, brushwood, brush, peat, buffalo chips, leaves, paper, newspaper; firewood, wood, logs, Southern U.S. lightwood; combustible, fuel, lighter fluid, kerosine, gasoline; charcoal, coal.  

tine, n. prong, projection, tooth, fang, Anat., Zool., Bot. cusp; spike, nail, spine, needle, quill, bristle, thorn, outshoot, Zool. spiculum.  

tinge, v. 1. tint, tincture, color; dye, stain, wash, paint.  
2. flavor, season, spice, add [s.t.] to; scent, give [s.t.] a smell or fragrance or aroma.  
—n. 3. tint, tincture, tint, coloring, hue, shade, tone, cast; stain, dye, wash, paint.  
4. trace, hint, suggestion, suspicion, soupçon, Inf. —v. 4. tint, tint, coloring, shade. See **tinge** (def. 3).  

**tinker**

**v.** prickle, tickle, creep, crawl, sting, tingle, v. tint, tincture, color, tone; dye, stain, infusion, insinuation, injection, impregnation; clinquant, metallic yarn.  
1. prickle, tickle, creep, crawl, sting, smart, itch; shiver, quiver, shake, palpitate, have tremors, have goose pimples, Sl. have the trembles; prick, scratch.  
—n. 2. excitement, thrill, agitation, Sl. trembles; quiver, tremor, shiver, shiver up one's spine, shudder; pins and needles, Sl. prickles, incrustation, Pathol. parasthesia, itchiness, itch, scratchiness; numbness, stupor, chill, goose flesh or bumps or pimples.  

**tinker**

**n.** itinerant; mender, fixer, patcher, repairman, Sl. Mr. or Miss Fixit, serviceman; jack-of-all-trades, mechanic, troubleshooter, mechanical wizard, Swiss clockmaker.  
2. bungler, Sl. klutz, botcher, Sl. screw-up artist; tout, oaf, Sl. lumphead.  
—v. 3. mend, repair, patch, touch up, doctor, fix; restore, renovate, put in working order, put back in shape, make like new.  
4. bungle, botch, spoil, mar, damage, hack, break; mess up, Sl. screw up, Sl. louse up, Sl. foul up.  
5. putter, fiddle around, Inf. diddle, dawdle; fool around, Inf. monkey around; trifle, fumble, toy with, play with.  

tinkle, v. jingle, ring, ding, chime, peal; clink, clank, jangle; toll, knell, sound; murmursusurrus, whisper, plash, lap.  

tinsel, n. 1. spangle, clinquant, metallic yarn.  
2. ostentation, show, gilding, frillerny, affectation, Archaic. frounce; falseness, unreality, make-believe, pinchbeck, sham, hypocrisy; pretentiousness, Sl. dog, airs, artificiality, pretension; pomp, glitter, display, spectacle; ornateness, flamboyance, gaudiness, garish-ness, floridity; frivolity, triviality, insignificance, meaninglessness, unimportance, hollowness, shallow-ness.  
—adj. 3. ostentatious, showy, gaudy, garish, flashy, flamboyant; clinquant, glittering, sparkling, ornate; loud, conspicuous, glaring; tawdry, meretricious, Inf. honky-tonk, cheap, slick, second-rate, dime-store; trashy, gimmick, Inf. chintzy, Inf. tacky, Sl. rinky-dink, tasteless, indelicate, unsuitable; pretentious, affected, artificial, surface, skin-deep; imita-tion, fake, false, pinchbeck, Inf. phony, counterfeit, sham; shallow, hollow, frivolous, trivial, insignificant, unimportant; meaningless, worthless, valueless, insubstantial, aimless.  

**tint**

**n.** 1. hue, shade, tone, cast. See **tinge** (def. 3).  
2. pastel, soft or delicate color, subtle or subdued or muted color, light or pale or faint color.  
3. dye, hair coloring, wash, solution, Chem. aniline dye, Obs. taint; coloring, colorant, pigment, stain.  
—v. 4. (all of hair) color, darken, frost, streak, lighten, bleach; (all with color) imbue, infuse, instill, impregnate, imbue, suffuse; tinge, tincture, color.  

tintinnabulation, n. ring, ringing, ding, ding-dong, chime, peal, clang, clanger; reverberation, resounding, Sl. bong; jingle, tinkle.  

tiny, adj. little, very small, diminutive, miniature, vest-pocket, bantam, baby, wee, Inf. teeny; microscopic, animalcular, invisible to the naked eye, atom-like; like a hop-o'-my-thumb or Tom Thumb, Inf. pint-size, dwarfish, Med. nanos, dwarf, midget, pug-my, Inf. peewee, elfin, Lilliputian; petite, minkin, dainty, delicate; puny, runy, stunted, shrunk, Inf. sawed-off, snub; minute, infinitesimal, miniscule; mi-nor, paltry, not worth mentioning, insignificant, in-consequential, unimportant, slight, trifling; All Baby Talk. teeny-weeny, teensy-weeny, eensy-weeny, itty-bitty. itsy-bitsy.  

tip, n. 1. point, nib, nea, cusp, cuspid; sprout, shoot, Bot. apiculus; cap, crown, head, cover; apogee, extremity, terminal, terminus.  
2. top, summit, apex, vertex, zenith, acme, meridian, tipton; pinnacle, peak, crest, heights; spire, steeple, cupola, loft, aerie.  
3. insert, inset, addition, tip-in, tip-on.  
—v. 4. crown, cap, top, pinnacle, surmount, Brit. nib; sharpen, acumenate, whet, Metalworking. point.  
5. nip, pinch, break off; snap, prune, clip, crop, trim, poll, pollard, cut, lop off.  

tip, v. 1. tilt, lean, list, slant, cant, incline.  
2. upset, overturn, overthrow, topple, subvert, cap-size; turn over, turn upside down, turn turtle, turn topsy-turvy.  
3. Fall over, keel over, topple over, tumble over, tip over.  
—n. 4. incline, inclination, slope, slant, cant, rake, bias, tilt.  

tip, n. 1. gratuity, consideration, fee, lagniappe, baksheesh, Fr. pourboire.  
2. hint, suggestion, Inf. pointer, Sl. steer; advice, piece or word of advice, counsel, admonition, word to the wise; clue, Inf. tip-off, Inf. bug or flea in the ear; warning, forewarning, caution.  
—v. 3. tip off Informal. a. inform, tell, ap-prise, let know, have one to know, give one to understand, enlighten, notify, acquaint, Inf. clue in, Inf. let [s.o.] in on [s.t.], Inf. tout after [s.t.], Sl. put [s.o.] on to [s.t.]. b. forewarn, precaution, warn, Rare. premonish; alert, warn, give fair warning, put on guard, put on the qui vive, Sl. give the high sign to; caution, admonish, advise, say a word to the wise, Inf. put a bug in [s.o.’s] ear.  

tipple, v. 1. (all of alcoholic beverages) drink, tope, house, Inf. booze, bibble, nip, Archaic. dram; drink like a fish, drink hard, drink seriously; get drunk. Sl. get plastered or pickled, Brit. Sl. get bevedied; All Inf.
tirade, n. diatribe, invective, philippic, screed, fatigued, weary, wearied, worn out, tired.

1. adj. wearisome, wearying, wearing, tiresome.

2. tipsy, adj. intoxicated, inebriate, in-drunken, drunkard, sot, soak, toper, toss-tippler, bushed, fagged, fagged out Inf. tuckered out, sure, obloquy, vilification, scurrility; curse, tired of

2. of, sick of, sick and SII. poop Inf. tire out; exhaust, enervate, lethargize; wind, fag, bawling-out, 5/. chewing-out, castigation. SII. tongue-lashing, Inf. SI. slught; contumely, billingsgate, condemnation, censure, stream of abuse, bitter harangue, verbal on-fed Inf. fed up, tired of; fed up to the teeth, pooped out, tired, Archaic. played out, burned out, wiped out, spent, Inf. send one to sleep; trouble, bother, wear on, annoy, ir-rate, ix, exasperate, tax [s.o.'s] patience, Inf. get.

tired, adj. fatigued, weary, wearied, worn out, Inf. tuckered out, Inf. bushed, fagged, faged out played out, burned out, wiped out, spent, Archaic. forspent; exhausted, Sl. dead, dead on one's feet, dead tired, Inf. dog-tired, tired out, overtired, done in, all in, ready to drop; drowsy, sleepy, half-asleep, groggy, Sl. dopey, Sl. drugged; All Sl. shot, beat, pooped out, pooped out, (with have) had it.

1. Usu. "tired" bored with or of, sick of, sick and tired of Inf. fed up, Inf. fed up to the teeth, Inf. fed or had it up to here, Sl. fed to the gills.

3. bored, world-wearied, life-wearied, jaded, blasé.

4. stale, worn, hackneyed, commonplace, cliché; trite, platitudeous, Inf. bromidic.

tissue, n. 1. tissue, gasser, chipoff, Georgette, crepe de Chine, silk, faille; mesh, net, netting, lace, webbing; fabric, cloth, textile.

2. web, network, reticulation, plexus, nexus; interweaving, combination, assemblage, collection, set, accumulation, mass, conglomeration.

3. parchment, onion skin, tissue paper.

titanic, adj. huge, gigantic, gargantuan, enormous, Archaic. enorm, immense, great, prodigious, herculean; vast, massive, large-scale, mammoth, jumbo, colossal, monumental, monstrous, gigantic, cyclopean, Brobdignagian; towering, staggering, mountainous, stupendous, tremendous, Sl. humongous; elephantine, hippocampic, leviathan, dinosaurian; All Inf. whopping, roaring, spanking, walloping, strapping.

tip for tat, n. revenge, retaliation, requital, counterblow, countercause; Latin. quid pro quo, a Roland for an Oliver, blow for a blow, eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, measure for measure, pound for pound, lex talonis, talion; dose or taste of one's own medicine, just deserts, Inf. what's coming to one, U.S. Inf. comeuppance.

titillate, v. 1. tickle, titivate, stroke lightly, pet, twiddle; massage, khead, manipulate.

2. excite, thrill, arouse, turn on, stimulate; strike one's fancy, tickle one's fancy, interest, intrigue; captivate, fascinating, entrance, charm; attract, allure, tempt, seduce, enchant, transport.

3. delight, please, refresh, tickle pink, tickle to death; amuse, entertain, exhilarate, tickle one's funny bone.

titillation, n. 1. tickling, titivating, stimulating, petting, massaging, rubbing, kneading, manipulation, handling.

2. excitement, thrill, arousal, stimulation; captivation, fascination, entertainment, enchantment; amusement, entertainment, exhilaration; Both SI. kicks, jollies.

title, n. 1. book name, story name, cover inscription, subtitle; headline, head, banner, header head or line, streamer; heading, subheading, subhead, lemma; caption, rubric, legend, inscription, Journalism. cutline, Motion Pictures. subtitle.

2. name, denomination, designation, Both Gramar. nominative, noun; appellation, compellation, honorific; formal, of address, term of respect; given name, Christian name, praenomen, family name, last name, surname, patronymic, metronymy; nickname, sobriquet, cognomen, agnomen, pet name, diminutive; by-name, byword, apppellative, epithet, style, trade name, trademark, Sl. handle, Sl. moniker; label, tag, Computer Tech. address; pseudonym, anonymous, allynom, alias, assumed name, Fr. nom de guerre, pen name, nom de plume, stage name, Fr. nom de théâtre.

3. deed, title deed, proof of ownership, documentation, document, legal paper, instrument; ownership, proprietorship, possession, possession, holding, tenure, demesne, Law. domain, Archaic. aught; interest, concern, stake, share.

4. grounds, good reason, due cause, Law. cause; right, just claim, droit; birthright, due, privilege, pre-
toady, n. sycophant, toadeater, fawner, flat-
n. snicker, snigger, laugh under one's breath
1. scuttlebutt, hearsay,
Inf. tittle-tattle,
sycophantic, sycophantical, syco-
adj. 1.
titter
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Uncle Tom,
puppet, slave, dupe, instrument, tool, cat's-paw, rub-
lick, bootlicker, lickspit, lickspittle, kowtower,
U.S. or
terer, fawning flatterer, truckler, tufthunter, courtier,
report,
Fr. ouï-dire,
dope,
bruit;
yes man, jackal, spaniel, boot-
pick-
brownie,
noser,
SI.
brown-
(in medieval Germany)
boyar,
name only, so-called, self-
SI.
yak, twaddle, blather.

—v. 5. name, nickname, dub, entitle, christen,
rogative; license, freedom, liberty; immunity, exempt-
tag, term, style, stereotype.

titter, v. snicker, snigger, laugh under one's breath
or to oneself, laugh up or in one's sleeve, chuckle,
show one's amusement; te-heel, giggle, cackle, chrip,
chirrup; laugh at, mock; smirk, grin, smile at, simper,
mouth, Sl. mug, Archaic. mow; sneer, curl one's lip at.
title-tattle, n. 1. gossip, Scuttlebutt, hearsay,
Fr. ouï-dire, report, Archaic. bruit; Sl. dope, In-
side, Sl. poorn; prattle, idle talk, Sl. schmooze,
small talk, palaver, Scot. clishmaclaver; chat, chitchat,
Sl. yakety-yak, Sl. yak, twaddle, blather.

—v. 2. talk, Infl. blab, gossip, rumor, bruit,
Scot. clishmaclaver, spread stories; prattle, prate, palaver;
chatter, chat, chitchat, Sl. yak, Sl. schmooze; gibber,
blather, gabble, run off at the mouth, Sl. jaw, show
the breeze.
titular, adj. 1. naming, denominative, designative,
designatory, identifying, labeling, Gram. nominative;
appellative, compellative, honorific, honorificial, titu-
larly; sobriquetical, cognominal, epithetic, epithetical.
2. named, dubbed, labeled, tagged, called, Archaic.
yclept or cleat, Archaic. high; titled, noble, royal,
regal, blue-blooded, highborn, aristocratic, patrician,
silk-stocking; official, high-born, high-born lord,
big.
3. nominal, in title or name only, so-called,
self-called, self-christened, self-styled, Fr. soi-disant;
empyrean, powerless, token,
(0f governments) puppet; formal,
ex officio; honorary, Latin. honoris causa.

—n. 4. official, magistrate, officebearer, office-
holder, officer, pooh bah, Brit. placeman, Rare. offi-
ciary; dignitary, VIP, big shot, big man, heavy,
Inf. brass, Inf. bigwig; noble, nobleman, noblewoman,
gentleman, gentlewoman; king, prince, czar, emperor,
shiek, Khan, rajah, maharajah; grand duke, archduke,
Lord, milord, peer, duke, marquis, Hist. margrave,
earl, count, viscount, baron; grandee, magnifico, don,
hidalgo; baronet, lordling, Scot. Hist. thane,
prince-ly, princely; seigneur, Jap. Daimyo,
Nepalese Hist. daimyo, signor, signor; squire, Scot. laird,
Russian Hist. boyar, (in medieval Germany) land-
grave; knight, cavalier, Fr. Hist. chevalier, Hist. ban-
eret, armiger; queen, sovereign queen, princess,
czarina, empress, maharanee, maharani, rani, lady,
malady, dame, begum, margravine, shahzadi; duchess,
archduchess, grand duchess, countess, countess,
viscountess, baroness, marchioness, peeress.

5. eponym, who [s.o.] is named after.
toady, n. 1. sycophant, toadeater, fawner, flat-
er, fawning flatterer, truckler, tuthunter, courtier,
wheeler, puffer, backslider, backscratcher, timeserver,
Inf. apple-polisher, Sl. brown-noser, Sl. brown-
noser, Sl. brownie, Obs. Rare. blander, Archaic. pick-
thank; parasite, leech, Inf. sponge or sponger, hanger-
on; flunky, lackey, Inf. yes man, jackal, spaniel, boot-
lick, bootlicker, licksip, licksipple, kowtowor, U.S.
Uncle Tom, U.S. Sl. oreo, cringer, groveler, snerver;
puppet, slave, duke, instrument, tool, cat's-paw, rub-
ber-stamp, doormat, footstool, Sl. stooge.

—v. 2. fawn, fawn upon, Sl. fall all over, truckle,
truckle to, toady to, wheedle, puff, puff up, inflate,
Sl. suck up to, Sl. play up to, Inf. apple-polish, Sl. brown-
nose, Sl. get brownie points; lick [s.o.'s] shoes, lick or
kiss [s.o.'s] feet, Inf. be a yes man to, Inf. bootlick,
kowtow, bow, bow and scrape, stoop, kneel, fall on
one's knees, prostrate oneself; grovel, crawl, creep,
crouch, slither; cringe, cower, squirm.
toadyish, adj. 1. sycophantic, sycophantical, syco-
phantish, fawning, flattering, truckling, wheedling,
toading; ingratiating, timeserving, Inf. bootlicking,
Sl. apple-polishing, Sl. brown-nosing, Obs., Rare.
blandoquish; buttery, candied, uncouth, oily,
honey-moutheud, smooth-tongued, smooth-talking,
sweet-talking, Rare blandoquish.
2. slavish, servile, obsequious, Obs. obsequious, sub-
servient, menial, Obs., Rare. vernile; submissive, doc-
ile, unassertive, compliant, tractable, acquiescent,
deferrential; in a bow-mouthed, U.S. Tomish or Un-
terms; prostrate, obeisant, on one's knees; abject, base,
mean, beggarly, beggared; groveling, crawling, creep-
ing, crouching, sneaking, slithering; squirming, cring-
ing, covering; whining, whimpering, sniveling.
toadyism, n. 1. sycophancy, sycophantism,
flatter, fawning, truckling, wheedling, toadeating, tuft-
hunting, lip-homage, mouth-honor, unctuousness,
Inf. soft soap, Inf. bootlicking, Inf. apple-polishing,
Sl. brown-nosing, Rare. blandoquish, Obs., Rare.
blandation, Obs., Rare. blandoquy.
2. slavishness, servility, obsequiousness, subservience,
Obs. vernility; submissionness, docility, unassertive-
cness; compliant, acquiescence, deference, tractabil-
ity, tractability; prostration, obeisance, abjection,
abjectness, self-abasement; groveling, crawling, creep-
ing, crouching, slithering; squirming, cringing, covering;
whining, whimpering, sniveling.
to-and-fro, adv., adj. 1. back-and-forth, side-to-
side, up-and-down, in-and-out, zigzag, seesaw, this
way and that; alternating, reciprocal.
—n. 2. alternation, coming and going,ebb and
flow, flux and reflex, systole and diastole; seesawing,
teetering, teeter-tottering.
toast, v. heat or heat up, warm or warm up, brown,
cook lightly, grill, roast.
toast, n. 1. salutation, pledge health; cheers,
cheerio, skoal, your health, Fr. santé, Fr. salut, Latin.
prosil, Hebrew. I'chayim, Yiddish, alarm gun, fire
alarm, siren, whistle, horn, foghorn,
2. the present, now, this moment, this time, this age,
this period, this era.
—v. 2. propose a toast, pledge; drink a toast, drink
to [s.o.'s] health, clink glasses.
toastmaster, n. symposiarch, master or mistress of
ceremonies, Inf. emcee, M.C.; host, hostess, intro-
ducer; raconteur, storyteller, anecdoteist; joker,
jokester, quipster; moderator, interlocutor, coor-
ordinator; facilitator; chairman, chairwoman, chair-
person, chair.
tocin, n. signal, alarm bell, alarm, alert, warning
or alarm gun, fire alarm, siren, whistle, horn, foghorn,
Inf. alarm, Inf. red light, red flag, danger signal, yel-
low light or flag, flashing light; cry of distress, call for
help, SOS, May Day.
today, n. 1. this present day, this very day.
2. the present, now, this moment, this time, this
period, this era.
—adv. 3. on this present day, on this very day, Fr.
aujourd'hui, Ger. heute.
4. at the present time, in these days, in this day
and age.
toddle, v. dodder, falter, wobble, move unsteadily;
hobble, limp, hitch, halt, pause, hesitate; totter, Chief-
to-do, n. Informal. ado, bustle, hustle and bustle,
hustle, flurry, flutter, buzzing or flitting about, scurry,
hurry-scurry, running around, doing, Sometimes Face-
tious. do; busyness, stir, activity, action, motion,
movement; fuss, and feathers, bother, pother, trouble;
much ado about nothing, tempest in a teapot,
storm in a teacup, Inf. mudge, Inf. commotion, Inf.
sweat, Inf. stew, Inf. flummery, Inf. confusion, excitement, furor, commotion, hubbub,
noise; agitation, Archaic. pucker, tempest, storm, dis-
quiet, unrest; disturbance, tumult, turmoil, tumultuousness, uproar, hurly-burly, hurly-bouhaha.

together, adv. 1. in unison, in concert, all at once, together, en masse, as a group, Fr. ensemble, Ger. zusammen.
2. collectively, conjointly, Inf. put together.
3. simultaneously, at the same time, in the same breath, Fr. en même temps; synchronously, contemporaneously, concurrently, concomitantly, coincidentally.
4. without interruption, in succession, successively, consecutively, in a row.
5. in cooperation, conjointly, shoulder to shoulder, side by side, arm in arm, hand in hand, hand in glove, closely.
6. reciprocally, mutually.


toll, n. 1. labor, travail, sweat of one's brow, Inf. elbow grease; moil, drudgery, grind, menial work; hard work, hard labor, slavery; exertion, effort, strain, struggle, laboriousness, plodding, Inf. plugging, pegging; industry, industriousness, openness, diligence.
2. work or work hard, slog, moil, drudge, grub, grind, put one's shoulder to the wheel, put one's nose to the grindstone; work one's fingers to the bone, slave or slave away, work like a slave, work like a dog, work like a Trojan, Sl. kill oneself; work day and night, burn the midnight oil, burn the candle at both ends, overdo, overwork, overextend oneself; sweat, struggle, Sl. beat one's brains out; peg away at, Inf. plug away at, Inf. hack away at, hammer away at; plod along, keep trying, perseverance; force oneself, push oneself, strain oneself, exert oneself, make an effort, work at, apply oneself to.

toll, n. 1. net, snare, spring, gin, trap; mouse-trap, 2. laboratory, inf. washroom.

toleration, n. 1. freedom from bigotry, lack of prejudice, liberal spirit, democratic spirit, dispersion, open-mindedness, receptivity; mercy, lenity, indulgence, clemency, quarter; benevolence, charity, good will, philanthropy, altruism, kindness, brotherly love, benignity, humanity, fellow feeling, sympathy, bonhomie.
2. endurance, toleration, sufferance, forbearance, sustainment, abidingness; patience, stoicism, resignation, resignation, acceptance, long-suffering, longanimity.

tolerant, adj. unprejudiced, unbigoted, liberal, undogmatic, broad-minded, open-minded, catholic, latitudinarian; level-headed, imperturbable, dispassionate, moderate, philosophical; merciful, lenient, indulgent, accepting, tolerant, benevolent, humanitarian, humane, large-hearted, magnanimous, sympathetic, charitable, kindly, considerate, altruistic, philanthropic; patient, forbearing, abiding, enduring, long-suffering, uncomplaining; meek, soft, gentle, submissive, easy-going, compliant.

tolerance, n. 1. permit, admit, allow; recognize, accord, oblige, gratify, indulge; sanction, permit, allow,许可, tolerate, agreeable; experienceable.
2. memento, souvenir, keepsake, reminder, memorial.

toilet, n. 1. flush toilet, Nautilus head, Sl. john, Sl. johnny, Sl. can, Inf. crapper, Circus donicker, hopper, Sl. trash can, Inf. potty, latrine, Turkish toilet, Euph. facilities; urinal, Fr. pissoir.
2. bathroom, Euph. basement, water closet, Chiefly Brit. w.c., closet, Brit. ablation, Chiefly Brit. convenience, Chiefly New Eng. necessary, Facetious. reading room, Brit. Sl. loo; rest room, comfort station, men's room, Sl. gents, boys' or little boys' room, women's or ladies' room, Sl. ladies, girls' or little girls' room; privy, outhouse, backhouse, stool, cloaca, Chiefly Dial. jakes, Brit. Sl. bogs, Sl. one- or two-holer.
3. dressing room, powder room, lounge, lavatory, Fr. lavabo, washroom.
4. dressing, bathing, Circus. crumb-up, wash-up, manicure, hairdressing, coiffure, apparel, dress, costume, attire, Inf. duds, garb, Archaic. vesture, Chiefly Literary. wear, dress.

tolisome, adj. laborious, arduous, difficult, Sl. bitchy, hard, tough; herculean, strenuous, rugged; onerous, burdensome, backbreaking, uphill; fatiguing, tiresome, wearying, wearisome, wearing, taxing, ener vating, draining, exhausting; troublesome, urchsome.
toll, v. strike, sound, ring, ring the knell, knell, peal.

toll, n. payment, recompense; assessment, exaction, fee, dues, charge; rate, tribute, duty, tax, levy, tariff, impost.

tomb, n. 1. grave, resting place, sepulcher, crypt, catacombs, vault, burial chamber, shrine, reliquary.

2. pyramid, mastaba, dolmen, cromlech; cerotom, memorial.

tomboy, n. gamine, hoyden, romp, minx, imp, urchin, whipper snapper; schoolgirl. Inf. filly.

tone, n. 1. tommyrot, gamine, hoyden, romp, minx, imp, urchin, tomboy.

2. payment, recompense; assessment, enumeration, compendium.

tommolyer, n. 1. antiquities, caper. Inf. shenangans, sl. monkeyshines, sl. monkey business; mockery, farce, mummery; mischief, prankishness, Inf. hanky-panky, Scot. and North Eng. daffing.

prank, escapade, trick, practical joke, roguish trick, Fr. espièglerie; foolery, foolplay, horseplay, frolic, spire, lark, skylarking; clownery, clownishness, zaniness; buffoonery, buffoonism, buffoonishness, harlequinade; joking, jesting, jocosity, jocoseness, jocularity, waggishness, waggery, drollery; levity, frivolity, facetiousness; silliness, childishness, insincerity, puerility, juvenility.

2. absurdity, inanity, pointlessness, fatuity, fatuousness, foolishness, folly; senselessness, meaningless, nonsense, Archaic. insipience; unreasonableness, irrationality, illogic, illogicality; extravagance, preposterousness; asininity, idiocy, imbecility. Inf. moronism, stupidity, téte; craziness, sl. kookiness, madness, insanity; peculiarity, strangeness, oddity, sl. screwiness, sl. goofiness.

tommyrot, n. 1. nonsensical, pedantic, pedanticism, pedantry, pedantryism, dry, pedantic, pedantry, pedantryism, sl. pedant, pedant.

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right words, think what to say, say what one means.
6. **hold one's tongue** be silent, keep silent, keep one's mouth shut, muzzle oneself, not breathe a word, say nothing, keep mum, not utter a word; refuse comment, save one's breath; keep one's own counsel, not open one's mouth.

7. **slip of the tongue** mistake in speaking, slip, Freudian slip, wrong or bad or false move, blunder, faux pas, gaffe, stupidity, indiscretion.

8. **tongue in cheek or with tongue in cheek** in fun, in jest, in play; kiddling, jokingly, jestingly, facetiously; mockingly, insincerely, sarcastically, ironically.

**tongue-tied**, adj. 1. speechless, dumbstruck, dumbstricken, struck dumb, dumbfounded, Inf. choked up, wordless; inarticulate, Pathol. aphasic, unable to get a word out; shocked, amazed, astounded, Inf. floored, paralysed, at a loss for words.
2. quiet, silent, close-mouthed, tight-lipped, voiceless, mum, mute; taciturn, reserved, bashful, shy, reticent; uncommunicative, uncompressed, unconversational, untalkative.

**tonic**, n. 1. medicine, Med. roborant, Med. analeptical, restorative, cordial, ptisan, Inf. bracer; invigorant, stimulant, pickup.
2. refresher, boost, Inf. pick-me-up, Inf. pick-up, upper, Inf. shot in the arm, Inf. ego trip; pep talk, build-up, inspiration, uplifting, incentive.

---adj. 3. invigorating, stimulating, animating, enlivening, vivifying, vitalizing, bracing, invigorative; energizing, fortifying, strengthening; restorative, re-storing, remedial, curative, analeptical; healthful, healthy, Med. euphoric, salubrious, salutary, salubiferous, wholesome.

**too**, adj. 1. in addition, additionally, also, besides, as well, to boot, ditto, as well as; furthermore, further, over and above, moreover, more than that; together with that, therewithal, thereto; along with, together with, in conjunction with, conjointly.
2. extremely, excessively, inordinately, immoderate.

---SI. contraption, gimmick; aid, Inf. toosy, beyond what is fitting.
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**top**, n. 1. apex, vertex, summit, apogee, Latin. *ultra plus ultra*; pinnacle, peak, crest, heights; tip-top, tip, point, spire.
2. crown, Anat. corona, headpiece, cap; steetle, belly, cupula, loaf, aerie; roof, ceiling, overlay, screen, lid; All Archit. cornice, entablature, epistyle, architrave, frieze, cover, covering.
3. stem, stalk, shoot, sprout, nib, neb, Böt. apiculus.
4. beginning, start, first, outset, commence ment, inception, genesis; head, first place or position; lead; front, forefront, vanguard, van, advance.
5. leader, pilot, guide, director, conductor; captain, chief, commander, president, chairman, chairwoman, master, headmaster, Educ. dean, Eccles. superior; supervisor, superintendent, manager, foreman, boss, taskmaster, Inf. top dog, Sl. big shot.
6. acme, zenith, climax, culmination, meridian, maximum, crowning point, Med. fastigium; sublimity, supremacy, perfection, consummation; prime, best, finest, utmost, uttermost, extreme, U.S. Sl. the most, U.S. Sl. the greatest.

---adj. 7. summittal, apical, highest, uppermost, topmost, tip-top, apogeeal, apogeean, upper, lofty, supernal, transcendent; culminating, culminant, climactic, climactical, crowning.
8. best, finest, prime, choicest, greatest, maximal, ut most, uttermost; superlative, superior, excellent, ace, first-rate, top-grade, top-drawer, topnotch, top-dog, Sl. crackjack; sublime, supreme, consummate, perfect; peerless, incomparable, unequaled, second to none, nonpareil, unparalleled, Fr. sans pareil.
9. foremost, preeminent, paramount, first, leading; chief, principal, head, ruling, sovereign; main, major, dominant.

---v. 10. cap, crown, sit atop or on, pinnacle, tip, Brit. nib; climb, mount, ascend, scale; reach, gain, achieve, attain, accede, arrive at, get to.
11. exceed, go beyond, rise above or over; excel, surpass, transcend, eclipse, overshadow, outdo, outstrip, outshine; best, better, beat, win over, prevail over; clear, surmount, overtop, pass over, hurdle, vault, ride over, leap or jump over.
12. replenish, refill, fill up, resupply, refresh, freshen; top-dress, manure, fertilize, enrich, feed.
13. crop, trim, prune, snip, clip, poll, pollard, lop or cut off; nip, pinch, break off.

**topcoat**, n. overcoat, ulster, greatcoat, surcoat, surtout, trench coat, mackintosh.

**tope**, v. (all of alcoholic beverages) drink, tipple, house, Inf. booze, bibble, nip, Archaic. dram; drink like a fish, drink hard, drink seriously; get drunk, Sl. get plastered or pickled or looped, Brit. Sl. get bevied; All Inf. gargle, wet or moisten one's whistle, take a drop, chug, chug-a-lug, lap, lap up, commune with the
spirits, drown one's sorrows; All Sl. hit the sauce or bottle or booze, knock a few back, liquor up, souse, dip the beak, exercise or crook or bend or raise the elbow; carouse, revel, wassail, go on a spree, Sl. go on a binge or bender or hellbender or tear or toot or bat or jag, Sl. tie one on, Sl. barhop, Sl. bar-crawl, Brit. Sl. pub-crawl.

toper, n. drunk, drunkard, sot, soak, tippler, toper, or n.

upside down, wrong side up adv.
1. topsy-turvy, 1. now, immediate, up-to-
topple, v. pitch, lurch, stagger; collapse, fall, uppermost, top, tiptop, highest, adj.
torch, n. 1. Brit. SI. tie one on, barhop, SI. SI. bar-crawl, elbow; carouse, revel, wassail, go on a spree, go on
or bend or dip the beak, exercise or a binge or or or or tear a charge.

torque, inertia, stagnation, supineness, Archaic. lenguide, (in the Middle East) kef; lifelessness, inanimateness, inanimation, deadness.
2. dormancy, dormire, latency; sleepiness, slumber, drowsiness, doziness, somnolence.
3. lethargy, phlegm, heaviness, dullness, sluggishness, languor, languidness, languorousness, laggardness, Archaic. languishment; listlessness, spiritlessness, passiveness, apathy, indifference, Inf. the blahs.
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torrent, n. 1. strong current, rapids, white water; flood, deluge, inundation, alluvion; freshet, flash flood, spate; overflow, spillover, cataract, waterfall, cascade; cloudburst, downpour; gullywasher, Inf. gullywomper, monsoon.
2. stream, flow, rush, flush, outpour, outpouring, gush, effusion; succession, battery, barrage, volley, outburst, burst.
torrid, adj. 1. tropical, hot, sultry, humid, steamy, steaming, muggy; sweltry, sweltering, blistering, parching, arid; boiling, sizzling, blazing, scorching; stifling, ovenlike, baking, burning, roasting; fiery, calescent, piping hot, red-hot.
2. ardent, passionate, impassioned, fervent, fervid, perfervid, inflamed, kindled; lusty, lustful, amorous, amatory, erotic, sexual.
tortuosity, n. 1. crookedness, twistedness, anfractuosity, sinuosness, tortuosity; sinuosity, curve, bend, turn, crook, twist, convolution; maze, labyrinth.
2. indirectness, circuitousness, ambagiousness, evasiveness, unstraightforwardness; deviousness, dishonesty, deceitfulness, underhandedness, surrepti-
tiousness.

tortuous, adj. 1. twisting, winding, anfractuous, flexuous, sinuous, sinuate, undulating, serpentine, snaky, serpentine, zigzag; turning, meandering, curvilinear, curved, curvy; spiraling, circling, convoluted, volute; tortile, twisted, crooked, bent; mazy, maze-like, labyrinthine; complicated, involved, difficult.

2. indirect, roundabout, circuitous, ambiguous, evasive, unstraightforward; devious, dishonest, crooked, Inf. shady, left-handed, backhand, backhanded; deceitful, fraudulent, guileful, insidious, sharp, slippery, shift, tricky; two-faced, Janus-faced, double-tongued, false-hearted.

torture. n. 1. persecution, persecuting, excruciation, torment, tormenting, torturing, martyrdom, crucifixion, crucifying; punishment, punishment, castigation; abuse, beating, flagellation, flagging, lashing, whipping; molestation, mistreatment, maltreatment, ill-treatment.

2. agony, misery, suffering, wretchedness; pain, hurt, wound, sting, pang; anguish, distress, woe, harrowment, tribulation, trouble, hell.

3. torture, infliction, rack, laceration; affliction, plague, adversity, scourge, curse, horn; atrocity, aggravement, outrage, wrong.

—v. 4. agonize, excruciate, rack, put someone on the rack, martyr, crucify; pain, hurt, scathe, lacerate, put someone through the wringer; torment, persecute, abuse, beat, SL work over, SL give someone the works, Archaic. belabor; anguish, distress, grief, afflict, plague, harrow, rend, worry, trouble, disturb, Scot. fash.

5. wring, wrest, pry out, force out, exact, extract, Low. extort.

6. contort, deform, disfigure, misshape, cripple; gnarl, convolute, twist, writhe, wrench, turn, bend, draw out of shape.

7.pervert, distort, garble, misrepresented, misrender, misinterpret, misstate, falsify; travesty, butcher, gnarl, convolute, twist, writhe, wrench, turn, bend, extract, some unknown object.


touch, v. 1. feel, finger, thumb, palm; hold, pick up, handle, manipulate, twiddle, trifile with, play with; palpatate, poke around in; examine or investigate or study with the hands, stroke, caress, pet, fondle, paw, SL feel up, Yiddish. gelt; massage, knead, rub, press, pat, tap, tamp, rap; strike, hit, pop, conk, thump; poke, jab, elbow, hit; swat, whack, smack, Inf. lay a finger or a hand on.

2. meet, be or come up against, be in or come in contact with, be contiguous with, conjoin, adjoin, abut, border on, neighbor; graze, brush or rub up against, sweep against or across, scrape or drag against or upon; press up against, bump into, glance, crash into, collide with, impinge upon.

3. attain, arrive at, make it to, get up to, up to get to, achieve, gain; measure up to, match, parallel, equal, be on a par with, be on equal footing with, Inf. stack up to; compare with, be a match for, be any comparison with, hold a candle to, be in the same class as, rival; approach, be compared with, come near, get close to, be as good as, be mentioned in the same breath as.

4. dab, dot, spot, sponge, speckle, bespeckle; mark, leave a mark on, leave a trace of; color, tint, tinge, tint, tone; lace, interweave, interlace, intersperse.

5. touch down land, make a landing, alight, hit ground, come into port or shore, drop anchor, splash down, set down, put down, dock, sink, sign, mark, indelicate, indelible; mark, leave a mark on, leave a trace of; color, tint, tinge, tint, tone; lace, interweave, intersperse.

6. effect, have an effect or impact on, influence, impress, make an impression; imbue, fill, inject with, instill with, ingrain with, inculcate with, indoctrinate with; inspire, inspire, infect with, rouse, fire up, get all fired up, charge up, arouse, impression, excite, stimulate.

7. reach, get through to, make contact with, get one's message to, make oneself heard, register with, make a dent in; strike a chord or familiar chord in, come home
11. touch off a. initiate, begin, start off, Inf. kick off; set in motion, be the impetus or instigation for, motivate. b. set off, actuate, trigger, ignite, light, inflame, Inf. set the match to. c. invoke, bring to mind, bring back or up, help [s.o.] recall or remember, refresh [s.o.'s] memory.

12. touch up (of a painting, photograph, etc.) improve, better, enhance, spruce up, brush up, polish up, perfect, put the finishing touches on, cultivate, top off; fix, fix up, patch up, repair, cure, heal, doctor, make corrections in, straighten out, rectify; cover up defects in, refurbish, give a face-lift to, disguise, gloss over, whitenash; amend, modify, change, rework, redo, revamp, rearrange; refine, revise, rewrite, edit, emend, emendate.

—n. 13. fingering, thumbing, palming; holding, handling, manipulation, twiddling; stroking, petting, caressing, fondling, pawing, SL feeling up; palpation, massaging, kneading, rubbing, pressing.

14. contact, traction, tangency, contiguousness, contiguity; abuttal, abutment, adjacency, juxtaposition; connection, conjunction, juncture, junction.

15. tactility, tactile sense, sense of touch or feeling, feel; feeling, sensation.

16. feel, feeling, denier, granulation, grain, texture, weave; structure, make composition, make-up; finish, coating, surface, veneer, outside.

17. technique, approach, attack, tack, procedure, routine, system, mode of operation, Inf. MO, Latin. modus operandi; style, way, manner, bedside manner, manner of working; sensitivity, sensitiveness, intuitiveness, sixth sense, perceptivity, perception, insight, understanding.

18. dexterity, adroitness, right-handedness, deftness, slight, slight of hand, legerdemain; facility, skillfulness, neatness, felicity, finesse; skill, knack, faculty, ability, talent, gift, flair, genius, art, trick.

19. stroke, pat, tap, tamp, rap; swath, whack, smack, poke, jab, Inf. swipe; strike, hit, blow.

20. tad, dab, smack; bit, dash, smattering; trace, hit, suggestion; cast, coloring, tincture. See tinge (defs. 3, 5).

21. stroke, brush, line, jot, dash; detail, little thing, last addition.

22. action, movement, motion, operation, quality or level of performance or functioning or execution; springiness, quickness, ability to respond or react quickly, Mach. responsiveness; precision, fineness, detailing, subtleness, sublety.
touchstone, n. 1. norm, standard, criterion; measure, gauge, scale, yardstick; reference point, point of reference, bench mark; acid test, proof, test, try-out, trial, Obs. assay; guideline, rule of thumb, guide, Eccles. formulary.

2. ideal, exemplar, example, paradigm; model, pattern, prototype, archetype.

touchy, adj. 1. testy, irritable, tetchy, snappish, Inf. thin-skinned, sensitive, oversensitive, hypersensitive, supersensitive, easily offended.

2. precarious, risky, riskful, full of risk, chancy, Brit. Inf. dice, hazardous, ticklish, tricky, delicate, Dial. kittle; touch-and-go, uncertain, unsafe, unpredictable, unsafe, unsound, unstable, unsteady, shaky, insecure.

tough, adj. 1. strong, durable, firm, hard, rigid, adj. brawny, muscular, muscle-bound, athletic, strap.

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4. sturdy, hardy, hearty, stout, seasoned; rugged, stalwart, rigorous, Inf. hard as nails; doughty, plucky, mettlesome, Inf. gritty, intrepid, Inf. nervous.

5. unyielding, obdurate, obstinate, stubborn, inflexible, mulish; rigid, stiff-necked, stony, stern, passionless, unfelling; unsentimental, unsympathetic, hard-boiled, Sl. hard-nosed, two-fisted; callous, icy, cold, cool.

6. hard, difficult, formidable, unfathomable, insoluble; arduous, laborious, uphill, exacting; troublesome, irksome,刺, knotty, crabbed; baffling, trying, puzzling, ticklish; perplexing, involved, intricate, complicated.

7. vigorous, severe, violent, intense, keen, acute; grave, serious, dire, dreadful; furious, ferocious, fierce, wild, heavy, woolly, rigorous, raging, frantic, frenzied.

8. U.S. rough, vicious, rowdyish; unruly, rambunctious, disorderly, refractory; boisterous, riotous, noisy, uproarious.

—n. 9. U.S. ruffian, rowdy, roughneck, Inf. hard guy, Inf. tough guy, Inf. toughie, bully, animal, gorilla; hoodlum, thug, hooligan.

toughen, v. harden, firm, caseharden, indurate; temper, anneal, steel, nerve; stiffen, strengthen, tighten, rigidify; brace, buttress, shore up, Inf. beef up; fortify, reinforce, gird.

toupee, n. pig, periwig, peruke, hairpiece, Sl. rug, Sl. carpet; false hair, Brit. Inf. Jasey, merkin.

tour, n. 1. trip, excursion, run, junket, pleasure trip, sightseeing trip; journey, voyage, sail, passage, round trip; itinerary, peregrination, trek, pilgrimage, hadj; safari, expedition, shoot, stalk; jaunt, airing, outing, ride, drive; ramble, walk, promenade, stroll, perambulation, amble.

2. round, circuit, ambit, circle, cycle, orbit; beat, round, lap, loop, turn; course, track, route, run.

—v. 3. travel, sightsee, visit; go on the road, Inf. hit the trail, campaign; cruise, voyage, sail, Inf. globe-trot; peregrinate, wayfare, jaunt, trek.

tourist, n. visitor, Inf. out-of-towner, foreign visitor, sightseer, Inf. rubberneck; traveler, voyager, journeyer, excursionist, Brit. Inf. tripper, globe-trotter, world traveler, jet setter.

toussled, adj. disheveled, rumpled, mussed or mussed up, messed up, unkempt, blowzy; windblown, uncombed, Inf. every which way; disordered, disarranged, disarrayed, untidy, every which way; disorderly, disarrayed, untidy, messy, sloppy, slovenly, slatternly.

tout, v. Informal. 1. solicit, ask or ask for, request, apply for, seek, seek for; call upon, appeal to, implore, beseech, entreat, plead, beg, Brit. Inf. pray, crave; petition, supplicate, obstet, adjure, cure, Rare. sue; urge, press, importune, insist, demand; accost, approach, come up to on the street, Sl. hustle.

2. praise, laud, extol, glorify, exalt, idolize, idealize, put on a pedestal; eulogize, panegyrize, praise to high heaven; acclaim, cheer, celebrate, congratulate, Archl. gratulate; applaud, clap; compliment, flatter, Inf. pat on the back, hand it to [s.o.], give [s.o.] credit.

3. give a tip on, Inf. tip [s.o.] off, give [s.o.] inside information, Inf. give [s.o.] inside info, give [s.o.] the dope, Inf. give [s.o.] the scoop, Sl. give [s.o.] the dope.

4. watch, spy on, keep an eye on; investigate, Inf. check out, Sl. case.

5. drop, pull, haul, tug, yank, lug, trail, trawl, transport, convey, Inf. tote, carry.

toward, prep. 1. towards, in the direction of, on the road to, on the way to; straight for, in a line with.

2. in order to get or obtain, in order to attain.

3. in the area of, in the vicinity of, near, close to; turned to, facing.

4. shortly before, just before, right before, soon before, close to; near or near to, near about, nearly, nigh, almost about, not quite, practically, approximately, roughly.

5. with regard to, as regards, in or with regard to, anent, regarding, concerning, in reference to, apropos of, about.

—adj. 6. imminent, impending, near or close at hand, just about or almost here, about to happen, going to happen soon, likely to occur at any moment, momentarily, upon us.

7. going on, happening, in progress, afoot, astride.

8. propitious, favorable, auspicious, opportune, apt, appropriate, timely, seasonable, good, right, perfect, lucky, fortunate, providential; promising, bright, roseate, rosy, encouraging, looking up, optimistic, Inf. upbeat.

tower, n. 1. minaret, obelisk, pagoda, pyramid; steeple, spire, Archl. flèche, turret, Fr. tourelle; campanile, belltower, belfry; cupola, dome, onion dome; column, pillar, shaft; skyscraper, high rise.

2. citadel, fortress, bastille, fortification, acropolis, castle, stronghold, refuge; prison, dungeon, keep,
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1. plaything, doll, n.
2. townsman, oppidan, inhabitant, native, citizen, adj.
3. towering, adj.
4. municipality, township, borough, village, n.
5. town, inf.
6. townsman, n.
7. toxic, adj.
8. toy, n.
9. tract, n.
10. tractable, adj.

time, Inf. lallygag; delay, kill time, waste time, while away the time or hours.
7. dally, flirt, make light with, sow one's wild oats; carets, cuddle, coddle, pet, sl. canoodle; nuzzle, make love, bill and coo, Inf. spoon, Inf. neck, Inf. smooch, Sl. make out.

trace, n. 1. mark, sign, token, indication, remains, vestige; evidence, clue, intimidation, key, Inf. lead.
2. touch, hint, suggestion, suspicion, soupçon, inkling; streak, shade, tinge, faint, tincture; dash, trifile, bit, jot, iota.
3. traces footprints, prints, footmarks, footsteps; tracks, imprints, impressions.
4. track, wake, path, trail, train, queue; scent, whiff, spoor, Fr. pistee; record, controll, vapor trail.
5. sketch, drawing, tracing, delineation, rubbing; design, line drawing, cartoon; image, picture, copy, representation, reproduction, portrait; diagram, map, graph.
6. kick over the traces defy, rebel, rise, rise up against, mutiny, disobey; throw off, kick off, thrust off, shook off, riot, revolt, resist.

—v. 7. follow, track, trail, tail, shadow; course, give chase to, (in India) shikar, ride to hounds; stalk, hunt, chase, go after, Brit. chez, dog, hound, tred on the heels of, come close on.
8. find out, discover, uncover, unearth, disclose, reveal; ascertain, determine, get, hit, seek out, search out, look for, lay one's hands on; turn up, dig up, root up; detect, come upon or across, run into, Inf. spot.
9. draw, sketch, draft, outline; copy, reproduce, stencil, hatch; delineate, line, block out, rough out, chalk out, Archaic. limb; represent, depict, portray, figure; diagram, map, chart, graph.

track, n. 1. line, railroad track, railway; way, road, roadway, course, trip; path, beaten path, trail, pathway; footpath, footway, walk, sidewalk, bridle path, bicycle path, towpath; byway, crosscut, short cut, by-path; centerstrip, median, mall, island; passage, passageway, alley, aisle, lane.
2. rut, wheel rut, groove, well-worn groove, jog trot; furrow, channel, cutting, cut; gutter, ditch, trench, fosse.
3. line, route, course, tack, way; trajectory, traject, flight path, ambit, orbit; beat, round, walk, itinerary, tour; sea lane, trade route, artery, air lane; loop, lap, turn.
4. tracks footprints, footmarks. See trace (def. 3).
5. wake, path, tail, trailer, train. See trace (def. 4).
6. keep track of follow, keep informed of, keep up on, watch, monitor, oversee, keep a record of.
7. off the track astray, adrift, wide of the mark, on the wrong scent, off, afield; wandering, away from the path, lost, at sea; on a tangent, digressing.

—v. 8. follow, trail, tail, shadow, pursue. See trace (def. 7).
9. traverse, go through, pass through, go across, range; range over, travel over, cover, peregrinate; sweep, scout, patrol, reconnoiter.
10. track down hunt down, Inf. run down, run to earth, look after; nose out, ferret out, mouse, fish out, scuff out; worm out, smell out, sniff out.

tract', n. region, stretch, expanse, area; district, territory, zone, section; plat, lot, plot, patch, parcel, piece of land, site, field, square, quadrant, quarter, yard, close; space, spot, scene, part.

tract', n. treatise, essay, dissertation, thesis, dissertation; homily, sermon, lecture, discourse, descant; monograph, article, critique, study; pamphlet, leaflet, booklet, brochure.
yielding, submissive, willing, amenable, compliant; manageable, governable, guidable, leadable.

2. malleable, handleable, pliable, flexible; plastic, ductile, tractile, fictile, adaptable; extensive, stretchable, bendable.

**trade**, n. 1. commerce, buying and selling, barter, truck; dealing, transaction, exchange, swap, interchange; business, marketing, merchandising, mercantilism; bargaining, negotiating, negotiation.

2. craft, métier, line of work, line; occupation, vocation, profession, career, calling, pursuit, livelihood; business, enterprise; employment, job, livelihood, living, work.

—v. 3. buy and sell, do business, merchandise, transact, deal; sell, traffic, truck, peddle, vend; negotiate, bargain, barter, haggle, Scot. argle-bargle, higgler, dicker, bender, Inf. beat down.

4. exchange, swap, switch, interchange, substitute; reciprocate, return.

**trademark**, n. brand, stamp, label, name; identification, tab, tag, earmark, hallmark; symbol, sign, representation, seal, marker; logo, logotype; insignia, ensign, sigil, signet, badge, crest, emblem; motto, catch phrase.

**trader**, n. merchant, businessman, salesman, traveling salesman, U.S. drummer, dealer; seller, wholesaler, jobber, Chiefly Brit. monger; vendor, Chandler, sutler, packman, colporteur, Brit. chapman, hawk, huckster, Chiefly Brit. costermonger; trafficker, middleman, (in stolen goods) SI. fence, [Chiefly Brit.,] saler, jobber, in stolen goods SI. fence, trafficker, mid-

**tragedy**, n. 1. tragic drama, buskin; drama, play, Fr. tragédie, Fr. comédie-tragédie.

2. calamity, catastrophe, disaster; blow, heavy or nasty or staggering blow, shock; adversity, misfortune, stroke of ill or bad luck or fortune, bitter pill or cup, setback, Inf. comedy, reversal, reverse, Literature. peripetia; mishap, mischance, mischance, misadventure, Scot. and North Eng. mishanter; accident, casualty, glitch; wreck, shipwreck, crash, car crash, collision, smash-up, crack-up, pileup; natural disaster, act of God, fire, flood, earthquake, tornado, hurricane.

**tragic**, adj. 1. pathetic, pathetical, pitiful, pitiable, piteous, lamentable, deplorable, miserable, wretched; touching, moving, disturbing, distressing, upsetting.

2. melancholy, sad, unhappy, sorrowful; mournful, lachrymose, grievous, dolorous, lugubrious; morose, gloomy, dismal,funeral, cheerless, forlorn; despondent, hopeless.

3. tragic, calamitous, catastrophic, disastrous, ruinous, fatal, deadly; destructive, destroying, devastating, crushing; dire, dreadful, terrible, awful, horrible, shocking, appalling; unlucky, luckless, unfortunate, hapless, ill-fated, ill-starred, star-crossed; inauspicious, unpropitious, unfavorable, unpov

**trait**, v. 1. draw, drag, draw along, haul, heale, pull along; tag along, trawl, tow, lug, train.

2. follow, pursue, trace, hunt, track down. See trace (def. 7).

3. draw out, prolong, stretch out, protract; extend, lengthen, drag on or out, elongate, expand; spin out, linger on, continue.

4. hang down, dangle, depend, pend; droop, sag, (def. 7).

5. drop behind, fall behind, lag, bring up the rear: Usu. trail off, fade out, fall off, go off; fade, fade out, disappear, Inf. fizzle out.

6. drop behind, fall behind, lag, bring up the rear: hang back, straggle, linger behind, dawdle; All Sports. be losing, be behind, be down.

7. creep, crawl, slide, glide; steal, sneak, worm along, inch along, sink.

—n. 8. path, track, way, course; beaten path, bridle path, towpath, bicycle path; footpath, pathway, footway, horse-track, garden path; walkway, walk, sidewalk, aisle, catwalk; by-path, byway, shortcut, crosscut; pass, passage, passageway, lane, alley.

9. track, scent, smell, whiff, spoon, Fr. piste; wake, tail, train, queue, trailer, tab, afterpart; aftermath, thereafter, aftereffect, afterclap, aftercrop, aftergrowth.

10. puff of smoke, stream of dust, cloud of dust; whirl, whoosh, flurry.

**train**, n. 1. order, sequence, consecution, succession, progression, gradation; procession, following, consequitiveness; series, chain, linkage, catenation, concatenation; course, flow, run; continuity, continuousness, extension, prolongation.

2. parade, cavalcade, Fr. défilé, retinue, convoy, line, file, column, queue; suite, attendance, cortège, entourage, court; following, satellites, Archiæc. meiny, escort, bodyguard, guard; personnel, staff, Inf. hangers-on.

3. trail, stream, track, path; wake, wash, backwash, backflow, aftermath.

—v. 5. **discipline,** drill, coach, exercise; instruct, tea, tutor, give lessons, school, edify; inform, enlighten, indoctrinate; ground, prepare, prime, qualify; rear, bring up, form, guide; accustom, familiarize, habituate, toughen, harden, inure; break in, put through the paces.

6. **aim,** point, direct, **draw**—v. 5. discipline, drill, coach, exercise; instruct, train, bankers' express, *Sl.* bankers, express, non-stop; campaign train; freight train, piggyback train.

-train, n. instruction, teaching, education, tuition, tutelage; grounding, coaching, drilling, discipline; direction, guidance, nurture, breeding, development; rearing; indoctrination, initiation; preparation, schooling, apprenticeship; learning, knowledge, information, skill.

-trait, n. 1. characteristic, quality, feature, attribute; procrustean, idiosyncratic, idiocy, peculiarity, specialty, singularity, mannerism, quirk; particular, particularity, distinguishing mark, sign, badge, trademark, earmark, hallmark, symptom, mark.

2. trace, suggestion, suspicion, soupçon; taste, level.

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ness, peace, peacefulness, harmony, harmoniousness; ataraxia.
2. composure, self-possession, coolness, dispatch; equanimity, poise, sang-froid; steadiness, self-control, level-headedness.

transact, v. carry on, conduct, practice, prosecute, perpetrate; carry out, perform, enact, exercise, execute, do, discharge, dispatch; accomplish, realize, achieve, work, negotiate; settle, complete, conclude; treat, handle, deal with, manage, regulate, administer.

transaction, n. 1. perpetration, prosecution, commission; performance, enactment, execution, discharge, dispatch, effectuation, realization, accomplishment, achievement, implementation; negotiation, settlement, arrangement, deal, bargain, agreement; conclusion, completion; treatment, handling, management, administration, regulation.
2. proceeding, action, passage, operation; process, procedure, method, way.
3. transactions the record, records, minutes, proceedings, Acta; affairs, matters, concerns, dealings, doings, Inf. goings-on.

c transcend, v. 1. rise above, exceed, overpass, overstep, go beyond, overleap, outdistance; transgress, trespass.
2. excel, surpass, be superior, outrival, outstrip, outvie, outdo; overshadow, eclipse, throw into the shade; overtop, Inf. take the cake, beat hollow, outshine, prevail, predominate, take precedence.

c transcension, n. excellence, superiority, supereminence, supremacy, predominance, preeminence; ascendancy, preponderancy, prevalence, paramountcy; advantage, authority, influence, prestige.

c transcendent, adj. 1. exceeding, surpassing, magnificent, extraordinary, unparalleled, unrivaled, unequalled, matchless, unsurpassed, incomparable, unique, superior, supreme, consummate, supereminent; paramount, foremost, utmost, principal, second to none.
2. abstract, speculative, recondite, abstruse; unintelligible, indefinite, vague, obscure, indistinct, puzzling, hidden; intangible, impalpable, intangible, innate, thin, rarefied, attenuated; mysterious, mystical, mystical, occult; transcendental, preternatural, supernatural, other worldly, transmundane.

c transcribe, v. 1. copy, reproduce, duplicate, Inf. dupe, replicate; engross, write out.
2. translate, transliterate, render, interpret.

c transcriber, n. copier, copyist, engraver, Judaism. sopher; scribe, scrivener, amanuensis, secretary, clerk, recorder, penman; translator, transliterator, interpreter.

c transcript, n. 1. copy, reproduction, replication, duplicate, duplication, Inf. dupe, Inf. ditto; engrossment, transcription, apograph; tape recording, tape; carbon copy, carbon; photostat, Inf. stat, Trademark. Xerox.
2. translation, transliteration, interpretation, rendition, rendering, version.

c transfer, v. 1. convey, move, remove, take, carry, transport, cart, haul, deliver, send, forward, transmitt, mail, post, ship, freight, truck.
2. transmit, hand down, pass on or along; delegate, assign, devoile, shift responsibility, U. S. Inf. pass the buck; turn over, Law. attain, hand over, give over; cede, grant, deed, convey, make over, sign over; lease, rent or rent out, let, sublet, sublease, Law. demise, sell, give, give away, dispose of, bestow; leave, will, Law. devise.
3. remove oneself, move, shift, change location, relocate, transplant, displace, move or send from one place to another.
4. transference, transferal, removal, change of residence, move, shift, relocation, transplantation, displacement; passage, transmission, transmittance, transportation, conveyance, transit, shipment, freightage, truckage.
5. transferee, transfer student.
6. conveyance, Law. deed, Law. grant, cession, lease; disposition, devisal, bestowal, gift, disposal, sale; Law. will, Law. bequest, Law. bequeathal, Law. bequeathment, Law. devise.

c transferable, adj. negotiable, transmissible, transmittable; communicable, contagious, catching, infectious.

c transfiguration, n. transfigurement, transformation, change, modification. See transformation.

c transfigure, v. transform, transmute, change, alter. See transform.

c transfix, v. 1. impale, pierce, transpierce, stab, prick, stick; puncture, perforate, bore; penetrate, tap, broach, open up; pink, spear, spike, spike, skewer; run through, gut, disembowel, eviscerate.
2. fasten, attach, affix, fix; pin, tack, nail, bolt, hasp.
3. rivet, make motionless, astound, stun; electrify, galvanize; captivate, possess, bewitch, ensorcel, enchant; fascinate, intrigue, absorb, mesmerize, hypnotize.

c transform, v. metamorphose, transmute, transfigure, renew, change, Obs. transpose; convert, make into, change into, translate, turn into, alchemize, transsubstantiate, transmogrify; alter, modify, mutate, permutate; transfigure, remold, redo, remake, make or do over, re-form, remodel, recast, reconstruct, rebuild, restyle; revolutionize, reorganize, reorder, rearrange.

c transformation, n. change, modification, permuta tion, mutation; conversion, metamorphosis, evolution, transfiguration, transfigurement, transmutation, Obs. transposition; translation, transsubstantiation, alchemy, transmogrification; revolution, radical change, reorganization, reordering, rearrangement.

c transgress, v. 1. pass over, overpass, overstep, go beyond, exceed; intrude, encroach, trespass, invade.
2. break, infringe, breach, infract, commit a breach or an infraction, violate, disobey, defy, contravene; ignore, disregard, neglect, disdain, scorn; fail to notice, take no note of, let slip or slide, forget, shirk, slight.
3. Usu. transgress against sin, err, deviate from the path of virtue, take a wrong course; go astray, fall from grace, go to the devil; make a mistake, go wrong, slip up, lapse, trip, stray from the straight and narrow, misbehave; go to pot, go to hell, go to hell in a handbasket; offend, sin against, injure, hurt, harm, wound, wrong, malign.

c transgression, n. 1. encroachment, trespassing, invasion, invasion, intrusion; overstepping, exceeding; infringement, breach, infraction, violation, disobedience, defiance, contravention; ignoring, disregard, neglect.
2. sin, offense, crime, evil deed, wrong; fault, error, misdeed, dereliction, slip, lapse, omission; shortcoming, peccadillo, malefaction, peccancy; delinquency, breaking of the law, felony, misdemeanor.

c transgressor, n. trespasser, wrongdoer, sinner, evil doer, malefactor, offender, culprit; delinquent, juvenile delinquent, misdemeanor, Inf. scofflaw, lawbreaker, Law. malfeasant, Law. misfeasor; hooligan, rascal, ruffian, hoodlum; felon, criminal, Inf. chronic crook, recidivist, backslider.

c transience, n. impermanence, transitoriness, temporariness, temporalness; brevity, briefness, shortness,

transmit, v. 1. send, convey, deliver, direct, forward; mail, post, ship, remit; transfer, move, take, carry, transport, cart, haul.

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transmute, v. transform, metamorphose, convert, change, alter. See transform.

transparency, n. 1. transparency, clearness, pellucidity, pellucidness, lucidity, lucidness, limpidity, limpidness, crystallinity, diaphanousness; sheerness, glassiness, transparentness; translucency, transluency, lucency, Rare. lucence, translucidness, translucidity, mistiness, frostiness.

transplant, v. replant, repot; transfer, move, take, deliver, direct, forward; mail, post, ship, remit; transfer, move, take, carry, transport, cart, haul.

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ment, freighting, truckage. See transportation (def. 1).
5. truck, bus, ship, cargo ship, troopship, freighter, merchantman, lighter, barge.
6. rapture, ecstasy, exaltation, elation, exhilaration, thrill, Sl. rush, excitement, excitation; ecstatic joy or delight, delectation, enjoyment, fun, pleasure, ravishment; enchantment, bliss, euphoria, seventh heaven, cloud nine; elysium, paradise, heaven, heaven on earth, Eden or Garden of Eden, utopia; blessedness, beatitude, happiness, gladness, felicity.

transportation, n. 1. conveyance, transport, transit, movement, Chiefly Brit. carriage; carrying, portage, cartage, haulage; shipment, ferriage, freighting, truckage; transference, transfer, transferal; transmission, transmittance, sending.
2. truck, bus, cargo ship. See transport (def. 5).
3. fare, fee, payment, charge, cost, price.
4. banishment, deportation, expatriation, expulsion, exile.

transpose, v. interchange, metathesize, substitute, exchange, commute, invert, reverse, switch, swap, trade, change, convert; rearrange, shift, move, transfer.

transude, v. ooze, seep, exude, effuse; sweat, transude, transpose, v. interchange, metathesize, substitute, (all of a sumptuous nature) equipage, cornered, in a corner, up against the wall, adj.

Informal, n. trap, rodomontade, fustian, bombast, rant; idle talk, froth, foam, Sl. hot air, Sl. gas.
3. riffraff, rabble, canaille, scum, ragtag and bobtail, flotsam and jetsam; vagrant, vagabond, drifter, tramp, hobo, U.S. bum; loafer, idler, good-for-nothing, Fr. vaurien; beggar, ragamuffin, tatterdemalion; outcast, castaway, dregs of society, vermin; rascal, rogue, knave, scoundrel; tramp, slut, whore.
2. rubbish, SI. sloch, poor, base, mean, commonplace; shoddy, shabby, beggarly, scruffy, wretched; sorry, weak, feeble; flimsy, light, airy; second-rate, mediocre, inferior; brummagem, showy, pretentious, ostentatious, flashy, gaudy, garish, meretricious, tawdry; vulgar, dirty, cheap, obscene.
3. anguish, angst, torment, agony, torture, misery, the salt mines. in a sweatshop
2. anguish, angst, torment, agony, torture, misery, distress, despair, sorrow; pain, ache, suffering, pang, twinge, hurt, physical or mental adversity.
3. childbirth, parturition, lying-in, accouchement, confinement, labor, labor pains.

—v. 4. be in labor, go into labor; give birth, lie in, be confined.

travel, v. 1. journey, voyage, take a trip, tour, junket; see the world, Inf. globetrot, take a slow boat to China, shuffle off to Buffalo; hit the road or trail, cruise, sail, ride the bounding main, fly, jet, drive, motor, thumb, hitchhike, hitch, Fr. faire l'auto-stop; roam, Sl. truck, wander, peregrinate, gad about; see the sights, sightsee, Inf. rubberneck, take a tour, take a charter trip; trek, migrate, emigrate, Sl. go on a long sheep; traverse, cross, cover, cover ground.
2. proceed, advance, wag, go, Sl. mope, move,

offal; debris, detritus, rubble, wreckage; remains, leavings, leftovers, scraps, orts, hogwash, swill; re-mainder, residue, residuum; scoria, dross, remcrement, slag, scum; filth, dirt, dust, offscourings; dregs, fag ends, remnants, bits and pieces, odds and ends; fragments, twigs, splinters, flinders, chips, slivers, shavings; junk, worthless stuff, Sl. dreck, trumpery; cast-offs, rags, tatters, castaways, rejects, discards.
2. nonsense, moonshine, gobbledygook; humbug, bunkum, Sl. bunk, U.S. blah; flummery, Inf. hokey, Sl. applesauce, Sl. eyewash; refuse, Dial. culch, rubbish, Sl. tripe, stuff, Inf. truck, trucker; baldy-dash, tommyrot, Inf. rot, Sl. garbage, Sl. crap, Sl. crock, Sl. bull; hogwash, swill, Sl. horsefeathers, stuff, stuff and nonsense, Brit. Inf. bosh, Brit. Inf. gammon, Brit. Sl. tosh; gudge, foolishness, folly, rigmarole, amphi- footy, Inf. malarky, Sl. bushwa, Sl. baloney, Sl. bilge or bilge water, Sl. meshegha, Scot. and North Eng. haver; poppycock, Inf. fiddle-faddle, Inf. piffle, Inf. hokey, Inf. kibosh, Inf. flapdoodle; clap-trap, rodomontade, fustian, bombast, rant; idle talk, in, 5/. rope in; decoy, bait, bait the hook.

trashy, adj. 1. worthless, valueless, good-for-nothing, not worth a straw; meritless, nugatory, of no real value; useless, inutilé, catchpenny, unavailing, bootless, frivolous, fribbling, futile; silly, inane, twaddling; petty, Inf. picayune, niggling, inconsequential, superficial, shallow; trifling, trivial, insignificant, im-material, unimportant, twopenny, Sl. two-bit, Sl. two-bits, small, puny, little, slight, of no moment; in-considerable, inapprreciable, imperceptible; very little, paltry, nominal, minute, negligible; piddling, meager, mere, Inf. measly.
2. rubbishy, SI. sloch, poor, base, mean, commonplace; shoddy, shabby, beggarly, scruffy, wretched; sorry, weak, feeble; flimsy, light, airy; second-rate, mediocre, inferior; brummagem, showy, pretentious, ostentatious, flashy, gaudy, garish, meretricious, tawdry; vulgar, dirty, cheap, obscene.

trauma, n. 1. Pathology. a. injury, wound, hurt, lesion. b. traumatism.
2. Psychiatry. shock, shocker, blow, bombshell, jolt, upset, disturbance, agitation, turmoil, pox, anguish, suffering.

travail, n. 1. toil, labor, work, drudgery, Chiefly Brit. fag, moil; sweat of one's brow, effort, struggle, toil, labor, work, drudgery, travail, advance, wag, go, Sl. mope, move,
move along, wend.

3. travel with consort, associate, Inf. pal around, know, socialize, mingle, fraternize, hobnob; drink with, Sl. swing with, Sl. hang out.

—n. 4. travels journey, trip, tour, peregrination, wanderings, junket; trek, migration; pilgrimage, hadj, Hebrew. aliyah.

5. passage, traverse, transit, movement, advancement.

traveler, n. wayfarer, voyager, peregrinator; rambler, rover, roamer, Wandering Jew; adventurier, landluper, explorer, soldier of fortune, Inf. boomer, cowboy; trekker, hiker, backpacker; excursionist, sight-seer, Inf. rubberneck, tourist, Sl. set-setter; astronomer, cosmonaut, seaman, sailor, sea captain; band of passage, migrant, nomad, Kuchi, Bedouin; hobo, vagrant, hitchhiker, hitcher; traveling salesman, commercial traveler, tinker, itinerant.

traveling, adj. peripatetic, itinerant, wandering, roving, on the move, on the go; gallivanting, gadding, flitting, moving, mobile, restless, not tied down, unsettled, nomadic, migratory; living out of a suitcase, itchy-footed, always ready to pick up and go.

traverse, v. 1. pass over, move over, travel over, tour, fare; range, ply, wander, roam, track; cover, sweep, peregrinate; tramp, trek, ramble, march, walk; sail, voyage, cruise, navigate, make a passage; ford, cross, overpass, cut across.

2. cross, go across, intersect, lie across; extend across, stretch across, bridge, connect, bring together; transverse, intercross, crisscross, crossbar.

3. examine, consider, contemplate, observe, look into; review, pass in review, look over, take stock of, make note of, audit; inspect, scan, scour, reconnoiter.

4. obstruct, hinder, impede, thwart, foil, balk; interfere with, retard, frustrate; oppose, counter, contravene, counteract.

5. deny, contradict, counter, controvert; gainsay, negate, reject, disavow, disclaim; dispute, challenge, contest, call into question; impugn, rebut, go against, oppugn, take issue with, join issue with.

—n. 6. crossbar, crosspiece, transverse, transversal, transcept, crossarm; whiffletree, whippletree, singletree, doubletree.

—adj. 7. transverse, cross, crossing, horizontal, oblique.

travesty, n. 1. burlesque, satire, take-off, parody, caricature, lampoon, wicked imitation; mockery, ridicule; exaggeration, hyperbole.

2. distortion, poor imitation, misrepresentation, falsification, slander; grotesquery, monstrosity, abortion, atrocity; debasement, corruption, perversion, botch.

—v. 3. burlesque, parody, satirize, lampoon, take off, caricature; mock, ridicule, twit, Inf. rag, laugh at, deride; mimic, ape, imitate, copy.

4. distort, misrepresent, falsify; debase, corrupt, pervert; deform, twist, warp, garble; mar, damage, ruin, destroy.

tray, n. platter, salver, server, waiter, serving tray, lazy Susan, Archaic. trecher, flat container or receptacle; coaster, dish, plate, ashtray.

treacherous, adj. 1. traitorous, perfidious, disloyal; treasonable, treacherous, subservible. See traitorous (defs. 1, 2).

2. deceptive, deceiving, misleading; deceitful, false, untrustworthy, unreliable; dodgy, shifty, wily, repugn, sneaky, evasive, slippery, elusive; specious, bogus, sham, counterfeit, phoney, mock.

3. precarious, uncertain, unsure, unstable, unsafe, unsound; insecure, infirm, unsteady, shaky, rickety, tottery; ticklish, tricky, delicate, touch-and-go.

4. dangerous, fraught with danger, perilous, Archaic. parlious; hazardous, risky, riskful, chancy, dicey, Sl. hairy; open, exposed, vulnerable, assailable, defenseless; threatening, dire, menacing, ominous, alarming, menacing.

treachery, n. treason, betrayal, violation of faith; treasonableness, traitorousness, bad faith, disloyalty, unloyalty, perfidy, perfidiousness, faithlessness, unfaithfulness, recreancy, recrancy; infidelity, Sl. two-timing, cheating, double-dealing, falseness, hypocrisy, dissimulation; deceitfulness, deceit, guile, guilefulness, duplicity, deception; fraud, chicanery, trickery, foul play.

Chiefly U.S. (in British: Judas kiss, stab in the back).

tread, v. 1. step, walk, hoof it, ambulate, stomp; tramp, trudge, march, plod, plow, mush, shuffle; pace, stride, strut; perambulate, stroll, trek.

2. trample, tramp on or upon, stamp, stomp, step on, squash, crush, Dial. squash.

3. oppress, violate, do violence to, hurt; infringe on, trench on or upon; run over, ride over, ride roughshod over; dominate, bully, hector, intimidate, browbeat; subjuge, master, conquer.

4. tread on as inf. [s.o.'s] toes offend, affront, insult; step on the toes of, Inf. put [s.o.] off, displease, pique, Inf. miff, disgruntle; vex, annoy, incense, exasperate, distress; irk, rankle, roil, Chieffy U.S. rile, rattle, ruffle.

—n. 5. step, footstep, footfall, walk; plodding, stamping, stomp, stomping, trampling.

treason, n. high treason, betrayal, treachery, Inf. double cross, Judas kiss, stab in the back; sedition, subversion, undermining, corruption; mutiny, insubordination; insurrection, rebellion, revolt, revolution, insurgency, insurgency, uprising, outbreak, riot, anarchy. See also treachery.

treasonable, adj. 1. treasonous, sedious, subversive, insurrectionary. See traitorous (def. 2).

2. traitorous, perfidious, disloyal, treacherous. See traitorous (def. 1).

treasure, n. 1. riches, wealth, fortune; savings, hoardings, hoard, store, stock, reserve, cache; capital, assets, funds, means, resources, wherewithal; nest egg, Sl. cushion, Sl. tidy bundle; bullion, gold, silver, precious gems; money, cash, Sl. dough, Sl. bread, Sl. moolah, Sl. spondulicks, Sl. loot, Sl. gravy, U.S. Sl. bucks, U.S. Sl. big bucks, Sl. wampum, Sl. mazuma, Sl. dime, Sl. shekels.

2. prize, pride, pride and joy; gem, jewel; Inf. find, Inf. catch.

—v. 3. keep in memory, bear in mind, retain in mind, hold in the thoughts, cherish the memory of, keep up the memory of, keep the memory alive, keep fresh in the mind.

4. prize, value, esteem, cherish, hold dear, set a high value on, rate highly, value highly, make much of; revere, reverence, set great store by, attach importance to, regard, think of as special; like, love, care for, adore, consider precious.

5. hoard, store up, stock up, lay by, lay up, lay in; cache, squirrel away, load up, stow away, Inf. stash away, reserve, set aside, reservoir, husband; save, save up, bank; accumulate, collect, heap up, pile up.

treasurer, n. bursar, purser, controller, holder or keeper of the purse strings, receiver of moneys, Rom. Hist. quaestor, cash-keeper; cashier, teller; banker, financier; depositary; minister of finance, (in Britain) Chancellor of the Exchequer.

treasury, n. 1. exchanger, fisc, Eccles. bursary; depository. treasurers, chache, vault, repository, receptacle, arsenal.

2. funds, revenue, securities, shares, stocks, bonds;
capital, assets, finances, resources; money, currency, wherewithal; holdings, savings.
3. coffer, strongbox, chest, money-box, till, safe.
4. collection, anthology, compilation, corpus; store, stock; series, assortment, array.

**treat, v.** 1. behave towards, act towards, conduct oneself towards, do by; deal with, handle, cope with, face; contend with, manage, use, wield.
2. doctor, practice medicine, attend, intern, minister, nurse, care for; prescribe for, medicate, operate; heal, cure, remedy; bandage, strap, plaster, dress; massage, rub, bathe.
3. discuss, talk up, deal with, handle, write up; consider, examine, investigate, analyze, study, dissect; discourse, discourse, touch upon, write upon, go into; comment upon, review, survey, critique, criticize; annotate, interpret.
4. subject, process, prepare.
5. entertain, regale, refresh, be hospitable to; dine, stand treat, stand drinks, set up, stand to, Inf.

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**treatise, n.** 1. discourse, discussion, exposition, discussion; tract, tract, essay, dissertation, tractate; examination, examination, investigation, study; article, paper, monograph, composition, term paper, research paper; criticism, critique, commentary, review, editorial; sermon, preach, homily, descant; excursus, memoir, publication, work; brochure, pamphlet, leaflet.

**treaty, n.** 1. agreement, covenant, treaty, pact, adhesion, bond, convention, concordat, international agreement; league, alliance, cartel, conspiracy, collusio; accord, concord, cordial; mutual pledge, mutual understanding, exchange of oaths, gentlemen's agreement, promise, word; cease-fire, truce, entente, entente cordiale, détente.

**tremble, v.** 1. shake, quake, quiver, quiver, quiver, shudder, shiver; twitter, trill, quail, jitter, teeter, totter, dodder, shudder, shiver, shiver, shake, curl, quiver like a leaf; quiver in one's boots, quiver like a rabbit; pulsate, pulse, throb, palpitate, beat, pitapat; vibrate, oscillate, librate, rock, rattle, chatter, flutter, flit, flit, chill; vellicate, twitch, convulse, commove; wiggle, wangle, waver, shiver, jingle, joggle, jangle, joggle.

**tremendous, adj.** 1. Informal. great, huge, vast, gigantic, monstrous; enormous, large, massive, mighty, colossal, prodigious; gargantuan, towering, titanic, mammoth, elephantine, immense, giant.
2. loud, crashing, deafening, ear-splitting; booming, thundering, resounding, rolling, roaring; pealing, window-rattling, crashing, enough to shake the dead.
3. dreadful, terrifying, frightening, direful; horrendous, horrific, terrible, monstrous, atrocious, ghastly, grisly, unspeakable, gruesome, outrageous, shocking; harrowing, alarming, distressing, rendering, fearsome, formidable, awful.
4. Informal. extraordinary, remarkable, marvelous, out of the ordinary, astonishing, astounding, amazing; fantastic, fabulous, 5/. fantabulous, far-out, mind-boggling, Sl. mind-blowing, supercalifragilisticexpialidocious; wondrous, wonderful, miraculous; unusual, rare, unique, singular, uncommon; stunning, breathtaking, staggering, phenomenal.
5. inordinate, excessive, extreme, preposterous; immoderate, extravagant, exorbitant, exaggerated; unreasonable, intemperate, gross, unbounded; copious, profuse, overflowing, overmuch, lavish.

**tremor, n.** 1. shaking, shudder, shiver, quaver; palpitation, pulsation, pulse, throb, beat, sputter, flutter, jip-jip-jip, pitapat; vibration, swing, jolt, jolt, jolt; agitation, chatter, rattle, jitter; jingling, jiggling, jiggling; palsy, twitch, tic, tics; convulsion, the shakes, St. Vitus dance; throe, orgasm, paroxysm, spasms, fit, seizure, Pathol. jactation.
2. quake, earthquake, shock, tremor, U.S. tremblor, seismic disturbance, Geol. diastrophism.

**tremulous, adj.** 1. trembling, shaking, quivering, quaking, quavering, quivering, shuddering; quavy, shaky, shakedly trembly, trembly, tremulant, quivery, quavery, shudderly; rattling, chattering, vibratory, vibrative, twittering, oscillating, spasmodic, jerky, convulsive.
2. timorous, timid, easily frightened, diffident, faint-hearted; cowardly, craven, pusillanimous, Inf. yellow, weak of heart; tender-feeler; fearful, frightened, afraid, scared, Archaic. affrighted; skittish, jumpy, edgy, on edge, jittery, nervous, high-strung, panic, panicky, panicstricken; apprehensive, anxious, alarmed, tense, uneasy, disquieted.

**trench, n.** 1. excavation, cut, ditch, furrow, ridge, sulcation; fosse, moat, dike; passage, duct, course, conduit, adit; sewer, trough, gutter, channel, canal, groove, Brit. kennel, watercourse.

droid, dendritic, dendriform, tree-shaped; branched, branchlike, ramose, ramous, ramiform.

trek, v. 1. travel, journey, traverse, pass over; migrate, emigrate, immigrate, transmigrate; peregrinate, roam, wander, range; tramp, march, hike, trudge, plod, rove.

—n. 2. journey, trip, voyage, sail; migration, passage, transmigration, immigration; exodus, flight, emigration, odyssey, expatriation; expedition, mission, pilgrimage, hadj; tramp, march, hike.

trellis, n. lattice, grille, grid, fret, wattle; grate, grating, reticule; network, reticulation; latticework, grillwork, trelliswork, webwork, meshwork; interlacement, intertwinement, lacework, lacy, texture.

tremble, v. 1. shake, shake, quaking, quiver, quaver, quaver, quaver, shudder, shiver; twitter, trill, quail, jitter; teeter, totter, dodder, fidget; shake like a leaf, quake in one's boots, quiver like a rabbit; pulsate, pulse, throb, palpitate, beat, pitapat; vibrate, oscillate, librate, rock, rattle, chatter, flutter, flit, flit, chill; vellicate, twitch, convulse, commove; wiggle, wangle, waver, shiver, jingle, joggle, jangle, joggle.

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trepidation, perturbation, alarm, agitation, 1. 

draw, make inroads; trespass, infringe, impinge, invade; overstep, intrude, obtrude, overrun. 2. verge on, come close to, border on, near, approach, approximate.

trenchant adj. 1. incisive, keen, acute, pointed; caustic, powerful, forcible, vehement, dynamic, strong; driving, telling; striking; impassioned, spirited, cogent, expressive.

clear-cut, distinct, well-defined, salient; explicit, graphic, vivid; realistic, true-to-life, descriptive.

trend n. 1. tendency, drift, course, bent, career, progression; inclination, bearing, heading, orientation; set, aim, way, track; stream, swing, sweep, current; tenor, tone, spirit.

trenchant adj. 2. style, vogue, fashion, taste, mode; look, thing, Inf. swim, Inf. go; fade, rage, craze.

-trepidation n. 1. perturbation, alarm, agitation, consternation; fright, fear, panic, dread, terror, funk; shudder, shake, the jitters, shivers, spasm; pitter-patter, pitter-patter, pitter-pat, pitter-pat.


-tribution n. 1. hardship, affliction, trouble, distress, heartache, pain, suffering, Archaic. bale, misery, wretchedness, agony, torture, torment; trial, ordeal, hard or bad or difficult time; adversity, misfortune, stroke of ill or bad luck or fortune, bitter cup or pill; cross, burden, weight, Inf. albatross, load, heavy load or burden; tragedy, calamity, catastrophe, disaster, blow, heavy or nasty or staggering blow, shock.

-tribunal n. 1. court, bench, bar, judiciary, judiciality, tribunal; forum, chancery; assizes, trial, session; Areopagus, King's Bench, Queen's Bench; Star Chamber, Inquisition.

-tributary n. 1. branch, anabranch, feeder, affluent, confluent, stream, river, streamlet, brook, Scot and North Eng. gill, brook, Scot. and North Eng. gill, brook.

-tress n. 1. locks, curls, ringlets.

-trial n. 1. hearing, inquisition, inquiry; investigation, examination, review, scrutiny; study, analysis.

2. experimentation, trial and error, hit and miss, process of elimination; test procedure, operation, Inf. pilot.

3. attempt, effort, essay, endeavor, undertaking; All Inf. try, go, shot, fling, whirl; All Sl. crack, whack, lick, stab.

4. proof, proof positive, verification, confirmation, corroboration, substantiation, authentication.

5. test, experiment, venture, tryout, Inf. workout, dry run, trial run, road test; audition, rehearsal.

6. probation, trial period, test or testing period.

7. engagement, encounter, meet, match, contest.

8. adversity, hardship, misfortune, tribulation, trouble; pain, distress, suffering; grief, woe, sorrow, heartache; hard times, heavy weather, bad luck, hard luck, Inf. tough or rotten or lousy luck, Brit. hard lines; bad or ill fortune.

9. affliction, visitation, curse, blight; shock, blow, bolt from the blue, Psychiatry. trauma; reverse, reversal, setback, check; ordeal, load, burden, weight, heavy load or burden, cross, cross to bear; inconvenience, disadvantage, handicap.

10. nuisance, pest, bother, Inf. headache, Inf. pain, Sl. pain in the neck or rear, Sl. hassle; annoyance, vexation, irritation, bur, thorn in the side or flesh;bane, gadding, buttonholer.

-adj. 11. experimental, tentative, hypothetical, probationary, pending, on approval; exploratory, pilot, under examination or consideration, provisional, untried; under examination, under the microscope, in the spotlight, on trial.

-triangular adj. 1. three-cornered, tricorn, tricornered, trigonous, triangular, triquetrous, three-sided, triangular, trilateral; deltoid, cuneiform, wedge-shaped, arrow-shaped.

2. triple, treble, threefold, threesome, three-ply.

-tribe n. 1. family, dynasty, house, clan, sept, phyle; race, strain, stock, breed, bloodline, pedigree, stem, branch, stirps.

2. class, species, sort, kind, kidney, variety, type, genre; genus, subgenus, category, subcategory, division, subdivision, section; classification, group, grouping, set.

3. company, group, Inf. bunch, number.

-trubulation n. hardship, affliction, trouble, distress, heartache, pain, suffering, Archaic. bale, misery, wretchedness, agony, torture, torment; trial, ordeal, hard or bad or difficult time; adversity, misfortune, stroke of ill or bad luck or fortune, bitter cup or pill; cross, burden, weight, Inf. albatross, load, heavy load or burden; tragedy, calamity, catastrophe, disaster, blow, heavy or nasty or staggering blow, shock.

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trice, Inf.
very short time, instant, second,

artifice, stratagem, finesse, ruse, wile,
Troyan horse, deceit, intrigue, plot, plan, tactic, scheme, strategy, machination; conspiracy, complot, cabal; device, contrivance, expedient, Inf. dodge, fetch, subterfuge, blind; trap, snare, Inf. catch, Inf. hooker; maneuver, feint, deception, Obs. cog, sleight, coup, blow, stroke; shift, move, evasion, shuffle; fake, sham, hoax, swindle, Inf. chicanery, Inf. bunko, shuck, fraud, imposture, imposition, put-on, Law. covin, humbug, Inf. fakery, Inf. flimflam, Inf. sham; All Sl. gimmick, line, hype.

trick, n. 1. artifice, stratagem, finesse, ruse, wile, Trojan horse, deceit, intrigue, plot, plan, tactic, scheme, strategy, machination; conspiracy, complot, cabal; device, contrivance, expedient, Inf. dodge, fetch, subterfuge, blind; trap, snare, Inf. catch, Inf. hooker; maneuver, feint, deception, Obs. cog, sleight, coup, blow, stroke; shift, move, evasion, shuffle; fake, sham, hoax, swindle, Inf. chicanery, Inf. bunko, shuck, fraud, imposture, imposition, put-on, Law. covin, humbug, Inf. fakery, Inf. flimflam, Inf. sham; All Sl. gimmick, line, hype.

2. prank, caper, stunt, Scot. brogue; mischief, practical joke, Fr. bouteille, spoon; antics, Inf. shenanigans, tomfoolery, Scot. monkeyshines, buffoonery, gammon, Inf. bunko, Inf. gimp, Inf. shuck; fraud, imposture, imposition, put-on, Law. covin, humbug, Inf. fakery, Inf. flimflam, Inf. sham; All Sl. gimmick, line, hype.

3. art, craft, technique, knack, skill, ability.

4. sleight of hand, legerdemain, hocus-pocus, prestidigitation, jiggery.

5. trait, characteristic, singularity, mannerism, idiosyncrasy, eccentricity, quirk, cottchet, habit.

—v. 6. outwit, outmaneuver, hoodwink, bazoobooze, overreach, trip up; delude, deceive, take in, throw dust in [s.o.'s] eyes, pull the wool over [s.o.'s] eyes, Inf. slip [s.t.] over on, Inf. slip or pass one over on; mislead, misinform, misguide, sail under false colors; dupe, cully, guil, cozen, defraud, cheat; rook, victimize, bilk, swindle, Inf. finagle, cog, Archaic chouse, Sl. take, Sl. snooker; pass off, palm off, impose upon, pull a fast one on, Inf. throw a curve at; humbug, trick; have [s.t.] up one's sleeve, Inf. flimflam; trap, entrap, snare, ensnare, enmesh; beguile, seduce, bait, decoy; lead on, take [s.o.] for a ride, Inf. fake [s.o.] out, Inf. rope [s.o.] in, Inf. string along; betray, play false, double-cross, two-time, Sl. shaft, Sl. cross [s.o.] up; All Inf. jive, fast-talk, flim, hype, buffalo, bulldoze; All Sl. con, snow, suck or sucker in, Murphy.

7. Often trick out or up deck out, bedizen, Archaic bedight, prink, dress up, array, attire; adorn, beautify, enhance; decorate, embellish, enrich, ornament, garnish.

trickery, n. deceit, guile, artifice, craft, cunning, shrewdness, williness, slyness, circumspection; artfulness, subtlety, finesse, Inf. razzle-dazzle, Sl. jive, Sl. hyper; shiftiness, evasiveness, slipperiness; duplicity, double-dealing, cozenage, dark and crooked ways, evil ways; fraud, imposture, imposition, hoax, quackery, charlatanry; feigning, dissimulation, hypocrisy; jiggery, trumpery, dupery, hocus-pocus, shenanigan; deception, chicanery, chicanery, knavery, Inf. hanky-panky, Sl. funny business, Sl. monkey business; intrigue, conspiracy, collusion; treachery, betrayal, subversion, disloyalty.

trickle, v. trill, flow gently, splash, spill over, well out; drip, drop, fall in drops, dribble; sprinkle, drizzle; leak, ooze, exude, transude, seep, filter, distil, percolate.

trickster, n. 1. deceiver, deluder, hoodwinker, beguiler, inveigler, bamboozler, dissembler, bluff, pettifogger; fake, faker, phony, humbug; impostor, masquerader, pretend, mountebank, hypocrite, charlatan, Inf. quack; adventurer, rogue, picaro, rascal, wolf in sheep's clothing, knave, scoundrel, Sl. four-flusher, villain.

2. swindler, cheat, cheater, fraud, defrauder, confidence man, Sl. con man, Sl. flim-flam man, bunko artist, crook, chisel, sharper, sharpie, Sl. city slicker, Inf. fast talker, Inf. hawk, shark, blink, bilker, dodder; duper, hoaxer, humbugger; rook, fleecer, gyp, gypper.

3. conjurer, illusionist, sleight-of-hand artist, legerdemainist, magician; juggler, archimage, Archaic mage, Houdini, escape artist.

tried, adj. tried out, tested, put through one's or its paces, put to the test or through the wringer; time-tested, having stood the test of time, put to the acid test; tried and true, true, proven, proved, sure, certain, tested, having stood the test of time, put to the acid test; time-tried, or all-right, Inf. O.K.; dependable, reliable, safe, known, used all the time, favorite.

trifle, n. 1. bagatelle, bauble, trinket, knickknack, Inf. doodad; gimcrack, gewgaw, whiffum, piece of junk; toy, playing, dalliance, frivolity.

2. triviality, no great matter, no big thing, technicality; unimportant or inconsequential thing or matter, nothing to worry or get upset over, something of no concern, insignificance, bêtise, inessential, nothing, nothing at all, Inf. fiddle-faddle.

3. pittance, piddling sum, small amount, little something, Inf. nothing much; the least or slightest amount or bit, anything, row or hill of beans, tinker's dam, straw, fig, peppercorn, Inf. bean; dime, nickel, penny, cent, plug nickel, continental, U.S. Inf. red cent; the paper it is printed on.

4. little, bit, little or tiny bit, dribble, drop, smidgen, Inf. smitch, Inf. tad; touch, dab, dash, pinch, handful; spindling; mouthful, sip, sup, taste, nip, bite, speck, crumb, mite, jot, whit, little, particle, iota, molecule, atom; tinge, tincture, trace, hint, suggestion, suspicion, soupcon.

—v. 5. Usu. trifle with deal with lightly, make light of, take lightly, pass off as nothing, think nothing of; slight, shortchange, overlook, pass over, leave out, omit, ignore; be frivolous about or with, make sport of, laugh off, joke about, play, toy, dally, amuse oneself, Inf. frivol; fiddle, ticker, mess, fool, Inf. fiddle-faddle; handle, finger, paw, put one's hands all over.

6. talk idly, gossip, chitchat, chatter, engage in small talk, talk about nothing; palaver, prattle, prate, rattle or babble on, talk and talk and talk, go on about nothing.

7. putter around, fiddle around, ticker around, play around, mess around, niggle, finick, Inf. fool around; goof off, dillydally, hang around, loiter, lay around, twiddle one's thumbs, dawdle, do nothing.

8. Usu. trifle away fritter, fribble, Inf. diddle; idle, pass, while; waste, use up, loose.

trifling, adj. 1. unimportant, trivial, fiddling, insignificant, signifying nothing, inconsequential; not worth mentioning, of little import, of no moment, Inf. no-account, not worth a fig or a hill of beans, Sl. two-bit, Sl. two-by-four, Inf. penny-ante.

2. worthless, valueless, useless, gimcrack; small, low, nominal, Inf. picayune; miniscule, inconsiderable, tiny, infinitesimal, minute; inadequate, patly, petty, piddling.
trim, v. 1. clip, nip, snip, prune, pare; cut, bob, crop, shingle; sheer, shave, fleece, pollard, poll, scalp, cut down to the quick; neaten, even up; shape, form, fashion, sculpt, sculpt, sculpture. 2. Often trim off dock, bobbait, lop, chop, hack, cut off, saw off; remove, detach, amputate, cut out or away, eliminate. 3. fit, cut down, cut down to size, taper, tailor, hem, (both of clothing) take in, let out; pare down, plane, shave, whittle, chisel, carve, hew, scrape or sand down; reduce, diminish, decrease, cut back, retrench; shorten, truncate, abridge, abbreviate, cut short, curtail; abbreviate, epitomize, summarize, brief, synopsie, boil down, condense, contract, compress, concentrate, put in a nutshell. 4. amend, revise, rectify, recast, remodel; adjust, modify, make fit or conform, make adjustments or changes in; shift, redistribute, rearrange, realign, reorganize, re-order, permute; regulate, symmetrise, equalize, balance, level, coordinate. 5. edge, border, purfl, purl, fringe, befringe; emboider, bead, spangle, bespangle, stud, bestud, beset; bind, cover; decorate, adorn, embellish, ornament, garnish, festoon. 6. trimp, trichromatic, tri-chromatic, tri-color. 7. trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim. 8. trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim. 9. trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim. 10. trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim. 11. trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim. 12. trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim, trim.
trooper

1. warm, hot and humid, muggy, tropical, n.
2. cavalryman, horseman, horse soldier, Cossack, hussar, spahi, uhlman; mounted policeman, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Inf. Mountie; state trooper, state policeman, Inf. state cop, Sl. Smokey Bear.

3. like a trooper enthusiastically, earnestly, wholeheartedly, zealously, Inf. like mad or like crazy; energetically, vigorously, with a vengeance, Inf. hammer and tongs, with might and main, Inf. to beat the band, Sl. up a storm.

4. spoils, booty, loot, plunder, pillage, take, Inf. haul.

5. prize, award, honor, medal, ribbon, badge; citation, encomium, kudos; laurels, bays, palm, wreath.

6. memento, reminder, remembrance, remembrancer, token.

7. like a trooper

8. manger, feedbox, box.

9. Archaic, belabor, pound, batter, pummel, hit soundly.

10. allowance, hardship, disadvantage, handicap, inconvenience, difficulty, disadvantage, handicap.

11. nuisance, pest, Inf. headache, Inf. pain, Sl. pain in the neck or rear, Sl. hassel; gadfly, buttonholer, Sl. nudnik; nag, pesterer, harasser, heckler, badgerer.

12. in trouble (all out of bed), pregnant, with child, chiding, in a delicate condition, Inf. expecting, Inf. in the family way, U.S. Sl. knocked-up.

troublesome, adj.

1. troublesomely, troublesome.

2. repairman, serviceman, trouble man, mender, fixer, Inf. Mr. Fixit.

3. defeat, vanquish, worst, beat out, Inf. make [s.o.] go out of his way; take the business, work [s.o.] over, Inf. get [s.o.'s] block off, Inf. beat [s.o.'s] brains out.

4. beat the tar out of, Inf. give [s.o.] the works.

5. punishment, chastise, discipline, castigate.

6. channel, flume, conduit, duct, sluice, shoot, gutter, eaves-trough, open tube; drain, sewer, cloaca, culvert; trench, ditch, moat, fosse, Brit. sough; furrow, groove, race, rut, chase, depression, hollow, hole, cut, track.

7. channel, flume, conduit, duct, canal; chute, shoot, gutter, eaves-trough, open tube; drain, sewer, cloaca, culvert; trench, ditch, moat, fosse, Brit. sough; furrow, groove, race, rut, chase, depression, hollow, hole, cut, track.

troublous, adj.

1. troublousness, troublousness.

2. like a trooper

3. repairman, serviceman, trouble man, mender, fixer, Inf. Mr. Fixit.

troublousness, n.

1. diplomat, negotiator, mediator, arbitrator, make-peace, peacemaker.

2. repairman, serviceman, trouble man, mender, fixer, Inf. Mr. Fixit.

troop, n.

1. cavalymen, horsemen, horse soldiers, Cossacks, horsemen.

2. like a troop

3. like a trooper

4. troublousness, troublousness.

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truculent, adj. 1. stubborn, surly, grumpy. 2. coarse, rude, brusque, boorish; quarrelsome, contentious, disputatious; cantankerous, disagreeable, disagreeable.

trudge, v. 1. walk, march, march, plod, Inf. plug; drag, lumber, shuffle, Inf. galumph. 2. strenuous, arduous, laborious, fatiguing; tiring, draining, exhausting; exhausting, burdensome; exhausting, tiresome.

truckle, v. 1. go to pieces, fall apart, collapse; break down, fail, yield; collapse, give way, succumb.

trunk, n. 1. container, receptacle, receptacle; case, box, case; case, chest, trunk; box, chest, trunk. 2. car, vehicle, automobile; vehicle, automobile, car. 3. tree, timber, wood.

truce, n. 1. cease-fire, armistice, suspension of hostilities. 2. truce, armistice, suspension of hostilities. 3. truce, armistice, suspension of hostilities.

true, adj. 1. factual, actual, real. 2. true, correct, accurate, verifiable; genuine, real, actual, actual. 3. true, actual, real.

truly, adv. 1. really, actually, in fact, in essence, essentially, intrinsically, in truth, truthfully.

truly, adv. 2. genuinely, authentically, verifiably; certainly.
trustworthy, adj. 1. reliable, dependable, responsible, Scot. and North Eng. sicker; trusted, trusted, tried and true, Inf. all right, Inf. O.K.; credible, believable, true to one’s word, as good as one’s word; true, loyal, faithful, allegiance, Scot. leal, true-hearted; steadfast, fast, steady, steady-going; unchanging, constant, abiding, lasting, enduring, permanence; staunchness, unwaveringness, firmness, resolute-steadfastness, steadfastness, unchangingness, constancy, abidingness, lastingness, endurance, permanence; stewardship, guardianship, wardship, protection, Law. trusteeship; keep, safekeeper-keeping; tutelage, guidance, chaperonage, supervision, superintendence, surveillance, watchful eye, direction, control. 5. responsibility, commitment, engagement, obligation, devoir, duty; mission, assignment, charge, office, commission. —v. 6. Usu. trust in or to rely on or upon, depend on, count on or upon, have confidence in, have faith in; set store by, Inf. put or take stock in, swear by, believe in; believe one’s eyes, believe one’s ears; put or place confidence in, put one’s trust in, pin one’s faith on or upon, put one’s hope in. 7. have confidence, be optimistic, be hopeful, hope, expect, anticipate, look forward to, plan on. 8. believe, take faith on, take [s.o.’s] word for [s.t.], accept, S.I. buy, Inf. swallow. 9. entrust, consign, turn over, make over, sign over; commit, put into the hands of, commend, give over; delegate, invest, assign, depute, empower.
truth, n. 1. reality, actuality, Archaic, sooth; gospel, gospel truth, naked truth, unvarnished truth, Sl. straight goods; facts, Inf. low-down, Inf. scoop, story; inside information, intelligence.
2. verity, Archaic. truth, factuality, factualness; actuality, reality, actuality, genuineness; validity, validness, soundness.
3. fact, certainty, certitude; principle, rule, law, fundamental, canon; Math. proposition, theorem.
4. faithfulness, honesty, closeness, strictness.
5. honesty, uprightness, integrity, righteousness, honorableness, upstandingness; truthfulness, sincerity, sincerity, veracity, veraciousness; openness, Inf. straightforwardness, candor, frankness.
6. truism, platitudine, self-evident truth, axiom; cliché, banality, trite saying; proverb, maxim, adage, saw, aphorism, gnome, apogmem; byword; dictum, precept, motto, motto, epigram.
7. accuracy, trueness, precision, exactness, veracity.
8. in truth in reality, in fact, actually, really, truthfully, as a matter of fact.
truthful, adj. 1. honest, veracious, sincere, earnest; upright, righteous, honorable, upstanding; ethical, moral, conscionable.
2. verity, Archaic. truthful, factuality, factualness; actuality, reality, actuality, genuineness; validity, validness, soundness.
3. actual, real, Obr. veritable, Brit. Dial. grately, Both Archaic. truthful, soothfast; authentic, genuine, valid, sound, just, confirmed; unimaginary, un fictitious, not false.
try, v. 1. attempt, essay, endeavor, undertake, try one's hand at, venture, seek, aim; strive, make an effort, struggle, push, break one's neck, bend over backward, knock oneself out, Inf. do one's damnest; All Inf. have a go at, take a crack or shot at, give [s.t.] the old college try, give [s.t.] a go.
2. test, experiment with, assay, prove; examine, look over, inspect, scrutinize, analyze, assess, evaluate; judge, consider, think about; sample, taste, feel, par cept, motto, motto, epigram.
3. tax, drain, sap, strain, weary, tire; trouble, bother, distress; vex, irk, annoy, bug, pester, Sl. drive up the wall; torment, anguish, rack, pain.
—n. 4. attempt, effort, endeavor, struggle, essay, crack, shot, stab, fling, turn, go; trial, testing, chance, opportunity.
trying, adj. 1. annoying, irksome, bothersome, troublesome, troubling, fretful, worriesome; irritating, aggravating, disquieting, exacerbating; disturbing, perturbing, vexing; nasty, unpleasant, disagreeable; maddening, infuriating, frustrating.
2. difficult, hard, arduous, tough, rough, tough-sle ded, uphill; wearying, tiring, fatiguing, exhausting, enervating; racking, devastating, demoralizing, dispir ing.
tryst, n. rendezvous, assignation, date; engagement, appointment, meeting, secret meeting, arrangement.
tub, n. 1. bathtub, bath, Fr. bain, balneary; (for babies) Trademark. Bathinette.
2. bucket, pail, receptacle, vessel, firkin; basin, bowl; barrel, hoghead, punchoon, tun, butt, cask, rundlet, keg, vat.
tube, n. 1. cylinder, pipette, pipe, hose, line, connector, worm, spout; outlet, inlet, passage, channel; duct, main, conduit, shaft, tunnel, canal, trough, shoot.
3. Informal. subway, underground, train, metro.
tuck, v. 1. insert, put into, stick or thrust or shove or push in, Inf. stuff, Inf. stuff in, Inf. cram or pack in; implant, embed, impact; put away, hide, stow, tuck away.
2. fold, fold up, gather, double, Sl. crunch, Sl. scrunch up; fold over or down, dog-ear, infold; crinkle, ruck, ruffle, pucker, crease; braid, plait, weave, pleat, take in; finish, bind, bind off, hem, Surg. plicate.
3. pull in or down, fold under, straighten, neaten, put right; tighten, smooth, make flat or neat or tight.
4. cover, cover snugly, blanket, wrap, incase, enwrap, muffle, swaddle, swathe, sheathe, roll up in, shroud.
—n. 5. fold, crease, pucker, pleat, gather, pinch, pucker, ruffle, crinkle, crumple, cockle, plait, lap, overlap, lappet, flap, doubling, edging, binding; flexure, plication or plicature.
tuft, n. 1. bunch, cluster, clump, thatch, batch, wisps; brush, pompon, plume, tassel, feather, Ornith. plume; knot, topknot, knob, crest, scalp lock, elf lock, pompadour, shock, forelock, cowlick, mop.
2. thicket, copse, grove, Chiefly Brit. coppice, Brit. spinney, small wood, basket, Archaic. bok, brake, canebreak; bushwood, bush, scrub, scrub growth, U.S. chapparral, underbrush, undergrowth, shrubbery, hedges, bushes; truss, Bot. raceme, Bot. panicle; bouquet, posy; fagot, bundle; fascicle.
tug, v. 1. pull, pull at, draw or draw up, hitch or hitch up, hike or hulk up; jerk, wrench, wring, wrest, Inf. yank, Inf. twitch, pick at, grab or snatch at, tweak, pinch, joggle.
2. drag, haul, draft, heave, lug; toil, strain, snatch at, yank; twitch, pluck, pick at, grab Inf. —n. 4. pull, haul, strain, effort, stress, toil, labor; work; contest, exercise; jerk, twitch, wrench, Inf. yank.
tuition, n. 1. tutorage, cost per pupil, cost per credit hour, charge, fee, price, cost, Inf. damage or damages, Inf. tab; expense, outlay, disbursement; ex action.
2. teaching, instruction, tutelage; education, edification, elucidation; training, qualification, schooling; discipline, guidance, direction, preparation, experience, exposure, practice, drill, tutorship, Inf. spoon feeding.
tumble, v. 1. fall down, fall end over end, pitch, pitch forward, precipitate oneself, fall headlong, go down, Inf. take a spill, Inf. take a flyer or a header or a pratfall; slip, stagger, totter, falter, lose one's footing, lose one's equilibrium, Inf. flop, Inf. flop down, Sl. take a flop; come a cropper, fall on one's face, Sl. fall on one's keester; roll end over end, go head over heels, go tail over teakettle, somersault, flip, backflip, do a flip, flip over.
2. pitch, pitch about, toss, heave, wallow, founder, Inf. wallop; flounder, reel, lurch, capsise, turn turtle, pitch and plunge, trash about, careen, roll, rock.
3. Usu. tumble over stumble, trip, bumble, blunder, fall over, tumble, sprawl, Inf. spread-eagle.
4. fail, decline, drop, plunge, plummet, dive, crash, slide, slump, skid, go downhill, drop off, tend down—
ward; collapse, topple, go to the wall, Inf. wash out, Inf. bite the dust.
5. overthrow, overturn, upend, topple, bring low or down, pull or haul down.
6. Informal. Usu. tumble to understand, become aware, comprehend, grasp the situation, see the light, Inf. catch on, Inf. get on to, Inf. get wise to.
7. disorder, disarray, derange, disarrange, mess up, dishevel, ruffle, tousle, tangle, entangle; jumble, scramble, rifle through, disturb, rumple, snarl up; scatter, spill, upset, toss about.
—n. 8. fall, stumble, slip, trip, skid, sprawl; somersault, flip, Inf. cropper, Inf. header, Inf. spill, Inf. pratfall, Sl. nosedive, Sl. tailspin, Sl. flop, Sl. floporeo.
9. collapse, crash, cavedom, downfall, downfall, dive, plunge, disaster, defeat.
10. disorder, disarray, mess, heap, pile, jumble, scramble, hodgepodge, welter, mishmash, clutter, unholy mess; confusion, chaos.

**tumble-down, adj.** dilapidated, ramshackle, ruined, in ruins, broken-down, gone to wrack and ruin; in disrepair, rundown, Sl. sleazy; fallen to pieces, crumbling, crumbling, ready to fall; decrepit, tottering, unstable, shaky; untrustworthy, insecure, unsafe.

**tumbler, n.** 1. acrobat, gymnast, somersaulter, high-vault; trampolinzer, trampolinit; circus performer or artist; contortionist, posture-master; athlete.
2. cup, drinking cup, drinking vessel, glass, beaker, dipper; shot glass, jigger.

**tumefaction, n.** swelling, pouting, puffing, distention; enlargement, growth, dilatation, dilation, turgescency.

**tumefy, v.** swell, distend, bloat, protuberate, puff or blow up, become larger, fill out, grow, enlarge; inflate, increase, dilate.

**tumid, adj.** 1. swollen, enlarged, bloated, puffed up, or out, puffy Pathol. dropsical, Pathol. edematous, Pathol. edematose, Bot., Entomol. incrases-tate; tumescent, turgid, inflated, Obs. sultated, distended, expanded, dilated, Pathol., Bot. hypertrophied; full, filled, stuffed, overfull, overstuffed.
2. bombastic, pompous, orotund, fustian, pretentious, overinflated, overblown, flatulent, plethoric; overinflated, overblown, flatulent, plethoric; overinflated, overblown, flatulent, plethoric; overinflated, overblown, flatulent, plethoric.
3. disturbed, distraught, agitated, uneasy, upset, restless, restive, restless, restive, restless, restive, restless, restive.
4. disturbed, distraught, agitated, uneasy, upset, bothered, troubled; beside oneself, Inf. in a tizzy or dither, in a turmoil; anxious, Inf. in a sweat, impatient, frantic, restless, restive; excited, frenzied, hysterical, rabid, manic, maniacal; furious, mad as a wet hen; catatonic, roiled, ruffled, exasperated.

**tune, n.** 1. melody, air, aria, song, ditty, strain, lay; chant, plainsong, hymn, anthem, dirge, chanson, lied, ballad, Inf. pop tune, folk song, carol, lullaby.
2. union, harmony, concert, agreement, accord, consonance, correspondence, concord, accordance, conformity, congruity; harmoniousness, euphony, sympathy, tunefulness, melodiousness.
3. change one's tune change one's mind, reverse one's views, have a change of heart, take a different tack; back-pedal, backtrack, about-face, Inf. flip-flop.

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**tunnel, n.** 1. underground, underground passage-way, subterranean passage, Mil. mine; underpass, Chiefly Brit. subway, C.B. Radio. hole in the wall.
2. (all of mines) gallery, corridor, Mining. drift, Mining. crosscut.
3. (both of animals) burrow, hole.

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**turbulence, n.** 1. agitation, perturbation, excitement. See tumulti (def. 3).

**turbulent, adj.** stormy, turbulent; explosive, volcanic, unpredictable, uncertain; wild, untamed, raging, fierce, savage, un-restrained, no-holds-barred.
2. noisy, clamorous, clangerous, loud, stentorian, ear-shattering, ear-splitting, blaring; clattering, shrieking, screaming, hollering, yelling; brawling, wrangling, fighting; disorderly, ungovernable, uncontrollable, unruly; boisterous, rowdy, roistering.
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—v. 4. Often tune up adjust, Archaic. attune, synchronize, coordinate, align, regulate, set, put in proper condition; warm up, Music. noodle, prepare, ready, prime.
5. harmonize, bring into harmony, attune, bring into accord or agreement.

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**turbv, n.** headdress, head covering, headgear, head scarf, scarf, bandanna, (in India) pagree, tarboosh, toque, cloche.

**turbid, adj.** 1. unclear, clouded, cloudy, opaque, nontransparent, murky, muddy, muddied; dirty, filthy, unclear, impure, polluted, befouled, foul, feculent.
2. thick, dense, soupy, Inf. thick as pea soup, heavy, concentrated, condensed.
3. confused, disjointed, disconnected, incoherent, unclear, indistinct, fuzzy, hazy, foggy, blurry, blurred; muddied, mixed-up, jumbled, disorganized, unordered, disorderly, deranged; disturbed, troubled, agitated, unsettled.

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2. violence, storminess, tempestuousness, uproar, squall; commotion, confusion, chaos, pandemonium, bedlam, rampage, racket; fury, frenzy, rage; cataclysm, convulsion, eruption, outburst, explosion; noise, hubbub, sound and fury; fracas, brawling, wrangling.
3. disorder, anarchy, disarray, disruption, discord,
disheveled; undignified, roughness, shoppiness; fuss, bustle, stir, *Inf.* to do, ado; mess, messiness, disorganization, mix-up, imbroglio; explosiveness, perilousness.

**turbulent**, adj. 1. disturbed, agitated, upset. See **tumultuous** (def. 3).
2. disordered, confused, mixed-up, untidy, tumultuous; choppy, irregular, shifting, mercurial, unendurable; upside-down, *Sl.* out of whack, *Inf.* out of kilter, *Sl.* screwed-up; clamorous, clangorous, noisy, rowdy; explosive, volcanic, dangerous, perilous, uncertain, unpredictable.
3. violent, stormy, tempestuous, wroth, rampagious, uproarious; aggressive, combative, offensive, militant, pugnacious, bellicose, belligerent, hostile, with a chip on one's shoulder; obstreperous, boisterous, rioting; unbridled, raging, furious, rampant, fierce, wild, untamed, savage, unrestrained, no-holds-barred; disorderly, ungovernable, uncontrollable, unruly; fighting, brawling, wrangling, up in arms, angry, ready to fight; pushing, *Inf.* pushy, forward, forceful, bold, assertive.

**turf**, n. 1. grass, sod, sward, greensward, artificial grass, trademark. Astroturf; lawn, grassplot, patch of grass, green grassy land.

**turgid**, adj. See **tumid** (defs. 1, 2).

2. bombast, grandiosity, pomposity, orotundity, magniloquence, grandiloquence; oratory, rant, declamation, extravagance, highflying language, sesquipedality; verbosity, verboseness, wordiness, prolixity, prolixness; flatulence, inflatedness, *Archaic* turgescence, tumidity, intumescence, tumefaction, balloononing, *Archaic* turgescence, tumidity, intumescence, tumefaction, balloononing.

**turn**, v. 1. rotate, spin, revolve, *Archaic* trundle; swivel, pivot, wheel, caracole; roll, rev, twirl, twiddle, crank; reel, circumslove, circumsrotate, gyre; gyrate, circle, whirl, circumdact; swirl, eddy, circulate, move in circles, go round; (of the hips) bump, grind.
2. change, alter, shift, move, diversify; diverge, deviate, diverge, detour; sheer, change course, veer; veer off, angle off, shoot off, sidetrack, shunt, rechannel.
3. reverse, invert, interchange, transpose, translocate; turn over, flip over, turn topsy-turvy, subvert; retroflex, back, turn back, reverse the course of; wheel around, veer around, swing around, turn about, turn on one's heels, make a U-turn, *Sl.* pop or bang a U-ie; flip, tip, turn upside down, topple, tilt, upturn; introvert, evert, turn inside out, fold, invaginate, intussuscept.
4. change, convert, resolve, modify, permute; vary, reorganize, reorder, adjust, revolutionize; restyle, remodel, recast, reconstruct; reform, refashion, redo, rebuild, recondition, make over; transshape, transform, transmute, transfigure; metamorphose, transsubstantiate, transmogrify.
5. nauseate, sicken, unsettle, turn one's stomach, make one sick; offend, repulse, revolt, pail, make one's gorge rise; undo, unhinge, derange, disorder, upset.
6. put, apply, address, use, put to use, engage, employ; fit, adapt, suit, modify, regulate, maneuver; practice, exercise, bring into play, ply, bring into effect, bring to bear; actualize, carry out, effect, put into practice.
7. pass around, go around, round turn, round the corner, make a turn, round the bend, double a point, round a point.
8. persuade, prejudice, color, influence, affect; partialize, bias, warp, incline; move, sway, induce, prevail upon, alter the belief of, change the opinion of.
9. decay, rot, spoil, putrefy, molder; curdle, sour, work, lopper, clubber, curd; go bad, reek, taint, stink, smell to high heaven, addle, stagnate.
10. aim, direct, point, head; incline, bend, bear, set, fix, lay; train, zero in, level; steer, lead, conduct, pilot; orient, position, put on the right track, *Chiefly Scot.* airt; lean.
11. avert, turn away, turn aside, ward off, parry; deflect, divert, shunt; countercheck, block, block the way; stave off, fend off, *Archaic* forfend, check, foil; prevent, thwart, frustrate, balk.
12. shape, form, mold, cast, fashion, construct, formulate; express, style, couch, word, voice, verbalize; term, write, put, say.
13. curve, bend, swerve, flex; arch, arc, bow, vault, camber, *Archit.* embow; round, circle, circumscribe; crook, hook, inflect; twist, wind, curl, coil, spiral; loop, wreathen, twine; meander, zigzag, insinuate, worm, snake.
14. wrench, twist, contort, spray, wrick; dislocate, tear, rupture; pull, jerk, catch, disjoint, overturn.
15. defect, go over, change sides, apostatize, desert, break faith; tergiversate, change loyalties, do an about-face; renounce, repudiate, cast off, forgo, abandon, forsake; turn renegade, go back on one's word, recant, hold with the hare but run with the hounds, reneg, wench.
16. put about, tack, cant, slue; swing, warp, veer, yaw; jibe, gybe, jib, haul, change course.
17. turn against a. revolt, rebel, mutiny, rise against; oppose, fly in the face of, rise in arms, kick against, kick over the traces; dissent, protest, disagree, say no, demonstrate against; disobey, defy, spurn, repugn. b. betray, sell, sell out, play false, play Judas; stab in the back, trick, be false-hearted to, give the Judas kiss to.
18. turn back a. retrace, go back, return. b. resist, drive back, beat back, repel, repulse, rebuff.
19. turn down a. lessen, reduce, diminish, lower, decrease; dull, mute, soften, hush, quiet, muffle, stifle. b. refuse, reject, decline, deny, veto, turn thumbs down; disapprove, reprobate, disMiss, disallow, discredit; spurn, repudiate, refuse to listen to, ignore.
20. turn a. submit, hand in, tender, put forward, give; pass in, deliver, hand over, return, give back. b. inform on, deliver up, Sl. squeal on, rat on, tell on, Inf. blow the whistle on; finger, put the finger on, fink on, betray, Sl. snitch on, tattle; bear witness against, testify against, Brit. turn queen’s evidence, turn state’s evidence. c. retire, go to bed, bed, flop; repair, withdraw, call it a day, roll in, pile in; bid goodnight, say one’s prayers; Sl. hit the sack, Sl. hit the hay; hit the road. d. set one’s pillow.

21. turn into a. drive into, walk into, pull into, steer into, come into. b. become, get, get to be, grow, turn out to be, go, wax, come, run; be changed into, be converted into, undergo a change, change into, pass into.

22. turn on a. open, start, cause to flow, unstop, unseal; tap, throw open, tear open. b. switch on, flick on, plug in, flip on. c. activate, start, impel, stimulate, energize. d. Slang. excite, thrill, titillate, arouse, impression; inspirit, inspire, touch, penetrate, work up; delight, gladden, Inf. tickle pink, elate.

23. turn out a. produce, yield, bear, give, afford; make, put out, bring out, manufacture. b. drive out, expel, dismiss, oust, discharge; boot out, bounce, bump, ax; can, fire, kick out, cashier, terminate. c. result, issue, arise, emanate, spring, proceed, ensue, supervene, knock over, keel over, bottom up, tip over. d. eventuate, become, come to be, grow to be, get to be; come about, end up, Inf. pan out.

24. turn over a. consider, reflect, ponder, wonder about, muse; contemplate, brood, mull over, ruminate, think about. b. transfer, give, hand over, command, entrust, consign, commit, relegate. c. top about, muse; contemplate, brood, mull over, ruminate, Inf. turn about, flip-flop, about-face, volte-face; change of heart, changeabout, rightabout, turnaround.

25. turn tail over, push over, turn turtle; overthrow, inverse, think about, b. transfer, give, hand over, consider, reflect, ponder, wonder

26. turn to a. open, start, cause to flow, unstop, unseal; tap, throw open, tear open. b. switch on, flick on, plug in, flip on. c. activate, start, impel, stimulate, energize. d. Slang. excite, thrill, titillate, arouse, impression; inspirit, inspire, touch, penetrate, work up; delight, gladden, Inf. tickle pink, elate.

27. turn about a. submit, hand in, tender, put forward, give; pass in, deliver, hand over, return, give back. b. inform on, deliver up, Sl. squeal on, rat on, tell on, Inf. blow the whistle on; finger, put the finger on, fink on, betray, Sl. snitch on, tattle; bear witness against, testify against, Brit. turn queen’s evidence, turn state’s evidence. c. retire, go to bed, bed, flop; repair, withdraw, call it a day, roll in, pile in; bid goodnight, say one’s prayers; Sl. hit the sack, Sl. hit the hay; hit the road. d. set one’s pillow.

28. turn around a. resort, have recourse to, appeal to, dedicate, give wholly to; buckle down, knuckle down, call upon, apply to. b. work at, attend to, devote, heels; dance the back step, bolt, take to one’s heels, cut and run; run away, flee, fly, show a light pair of

29. turn upon come forth, drop from the clouds. — subject to.

30. movement, rotation, revolution, circle; gyration, circuvolution, circumgyration, circumrotation; circuit, cycle, round, circulation; wheel, gyre, roll, reel, turbination; twirl, whirl, spin, eddy, whirlpool, whirligig, pirouette; convolution, Anat. gyrus.

31. reversal, inversion, reversement, reversion; return, revulsion, reverse; retrogression, retroversion, turnabout, flip-flop, about-face, volte-face; change of heart, changeabout, rightabout, turnaround.

32. change, alteration, variation, difference, fluctuation, vicissitude; deviation, divergence, shift, switch, qualification; modification, adjustment, modulation, adaptation; transformation, transfiguration, metamorphosis, conversion; transmogrification, transubstantiation, mutation, permutation.

33. renewal, revival, improvement, amelioration, betterment, change for the better; worsening, deterioration, change for the worse, relapse.

34. time, opportunity, chance; say, move, hand; Sl. crack, Sl. go, Sl. shot, Sl. whack, Baseball. at bat; shift, tour, tour of duty, trick, watch; spell, stint, period, cycle.

35. bend, curve, swerve, slue, skew, lurch; bow, arch, arc, vault, Archit.; incurves, camber, crescent, lune, half-moon; veer, warp, bias, sweep, shear, yaw, tack; twist, serpentine, winding, meander, curvature; flexure, incurvation, U-turn, horseshoe, U.S. oxbow; hook, crook, angle, corner, dogleg; hairpin turn, zigzag, Chefsy Scot. wimple;Geom. parabola, Geom. envelope, epicycloid, deflection, double, divarication, divagation, deviation.

36. style, form, mode, manner; guise, phase, make-up; cast, fashion, mold, shape, cut, stamp, type, set; build, make; conformation, configuration, frame, format, construction.

37. bent, tendency, aptitude, flair, aptness; inclination, proclivity, propensity, proneness; penchant, capacity, faculty, head, eye, ear, hand.

38. deed, act, action; service, favor, mercy, courtesy, good deed, grace; kindness, benefaction, benefit, boon; disservice, ill turn, hurt, harm, wrong, injury.

39. juncture, crossroads, turning point, crisis, crunch, turn of the tide; contingency, exigency, emergency; pinch, Inf. clutch, strait, pass, extremity; zero hour, moment of truth.

40. walk, hike, stroll, amble, tramp; jaunt, promenade, constitutional, stretch; march, trapeze, ramble, amble; ride, spin, whirl, drive.

41. by turns alternately, one after the other, one after another, every other, every second; successively, consecutively, reciprocally, back and forth.

42. in turn in succession, in order, in rotation, in sequence; like dominoes, in a string, down the line.

43. take turns alternate, change places, trade places, trade off; rotate, switch, exchange, interchange, Inf. swap; reciprocate, change off, change back and forth, Sports. platoon.

44. turn and turnabout alternation, rotation, reciprocity, exchange, Inf. backscratching, give-and-take, like for like, tit for tat, quid pro quo, measure for measure; retaliation, reprisal, requital, retribution, vindication, blow for blow, a Roland for an Oliver, revenge, vengeance, an eye for an eye.

45. turnabout, n. reversal, turnaround, aboutface, rightabout, volte-face, switch, Sl. switcheroo, Inf. flip-flop, Inf. a 180°; backtracking, backpedaling; change of heart, second thoughts, Inf. a different tune or song.

46. turncoat, n. 1. renegade, Archiac. renegade, deserter, apostate, defector, bolter, seceder; forsaker, dropout, querter, Sl. cop-out.

2. traitor, betrayer, Inf. double-crosser, Inf. double-dealer, Sl. two-timer, Sl. cheat or cheat; Judas, Bru-
turpitude, depravity, corruption, corruption.
turnpike, or turnout, assembly, gathering, collection.
tussle, scuffle, wrestle.

*Inf.* Fr. tourelle; tower, steeple, spire. See jailer.

Chiefly Brit, turning point, n. crossroads, crisis, juncture, conjunction, coalescence.

wickedness, sinfulness, evil, evilness, iniquitousness, animalism, carnality, sensuality, lustfulness, lust; licentiousness, license; lechery, debauchery, crime.

contamination, defilement, desecration, violation; unalization, deterioration, corrosion, degradation, degeneracy, degenerateness; adulteration, pollution.

inculcation, indoctrination, brainwashing, discipline.

grounding, initiation, preparation, schooling, training; instilling, infusing.

turning point, climax, moment of truth, moment of decision, Inf. zero hour.
utile, adj. tutorial, guardian, guarding, protective, protecting, patron, patronal, patriline.
tutor, n. 1. private instructor or teacher, preceptor, guru, mentor; trainer, coach; professor, schoolteacher, schoolmaster, schoolmistress.

—v. 2. instruct, teach, school, educate, inform, enlighten, edify; indoctrinate, brainwash, inculcate, instill, infuse; train, coach, initiate, ground, prepare, ready; guide, direct, control, discipline.

care for, take care of, keep, protect; supervise, watch or watch over, keep an eye on, baby-sit.
tuxedo, n. dinner clothes, dinner jacket, semiformal wear, black tie, Inf. tux, Sl. monkey suit, Sl. soup-and-fish. See also cutaway.
twaddle, n. 1. blather, blathering, twaddling, Brit. twat, twaddle, n. twatting; drivel, nonsense, moonshine, Fr. havardage, gobbledygook, humbug, flummery, Sl. bunk, rubbish, Inf. rot, Sl. garbage, Sl. horsefeathers; balderdash, hogwash, stuff and nonsense, Inf. bush, Brit. Sl. tosh, fudge, foolishness, rigmarole; poppycock, Inf. fiddle-faddle, Inf. piffle, Inf. kibosh, Inf. flapdoodle.

2. babble, babbling, babblement, prattle, prattling, prate, prating; gibber, gibbering, gibberish, jabber, jabbering, Jabberwocky, Sl. gibber-jabbering; chatter, chattering, cackling, cackling; chit-chat, small talk, gossip, tittle-tattle, Inf. scuttlebutt, buzz, idle talk, Inf. gab, Sl. bull; palaver, clapper, Sl. buzz air, Sl. gas.

—v. 3. prate, Brit. twat, babble, blather, drive; talk nonsense, Inf. talk through one's hat; jabber, gibber, Sl. gibber-jabber, jargon; chatter, chirp, prattle, cackle; chit-chat, chitter-chatter, chaffer, banter, words; talk idly, Sl. shoot the breeze, Sl. gas, Sl. gab; Sl. bull or shoot the bull; gossip, tittle-tattle, Inf. spout, Sl. run off or on at the mouth.
twang, v. 1. twangle, resound, reverberate, ring; jingle, tinkle, chink, chime, ding.

2. pluck, pick, strum.

—n. 3. sharp or ringing sound, shrillness, siren, stridency; reverberation, resonance; dissonance, cacophony.

4. nasalization, nasal tone, nasality.
tweak, v. pinch, twitch, Obs. twinge; twist, squeeze; pull, jerk, grip, nip.
twiddle, v. 1. fiddle with, fidget with, fuss with, v. pinch, twitch, v. twang, ringing sound, shrillness, stridency; reverberation, resonance; dissonance, cacophony.

2. prate, chatter, speak, talk, go on at the mouth.

3. care for, take care of, keep, protect; supervise, watch or watch over, keep an eye on, baby-sit.
brother or sister.

—adj. 2. similar, cognate, Siamese, congeneric, congenial, kindred, connotational; fellow, like, alike, of a piece, akin to, of a kind; corresponding, correspondent, analogous, comparable, parallel, homologous, matching; identical, same, one and the same, selfsame.

3. double, doubled, duplipe, duplicate, two, Archaic. twin, Bot. bijectuate, Bot. biotic, binary, Algebra. bi-nominal; geminate, geminated, coupled, Bot. didy- 
mous, paired, conjugate, matched; dualistic, dual, twofold.

twine, n. 1. cord, cable, rope, string, wire, yarn; twist, plait, braid.

2. convolution, coil, spiral, helix, spire, volute, whorl, Bot. tendril.

3. knot, tangle, snarl.

—v. 4. interwind, interweave, interlace, intertwine; entwine, weave, lace, knit, splice; plait, pleach, braid.

5. wreath, encircle, circle, surround, wrap, enwrap.

6. meander, snake, worm, twist and turn, twist, turn, wind, zigzag; curve, swerve, veer, deviate, slue.

7. smite, misrepresent, falsify.

8. curl, coil, spiral, convolute, twirl, whirl, whorl.

9. meander, snake, worm, twist and turn, turn, wind, zigzag; curve, swerve, veer, slue, skew, hook, crook, angle, dogleg, hairpin turn, Sl. dead man’s turn; meander, zigzag, Chiefly Scot. wimple.

11. twine, cord, cable, rope, string, wire, yarn; plait, braid.

12. perversion, distortion; misconstruction, misinterpretation, mistranslation, misquotation, miscitation, misstatement; miscoloration, misrepresentation, falsification, subreption; esieseseg.

13. eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, idiocrasy, mannerism, quirk, hobby-horse; oddity, peculiarity, curiosity; irregularity, incongruity, variation, abnormality, difference, variance, inconsistence; quip, crotchet, maggot, whim, caprice, flight of fancy.

14. kink, crick, hitch, pinch, tweak, stab, stitch, stitch in the side, Inf. charley horse.


twit, v. 1. taunt, tweak, gib, chaff, raillery, puck by the beard, Inf. roast, Inf. dig, Sl. razz, Sl. rag; mock, make fun of, poke fun at, call [s.o.] names; lampoon, burlesque, satire, ridicule, deride, revile, contain, scorn, hold up to scorn; tease, kid, pull [s.o.’s] leg, Inf. put [s.o.] on, Inf. give [s.o.] a hard time, Inf. needle, Inf. rib, Inf. josh, Sl. jive, Sl. get a rise out of [s.o.].

2. reproach, upbraid, censure, rebuke, berate, Sl. rank out, Sl. dress down, Sl. jump down [s.o.’s] throat.

—n. 3. taunt, gib, skit, jeer, sneer, Inf. dig; cut, Inf. brickbat, Sl. put down; boo, hoot, hiss, catcall, Sl. raspberry, Sl. bronx cheer.

twist, v. 1. tug, pull, yank, pull, vellicate, snatch; joggle, jolt, hitch, jar, jiggles, jounce, bounce; shake, agitate, churn; pinch, bite, nip, tweak, twist, wrench.

2. jerk, jump, move spasmodically; quiver, quaver, shiver, wriggle, wiggle, squirm.

3. hurt, pain, ache, twinge, smart, sting, gripe, thrub, pulsathe, beat, palpitate, go pitapat.

—n. 4. tic, spasm, vellication, contraction; quiver, quaver, shake, tremor; throb, palpitation, pulsation; throce, paroxysm, convolution.

5. pull, tug, jerk, yank; tweak, pinch, nip, twist, wrench.

6. ache, pain, twinge, pang, stab, laceration.

twitter, n. v. 1. trill, warble, whistle, sing; chip, chirrup, tweet, cheep, peep; shrill, stridulate, crow, caaw, coo.

2. chatter, jabber, prattle, cackle, gibber, Sl. gibber- 
jabber; babble, prate, twaddle, Brit. twattle, patter, gabble; chit-chat, chitter-chatter, chaffer.

3. be in a flutter, tremble, be excited, be agitated,
Inf. be in a tizzy, Inf. be in a dither, be wrought up; fuss, fidget.
—n. 4. trill, warble, whistle, song, call, cry, coo; chirp, chirrup, tweet, creep, peep; stridulation.
5. flutter, Inf. tizzy, Inf. dither, excitement, agitation, Inf. stew, ferment.
two, n. pair, twosome, brace, set, couple, couplet, doublet, Archaic twain; yoke, span, team; binary.
two-faceted, adj. hypocritical, double-tongued, double-faced, Janus-faced; deceitful, insincere, dishonoring, false, mendacious, untruthful, hollow; dishonest, underhanded, untrustworthy, crooked, knavish; wily, tricky, designing, scheming, guileful, double-dealing; artful, crafty, Machiavellian, cunning, sly, snaky, foxy; subtle, insidious, collusive, circumventive, prevaricative; misleading, fallacious, sophistical, casuistic, deceptive; evasive, dodgy, elusive, slippery, sly; perfidious, treacherous, traitorous, Punic; treasonable.
two-fold, adj. binary, Algebra. binomial; double, dual, dualistic, duplex, duplicate; geminate, twin, coupled; bifurm.
two-sided, adj. 1. bilateral, bifacial, bihedral.
2. split, divided, Sl. schizo.
tycoon, n. magnate, big businessman, businessman, enterpriser, financier, entrepreneur; industrialist, capitalist, captain of industry, baron, Inf. robber baron, Inf. wheeler-dealer; top executive, business leader; director, manager, Sl. honcho, Sl. top dog, Sl. Mr. Big, All Inf.; big shot, big-wig, big brass, big wheel, big cheese, big-timer, big-time operator.
type, n. 1. kind, sort, form, stamp; class, classification, group, category, order, genre; set, suit, suite; genus, species, phylum, division, subgenus, subspecies, subdivision; kin, ilk, family, brood, tribe, clan; strain, sept, breed, stock, variety, brand; sex, gender, race, marital status, religion, creed, sexual orientation, nationality.
2. style, character, nature, temperament, temper, disposition, humor; form, structure, make, designation, description, number, denomination, case, voice; habit, persuasion, bent, inclination, leaning, Inf. the like or likes of; lot, manner, cast, mold, kidney; grain, vein, mark, color, stripe, streak, feather.
3. specimen, example, representative, exemplar, pi- lot; instance, case, sample, Archaic example.
4. pattern, model, standard, norm; rule, criterion, precedent; mirror, paradigm, epitome, quintessence; prototype, archetype, urtext, original; benchmark, lighthouse, normative.
5. print, stamp, typeface, face, font, typeface; character, letter, capital, Inf. cap, upper case, majuscule, Inf. small cap, lower case, minuscule; italic, boldface, roman.
6. symbol, prefiguration, token, foretoken, image, sign, sure sign; signum, augury, omen, prognostic, portent, presignification, indication, symptom; fore-shadow, shadow, shadowing, adumbration.
—v. 7. typewrite; Inf. hammer away at the type- writer, Sl. bang or knock out, Sl. hunt and peck.
8. typecast, cast, grade, sort, stereotype; classify, class, categorize, order.
typhoon, n. cyclone, hurricane, monsoon, storm, tropical storm; tornado, twister, whirlwind, squall, samiel, simoom; tempest, gale, blast, blow, williwaw; Philippines. baggio, Central America. cordanzo, Australian, willy-willy.
typhus, n. 1. representative, illustrative, paradigmatic, classic, quintessential; suggestive, evidential, symptomatic, implicative; exemplary, sample, pilot, experimental, model, true to type, true to form; characteristic, distinctive, indicatory, indicative; demonstrative, denotative, connotative; distinguishing, differentiative, discriminative, diacritical.
2. symbolic, emblematical, typal, epitomical; particular, specific, special, figural, idiosyncratic, peculiar, singular; categorical, classificational, taxonomical, divisional, subdivisional.
3. normal, ordinary, regular, standard, stock, household, regulation; usual, general, natural, common, commonplace, run-of-the-mill; customary, normative, conventional, habitual, to be expected, Inf. par for the course.
typhify, v. 1. exemplify, represent, stand for, serve as an example, instance; signify, denote, indicate, mean, refer, imply; trinity, implying, trino, imply, evince, suggest; evidence, mark, manifest; illustrate, epitomize, personify, embody; be a case or instance of, give an idea of, point to.
2. symbolize, portend, foretell, prophesy, shadow; prefigure, augur, bode, betoken; presage, foreshadow, Archaic bespeak.
typhannical, adj. tyrannical, despotic, despotical, autocratic, iron-handed; arbitrary, high-handed, overweening, overbearing, dictatorial, domineering, authoritarian, imperious, peremptory, high-and-mighty, lordly, majesterial; heavy-handed, oppressive, harsh, strict, severe, hard, tough, rigorous, demanding, exacting, cruel, cold-blooded, barbarous, brutal, ruthless, merciless, pitiless, heartless, unfeeling, hard-hearted, cold-hearted; relentless, unrelenting, inexorable, implacable, inflexible, unmovable, unyielding.
tyranize, v. rule despotically, rule with a rod of iron, rule with an iron hand; dominate, domineer, have the upper or whip hand, wield the power or scepter; boss or boss around, dictate to, order around, tell [s.o.] what to do, lay down the law, call the shots or plays; browbeat, intimidate, bully, ride roughshod over, trample, ride herd on, Inf. step on or step all over, Inf. use [s.o.] for a doormat, mistreat, maltreat, abuse; overlord, lord it over, oppress, suppress, repress, keep down or under, keep under one's thumb; force, coerce, compel, constrain, Sl. put the screws to; break, humble, crush, overpower, overcome, overwhelm, get the better of; subdue, subjugate, subject, subordinate, enthrall, enslave, reduce to slavery, hold captive, hold in bondage.
tyranut, n. 1. despotism, dictatorship, supremacy, sovereignty, absolute power, unlimited authority, complete control, domination; iron hand or fist, iron rule, iron rule; oppression, repression, suppression.
2. absolutism, totalitarianism, autocracy, monocracy; one-man rule, one-party rule; czarism, Caesarism, kaisertum, Stalinism, imperialism; U.S. (of politics) bossism.
3. severity, severity, harshness, strictness, hardness, rigorosity, toughness; cruelty, brutality, inhumanity, inhumaneness; ruthlessness, mercilessness, pitilessness, heartlessness, unfeelingness, inexpressibility, inexpressibility, implacability, implacableness.
tyran, n. despot, autocrat, dictator, oppressor; monarch, autarch, absolute or supreme ruler, monarch, sovereign, emperor, king; lord, master, overlord; taskmaster, slave driver, martinet, Simon Legree.
tyro, n. beginner, abecedarian, novice, novitiate, neophyte, catechumen, tenderfoot, Sl. greenhorn; rookie, recruit, raw recruit, newcomer, new member, entrant, freshman, plebe, initiate; learner, pupil, student, protégé, disciple, follower; apprentice, trainee, probationer, intern, Educ. student teacher.
ubiquitous, adj. omnipresent, everywhere, ever-present; universal, catholic, world-wide, in all places, all over; far and wide, right and left, hither and yon, throughout the length and breadth of the land; here, there, and everywhere; under the sun, from pole to pole, the world over, at all points of the compass, on the face of the earth, to the four winds, in all climes, throughout the world.

ubiquity, n. omnipresence, ubiquity, universality, catholicity; pervasion, pervasive, diffuseness, diffusiveness, dispersion, dispersal.

gluperate, v. distort, deform, misshape, twist, turn awry, uglify, deform; unattractive, unlovely, hard, plain-looking; unattractive, unlovely, hard, looks, rough on the eyes; homely, plain, unpretty, unhandsome, unbeautiful, uncomely; hard-featured, hard-favored; unshapely, unsightly; distorted, deformed, misshapen, twisted, contorted; disfigured, mutilated, defigured, defaced, marred, blemished.

ulterior, adj. 1. concealed, hidden, secret, unseen, obscured; unexpressed, undisclosed, unrevealed, un divulged.

ulcer, n. 1. abscess, ulceration, Pathol. noma, festering, gathering, gumboil, Pathol. parulis, tubercle, Obs. apomiasis, Obs. apostemation, Archaic: impostume; canker, lesion, chancr e, chancroid, simple chancr e, soft chancr e; boil, blain, Pathol. furuncle, carbuncle, pustule, pimple, papule, papilla, pock, wen, whelk, Rare. bleb, Archaic. botch; sore, open or running sore, eruption, gall, excoriation; whitlow, a gnail.

2. bane, curse, blight, scourge; plague, pestilence, infestation; cancer, disease; poison, venom; corruption, corrosion, moth and rust, worm in the apple or rose; torment, plight, woe, affliction, infliction, worry, grievance; pest, annoyance, vexation, fret, thorn, thorn in one’s side, nettle; provocation, offense, sting.

ulcerate, v. 1. canker, Pathol. spheclate, supp rate, Inf. rankle; infect, blight, contaminate, pollute, poison, taint; corrupt, degenerate, debase, defile.

2. corrode, erode, deteriorate, wear away, destroy slowly; eat, eat away, eat into, gnaw, gnaw into, gnaw away, nibble away.

ulcerous, adj. cankerous, cankered, ulcerative, ulcerated, festering, festered, Both Pathol. furuncular, furunculous, suppuring, supplicative; gangrenous, gangrened, mortified, morbid, Pathol. necrotic, Pathol. necrosed, Pathol. spheclate; diseased, pathological; contaminated, infected, tainted, poisoned, septic, bad.

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ultra, adj. 1. extreme, radical, drastic, complete, total, thorough; sheer, utter, downright, out-and-out, unqualified, unmitigated, arrant; excessive, extravagant, exorbitant, outrageous, inordinate, undue, unnecessary, uncalled-for, disproportionate; egregious, flagrant, glaring; outstanding, notable, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, exceptional, remarkable; unusual, offbeat, exotic, bizarre, Inf. way-out, Sl. far-out.
—n. 2. extremist, radical, revolutionary, immoderate, sans-culotte, Politics. Jacobin, ultraist; zealot, fanatic, raver, Sl. crazy; nonconformist, dissenter, heretic; leftist, left-winger, Communist, Derog. Sl. com- mie, Bolshevik, Red, Sl. pinko, pink, Inf. Wobbly; reactionary, rightest, right-winger, ultraconservative, Inf. hard-hat; diehard, Inf. bitterender; Bircher, Bour- bon, Hunker, Tory.

ultrairism, n. radicalism, extremism, immolation, fanaticism, zealotry; die-hardness, ultraconservatism.

ultramodern, adj. futurist, ahead of its time, Inf. years or miles ahead, Sl. ultra-ultra, Sl. far-out, Inf. way-out; modernistic, avant-garde, advanced, progressive, forward-looking.

ultramundane, adj. 1. extraterrestrial, extramundane, transmundane, supermundane, otherworldly, unworldly, unearthly. 2. supernatural, supernatural, preternatural; spiritual, mystic, transcendental; occult, arcane.

ultranationalism, n. superpatriotism, overpatriotism, jingoism, chauvinism; my country right or wrong.

ultraviolet, n. 1. hool, bay; hoot.

umbra, n. 1. shade, shadow, shadiness, shadowi- ness; dark, darkness, lightlessness, dimness, semi-dark, semi-darkness, half-light, twilight, crepusculae, dusk, dukiness; cloudiness, murkiness, murk, gloom, gloominess, somberness, tenebrousness, obscuration.


umpire, n. 1. referee, Inf. ref, Inf. ump, linesman; moderator, arbiter, arbitrass, Chiefly Scot. overman, judge, determiner, decision, adjudicator; arbitrator, ne- gotiator, bargainer, reconciler, peacemaker, Obs. ar- biter; go-between, intermediary, mediator, intercessor.

—v. 2. referee, Inf. ref, Inf. ump, Sports. call; ar- bitrate, decide, determine, settle; judge, adjudge, adju- dicate, pass or pronounce judgement, decree, sentence. unable, adj. incapable, Obs. uncapable, unequal to, not equal to, not up to; powerless, impotent, impuis- sant, forceless, useless; incompetent, inefficient, no good, inefficient, inefficacious, ineffective, inopera- tive; unfit, unqualified, unfitted, unsuitable; inapt, unskilled; not up to par, not making the grade, Inf. not cutting the mustard, Inf. not up to snuff.

unabridged, adj. 1. unshortened, unreduced, uncut, unexpurgated; complete, entire, whole, intact.

unadapted, adj. not adapted, unadapted, unsuited, ill-suited, unfit; not right, incongruous, at odds, discordant, dissolvent; incompatible, mismatched; uncomfortable, awkward, ill-at-ease.

unaccompanied, adj. lone, alone, solo, unescorted, unattended, Inf. stag, companionless, without a partner; on one's own, solitary, separate, apart, single; lonely, lonesome, all by one's lonesome; Music. a cappella.

unaccomplished, adj. 1. undone, uncompleted, unfinished, incomplete, half-done; in abeyance, post- poned, deferred, put off.

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unaccountable, adj. 1. irresponsible, irresponsible, unanswerable, unable, subject; immune, exempt, free, clear, in the clear.

unaccountable, adj. 1. inexplicable, unexplainable, insoluble, insolvable, Obs. inextricable; impenetrable, incomprehensible, incomprehensible, inappraisable, past or beyond comprehension or understanding; unknow- able, recognizable, recognisable, unfathomable, indecipherable, undecipherable.

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unaccustomed, adj. 1. unusual, unfamiliar, un- wonted, unexpected, totally unexpected, unantici- pated, out of the ordinary, extraordinary, exceptional; special, remarkable, different, peculiar, distinct; rare, singular, uncommon, unique, once-in-a-lifetime, once-in-a-blue-moon; unheard-of, unprecedented, sur- prising, amazing, astonishing; incredible, unbelievable.

unadvised, adj. 1. uninformed, unknowing, unaware, unsuspecting; ignorant, blissfully ignorant, naive, wide-eyed, innocent, like a babe in the woods; misled, misinformed, Inf. given a bum steer.

unaffected1, adj. genuine, real, sincere, candid, frank, open, honest, true, true-blue, straightforward, up front, direct, straight-from-the-shoulder, plain, simple, like an open book; guileless, artless, naïve, innocent, like a babe in the woods; misled, misinformed, Inf. given a bum steer.

unaffected2, adj. unchanged, unaltered, unstruck, unmoved, untouched; unimpressed, unconcerned, uncaring, stoic, stolid, impassive; immutable, changeless; remote, aloof, icy, cold, chilly, bloodless, unemotion- al, cold-hearted, stony, unfeeling.

unanimity, n. union, concert, accord, chorus, concord, agreement; harmony, unity, union, alliance, consensus, one mind, consent; uniformity, concinnity, conscientiousness, consonancy, consonance, contentment; like-mindedness, rapport, sympathy, communion, mutual understanding, confluence of minds; concur-
weaponless, without arms, not unarm, or v. disarm, deprive of weapons or unassuming, adj. modest, unarrogant, unconceited, unveil; self-effacing, humble, self-humbling, content to stay in the background; low-key, restrained, unpremying, unsuppressive; retiring, demure, reserved reticent, difflent, shy; simple, quiet, plain, homely, down-to-earth, prosaic; unpretentious, informal, casual, homely, comfortable, unaffected, natural, genuine, ingenious, Inf. regular, Inf. O.K., my or our kind of; unostentatious, unpompous, unshowy, unobtrusive; unambitious, unsuspiring, unaggressive, unassertive; mild, lamblike, docile, meek, submissive.

unanswerable, adj. 1. unresolvable, undiscernible, undetectable, insoluble; unacceptable, unverifiable, unconfirmable, untraceable; unexplainable, inexplicable, undecipherable. 2. irrefutable, unarguable, undeniable, incontrovertible; incontestable, unquestionable, indiscernible; conclusive, unimpeachable, absolute, positive, definite, unappealable, indisputable. 3. unaccountable, unlikely, irresponsible; immune, exempt, unsuspect.

unapproachable, adj. 1. remote, out-of-the-way, distant, untouchable, faraway; unreachable, beyond reach, out of reach, godforsaken, forbidding; inaccessible, unattainable, unobtainable, Inf. ungettable. 2. unbeatable, unsurpassable, unimitable, incomparable; peerless, matchless, unsurpassed, unexcelled; unequaled, unrivaled, unparalleled, unmatched; without equal, beyond compare, in a class by itself, Latin. sui generis, Latin. nullus secundus, second to none; paramount, supreme, foremost, quintessential, preeminent, transcendent, superexcellent. 3. aloof, stand-offish, Inf. offish, Inf. unconquerable; cool, frigid, reticent, unsociable; seclusive, unapproachable, unattainable, unobtainable, Inf. invincible, ingenuous, O.K., my regular, or Inf. unanswerable, unanswerable, unarguable, undeniable, incontestable; incontrovertible, unquestionable, indiscernible; conclusive, unimpeachable, absolute, positive, definite, unappealable, indisputable.

unarmed, adj. 1. weaponless, without arms, not carrying a gun or weapon; unprotected, unshielded, unguarded, unarmored, uncovered, insecure, unsafe; undefended, defenseless, vulnerable, open, exposed, open to attack, attackable, assaultable, assailable, pregnable, susceptible; powerless, helpless, weak. 2. clawless, unclawed, declawed; thornless, scaleless.
Intolerable, insufferable, insupportable, unbearable,
unawares, adv. 1. unknowingly, ignorantly, unwittingly, unaware, unconsciously, unthinkingly; accidentally, unintentionally, undesignedly, without design, by accident, by mistake, mistakenly; inadvertently, inattentively, unexpectedly, off guard, in an unguarded moment.
2. suddenly unexpectedly, without warning or notice, abruptly, by surprise, like a bolt from the blue, like a thief in the night.
unbalance, v. 1. throw out of balance, upset, turn unbalanced, unawares.
unbelieving, adj. 1. unbelieving, disbelieving, agnostic, Pyrrhonist; doubter, doubting Thomas, agnostic, nihilist, indifferent, disbelief.
unbeliever, n. skeptic, Pyrrhonist; doubter, doubting Thomas, agnostic, nihilist, indifferent, disbelief.
unbelieving, adj. 1. skeptical, incredulous, doubting, of full doubt, disbelief, believing, Sl. from Missouri; suspicious, mistrustful, distrustful.
2. agnostic, Pyrrhonistic; atheist, infidel, faithless, heathen, pagan, gentile.
unbelieving, v. 1. relax, loosen, loose, slacken, untighten, relieve tension. Obs. slake; let go of, release, free, liberate; ease up, ease off, Inf. let up on.
unbent, v. 1. relax, loosen, loose, slacken, untighten, relieve tension. Obs. slake; let go of, release, free, liberate; ease up, ease off, Inf. let up on.
unbent, adj. 1. unbowed, uncurved, unhunched; adj. 1. unbowed, uncurved, unhunched; straightforward, unqualified, blunt, abrupt, open, artless, sincere; downright, point-blank, to the point.
2. fearless, unfearing, uninhibited, open, artless, sincere; downright, point-blank, to the point.
unbent, v. 1. release, disentangle, free, liberate; set free, loose, set loose, let loose, turn loose, let go, unpen, unmew, disimprison; acquit, exculpate, let go on, let off the hook; emancipate, manumit, enfranchise, affranchise, franchise; deliver, rescue, release, redeem, Theol. save.
unbent, adj. 1. spontaneous, unrestrained, free, unprompted, voluntary, willing; unconstrained, unforced, uncompelled, unordered, uncommanded; optional, discretionary.
unbowed, uncurled, uncoiled, unkinked; unsnared, untangled, unjaded, unadulterated, unspoiled, uncorrupted, unperverted, uncorrupted, unadulterated, unspoiled, uncorrupted.
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spill; lay bare, let one's hair down, show one's hand or cards, disburden, unburden; admit, acknowledge, make a clean breast, get it off one's chest, Sl. get it out of one's system, Sl. come clean, unburden one's conscience, go to confession; confess, confide, intimate, let [s.o.] in on the secret; uncover, unveil, unloak.

unbound, adj. free, unattached, loose, at liberty; unbridled, unchained, detached, uncommitted, uninvolved, divorced; unchained, unfastened, unshackled, unhampered, unagaged, unmuzzled; un hooked, unbuttoned, unsnapped, un latched, unzipped.

unbounded, adj. 1. unlimited, boundless, limitless, illimitable; immense, vast, immeasurable, unmeasured; infinite, in terminable, endless, indeterminate.

2. unconditional, termless, all-inclusive, all-embracing; undetermined, arbitrary, full, plenary.

3. unrestrained, uncontrolled, unconfined, unrestricted; uncurbed, un checked, un rein ed, uninhibited, un repressed; immoderate, rampant, unruly, unresolved, out of hand; abandoned, free, loose, wild, unsuppressed; intemperate, prodigal, wanton, irrepressible; unconstrained, unbridled, unhindered, unimpeded, unobstructed; excessive, extravagant, lavish, exorbitant, unconscionable.

unbridled, adj. unrestrained, uncontrolled, uncon trolled, unchecked. See unbounded (def. 3).

unbroken, adj. 1. whole, intact, solid, complete; entire, total, uncut, integral; undivided, unbrigaded, unreduced; all, inviolate, indissoluble, inclusive, indivisible.

2. uninterrupted, continuous, successive, progressive; ceaseless, un remitting, endless, incessant, constant, non stop, marathon; perpetual, eternal, unceasing, un ending, everlasting, perennial.

3. untamed, domesticated, wild, savage, undomesticated; feral, ferine, maverick.

4. undisturbed, calm, placid, unruffled, still; quiet, peaceful, pacific, tranquil; untroubled, serene, halcyon, restful.

5. unimpaired, unhurt, unmarred, sound, intact, intact, solid, complete; unbroken, unscathed, unmarred, unblemished.

6. inconsistent, variable, changeable, changeful, ever-changing; inconsistent, variable, changeable, changeful; inconsistent, variable, changeable, changeful.

unburden, v. 1. unload, disburden, empty, unpack, unlade, unfreight; dump, off-load, discharge; relieve, lighten, ease the load, alleviate; disencumber, disburden, unburden, unfasten, unanchor, free, unshackle, un fasten, release, deliver, discharge; un weight, un weigh, deliver, set free; take a load off [s.o.'s] mind, set at ease, make one breathe easier, set one's mind at ease.

2. disclose, reveal, bare; confide, confess. See un bosom.

uncalled-for, adj. 1. superfluous, overdone, overwrought, undue, supererogatory, redundant; unwanted, unrequired, unnecessary, nonessential, gratuitous, unwar ranted, unjustified, unwholesome, hurtful.

2. unsought, asked, uninvited, unsolicited, unrequested; unprompted, unwished, unwelcome; voluntary, self-induced, self- contributed, self-conferred.

3. improper, inappropriate, unmeet, unworthy; unjustified, unearned, undeserved, unfair, unjust; wrong, wrongful, unlawful; impertinent, rude, fresh, flippant; disrespectful, Sl. nervy, brash, sassy, per, impudent.

uncanny, adj. 1. extraordinary, remarkable, wonderful, marvelous, noteworthy; astounding, astonishing, amazing, amazing, fabulous, fantastic, tremendous, stupendous, exceptional, supernatural, uncommon, unheard-of; unbelievable, incredible, unimaginable, striking, Sl. magic; unprecedented, singular, prodigious, inspired, divine.

2. strange, mysterious, odd, spooky, queer, Scot. uncanny; preternatural, weird, eerie, creepy, unearthly, ghastly; unnatural, awesome, awful, awe-inspiring, dreadful; bizarre, macabre, unreal, spectral, phantom-like.

unceremonious, adj. 1. informal, without ritual; simple, natural, easy, free, open, casual, relaxed, lax.

2. abrupt, blunt, brusque, curt, clipped, short; quick, brief, hasty, cursory, summary, superficial, hurried, slight; rude, impolite, uncivil, discourteous, unmanly, ill-mannered, ill-bred, disrespectful, misbehaved; inconconsiderate, tactless; indelicate, uncourteous, uninviting, indecorous, ungracious, unpolished, ungenteel, unrefined, ungentlemanly, unladylike; rough, coarse, vulgar, crude, boorish, churlish, gruff.

uncertain, adj. 1. unpredictable, unforeseeable; unaccountable, undeterminable, unascertainable, uncalculable; casual, haphazard, random, arbitrary, hit-or-miss; chance, fortuitous, serendipitous, aleatory, Inf. flaky.

2. ambivalent, undecided, unresolved, unsure, betwixt and between, of two minds, at loose ends, sitting on or straddling a fence; fluctuating, oscillating, wavering, hovering; debating, considering, weighing both sides; skeptical, un convinced, questioning, suspicious, mistrustful, distrustful, untrustful.

3. irresolute, indecisive, infirm of purpose, wishy-washy; hesitant, hesitating, pausing, halting, hanging back, faltering, dallying, dillydallying; equivocating, hedging one's bets, covering or touching all bases, seeing, shilly-shallying; insecure, unassured, unconfident, unsure of oneself; reserved, constrained, restrained, demurring.

4. indefinite, undetermined, unsettled, unestablished, unfixed, up in the air, open, touch-and-go, borderline, hanging in the balance, Sl. up for grabs; unproven, un demonstrated, unconfirmed, in question, disputative, at issue; unknown, undiscovered; debatable, contestable, arguable, moot, suspect, open to question or doubt; provisional, tentative, pending, contingent, conditional; speculative, conjectural, assumptive, presumptive; theoretical, hypothetical, notional, postulational; problematic, problematical.

5. indistinct, indeterminate, undefined, ill-defined, ill-marked; vague, nebulous, obscure, unclear, Rare, im perspicuous; shadowy, hazy, fuzzy, foggy, blurry, blurred, unfocused, out of focus; mysterious, arcane, cryptic; abstract, recondite, abstruse; enigmatic, enigmatical, puzzling, baffling, bewildering, confounding; impenetrable, unfathomable, inscrutable.

6. inconsistent, variegated, changeable, ever-changing, mutable, permissible, protean, vicissitudinous; mercurial, volatile, impetuous, impulsive; fickle, capricious, wayward, skittish, flighty, moody; transient, rambling, roving, wandering.

7. dubious, doubtful, questionable; ambiguous; inconsistent, unreliable, dependable, untrustworthy, unsteadfast; treacherous, slippery, shifty, timeserving.

8. chancy, risky, riskful, full of risk, Inf. iffly, Brit. Inf. dicey; delicate, ticklish, Inf. tricky, Inf. sticky; dangerous, perilous, hazardous, Sl. hairy; unsafe, unsound, unfixed, unstable, unsteady, shaky, wobbly, teetering, tottering, hanging by a thread, trembling in the balance.

9. irregular, intermittent, erratic, sporadic, un methodical, impractical, methodless, unmethodical, systemless, Inf. on again, off again; spasmodic, fitful, desultory, stop-and-go, come-and-go, coming and going; (all of light) dim, faint, pale, poor, inadequate, feeble.

uncertainty, n. 1. doubt, doubtfulness, dubious-
uncharitable, adj. unkind, unchristian, uncompassionate;...
cliff edge, waiting for the other shoe to drop, waiting for the ax to fall, waiting for the bomb to go off; apprehensive, alarmed, anxious, with one's heart in one's mouth, fearful.

uncommitted, adj. unpledged, unpromised, unlighted, unengaged, unbetrothed, free, available; footloose and fancy-free, unattached, unbound, unengaged, unbetrothed, free, available; footloose and fancy-free, unattached, unbound, unmar- ried, single, independent; undecided, straddling the fence, on neither side, neutral.

uncommon, adj. 1. unusual, rare, uncommon, out-of-the-way; scarce, infrequent, occasional, few, few and far between; unique, one of a kind, special, singular, individual, distinctive, different, exotic, recherché; out-of-the-ordinary, unconventional, unorthodox, novel, new; atypical, irregular, aberrant, abnormal, anomalous; peculiar, eccentric, idiosyncratic, strange, curious, odd, bizarre, queer, weird, freakish, freaky.

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unctuous, adj. 1. oily, oleaginous, greasy, greased, lubricated, lubricious, unguentary, unguinous, slippery, slithery; buttery, butraceous; soapy, saponaceous, waxy.
2. smooth, suave, urbane; glib, fluent, smooth-talking, honey-tongued; ingratiating, flattering, sycophantic, obsequious, fawning, servile; insincere, hypocritical, dissembling, mealy-mouthed; self-righteous, cantish, moralistic, pious, pietistic, smug, complaisant; fervent, fervid, ardent, gushy.

undamaged, adj. unharmed, uninjured, unscarred, scatheless, unimpaired, unbroken, undefaced, undisfigured, unmarred, unspotted; sound, safe and sound, alive and well, well in good shape or condition, in perfect condition, in good hands.

undecipherable, adj. 1. illegible, unreadable, undecipherable; unclear, Inf. clear as mud, indiscernible, indistinguishable, unrecognizable; bloated, blurred, smudged; (all of writing) cramped, squeezed, squeezed together, pinched; run-on, run together, strung together; deleted, erased, effaced, eradicated, wiped or rubbed out, blotted out.
2. hieroglyphic, hieroglyphical, cryptographic, cryptographical, Obs. steganographic.
3. secret, hidden, concealed, veiled, cryptic, perdu; impenetrable, incomprehensible, uncomprehensible, unfathomable, inscrutable, unknowable, incognizable; abstruse, recondite, esoteric, abstract, heavy, Inf. heavy-duty.
4. difficult, hard, Inf. tough; complex, complicated, perplexed, Inf. tricky; intricate, involved, tangled, knotty, crabbed; obscure, dim, dark, vague, nebulous.
underdefend

adj.
1. defenseless, unprotected, unguarded, unfortified, unarmed, weaponless, weak, helpless, powerless, impotent; insecure, unsafe, dangerous, perilous, precarious.
2. vulnerable, expugnable, uncovered, exposed, naked, wide open; open to attack, penetrable, invadable, attackable, assaultable, assailable.

underdefile

adj.
1. pure, clean, fair, white, immaculate, snowy; stainless, spotless, unspotted, unblemished, unsullied, unsullied, uncolored, uncorrupted, undistorted, unmarred; germ-free, sterilized, sterile, antiseptic, disinfected; fit to drink or eat, drinkable, eatable, potable, edible; healthful, uninjurious, wholesome, sanitary, innocuous.
2. guiltless, innocent, uncorrupt, clean, moral; virtuous, decent, delicate, proper, seemly; unadorned; tasteful, polished, graceful, refined.
3. high-principled, upright, righteous, uprighteous; honest, good, sincere; creditable, full of integrity, ethical, high-minded, purehearted, saintly, holy, angelic, divine, godly.
4. unaffected, simple, plain, unornamented, unadorned; tasteful, polished, graceful, refined.

underdefined

adj.
1. indefinite, indistinct, impalpable, tenuous; vague, obscure, dim, hazy, nebulous, shadowy, blurred, clouded, veiled; amorphous, formless, shifting, changeable; uncertain, unsure.
2. unexplained, unclear, open to question, unspecified, indeterminate, inexact, imprecise; puzzling, perplexing, baffling, mysterious, enigmatic; abstruse, condensed, esoteric, cryptic.

under 示性

adj.
1. unresponsive, uncommunicative, unaffectionate, distant, aloof; excitable, unbending, unmoved, unimpressed, unsusceptible, unimpressible; harsh, rude, blunt, uncouth, impolite.
2. insensitive, unfeeling, uncompassionate, uncaring; heartless, unkind, pitiless, hard-hearted, cold-hearted, marble-hearted, stony-hearted; impervious, stony, steely, flinty; hardened, obdurate, callous, thick-skinned; uninformed, untouched, indurate, inured.

underestimated

adj.
1. inconstant, fickle, changeable, flighty, faddish; inconsistent, wishy-washy, indecisive, irresolute, erratic, labile; vacillating, wavering, fluctuating, mercurial, volatile; unpredictable, variable, vicissitudinous; impulsive, impetuous.
2. unsound, unsafe, insecure; unsteady, unstable, unsolid, insubstantial, ungrounded; shaky, rickety, shifting, slippery; dangerous, perilous, hazardous, risky; treacherous, slippery, rocky, uncertain.

under

prep.
1. beneath, below, underneath, Dial. near; further down, lower down, lower than.
2. submerged in, immersed in, sunk in, drown in; engulfed by, inundated by.
3. subordinate to, inferior to, secondary to, subordinated to, subject to; lesser than, lower than, smaller than, cheaper than; at the foot of, under the heel of, at [s.o.'s] mercy, at [s.o.'s] beck and call, in [s.o.'s] clutches, in [s.o.'s] hands.
4. backed by, supported by, sponsored by one to be, funded by, financed by; guarded by, guided by, fostered by, under the care of; under the auspices of, under the aegis of, under the eyes of.
5. beneath, below, underneath, Dial. near; subjacent, on the bottom, on the ground; underground, belowground, belowdecks, downstairs, Chiefly Brit. below stairs; underwater, submerged, imersed; underfoot.
6. below, short, less, behind, down; shy of, short of, this side of.
7. lower, lowest, nearest, subjacent; underwater, submarine, subaqueous, subterranean, submerged.
8. junior, younger, secondary, auxiliary, subordinate, cadet, lower; subaltern, subsidiary, underling, ancillary.
9. unconscious, hypnotized, mesmerized, out; senseless, comatose, insensitive, numb, asleep, sleeping.

underbrush

n.
undergrowth, underwood, underwater, submerged; underfoot.

underclothes

n.
underwear, underclothing, undergarments, underthings, underdressing, underpinnings, undies, Facecious. unmentionables, Sl. skivvies. See underwear.

undercover

adj.
secret, hidden, concealed, secluded, screened, masked, veiled, cloaked, shrouded, ensconced, under wraps, behind the curtain or closed doors, in the dark; private, nonpublic, hush-hush, confidential, closed-door, closet, Archie. pry; undisclosed, unrevealed, untold; covert, spy, intelligence, CIA, FBI; clandestine, underground, surreptitious, furtive, stealthy, sly, hugger-mugger, sneaky, underhand, underhanded.

undercurrent

n.
1. undertow, underet, rapie, crosscurrent, countercurrent.
2. undertone, overtone; hidden tendency, drift, trend; implication, suggestion, connotation, hint, murmur; latency, hidden feeling; atmosphere, tenor, aura, flavor.

undercut

v.
1. cut out, cut away, gouge out, scoop out, hollow out; excavate, undermine, mine.
2. undersell, undercharge, underprice, sell cheaply; sacrifice, sell at a loss.

underdog

n.
loser, weaker party, dark horse, out-of-towner, second-rater, also-ran.

underestimate

v.
dered to a value, underrate, rate too low, sell short, hold for naught, hold cheap, misprize;
misjudge, miscalculate; disprize, hold in disrespect, look down on, set no store by; sneeze at, spit upon, Inf. look down one's nose at; despise, scorn, contemn, be contemptuous of, disdain; feel contempt for, hold in contempt, revile, depreciate, disparage, Inf. put down, ridicule, discredite, pokc fun at; belittle, minimize, talk down.

underfoot, adv. under the feet, beneath one's feet, on the ground; underneath, under, down, below, on the inside.

undergo, v. experience, go through, pass through; encounter, live through, live out, meet with, meet, taste.

2. endure, bear, sustain, tolerate, take patiently, suffer through, brook, submit to, brave; abide, stand, withstand, put up with, weather; permit, allow, suffer; swallow, stomach, pocket, digest.

underground, adv. 1. subterraneously, subterranneously, by or through a tunnel or underpass, by subway or the metro; under or in the ground, in a cave.

2. secretly, in secret, privately, in private, in a hush-hush manner, sub rosa, out of view, behind closed doors, in seclusion; covertly, clandestinely, surreptitiously, furtively, stealthily, on the sly, sneakily; underhandedly, under-the-table, under-the-counter, through the back door, illicitly, illegally, unlawfully.

—adj. 3. subterranean, subterrrestrial, hypogeal, hypogeous, belowground, below the surface of the earth; buried, sunken, covered with dirt or earth.

4. secret, undercover, hidden, covert, clandestine, surreptitious; underhand, underhanded, backdoor, under-the-table, under-the-counter. See undercover.

—n. 5. underworld, hell, abode of the dead, nether regions; Hades, Sheol, Orcus, Dis, Avernus.

6. tunnel, underpass, subterranean passage or passageway, CB Radio. hole in the wall; (both of mines) gallery, corridor, Mining. drift, Mining. crosscut; subterrane, mine, cave, burrow, hole, pit; grave, tomb, sepulcher, hypogeum, crypt, vault.

7. resistance, opposition, guerillas; subversives, insurgents, insurrectionaries, insurgents, seditious, incendiaries, subversives, insurrectionary, risers, subversive, subversiveness, revolutionary, radicals, extremists, terrorists, U.S. Weathermen.

8. Chiefly British. subway, underground railroad, metro, Inf. tube; MTA, BMT, IRT.

undergrowth, n. 1. underbrush, underwood, underbush; brush, brushwood, scrub. See underbrush.


underhanded, adj. 1. dirty, unfair, below-the-belt, against the rules, underhand, Inf. left-handed; deceitful, treacherous, perfidious, double-dealing, two-timing; deceitful, treacherous, perfidious, double-dealing, two-timing, wrong, wrong, wrong, un-conscionable, unscrupulous, dishonorable; corrupt, misfeasant, malfeasant, crooked, under-the-table, under-the-counter, (of politics) backroom, shady; un-authorized, illicit, illegal, unlawful, criminal, felonious, bootleg; sneaky, clandestine, surreptitious, hugger-mugger, undercover, stealthy, furtive, covert, secret; insidious, shifty, guileful, artful, Machiavellian, scheming, crafty, designing, plotting, calculating, sharp, slippery, cunning, wily, foxy, snaky.

2. undermanned, understaffed, short-handed, short a hand or worker, short of workers.

underlay, v. undergird, underprop, underbrace, underpin, underset; brace, prop, prop up, shore up, bolster up, support, stay; reinforce, bolster, strengthen.

underlie, v. form the foundation of, be at the bottom of, be the basis of; support, sustain, maintain, bolster, bear, uphold, bear up, uphold, hold up, hold, See also underlay.

underline, v. underscore. See underscore.

underling, n. subordinate, subaltern, understrapper, junior, nonentity, Inf. low man on the totem pole; servant, menial, lackey, Contemptuous. flunky; minion, creature, puppet, slave, dupe, instrument, tool, cat's-paw, rubber-stamp, doormat, footstool, Sl. stooge; yes man, jackal, spaniel, bootlicker, licksplitter; parasite, leech, sponger, hanger-on.

undermine, v. 1. tunnel, excavate, burrow, dig, mine.

2. subvert, sap, sap the foundations of [s.t.]; sabotage, wreck, Inf. throw a wrench or monkey wrench into the works, Brit. Inf. ratten, Sl. bugger, Sl. queer, Sl. queer the works, Sl. gum up or screw up the works, Sl. foul up.

3. (all by stealth or treachery) injure, hurt, harm, impair, damage, incapacitate, disable; spoil, ruin, dash, scotch.

underneath, prep. 1. below, under, beneath, Dial. near the bottom of, at the foot or base of.

2. subordinate to, at the beck and call of, under the heel of.

—n. 3. bottom, bottom side, underside.

underprivileged, adj. disadvantaged, deprived, in want, in need, beggared, pauperized; on welfare, on relief, Brit. on the dole, Brit. Sl. on the brew; needy, necessitous, indigent, impoverished, impoverished, penurious, distressed, in reduced, circumstances, in straitened circumstances, in narrow straits, in dire straits; poor, ill-off, Inf. hard up, unable to make ends meet, unable to keep the wolf from the door; destitute, poverty-stricken, penniless, without a penny, without a sou, down-and-out.

underscore, v. emphasize, stress, lay stress or emphasis upon, give emphasis to, punctuate, accent, accentuate; underline, italicize, point up, call attention to, mark, bring home, press home; feature, highlight, spotlight, play up, give prominence to, bring to the fore, bring into relief, Inf. headline; intensify, strengthen, heighten, deepen.

undersea, adj. underwater, submarine, subaqueous. See also underwater.

undersell, v. 1. undercut; underprice, undercharge, sacrifice, sell at a loss, sell wholesale.

2. soft sell, play down, understate.

undersized, adj. 1. underdeveloped, atrophied, stunted, truncated, stubby, squat, undersize; dwarfish, runtish, runty, pygmy, Med. nanoid; short, little, small, Chiefly Scot. wee, miniscule, minikin, diminutive, Scot. cutly, tiny, elfin, bantam, slight; All Sl. pint-sized, pocket-sized, sawed-off, knee-high to a grasshopper.

2. skinny, scrawny, scraggy, gaunt, lank, rawboned, bony, skin and bones; underweight; undernourished, underfed, starved, emaciated, wasted, wizened.

understand, v. 1. comprehend, fathom, penetrate, learn, savvy, glean, get the idea, Inf. get it, Sl. get into, Inf. get through one's head, U.S. Inf. figure out, Inf. psych out; grasp, seize, Inf. catch on, Sl. get the hang of, Inf. get the drift of, Inf. get a fix on, Brit. lay hold of, Sl. latch onto; perceive, apprehend, discern, make out, Inf. make heads or tails of, Brit. twig; recognize, see, see through, see the light, get the picture, read, read [s.o.] like a book, read [s.o.{'s}] mind.

2. know, cognize, be acquainted with, be familiar with, have knowledge of, Inf. know the ropes, Inf. pick up; be cognizant of, be conscious of, be aware of, be in the know; master, feel comfortable with, be conversant with.
understudy, n. 1. or v. take on, undertake, upon oneself, put on.

understands, n. 1. comprehension, cognition, cognizance, consciousness; knowledge, realization, awareness; grasp, hold, handle, Inf. fix; interpretation, conception, idea, view, approach.

understanding 1. comprehension, cognition, consciousness; knowledge, realization, awareness; grasp, hold, handle, Inf. fix; interpretation, conception, idea, view, approach.

undertake, v. de-emphasize, downplay, play down, underestimate, underrate, rate too low, undervalue.

undertaking, n. 1. project, enterprise, venture, operation, campaign; program, proposition, deal; job, game, task, effort, work; contract, commitment, obligation, commission, assignment; pursuit, quest, search.

undertaker, n. 1. or v. take on, undertake, upon oneself, put on.

undervalue, v. underestimate, underrate, rate too low, undervalue.

underrated, adj. 1. or v. take on, undertake, upon oneself, put on.

undesirable, adj. 1. or v. take on, undertake, upon oneself, put on.

underwater, adj. 1. or v. take on, undertake, upon oneself, put on.

underwater, n. 1. criminal element of society, the mob, the Mafia, the syndicate, organized crime; dregs of society, scum of the earth, riffraff, rabble, mob, the Mafia, the syndicate, organized crime.

undertone, n. 1. murmured, murmurs, whisper, breath, sigh; susurrature, susurruses, rustle; low tone, hum, whir, whirring, purr, purring, vibration.

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undigested, adj. 1. (all of food) unbroken down, undisolved, untransformed; unab sorbed, unassimilated. Rare. indigested.
2. not understood, uncomprehended, unab sorbed, un taken in; unpondered, unthought over, uncom templated, unmediated upon or on.

undignified, adj. improper, indecorous, une seemly, deli cate, inelegant, unladylike, un gente ely, ungen teel; infra dig. Latin. infra dignitatem, beneath one's dignity; vulgar, offensive, tasteless, in bad taste; unbe coming, unsuitable, inappropriate, inapt, inap propriate, unfit, infelicitous, out of place, out of line, out of keep ing, out of character.

undiscerning, adj. inattentive, unobservant, unmind ing.

undisguised, adj. undetermined, undiscerning, un mindful, thoughtless, regardless, unheeding, heedless, careless, negligent, neglectful; unhinging, unhrought ful, unreflecting, unperceptive, unaware; undifferentiat ing, undiscriminating, indiscriminate, indiscriminat ive, unjudging, uncritical, unselective, unparticular; igno rant, unlettered, uneducated, unschooled, uninformed, unenlightened; uncomprehending, slow-witted, slow, purblind, thick, obtuse, dense, dull, blunt, unintelli gent, stupid, simple.

undisciplined, adj. 1. untrained, unprepared, un skilled, unaccomplished, raw, green, inexperienced, unpracticed; uneducated, unschooled, untutored, un taught, un instructed.
2. unorganized, unsystematic, unmethodical; unde pendable, unreliable, not to be counted on, untrust worthy; erratic, unpredictable, changeable, inconstant, fickle, whimsical, flighty, mercurial, capricious, wayward; uncontrolled, unrestrained, wild, un ruly, disobedient, willful.

undismayed, adj. 1. undaunted, unalarmed, unap plalled, unflinching. See undaunted (def. 1).
2. intrepid, bold, audacious, lionhearted, valiant, brave. See undaunted (def. 2).

undisputed, adj. uncontroverted, uncontested, un challenged, unquestioned, accepted, recognized, acknowl edged. See undisputed.

undisguisingly adv. indisputably, doubtless, doubt lessly, unquestionably; positively, absolutely, certainly, with certainty, decidedly, definitely, assuredly; unqualifiedly, beyond question, beyond a doubt, beyond a shadow of a doubt.

undress, v. 1. disrobe, undrape, unclothe, nakedize, Inf. peel, doff, shed, cast or throw off, Sl. drop one's drawers, Sl. drop trow, strip, strip down to nothing.
2. uncover, unveil, expose, bare, show, reveal, bring to light, disclose, make known.

—n. 3. dishabille, negligee; informality, carelessness, disarray, sloppiness.

undue, adj. 1. unwarranted, unjustified, gratuitous, expletive, at another's expense; unearned, unmerited, undeserved; inappropriate, improper, objection able, in bad taste; unsuitable, unapt, becoming, un ese ssential; unneeded, unnecessary, nonessential, unrequired; excessive, over and above, immoderate, exorbitant; lavish, profuse, prodigal, superfluous, superabundant, Fr. de trop; inordinate, fulsome, overflowing, over weening.

undulate, v. ripple, roll, cockle, wrinkle, popple, por poise; comb, surge, heave, swell, rise, rise and fall; wave, flap, billow, wag, wigwag, stream, trail.

undying, adj. deathless, immortal, perpetual, eternal, Literary. sempiternal; unending, never-ending, never dying; unceasing, ceaseless, incessant, invariable; per manent, imperishable, indestructible, undestroyable, lasting; incorruptible, inextinguishable, Ineradicable, effaceable; unremitting, steady, unwavering, persistent; continuing, abiding, sustained, staying, fadeless, un fading, never-fading; unerring, constant, undiminished, unwearied, indefatigable.
unearth

v. 1. dig up, exhume, excavate, grub up, dredge up; mine, quarry, pull out, root out, deracinate; disinter; unbury, un tomb, disentomb, unsepulcher.
2. uncover, discover, find, come across, hit upon; bring to light, expose, reveal, disclose; turn up, root up, ferret out; divulge, make manifest, evidence.

unearthly, adj. 1. otherworldly, psychical, psychic, spiritual, spiritistic, astral, extramundane, supersensory, discarnate, bodiless; incorporeal, asomatous, immaterial, imponderable; extraterrestrial, transmundane, unworldly, supernal; occult, transcendent, supramundane, prerhuman, pretersensual; supernatural, unnatural, preternatural, hypernormal.
2. ghostly, spectral, numinous, deathly; weird, strange, uncanny, eldrich, eerie, macabre; haunted, ghosted, nightmarish, hag-ridden; creepy, spooky, Scoff, unco, bizarre, unreal, mysterious; funny, queer, curious, peculiar, Brit. Sl. rum, Inf. kooky, Sl. odd-ball.
3. out-of-the-ordinary, extreme, ungody, unreasonable; outrageous, undue, uncalled-for, preposterous; unheard-of, unfamiliar, abnormal, unusual, unconventional.

uneasy, adj. uncomfortable, restless, disturbed, perturbed, troubled, discomposed, restive; fidgety, edgy, on edge, jumpy, jittery, nervous; anxious, apprehensive, tense, queasy; upset, flustered, Inf. in a stew, agitated, unquiet, all of a flutter, all of a twitter; stirred up, ruffled, flurried, on pins and needles, Sl. all hot and bothered; put out, rattled, disquieted, ill-at-ease.
3. uncultivated, unrefined, rude, crude, uncultured, stony, steely, flinty; hardened, obdurate, callous, thickskinned; unimpassioned, untouched, indurate, inable, unimpressible; apathetic, phlegmatic, listless, languid; lukewarm, neutral, nonchalant, indifferent; sedate, self-controlled, sober, staid, stoical, philosophical; stiff, formal, Inf. tight, Sl. uptight; reserved, shy, demure; calm, composed, poised, quiet, un rattled, placid; undemonstrative, unresponsive, unfea tionate, distant, aloof; cool, cold, frigid; impervious, stony, steely, flinty; hardened, obdurate, callous, thickskinned; unimpassioned, untouched, indurate, inured.

unemployed, adj. 1. out of work, jobless, workless, laid off, out of a job; idle, inactive, unoccupied, unbusied; free, at liberty, at leisure, leisureed, Inf. off.
2. inoperative, nonfunctioning, nonperforming; unused, unexercised, unused, Sl. on the shelf.
3. latent, untrapped, unrealized.

unending, adj. 1. endless, never-ending, interminable; perpetual; ceaseless, unceasing, incessant, nonstop, marathon; unimpeded, uninterrupted, continual, continuous, unbroken; unremitting, relentless, persistent, untiring, un unwraping, unraveling, unhindered.
2. enduring, lasting, abiding, eternal, everlasting, Literary. sempiternal, aeonian, perennial; immutable, invariable, constant, fixed, stable, durable, steady, permanent.

undependable, adj. unbackable, intolerable, insufferable, insupportable; more than flesh and blood can bear, enough to provoke a saint, enough to drive one mad, enough to try the patience of Job, Inf. too much.

unenthusiastic, adj. indifferent, apathetic, uninter ested, nonchalant, blasé, pascocentant; unimpressed, un moved, unstirred, unresponsive; neutral, lukewarm, unconcerned, uncaring; excitable, emotional, sedate, self-controlled, staid, stoical, philosophical; distant, aloof, cool, cold, frigid; hardened, obdurate, callous, thickskinned, inured.

unequal, adj. 1. different, differing, dissimilar, disparate, unlike, unmatched, unidentical; not uniform, varying, variant, variable; incongruous, incompatible, inharmonious.
2. Often unequal to inadequate, insufficient, incommensurate, found wanting, not up to, deficient, lacking, wanting, too little, not enough.
3. unbalanced, lopsided, asymmetrical, unpropor tionate, uneven, disproportioned, disproportionate, irregular; top-heavy, bottom-heavy, overbalanced.
4. unfair, not equitable, unjust, one-sided; biased, prejudiced, bigoted, partisan, partial.

unequaled, adj. 1. matchless, peerless, unparalleled, unmatched, unrivaled, without equal, Fr. sans pareil', inimitable, inmatchable, unsurpassed, unparalleled, beyond compare; consummate, perfect, transcendent, quintessential, superlative, impeccable; glorious, glistening, precious, golden; rare, priceless, unique, one of a kind.
2. supreme, greatest, chief, foremost, first; best, best ever, champion, Australian. bonzer, top, A-1; top-notch, tiptop, first-rate, first-class, best, best ever, champion, Fr. sans pareil', unmatched, unrivaled, without equal, incomparable, inimitable, unmatchable; unsurpassed, unapproachable, beyond compare; consummate, perfect, transcendent, quintessential, superlative, impeccable; sterling, gilt-edged, precious, golden; rare, priceless, unique, one of a kind.
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negligible, unimportant, of little or small importance, of no importance, of no great importance, inconsequential, of little or no consequence, insignificant, of no significance, insconsiderable, inappreciable, of no concern, of no matter, of no account; irrelevant, immaterial, inapplicable, inapt, unconnected, inapposite, inconsequent, beside the point or mark, beside the question, off the subject.

2. extrinsic, extrinsical, extraneous, external, incidental, adventitious; extra, additional, supplementary, supplemental, adscriptive; subsidiary, subordinate, secondary, accessory, collateral; circumstantial, contingent, conditional, provisional, dependent.

3. meager, paltry, puny; petty, trivial, trifling; little, small, minute, Sl. dinky; bush-league, Inf. small-time, Sl. two-bit, Sl. small potatoes.

—n. 4. nonessential, inessential, accidental; secondary, subsidiary, auxiliary, supplement; appendix; apportionure, addition, addendum.

unethical, adj. unprincipled, immoral, unconscionable, unprofessional, unscrupulous; wrong, illegal, unlawful, lawless, illegitimate; dishonest, deceitful, crooked, under-the-table; foul, unsportsmanlike, below-the-belt, Sl. dirty, underhand, underhanded; questionable. Inf. shady, treacherous, dishonest, dishonorable, disreputable, discreditible; perverted, warped, de-bauched; corrupt, depraved, reprobate, unredeemable; wicked, evil, iniquitous; unfair, unjust, inequitable; mean, vicious, unkind, uncompassionate.

uneven, adj. 1. rough, rugged, hilly, not level, not flat; coarse, smooth, unpolished, rough-hewn, rough-grained; jagged, broken, abrupt; gnarled, lumpy.

2. irregular, varying, not uniform; dissimilar, differing, unmatched, unequal, odd.

3. unfair, not equitable, one-sided; (usu. racially) unfair, unjust, inequitable.

4. unbalanced, asymmetrical, not parallel, lopsided, out-of-balance, haphazard, trunked, top-heavy.

uneventful, adj. monotonous, humdrum, routine, smooth, unvaried, undiversified, all the same, uniform; usual, customary, normal, average, expected, regular; standard, cut-and-dried, uneventful; dull, tedious, tiresome, boring, boresome, tiresome; prosaic, prosy, monotonous, tiresome; flat; Sl. dead, dry, dry-as-dust, amusing, uninteresting, dreary, heavy; ordinary, run-of-the-mill, common, commonplace, everyday, familiar, conventional; unvarying, unchanging, undeviating, repetitious; banal, banalistic, mechanical, practical.

unexacting, adj. 1. easygoing, relaxed, Inf. laid-back, casual, placid, cool, unruffled, Inf. together; calm, carefree, unConcerned, careless, nonchalant, happy-go-lucky, cheerful; unconfined, unconfining, unconstraining, unrestraining.

2. patient, tolerant, understanding, uncritical, accepting, loose, lax, soft, unstrict, unconditioning, nonrestrictive; unimpressive, lenient, overpermissive, overindulgent, easy, Inf. wishy-washy, weak.

unexcelled, adj. unprecedented, unparalleled, unequaled, unmatched, unheard-of; unusual, uncommon, unique, incomparable, one of a kind, special, singular, individual, distinctive, different, recherche; out-of-the-ordinary, unconventional, unorthodox, novel, new; rare, unwanted, uncustomary, unfamiliar, out-of-the-way; atypical, anomalous; first, original, premier; archetypal, prototypal, prototypical, prototypic.

unexceptional, adj. 1. ordinary, usual, conventional, regular, average; typical, general, prevalent, common; familiar, known, everyday, standard, Inf. G.L.; commonplace, run-of-the-mill, household, garden-variety, stereotypical, workaday; undistinguished, insignificant, second-rate, third-rate; unimpressive, so-so, humdrum, mediocre, Inf. dime-a dozen, Sl. cotton-picking, Sl. no great shakes; inconsequential, of little or small or no importance, trivial, piddling, Inf. bush-league or minor-league, Sl. small potatoes, Sl. small-time, Sl. two-bit.

2. flat, categorical, absolute, inflexible, dogmatic, rigid; closed, sealed, final.

3. unexceptionable, unobjectionable, acceptable, admissible, agreeable, passable, good enough, Inf. O.K., Inf. all right; faultless, flawless, unblemished, spotless; commendable, creditable, praiseworthy, laudable, meritorious; unimpeachable, irreproachable, irreprehensible, inculpable, above suspicion.

unexpected, adj. unforeseen, unanticipated, unlooked-for, unpredictable; sudden, abrupt, precipitate; surprising, astonishing, startling; unwanted, unusual, unpredictable, accidental, undesigned, unintentional, unintended, unpurposed, fortuitous, extemporaneous; untimely, unseasonable, out of the blue.

unexpressive, adj. expressionless, impassive, inscrutable, deadpan, Inf. poker-faced; blank, vacant, empty; passionless, inanimate, unemotional, cold; apathetic; indifferent, unresponsive, unfeeling; bland, inane, insipid, jejune, dead, lifeless, spiritless, flat, Sl. blah, Sl. nothing.

unfailing, adj. 1. certain, sure, Inf. surefire, tried and true; dependable, reliable, to be depended or relied upon, trustworthy, trusty, as good as one's word; loyal, faithful, constant, true, true-blue; steady, steadfast, staunch, solid; unfading, lasting, enduring, abiding, perpetual.

2. inexhaustible, exhaustless, limitless, unlimited, boundless, unbounded, measureless, immeasurable, innumerable, numberless, countless, infinite.

3. infallible, unerring, incapable of error.

unfair, adj. 1. unjust, in equitable, unequal, un-even, unbalanced, one-sided; partial, partisan, prejudiced, interested, undissipate, prepossessed, biased, warped, jaundiced.

2. unrightful, wrongful, wrong; undue, undeserved, unmerited, unwarranted, un-called-for; unreasonable, unconscionable, unjustifiable, unwarrantable; disproportionate, excessive, extreme, inordinate, immoderate, drastic.

3. foul, unsportsmanlike, unsporting, below-the-belt, Sl. dirty; underhand, dishonest, dishonorable, deceitful, crooked; unscrupulous, unprincipled, unconscientious.

unfaithful, adj. 1. disloyal, false, false-hearted, perfidious, traitorous, treacherous; faithless, inconsistent, unsteady, unsteadfast, untrustworthy, unreliable, not to be depended or relied upon; recreant, renegade, apostate, backsliding; adulterous, Inf. two-timing.

2. inaccurate, inexact, imprecise, unsatisfactory; faulty, flawed, defective; incomplete, unfinished, sketchy, patchy; incorrect, wrong, erroneous, untrue, fallacious.

3. insincere, disingenuous, untruthful, hypocritical, two-faced, Janus-faced, double-dealing, mendacious, timeserving; insidious, artful, cunning, shifty, slippery; dishonest, dishonorable, deceitful, crooked; unscrupulous, unprincipled, unconscientious.

unfavoring, adj. unfriendly, unfriendly, unflagging, unbending; tireless, indefatigable, dogged, pertinacious, persistent, persevering, tenacious, zealous, relentless, sedulous, assiduous; constant, steady, steadfast, staunch, unwavering, unwavering, undeviating, unhesitating, resolute, resolved, firm, determined; in-domitable, inexorable, intransigent, inflexible, obstinate, unyielding.
unfamiliar, adj. 1. unacquainted, unconversant, unversed, used to, a stranger to; unpracticed, unskilled; ignorant, unenlightened, uninformed, uninhibited; inexperienced, raw, green, unseasoned, wet behind the ears.

2. new, newfangled, novel, original; different, unconventional, unusual, uncommon, unorthodox, unique, out of the ordinary; unaccustomed, customary, unwonted; unknown, unheard-of, unexampled, unparalleled; strange, weird, bizarre, Sl. freaky, Sl. tum, Sl. far-out; eccentric, offbeat, QUizical, odd, oddish, Sl. oddball, cranky, curious, queer, Inf. funny, Inf. kinky.

3. unexplored, uncharted, uninvestigated.

unfashionable, adj. 1. out-of-fashion, out-of-style, out, not in, tacky; outworn, timeworn, outmoded, outdated, dated, out-of-date, behind-the-times; obsolete, extinct, dead, defunct, passé, Inf. old-hat, Inf. back-number; obsolescent, on the way out.

2. unorthodox, unconventional, improper, not done, not kosher, Brit. not cricket, Sl. not on.

unfasten, v. detach, free, separate, undo, open, loose, disjoint; set free, pari, sever, cut, let go; unlace, untie, unlash, un tether, unloose; unhitch, unbutton, unbuckle; disengage, cut off, cut adrift, cast off, unmoor.

unfathomable, adj. 1. impenetrable, incomprehensible, past or beyond comprehension, unknowable, inscrutable, incomprehensible, indecipherable, undecipherable, beyond understanding; profound, deep, esoteric, recondite, abstruse, abstract, heavy, Sl. heavy-duty; mystic, mystical, cabalistic, supernatural; occult, cryptic, perdu, secret, hidden, concealed, shrouded; obscure, vague, dim, dark, nebulous, Rare. imperspicuous; mysterious, arcane, inexplicable, unexplainable, insolvable, insoluble, unaccountable, inextricable; puzzling, enigmatic, enigmatical.

2. bottomless, soundless, unsounded, fathomless, unfathomed, plumbless, unplumbed, measureless, unmeasured; abysmal, cavernous, plunging; deepsea, deep as the sea or ocean, deep as a well.

unfavorable, adj. 1. contrary, adverse, antagonistic, hostile, opposing, opposed; antithetical, counter, converse, contradictory; inimical, negative, discordant, counteracting, conflicting, contrasting.

2. unpropitious, inauspicious, unlucky, unpromising, untoward, ill, bad, foul; ominous, threatening, lowering, gloomy, dark; menacing, portentous, ill-omened, ill-fated, doomed; infelicitous, untimely, inopportune, cross, unseasonable.

3. unfortunate, unlucky, disadvantageous, unhappy; noxious, inhibitive, discouraging, disserviceable; detrimental, objectionable, discommodious, undesirable; inconvenient, inexpedient, inapt, inadvisable, unwise.

unfeeling, adj. 1. insensible, insensitive, numb, sensationless, feelingless; senseless, insentient, unpereceiving; anesthetized, drugged, sedated, paralyzed, dazed, in shock; dead, unconscious, out, under, lifeless.

2. callous, cold, unsympathetic, heart-hardened, hard; insensitive, thickskinned, unimpressionable, unmotional; casehardened, hardened, hard-boiled, indurate, hard-nosed; uncaring, indifferent, obdurate, impervious, unconcerned; pitiless, merciless, ruthless, adamantine, inhuman, cold-hearted; stiff, tough, stern, harsh, unforgiving; unsparing, unmerciful, uncompasionate, untouched; unmoved, unimpressible, stony, flinty, hard-bitten, emotionless.

unfeigned, adj. sincere, genuine, earnest, natural, unaffected, unpretended; heartfelt, truthful, candid, frank, straightforward, forward, square; honest, veracious, un deceitful, right, up front; aboveboard, straight-from-the-shoulder, all wool and a yard wide; open-hearted, uncorrupted, forthright, undissembling; guileless, artless, innocent, naive, un sophisticated, ingenuous; pure, plain, direct, unreserved, blunt, outspoken, open.

unfinished, adj. 1. incomplete, uncompleted, deficient, lacking, wanting, imperfect; incoherent, rough, sketchy, crude, raw, undeveloped, insufficient, inadequate, half-baked, U.S. Sl. half-cocked, Sl. half-assed.

2. undone, executed, unaccomplished, unfulfilled, not carried out; unattended to, postponed, shelved; ignored, omitted, overlooked, skipped, missed; forgotten, neglected, not taken care of.

3. unpainted, unvarnished, unstained; untouched, unchanged, natural.

unfit, adj. 1. unsuitable, unsuited, ill-suited, inappropriate, undue, unfitting, unfitting, unmeet, unseemly; malapropos, inap, unapt, inapplicable, inappropriate, irrelevant, ungermane, un pertinent; of, or on, the point or question; improper, impertinent, out of place, uncalled-for, objectionable; unseasonable, untimely, ill-timed, inopportune, improvident, inexpedient; imprudent, unwise, ill-advised, inadvisable, injurious, foolish.

2. unqualified, ineligible, unprepared, unread, un equipped, ill-equipped, not cut out for; deficient, lacking, inadequate, insufficient; unskilled, untrained, un disciplined, undeveloped, raw, crude; incompetent, inapt, incapable, unable, Sl. half-assed; inefficient, ineffec tual, ineffective, useless, no good.

3. in poor condition or shape, out of shape, flabby; debilitated, incapacitated, infirm, decrepit, Inf. dotty; enervated, enervate, weak, Pathol. asthenic; exhausted, spent, tired, not up to; frail, delicate, puny, weakly, sickly, anemic, unhealthy; ailing, Scot. shilpit.

—v. 4. disqualify, make ineligible, put [s.o.] out of the running, eliminate; disable, incapacitate, debilitate, impair, hamstring, cripple, lame, maim, injure, harm, hurt; enfeeble, weaken, enervate, sap, deplete, wear down or out, exhaust, fatigue, tire, tire out, Sl. poop or poop out.

unfix, v. undo, separate, unhook, unclasp, un latch. See unfasten.

unflagging, adj. unfailing, untiring, tireless, indefatigable, unwavering, undeviating, unbending, unflagging, unremitting; determined, decided, resolute, resolved, firm, steady, steadfast, purposeful; staunch, constant, persevering, persistent; sedulous, intent, earnest, fixed; game, plucky, spunky, Inf. scrappy; dogged, tenacious, gritty, relentless, unrelenting, Inf. hellbent, do-or-die; un hesitating, unflinching, unyielding, indomitable; obstinate, bulldog, stubborn.

unflinching, adj. unshrinking, unflattering, unshaken, unwavering, unflagging, unwavering, undeviating; firm, resolute, resolved, determined, staunch, steadfast, stalwart, Archaic. stalworth; grim, unrelenting, relentless, indefatigable, dogged, pertinacious, tenacious, constant, fixed; indomitable, redoubtable, invincible, unconquerable, unyielding, un bend ing, brave, fearless, dauntless, deathless, unflinching; unflinching; undaunted, mitemlesse, Sl. gutsy, plucky, gritty.

unfold, v. 1. open, unbound, unwind, unfurl, un roll, uncoil, undo; extend, spread out, expand, straighten, stretch out.

2. display, set forth, present, exhibit, show, uncover, air, demonstrate; manifest, bare, reveal, expose,
disclose; hold up to view, bring to light, unveil, unloak, undrape; publish, publicize, post.
3. explain, define, interpret, explicate, expound, comment on, point out, simplify, make plain, delineate, put across, spell out, get across; decipher, decode, render intelligible, untangle, unravel; clarify, elucidate, clear up, resolve.
4. develop, grow, evolve, fill out, increase, expand, wax, become greater of larger; mature, matureate, ripen; bloom, blossom, flower, bear fruit, fructify; sprout, germinate, bud, shoot.

**unfounded, adj.** unexpected, unanticipated, unlooked-for, unpredicted. See unexpected.

**unforgivable, adj.** inexcusable, unpardonable, uncondonable, irremissible, unexcusable, unatontable, inexonerable; unwarrantable, unjustifiable, unvindicable, unexcusable; indefensible, undefendable, untenable; reprehensible, deplorable, contemptible, disgraceful, ignoble, vile, abject, low, heinous, grievous, ghastly, horrid, terrible, awful, atrocious, abominable, abhorrent, odious, detestable, hateful, odious, odorous, stinking.

**unfortunate, adj.** unlucky, luckless, out of luck, down on one's luck, hapless, Inf. jinxed, born under an evil star, cursed; unsuccessful, unsuccessful, prosperous, fortunate, poor, wretched, unlucky, helpless; unhappier, woebegone, pathetic, forlorn, pitiable, miserable.

2. untoward, unfavorable, unpromising, adverse, ill, contrary, unprompted, inauspicious; untimely, inopportune, disadvantageous; ill-fated, ill-starred, star-crossed, illomened, doomed; ill-boding, ominous, sinister, hostile, threatening, portentous, menacing, malign, minatory.

3. deplorable, lamentable, regrettable, distressing, upsetting, disturbing, Inf.: too bad; afflicting, tormenting, troublesome; unforeseeable, tragic, calamitous, heinous, outrageous, grievous, disastrous; somber, solemn, grave, heavy, oppressive.

**unfounded, adj.** unsupported, ungrounded, groundless, unread, unbased, baseless, without basis, idle, vain; unattested, unproved, uncorroborated, unsubstantiated, unauthorized, unestablished; conjectural, speculative, suppositional, hypothetical, academic, academical, theoretical, imaginary, illusory; unsubstantial, tenuous, faulty, erroneous, mere figment.

**unfriendly, adj.** aloof, distant, cool, cold, unamicable, unamiable, uncongenial, Scot. fremd; unsociable, unneighborly, insconsiderate, unaccommodating, ungracious; unkind, unkindly, unsympathetic, ill-disposed, antipathetic; hostile, antagonistic, aggressive, belligerent, bellicose; mean, crabbed, peevish, snappish, disagreeable, ugly, spiteful, surly, sour, malicious, malevolent; combative, tactless, coarse.

2. inimical, harmful, unfavorable, unpromising, inauspicious; lowering, bleak, threatening.

**unfruitful, adj.** unprofitable, unrenumerative, ungainful, unrewarding; unyielding, unproductive, unfruitful, fruitless, infertile, infecund, barren, sterile; exhausted, depleted, worn out, used up, poor, impoverished, fallow.

**ungainly, adj.** awkward, clumsy, ungraceful; unhandy, inept, inexpert, unskilful, maladroite, bumbling, clowish, bungling, bunglesome, blundering; ambissemeter, left-handed, Inf. all thumbs, Inf. butterfingered, Stl. klutzey, like a bull in a china shop; one-handed, left-handed, heavy-footed, lubberly, bovine, lumpish; stiff, wooden, stodgy, stolid, heavy, unwieldy, bulky, big, hulking.

2. coarse, rough, unpolished, unsophisticated, rustic, backwoods, Inf. hick, uncouth, rude, boorish, crude; crass, gross, insensitive, incon siderate, thoughtless, tactless, gauche.

**ungodly, adj.** irreligious, unreligious, nonreligious, atheistic, disbelieving, unbelieving, nonbelieving, godless, nonspiritual; infidel, infidelic, heathenish, heathen, pagan, paganistic, unenlightened; agnostic, contemptuous, doubting, questioning, Pyrrhonistic, nihilistic.

2. impious, irreverent, disrespectful, unrespectful; heretical, iconoclastic, antireligious, anticlastical; sacrilegious, blasphemous, profane, cursing, swearing; bad, evil, sinful, wicked, black-hearted, sinister, iniquitous, Archaic. facious, Obs. scelerous; nefarious, villainous, flagitious, heinous; vile, foul, mean, base, low, dirty, odious, obnoxious; abominable, atrocious, execrable, hideous, grisly, gruesome, unspeakable; maleficient, malefic, malevolent, evil-minded; demoniac, demoniacal, diabolic, devilish, fiendish, satanic, hellish, infernal.

3. perfidious, treacherous, insidious, traitorous, backstabbing; unscrupulous, unprincipled, crooked, dishonest, regenerate, unrepentant, impudent, obdurate, incorrigible, reprobate; degenerate, corrupt, depraved, Rare. turpid; immoral, amoral, nonmoral, dissolute, profligate, reprobate, dissipated; opprobrious, disgraceful, shameful; contemptible, scurvry, abhorrent, loathsome, hateful, detestable, despicable, revolting, repulsive, repugnant, disgusting.

4. **unbearable, adj.** intolerable; appalling, shocking, outrageous, awful, god-awful, terrible, horrible, horrid, horrendous, monstrous, frightful; nasty, unkind, disagreeable, unpleasant, Chiefly Brit. Inf. beastly, mean, cruel.

**ungovernable, adj.** uncontrollable, unmanageable, uncontrollable, wild, out of control, out of hand; unruly, intractable, disobedient, refractory, stubborn, obstinate, stubborn, refractory, restive, incorrigible, hopeless, lost, reprobate.

**ungreedy, adj.** rude, discourteous, impolite, uncivil, unceremonious, unmanly, bad-mannered, ill-bred, disrespectful, misbehaved; indelicate, uncourtly, ungalant, indecorous; ungentlemanly, unladylike, brash, bold, hoydenish, brazen, barefaced, insolent, impudent, insulting, impertinent, pert, saucy, fresh; bluff, surly, sullen, bearish, gruff; incon siderate, tactless, observe, Scot. and North Eng. misread; abrupt, blunt, brusque, curt, clipped, short; rough, crude, boorish, churlish, loutish, vulgar, coarse.

2. thankless, unpopular, unacceptable, unpalatable; uninviting, undesirable, unenviable; unrewarding, unrequited; unavowed, unacknowledged, unremembered, forgotten.

**ungrateful, adj.** unthankful, thankless, ungracious, rude, discourteous, impolite, uncivil, unceremonious, unmanly, bad-mannered, ill-bred, disrespectful, misbehaved; indelicate, uncourtly, ungalant, indecorous; ungentlemanly, unladylike, brash, bold, hoydenish, brazen, barefaced, insolent, impudent, insulting, impertinent, pert, saucy, fresh; bluff, surly, sullen, bearish, gruff; incon siderate, tactless, observe, Scot. and North Eng. misread; abrupt, blunt, brusque, curt, clipped, short; rough, crude, boorish, churlish, loutish, vulgar, coarse.

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**unguarded, adj.** unprotected, unarmored, weaponless, unarmed.

2. open, and sincere, frank, candid, openhearted, genuine; guileless, ingenuous, artless, naive, simple, undeceptive, undeceiving, deceitful, unassailable, honest, inf. aboveboard, open; open and aboveboard, up front, on the level, on the up and up, no-nonsense.

3. careless, incautious, uncautious, heedless,
unguent, adj. 1. ointment, salve, Pharm. 2. anointing; balm, liniment, nard, lotion, emollient, demulcent, embrocation; cream, cold cream, pomade, brilliantine.

unhallowed, adj. 1. consecrated, blessed, sanctified; unpurified, unholy, impious, impure; religious, infidel, godly, fleshy; unsacred, unregenerate, reprobate; blasphemous, sacrilegious, profane.

unhappy, adj. 1. sad, disconsolate, dejected, depressed, despondent, melancholic; forlorn, woeful, woebegone, Obs. baleful, downhearted, heartick, broken-hearted, crushed, broken, blue, heart-heavy, long-faced, somber, heavy, glum; low-spirited, disheartened, discouraged, Inf. broken-up, Inf. cut-up, cast down, Sl. bummed-out; desolate, despairing, hopeless, wretched, afflicted, afflicted, grief-stricken, heavy-laden; mournful, sorrowful, dolorous, doleful, lachrymose, inconsolable; tearful, rueful, joyless, cheerless, grief-stricken; forlorn, chaffallen, pessimistic, plaintive, downcast, unmanned, Inf. down in the mouth.

unhealthy, adj. 1. unhealthy, unhurt, unimpaired, uninjured, un-adj. unhappy, adj. unharmed, unhurt, unimpaired, uninjured, un-

unhurried, adj. 1. unhurried, leisurely, leisure, slow, slow-moving, slow-going, deliberate; lingering, loitering, puttering, dillydallying, dawdling, Inf. poky, tortoise-
like, snail-like, slow-paced; slow and steady, easy, easy-going, loose, loose as a goose, slack, lax; indolent, idle, otiose, slower than molasses in January, lazy; inactive, sluggish, torpid, inert, lethargic, listless, phlegmatic.

unidentified, adj. 1. nameless, unknown, undefined, unidentifiable, unfamiliar, unheard-of, strange, mysterious, occult, supernatural; unfathomed, unperturbed, perplexing, enigmatic, puzzling, inexplicable.

2. unrevealed, undivulged, secret, sub rosa, silent, confidential, anonymous, anon., incognito; unnamed, faceless, in the background, disguised, masked, veiled, camouflage, disguised, unspecified, undesignated; obscure, concealed, hidden, in the dark, unseen, out of view, out of the limelight.

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uninhabited, adj. untenanted, tenantless, unoccupied, unpopulated, unpeopled; deserted, abandoned, ghost, necropolitan; desolate, forsaken, godforsaken, isolated; lifeless, lone, lonely, solitary; infrequent, unvisited, unsettled; vacant, empty, barren, waste.

uninhibited, adj. 1. relaxed, informal, unceremonious, casual, familiar, free and easy; unreserved, unconstrained, unrepressed, hang-loose, free; natural, artless, ingenious; open, candid, frank, up front, sincere, outspoken, free-spoken.; 2. unimpeded, unimpeded, unchecked, unblocked, unhindered. See uninhibited.

3. lax, loose, temperate, moderate, incontinent; startling, shocking, outrageous.

unintelligent, adj. 1. stupid, dull-witted, Inf. dumb, fatuous, insensate, Brit. Inf. gormless; empty-headed, brainless, mindless, Rare. insane; dull, SI. lamebrained, slow, Inf. dookey, Inf. dill, oxloke; un-thinking, unreasoning, incongruent; dim-witted, slow-witted, half-witted, fat-witted, thick-witted, beef-witted, witless, unwitty; imbecile, Inf. moronic, retarded, subnormal, deficient; dense, thick, obtuse, bovine.

2. unenlightened, uninformed, ignorant, unaware, incongruent. See uninformed.

uninelligible, adj. 1. incomprehensible, incomprehensible, incomprehensible, indecipherable, undecided, ununderstandable, Greek to one; meaningless, incoherent, inarticulate, jumbled, muddled.

2. mysterious, arcane, inexplicable, unexplainable, insolvable, insolvable, accountable, puzzling, enigmatic, enigmatical; occult, cryptic, perdu, secret, hidden; obscure, vague, nebulous; mystical, mystical, transcendental, cabalistic, supernatural; unknowable, unrecognizable, unfathomable, incrustable.

unintentional, adj. accidental, unintended, inaverted, unpremeditated, unplanned, undesigned, uncalculated, indeliberate; unconscious, involuntary, reflex, automatic, Sl. gut; unwitting, unwitting; spontaneous, unexpected, unforeseen, unanticipated, unlooked-for; chance, adventitious, fortuitous, serendipitous, unforeseeable, unconnected, unapparent, unaccountable; puzzling, inexplicable, inexplicable, unexplainable, obscure, vague, nebulous, mysterious, unintelligible.

uninteresting, adj. unexciting, dull, boring, unfunny, unamusing, unentertaining, unenjoyable; wearisome, tiresome, monotonous, humdrum, tedious, uneventful; dreary, drab, slow, colorless, without distinction; flat, tasteless, rapid, insipid, jejune, stale; lifeless, tame, arid, SI. blak; weak, lean, characterless, bloodless; unimagininative, pedestrian, prosaic, prosy, dry, unpoetical, unromantic; unrewarding, unsatisfying, ungratifying; average, undistinctive, everyday, ordinary, common, commonplace, usual; hackneyed, cliché, stock, literal; unmoveing, unimpassioned, uninspiring.

uninvited, adj. 1. unbidden, uninvited, unwanted, undesired, unasked-for.

2. unwelcoming, unwanted, unwished, undesired, unasked-for.

uninviting, adj. unempting, unappealing, undesirable, unattractive; disagreeable, unpleasant, unpleasant; distasteful, unpalatable, unsavory, untoothsome, unappealing, nauseating, nauseous, sickening; disgusting, noisome, Sl. yuckky, Sl. gross; repugnant, offensive, obnoxious, shocking, nasty; repulsive, repelling, repellent, revolting, objectionable.

union, n. 1. unity, unitedness, oneness, singleness, oneness, Simonian; coalescence, Bot. homogeny; uniformity, homogeneity, homogeneousness, sameness, conformity, consistency; agreement, consentancy, consentaneousness, consensus, union, unanimity, accord, accord; concord, concordance, concert, harmony, harmoniousness, rapport; compatibility, congruity, congruousness, meeting, keeping, step, line; fusion, coherence, coherency, cohesion, connection, connectedness. Genetics linkage, Zool., Bot. coagulation.

2. compound, composite, hybrid, mongrel, amalgam, alloy, Chem. levigation; composition, synthesis, consolidation, mosaic; mixture, mix, conglomeration, agglomeration, combine, blend, homogenization.

3. association, league, coalition, union, guild, consortium, syndication, conspiracy, cabal; company, partnership, joint concern, corporation, merger, monopoly, trust, alignment, bloc, cartel; society, organization, party, camorra; congregation, assemblage, assembly, convention, meeting, group, gathering, band, ring, gang, team, troop; community, circle, club, fraternity, brotherhood, lodge, clan, clique, fellowship.

4. marriage, matrimony, wedlock, wedding, espousing; coitus, intercourse, copulation, mating, coupling, sexual relationship, physical relationship; fornication, adultery, liaison, affair.

5. graft, splice, joint, seam, articulation; conjunction, junction, juncture, intersection; confluence, convergence, concourse.

unique, adj. 1. sole, single, solitary, only, lone; one and only, Zool., Bot. azygous, exclusive, individual; unrepeatable, odd, absolute; first and last, only begotten, one of a kind, in a class by itself, Latin. sui generis.

2. unequalled, unparalleled, peerless, incomparable, matchless; unexampled, inimitable, nonpareil, unapproachable, unrivalled, unmatched; unexcelled, unsurpassed, without equal, beyond compare, second to none, Latin. nulli secundus.

3. rare, strange, singular, uncommon, infrequent, seldom-met, few and far between; peculiar, distinctive, special, exceptional, particular, marked, quintessential; unheard-of, different, novel, new, original, unfamiliar.

unit, n. 1. element, component, constituent, member, part, item, piece, section, segment, portion.

2. measure, quantity, unit of measure, module.

unite, v. 1. combine, mix, commix, admix, conglomerate, agglomerate, amalgamate, blend, homogenize; commingle, mingle, intermingle, intermix, lump together.

2. join, bond, fuse, weld, glue, cohere, stick together, hold together; yoke, bind, tie together; connect, link, chain, attach, inosculate; mate, couple, partner, twin, pair or match up.

3. marry, tie the knot, make man and wife; Sl. splice, Archaic. husband; wed, join in holy wedlock or matrimony.

4. associate, affiliate, ally; coalesce, league, club; team, band, herd, pool, merge; syndicate, federate, confederate, incorporate.

5. cooperate, work or act together, concert, harmonize, act in concert or harmony; join forces, pull
together, cast one's lot with, stand shoulder to shoulder, work side by side.

6. unify, bring or draw together, make close, grow together, ankylode, become one; solidify, consolidate, congeal, gel, strengthen.

unity, n. 1. oneness, singleness, singularity, individuality, union, wholeness, congruity, congruousness; homogeneity, homogeneousness, identicalness, identity, sameness, uniformity; likeness, similarity, similitude, likeness, resemblance, semblance; closeness, comparableness, comparability, analogy, analogousness; equivalence, parity, correspondence, correlation, parallelism.

2. harmony, agreement, like-mindedness, compatibility, accord, accordance, concord, concordance, concurrence, assent; unanimity, unanimously, consensus, consensum, one voice, concert, togetherness; amity, love, friendship, brotherhood, fellowship, comradeship, fraternity; congeniality, cordiality, amicableness, amiability, amiableness, good will, good feeling; affinity, rapport, understanding, sympathy.

universal, adj. 1. general, generic, all-inclusive, all-embracing, comprehensive, world-wide, widespread, common, preponderant, ubiquitous, omnipresent; catholic, ecumenical.

2. unlimited, limitless, infinite, unmeasurable, measureless, unbounded, boundless, uncircumscribed, endless.

universality, n. 1. world-wideness, ubiquity, universality, comprehensiveness, all-inclusiveness; predominance, prevalence; catholicity, ecumenicity.

2. generality, generalization, abstraction; principle, general rule, general law.

3. completeness, entirety, wholeness, whole, totality.

universally, adv. without exception, always, in all cases, in every instance, invariably; comprehensively; everywhere, ubiquitously.

universe, n. 1. cosmos, macrocosm, whole creation, heavens, empyrean, firmament, sky, vault or canopy of heaven; plenum, space, boundlessness, immateriality, illimitability, endlessness.

2. whole world, wide world, length and breadth of the land, land, terra, earth, four corners of the earth; globe, sphere.

3. mankind, man, Homo sapiens, humankind, the human race; humanity, society, persons, people.

4. sphere, orbit, milieu, circle; province, realm, domain; walk, bailiwick, beat, round, compass, range, span; territory, quarter, region, neighborhood; zone, field, premises, vicinity, vicinage.

university, n. 1. graduate school, postgraduate school, specialized school, professional school; multiversity, Derog. education factory; institution of higher learning or education, college, liberal arts college, four-year college.

2. academy, academe, the groves of academe; the halls of ivy, college life, college years.

unjust, adj. 1. unfair, inequitable, unequal, uneven, unbalanced, one-sided; partial, partisan, prejudiced, uninterested, undispassionate, prepossessed, biased; warped, jaundiced.

2. unrightful, wrongfull, wrong; undue, undeserved, unmerited, unwarranted, uncalled-for; unreasonable, unconscionable, unjustifiable, unwarrantable; disproportionate, out of proportion, excessive, inordinate, immoderate, extreme.

unjustifiable, adj. 1. unwarrantable, indefensible, untenable, inexcusable, unforgivable, unpardonable, irremissible, inexpiable; impeachable, condemnable, reprehensible, censurable, blameworthy, culpable.

2. groundless, ungrounded, unfounded, unsupported, baseless, unhinged, without basis, idle, vain; unattested, unestablished, unproven, unsubstantiated, uncorroborated, unauthorized, unestablished; unsubstantial, tenacious, weak, flimsy; unsuround, invalid, fallacious, faulty, erroneous, wrong, incorrect; illogical, unlogical, senseless, irrational; unreasonable, excessive, immoderate, exorbitant, extravagant, outrageous, preposterous, absurd, ridiculous.

unkind, adj. 1. unbenign, unkindness, kindless, unkindly, unchristianly, unchristian, inconsiderate, unthoughtful, insensitive; uncharitable, inhospitable, unamiable, unfriendly; nasty, mean, mean-spirited, cruel; spiteful, malignant, malicious, malevolent, malificent; sinister, fiendish, diabolical, hellish, infernal.

2. severe, harsh, unmerciful, merciless, pitiless, ruthless, uncompassionate, unsympathetic, unpitying, unforgiving; unkind, unsparing, relentless, unreleanted, unyielding, not giving an inch, rigid, inflexible, inflexible, nonflexible, unbending; stern, austere, grim; callous, hard, hardened, hard-hearted, heartless, stony-hearted, flinty, cold, cold-blooded; remorseless, unfeeling, uncaring, unconcerned, unresponsive, indifferent.

unknown, adj. 1. unfamiliar, strange, foreign, alien, foreign, egneregine; new, novel, never experienced before, virgin.

2. unexplored, untracked, untraversed, untraveled; uninvestigated, unstudied, unresearched, untraced; unheard-of, undiscovered, unnoticed, unseen; unpaired, unrenowned, renownless, unillustrious, undistinguished, uneminent; anonymous, nameless, nameless, unknown.

3. unrevealed, undisclosed, untold, withheld, to be revealed, unforeseen, unpreventable, unforeseeable, unknowable, x, unnamed, unlabeled, undesigned, unkempt.

4. unascertained, undetermined, unmeasured, uncounted, uncalculated, indeterminate, unestablished, undefined, ungrounded, unsupported, undecided, up in the air; unidentified, x, unnamed, unclassified, uncategorized, neither fish nor fowl.

5. unknown, adj. 1. unknown, singular, unique, unique; secret, arcana, close, sealed, occluded, unattainable, uninterpretable, inscrutable, enigmatic, enigmatical.

unlawful, adj. 1. illegal, illicit, unconstitutional, against the law, Sl. illegit; criminal, felonious, larcenous; contraband, black-market, under-the-counter, under-the-table; unlicensed, uncertified, unaccredited, unrecognized; unwarranted, unauthorized, unapproved, unsanctioned, uncountenanced, unofficial, wildcat; outlawed, prohibited, banned, proscribed, forbidden, interdicted, Fr. défendu, Ger. verboten.

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unlooked-for, unforeseen, unexpected, unanticipated.

unlike, adj. 1. different, dissimilar, unlike, unidentical, nonidentical, (of twins) fraternal; bearing no resemblance whatsoever, as different as night and day; distinct, distinguishable, disparate, contradistinctive, contrastive, contrary; diverse, divergent, variant, very far apart; incongruous, inconsonant, inharmonious, discordant, incompatible, ill-matched; unequal, non-equivalent, incomparable, incomensurable, incomparable, like apples and oranges, two completely different things.

-prep. 2. different from, dissimilar to, bearing no resemblance to; distinct from, distinguishable from, in direct contrast to.

3. uncharacteristic of, atypical of, unusual for; unusual for, something new for, abnormal for, peculiar for, strange for; out of the ordinary for, extraordinary for, remarkable for.

unlikelihood, n. improbability, unlikelihood, a ghost of or a Chinaman's chance, small or little chance, poor prospect, remote possibility, long shot, long odds; doubtfulness, dubiousness, questionable, questionable-ness, question-ability; implausibility, incredibility, incredibleness, unbelievableness, unbelievableness, unthinkableness, unthinkableness, unimaginableness, inconceivableness, inconceivableness, unlikely.

unlikely, adj. 1. improbable, not likely to happen, highly unlikely; having little chance, having a China- man's or a ghost of a chance, remote, slight, faint; doubtful, dubious, contrary to expectation; implausible, incredible, unbelievable, Inf. fishy; inconceivable, unthinkable, unimaginable, impossible, out of the question.

2. unpromising, unfavorable, unpropitious, inauspicious, ominous, ill-omened, foreboding, ill-omened, ill-starred, doomed; questionable, highly questionable, uncertain, unsure.

unlimited, adj. 1. unrestricted, unconstrained, unstinted, unchecked, uncircumscribed, unconfined; uncontrolled, unrestrained, unhindered, unhampered, unfettered.

2. limitless, illimitable, boundless, unbounded, shoreless, immeasurable, vast, great, extensive; incalculable, undetermined, indefinite, undefined; immeasurable, measureless, beyond measure, innumerable, numberless, myriad, countless, untold, uncounted; infinite, endless, without end, unending, never-ending, interminable, inexhaustible; unceasing, constant, uninterrupted, perpetual, eternal; enduring, everlasting, permanent.

3. unqualified, unconditional, absolute, full, total, complete, entire, plenary; unquestioned, arbitrary, despotic, tyrannical.

unload, v. 1. remove cargo or freight. Naut. break bulk, unlade, unburden, disburden; empty, dump, jet-ison, fling away, discard, dispose of, cast off; unship, discharge; unpack; vector.

2. disencumber, lighten one's load, relieve, alleviate; free, extricate, disengage, disembarass, disentangle, unsnarl, disembroil; ease, set at ease, set one's mind at ease or rest, take a load off one's mind, uplift, buoy up.

unlock, v. open, give access to, unbolt, unlatch, un-bar, spring, jimmy; unfasten, undo, unhapsh, unpin, unbind, untie; release, disengage, free; disconnect, dis-join, separate, part, divide.

unlooked-for, adj. unforeseen, unexpected, unanticipat ed, unhapshed-for, unpredicted, unthought of; sudden, abrupt, precipitate, out-of-the-blue; surprise, surprising, astonishing, startling; unwanted, unusual, unpredictable; accidental, undesigned, unintentional, unintended, unpurposed; fortuitous, chance, incident al, timely, unforeseeable.

unloved, adj. loveless, lovelorn, unbeloved, unendeared, uncherished, unvalued, unappreciated; unwanted, unpopular; forsaken, rejected, jilted; unlamented, undeplored, unmourned, unmissed; uncares-for, disliked, abhorred, disrelished, detested, hated, despised, loathed.

unlucky, adj. 1. luckless, out of luck, down on one's luck, hapless, unfortunate, Scot. dose, Scot. warchancy, Inf. jinxed, cursed; born under an evil star, born under a bad sign, ill-fated, ill-starred, star-crossed, ill-omened, doomed; unsuccessful, unprosperous, fortunate, poor, wretched, hopeless, unblest; shrewd, skilled; unhappy, woebegone, pathetic, forlorn, pitiful, miserable.

2. untoward, unfavorable, unpromising, adverse, ill, contrary, unpropitious, inauspicious; felicitous, un timely, inopportunity, unseasonable, disadvantageous; ill-boding, ominous, sinister, hostile, threatening, portentous, menacing, minatory; malign, baleful, baneful.

unmake, v. undo, take apart, take to pieces, un build, dismantle, disassemble; tear apart, destroy, knock down, raze, pull down, bring down, take down; demolish, wreck, wipe out, ruin, devastate, desolate, work havoc upon; pulverize, atomize, smash, crush, reduce to rubble, Sl. total, gut; blow up, blast, bomb, smash to smithereens, disintegrate.

2. depose, unseat, dethrone, remove from office, un crown, deprock, unfrock; expel, eject, kick out, out, dismiss, discharge, disbar, dispossess; Inf. fire, Sl. get rid of, Sl. give the boot, Sl. can, Sl. turn out, Sl. bounce; demote, lower, reduce, downgrade, declass; take down a peg, humble, strip of rank, Mil. Sl. bust, disrate, Mil. drum out.

3. change, alter, convert, change one's opinion, redecide, reconsider; reform, recast, restyle, reshape; shift, veer, reverse, invert, transform; modify, adjust, turn, transpose.

unman, v. break down, wear down, dishearten, discourage, demoralize; depress, dispirit, dismay, sink, push down; weaken, enfeeble, devitalize, enervate, un brace; unnerve, daunt, intimidate, rattle, unstring, shake; undermine, unstrengthen, sap, lay low; break, subdue, overwhelm, conquer, bend, suppress, bring [s.o.] to his knees, humble, overcome.

2. emasculate, castrate, effeminate, eunuchize; desex, desexualize, demasculinize, sterilize; asexualize, geld, alter, Inf. fix, neuter.

unmanageable, adj. 1. unruly, refractory, ungovernable, uncontrollable, difficult; recalcitrant, froward, contumacious, uncooperative, balky, obstreperous; willful, self-willed, stubborn, unyielding, inflexible; perverse, contrary, wrong-headed, cross-grained, Archaic: untoward, intractable; unsubmissive, inductive, intransigent, rebellious, irrepressible, wild, out of hand, beyond control, resistant, defiant; restive, fractious, incorrigible.

2. unwieldy, unmaneuverable, uncomfortable, inconvenient, awkward; cumbersome, bulky, ponderous, incommodious; (of hair) unruly, straggly, awkward, unmanageable; (of hair) unruly, straggly, awkward, unmanageable.

unmanly, adj. 1. weak, enfeebled, frail, fragile, feeble, delicate, soft; timid, timorous, fearful, afraid, faint-hearted, ill-liverer, Inf. mousy; cowardly, pusillanimous, craven, Inf. yellow, weak-kneed, Sl. chicken; daunted, intimidated, Inf. funky, panicky, afraid of one's shadow, Inf. chicken-hearted, pigeon-hearted.

2. womanish, effeminate, feminine, sissy, effeminate, sissyish; prissy, Sl. pansyish, overemotional, milksop-
unmannerly adj. impolite, discourteous, disrespectful, bad-mannered, misbehaved; uncivil, unceremonious, ungracious, inelegant, ungentle; ungentlemannered, unladylike, ungallant, uncourtly; indecorous, unseemly, indelicate; crude, coarse, rude, rough, vulgar, boorish, uncouth, unrefined; offensive, loutish, brutish, barbarous, churlish, inconsiderate; brash, blunt, brusque, gruff, tactless, inconsiderate; impudent, insolent, fresh, impertinent, brazen, Inf. snippy, short; curt, blunt, bearish, harsh.

unmarried adj. single, unwed, unwedded; celibate, virgin, spouseless, husbandless, childless, bachelor, old-maid, spinster; uncommitted, unpledged, unrequired, unengaged, unbetrothed; unattached, unbound, free, available, footloose and fancy-free.

unmask v. expose, unveil, uncloak, uncover, bare, take the wraps off; show up, show one's true colors, Inf. come out of the closet, Inf. come out; disclose, reveal, make known, bring out into the open, bring to light; discover, decry, detect, find, unearth, exhume, disint, dig up, smoke out.

unmelodious adj. unmelodious, unmelodious, unmelodious; harsh, jarring, strident, stridulous, stridulant, inharmonious, unharmonious, unharmonious, dissonant, discordant, abonant, cacophonous; dissonant, discordant, discordant; harsh, jarring, strident, stridulous, stridulant, raucous, grating, creaking, raschy, rasping.

unmentionables Facetious undergarments, underwear, underclothes, underclothing, undies. See underwear.

unmerciful adj. 1. merciless, pitiless, unpitying, unforgiving, uncompromising; cruel, heartless, hard-hearted, cold-hearted, flinty, stony-hearted, cold-blooded; unfeeling, insensitive, unsensitive, indifferent, uncaring; ungracious, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, discreditable, unbecoming, unreasonable, exorbitant, incredible, unbearable, unwanted; unessential, unnecessary.

unmindful adj. unaware, unconscious, oblivious, blind, indifferent; forgetful, absent-minded, scatterbrained, distracted; careless, negligent, negligent, derelict, remiss, slack, lax; off one's guard, sleeping, asleep on the job, napping, daydreaming, looking out the window, staring into space, lost in thought, Sl. out to lunch; unwary, unchary, unwatchful, unobservant, unobservant, unvigilant, unguarded; incautious, uncautious, heedless, unheeding, inattentive, inadvertent, mindless, unthinkable; uncircumspect, indiscreet, imprudent, injudicious, unwise, ill-considered, ill-advised; foolish, foolhardy, irresponsible, reckless, rash, temerarious, harebrained, hasty, impetuous, impulsive, brash; thoughtless, inconsiderate, tactless, tactless, tactless.

unmistakable adj. evident, obvious, patent, apparent, plain, plain as day, plain as the nose on one's face; self-evident, manifest, manifestative, standing to reason, Fr. en évidence; explicit, unequivocal, unambiguous, precise, exact, specific, strict; clear, clear as crystal, crystal-clear, clear-cut, distinct, well-defined, vivid, graphic; visible, pronounced, conspicuous, sticking out like a sore thumb, prominent, outstanding, striking, blatant, glaring, flagrant, Sl. flaming; bold, overt, open, unconcealed, unhidden, exposed, out in the open; outright, Inf. bald-faced, downright, complete, total, out-and-out, categorical, unqualified, unconditional, unmitigated; absolute, utter, sheer, stark, clear, plain, Inf. plumb, Brit. proper, Inf. regular; undisputed, uncontented, unchallenged, unquestioned, undoubted, accepted, recognized, acknowledged; certain, sure, Inf. for-sure, positive; indisputable, undisputable, indubitable, unquestionable, beyond question, beyond a shadow of a doubt.

unmitigated adj. 1. unqualified, categorical, unconditional, absolute, thorough, rank, veritable; sheer, utter, pure, clean, stark, clear, born, plain, outright, downright, out-and-out, all-out, across-the-board, Inf. plumb, dead; unrestricted, unlimited, total, complete, consummate, perfect.

unmotivated adj. 1. unprovoked, unelicited, unasked-for, un-called-for; illogical, senseless, without rhyme or reason, unreasonable, unjustifiable, unwarranted, groundless, ungrounded.

unmoved adj. 1. unaffected, untouched, undisturbed, untiréd, dry-eyed, unsympathetic; unimpressed, unconcerned, indifferent, uncaring, apathetic; cool, aloof, distant, removed; stoical, stoic, stolid, impassive, unfeeling, unemotional, cold-hearted, cold, icy, bloodless, soulless; insensitive, impervious, deaf and blind to, stony, stern, grim; stony-hearted, with a heart of stone, hard-hearted, hardened, indurated, callous, thickskinned; cruel, ruthless, pitiless, heartless, merciless, unfeeling, unforgiving; hard, severe, unrelenting, unrelenting, inexorable, implacable.

unnatural adj. 1. irregular, anomalous, exceptional, uncommon; aberrant, abnormal, perverse; peculiar, foreign, odd, unusual, eccentric; unseemly, unbecoming, inappropriate for public conversation; dirty, foul, filthy, obscene, Inf. gutter, indecent, immodest, unladylike, unladylike, disagreeable, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, discreditable, unbecoming, unreasonable, exorbitant, incredible, unbearable, unwanted; unessential, unnecessary.
unnerve, v. discourage, unman, dishearten, dispirit, dismay, daunt, Inf. throw off balance, Inf. throw off for a loss, stun, stupefy.

unobtrusive, adj. low-key, restrained, unassuming, unpresumptuous; unpretentious, informal, inconspicuous; unobtrusive, unassuming, unpretentious, unobtrusively; unobtrusiveness.

unorganized, adj. unstructured, unordered, jumbled, hugger-mugger, scrambled, tangled; casual, aimless, pell-mell, disorderly, confused, chaotic, all mixed-up, upside down.

unoccupied, adj. unoccupied, unoccupied, unoccupied; unoccupied, unoccupied, unoccupied.

unpolished, adj. rough, rough-hewn, rude, unpolished, unpolished, unpolished; unpolished, unpolished, unpolished.

unpredictable, adj. unpredictable, unpredictable, unpredictable; unpredictable, unpredictable, unpredictable.

unpopular, adj. unpopular, unpopular, unpopular; unpopular, unpopular, unpopular.

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unemployed, out of work, unemployed, unemployed, unemployed; unemployed, unemployed, unemployed.

unacceptable, offensive, offensive, offensive, offensive; offensive, offensive, offensive.

unappetizing, unappetizing, unappetizing, unappetizing, unappetizing; unappetizing, unappetizing, unappetizing.

unvisited, unsettled, unvisited, unvisited, unvisited; unvisited, unvisited, unvisited.

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unpredictable, adj. unpredictable, unpredictable, unpredictable; unpredictable, unpredictable, unpredictable.
known, impossible to predict or tell; questionable. Inf. iffy, doubtful, dubious, in doubt; uncertain, Inf. flaky, unsure, undecided, up in the air, in the balance; indefinite, vague, obscure, hazy; erratic, fickle, capricious, whimsical, vicissitudinous, mercurial, changeable, impulsive, impetuous; undependable, unreliable, wavering, veering; chance, aleatory, accidental, unexpected, unanticipated, unguessed-at, unhelped-for, undreamed-of.

unprejudiced, adj. impartial, unbiased, fair, just, open-minded, broad-minded; uninfluenced, swayed, unjaundiced, unbipolar, color-blind; broad, wide, latitudinarian, unparochial, unprovincial, catholic; even-handed, objective, equitable, disinterested, detached; dispassionate, neutral, indifferent, unprepossessed, third-party, independent; impersonal, unimpassioned, judicial; unopinionated, undogmatic, liberal, unbiassed.

unpremeditated, adj. unstudied, undeliberated, unthought-out; unplanned, unarranged, undesigned, unschemed, unconceived; unintentional, unintended, unpurposive, undeliberate; unconscious, involuntary, automatic, immediate, instinctive, natural; unprepared, extemporaneous, extempore, impromptu, ad-lib, improvised, improvisational, improvisatory, off-the-cuff, off-the-top, shooting-from-the-hip, off-hand; spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment, on-the-spot; impulsive, impetuous, madcap, hasty, rash, devil-may-care, reckless, blind.

unprepared, adj. 1. unready, Inf. caught short, caught napping, taken off guard, surprised, caught by surprise, taken aback, dumbfounded, abashed; disorganized, at sixes and sevens, not set up, confused, jumbled, muddled. 2. untrained, unskilled, ignorant, green, raw, new to, disorganized, at sixes and sevens, not set up, confused, jumbled, muddled.

unprotected, adj. vulnerable, pregnable, defenseless, unfortified, unhinged, open, open-shuttered, undefended, unmanned, insecure, open to attack, attackable, assailable, unguarded, unarmed, weaponless; exposed, naked, bare, unflanked, uncovered; aidless, helpless, unattended, unwatched, guardless; surfizable, conquerable,vincible, weak, expugnable, Inf. beatable; unscreened, unfenced, ungarrisoned; nonimmune, susceptible, unvaccinated, liable; unsheltered, unsheltered.

unqualified, adj. 1. unfit, incompetent, unsuited, inadequate, ineligible, 4-F, ill-fitted, incapable, unable; ill-qualified,不合格, no up to, Inf. not cut out for, not equal to; unready, unprepared, unadapted. 2. unmitigated, unrestricted, unconditioned, unlimted, without reservation; unconditional, uncircumscribed, categorical, unreserved, without strings, no strings attached; unmodified, unbounded, full, across-the-board, blanket.

unquestionable, adj. 1. indisputable, undeniable, indubitable, irrefutable, uncontestable, incontrovertible, irrefragable, inappealable, unrefutable; certain, sure, beyond all question, beyond a shadow of a doubt, admitting of no dispute; clear, manifest, evident, self-evident, unmistakable, obvious; conclusive, definitive, authoritative, positive, absolute, definite, decided; doubtless, questionless, undisputed, unchallenged, undoubted, uncontroverted, real. 2. unquestionable, unobjectionable, unimpeachable, unassailable, unattackable, unpungetable; irreproachable, irreprehensible, irreplicable, above reproach, above criticism; impeccable, faultless, flawless, spotless, ideal, errorless; unencumbered, unblemishable, blameless.

unravel, v. 1. disentangle, untangle, unweave, unroll, unravel, undo; unsnarl, untwist, untwine, disentwine; separate, comb out, card, part, unscramble, straighten out; untie, unbind, uncoil, unwind, unfurl, unknot.
unreal, adj. 1. imaginary, fanciful, fantastic, fabulous; illusory, delusory, deceptive, deceiving; visionary, phantasmal, unactual, unsubstantial, airy; phantasmagorical, spectral; imagined, fancied, all in the mind, figmental, dreamy, dreamlike, with one's head in the clouds; immaterial, nonexistent, unrealistic, incorporeal, intangible.

2. sham, fake, false, unguenuine, spurious, artificial, propositional, fictitious; unauthentic, counterfeit, Sl. phony, mock, pseudo, make-believe; seeming, ostensible, misleading, fallacious, fraudulent; bastard, duplicitous, decoy, Sl. Inf. off the wall; silly, foolish, asinine, crackpot.

real, adj. 1. practical, infeasible, impractical, illogical, half-baked; academic, off the wall; silly, foolish, asinine, crackpot, cracking, wacky, goofy.

unrealistic, adj. 1. impractical, infeasible, unworkable, unbelievable, unreasonable, irrefutable, illogical, half-baked, Sl. half-assed; academic, theoretical, speculative, hypothetical, abstract, ivory towerish, ivory-towered, idealistic, visionary, romantic, sentimental, starry-eyed; quixotic, fanciful, chimerical, imaginary, dream-world, illusory, delusory; improbable, unlikely, fantastic, wild, absurd, crazy, crackpot; Inf. off the wall; silly, foolish, asinine, stupid, dumb.

unreal, adj. 1. unrealistic, unreal, nonrealistic, unauthentic, unauthentical, nonauthentic, nonauthentical, ungenueine, nongenuine, unnatural, nonnatural, unnaturalistic, nonnaturalistic; fictitious, fabricated, made-up, storybook, movie, TV.

unreasonable, adj. 1. irrational, senseless, illogical, without reason, without rhyme or reason; foolish; silly, childish, unintelligent; unreasonable, unreflective, witless, mindless, thoughtless; insensitive, reckless, inconsiderate, indiscreet, imprudent; short-sighted, myopic, undiscerning, unperceiving; moronic, idiotic, Sl. dumb, stupid, fatuous; crazy, mad, brainless, imbecile, Sl. dippy, Sl. baty, Sl. balmy, Sl. wacky, Sl. goofy.

2. arbitrary, temperamental, whimsical, capricious, notional, fanciful; harebrained, quivery, moody, discretionary, willful, nonrational, self-willed; inconsistent, erratic, crotchety, bumptious.

3. preposterous, absurd, ludicrous, ridiculous, nonsensical; meaningless, unsensical, sophistical, unsound; fallacious, groundless, invalid, fallible; unbelievable, inconceivable, out of the question, impossible; incredible, unbelievable, implausible, untenable; doubtful, doublet, dubitable, questionable.

4. excessive, immoderate, extravagant, Sl. all outdoors; undue, extortionate, unconscionable, unfair, unjust, overpriced; overwhelming, unprecedented, outrageous, inordinate; prohibitive, out of bounds, out of sight.

unrefined, adj. 1. unpurified, coarse, crude, raw, unfinished, unpolished.

2. uncultured, vulgar, unsophisticated, inelgant. See unpurified (defs. 1, 2).

unregenerate, adj. 1. unnewed, not born again, unsaved; unconverted, unconvincing, unpersuaded; godless, godly, irreligious, unbelieving, disbelieving, atheistic; infidel, infidel, heathenish, heathen, paganistic, pagan; antireligious, anticlarian, impious, irreverent, sacrilegious, blasphemous, profane. See unrepentant.

2. persistent, dogged, unrelenting; adamant, adamantine, obdurate, stubborn, unyielding, unbending, inflexible, like a stone wall; obstinate, mulish, die-hard.

3. unreformed, unrefurbished, unchanged, reprovable, incorrigible, recidivistic, recidivous, invertebrate, hard-core, hardened; irredeemable, unremeasurable, impracticable, unsaveable, undeliverable, past hope, hopeless, past praying for, lost, fallen; sinful, sinning, amoral, nonmoral, immoral, bad, wicked, evil, miscreant, iniquitous; shameless, wanton, profligate, dissolute, debased, degenerate.

unrelated, adj. 1. different, dissimilar, unlike, unlike, unaffinitive; entirely or completely or totally different, contradictory, contrastive, contrary, as different as day and night; distinct, separate, discrete; disparate, divergent, diverse, deviant, variant, very far apart; discrepant, inconsistent, incongruous, inharmonious, inconsonant, discordant, dissonant, incompatible; unanalagous, noncorresponding, noncorrespondent, nonequivalent, unequal, incommensurable, incommensurable, like apples and oranges.

2. unconnected, not cognate, nonaffinitive, unrelated, unrelative, unrelative, nonrelative, nonrelated; irrelevent, inapposite, nongermane, impertinent, beside the point, or the mark, or the occasion, Inf. off base, Inf. off the beam; inapplicable, inappropiate, malapropos, extraneous, foreign, alien, immaterial, insignificant, in consequential, neither here nor there.

unrelenting, adj. 1. relentless, implacable, inexorable, remorseless, ruthless. See relentless (def. 1).

2. unremitting, unabating, unslacking; continuous, continual, broken, constant, steadfast, steady; incessant, ceaseless, endless, unending, inexhaustible, unfailing, perpetual.

unreliable, adj. 1. dependable, irresponsible, fly-by-night, disposable, untrustworthy, untrust; questionable, dubitable, controvertible, doubtful, open to question; contestable, refutable, impeachable; unassured, uncertain, unconvincing, untenable, implausible.

2. fickle, fusty, wishy-washy, mercurial, volatile; faithless, shifting, changeable, inconsistent, inconsistent; indecisive, irresolute, vacillating, wavering, variable, erratic; capricious, whimsical, moonish, fitful, frivolous, impetuous, impulsive.

unrepentant, adj. impenitent, unrepenting, refusing forgiveness; uncontrite, remorseless, feeling no remorse. See unregenerate.

unreservd, adj. 1. without reservation, unqualified, unrestricted, unmitigated, absolute; complete, full, entire, total, unconditional; unlimited, unbound, unmeasured, limitless, boundless.

2. outspoken, free, free-spoken, free-speaking, unreticent, bold, unrestrained, unconstrained, unchecked, unabashed, uninhibited, unshrinking; plain, plain-speaking, blunt, point-blank, to the point; frank, candid, forthright, direct, straight, straightforward, straightforward, from-the-neck-up, in your face, up-front, on the level, honest, aboveboard, open and aboveboard, up front, on the level, honest, truthful.

unresolved, adj. unsettled, undecided, yet to be decided, up in the air, Inf. iff, pending in suspense; unanswered, unsolved, unfinished, incomplete, incomplete; open, open to debate, debatable, arguable, problematic, problematical, questionable, open to question, disputable, contestable, controvertible, moot; undetermined, indeterminate, undefined, unspecified, undefined, indefinite, inconclusive, uncertain, unsure, a big question mark; unknown, unproven, unestablished,
unrest, n. 1. disquiet, disquietude, inquietude, uneasiness, unease, restlessness; fretfulness, distress, worry, concern; anxiety, anguish, angst, fear, dread, foreboding; nervousness, ants. Inf. butterflies, Inf. butterflies in one's stomach, Sl. heebie-jeebies, Sl. hab-dabs, Sl. creeps.

2. dissatisfaction, discontentment, dissent, dissen sion, discord, strife, animosity, hostility; rebellion, uprising, turbulence, storm; agitation, upset, turmoil, tumult, commotion, excitement.

unrestricted, adj. 1. free, unbound, untied, unchained, unhackled, unfettered, untrammeled; unim peded, unhampered, unbridled, uncurbed, un ncient; unencumbered, uncircumscribed, unchecked, un suppressed; unrestricted, unlimited, unbounded, limitless, boundless.

2. unreserved, unconstrained, natural, artless, ingenuous; open, uninhibited, unrepressed; outspoken, free spoken, free-speaking, unreticent; bold, plain, plain-speaking, blunt, point-blank: frank, candid, forthright, direct, straightforward, straight-from-the-shoulder; overfamiliar, presumptuous, assuming, forward, aggressive, Inf. pushy, assertive; impudent, cocky, brash, audacious.

3. wild, fast and loose, riotous, rampageous, boisterous, spirited, lively; morally loose, wanton, licentious, dissipated, dissolute, profligate, promiscuous; indecent, immoral, improper; intemperate, immoderate, incontinent.

unrestricted, adj. 1. free, unbound, unlimited; unhindered, uncircumscribed, unchecked, unpressed; unregulated, un governed, freewheeling, laissez-faire, no-holds-barred, catch-as-catch-can; unlimited, unbounded, unmeasured, limitless, boundless. See also unrestricted (def. 1).

2. absolute, categorical, complete, unmitigated, unqualified, unconditional, unconditioned, no-strings-attached; unreserved, without reservation, full, entire, total.

unqualified. adj. 1. evil, wicked, sinful, iniquitous, Archaic. iniquitous, Obs. scelerous; nefarious, villainous, flagitious, heinous, infamous, Rare. nefast; black-hearted, sinister, arrant, ignoble; bad, base, vile, foul, low, mean, odious, obnoxious; maleficient, malefic, malevolent, evil-minded; demonic, demoniac, diabolic, devilish, fiendish, satanic; immoral, dissolute, profligate, profane, degenerate; disgraceful, shameful, contemptible.

2. inequitable, unjust, unfair, partial; biased, prejudiced, close-minded, narrow-minded, intolerant, bigoted, one-sided, partisan; wrongful, wrong, iniquitous; unlawful, illegitimate, illegal; unjustifiable, indefensible, unwarrantable, unreasonable, unconscionable.

unrivaled, adj. unparalleled, unequalled, matchless peerless, unmatched. See unparalleled.

unruffled, adj. 1. calm, steady, composed, peaceful, tranquil, serene, Pacific; unflustered, unperturbed, undisturbed, unstirred, unexcited, unagitated; imperturbable, unexcitable, unflappable; cool, cool headed, balanced, Inf. cool as a cucumber; possessed, controlled, unimpassioned; level-headed, poised, even tempered, staid; stolid, impassive, stoical, sedate, philosophical, solemn, serious.

2. unwrinkled, un mussed, smooth, ironed, pressed; flat, regular, unbroken, uncreased.

unruly, adj. ungovernable, unmanageable, uncontrollable, refractory, intractable; lawless, riotous, disorderly, turbulent: disobedient, mutinous, insubor dinate; unrestrained, rampant, unreined, undis ciplined, unbridled, wildcat; wild, out of hand, beyond control, out of control, irrepressible; contumacious, uncooperative, forward, recallcitrant, Dial. breechly; obstreperous, Inf. or nery, rampageous, Brit. Dial. randy; defiant, restive, rebellious, resistant.

unsafe, adj. 1. dangerous, fraught with danger, perilous, hazardous, jeopardous, Archaic. parlous, treacherous; threatening, menacing, minatory, minace sious, ominous, sinister; risky, chancy, uncertain, Sl. hairy, Chiefly Scot. unanchy, Sl. dicey, touch-and-go; touchy, ticklish, critical, thorny.

2. insecure, shaky, wobbly, wobbling, unsteady, unstable, decrepit; unsound, unreliable, untrustworthy, Scot. unsicker; weak, frail, flimsy, unsubstantial, precarious, built on sand; tottering, teetering, rickety, hanging by a thread.

3. vulnerable, open, susceptible, assailable, unprotected, defenseless; exposed, sheltered, sheltered, ill-protected, un guarded; endangered, in danger, expugnable, not out of the woods; between the devil and the deep blue sea, between Scylla and Charybdis.

unsaid, adj. unspoken, unpronounced, unuttered, voiceless, tacit; unstated, undeclared, unexpressed, unmentioned, unbreathed, untold, untalked-of; assumed, understood, implied, implicit, meant, suggested, hinted, inferred; held back, held in, kept back, kept in, suppressed, unrevealed.

unsanitary. adj. unhealthy, unhealthful, unhealthy, unantisepsic, germ-ridden, germ-infested; unwashed, unclean, unpurified, impure; noxious, unwholesome, insalubrious; toxic, septic, poisonous, pestilential, morbid, morbific, morbidic, morbid; foul, dirty, filthy, contaminating, polluted, soiled, tainted.

unsatisfactory, adj. inadequate, insufficient, too little, not enough; incomplete, deficient, lacking, wanting, needing.

2. unsuitable, inappropriate, unfit, unbecoming; ill-fitting, ill-fitting, ill-fitting; ill-protected, un guarded; endangered, in danger, exposed, unsheltered, defenseless; exposed, sheltered, sheltered, ill-protected, un guarded; endangered, in danger, expugnable, not out of the woods; between the devil and the deep blue sea, between Scylla and Charybdis.

unsavory. adj. 1. tasteless, unfavorable, flavorless, unflavored, rapid, insipid, Fr. fade, dead; flat, stale, weak, thin, watery, watered-down.

2. unpalatable, savourous, untoothsome, unappetizing, undelectable, nauseating, nauseous, sickening; bitter, sour, rancid, turned; inedible, uneatable; disgusting, Sl. crummy, Sl. yukky, Sl. gross.

3. uninviting, undesirable, disagreeable, unpleasant, displeasing, unattractive.

4. objectionable, offensive, repugnant, obnoxious, shocking, nasty; repulsive, repelling, repellent, revolting, objectionable; coarse, gross, crude, vulgar, boorish, churlish; tactless, improper, rude.

unsay, v. recall, retract, take back, withdraw, Inf. eat one's words, Inf. back down; apologize; revoke, repudiate, renounce; disavow, deny, disclaim, Inf. sing a different tune.

unscathed, adj. unharmed, uninjured, unimpaired, unhurt; unburned, undamaged, safe, sound, in perfect condition, with a whole skin, without a scratch; unscathed, untouched, unmarred, unscathed, unscathed.

unscrewed, adj. unprincipled, unconscionable, unethical, conscienceless, unconscious, amoral, immoral, shameless; corrupt, corrupted, perverse, perverted, evil, wicked; dishonest, dishonorable, deceitful, crooked; insidious, artful, cunning, shifty, slippery; insincere, disingenuous, two-faced, Janus-
1. disturbed, perturbed, bothered, troubled, unselfish, unorganized, disorganized, unsettled, unseemly, unbecoming, indecorous, improper, out of season, unseasonal.

2. untimely, ill-timed, anachronous; premature, immature, abortive. See untimely.

unseat, v. 1. unsaddle, unhorse, dismount, throw. 2. depose, oust, remove, dethrone, Rare. disenthrone; disbar, unfrock; dismiss or remove from office, strip or break of rank, disrate, cashier, Mil. drum out, Mil. Sl. bust; liquidate, purge; overthrow, subvert; retire, pension off, superannuate, Inf. put out to pasture, Inf. kick upstairs.

unseasonable, adj. 1. out of season, unseasonal.

unseasonable

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unseat

Inf.

up short,

Inf.

give one a turn,

throw,

discombobulate;

Inf.

upset, fluster, flutter, flurry, ruffle, rattle; agitate, unsettle, unseat, partial, nonpartisan.

unsparing, unstinting, ungrudging; altruistic, charitable, magnanimous, munificent, great-hearted; disinterested, philanthropic, humanitarian; noble, high-minded, unfeeling, unsound, unsophisticated, naive, simple, simple-minded; simpleminded, unsullied, unsullied, uncontaminated; unadulterated, unmixed, undiluted, uncut, uncorrupted, unadulterated, unmixed, undiluted, uncut, uncorrupted, unadulterated, unmixed, undiluted, uncut.

unsound, adj. 1. naive, simple, simple-minded, innocent, childlike, like a newborn babe; undeveloped, unworlly, not wise to the world, green, raw, born yesterday, wet behind the ears; unsuspecting, unsuspicuous, unwary, unguarded, trusting, trustful; guileless, artless, ingenuous, sincere.

unsought, adj. unsought, unsought, unrequested, unrequired, undemanding, unasked, uncalled-for; unwanted, undesired, uninvited, unwelcome; voluntary, volunteered, free will, spontaneous, unforced; free, gratuitous, gratis, gratuitous, gratuitous.

unsophisticated, adj. 1. naive, simple, simple-minded, innocent, childlike, like a newborn babe; undeveloped, unworlly, not wise to the world, green, raw, born yesterday, wet behind the ears; unsuspecting, unsuspicuous, unwary, unguarded, trusting, trustful; guileless, artless, ingenuous, sincere.

unsought, unsought, unsought, unrequested, unrequired, undemanding, unasked, uncalled-for; unwanted, undesired, uninvited, unwelcome; voluntary, volunteered, free will, spontaneous, unforced; free, gratuitous, gratis.

unsupervised, adj. 1. naive, simple, simple-minded, innocent, childlike, like a newborn babe; undeveloped, unworlly, not wise to the world, green, raw, born yesterday, wet behind the ears; unsuspecting, unsuspicuous, unwary, unguarded, trusting, trustful; guileless, artless, ingenuous, sincere.

unsupervised, unsupervised, unsupervised, uncontrolled, uncontrolled, uncontaminated, uncontaminated, uncontaminated, uncontaminated; pure, one-hundred percent, solid, sterile, twenty-four carat; genuine, authentic, real, true, bona fide.
off one's feed, indisposed; deranged, abnormal, unbalanced, unhinged; demented, crazy, mad, insane, Sl. nuts; mentally deficient or retarded, feeble-minded, simple, dim-witted, incompetent.

2. decayed, unhewn, worm-eaten, full of dry rot, crumbling, disintegrated; imperfect, improper, defective, marred, flawed, blemished, broken, disfigured, mutilated.

3. shaky, wobbly, tottery, unsteady, unstable, rickety, Inf. undetermined, obstinate, adamant.

4. irregular, jumpy, choppy, spasmodic; jerky, fitful, spasmodic; jerky, fitful, restless; tossing, tossing and turning.

5. (of sleep) fragile, light, unquiet, uneasy, unpeaceful, troubled, fitful, restless; tossing, tossing and turning.

6. without adequate backing, in debt, indebted, en- trance; without adequate support, backed, subsidized, supported, unsubstantial, low-profit.

unsparing, adj. 1. liberal, profuse, lavish, rich, ample, copious, abundant; bountiful, plentiful, luxuri- ant; extensive, broad, wide, far-reaching, wide-ranging; wholesale, sweeping, large-scale; ungrudging, giving, unstinting, unstinted, open-handed; generous, benefi- cent, munificent, magnanimous, big-hearted; excessive, immoderate, extravagant, extreme, inordinate, outrageous; ballooning, inflated, mushrooming, spreading, widespread; unbound, limitless, unrestricted; vast, huge, enormous, gigantic, giant, titan, colossal, mammoth, gargantuan; total, full, free, un- charged, unchecked, unending.

2. unmerciful, merciless, unrelenting, relentless, un- remitting, inexorable, implacable, uncompromising, unbending, inflexible, obdurate; pitiless, ruthless, cruel, harsh, uncompromising, unfeeling; severe, rigorous, grim, austere, stern, stark, stringent; hard-hearted, hard-bitten, cold, cold-blooded, iron-handed, iron- fisted, iron-hearted; diligent, assiduous, persevering, untiring, dogged, leaving no stone unturned; persistent, determined, obstinate, adamant.

unspeakable, adj. 1. unutterable, inexpressible, ineffable, beyond words, incomunicable; indescribable, indescribable, undefinable, unapparent; dumm- fouding, overwhelming, stupifying, striking, stunning, stirring, wonderful; unimaginable, unbelievable, incredible, unheard-of; fantastic, extraordinary, singular, signal.

2. bad, awful, horrible, too horrible for words, terri- ble, horrid, ugly, Sl. yukky, disgusting; low, base, vile, despised, disreputable, odious, abhorrent, hateful; slimy, foul, dirty, rotten, putrid, stinky, mean; offensive, objectionable, deplorable, repulsive, repellent, repugnant, revolting, nauseating, rank, sick- ening; unpleasant, unfit, improper, unallowable.

unspoiled, adj. 1. perfect, as good as new, like new, in mint condition, in good shape, in good condition, in great shape, in A-one condition; sound, whole, fine, excellent; undamaged, unmarried, unharmed, un- scratched, unstained, unspoiled.

2. innocent, wholesome, fresh, young in outlook, open, simple, free; sweet, agreeable, pleasant, amiable, friendly; natural, plain, pure, pristine, clean, un- sullied; uncorrupted, untouched, undefiled, fallen, virtuous, moral; spotless, stainless, unblemished, unpolluted; chaste, virginal, maidenly.

unspoken, adj. 1. tacit, assumed, understood, im- plicated, implicit; unstated, undeclared, unexpressed. See unsaid.

2. silent, mute, mum, unspeaking, tight-lipped, close- mouthed, quiet, not talking, voiceless, wordless, speechless, dumbfounded.

unstable, adj. 1. unsteady, not fixed, static, unsettled, insecure; tottery, shaky, wobbly, tipsy; teetering, faltering, stumbling, staggering; precarious, labile; unpredictable, risky, hazardous, perilous; on the brink, swaying, shifting.

2. inconstant, steadfast, changeable, variable, mutable, permissible; fickle, capricious, moody, volatile, mercurial, flighty, giddy; inconsistent, indecisive, irresolute, indefinite, vacillating, fluctuating, wavering, turgidly moving, blowing hot and cold; unpredictable, fly-by-night, untrustworthy, unreliable, faithless; des- ultory, stop-and-go, come-and-go.

3. eccentric, erratic, peculiar, queer, odd; irrational, Sl. goofy, Sl. wacky, Sl. nutty, Sl. far out, Sl. spacey; deranged, unbalanced, unhinged, Sl. ungled, unstrung.

4. irregular, jumpy, choppy, spasmodic; jerky, fit- ful, spasmodic; jerky, fitful, restless; tossing, tossing and turning.

unsung, adj. weakened, enervated, spent, drained, emptied; worn out, played out, exhausted, fatigued, wrung out; quivering, shaky, like a bowl of Jello, shaking like a leaf, unsteady; agitated, perturbed, troubled, disturbed; unnerved, unmanned, shaken, flustered, upset, discouraged, frustrated, Sl. discommodulated; disconcerted, discomposed, bewild- ered, Sl. fazed, confounded, distracted; unbalanced, unhinged, Sl. ungled, disoriented, deranged.

unstuck, adj. 1. unfastened, unattached, unfixed, un- attached, unsecured, disarranged, deranged, unbalanced, disarray, incoherent, incohesive; jumbled, helter-skelter, like Jello, shaking like a leaf, unsteady; agitated, persistent, unending; unmentioned, inarticulate, inexpressive.

unstudied, adj. 1. unpremeditated, unlabored, natural, normal, unaffected; spontaneous, impromptu, extemporaneous, extempore, offhand, unhanded, U.S. Inf. off-the-cuff, informal, casual; unpreten- tious, without airs, Inf. down-home, unassuming, modest, simple.

2. unversed, unread, ignorant, unknowledgeable, un- knowing, unenlightened, uninformed; uneducated, un- schooled, unlearned, untutored, untaught, uninstruct- ed; unclassified, untrained, raw, green, inexperienced; unskilled, inexpert, inefficient, incompetent, unquali- fied; amateur, unprofessional, nonprofessional.

unsubstantial, adj. 1. insubstantial, fanciful, fancied, imaginary, imagined, chimerical, unreal, visionary, quixotic; airy, vaporous, wild, idle, empty; fantastical, make-believe, mythical, fairy-tale, fictitious, made-up; illusory, illusive, delusive, false, hallucinatory, phantom, phantasmal, spectral, ghostly; intangible, impalpable, inmaterial, incorporeal, disembodied, bodiless.

2. paltry, inadequate, insufficient, meager, mere, small, puny, dinky, Sl. lousy, Sl. crummy; insignificant, unimportant, of little or no import, negligible, nugatory, inconceivable, inconsequential; trivial, trifling, petty, niggling, minor, piddling, Inf. picayune.

3. slimy, tenuous, poor, worry, weak, lame; shallow, superficial, cursory; ungrounded, groundless, ungrounded, unsupported, baseless; illogical, unlogical, ungrounded, fallacious, erroneous, faulty, Inf. full of holes, untenable; feeble, frail, fragile, slight, thin, watery, watered-down; delicate, dainty, light, fine, sheer, diaphanous, ethereal, gauzy, gossamer, cobweb-
unsustained, adj. unconfirmed, uncorroborated, unproven, unevincing, unestablished, undemonstrated, experimental, tentative; debatable, questionable, open to debate or question, disputable, arguable, contestable, contradictory, moot; doubtful, dubious, dubitable, uncertain, unsure, indefinite, inconclusive.

unsuccesful, adj. 1. vain, futile, useless, unavailable, bootless; ineffective; infeasible, nugatory, worthless, fruitless, abortive, still-born, barren, sterile, impotent; unprofitable, unreumerative, unfavorable, losing.

unsuitable, adj. 1. inappropriate, inapt, inappropriate, unfitness, unfitness, unwise, unwise, unfit, ill-adapted, incompatible, uncongenial; incongruous, inconsistent, out of keeping, out of place, out of character; disproportionate, inequitable.

2. inexpedient, disadvantageous, inadvisable; impractical, inapplicable, useless, no good, ungood; inopportune, unseasonable, untimely, infelicitous, irrelevant, ungermane, impertinent.

3. unseemly, unbecoming, indecorous, improper; unladylike, ungentlemanly, ungenteel, impolite; impudent, indiscreet, tactless, injudicious.

unsung, adj. unacclaimed, uncheered, unapplauded, unhailed, uncelebrated, unglorified, unexalted, unhonored, unmemorialized; unpraised, unlauded, unextolled; unhailed; uncelebrated, unglorified, unexalted, unhonored, anonymous, nameless, innominate, unacknowledged, unrecognized, unnoted, unnoticed; known, anonymous, anonymal, nameless, innominate, unnamed, unidentifiable; unheard of, obscure, inconspicuous, background; inconsequential, insignificant, unimportant.

unsure, adj. 1. uncertain, unconvincing, dubious, doubtful, skeptical, suspicious, distrustful; ambivalent, of two minds, betwixt and between, on the fence; undecided, up in the air; irresolute, indecisive, infirm of purpose, wishy-washy. See uncertain (defs. 2, 3).

2. unconfident, lacking in confidence, unassured, insecure, unsure of oneself, self-distrustful, self-distrusting; diffident, self-conscious, bashful, shy, timid; reticent, demure, reserved, holding back, constrained, restrained.

unsurpassed, adj. unexcelled, second to none, unrivaled, peerless, matchless, nonpareil, unparalleled, unequalled, incomparable, inimitable, Fr. sans pareil; superlative, consummate, best, finest, choicest, greatest; supreme, paramount, ascendant, transcendent, highest, uppermost, topmost, top, tip, tip, Latin, facile princeps; preeminent, foremost, first, primary, prime, leading; predominant, dominant, hegemonic, hegemonical.

unsuspecting, adj. unaware, off guard, napping, asleep; unprepared, unanticipative, unwarmed, unwarmed, unprepared, unapprised; oblivious, unconscious, insensible, unmindful, paying no attention, inattentive, heedless; unsuspicous, unsuspecting, trustful, trusting, overtrustful, credulous, credulous, believing, gullible, Obst, cullible, easily deceived or taken in, deceivable, dupable, unexploitable; naive, ingenuous, wide-eyed, innocent; green, inexperienced, unsophisticated, ignorant.

unsymmetrical, adj. asymmetric, asymmetrical, unsymmetrized; nonparallel, unanalogous, noncorresponding, noncorrespondent, inconsistent, discrepant; lopsided, one-sided, unbalanced, unmatched, disproportional, out of proportion, uneven, irregular, unequal, unequal.

unsympathetic, adj. 1. uncompassionate, compassionless, ruthless, pitiless, unpitying, uncommiserative, uncommiserating, unsympathizing; uncaring, unfriendly, unmotional, soulless; unconcerned, indifferent, unresponsive, apathetic, untouched, unmoved; callous, thickskinned, insensitive, heartless, cold-hearted, heartless, cold, cold as a fish, frigid; hard-hearted, stone-hearted, flinty, impervious; incon siderate, unthoughtful, unkind, unkindly, kindless, unbenign, uncharitable, unfriendly, inhospitable, unchristianly, unchristian; mean, cruel, inhuman, unmerciful, merciless, unsparing.

2. unfavorable toward, disapproving of, having strong feelings against; opposed to, against, contra, con.

3. incongruous, inharmonious, consonant, discordant, dissonant, dissonant; uncomplementary, mismatched, mismatched, ill-suited, unsuited to each other, on different wavelengths; uncongenial, incompatible, unable to get along.

unsystematic, adj. unorganized, unordered, unmethodical, unsystematical, unsystematized; unorganized, unclassified, ungrouped; irregular, random, haphazard, indiscriminate, random, aimless, pell-mell, helter-skelter; disorganized, disorderly, disordered, disarray, deranged, confused, chaotic; hodgepodge, jumbled, muddled, scrambled, tangled, mixed up; unneat, untidy, messy, messed up, Inf. mussed up in a mess; unkempt, slovenly, sloppy.

untarnished, adj. scoured, polished, shining, bright; clean, unsoiled, unsullied, spotless, immaculate; unblemished, pure, unstained, stainless, perfect, flawless, faultless; virgin, untouched, unadulterated, unspoilied, untainted; unpolluted, uncontacted, undefiled, uncontaminated, pure, pure, careful, innocent, sinless, chaste, modest, virginal, lily-white.

untenable, adj. indefensible, insupportable, unarguable, unmaintainable, unsustainable, undefendable, refutable; weak, flawed, faulty, specious, implausible; illogical, groundless, baseless, unreasonable, Both Logic, paralogical, paralogistic; contestable, debatable, moot, questionable; impeachable, unacceptable, inadmissible.

unthinkable, adj. 1. inconceivable, unimaginable, incomprehensible, incredible, implausible, incogitable; unbelievable, contrary to reason, unheard-of, un dreamed-of, unthought-of, hard or difficult to believe, beyond belief; wondrous, wonderful, miraculous, fabulous, fantastic, strange, passing strange.

2. impossible, out of the question, improbable, unlikely, hopeless, SI, no go, SI, fat chance; illogical, absurd, strange, passing strange.

untidy, adj. unkept, disheveled, sloppy, slovenly, slatternly, frowzy, bedraggled; messy, disorderly, helter-skelter, littered, littery; disordered, disarranged, disorganized, at sixes and sevens; confused, muddled,
indefatigable, unwearying, unfailing,
adj. untiring,
untimely, unseasonable, ill-timed, mistimed,
adj. untouched,
1. adj. untold,
untie, unfasten, undo, disconnect, disjoin,
4. unchanged, pristine, natural, as God intended, as
uneaten, undrunk, unsampled, untasted; uncon-
ed;
2. release, loose, disenfranchise, free, liberate;
set free, set loose, let loose, turn loose, let go, unpen,
unmew, disimprison.
3. resolve, settle, solve, figure out, puzzle out, un-
cable.
proper, imprudent; infelicitous; out of season, out of
suitable, unbecoming, unbefitting, indecorous, im-
proper, imprudent; infelicitous; out of season, out of
of place, out of tune, out of keeping; irrelevant, inap-
cable.
untiring; unimparted, unrevealed, undivulgèd, un-
expressible, unspeakable, indescribable,
inexpressible, unspeakable, indescribable,
indescribable, unspeakable, indescribable,
2. fake, fraudulent, counterfeit, mock, ersatz, sham,
2. erroneous, false, wrong, incorrect, inaccurate,
2. lie, prevarication, fib, falsehood, fabrication, fic-
untruth, untruthfulness, inveracity, falsity,
false, treasonous, treacherous, perfidious; two-faced, Janus-faced, hypocritical,
double-tongued, deceitful, untrustworthy, dishonor-
able, false-hearted; double-dealing, recreant, under-
hand, shifty, tricky; disingenuous, insincere, conniv-
ing, Machiavellian, artful, sly, wily, cunning; crooked,
duplicitious, false-principled, double; dishonest,
quackish, charlatanish, ambidextrous.
2. erroneous, false, wrong, incorrect, inaccurate,
mistaken; imprecise, inexact, not right, amiss, unfac-
tual; fallacious, faulty, flawed, contradictory, erring,
in error; all wrong, wide of the mark, astray, Inf. off
dome.
2. improper, inappropriate, inapt, inappropriate,
unmeet, unfitting, unfit, unsuitable, unsuit-
ed, unfeasible, incorrect; unwarranted, unbecal-
for, out of place, out of keeping; uneasily, unbecom-
ing, indecorous, indecent, unladylike, ungenteel,
unfit, unsuitable, unproper, unwise, unwise, un-
polished, inelegant, indelicate; impolitic, imprudent,
indiscreet, tactless, untactful, injudicious; Inf. out-
of-the-way, Inf. off-key, out-of-bounds, out-of-line, out-
of-order.
untouched upon, untreated, unmentioned, un-
discussed, undescribed, undeveloped; omitted,
misrepresentation, falsification; fable, myth, fiction, canard, invention, concoction; story, tale, yarn, Inf. tall tale, cock and bull story, Inf. fish story; white lie, half-truth, Inf. tadiddle, Inf. flim; dirty lie, monstrous lie, barefaced lie; hoax, humbug, deception, trick, Inf. flimflam.

3. error, flaw, deviancy, fault, sin; inaccuracy, mistake, misprint, misquotiation, misstatement, misstep, slip; deviation, heresy, misinterpretation, heterodoxy.

untruthful, adj. mendacious, lying, fibbing, unveracious; dishonest, deceitful, insincere, uncandid, disingenuous; collusive, Law. covinous; dissimulating, deceiving, hypocritical, two-faced, phrasical; perjured, forsworn, prevaricative; misleading, circuitous, hedging, shifty; evasive, ambiguous, equivocal, suspicious; untrustworthy, unreliable, undependable, untrust, trustless, irresponsible, fly-by-night.

unused, adj. 1. unemployed, unutilized, untired, unapplied, unexercised; unconsumed, unspent, surplus, remnant, remaining, left, leftover; extra, spare, reserve, in hand, in reserve; in abeyance, waived, put aside, suspended; saved, held back, taken out.
2. untouched, unhandled, unfelt; new, original, firsthand, fresh; pristine, virgin, maiden, untrodden, unbeaten; intact, whole, full, unopened, unbroken.
3. unpracticed, unfamiliar, unaccustomed, unacquainted; inexperienced, unseasoned, unversed, unhabituated. See unaccustomed (def. 2).

unusual, adj. uncommon, ordinary, extra-ordinary, out of the ordinary, unheard-of; remarkable, strange, odd, peculiar, queer, curious; rare, scarce, infrequent, seldom met with, few and far between; singular, unique, Latin. sui generis; new, novel, unfamiliar, thought-of, dreamed-of, unexpected, surprising; unexampled, unprecedented, customary, unlimited, unconventional, extra-ordinary.

unwrap, undrape, bare; disclose, divulge, make known, bring to light, bring out into the open.

undo, loosen, loose, release; unfasten, unhang, unhang, hang back, lie loose, leave undone, let down, let go, let out, lay loose, let it go, be loose, be slack, be laid open, take out, let loose, let oneself go, take it easy; slow down, take a break, take time out.

underwhelmed, adj. 1. unhealthful, insalubrious, insalutary; pernicious, injurious, deleterious, harmful, hurtful, destructive; noxious, noisome, toxic, poisonous; unhygienic, unsanitary, germ-ridden, dirty, filthy, foul.

underwear, adj. ill, ailing, indisposed, afflicted, sick, Inf. sick as a dog, Inf. under the weather, Inf. out of sorts, Inf. not feeling oneself, SL. off one's feed; in poor health, poorly, unhealthy; sickly, pale, pallid, wan, sallow; anemic, washed-out, seedy, run-down; invalid, valetudinarian, valetudinary; laid up, prostrate, flat on one's back, hospitalized, Brit. in hospital.

unwholesome, adj. 1. unhealthy, insalubrious, insalutary; pernicious, injurious, deleterious, harmful, hurtful, destructive; noxious, noisome, toxic, poisonous; unhygienic, unsanitary, germ-ridden, dirty, filthy, foul.

unwise, adj. 1. imprudent, incautious, rash, reckless, precipitate, headlong; heedless, unheeding, careless, disregardful, regardless, thoughtless, unthinking, unmindful, mindless, witless, unreflecting; indiscriminate, imprudent, unwise, improvident; impulsive, unguarded, unwatchful, unobservant, unconsidered; unsophisticated, unworthy, not wise to the world, innocent, naive, childlike, like or innocent as a newborn babe; gullible, credulous, easily taken in.

unwarranted, adj. uncalled-for. See uncalled-for (defs. 1, 3, 4).

unyearly, adj. incautious, rash, reckless, precipitate, headlong; heedless, unheeding, careless, disregardful, regardless, thoughtless, unthinking, unmindful, mindless, witless, unreflecting; indiscriminate, imprudent, unwise, improvident; impulsive, unguarded, unwatchful, unobservant, unconsidered; unsophisticated, unworthy, not wise to the world, innocent, naive, childlike, like or innocent as a newborn babe; gullible, credulous, easily taken in.

unawaier, adj. unfaithful. See unfaithering.
unwell, adj. ill, ailing, indisposed, afflicted, sick, Inf. sick as a dog, Inf. under the weather, Inf. out of sorts, Inf. not feeling oneself, SL. off one's feed; in poor health, poorly, unhealthy; sickly, pale, pallid, wan, sallow; anemic, washed-out, seedy, run-down; invalid, valetudinarian, valetudinary; laid up, prostrate, flat on one's back, hospitalized, Brit. in hospital.
unwitting, adj. 1. unaware, unknowing, ignorant, unenlightened, incognizant, unacquainted, uninitiated; oblivious, blinded, Inf. out of it, Sl. out to lunch, Inf. unhin; uninformed, in the dark, unapprised, unadvised, unsurprised, unconscious, insensible; unwary, unprepared, unsuspecting; stupid, dull, dull-witted, witless.

2. unintentional, accidental, unintended, inadvertent, unmeditated, unplanned, undesigned, uncalculated, indeliberate; spontaneous, automatic, involuntary, reflex; thoughtless, unhinging, unconscious, unmeant; chance, adventitious, Inf. flaky.

unwonted, adj. uncommon, unusual, uncouth, unfamiliar, unique, rare, novel; singular, exceptional, out of the ordinary, atypical, individual; unheard-of, unexampled, unprecedented; infrequent, few and far between, seldom seen, seldom met with; extraordinary, noteworthy, remarkable; unconventional, irregular, unorthodox, anomalous; odd, strange, queer, eccentric, abnormal, peculiar, curious, freakish, bizarre, offbeat.

unworldly, adj. unworldly, ungodly, godless, unchristian, unchristianized, unchristianized, irreligious, nonreligious, nonreligious, nonChristian, nonChristian, infidel, Inf.

unhip, adj. out of it, Inf. out of it.

unlawful, adj. unlawful, unconstituted, unconstituted, illegitimate, illicit, illegal.

2. unintentional, accidental, unintended, inadvertent; out of keeping, inconsistent, incongruous.

3. Often unsuitable, inappropriate, unworthy of reprehensible, blameworthy, objectionable; dishonorable, disgraceful, dishonorable, dishonorable.

4. unqualified; ineligible, disqualified.

adapted, incompatible; out of character, out of place, U.S. two-bit; insignificant, unimportant, unimportant, unimportant, unimportant, unimportant.

unproductive, unfruitful, sterile, barren, dry, desert, infertile, unfruitful.

unprofitable, adj. unprofitable, uneconomic, uneconomic, unprofitable, unprofitable.

unpractical, adj. unpractical, impractical, impractical, impractical, impractical.

unprincipled, adj. unprincipled, insincere, unprincipled, insincere, insincere.

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uplift, n. 1. elevation, upheaval, erection, rearing, raising, lifting.
2. betterment, improvement, melioration, amelioration, advancement; enrichment, enhancement; edification, enlightenment, education; civilization, cultivation; advancement, furtherance; rehabilitation.
3. exalt, ennoble, dignify, promote; glorify, beatify, canonize, deify, apotheosize, put on a pedestal.
—n. 4. elevation, upheaval, erection, rearing, raising, lifting.
5. betterment, improvement, melioration, amelioration, amendment; enrichment, enhancement; edification, enlightenment, education; civilization, cultivation; advancement, furtherance; rehabilitation.
6. exaltation, ennoblement, promotion; glorification, beatification, canonization, deification, apotheosis.

upper, adj. 1. higher, loftier, more elevated; ahead, over, above.
2. superior, greater, ranking; surpassing, exceeding, transcendent, preeminent, supreme, ascendant, predominant.
3. just, fair, impartial, equitable, objective, balanced, even, even-handed. Inf. level; straight, square and fair and square, foursquare, square-dealing, plain-dealing, square-shooting, straight-shooting; rightful, proper, right and proper, fit; aboveboard, open and aboveboard, out front, up front, on the level, up and on, on the up and up.
—n. 4. pole, post, prop, column, pillar, shaft, stanchion; newel, newel post, banister, baluster, Carpentery, Furniture. stile; pier, pile, piling.
—adv. 5. erectly, vertically, uprightly, upstandingly, up; perpendicularly, plumb, up and down, straight up and down; bolt upright, at attention, on one’s feet or legs, Inf. on one’s hind legs; endwise, endways, on end.

upright, adj. 1. erect, bolt upright, straight-up, straight up and down, up and down; vertical, plumb, perpendicular. Math. normal; standing, standing-up, stand-up, rearing. Heraldry. rampant; upraised, uprighted, uplifted, upended.
2. honest, upstanding, incorruptible, uncorrupt, uncorrupted; ethical, moral, principled, high-minded, high-minded, noble-minded; virtuous, righteous, upright, right, good, decent, clean; honorable, reputable, creditable, estimable, noble, worthy, sterling; law-abiding, law-loving, strait-arrow.
3. just, fair, impartial, equitable, objective, balanced, even, even-handed. Inf. level; straight, square and fair and square, foursquare, square-dealing, plain-dealing, square-shooting, straight-shooting; rightful, proper, right and proper, fit; aboveboard, open and aboveboard, out front, up front, on the level, up and on, on the up and up.

uprise, v. 1. get up, arise, rise, get to one’s feet, scramble up, leap up, jump up, spring up, bolt up; awaken, waken, wake up, get out of bed, Inf. rise and shine, Sl. up and at ‘em; greet the day, Inf. roll out, Inf. turn out, Sl. hit the deck.
2. rise up, revolt, rebel, insurrectionize, upheave, overthrow, mutiny, subvert; resist, take up arms, defy, break forth; wage war, strike, take the law into one’s hands, mount the barricades; disobey, fly in the face of, refuse, kick over the traces.
3. ascend, mount, climb, move upward; go uphill, slope upward, slant upward, grade, tip.

uprising, n. 1. rebellion, revolt, insurrection, insur- gence, insurgency, revolution, outbreak, rising; mutiny; sedition, subversion, treason; riot, anarchy, civil disorder, mob law, street-fighting, fighting in the streets, turmoil, chaos, confusion, upheaval; peasant revolt, jacquerie; putsch, coup d’etat, overthrow, take-over.
2. incline, slope, acclivity, ascent, climb, rise; upgrade, upslope, uphill, upclimb, uprise; ramp, gradient, bank, hill.

uproot, n. clamor, brouhaha, hoo-ha, hubbub, tumult, din, racket, clatter, outburst, Inf. blowup; commotion, Sl. hoopla, hurly-burly, pother, row, Inf. to-do, disturbance, disruption, public sensation; turmoil, tumult, brawl, affray, struggle, conflict; pandemonium, pandemonium, pandemonium, pandemonium, pandemonium; rumpus, hoopla, hurly-burly, pother, Inf. commotion, SI. ruckus; turbulence, disorder, agitation, furore, frenzy, stir, ado, fuss, tempest in a teapot.

upward, adj. aristocratic, patrician, blue-blooded, silk-stocking; noble, highborn, well-born, gentle, genteel, well-bred; above-average, superior, topflight, first-rate, Inf. topnotch; high-level, top-drawer; high-class, elegant, fancy, luxurious, deluxe, sumptuous, posh, Inf. swank, Inf. swanky, Sl. ritzy.

upwards, n. the whim hand, the driver’s seat, advantage. Inf. edge, the catbird seat; control, command, rule, mastery, domination, dominance; power, authority, influence, sway; ascendancy, primacy, preeminence, supremacy, sovereignty.

upwort, adj. 1. upmost, highest, loftiest, most elevated.
2. greatest, best, topmost, Inf. tip-top, apical, culminating, consummate, maximum, ultimate; paramount, surpreme, transcendent, preeminent, superior, sur-passing, exceeding, ascendant; predominant, dominant, leading, top, foremost, principal, main, major, cardinal, prime, primary, chief, sovereign, head, headmost.

upset, v. 1. exiripate, unroot, pull out by the roots, pull up, pluck up, root out, outroot, deracinate; pull out, draw out, tear out, take out, extract; excise, cut, cut out; uneath, excavate, dig up or out, grub up or out, weed out.
2. destroy, eradicate, annihilate, obliterate; wipe out, eliminate, stamp out, snuff out, crush out; devastate, demolish, ravage, ruin, Dial. ruinate, raze.

uproot, v. 1. overturn, turn over, overset, throw over, push over, knock over or down; upend, tip over, capsize, keel or keel over, turn topsy-turvy, turn upside down, invert, reverse; topple, tumble, precipitate, Inf. spill.
2. perturb, disquiet, discompost, discomtenance, agitate, ruffle, flutter, ruffle, flutter, distract, unsettle, put out; unnerve, unman, disconcert, Inf. faze, daunt, dismay, Inf. throw off balance; shock, jolt, jar, rattle, pull one up short; trouble, worry, scare, frighten, Inf. shake up, unhinge, traumatize, Inf. give [s.o.] fits, freak out, alarm, stun; anger, infuriate; sadden, grieve, bring to tears, make [s.o.] cry.
3. put out of order, mess up, dishel, turn topsy-turvy; scatter, strew about, litter; disarrange, jumble, muddle, mix up, shuffle, confuse, disorganize; spoil, Sl. gum up the works, Inf. discombobulate, Inf. rock the boat, Inf. make waves.
4. defeat, beat, rout, discomfit, worst, thrash, Inf. 

whip, Sl. cream, Sl. shellsia; overthrow, vanquish, conquer, triumph over, win out or out over, Inf. beat out, be victorious over, get the better of, dispose, destroy, crush, trounce, Inf. stomp, trample, ruin, demolish; quash, quell, squash, squelch.

—adj. 5. overturned, turned over, knocked over or down capsized, tipped over, upside down, topsy-turvy, inverted, reversed; toppled, tumbled, Inf. spilled.

6. disordered, disarranged, disorganized, at sixes and sevens; confused, muddled, macaronic, jumbled, Inf. every which way; chaotic, entangled, snarled up; messy, disorderly, helter-skelter, littered, litty; untidy, unkempt, disheveled, slovenly, slatternly, sloppy.

7. perturbed, disquieted, discomposed, disheveled, slovenly, slatternly, sloppy, everywhere. 

upshot, n. 1. result, effect, consequence, outcome, eventuation, denouement, issue, conclusion, end, end result, Inf. payoff, consummation; outgrowth, aftereffect, fallout, backwash, wake; spin-off, side effect, by-product, offshoot; product, harvest, crop, fruit, yield; development, repercussion, reaction, feedback.

2. gist, nitty-gritty, heart of the matter, marrow, pit, crux; point, central or main idea, keynot, focus, focal point; substance, meat, essence, quiddity, quintessence, sum and substance; keystone, fundamental principle.

upside down, 1. inverted, upturned, wrong side up, bottom or keel upwards, bottom side up, bottom up; turned over, overturned, on one's head.

2. topsy-turvy, helter-skelter, confused, chaotic, muddled, jumbled; disorderly, disordered, disarranged, deranged; unorganized, disorganized; upset, intidy, messy, Inf. muddled, disheveled; routed, overturned.

3. in complete disorder, in disarray, in a jumble, all over the place, Inf. every which way; here, there, and over the place, Inf. every which way; there, and everywhere.

upstanding, adj. 1. stand-up, standing-up, standing, rearing, Heraldry, rampant; upraised, upreared, set up, on up, upright, vertical, plumb, perpendicular, Math. normal; erect, tall and erect, bolt upright, straight-up, straight up and down, up and down.

2. vigorous, energetic, dynamic, active; robust, hearty, hale, and hearty, hardy, strong and healthy, bursting with health and vigor; sound, healthy, in good health, fit, physically fit, in good condition, in fine fettle, Inf. in good shape, Inf. in shape; stout, staunch, stalwart, firm, sturdy, tough.

3. honest, upright, incorruptible, See upright (def. 2.).

4. candid, frank, forthright, foursquare, straightforward, direct; open, open and sincere, open-hearted, ingenuous, guileless, artless, sincere, genuine, un deceptive, undeceitful, undeceiving, undissembling, un disguising; aboveboard, open and aboveboard, out front, up front, on the level, up and up, on the up and up, no-nonsense.

upstart, n. 1. nouveau riche, newly-rich, risen from the ranks; baseborn, earthborn, common; pretentious, precocious, presumptuous, Sl. cocky, obtrusive; bluffing, pretending, feigning; forward, brazen, Sl. brassy, Sl. cheeky, arrogant, audacious.

—v. 3. start up, spring up; be surprised or startled, be given to start, startle, bestartled, begin, bebegun, begin, bebegun.

upswing, n. 1. improvement, upgrade, advancement, betterment, advance; change, change for the better, progress, progression; Inf. pickup, recovery, revival, Inf. up, Inf. comeback.

2. upsurge, upturn, step-up; acceleration, escalation, skyrocketing; increase, elevation, raise, boost, rise.

uptake, n. understanding, comprehension, apprehension; perspicacity, keenness, acuteness, acuity; insight, perception, intuition, sensitivity; perceptiveness, perspicaciousness; cleverness, shrewdness, ingenuity, ingenuity.

up-to-date, adj. 1. current, present, now-passing, happening, occurring, ongoing, going on, prevalent, prevailing, present-day; recent, newly-come, late, latest; just out, hot off the press, up-to-the-minute, most-recent, fresh, new, Sl. now, Sl. today.

2. modern, the latest thing, new-fashioned, new-minted, new-coined, fresh from the factory; fashionable, in fashion, in style, stylish, in vogue, in the swim, all the rage, modish, popular; swinging, à la mode, Fr. au courant, right-on, with it, switched on; newest, neoteric, newest of the new; All Sl. trendy, in, thing, the latest, now, hip, mod, in the groove.

upturn, v. 1. disorder, disarrange, discompose, dis range, upheave; confuse, upset, disheuve, turn topsy-turvy; jumble, clutter, muss, mess.

2. lift, lift up, uplift, raise, raise up, upraise; tilt, cast, hold up, uphold, raise high.

—n. 3. upswing, improvement, advancement; upsurge, increase, boost. See upswing (defs. 1, 2.).

upward, adv. 1. up, upwards, straight up, skyward, heavenward, starward, to the stars, to the skies, into the wild blue yonder; upstream, upriver, uplong; uphill, to the top, Scot. upwith; upstairs, abovestairs, Dial. up steps; northward, up north; up-town.

Often upwards of more, above, beyond, over; and over and above, in addition, additionally, besides, further.

—adj. 3. ascending, rising, mounting, upgoing, upsurging; uphill, upsloping, acclivitous, climbing, scendent; ascendant, aspiring, on the rise, in the ascendant.

urban, adj. city, cityish, citified, town, townish, oppidan, burghal; metropolitan, municipal, civic; built-up, urbanized.

urbane, adj. polished, suave, debonair, charming, gracious; elegant, courtly, refined, finished, cultivated; polite, civil, courteous, tactful, diplomatic; agreeable, complaisant, affable, amenable; civilized, mannerly, well-mannered, well-trained; decorous, formal, proper, Fr. comme il faut, correct; gentlemanly, gentlemanlike, chivalrous, chivalric, gallant, cavalier; sophisticated, cosmopolitan, worldly; fashionable, stylish; à la mode, modish, high-toned, Sl. tony, in vogue, Inf. trendy, up-to-date; high-class, Sl. classy, Inf. swank, Sl. swell.

urbanity, n. 1. polish, finesse, suavity, debonairness, chivalry, gallantry, graciousness, charm; refinement, culture, gentility, gentlemanliness, courtliness; elegance, grace, Sl. class, style, smartness; sophistication, cosmopolitanism, worldliness.

2. courtesy, courtliness, politeness, civility; mannerliness, decorousness, formality, propriety, tact; tactfulness, savoir-faire; diplomacy; agreeableness, agreeableness, amenability,
urchin, n. imp, brat, bad boy, little monkey, whippersnapper; Inf. shaver, Brit. Inf. nipper, kid, gamin, Fr. enfant terrible; delinquent, juvenile delinquent, punk, Inf. smart aleck, toughie, bully, SL. snooted kid; waif, stray, street Arab, mudlark; guttersnipe, ragamuffin, tatterdemalion.

urge, v. 1. push, drive, propel, force, force along, boost, shove, catalyst; speed, speed up, accelerate, whip, whip on, push, flog; hasten, hurry, hustle, Inf. hustle up, quicken, expedite, precipitate.
2. compel, constrain, press, induce; incite, instigate, actuate, provoke, foment, poke, prod, thrust, goad, prompt, spur, egad on; excite, arouse, agitate, rouse, inflame, fire, fire up, stir up, wind up, Inf. psych up; encourage, boost, enthuse, hearten, reassure, assure, cheer, root, bear up, buoy, buoy up, embolden, nerve, build up, buck up; stimulate, animate, whet, invigorate, motivate, inspire, inspirit, rally, awaken, vivify, bestir, enliven, liven up, jolt, jog.
3. persuade, induce, incline, dispose; influence, prevail upon, coax, ply, sway, talk into; exhort, advise, counsel, suggest, admonish, remonstrate, expostulate; sue, demand, request, solicit, claim, postulate; entreat, importune, appeal to, apply to, adjure, implore, implicate, invoke, conjure, implore, plead, beseech, supplicate, entreat; pray, crave, beg.
4. allege, assert, vow, avow, vouch, avouch, predicate, swear, assure; insist, uphold, sustain, maintain, contend, aver, vindicate, propound; profess, pronounce, claim, testify, depose, protest, proclaim, declare.
5. support, advocate, recommend, back, endorse, sanction, patronize, approve, countenance; promote, further, forward, advance, favor, foster; help, aid, abet, assist, second, defend, champion, succor, relieve, lend oneself to.
—n. 6. impulse, drive, force, push, dictate, desire, itch; propensity, proclivity, penchant; reason, rationale, motive.
7. impulsion, stimulation, stimulus, incentive, motivation, inspiration, fillip, SL. shot in the arm; incitement, inducement, provocation, incitement, actuation, instigation, urging, goad, spur, prickle, press, prod, jolt, jog; excitement, arousal.
8. persuasion, inclination, disposal, influence, coaxing, lying, swaying, talking into; exhortation, advice, counsel, suggestion, admonition, remonstrance, reproach, exhortation, postulate; demand, request, solicitation, claim, postulation; entreaty, appeal to, apply to, adjure, implicate, invoke, conjure, implore, plead, beseech, supplicate, entreat; pray, crave, beg.
9. support, advocacy, recommendation, backing, endorsement, sanction, patronage, approval, approbation, countenance; promotion, furtherance, forwarding, advance, advancement, favor; help, aid, assistance, abetting, defense, championship, succor, relief.

urgency, n. imperativeness, imperative, pressingly, exigency, instance; extremity, dire necessity, stress, press, matter of life and death, pinch; compulsion, needfulness, indispensability, necessitousness; crisis, emergency, juncture; gravity, importance, necessity; demandingness, importunateness, insistence, pressure.

urgent, adj. 1. imperative, exigent, crucial, critical; important, serious, grave, severe; compelling, de-
useful, adj. 1. serviceable, advantageous, helpful, aidful, good for; applicable, employable, usable, functional, utilitarian; of service, of use, of help; availing, commodious, convenient, instrumental, conducive; worthwhile, gainful, profitable, rewarding; contributory, giving, producing, paying, valuable, beneficial.

2. efficacious, effective, expedient, operative, effectual; practical, pragmatic, handy. See utilitarian.

useless, adj. 1. purposeless, vain, futile, idle, bootless, unavailable, Sisyphean, ineffective, ineffectual, inef- ficacious; fruitless, unproductive, abortive, barren, sterile, impotent, effete; unprofitable, profitless, unsuccessful, to no purpose, to no avail, for naught.

2. worthless, inutil, valueless, nugatory, trifling, trivial, inane, inessential, inconsequential, unimportant, frivolous, superfluous; inadequate, ineffectual, inefficient, unserviceable, impracticable, Inf. no go, no good, Sl. on the shelf.

usher, n. 1. escort, usherette, guide, pilot, steerer, leader, conductor, director.

2. doorkeeper, Butler, gatekeeper, Rom. Cath. Ch. ostiary, porter, concierge; Sl. bouncer.

—v. 3. escort, guide, pilot, steer, lead, see in or out, bring in, take out; conduct, direct, show in or out, show the way; accompany, companion, keep [s.o.] company, go along with, Archaic company.

4. present, announce, give notice of, herald, bring out, or out, bring in, take out; conduct, direct, show in and out; induct, institute, install.

usual, adj. 1. habitual, accustomed, customary, routine, normal; established, set, prescribed, time-honored, traditional; regulation, formal, stock, standard; conventional, general, prevailing, prevalent, common, frequent; popular, favorite, natural, wonted, consuetudinary; fixed, rooted, confirmed, daily; repeated, known, well-known, expected, predictable, unavoidable.

2. typical, average, everyday, ordinary, common; stereotypical, run-of-the-mill, commonplace, garden-variety, workaday, workday; household, vernacular, colloquial, chichi; middle-class, exceptional, remarkable, run-of-the-mine; trite, hackneyed, mediocre, worn-out, prosaic; ofte-repeated, platitudinous, humdrum, monotonous, threadbare; philistine, plebeian, bourgeois, vulgar.

usually, adv. 1. ordinarily, generally, common, regularly, regularly; by and large, generally speaking, as a matter of course, as a rule, all in all; in the main, mostly, mainly, for the most part, on the whole, predominantly, taking all things together.

2. customarily, routinely, habitually, repeatedly; frequently, often, many times, most often, many a time, oftentimes; conventionally, as is usual, as is the custom; by force of habit, in vetterently, persistently, chronically.

usurer, n. extortionist, loan shark, Shylock, usher; moneylender, moneymonger, loaner, lender; parasite, Sl. bleeder, Sl. milker; financier, creditor, banker.

usurp, v. 1. take over, expropriate, seize, commandeer, take possession of, appropriate, lay claim to, arrogate, assume; from take from, accroach; help oneself to, make free with.

2. encroach, move in on, trespass, infringe; make inroads, ease [s.o.], out, dispossess, supplant, surpsede, take the place of; upstage, steal [s.o.'s] thunder, steal the show or the spotlight.

3. misappropriate, steal, pirate, plagiarize, copy, Inf. lift, Euph. borrow; rob, despoil, thief, snatch, capture, walk off with.

usurpation, n. 1. forceful seizure, expropriation, takeover, appropriation, confiscation, impoundment; arrogation, encroachment, assumption, usurping.

2. encroachment, infringement, inroads, trespass; disposition, deposition, dishlodgment, displacement, removal.

3. misappropriation, theft, thievery, stealing, robbery; plagiarism, piracy, pirating.

utensil, n. instrument, tool, implement, device, apparatus, contrivance; knife, fork, spoon, chopstick; container, vessel, receptacle, holder, dish.

utilitarian, adj. practical, pragmatic, effectual, effectual, efficacious, expedient, functional, handy, good, usable, utilisable; operable, convertible, adaptable; workable, made for, to the purpose, suitable.

utility, n. 1. usefulness, usability, use, applicability, serviceability, convertibility, adaptability; advantage- ousness, helpfulness, aidfulness, profitability; advantage, benefit, profit, value, worth, merit; service, good, efficacy, effectiveness, beneficialness, favora- bleness; convenience, point, avail; practicality, prac- ticality, functionalism, utilitarianism.

—adv. 2. reserve, backup, dummy, substitute, allocate, spare, temporary, secondary, provisional, makeshift.

3. handy, Inf. all-around, multipurpose, utilitarian, functional; adaptable, serviceable, commodious.

utilize, v. exercise, practice, employ, put to use, make use of; avail oneself of, have recourse to, resort to. See use (defs. 1, 2).

utmost, adj. 1. maximum, maximal, greatest, most, uttermost; supreme, paramount, superlative; highest, uppermost, upper, topmost, top, tipitop; summal, apical, apogeal, apogee; meridian, meridional, climactic, climactical, crowning, culminating, culminating.

2. farthest, remotest, outermost, outlying, outer, extreme; endmost, ultimate, terminal, last, final, marginal, peripheral.

—n. 3. maximum, max, most, uttermost, extreme, the nth degree, Math. extremum; apex, vertex, apogee, acme, zenith, Latin, ne plus ultra; summit, pinnacle, peak, height, top, tip, tipitop.

4. best, finest, prime, U.S. Sl. the most, U.S. Sl. the greatest, Sl. the tops; hardest, Inf. damnedest, Inf. damnedest.

5. extremity, farthest point, outer limit, horizon, the end of the earth; limit, ambit, bound, boundary, border, frontier; periphery, margin, edge, rim, brim, brow, lip, ridge, verge, brink; ultimate, end, finale, termination, terminal, terminus.

utopia, n. paradise, Garden of Eden, Eden, heaven on earth, the best of all possible worlds; Shangri-la, El Dorado, Erewon; castle in the air, air castle, castle in Spain.

utopian, adj. 1. idealistic, perfect, ideal, Inf. dream, pie-in-the-sky; fantasy, imaginary, imagined, fanciful, fancied, chimerical, unreal, illusory, visionary, quixotic; airy, vaporous, unsubstantial, insubstantial, wild, idle; fictitious, made-up, make-believe, fairy-tale, mythical, fantastic, romantic, impractical, impractical, unrealistic, impossible, unfeasible, inoperable, unworkable; unattainable, unrealizable, unfulfillable.

—n. 2. idealist. Don Quixote, dreamer, daydreamer, visionary, fantastic, romantic, romanticist.

utter 1. v. 1. say, speak, tell, pronounce, express; articulate, verbalize, voice, vocalize, enunciate; give voice, give forth, let out, emit, raise; enunciate, Phonetics. phone, put in words, formulate, present; whisper, breathe, sigh, mutter, murmur; exclaim, sing, chant, yell, scream, squeal, Yelp, bark, growl, snap; vent, air, out with, break. ventilate.
utterance, n. 1. expression, articulation, verbalization, vocalization, enunciation; telling, announcement, mention, delivery; saying, assertion, asseveration, declaration, proclamation, announcement; communication, pronouncement, averment, affirmation, indication.

uttermost, adj., n. See utmost.
vacancy, n. 1. emptiness, void, vacuum, vacuity, vacuousness; gap, hiatus, aperture, interstice; opening, space, breach; foramen, orifice, mouth; fissure, chink, cleft, crack, crevice, cranny; hollow, cavity, hole, pore; chasm, crater.

2. (all used in reference to availability) opportunity, chance; position, office, job, slot; apartment, flat, room, quarters, rental.

3. vacancy, inanity, blankness, fatuity. See vacuity (def. 4).

vacant, adj. 1. empty, void, without contents, unfilled, hollow, depleted, exhausted, Scots and North Eng. toom; devoid of, destitute of, without, out of, short of, lacking, wanting, bereft of.

2. unoccupied, untenanted, tenantless, uninhabited, unfurnished, bare; abandoned, deserted, unclaimed, available, Inf. up for grabs.

3. unused, unutilized, not in use, disengaged; idle, leisure, free, spare, extra.

4. unemployed, loafing, indolent, lazy, shiftless, dole, doleless, unemployed, loafing, indolent, lazy, shiftless, dole, doleless, unemployed, loafing, indolent, lazy, shiftless, dole, doleless, unemployed, loafing, indolent, lazy, shiftless, dole, doleless.

5. blank, expressionless, inexpressive, deadpan, poker-faced, stupid; vacuous, inane, fatuous, foolish, silly; thoughtless, unthinking, unreflecting, unreasoning, brainless; null, dense, unintelligent.

vacate, v. 1. make empty or vacant, leave unoccupied, evacuate; abandon, surrender, desert, quit, depart from.

2. abdicate, resign, retire from, Chiefly Scot, and North Eng. demit; relin-quish, let go, deliver up, hand over, turn over, cede, transfer, give way to.

3. repudiate, Law disaffirm; nullify, annul, declare null and void; void, invalidate, cancel; abrogate, rescind, recall, revoke; quash, set aside, overrule, veto, override, overturn, reverse, countermand; set at naught, dissolve, abolish, dismiss.

4. Informal. depart, leave, go away, be off, Sl. split, Sl. cut out, Brit. Sd. bugger off.

vacation, n. 1. recess, holiday, time off, pause, rest, break, Inf. breather, respite; furlough, leave, rest and recuperation, R & R; freedom, release, suspension; interruption, discontinuation, interim, interval, intermission.

2. trip, excursion, jaunt, cruise, voyage, hike, backpack; estivation.

-v. 3. travel, sightsee, move, explore, visit, spend the summer, estivate, Chiefly Brit. holiday.

vacationer, n. vacationist, holidayer; traveler, voyager, excursionist, Brit. Inf. tripper, tourist, sightseer; backpacker, camper, hiker; transient, summer resident, estivator.

vacillate, v. 1. shilly-shally, tergiversate, seesaw, Inf. flip-flop, Inf. yo-yo; oscillate, fluctuate, go back and forth, blow hot and cold, keep changing one's mind; dither, wavering, falter, hesitate, pause, be irresolute, be indecisive, straddle the fence, run with the hare and hunt with the hounds, play both ends against the middle; equivocate, hedge, hem and haw, not give a straight answer, beat around the bush, pussyfoot.


3. swing, wave, wag, move back and forth, vibrate, flutter, undulate, ripple.

vacillating, adj. 1. vacillant, vacillatory, indecisive, irresolute, unresolved, unsettled, uncertain, undecided, ambivalent, of two minds; of mixed feelings; wavering, dithering, faltering, hesitating, hesitant, wishy-washy; oscillating, fluctuating, going back and forth, blowing hot and cold, betwixt and between, shilly-shally, shilly-shallying, tergiversating, sitting on or straddling the fence; off-again on-again, changeable, fickle, capricious, whimsical, erratic, up-and-down.


vacillation, n. 1. indecision, indecisiveness, shilly-shally, shilly-shallying, tergiversation, fence-sitting, fence-straddling; irresolution, irresoluteness, uncertainty, incertitude, unresolvedness, infinitness of purpose, unsettledness, ambivalence, double-mindedness, mixed feelings; wavering, hesitation, hesitancy, faltering, oscillation, fluctuation, going back and forth, blowing hot and cold; changeableness, fickleness, capriciousness, whimsicality, whimsicalness, erraticism.

2. swaying, moving back and forth, vibration, rise and fall, rising and falling, ebb and flow, flux and reflux; unsteady movement, rocking, reeling, staggering, tottering, Chiefly U.S. teetering, Chiefly U.S. teeter-tottering, wobbling.

vacuity, n. 1. vacancy, emptiness, void, voidness, vacuum, vacuousness; nothingness, nullity.

2. absence, lack, want, deficiency; need, privation, deprivation, dearth.

3. hollowness, meaninglessness, purposelessness, goallessness; boredom, ennui, tedium, dreariness, dullness, wearisomeness; flatness, stagnation, sameness, monotony.

4. inanity, fatuity, silliness, asininity; unintelligence, stupidity, brainlessness, foolishness, empty-
headiness, idiocy, imbecility; blankness, incognizance, unawareness, reverie, daydream; dreaminess, woolgatherer, absent-mindedness, abstraction, distraction, preoccupation.

vacuous, adj. See vacant (defs. 1, 4, 5).

vacuum, n. 1. emptiness, void, space devoid of air.
  2. vacuum cleaner, sweeper, carpet sweeper, electric broom, *Trademark*. Hoover.
  —v. 3. sweep, clean, do the housecleaning; pick up, tidy up.

  2. unsettled, carefree, untied, uncommitted; loose, lax, wanton, dissolve, promiscuous; disreputable, worthless, shiftless, good-for-nothing.

vagary, n. 1. impreciseness, inexactness, inexactitude, unspecificity, nonspecificity; ambiguity, equivocality, equivocalness, equivocation; dubiousness, doubtfulness, questionableness; indefiniteness, abstractness, abstruseness, reconducting; incomprehensibility, impenetrableness, confusion.
  2. indistinctness, indetermination, undistinguishableness, unintelligibility; faintness, dimness, paleness, weakness, feebleness, imperceptibleness, indecipherableness.

vagility, n. 1. indistinctness, indeterminateness, undistinguishability, impenetrableness, confusion.
  2. undecided, wishy-washy, hesitant, hesitating; vacillating, wavering, inconstant, fluctuating, shilly-shallying, on the fence.

vagueness, n. 1. impreciseness, inexactness, inexactitude, unspecificity, nonspecificity; ambiguity, equivocality, equivocalness, equivocation; dubiousness, doubtfulness, questionableness; indefiniteness, abstractness, abstruseness, reconducting; incomprehensibility, impenetrableness, confusion.
  2. indistinctness, indetermination, undistinguishableness, unintelligibility; faintness, dimness, paleness, weakness, feebleness, imperceptibleness, indecipherableness.


valetudinarian, n. 1. invalid, sickly person, infirm person, convalescent, shut-in, valetudinary; patient, invalid, outpatient, case; sufferer, carrier, cripple, incurable, victim; hypochondriac, *Pathol*. neurasthenic, malingerer.
  —adj. 2. invalid, sick, sickly, infirm, unwell, ill, ailing; weak, weakly, feeble, enfeebled, frail, helpless, 

vakueness (def. 2).
valiant, adj. 1. brave, courageous, valorous, heroic, hero-like, stout-hearted, lion-hearted, great-hearted; virile, manly, manifest, gallant, chivalrous, chivalric; intrepid, fearless, unafraid, dauntless, dreadless, aweless, nerve, Slt. gutsy, unblenching, unblended, undaunted, undismayed, unappalled, unalarmed; bold, bold-spirited, daring, dashing, adventurous, audacious, rash, reckless; assured, self-assured, self-reliant, confident; pot-valorous, pot-valiant.

2. firm, resolute, indomitable, unconquerable, invincible, staunch, stalwart, Archaic, stalworth, doughty, sturdy, hardy; unflinching, unyielding, unsparing, unwavering, undeviating, unshrinkable, unaltering, unhesitating, unbounding; mettle, pluck, gritty, game, spirited, red-blooded, Inf. spunky.

3. worthy, deserving, deserved, due, right, rightful, just, equitable; fit, fitting, befitting, suitable, appropriate, proper, seemly, becoming.

4. excellent, exemplary, sterling; admirable, praiseworthy, meritorious, commendable, laudable, estimable; honest, honorable, noble, reliable, trustworthy, reputable, respectable; upright, righteous, virile, virtuous, good, decent, incorruptible, irreproachable.

valid, adj. 1. sound, solid, well-founded, well-founded, reasonable, logical; factual, accurate, correct, truthful, veracious, Obs. verifiable; warrantable, certifiable, authorizable; justifiable, vindicable, admissable, explainable, explicable, accountable.

2. just, equitable, fair, impartial, objective, unbiased; upright, honest, scrupulous; right, proper, appropriate, apt, fitting, meet.

3. effective, effectual, efficacious, forceful, forcible, powerful, potent, Literary, puissant, vigorous, strong; cogent, persuasive, convincing, believable, credible; conclusive, decisive, determining, definitive, final; substantiable, corroborative, corroboratory, sustaining.

4. authoritative, official, certified, licensed, accredited, validated, notarized, attested, endorsed; substantiated, documented, circumstantiated; scientific, tested, proven, verified, authenticated, confirmed, demonstrated, established, probative, probatory, (of wills) Law. probated; substantial, substantive, material, weighty, heavy, grave; significant, consequential, momentous, important; pertinent, apposite, to the point, applicable, relevant, related, relative, germane.

5. lawful, legal, licit, constitutional, statutory, by the book; sanctioned, authorized, warranted, approved, countenanced; defendable, supportable, provable, sustainable; obligatory, binding, contractual; legitimate, vested, rightful, real, actual, true, authentic, genuine, Inf. kosher.

validate, v. 1. verify, prove, establish; authenticate, document, circumstantiate, (of wills) Law. probate; confer, substantiate, corroborate, sustain, uphold, support, back up.

2. legalize, legitimize, legitimize, conform to the law, codify, make acceptable; legislate, enact, ordain, ratify, enter into the books; constitute, charter, institute, formalize, set up.

3. authorize, warrant, license, certify, notarize, visa; accredit, qualify, invest, empower, enable, entitle, capacitate; sanction, approve, give one's nod of approval, countenance; allow, permit, consent to, accept, agree to, vouchsafe, Chiefy U.S. approbate, Inf. O.K.; endorse, attest or testify to, give one's stamp or seal of approval, set one's seal to, seal.

validity, n. 1. effectiveness, effectivity, effectualness, effectuality, efficaciousness; potency, Literary, puissance, force, forcefulness, forcibleness, power, powerfulness, strength, vigor, vigorousness; substantive, substantiality, substantiveness, materiality, weightiness, heaviness, grave, significance, consequence, moment, momentousness, import, importance; cogency, persuasiveness, conviction, convincingness, credibility, creditableness, believability, believableness; pertinence, pertinency, relevance, relatedness, germaneness, appositeness, applicability.

2. verifiableness, verifiability, provability, provableness, authenticity, genuineness; accuracy, correctness, factuality, factuality, veracity, veraciously, truthness.

3. legality, lawfulness, legitimacy, constitutionality; soundness, solidity, solidness, reasonableness, logicalness, logicality; authority, officialness, warrant, sanction.

value, n. traveling bag, overnight bag, bag, case, suitcase, luggage, Chiefly Brit. portmanteau, Gladstone bag; attaché case, brief case, duffel bag, grip, carpetbag; vanity case, vanity bag, cosmetic bag.


valor, n. 1. courage, bravery, valorousness, valiancy, valiancy, heroism, prowess, stout-heartedness, lion-heartedness, great-heartedness; virility, manliness, manliness, manhood, gallantry, chivalry, chivalrousness; intrepidity, intrepidity, fearlessness, dauntlessness, awesomeness, dreadlessness, boldness, bold-spiritulness, high-spirituality, daring, derring-do, audacity, audaciousness, rashness, recklessness; dash, élan, panache, bravado; assurance, self-assurance, self-reliance, confidence, self-confidence; pot-value, pot-valiancy, pot-value.

2. fortitude, endurance, tenacity, determination, will, will power; firmness, resolution, resoluteness, indemitability, indomitability, invincibility, invincibility, staunchness, steadfastness, stalwartness, dougtheness, sturdiness, hardness, hardness, hardihood, bulldog courage; mettle, pluck, pluckiness, spirit, backbone, gumption, blood, heart, nerve, grit, U.S. Inf. sand, Inf. starch, Inf. spunk, Sl. guts, Sl. moxie.

valorous, adj. brave, courageous, valiant, heroic. See valorant (defs. 1, 2).

valuable, adj. 1. costly, worth a lot, expensive, high-priced, priceless, beyond one's means; rare, precious, antique, select, choice, elite; fine, superfine, exquisite, dainty; lavish, extravagant, sumptuous, rich, superior, superlative, supreme, prize, extraordinary, special, uncommon, scarce.

2. estimable, admirable, commendable, worthy of respect, revered, venerated; held dear, guarded, kept, memorable, dear, beloved, cherished; favorite, valued, prized.

3. important, serviceable, useful; beneficial, helpful, advantageous, profitable, gainful.

—n. 4. Usu. valuables jewelry, jewels, gems, silver, gold; heirlooms, family treasures, treasures, prizes, acquisitions.

value, n. 1. merit, use, usefulness, utility; advantage, benefit, gain, profit, avail; good; importance, consideration, consequence, significance, moment, weight.

2. monetary worth, face value; cost, price, market
valued
price, asking price, going price, selling price, charge, expense; rate of exchange, exchange; valuation, appraisal, assessment, evaluation.
3. import, meaning, significance, signification, sense; secondary meaning, connotation, implication; intent, intention, purpose, purport, point.
4. values ideals, standards, morals, principles; customs, institutions, Sociol. mores.
—v. 5. assess, appraise, evaluate, valuate, estimate or determine the value of, rate, set a value on, price, fix or set the price of.
6. prize, appreciate, esteem, regard highly, hold in high regard, have a high opinion of, think highly of; respect, set great store by, admire, look up to, revere, venerate, worship, idolize, put on a pedestal; like, be fond of, love, adore, cherish, hold dear, consider precious; treasure, set a high value on, rate highly, make much of.
valued, adj. 1. prized, esteemed, highly regarded, respected, well-respected, admired, looked up to; liked, well-liked, loved, much loved, adored, cherished, treasured; revered, venerated, worshipped, idolized.
2. assessed, appraised, evaluated, estimated, calculated; fixed, set, priced.
valueless, adj. 1. worthless, of no value or worth, good-for-nothing, Inf. of no earthly use or good, Inf. not worth a damn, Inf. not worth a tinker’s dam, not worth a straw or a fig or a continental; not worth having or keeping; nugatory, trifling, trivial, petty, inconsequential, minor, insignificant, unimportant, frivolous, superfluous, unnecessary, inessential.
2. useless, use, futile, inutile, vain, wasted, idle, bootless, unavailing, of no avail, Sisyphus, ineffectual, ineffectiv, fruitless, unproductive, unprofitable, pointless, silly, inane.
valp, v. patch or patch up, repair, mend, remedy, fix or fix up, doctor or doctor up; put back together, put back in one piece, restore, rehabilitate, make good as new; sew or sew up, stitch, reinforce; recondition, refashion, reconstruct, revamp.
valp, v. seduce, persuade, tempt, lure; beguile, Inf. move, Inf. toistle, Inf. up.
van, n. truck, motor truck, Brit. lorry, dray; bus; moving van, Trademark. U-Haul, trailer, carrier; vehicle, wagon, wain, car.
vandal, n. 1. ransacker, sacker, marauder, pillager, plunderer, looter, raider, robber; destroyer, demolisher, desolator, despoiler; wrecker, mutilator; barbarian, Hun.
2. hoodlum, Sl. hood, hooligan, tough, ruffian, Sl. punk, rowdy, delinquent, juvenile delinquent, Sl. j.d.
vanguard, n. 1. advance guard, van, front line. Mil. front.
2. forefront, cutting edge, avant-garde; leaders, pioneers, trailblazers, groundbreaking, inventors; pace-setters, pacemakers, trend-setters.
vanish, v. 1. disappear, leave no trace, dematerialize, disappear from sight, disappear from the face of the earth, disappear into thin air, be lost to sight; be swallowed up, go down the drain, go by the board; evaporate, dissipate, disperse, volatilize, vaporize; fade, evanesce, fade away, melt away, dissolve, Sl. go poof; recede, recede from view, retrocede, ebb, wane; withdraw, retire, retreat, repair; depart, leave, go, go away, quit, vacate; flit away, fly away, Brit. Sl. mizzle, up and go, take wing, Sl. vanoose, Jocular. absquatulate, disappear.
2. pass away, cease to exist, die out, cease to be, pass on, die, expire, perish; be no more, come to an end, become extinct, pass into oblivion, become obsolete.
2. arrogance, haughtiness, airs, hauteur; pretension, pretentiousness, pomposity, affected manners or ways, Inf. highfalutin’ ways, affectation; ostentation, show, display, pomp, pageantry, glitter, showiness, flourish, fanfare, parade, array, fanfaronade, Inf. putting on the dog, Inf. getting on one’s high horse; high notions, Inf. putting one’s nose in the air; boasting, boastfulness, bragadocio, crowing, gloating, swagger, dash, panache; bumptiousness, bombast, bravado, meanness, brazeness, Inf. nerve, Inf. gall; foppishness, foppery, dandyism, coxcombry, frilly, frills and furbelows.
3. hollowness, worthlessness, emptiness, vacancy; fruitlessness, uselessness, futility, pointlessness, inanity, fatuity, vapidity; folly, foolishness, frivolity, ridiculosity; triviality, triflingness, nugasity; absurdity, meaninglessness, purposelessness, fickleness; sham, unreality, unsubstantiality, lack of substance, nothingness, delusion.
vanquish, v. 1. conquer, defeat, subdue, subjugate; rout, put to rout, discomfit, overwhelm, overrun, trample, Inf. run into the ground, Sl. mop or wipe the floor with; crush, overthrow, smash, thrash, trounce, trim, whip, drub, floor, Inf. whop, Sl. trash, Sl. beat to a frazzle, Sl. beat the pants off of; break, quell, quench, quash, destroy, clobber, Sl. zap, Inf. polish off, Sl. do in; beat, get the better of, best, upset, upend, Inf. whomp.
2. master, overpower, overcome, surmount, drive to the wall, take by storm, get the upper hand over, prevail over; outdistance, surpass, outwit, outmaneuver, outdo; circumvent, foil, checkmate, confound, baffle; triumph over, humble, bring down; dispel, scatter, disperse, dissipate.
3. thwart, check, stop, put a stop or an end to, terminate, end, Inf. put the kibosh on, nip in the bud; prevent, bar, block, obstruct.
vantage, n. 1. See vantage point (defs. 1, 2).
2. advantage, superiority, predominance, dominance, ascendency, supremacy; importance, prestige, upper hand, whip hand, edge; leverage, authority, influence, sway, Sl. pull, Sl. drag, Sl. say, Sl. clout; force, power, strength, command, weight; favor, Inf. odds, Inf. inside track, Inf. head or running start, Inf. ace in the hole or up one’s sleeve, Sl. jump, Sl. drop.
vantage point, n. 1. viewpoint, standpoint, position, outlook, angle, perspective, way of seeing things; perch, aerie, spot, position; lookout, clear view, Inf. ringside seat, Inf. catbird seat.
2. height, eminence, upland, high ground, elevation, hill, promontory, summit, crest, ridge.
vapid, adj. 1. insipid, flat, lifeless, flavorless, colorless, jejune, Sl. blah; tasteless, bland, Fr. fade, unsavory, unappetizing, unpalatable; thin, watery, watered-down, wishy-washy.
2. dull, dull as dishwater, tedious, tiresome, prosaic, mundane; boring, monotonous, humdrum, wearisome, Sl. a drag; trite, tired, undistinctive, run-
of-the-mill; spiritless, unanimated, zestless, sapless, Sl. dead, Sl. nothing; uninteresting, unentertaining, inexpressive, unimaginative.

**vapor, n.** 1. fog, mist, cloud, haze, film, pollution, smog; steam, smoke, fume; gas, ether, miasma; breath, exhalation, emanation. *Archaic.* halitus.

2. fantasy, fancy, vagary, dream, dreamday, *Inf.* pipe dream; whimsy, rhapsody, romance, invention, imagination; figment, delusion, chimera, vision, mirage, myth; phantom, ghost, illusion, apparition. *Spiritualism.* ectoplasm.

—v. 3. vaporize, steam, smoke, fume, give off, send out, puff, blow, emit; exhale, transpire, expel, let out, expire; outpour, spew; evaporate, melt away, disappear, vanish, go up in a puff of smoke; volatilize, etherealize.

4. brag, bluster, boast, vaunt, flourish, put on airs, _—v._ 3. vaporize, steam, smoke, fume, give off, send out, puff, blow, one's own horn, swagger, talk big, gasconade; glory, exult, crow, trumpet, gloat; talk nonsense, talk through one's hat, Sl. gas, Sl. throw the bull; run off at the mouth, prattle, blabber, babble, jabber, carry on, go on.

**vaporization, n.** 1. evaporation, distillation, vaporization, volatilization, gasification; steaming, clouding, fogging, misting, filming; fumigating, fumigation, vaporizing.

2. steam, boil, mist, haze, smoke, fume; evaporate, disappear, vanish, dissolve.

3. brag, advertise oneself, blow one's own horn, pat oneself on the back, vaunt, flourish, gasconade, puff, vaunt. See *variegated* (def. 4).

**vaporous, adj.** 1. gaseous, gasiform, pneumatic, aeriform, vapory, vaporish, vaporlike, vaporific; volatile, *Archaic.* halitose; gassy, gasy, gass, gas, gaseous, gaseiform, gaseous.

2. diaphonous, aery, aerial, ethereal, etherous, gossamer, overcast, gray, smoky; clouded, unclear, indistinct, ambiguous, dim, obscure, dark.

3. diaphanous, airy, aerial, ethereal, gossamer, gossamer, wispy; thin, tenuous, rare, rarefied, subtle, abstract, esoteric, recondite; vague, indefinite, insubstantial, half-baked, Sl. half-assed; fanciful, imaginary, chimerical, dreamy, illusive, illusory, unreal, fantastic; unreliable, dependable, certain, questionable, dubious, doubtful, suspect, Sl. fishy.

**variable, adj.** 1. changeable, changeful, changing, chameleonlike, chameleonlike, protean, varying, varia
tional, variant, variate; vicissitudinary, vicissitudi
nous, fluctuating, fluctuant, vacillating, vacillatory, vacillant, wavering, shilly-shallying; moody, emotional, mercurial, capricious, lightsome; fickle, skittish, faddish, flighty, blowing hot and cold, on again-off again, unreliable, dependable; inconsistent, unsteady, unstable, irregular, random, intermittent.

2. alterable, modifiable, permutable, mutable, transformable, transmutable; commutative, substitutive, exchangeable, interchangeable, convertible, reversible.

3. varied, diversified, diverse. See *various* (def. 1). 2.

**varicolored, adj.** 1. multicolored, polychromatic, of many colors or shades or hues, versicolor, multicolor; prismatic, prismatical, spectral, rainbowy, rainbowlike, colorful, brilliant; pavonine; iridescent, pearly, opalescent, opaline, nacreous, na
cred, *Crystal.* pleochroic; shot, varicolored, kaleidoscop
copic, parti-colored; marble, marbled, marbled, marbled, marmorean, mottled, striped, striate, striped, striate, striped, tabby, banded, belted, barred, lined, veined, Zool. fasciate; piebald, pied, (esp. of horses) skewbald, dappled, brindled, spotted, spotty, motled, speckled, flecked, salt-and-pepper; checked, checkered, tesellated, plaid, tartan.

2. varied, diversified, diverse. See *various* (def. 1).

**variegation, n.** streakedness, striation, stripedness, varied coloration; spottedness, spottiness, mottle, mottling, diversification; iridescence, opalescence.

**variety, n.** 1. difference, dissimilarity, unlikeness, dissimilitude, contrast, disagreement, confliction, discordance; opposition, contradiction, controversy; opposition, disagreement, discord, confliction, dissimilitude, contrast, disagreement, confliction, discordance; opposition, contradiction, controversy.

2. alteration, transformation, conversion, metamorphosis, transfiguration, transubstantiation, transmogrification, transmutation, permutation; alteration, modification, modulation, inflection; transposition, metathesis, transition, revolution, reversal, turnaround, turnover, *Inf.* flip-flop, Sl. a 180°.

3. diversification, variegation, variety. See *variegated* (def. 1).

4. departure, variant, descent; innovation, something new or different; change of pace; difference, deviation, divergence.

**varigate, v.** streak, stripe, striate, fleck, dapple, dot, spot, motle, checker, diaper, sprinkle; color, stain, marble, marbelize; diversify, change, transform, alter, modify.

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2. varied, diversified, diverse. See *various* (def. 1).
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vidual, not the same, unequal; another, other.

varnish, n. 1. lacquer, glaze, veneer, enamel, ja-

p., stain, shellac; transparent coating, facing, pro-

tective layer; wash; mastic, resin, colophony, resin, lac.
gloss, shine, polish, luster.

2. facade, front, camouflag, mask, disguise; pre-
tense, masquerade, deceptive show, show, surface,
semblance, false appearance; speciousness, tinsel,
sham.

3. explanation, apology, annotation; contrivance,
concoction, concoct, cover-up, white lie, whitewashing, Inf.
song and dance. —v. 4. shellac, lacquer, enamel, glaze; polish,
shine, give a shine to, stain, veneer.

5. embellish, adorn, decorate, ornament; elaborate,
array, deck, deck out, trap, trap out; embalzoz, blazon,
bedaub, gild.

6. mask, veil, disguise; smooth over, cover up, slick
over; color, falsify, alter, doctor up; explain away, ex-
cuse, gloss over, gloze, whitewash, extenuate, palliate;
apologize, play down, downplay, soft-pedal.

vary, v. 1. alter, modify, change, diversify; per-
cute, mutate, mutate, inflect; convert, transform,
metamorphose, transfigure, transmute, transmogrify;
revolutionize, transshap, remodel, remold, recast, re-
construct, restyle; shift, reorganize, reorder, permu-
tate.

2. deviate, veer, shift; depart, defect; swerve, bend; differ, disagree, contrast, be unlike.

3. alternate, adjust, correlate, change in succession;
fluctuate, vacillate.

vase, n. vessel, urn, lachrymatory, lachrymal, Gk.
and Rom. Antiq. amphora, jar; container, receptacle,
cruse, canister; jug, pitcher, ewer; carafe, bottle, de-
canter.

vast, adj. 1. immense, extensive, broad, wide, ex-

pansive; Archaic. vasty, Archaic. immense; voluminous,
bulky, capacious, massive; huge, enormous, Archaic.
enorm, large, big, prodigious; stupendous, great, tow-
ering, staggering, tremendous; Sl. humongous, Sl.
hulking; titanic, cyclopean, Atlantean, Brobdinag-
ian; colossal, mammoth, gigantic, monstrous, monu-
mental, jumbo; elephantine, hippopotamic, leviathan,
behemoth, dinosaurian, megatharian.

2. immeasurable, boundless, limitless, unlimited,
uncircumscribed, unbounded, limitless, shoreless; end-
less, ininterminable, infinite, inexhaustible, never-
ending; incalculable, measureless, fathomless, unfath-
omable, undeterminable, indeterminate.

vat, n. 1. container, tank, caldron, cask, barrel, hogs-
head, puncheon, tun, butt, rundlet, keg; bucket, tub,
pail, receptacle, vessel, firkin; basin, bowl.

vault1, n. 1. arch; span; bow, bend, curve, arc,
camber, Archit. cove.

2. underground chamber, cellar, basement; hold,
keep; storeroom, strong room, depository, repository,
repertory; bank vault; safe, strongbox, safety-deposit
box, cashbox; money chest, coffer.

3. crypt, tomb, sepulcher, mausoleum, burial cham-
er.

—v. 4. arch, bow, bend, curve, camber; overarch,
arch over, span, bridge.

vault2, v. leap, spring, jump, bound, hop, curvet;
hurdle, clear, leap or jump or vault over; pole-vault.

vaulted, adj. arched, curved, bowed, embowed,
cambered, fornicated.

vaulting, adj. exaggerated, overblown, puffed-up,
inflated; overambitious, high-flown, high-flying, Inf.
highfalutin.

vaunt, v. 1. boast of, brag about, crow about,
make much of, Inf. make a big thing about; celebrate,
emblazon, trump, blow one's own horn; exagerate,
overstate, hyperbolize, Sl. shoot the bull, Sl. lay it on
thick, Sl. pile it higher and deeper.

2. boast; brag, bragadocio, rodomontade,
fanfaronade, gasconade, Sl. big talk, Sl. hot air, Sl.
gas, Sl. bull.

vaunter, n. braggart, bragadocio, brag, boaster,
gascon, fanfaron, Rodomont, Thraso, Latin. miles
gloriosus; All Sl. blowhard, windbag, gasbag, loud
or big mouth, hot-air merchant or artist.

veer, v. shift, turn, change course, change direction;
deivate, diverse, swerve; jibe, tack, yaw, swl; turn
about, wheel, swing; sidestep, Brit. jib, step aside, shy;
bend, curve, shear, bear off, heel; warp, skew, bias,
twist, crook, dogleg; go off, glance off, edge off;
change about, alter, chop, chop and change.

veering, n. deviation, diversion, deflection, decli-
nation, declination; swerve, shift, turn, change; drift,
swing, curve, bend, jibe, tack, yaw; warp, twist, chop,
shear, sweep; glance, crook, bias, skew, slant.

vegetable, n. 1. plant, green, legume; produce,
truck.

—adj. 2. vegetable, vegetal, herbal, herbaceous,
leguminous; plantlike, botanic, verdurous, vegetarian.

3. inert, inanimate, stagnant, dormant, paralyzed,
comatos; motionless, stationary, immobile, static;
unthinking, mindless, brainless, nonintellectual; quies-
cent, supine, leaden, inactive, logy; lethargic, otiose,
idle, passive, languid; do-nothing, slack, lazy, in-
dolent, sluggish; dull, stupid.

vegetate, v. 1. grow, sprout, shoot up, bud, bur-
geon, burst forth; germinate, root, take root, put
forth; luxuriate, flourish, flower, bloom, effloresce,
leaf; pullulate, develop, blow, swell, overgrow.

2. exist, stagnate, do nothing, idle, hang fire; hiber-
nate, estivate, rusticate; lounge, loaf, lazy around,
wait time, cool one's heels; languish, drowse, doze,
sit back; sit on the sidelines, Sl. warn the bench; twid-
dle one's thumbs, not stir, not budge; rest, coast, drift,
lay back, be inactive.

vegetation, n. 1. plant life, flora, herbage, foli-
age, leafage, frondescence, umbrage; shrubbery,
greenery, verdure, flowerage, vegetable life, plants.

2. passivity, inertia, motionlessness, inactivity, mani-
 nation; mindlessness, brainlessness, unthinkingness;
brain death, coma; stagnancy, dormancy, immobility,
stasis, paralysis; idleness, indolence, sluggishness,
loziness, torpor, languor, inaction.

vehement, adj. 1. ardent, fervor, fervency, zeal,
egerness, vever, enthusiasm, élan, ebullience, exuber-
ance, zest, vim, vigor, spirit; gusto, relish, zing, punch,
pep; heart, soul, intensity, heartiness, dash; efferves-
cence, flurry, animation, Fr. empreisement, abandon;
wholeheartedness, intention, earnestness, devotion,
dedication, selflessness, sincerity.

2. fury, frenzy, passion, impetuosity, wildness;
warmth, fire, flame, heat, feverishness; furor, rage,
violence, ferment, excitability, fieriness; madness,
transport, ecstasy; tempestuousness, storminess, tur-
bulence, tumult; fierce, keenness, savagery, rough-
ness, rigor, harshness; virulence, acerbity, acrimony,
acuteness, venom.

vehemently, adv. 1. ardently, fervidly, zealously,
impassioned, fervent; earnest, intent, keen, eager, enthu-
asiastic; animated, excited, perfervid, ebullient, exuber-
ant, zestful; spirited, vigorous, peppy, Sl. gung-ho;
hearty, lusty, passionate, hot-blooded, hot, breathless;
Sl. steamed up about, SI. or SI. ape gung-ho; ant, zestful; spirited,
vital, animating, empressement, élan, élan, ebullience, exuber-
ance, ardor, fervor, fervency, zeal, eagerness, verve,
elation, divagation; swerve, shift, turn, change; drift,
shift, veer, steer, turn, swing; sidestep, wheel, swing;
sidestep, wheel, swing; sidestep, wheel, swing; sidestep,
and furious; burning, fiery, blazing, raging, warm, steaming, impetuous, impulsive, wild, abandoned; stormy, turbulent, tempestuous, violent, volcanic; explosive, eruptive, mad, raving, storming; overexcited, transported, beside oneself, orgiastic, orgasmic, wild-eyed, running amuck.

3. fierce, rigorous, strenuous, strong, intense; virulent, venomous, savage, rough, ferocious; acerbic, acrimonious, acute, mordant, trenchant, cutting, biting, bitter; unmitigated, unsubdued, drastic, severe, Inf. tough.

vehicle, n. 1. conveyance carrier, conveyor, transportation, transporter.
2. automobile, car, Sl. wheels, jeep, bus, truck; tractor, tank, half-track; cart, wagon, carriage, sulky, stagecoach; bicycle, motorcycle. Inf. bike, moped; train, trolley, streetcar; sled, sleigh. See also car (defs. 1-3); carriage (def. 1); train (def. 4); and sled.
3. channel, route, way, conduit, passage; medium, means, agency, instrument, method, organ, tool; means to an end, access, entranceway, entryway.

veil, n. 1. n. purdah, yashmak, chadri; kerchief, head covering, scarf, mantilla.
2. cover, covering, concealment, screen, curtain, shade, film, mantle, cloak, blanket, shroud, canopy; fog, haze, cloud, shadow.
3. mask, masquerade, disguise, camouflage; guise, semblance, appearance, façade, face, false front, front, window dressing, show; pretense, deceit, hypocrisy, deception, artifice, blind, subterfuge; dissimulation, dissemblance, falsification, trickery.

velocity, n. 1. swiftness, speed, precipitation, precipitiosity; celerity, rapidity, speediness, alacrity, fleetness, swiftness, quickness, briskness; promptness, expeditiousness; rate of speed, miles per hour, mph, revolutions per minute, rpm.

velvet, n. 1. velour, velvetene, waleless corduroy, dyvuton, plush.

2. lode, seam, stratum, bed, mine.
3. channel, watercourse, underground stream.
4. streak, stripe, thread, string, line, marking, marbling, stria, striation; groove, furrow, sulcus; ridge.
5. temper, mood, disposition, turn of mind, humor, complexion; temperament, character, inclination, bent, tendency; appearance, way, manner, style, cast, quality, strain, grain; type, kind, sort, ilk.

veneer, n. 1. facing, casing, covering, sheath; jacket, wrapper; coat.
2. façade, front, false front, show, mere show, outward display; pretension, ostentation, pomposity, glitter, finery, frigidity.

—v. 3. overlay, overspread, laminate; paint, coat; varnish, lacquer, gild, glaze.
4. whitewash, gloss, gloss over, color, prettify; dissemble, disguise, conceal, mask, screen.

venereal, adj. 1. time-honored, honored, revered, respected; hallowed, venerated, esteemed; august, illustrious, eminent.
2. aged, ancient, archaic, old, Inf. old as the hills; hoary, gray.

venerate, v. hallow, revere, honor; esteem, venerate, respect, reverent, venerated, esteemed; august; admire, look up to, think highly of; fear, dread, hold in awe; adore, idolize, hero-worship, worship, worship the ground [s.o.] stands on, worship the grass [s.o.] walks on, put on a pedestal. Veneration, n. 1. homage, devotion; admiration, esteem; adoration, idolization, worship, hero worship, lionization.
2. awe, fear, dread; reverence, deference, respect.

vengence, n. 1. revenge, sweet revenge, retribution, requital, revanche; avengement; retaliation; setting a score, an eye for an eye, blood for blood, blow for blow, a Roland for an Oliver, like for like, measure for measure, tit for tat, Latin, quid pro quo.
2. reprisal, countermeasure, counterblow, counter-stroke.
3. with a vengeance a. violently, vehemently, furiously, fiercely, wildly, Inf. like mad, hammer and tongs, tooth and nail. b. greatly; utterly, extremely, to the extreme. c. to the full, to the limit, to the utmost, all the way, all out, Brit. flat out, Inf. with no holds barred.

vengeful, adj. 1. vindictive, revengeful, spiteful; unforgiving, unappeasable, irreconcilable, intractable, implacable, inexorable; revanchist.
2. retaliatory, retributive, recriminatory, avenging; punitive.

venial, adj. pardonable, forgivable, excusable; allowable, tolerable; slight, minor, insignificant, trifling, petty.

venom, n. 1. poison, toxin, toxicant, virus.
2. spite, spitefulness, rancor, ill will, evil intent; choleric, piqued, ire, acerbity, acrimony, bitterness; gall, bile, spleen, virulence, invidiousness, envy, resentment, grudge, ill feeling; malice, maliciousness, malignity, malevolence, animosity, antagonism, hostility, evil eye, hate, hatred, detestation, abhorrence, enmity; wrath, anger, dudgeon, bad blood.

venomous, adj. 1. poisonous, virulent, envenomed, deadly, toxic, lethal, fatal; noxious, harmful, hurtful, injurious, mischievous, detrimental, deleterious, unwholesome, unhealthy; destructive, ruinous, pernicious, baleful.
2. hostile, resentful, indifferent, piqued, angry; spiteful, malicious, vicious; malevolent, malignant, malign, ill-disposed; antagonistic, rancorous, abusive, corrosive; morose, surly, sullen, moody; aggressive, warlike, belligerent, bellicose; ferocious, brutal, feral, ferine; adverse, opposed, opposing.

3. acriomничious, caustic, mordant, bitter, acrid, sarcastic, satirical, ironic, ironical; peevish, petulant, crabbed, testy, touchy, irascible, edgy; ill-tempered, ill-humored, short-tempered.

vent, n. opening, outlet, aperture, hole, airhole.

venturesome, adj. adventurous, adventuresome; risky undertaking, enterprise, mission; speculation, plunge, Spec.; broach, suggest, mention; propose, offer, proffer, advance; utter, vent, express, declare. See vent (def. 2).

ventilation, n. air, aerate, aerify, oxygenate; fan, circulate, cross breeze; air condition.

ventilate, v. express, air, verbalize, utter; communicate, inform, mention, say, tell, declare; present, bring up, open up for discussion, discuss; go over, review, look at, talk over or about, treat, deal with.

vent, v. broach, suggest, mention; propose, offer, proffer, advance; utter, vent, express, declare. See vent (def. 2).

veracity, n. truthfulness, honesty, truth, verity; frankness, openness, candor, candidness, straightforwardness, plainness, bluntness; ingenuousness, artlessness, guilelessness, naiveté.

verbatim, adv. word-for-word, line-for-line, line-by-line,确切, accurately, close, exactly, precisely, accurately, exactly, precisely, accurately, closely, faithfully, honestly, strictly, to a hair, to the point; in the strict sense of the word, strictly speaking, precisely.

verbiage, n. verbosity, verbality, verbalism, wordiness, prolixity, long-windedness, longiloquence, wordy, wordy."

**verbose,** *adj.* wordy, prolix, loquacious, long-winded, longiloquent, multiloquish, multiloquious, valuable, effusive, fluent; talkative, glib, long-tongued, *Inf.* blessed with the gift of gab, mouthy, *Inf.* big-mouthed, *Sl.* all jaw, *Sl.* gassy, windy; chattering, chatty, gibbering, babbling, blabbering, babbling, gabbie; discursive, digressive, rambling, roving, meandering, wandering, aimless, pointless; peripheral, pleonastic, tautological, repetitive, redundant, superfluous, profuse; circumlocutory, ambiguous, circuitous, roundabout; plethoric, turpid, overblown, inflated, flatulent, timid, swollen, bloated; magniloquent, grandiloquent, rhetorical, orotund, sonorous; bombastical; extravagant, euphuistic, florid, flowery, highflew, pretentious, pompous, high-sounding, *Inf.* highfaliun, *Inf.* high-hat.


3. freshness, vigor, vitality, healthy, growth, exuberance, luxuriance, lusciousness.

**verge,** *v.* 1. incline, tend to or toward, bear, lean to or toward; list, tip, tilt, cant, heel, *Naut.* careen; slope, slant, oblique, skew, angle, bevel, pitch, grade, bank; descend, drop or drop off, dip, sag, fall, gravity, sink.

2. brink, breaking point, threshold.


**verification,** *n.* 1. confirmation, substantiation, corroboration, establishment, proof; assurance, affirmation, asseveration, averment, certification; attestation, deposition, avouchment; authentication, validation, ratification, endorsement; support, strengthening, reinforcement.

2. certificate, warranty, guarantee, guaranty; testimonial, testimony, *Archaic.* testimonium; evidence, proof, word, statement, affidavit, instrument in proof.

**verify,** *v.* 1. prove, confirm, substantiate, bear out, corroboree; give credence to, establish, fix, make certain, clinch, clench; attest, certify, evidence, go to show, affirm, assure, aver; vouch for, support, sustain, bear witness to, identify, testify, depose, document, demonstrate.

2. authenticate, validate, endorse, accredit, warrant; guarantee, underwrite, countersign, back up; vouch, vouchsafe, justly, make good, uphold; ratify, acknowledge, recognize.

**verisimilitude,** *n.* 1. genuineness, authenticity, reality; realism, naturalism, lifelikeness, literalness.

2. probability, likelihood, likeness; credibility, plausibility.

**veritable,** *adj.* 1. real, actual, factual, genuine, authentic, bona fide, legitimate.

2. absolute, positive, certain, sure, definite; unquestionable, indisputable, undeniable.


2. factuality, factualness, actualness, reality, authenticity, genuineness, validity, validness, soundness.

3. fact, certainty, certitude; principle, rule, law, fundamental, axioms; theorem, *Math.* proposition.

**vermin,** *n.* 1. lice, cooties, *Dial.* varmints.

2. scoundrel, dog, cur, reptile, swine, snake, snake in the grass, *Inf.* bad egg.

3. riffraff, rabble, ruck, rout, canaille, scum, scum of the earth, dregs or off-scoutings of society, *Contemptuous.* ragtag and bobtail.

**vernacular,** *adj.* 1. native, natal, indigenous, autochthonous; endemic, local, localized, topical.

2. informal, everyday, ordinary, familiar, colloquial, conversational, spoken; substandard, nonstandard.


—*n.* 4. native speech, mother tongue, language;
living language; plain speech, plain English, everyday language; spoken language, colloquial speech or language, conversational English; vulgar tongue, common speech; standard speech or language, non-standard speech or language.

5. jargon, cant, patois, pater, *Inf.* lingo; argot, slang; gibberish, gobbledygook, mumbo jumbo; shop-talk, officialale, legalese, journalese, businessese, business English.

versatile, *adj.* 1. all-around, multifaceted, many-sided, protean, adaptable, plastic; handy, clever, resourceful, ingenious; multipurpose, all-purpose. 2. variable, changeable, changeable, mutable, permutable; inconstant, unstable, unsteady; fickle, capricious, moody.


1. vertiginous, whirling, spinning, gyrating, *adj.*

2. vertical, *n.*

verse, *n.*


2. poetry, *Archaic.* poesy, versification; metrical composition, meter, numbers.

versed, *adj.* 1. learned, cultured, literate, lettered, read; educated, well-educated, well-schoolied, well-instructed, well-tutored, well-trained, well-posted, well-grounded; knowledgeable, well-informed, aware, cognizant; appreciative, appreciatory, appreciating, sensible, enlightened, sophisticated, *Sl.* savvy; acquainted, familiar, conversant, intimate, up; erudite, punditic, wise, sage, scholarly.

2. experienced, practiced, accomplished, polished, *Fr.* au fait; veteran, professional, *Inf.* knowing the ropes; skilled, skillful, adept, proficient; expert, master, masterful, masterly.

version, *n.* 1. rendition, translation, metaphor, interlinear, transliteration, decipherment; paraphrase, rewording, restatement; reading, lection.


3. form, variant, copy, reproduction.

vertic, *n.*

1. summit, apex, apogee, crest, peak, spire, point, tip, tiptop; top, cap, crown, headpiece, head, loft, aerie; acme, zenith, meridian, pinnacle, heights.

2. steep, sharp, sheer, precipitous, abrupt, bold, loft, aerie; acme, zenith, meridian, pinnacle, heights.

3. perfect, appropriate, fitting, just right, just, precise, exact, express.

4. sheer, utter, simple, plain, pure, unadulterated, mixed, unalloyed, unmingled; sole, single, mere.


2. hollow utensil, container, canister, metal box, can, receptacle; jar, crock, pot, bottle, jug, decanter, carafe, flagon, pitcher; bowl, tankard, stein, mug, beaker, cup, glass, tumbler, goblet, chalice; vase, urn, lachrymatory; barrel, keg, cask, hoghead; pail, bucket, tub, vat, cauldron, kettle, boiler.


3. invest, endow, endue, give, grant, confer, bestow.

vested, *adj.* 1. permanent, invariable, fixed, set, stable, constant; inalienable, unrevokable, unrepeatable, unannullable.

2. (all by law) protected, guaranteed, insured, warranted, established, authorized, sanctioned, legalized.

3. clothed, robed, dressed, outfitted, habited, garbed, arrayed.


vestige, *n.* 1. trace, mark, sign, token, indication, scent, whiff, spoor; imprint, impression, track, print, footprint, handprint, fingerprint; fossil, petrifaction, remains, reliquia, relics, fragments, remaining parts or pieces, surviving evidence; scar, *Med.* cicatrix, psychological scar, trauma.

2. hint, suggestion, touch, tinge, suspicion, soupcon, inkling; drop, dab, bit, jot, iota, dash, trifle.

veteran, n. 1. old hand, old stager, trouper, Inf. old pro, past master, past mistress; old man, Inf. old timer, old soldier, Inf. war-horse; senior, senior member, dean, doyen.
2. expert, master, maestro, master hand; professional, journeyman, specialist, authority.

veto, n. 3. experienced, adj. prepared, trained, adroit, dexterous, deft, facile; expert, proficient, masterful, masterly, professional, Inf. pro; topflight, topdrawer, Inf. topnotch, Inf. crack, ace.

vibrate, v. 1. oscillate, move to fro, swing, move.
2. resonant, resounding, thunderous; ringing, tolling, booming.
3. disordered, in disorder, in disarray, disorganized; disordered, in disarray, disorganized; exploded, fed up, sick and tired.
4. disputed, in dispute, contested, in contention; disputed, in dispute, contested, in contention; exploded, fed up, sick and tired.

vex, v. 1. anger, incense, irk, raise [s.o.'s] ire, n. veto, Inf. v. 1. anger, incense, irk, raise [s.o.'s] ire, n. veto, Inf. v. 1. anger, incense, irk, raise [s.o.'s] ire, n. veto, Inf.

vexation, n. 1. provoke, provoking, provoking; provoking, provoking; provoking, provoking; provoking, provoking; provoking, provoking; provoking, provoking; provoking, provoking; provoking, provoking; provoking, provoking.
vibration n. 1. oscillation, swinging, liberation, ebullience, flux and reflux, to and fro; undulation, sway; fluctuation, vibration, wavering.
2. pulsation, shake, shiver, tremble, trembling, dither; palpitation, throb, throbbing, beat, beating, pulsing; earthquake, convulsion.
3. resonance, reverberation; thunder, rumble, roar, boom, clangor, roll.
4. vibrations Slang. feelings, Sl. vibes, sensations.

vicar n. 1. deputy rector, assistant pastor, Chiefly Brit. locum tenens; clergyman, cleric, churchman, ecclesiastic; priest, minister, parson, reverend, Brit. blackcoat.
2. substitute, surrogate, proxy; deputy, lieutenant, vice-regent, representative; emissary, delegate; plenipotentiary.

vicious adj. 1. secondhand, indirect; imagined, mental, empathetic, sympathetic; aesthetic, artistic; imaginary, fantasized; surrogate, by proxy, at one remove.
2. delegated, deputed, commissioned; vice, acting; substitute, substitutional, substitutive.

vice n. 1. sin, sinfulness, wrong, wickedness, badness, baseness, foulness, meanness; immorality, iniquity, evil; transgression, misdeed, error, offense, violation.
2. fault, defect, flaw, imperfection, Sl. bug; frailty, weakness, weak point, infirmity, fragile, shortcoming, limitation, failing, failure, deficiency.
3. impurity, unchastity, licentiousness, incontinence, dissipation, venery, fornication, carnality; debauchery, lewdness, lasciviousness, Archaic. venery.

versa, vice versa, conversely, reversely, inversely; contrariwise, in exchange, on the other hand, the other way around; on or to the contrary, just the opposite or reverse.

vicinity n. 1. neighborhood, vicinage, purliens, nearby area or region, Inf. neck of the woods; precincts, setting, scene; environs, Fr. banlieue, Fr. alentours, surroundings, circumjacent, outskirts, suburbs, faubourg, periphery.
2. proximity, proximateness, nearness, closeness, nighness, propinquity, contiguity, adjacency, adjacency.

vicious adj. 1. degenerate, depraved, corrupt, perverted, vitiated; foul, vile, base, bad, low, mean, odious; wicked, evil, iniquitous, nefarious, heinous,flagitious, immoral, sinful, peccant, evil-minded, vice-ridden; unregenerate, unredeemable, unprincipled, shameless, unscrupulous, repugnate; shamefaced, disgraceful, worthless; notorious, infamous, scandalous, disreputable; abominable, execrable, horrible, abominable, atrocious, grievous.
2. profigate, dissolve, libertine, rakish, rakehell; dissipated, lascivious, debauched; lecherous, lubricious, satyrlike, goatish; licentious, unrestrained, loose, wild.
3. reprehensible, reproachable, provable, condemnable, blameworthy, blamable, censurable; culpable, guilty, criminal, unlawful, illegal, illicit, illegitimate, lawless; objectionable, unpardonable, unjustifiable, inexcusable; delinquent, wrong, felonious, transgressive.
4. malicious, malevolent, malign, malignant, maleficent, malefic, Archaic. despicable; hostile, antagonistic, obnoxious, ill-natured, surly; rancorous, bitter, embittered, caustic, acrimonious, sardonic, sarcastic, venomous, venomed, acerb; spiteful, hateful, invidious, ill-willed, ill-disposed, catty, Sl. bitchy, revengeful, vindictive.
5. savage, ferocious, cat-and-dog, dog-eat-dog, fierce, ruthless, fell, truculent; brutal, inhuman, barbarous, barbaric, hellish; sadistic, animalistic, fiendish; terrible, harsh, grim, hard, severe; unreleenting, relentless, implacable, inexorable, grinding.

vicissitude n. 1. change, mutation, permutation, modification, transformation, metamorphosis; variation, variance, difference, divergence, deviation.
2. alternation, shifting, vibration, fluctuation, interchange; rotation, reversal, turn-about, turnaround, revolution, turning upside down, turning topsy-turvy.
3. vicissitudes inconstancy, instability, uncertainty, unpredictability, erraticism, mercuriability, shiftiness, choppiness; fickleness, chanciness, fortuitousness, Inf. flukiness; ups and downs, ins and outs, ebb and flow, roller coaster, shifting sands, kaleidoscope.

victim n. 1. sufferer, injured one or party, receiver, Archaic. patient.
2. dupe, gull, Inf. sucker, Sl. sap, Brit. Dial. cull, gudgeon, Sl. poor fish, Inf. chump, Sl. snook, Sl. schlemiel, winner of the hooby prize; easy or soft mark or target, mark, sitting duck, Inf. patsy, Sl. pigeon, Sl. fall guy, Sl. soft touch, Sl. pushover; laughing stock, butt, fair game, fool, everybody's fool, April fool, Fr. poisson d'avril, Inf. goat.

3. sacrifice, sacrificial lamb, scapegoat, human sacrifice, offering, martyr; prey, quarry.
vigor, 1. vigor, strength, power, potency, virility, vigilance, sleeplessness, wakefulness, insomnia. 2. viewpoint, n. viewpoint, point of view, perspective, standpoint, vantage point, vantage. Vigilant, adj. 1. watchful, attentive, observant, sharp-eyed, eagle-eyed, hawk-eyed, alert, wide-awake, sleepless, unsleeping, unnodding, Inf. with eyes peeled. 2. wary, chary, careful, cautious, circumspect, prudent, mindful, heedful; guarded, on one's guard. Vigil, n. 1. sleeplessness, wakefulness, insomnia. Vigilance, n. watchfulness, surveillance, observation; guard, guardedness, wariness; caution, prudence, forethought, prudence, circumspection; alertness, keenness, attentiveness; wakefulness, sleeplessness. Vigilant, adj. 1. watchful, attentive, observant, sharp-eyed, eagle-eyed, hawk-eyed, Argus-eyed, all eyes and ears, alert, on the alert, on the qui vive, on one's toes, Inf. on the job; awake, wide-awake, sleepless, unsleeping, unnodding, Inf. with eyes peeled. 2. wary, chary, careful, cautious, circumspect, prudent, mindful, heedful; guarded, on one's guard. Vignette, n. 1. design, small illustration, Print. headpiece, Print. tailpiece; engraving, print, drawing, illumination; picture, view. 2. literary sketch, delineation, skit; anecdotes, narrative, short tale or yarn; illustration. Vigor, n. 1. strength, power, potency, virility, force, birr, Literary. puissance; stamina, endurance, staying power, mettle, pluck, sap, pith, nerve, steel, Inf. spunk; Inf. spirit, Sl. moxie; health, healthiness, salubrity, soundness, health, heartiness, robustness, vigor, vigour, hardness, sturdiness; forcefulness, forcibleness. 2. vitality, vivacity, energy, trenchancy, go, get up and go, zing, liveliness, spunk, sprightliness, briskness, Inf. zip, Inf. pep, Inf. punch, Inf. bounce, Inf. snap, Sl. pizzazz, Sl. oomph, Brit. Stil. stingo. 3. spirit, enthusiasm, eagerness, ebullience, animation, vim, sparkle, keenness, Dial. gimp, Chiefly Scot. smeudum; zeal, verve, ardor, fervor, elan, dash, fire, vehemence, intensity. Vigorous, adj. 1. energetic, full of energy, dynamic, strenuous, active, trenchant; quick, brisk, spry, sprightly, Scot. and North Eng. yauld, Inf. b unc ing, Inf. zippy, Inf. peppy, Sl. go-go; vivacious, lively, full of life, glowing, sparkling, zappy, jazzy, bold, sharp. 2. robust, hearty, hardy, hale and hearty, lusty, strong and healthy, bursting with health or vigor; sound, healthy, in good health, fit, physically fit, in good condition, in fine fettle, Inf. in good shape, Inf. in shape; stout, staunch, stalwart, firm, sturdy, tough. 3. powerful, potent, mighty, forceful, forcible, irresistible, emphatic, aggressive; spirited, mettlesome, steadfast, resolute, doughty, plucky, Inf. spunky; eager, enthusiastic, ebullient, keen, Sl. psyched; zealous, ardent, fervid, fervent, vehement, impassioned, burning, intense. Vigorously, adv. 1. energetically, dynamically, with might and main, hammer and tongs, with a vengeance, like a trooper, Inf. to beat the band, Sl. up a storm; strenuously, actively, trenchantly; quickly, briskly, spryly, sprightly, sprightfully, Inf. zippy, Inf. peppy, Sl. like mad, Sl. like crazy; vivaciously, glowingly, spankingly, zingly, boldly, sharply. 2. robustly, heartily, hardly, lustily; soundly, healthily; stoutly, staunchly, stanchly, staunchly, firmly, sturdily, toughly. 3. powerfully, potently, mightily, forcefully, forcibly, irresistibly, emphatically, aggressively; spiritedly, steadfastly, resolutely, doughtily, pluckily, Inf. spunkily; strongly, enthustically, keenly; zealously, ardently, fervidly, fervently, vehemently, intensely. 4. effectively, validly, biting, pointedly; incisively, tellingly, cogently; graphically, vividly, strikingly, pithily, meatily. Vile, adj. 1. base, low, mean, sordid, bad; execrable, abominable, horrible, horrid, gruesome, monstrous, atrocious; dreadful, terrible, dire, grim, dark, black, baleful; cursed, cursed, damnable, damned; demonic, demoniac, diabolic, devilish, satanic, fiendish, hellish. 2. offensive, unpleasant, objectionable, obnoxious, disagreeable; abhorrent, loathsome, odious, hateful, detestable, despicable; contemptible, scurvy, insufferable; opprobrious, reproachful, blameworthy, contemptuous. 3. repulsive, repellent, revolting, repugnant, nauseous, nauseating; foul-smelling, rank, stinking, smelly, reeking, Rare. nidorous; fetid, feculent, graveolent, noisome, mephitic, malodorous; disgusting, distasteful, sickening, noxious, fulsome; musty,usty, moldy; rotten, rancid, tainted, putrescent, putrid, putrefactive; slimy, grimy, excrementitious, fecal, Physiol. stercoraceous. 4. depraved, debased, wicked, evil, iniquitous, sinful; debauched, degenerate, immoral, dissolve, dissipated, abandoned, profligate, reprobate; corrupt, black-hearted, ignoble, sinister, evil-minded; nefarious, flagitious, villainous, heinous, Rare. nefast. 5. obscene, coarse, vulgar, crude; profane, maledictory, blasphemous; smutty, foulmouthed, scatalogical, filthy, dirty, pornographic, Fasceneinn; bawdy, ribald, off-color, suggestive, unseenly, indelicate, indecorous; lascivious, lecherous, lewd, licentious, Archie. libidinous, lascivious, lustful. 6. poor, wretched, sorry, abject, lowly, servile, slavish, abased. 7. miserable, dismal, abysmal, dreary, Literary. drear; beggarly, shabby, sordid, mean, at base. 8. menial, lowly, servile, subservient; vulgar, coarse, rude, vulgus, vulgaris, vulgaris; vulgaribus, vulgaribus. Vileness, n. 1. baseness, meanness, viciousness, loveness, badness, sordidness, ignobility, foulness, sinsterness, darkness, black-heartedness; balefulness, dreadfulness, direness, direfulness, grimmness; wickedness,
vilify, v. defame, denigrate, vituperate, vilify.

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vindicate, v. 1. acquit, clear [s.o.’s] name, declare innocent, up-exonerate, exculpate, prove free from blame, absolve.

2. justify, show just cause, warrant, authorize; subscribe, append one’s name to.

3. defend, champion, fight for, plead for, stick up for.

4. claim, lay claim to, file a claim for, allege ownership, declare oneself entitled to, assert one’s right to.

5. avenge, revenge, Avenger, venge; retaliate, requite, take vengeance for, get back at, take an eye for an eye, pay [s.o.] back, repay, give [s.o.] his due, give [s.o.]
what he asks for.

vindication, n. 1. acquittal, acquittance, acquitting, compurgation, exculpation, exculpating, proof or declaration of innocence, removal of guilt, freedom from blame, absolution, absolving; exonerating, exonerating, redress, righting, setting or putting right.

2. justification, reason, plea, basis, grounds, authorization, warrant, sanction; substantiation, substantiating, proof, proving, evidence, verification, verifying, voucher, corroboration, corroborating, confirmation, confirming; defense, defending, support, supporting, upholding, sustaining, maintenance, maintaining, assertion, asserting, Law. deraignment; advocacy, advocating, Obs. vouch; explanation, explaining, story, argument, allegation, claim, Law. rejoinder, rationalization, excuse, apology, apologia, extenuation, extenuating, palliation, palliating, Law. demurrer, Law. rebutter, Law. essoin, Inf. song and dance, U. S. Inf. alibi.

3. revenge, vengeance, avenging, retaliating, retaliating, reprisal, requital, requiring, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth; retribution, payment, payoff, repayment.

vindicatory, adj. 1. exculpatory, exculpating, acquitting, compurgatory, exonerative, exonerating, vindicative, vindicating, absolute, absolvent, absolving, excusable, excusing; justificatory, justificative, justifying, exculpatory, exculpating, justifying, palliative, palliating.

2. punitive, punitory, punishing, disciplinary, castigative, castigatory, castigating, chastising; mean, harsh, severe, cruel, brutal; merciless, pitiless, remorseless, hard-hearted, stony-hearted, compassionless, unremitting, relentless, unremitting, inexorable.

3. retributive, retributory, requiting, retaliatory. See vindicative.

vindicative, adj. vengeful, revengeful, avenging, vindicative, vindicating, retributive, retributory, requiting, retaliatory, retaliative; spiteful, rancorous, vindicative, vindicating, absolutory, absolvent, absolving, excusable, excusing; justificatory, justificative, justifying, extenuatory, extenuating, mitigative, mitigating, palliative, palliating.

violation, n. 1. force, brute force, might, mightiness, power, strength; turbulence, storminess, tempestuosity, tumultuosity, boisterousness, bluster; roughness, destructiveness, barbarity, brutality, cruelty, savagery, ferocity, ferociousness, fierceness; severity, harshness, rigor.

2. catalcism, convection, eruption, outburst, explosion, blast, paroxysm, earthquake; uproar, upheaval, commotion, confusion, chaos, babel, bedlam, racket, rampage; sound and fury, blood and thunder, hubbub, fracas, Inf. ruckus, rumpus, riot, brawling; fire, heat, blaze; storm, squall, howling; disorder, anarchy, disruption, disarray.

3. frenzy, fury, furiousness, furor, rage, anger; madness, hysteria, wildness, dementedness, craziness; impetuousity, impulsiveness, rashness; vehemence, ardor, passion, fieriness; intensity, excessiveness, acuteness, sharpness, keenness.

4. injury, harm, damage, wrong, injustice; havoc, outrage, rape, desecration, profanation.

violent, adj. 1. strong, powerful, mighty, potent, forceful, great; uncontrolled, unrestrained, untamed, unbridled, savage; stormy, tempestuous, turbulent, wroth, rampageous; roaring, howling, raging, storming, shrieking; explosive, volcanic, dangerous, perilous, dreadful.

2. destructive, ruinous, dire, disastrous, calamitous, catastrophic, cataclysmic; devastating, wasting, ravaging; injurious, harmful, hurtful, damaging, detrimental; deleterious, baneful, pernicious; deadly, fell, fatal, lethal; killing, murderous, cruel, raw, brutal, barbarous, bloodthirsty, brutal, beastly, inhuman; ruthless, pitiless, merciless, relentless, implacable; wild, crazed, uncontrollable, un governable, like a wild bull, seeing red, rough, Brit. Diale. lunatic; disorderly, clamorous, knock-down-drag-out, tumultuous, rowdy, riotous.

3. severe, extreme, excessive, harsh, intense; unremitting, inexorable, persistent, unyielding; distressing, agonizing, tormenting, excruciating, rack ing, painful; unbearable, overpowering, overwhelming, stifling, piercing, biting, penetrating; acute, keen, sharp, exquisite, piquant; extraordinary, abnormal, unnatural, unusual; rigorous, stern, grim, hard, for bidding, draconian, diastic.

4. vehement, ardent, impassioned, fervid, fervent, intent, excited, perferved; burning, fiery, blazing, hot, red-hot; raving, mad, wild-eyed, running amuck, irration al, insane; lusty, passionate, stirred up, on fire.

5. furious, frenzied, frenetic, feverish, frantic, fast and furious; impetuous, impulsive, headstrong, headlong, rash, unheeding, unhinging; fierce, ferocious, daring, Inf. hellbent.

viperous, adj. venomous, virulent, poisonous, bane-
masculinity, maleness, manfulness, virility,
n.
chastity, chasteness, virtue, virtu-
virginity,

virago, n. shrew, Sl. battle-ax, termagant, fishwife,

virgin, n. 1. marital, maiden, lass, girl, dam-
unmarried woman, B. bachelor girl, old maid,

virgin, adj. 1. virginal, vestal, chaste,

virility, n.

virility, adj. 1. virile, virgin,
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virtue, n. 1. goodness, righteousness, morality,
moral excellence, ethicalness; uprightness, rectitude,
probity, integrity, honesty; worth, honor, decency, re-
pectability, character; high-mindedness, upstanding-
ness, nobility, scrupulousness; justness, fairness, fair
play, justice, equity; fidelity, faithfulness, loyalty, con-
stancy, trustworthiness, responsibility; grace, merit,
worthiness, credit, quality, fortitude, temper-
ance, piety, faith, hope, charity.

virtuous, adj. 1. virtuous, virtuous,
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virtuousness, n. mastery, skill, brilliance, musician-
ship; craftsmanship, craft, artistry, art, artfulness,
workmanship; wizardry, command, bravura, psycho-
technics, razzle-dazzle; expertise, prowess, profession-
alisn, mastership; excellence, incomparability, inimi-
tability, preeminence.
visage, n. 1. face to face, eye to eye; Inf. cut of
2. hostility, resentment, indignation, pique, anger; spite, malice, rancor; antagonism, malevolence, malignity; aggression, belligerence, bellicosity.
3. acrimony, acrimoniousness, causticity, asperity, mordancy, acridness, acidity, pungency; astringency, severity, sternness, acerbity, austerity, stringency; harshness, sharpness, sourness, acidulousness, acidity, bitterness, tartness, muskiness, keenness, sarcasm, satire, irony, peevishness, putrefaction, rank; Rare. putrefaction, rancidness, rancid, rancorous, rancorous, rancorous, rank, rankling, rank; Rare. rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid; Rare. rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid, rancid.

virulence, n. 1. poisonous, venomous, envenomed, toxic, deadly, lethal, fatal; noxious, harmful, hurtful, injurious, mischievous, detrimental, deleterious, unwholesome, unhealthy, destructive, ruinous, pernicious, baleful; malignant, cancerous; infective, infectious, contagious, catching.
2. conspicuous, salient, prominent, in high relief, patent, unmistakable, unhidden, unconcealed, undisguised.
3. apparent, evident, self-evident, palpable; noticeable, observable, recognizable; manifest, clear, cut, crystal-clear, open, plain, plain as day; obvious, patent, unmistakable; hidden, unmasked, undisguised.

visible, adj. 1. perceptible, perceivable, discernible, perceptible, perceivable, discernible, apparent, evident, self-evident, palpable; noticeable, observable, recognizable; manifest, clear, cut, crystal-clear, open, plain, plain as day; obvious, patent, unmistakable; hidden, unmasked, undisguised.
2. dream, Sl. trip, chimera, figment, figure of the imagination, hallucination, delusion, illusion, mirage, hallucination, Fata Morgana, optical illusion, trick of the eyesight.
3. apparition, materialization, specter, shade, ghost, (in Irish Folklore) banshee, Sl. spook, nightmare, incubus, succubus.
4. conception, conceptualization, visualization, envisioning, objectification; anticipation, expectation; mental image, mental picture.

visionary, adj. 1. impractical, unrealistic, unworkable, unfeasible, theoretical, academic, impracticable; utopian, idealistic, romantic, quixotic, starry-eyed, dewy-eyed; pie-in-the-sky, wish-fulfilling.
2. unreal, imaginary, imagined, illusory, delusory, phantasmagoric, phantasmagorical; chimerial, fanciful, invented, figmental, figmentary; phantasmal, spiritual, spectral, apparitional, ghostly, wanlike.

visit, v. 1. call on or upon, look in on, look [s.o.] up, see; come around, come by, stop in or by, Inf. pop in.
2. come or go to, attend, Sl. make the scene; appear, turn up, show up, make or put in an appearance, show one's face.
3. take in, Inf. do, Inf. catch.
4. afflict, assail, attack, smite, come upon, fall or descend upon; scourge, agonize, harrow, torture; (all usu. in reference to punishment) inflict, wreak, bring down upon.
5. converse, talk, chat, chitchat, confabulate, Sl. rag, or bull; talk bull, Sl. shoot the breeze or bull, Sl. bull; talk or speak with, have a talk or little talk with, commune or communicate with.

—n. 6. call, social call; stay, sojourn, stop, stopover, stop-off; conversation, talk, colloquy, chat, chitchat, little talk, Sl. rap, Sl. rap session.

visitation, n. 1. (all usu. unpleasant) event, occurrence, happening, incident, episode, occasion, turn of events; experience, Sl. bad trip, Sl. bummer.
2. affliction, infiction, bane, blight, curse, scourge, plague, pestilence; shock, blow, heavy or nasty or staggering blow, buffet, stroke, stroke of ill luck or fortune; disaster, tragedy, calamity, catastrophe, cataclysm.
3. (all of a supernatural being) appearance, materialization, incarnation, Spiritualism. manifestation; com-
visiting, arrival.

4. inspection, examination, scrutiny, perusal, review, study.

visitor, n. caller, visitant, company, guest; uninvited guest, Infl. gate-crasher; pilgrim, tourist; habitué, regular, patron, frequenter, attender.

vista, n. view, outlook, Chiefly Brit. lookout, prospect, scene, sight; horizon; scenery; panorama; bird’s-eye view.

visual, adj. 1. seeing, optic, ocular.

2. visible. See visible (def. 1).

visualize, v. picture, envision; imagine, conceive, fancy; contemplate, consider, conjure up, envisage, picture in the mind’s eye.

vital, adj. 1. life-giving, life-preserving, life-sustaining; invigorating, invigorating, vitalizing, animating, quickening, vivifying; reanimating, reviving, restoring, rejuvenating, resurrecting.

2. vivacious, lively, animated, spirited; vigorous, forcible, brisk, dynamic, powerful, intense; zesty, zealous, eager, enthusiastic.

3. critical, crucial, life-and-death, life-or-death; focal, axial, pivotal, central; principal, paramount, preeminent, dominant; leading, main, key, chief, cardinal; important, significant.

4. essential, necessary, needed, indispensable; mandatory, compulsory, requisite, required; imperative, urgent.

5. deadly, lethal, fatal, fateful.

vitality, n. life, animation, energy, vigor; stamina, strength, hardness, power, strength, endurance; liveliness, spirit, spiritedness, exuberance, vivacity, intensity, zeal; All Inf. bounce, zing, pep, pizzazz, sparkle, get up and go; Sl. oomph, Brit. St. stingo.

vitalize, v. animate, vivify, quicken, inspire; vigor, energy, enthusiasm; reanimate, rejuvenate; save, revamp, renovate, make forceful, brisk, dynamic, powerful, intense; zesty, zealous, eager, enthusiastic.

vivacious, adj. lively, animated, spirited; vigorous, forceful, brisk, dynamic, powerful, intense; zesty, zealous, eager, enthusiastic.

vivid, adj. sharp, high, exact, precise, precise, incisive, pointed, sharp, precise, accurate, acute, keen, clear, clear, transparent, clear.

vivacity, n. sparkle, glow, spirit, liveliness, exuberance, exuberance, enthusiasm, exuberance, zeal; All Inf. bounce, zing, pep, pizzazz, sparkle, get up and go; Sl. oomph, Brit. St. stingo.

vivifying, adj. invigorating, invigorative, vitalizing, animating, quickening, vivifying; reanimating, reviving, restoring, rejuvenating, resurrecting.

vivisection, n. the act of vivisection; the dissection of living animals for scientific purposes.

vivisect, v. to vivisect; to dissect living animals for scientific purposes.

vivisecting, adj. relating to vivisection; of or made of animal tissue for scientific purposes.

visitation, n. 1. visitation, inspection, examination, scrutiny.

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2. visitation, inspection, examination, scrutiny, review, study.
reprehension, reproof, reprobatton, disapproval, disapprobation; censure, blame, incutation, incrimination, crimination, implication, Obs., Rare, accrimination, impeachment, indictment.
3. shame, disgrace, dishonor, disrepute, obloquy, loss of face; belittle, disparagement, depreciation, derogation, deflation, depreciation, devaluation, detraction; humiliation, humble pie, mortification.

vituperative, adj. 1. censurator, reviler, castigator, invitantor, invituperator, vituperative, reprehensive, reproachful, defamatory, denunciatory, damnatory, obloquy, Obs. exprobratory; abusive, injurious, harsh, virulent, scurrilous, withering, caustic, corrosive; contemptuous, insulting, sarcastic, satirical, sardonic, cutting, sharp-tongued, belittling, disparaging, depreciatory, detractory, derogatory, depreciating, devaluating, deflating; humiliating, humbling, mortifying.
2. defamatory, denigrating, vilipendatory, scandalous, maligning, slanderous, libelous, calumnious, calumniatory, false, misrepresentative, impertinent, aspersive, insinuating.

vituperator, n. 1. censurer, reviler, castigator, in¬veigher, reprove, disapprover, censor; denouncer, railler, curser, exorcist, imprecator, anathematizer, critic; defamer, villifier, vilipender, denigrator, scandalizer, impugner, asperser, backbiter, maligner, evil-speaker, carper, cariler, Inf. knocker, lampooner, satirist, muckraker, hack; belittler, disparager, detractor, derogator, deprecator.
2. slanderer, libeler, calumniator, traducer, falsifier, villain; slanderous, libelous, calumnious, calumniatory, false, disreputable, impertinent, aspersive, insinuating, vituperative.

vivacious, adj. lively, full of life, animated, full of pep, Inf. full of get up and go, alive, vivid, (of a woman) buxom; frisky, spirited, high-spirited, full of spirit, brassy, jaunty, sprightly, buoyant, breezy, gay, merry, cheerful, jovial, jolly, mirthful; bright, bubbly, effervescent, ebullient, elated, heartened; playful, sportive, gamesome, frolicksome.

vivacity, n. liveliness, animation, Inf. pep, Inf. zip, Inf. snap, Inf. pizzazz, get up and go; vigor, vigorousness, energy, vitality, spiritedness, high-spiritedness, chipperness, joviality, cheer, good cheer, cheerfulness, light-heartedness; brightness, sunniness, effervescence; playfulness, sportiveness, gamesomeness, frolicksome-ness; high spirits, good spirits, animal spirits.

viva voce, n. speaker, carper, cariler, Inf. knock¬er, lampooner, satirist, muckraker, hack; belittler, disparager, detractor, derogator, deprecator.

vociferous, n. shout, shout out, bellow, Inf. holler, yell, whoop, hoot, boo, hiss, call; scream, shriek, screech, cry out, yowl, Scot. and North Eng. skirl; cry, squall, bawl, wail, boo-hoo, bray, yelp, moan, groan, howl, caterwaull, ululate; rant, rant and rave, fume, go on, make a fuss or to-do or commotion, Inf. make a ruckus, Sl. raise a stink; clamor, din, roar, thunder, blare, make a racket.

vociferation, n. clamor, babel, uproar, roar, bally¬hoo, shouting, yelling, Inf. hollering; din, racket, pandemonium; outcry, hue, hue and cry, and huzzah, hubbaloosh, fuss, Inf. to-do, Inf. ruckus; brawl, fracas, squabble, wrangle, fight, argument, quarrel, row, bicker.

vociferous, adj. clamorous, clamant, uproarious, effusive, hooting, yelling, Inf. hollering, Inf. hollering, Sl. yowling, screaming, shrieking, screeching; loud-mouthed, bombastic, blistering, boar¬nergean, Sl. big-mouthed; stentorian, stentorious, loud-voiced, big-voiced, voiceful, clarion-voiced, reson¬ant, sonorous; noisy, rackety, loud, loud-speaking, thundering, reverberating, resounding; blatant, blaring, deafening, head-splitting, ear-splitting, ear-piercing, piercing.

vogue, n. 1. fashion, style, design, look, mode, manner of dress, Brit. twig; practice, custom, convention, tendency, leaning, taste; trend, fad, thing, rage, craze, last word, latest thing. Fr. dernier cri.
2. popularity, prevalence, currency, fashionableness, stylishness, modishness; acceptance, esteem, favor.

voice, n. 1. language; sound, music, cry, call.
2. tone, tonality, timbre, tone of voice, voice quality, tone color or quality, ring, sound; intonation, inflection, accent, pronunciation, enunciation, articulation, diction, elocution; croak, burr, drawl, twang; speech pattern, cadence, rhythm, beat, tempo; dialect, tongue, Linguistics. idiolect.
3. expression, verbalization, utterance; air, ventilation, sounding.
4. vote, choice, option, preference, say, chance to speak, Inf. turn at bat, Inf. crack; comment, opinion, view, feeling, Sl. two cents' worth.
5. mouthpiece, speaker, press agent, public relations or PR man; forum, publication, newspaper, paper,
voluntarily, adv. 1. freely, gratuitously, gratis, without being asked, spontaneously; of one’s own free will, of one’s own accord, of one’s volition, on one’s own, independently, autonomously.

2. intentionally, on purpose, purposefully, deliberately, premeditatedly.

3. optionally, electively, by preference, by choice.

voluntary, adj. 1. volitional, volitionary, volitive; freely, gratuitously, gratis, voluntarily.

voluptuousness, n. 1. optionally, electively, by preference, by choice.

voluptuous, adj. 1. hedonistic, sybaritically, sensualistic.

vomit, v. 1. regurgitate, throw up, bring up, puke or puke up, heave, spit up, spew up, disgust, gorge; retch, gag, cough up, keck, dry-heave; be sick to one’s stomach, be nauseated, nauseate, Inf.: have the throw-ups; be seasick, have mal de mer, turn green; All Sl. barf, upchuck, toss one’s cookies, return or lose one’s breakfast, blow lunch, ralph or talk to ralph.

2. eject, send out or forth, belch, give forth, eruct; issue, come up or forth.

—n. 3. puke, Inf.: throw-up, Inf.: spit-up.

voodoo, n. sorcery, witchcraft, witchery, incantation, magic; necromancy, thaimurgy, theurgy; black magic, black art, hoodoo, obisism or obeahism, conjure, root work; deviltry or devily, demonology, monstrosity, diabolism; supernaturalness, shamanism, mysticism, superstitiousness, occultness; ritual, rite, apotropaism, magical ceremony, hocus-pocus, mumbo-jumbo.

voguish, adj. 1. ravenous, ravishing, devouring, glutonizing, gormandizing, voracious, open-mouthed, hoggy, piggy, swinish.

2. insatiable, insatiating, unquenchable, voracious, desirous, greedy, cupidous, avaricious, cupidity, insatiateness, omnivorousness, gulosity, Pathol. polyphagia.

3. enthusiastic, avid, ardent, fervent, eager, all-consuming, ravenous, voracious; often,=require, ravening, devouring, insatiable, insatiating, voracious, glutonizing, gormandizing, cormorant, edacious, open-mouthed, hoggy, piggy, swinish.

vote, n. 1. ballot, voting ticket, Brit. voting paper, voting ball; show of hands, yeas and nays, count, roll call.

2. voice, say, Chiefly Brit. plumper; suffrage, franchise; referendum, election, poll, plebiscite, voting;
placest, Inf. the go-ahead; vox populi, mandate.
n. balloter, ballot-caster, elector, constituent; citizen, freeman, taxpayer.

d. vouch for endorse, support, back up, stand behind or by; sponsor, countersign, witness, sign for, answer for, subscribe, undersign, sign.

d. Often vouch for guarantee, ensure, secure. Finance. bond, Law. mortgage; insure, indemnify, underwrite; assure, offer assurance, avow, asseverate, vow, give one's solemn word or promise, state on one's honor, pledge, swear to, state under oath, Inf. promise.

d. Often vouch for certify, certificate, warrant, confirm, verify, validate, authenticate; attest to, testify to, avouch, affirm, assert, declare, state emphatically, say for certain or sure; corroborate, substantiate, sustain, uphold; prove, document, establish, manifest, show, demonstrate; depose, bear witness, evidence, offer evidence.

d. adduce, cite, quote, draw on, invoke.

2. vouch for receipt, acknowledgement, chit, slip; note, promissory note, IOU; document, paper.

2. surety, Law. security, collateral, earnest, Law. earnest money, deposit, pawn, gage, bail, Insurance. bond, Law. mortgage, Law. mortgage bond, Law. bail bond, Rare. hostage; guarantee, warrant, warranty, Law. covenant of warranty, Law. warranty deed, contract, compact, covenant, obligation, engagement, agreement, gentlemen's agreement, handshake, bargain, deal, pact, convention, treaty; insurance, indemnity, protection, Insurance. coverage; pledge, promise, assurance, word, word of honor, oath, sworn statement, Archaic. plighted, endorsement, testimonial, attestation, recommendation.

2. guarantor, guarantee, ensurer, warrantor, sponsor, bonder, Law. bondsman, Law. bondswoman; endorser, attester, patron, supporter, backer; insurer, indemnity, underwriter, Insurance..coverer.

vouchsafe, v. 1. grant, concede to grant, deign to give, give, bestow, confer, accord, impart, award, present.

2. allow, permit, let; approve of, go along with, agree to, accede to, assent to, consent to; acquiesce, yield, submit to, comply with; tolerate, suffer, bear with.

vow, n. 1. pledge, promise, assurance, word, solemn word, word of honor, parole, Archaic. troth; oath, sworn statement or declaration, testimony; attestation, affirmation, profession, avowal, asseveration, avouchment; engagement, betrothal, Archaic. plighted; marriage contract, marriage bond, marriage vow; obligation, contract, agreement, contract; gentleman's agreement, unwritten agreement.

—v. 2. pledge, promise, give one's word or solemn word, give one's word of honor, give one's parole, Inf. cross one's heart and hope to die; solemnly swear, state on one's honor, swear to, declare or state under oath; assure, offer assurance, aver, asseverate, affirm, avouch, declare, state, profess.

voyage, n. 1. cruise, crossing, passage by sea, circumnavigation; journey, trip, expedition, trek, safari; travels, globe-trotting, wayfaring, peregrination, wandering, roaming, roving; flight.

2. cruise, sail, fly, jet; travel, journey, roam, rove, peregrinate, itinerate, voyage, travel the open road; take or make a trip, tour, globe-trot, go abroad, go overseas, see the world.

voyager, n. cruiser, traveler, pilgrim, wayfarer, peregrinator; rambler, rover, roamer, Wandering Jew; adventurer, landlubber, explorer, soldier of fortune, Inf. boomer, cowboy, astronaut, cosmologist, seaman, sailor, sea captain; bird of passage, migrant, nomad.

voyeur, n. peeper, Peeping Tom, peeker; breather; fetishist, pervert.

gular, adj. 1. ignorant, uninformed, unaware, unsophisticated, artless; unlearned, uneducated, untaught, unversed, unlettered, illiterate; ill-bred, unbred, untrained; unrefined, uncultured, ungentlemly, unladylike, uncultivated, uncivilized; gauche, uncouth, crude, crass, rude, boorish, loutish, brutish, raw, unmannerly, ill-mannered, uncivil; coarse, rough, base, baseborn, tatty, inferior, ignoble, raffish, low, lowly, low-class, humble, untitled.

2. indecent, broad, immodest, shameless, indeclicate, indecorous, inelegant; improper, unseemly, unacceptable, tawdry, Inf. tacky; gross, rank, repulsive, offensive, disgusting, distasteful, risqué, suggestive, offensive, color, Inf. blue; outrageous, lurid, sensational, scurilous, blackguardly, thersitical, profane, foul-mouthed, Fescennine, Obs. blackguard, Archaic. scurile.

3. obscene, lewd, salacious, pornographic, vile, foul, filthy, dirty, smutty, nasty, scatalogical, scatalogical, St. rank, inhuman, licentious, lewd, lascivious, goaithful, lustful, libidinous, concupiscent, carnal, sexy, sensual, Archaic. lickerish; licentious, lascivious, Cyprian, prurient, wanton, lustful, libertine, promiscuous, Paphian, uncēsthe; immoral, degenerate, dissolute, dissipated, debauched, rakish, profligate, depraved, perverted.

4. proletarian, plebeian, provincial, peasantlike, of the masses, working-class, blue-collar; (all of language) vernacular, colloquial, spoken.

5. popular, current, in vogue, all the rage; prevalent, wide, widespread, general, universal; conventional, conforming, philistine, bourgeois.

6. ordinary, undistinguished, plain, homespun; common, average, usual, commonplace, household, everyday; banal, trite, platitudinous, hackneyed, overused, stale, tired.

vulgarian, n. parvenu, upstart, snob, Fr. nouveau riche; Boetian, philistine, barbarian; swine, boor, lout, brute, churl, knave, blackguard; clodhopper, bumpkin, yokel, rustic, clown, peasant, illiterate.

vulgarianism, n. 1. indecency, obscenity, grossness. See vulgarity (defs. 1, 2).

2. obscenity, ribaldry, profanity. See vulgarity (def. 3).

vulgarity, n. 1. ignorance, unsophistication, unawarness, naïveté, naiveness; gaucheness, gaucheur, uncouthness, crassness, rudeness, boorishness, bruitishness, rawness; ill breeding, unmannerliness; illmanneredness, uncivility, uncivilness, ungentlemanliness; coarseness, roughness, baseness, commonness, ignobility, raffishness, inferiority, lowliness, humbleness.

2. indecency, indecorum, indecorousness, indelicacy; impropriety, unseemliness, tawdriness; grossness, rankness, repulsiveness, repulsivity, offensiveness, suggestivity; abusiveness, scurrillousness, blackguardism, profaneness.

3. obscenity, vulgarness, lewdness, salaciousness, vileness, foulness, filthiness, nastiness, St. raunchiness, lecherousness, lubricity, lustfulness, bawdiness, libidinosness, concupiscence, carnality, carnalness, sexiness, sensuality, licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, lecherousness, licentiousness, promiscuousness; coarseness, roughness, baseness, commonness, ignobility, raffishness, inferiority, lowliness, humbleness.

4. obscenity, salacity, pornography, vulgarism, filth, dirt, smut; scurrility, ribaldry, billingsgate, profanity, double entendre, Archaic. bawdry; curse word, swearword, dirty word, four-letter word, U.S. Inf. cuss, expletive.

vulgus, n. the masses, the common people, com-
monality, the working class, the lower class, the huddled masses, the multitude, the mob, the populace; the common man, the man in the street; peasants, proletariat, rank and file, plebians, the hoi polloi; rabble, scum, the great unwashed, riffraff, ragtag and bobtail.

**vulnerable, adj.** 1. unprotected, unguarded, unshielded, accessible, assailable; defenseless, uncovered, exposed, naked, wide open; weak, helpless, powerless, impotent; tender, sensitive, thin-skinned, easily hurt; innocent, wide-eyed, naïve, born yesterday, wet behind the ears.

2. susceptible to, unable to tolerate or withstand; subject to, given to, disposed to, likely to get, liable to; prone to, predisposed to, inclined toward, leaning toward.

3. open to attack, penetrable, invadable, attackable, unresistant; precarious, risky, dangerous, hazardous, *U.S. Inf.* out on a limb.
wad, n. 1. lump, mass, ball, plug, Dial. chaw; hunk, chunk, block, Sl. gob, mouthful.
2. bankroll, roll of money, roll, Sl. pile; thousands, millions, mint, Sl. load of money, Sl. lots of bucks or dough.
3. wads scads, oodles, lots, piles, heaps; a good deal, slew, Sl. load, raft, Sl. mess, Sl. gobs, pack, batch.
waddle, v. toddler, paddle, wag, duckwalk, shuffle; wobble, waggle, stagger, swing, sway, bob, wiggle, Scot. wamble.

waft, v. float, drift, ride high, whisk, glide, be buoyed up; whiff, blow, puff, huff, whiffle.

wag, v. 1. pendulate, sway, swing, waggle, wiggle, Inf. diddle; wobble, bobble, bob, nod, wave, flutter; fluctuate, oscillate, wig wag; flap, flit, flicker, flip, beat; shake, rock, jerk, twitch, vellicate; jiggle, sputter, waver, dance, undulate; swim, switch, vacillate, quiver; wriggle, squirm, turn, writhe.
—n. 2. shake, wobble, wiggle, waggle; switch, swish, flick, flutter, wave, swing, sway; vellication, jerk, oscillation, jiggle, flicker; waver, quiver, bob, bobble, beat, flap.
3. wit, humorist, jester, joker, comic, comedian; joker, banterer, wisecracker, droll, life of the party; farceur, buffoon, scaramouche, Inf. cutup, harlequin, merry-andrew; punner, epigrammatist, caricaturist, Fr. bel esprit.
wage, n. 1. Usu. wages salary, pay, emolument, remuneration, compensation, earnings, Brit. Sl. get; payment, hire, stipend, fee, honorarium; perquisites, Inf. perks, fringe benefits, Inf. benefits, Inf. fringes, Inf. extras.
2. Usu. wages recompense, requital, quittance; reward, Archaic. meed, Literary. guerdon, deserts; returns, interest, yield, gain.
—v. 3. carry on, engage in, set about, carry out, execute; undertake, take up, embark upon, devote oneself to; conduct, practice.
wager, n. 1. bet, gamble, stake, collateral, security, surety, guaranty, pledge, Poker. ante; chance, risk, throw or toss of the dice, spin of the wheel, Inf. flier, pig in a poke, long shot, Inf. toss-up, Sl. shot in the dark; speculation, uncertainty, hazard, venture, undertaking.
—v. 2. bet, gamble, make a bet, lay a wager, Brit. punt; put money on, lay odds, (in dice games) shoot, stake, put up, put up collateral, Poker. ante, Obs. impone, Obs. wage; play for money, play the lottery, enter the sweepstakes, shoot craps, play poker; chance, take a chance, cast lots, risk, run a risk, speculate, take a long shot, hazard, stick one’s neck out, Inf. risk it, Inf. chance it.
waggish, adj. roguish, puckish, elfish, impish, scampish, mischievous, full of mischief, naughty, bad, arch, Scot. hemp; prankish, tricksy, playful, sporting, clowning, joking, jesting, teasing; witty, quick-witted, nimble-witted, keen-witted, clever, salty, droll, amusing, entertaining, diverting, whimsical, light; jocular, jocose, jolly, jovial, merry, good-humored, mirthful, Inf. fun; humorous, funny, comical, risible, facetious, Archaic. facetoe, tongue-in-cheek, unserious; hilarious, hysterical, ridiculous, laughable, riotous, side-splitting, kneeslapping, a laugh, Sl. riot, Sl. a scream, Sl. a gas.
wagon, n. carriage, tilbury, buggy, tumrel, gig, dogcart, curriole, Chiefly Brit. trap; dumpcart, tipcart, Chiefly Brit, cart; dumpcart, tipcart, handtruck, pushcart, dart, dray.
waif, n. stray, homeless animal or person, street Arab, gutter urchin, ragamuffin, mudlark, poor little Arab, gutter urchin, ragamuffin, mudlark, poor little waif, person, street or n. —v. —v. 2. bet, gamble, stake, collateral, security, surety, guaranty, pledge, Poker. ante; chance, risk, throw or toss of the dice, spin of the wheel, Inf. flier, pig in a poke, long shot, Inf. toss-up, Sl. shot in the dark; speculation, uncertainty, hazard, venture, undertaking.
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wait, v. 1. stay, rest, remain, abide; linger, loiter, tarry; wait for, Dial. wait on; stand by, Inf.
hang around or about, In£. stick around; pause, hesitate, hover, hold back, hang back, hide one's time; hold one's horses, Inf. sit tight, SL. sweat it out, SL. sweat blood or bullets; stand in line, line up, Chiefly Brit. queue or queue up.

2. await, expect, anticipate, look forward to, count on or upon, have in prospect; watch for or watch out for, look for or look out for; be ready, Inf. be psyched for or be psyched up for; be on the lookout, keep a sharp eye or lookout; lie in ambush, set a trap for.

3. delay, postpone, defer, put off, hold off or up on, lay [s.t.] over, refrain or abstain from, let [s.t.] hang fire, put [s.t.] on ice or on a back burner; play a waiting game; adjourn, suspend, recess; table, shelve, pigeonhole, prorogue.

4. procrastinate, temporize, U.S. Congress. filibuster; Inf. stall, drag one's feet, Inf. footdrag; dally, dillydally, dawdle, poke along, kill or waste time; linger, loiter.

5. be in readiness, be available; make available, reserve, hold, set aside; waitlist.

6. wait on a. serve, service, attend to, attend, minister to b. tend table, serve table, wait table; Inf. waitress. c. supply, furnish, provide, accommodate. d. wait for. See (def. 1).

7. wait up a. stay up, stay awake, keep vigil. b. stop, halt, stop in one's tracks, slow down, slow up, go easy.

8. delay, holdup, holding pattern; halt, stop, stoppage; discontinuation, suspension, abeyance, cessation, moratorium, prorogation; postponement, discontinuation, suspension, abeyance, cessation, moratorium, prorogation; postponement, de

9. interval, interruption, hiatus, recess; respite, break, pause, rest, time-out, breath, breather, breathing spell; waiting period, interim, intermission.

waiter, n. 1. steward, butler, servant, servitor, (in India and the Orient) boy, attendant; server, checker, cashier.

headwaiter, host, maître d'hôtel, Inf. maître d'; sommelier, wine steward, cupbearer, Ganymede, Hebe; bartender, Fr. (usu. in direct address) garçon; carhop, SL. hasher, SL. hash-slinger; busboy; waitress, hostess, SI. carhop, bartender, Fr. (usu. in direct address) garçon; maître d'; 2. headwaiter, host, maître d'hôtel, Inf. maître d'hôtel.

wait, v. 1. step, ambulate, perambulate, stride, pace, tread; foot it, SL. hoof it, pad, ride shanks' mare, go by shanks' mare, Chiefly Scot. shank; stroll, saunter, amble; stroll, drudge, plod; shamble, shuffle, Inf. galumph; lurch, stagger, wobble, waddle; sidle, slink, mince, tip toe; move, go, advance, proceed, wend.

2. stretch one's legs, take a walk, take a turn, take one's constitutional, promenade, traipse; peregrinate, hike, tramp; march, troop, parade; wander, roam, rove, gad, meander, ramble.

walk, v. 1. step, amble, perambulate, stride, pace, tread; foot it, SL. hoof it, pad, ride shanks' mare, go by shanks' mare, Chiefly Scot. shank; stroll, saunter, amble; stroll, drudge, plod; shamble, shuffle, Inf. galumph; lurch, stagger, wobble, waddle; sidle, slink, mince, tip toe; move, go, advance, proceed, wend.

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—n. 3. stroll, ramble, amble, saunter, promenade; constitutional, airing; hike, tramp, march.

4. gait, pace, step, bearing, carriage; deportment.

5. line of work, trade, métier, profession, vocation, occupation, career, calling; activity, pursuit; field, area, area, sphere; department, province, position, place, course.

6. path, pathway, footpath, trail; promenade, esplanade; sidewalk, Chiefly Brit. pavement, Fr. trottoir.

walker, n. 1. hiker, ramper, backpacker, peregrinator, wayfarer, peripatetic; perambulator, ambulator, pe
destrian; tramp, hobo, vagabond, knight of the road, itinerant, tinker, nomad.

walking stick, n. cane, Malacca cane, alpenstock, stick, crutch; staff, rod, crozier, crook, shepherd's crook.

walkout, n. strike, sit-down, work stoppage, job action, wildcat or outlaw strike, slowdown, Inf. go slow, sick-out; protest, dissent; uprising, revolt, rebellion, riot.

walkover, n. easy victory, walkaway, a sure thing, Inf. shoo-in, pushover; something easy, SL. cinch, Inf. snap, SI. child's play, SL. a breeze, duck soup, piece of cake, SL. a picnic.

wall, n. 1. partition, separator, divider, room divider, screen, division; brattice, Civil Eng. bulkhead; fence, paling, stone wall; embankment, dike, levee, sea wall; dividing wall, Biol. septum, membrane.

2. Usu. walls fortification, protection, enclosure, enceinte; Fort. rampart, Fort. bulwark, barricade, Fort. stockade; Fort. breastwork, Fort. fieldwork, bunker.

3. obstruction, barrier, block, impediment, obstacle,
wallet, n. Chiefly Brit.
roll around, splash around, swim; 1. wallow,
1. pale, ashen, ashy, pallid, colorless; adj. wan,
1. n. wand,
2. tired, worn, weary; unhealthy, sickly, haggard,
2. shoot, offshoot, sprig, branch, twig, sprout; ten-
3. speak incoherently, rave, be crazed, go off one's
3. feel inclined, feel like, wish, prefer, feel prone to.
4. lewd, lecherous, lubricous, satyric, satyrlike, goat-
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5. luxurious, opulent, sumptuous, costly, rich, posh,
5.    be bereft of, be deprived of.
6. neediness, poverty, destitution, privation, penury,
6. profligate, rake, rakehell, roué, libertine,
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1. combat, warfare, fighting, hostilities; wantonness, licentiousness, looseness, dissoluteness, dissipation, profigacy, debauchery, rakishness; lechery, lubricity, lust, libidinousness, salaciousness, lasciviousness; temper, lust, licentiousness, looseness, dissolute.

v. 1. ward, warden, wares

merchandise, goods, commodities;Usu.
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warlike, adj. 1. militant, militaristic, aggressive, hawkish; bellicose, belligerent, combative, pugnacious, trunculent, full of fight, Sl. scrappy; hostile, antagonistic.

2. martial, military-minded, soldierly, soldier-like; armed, under arms, armed to the teeth, sword in hand, in battle array, Archaic. battalions.

warlock, n. 1. sorcerer, wizard, male witch, conjurer, magician, Archaic. mage; shaman, witch doctor, root doctor, medicine man; exorcist.

2. seer, soothsayer, oracle, fortuneteller, palmist, necromancer, thaumaturgist; augur, diviner, dowser, (in ancient Rome) haruspice.

warm, adj. 1. tepid, lukewarm, heated; toasty, Inf. roasty-toasty, snug, comfortable, cozy.

2. fervid, fervent, zealous, ardent, vehement; emotional, passionate, impassioned, warm-blooded, hot-headed, impetuous.

3. friendly, on friendly terms, on a first-name basis; intimate, familiar, close, Inf. tight, Inf. thick, Inf. thick as thieves, Inf. like two peas in a pod.

4. cordial, genial, hearty, hospitable, amiable, receptive, open-hearted; enthusiastic, ebullient, effusive, gushing; glowing; earnest, sincere, heartfelt.

5. irritated, annoyed, vexed, piqued, peeved, Inf. miffed, Inf. atrociously; exasperated; exasperated, ruffled, disposed, disturbed; irate, angry, Inf. hot, Inf. hot under the collar, Sl. all riled up, Sl. ticked-off, Sl. teed-off.

6. lively, full of life, animated; energetic, vigorous, full of vigor; vivacious, vivid, frisky, brisk.

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—v. 8. heat, heat up, mull, tepify; reheat, warm over.

9. animate, vivify, invigorate, inspire, rouse, awake, wake up, stir; incite, foment, agitate, fire up.

10. warm up a. prepare, practice, drill; Music: noodle; train, loosen up. Inf. get loose, exercise. b. intensify, heighten, deepen, worsen.

warmed-over, adj. 1. reheated, recooked.

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warlock, n. 1. sorcerer, wizard, male witch, conjurer, magician, Archaic. mage; shaman, witch doctor, root doctor, medicine man; exorcist.

2. seer, soothsayer, oracle, fortuneteller, palmist, necromancer, thaumaturgist; augur, diviner, dowser, (in ancient Rome) haruspice.

warm, adj. 1. tepid, lukewarm, heated; toasty, Inf. roasty-toasty, snug, comfortable, cozy.

2. fervid, fervent, zealous, ardent, vehement; emotional, passionate, impassioned, warm-blooded, hot-headed, impetuous.

3. friendly, on friendly terms, on a first-name basis; intimate, familiar, close, Inf. tight, Inf. thick, Inf. thick as thieves, Inf. like two peas in a pod.

4. cordial, genial, hearty, hospitable, amiable, receptive, open-hearted; enthusiastic, ebullient, effusive, gushing; glowing; earnest, sincere, heartfelt.

5. irritated, annoyed, vexed, piqued, peeved, Inf. miffed, Inf. atrociously; exasperated; exasperated, ruffled, disposed, disturbed; irate, angry, Inf. hot, Inf. hot under the collar, Sl. all riled up, Sl. ticked-off, Sl. teed-off.

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warp, v. 1. bend out of shape, bend, twist, turn, wrench; contort, misshape, deform.
2. swerve, curve, veer, deviate, slue.
3. bias, prejudice, jaundice, poison; prepossess, influence, sway, predetermine.
4. pervert, distort, misconstrue, misrender, misrepresent; color, slant, varnish, gild.
5. curve, bow, bend, twist, turn, bias, veer, slue; hook, crook, angle; meander, zigzag, deviation, variation, Chiefly Scot.
6. bias, prejudice, prepossession; bent, proclivity, propensity, tendency; quirk, idiosyncrasy, idioscrasy, mannerism, hobby-horse; oddity, peculiarity, irregularity, incongruity, inconsistency.

warrior, n. 1. brave, soldier, fighter, fighting man, man-of-arms, man-at-arms; infantryman, doughboy, common soldier, cannon fodder, GI or GI Joe, U.S. Sl. grunt, U.S. Marine Sl. leatherneck, U.S. Sl. gyrene, Brit. Tommy, Scot. Jock, Fr. poilu; intrepid or fearless warrior, lion, tiger, bulldog, gamecock, fighting cock; mercenary, soldier of fortune, dog soldier.
2. hero, champion, paladin, knight; stalwart, gallant, valiant, cavalier; a man, a real man, brave man, man of courage or mettle.
3. struggler, battler, fighter; die-hard, trouper.

warship, n. man-of-war, war vessel, ship of war; ship of the line, line-of-battle ship, corvette; battleship, Brit. battleswagoan, cruiser, dreadnought; destroyer; gunboat; P.T. boat; aircraft carrier, carrier, U.S. Navy Sl. flattop; submarine, subserrable, U-boat.

wary, adj. 1. chary, careful, cautious, circumspect, prudent, mindful, heedful; guarded, on one's guard; leery, apprehensive, distrustful, suspicious, Inf. cagey.
2. vigilant, watchful, Archaic; ware, on the watch, on the lookout; attentive, observant, sharp-eyed, hawk-eyed, eagle-eyed, Argus-eyed, all eyes and ears; alert, on the alert, on the qui vive, on one's toes, Inf. heads-up, awake, wide-awake, sleepless, unsleeping, unnodding, Inf. with one's eyes peeled.

wash, v. 1. clean, clean up, bathe, Brit. Inf. tub, lave, cleanse, wash up, scrub up, Chiefly Scot. dight; deterge, launder, do the laundry; shampoo, lather, soap; scrub, brush, swab, mop; soak, shower, douse, rinse, flush, sponge, douche; absterge, scour, wipe.
2. cleanse, chasten; baptize, christen, sprinkle, sprinkle, asperse, anoint; immerse, submerge, dunk, Archaic. dip.
3. moisten, dampen, bedew, humidify, mist; wet, irrigate, soak, imbue, drench, saturate.
4. splash, swash, dash, break against, washout, thrash against; roll, lap, undulate, surge, swell, ripple; rush, flow, run, swim, wear, rub, polish, smooth, level, flatten; consume, deteriorate, waste, abrade, erode, wash away; channel, cut through, groove, cleave, excavate, penetrate.
5. carry, move, drive, convey, transport; deliver, bring, propel, throw, deposit.
6. purify, depurate, purge, expurgate, defecate, mundify, lustrate; elutriate, decant, filter, strain, sieve, sift, Chem. edulcorate.
7. (all with color) coat, film, glaze, gloss, suffuse, overspread, overlay.
8. hold up, Inf. hold water, carry weight, stand up, stand or bear the test.
—n. 9. cleaning, bath, bathing, Both Brit. Inf. tub, tumbling; lavage, lavation, cleansing, ablation, wash up, washing; deterging, laundering, shampoo, shampoing, lather, lathering, soap, scrubbing, brushes, soap, plunging, mopping; shower, showering, douse, dousing, rinse, rinsing, flush, flushing; sponge bath, sponging, douche, douching, dip, dipping; abstersion, absterging, scour, scouring, wiping, wipe.
10. laundry, washing, dirty clothes or linen, Sl. socks and jocks.
11. flow, flowing, sweep, sweeping, running; splash, splashing, dashing, beat, thrashing; sea, roll, rolling, lapping, undulation, undulating, surf, breaker, breaking, surging, surging, surfing, swell, swelling, wave, waving, ripple, rippling, wake.
12. rinse, lotion, cold cream, cosmetic, toiletry, cologne, toilet water; emulsion, application, preparation, embrocation, liniment, salve, Med. emollient; tint, tinge, dye.
13. antiseptic, disinfectant, Med. irrigator, medicine, medicament, remedy, purgative, cathartic.
14. erosion, wearing away, washout, landslide.
15. marsh, fen, bog, swamp, slough, morass, mire, quagmire, Brit. Dial. sump.
16. stream, streamlet, brook, rill, rivulet, runnel, creek, run, channel; pool, pond, inlet, estuary, backwater, tidalwater; gully, ditch, gutter, ravine.
17. layer, coat, film, glaze, floss, gelatin; suffusion, spread, overspread, overlay, screen, cover; calcimine,
resentful, spiteful, peevish, petulant, waspish, adj. washed-up, adj. Informal, through, finished, over.

wassail, n. toast, pledge, salute, salutation, v. 1. Inf. toast, drink a toast to, drink to, pledge, drink the health of.

washed-out, adj. 1. faded, bleached, etiolated; colorless, lusterless, lackluster, dull, dead, drab, flat, mat. 2. Informal. a. exhausted, spent, drained, S'l. bushed, S'l. pooped, S'l. beat, S'l. all in; dead-tired, dog-tired, bone-weary, dead one a'feet; tired out, worn out, played out, Inf. tagg'd out, Inf. tucked out, Inf. knocked out, Inf. wiped out, Inf. pooped out, S'l. too pooped to pop. b. wan, pale, pallid, anemic; hag-dard, drawn, tried-looking, tried-eyed.

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washable, launderable, wash and wear; preshrunk, shrink-resistant, Trademark. Sanforized; nonbleeding, bled, faded.

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warm, adj. Informal, through, finished, over, all over, S'l. all up.

warmth, n. Inf. heat

waste, v. 1. squander, fritter away, fool away, dissipate, lose, misuse, misspend; expend, consume, use up, drain, exhaust, deplete; throw away, burn up, run through, go through, S'l. blow; disperse, scatter, spill, muddle away; splurge, lavish, pay the profligate, S'l. hang the expense; misapply, misemploy, overdraw, impoverish, spend recklessly; throw money away, spend money like water, throw good money after bad; play the profligate, S'l. burn out, S'l. wrecked, S'l. wasted, S'l. zonked.

wasteful, adj. prodigal, lavish, extravagant, profligate, spendthrift, thriftless, overindulgent, overliberal; profuse, excessive, improvident, too free, overgenerous, free-handed; unthrifty, free and easy, easy come, easy go, penny-wise and pound-foolish; improvident, wasteful, squanderous, overfood, dissipative.

wastrel, n. spendthrift, waster, spend, big spend-er, squanderer; prodigal, prodigal son, scattergood, rounder.

watch, v. 1. look, observe, view, regard, see; look at, take in, gaze at, look on, Inf. speciate, eye, ogle, gape, stare at; notice, perceive, espy, detect, descry, despise; sack, loot, gut, strip, ransack, rifle; maraud, rape, harry, Chieful Scot. reive, raid; wreak havoc upon, overrun, shatter, smash, crush, fell; annihilate, eradicate, extirpate, blast, bow up, raze.

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washed-up, adj. Informal, through, finished, S'l. fini, S'l. done for, S'l. kaput, S'l. shot, S'l. SOL; over, all over, S'l. all up.

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sight; contemplate, behold, inspect, make note of, take stock of, scrutinize; survey, scan, examine, pore over, Inf. size up; mark, remark, glimpse, glance; look after, keep an eye on, follow, Inf. keep tabs on, keep in sight, hold in view, spy upon, reconnoiter.

2. take care, be careful, be attentive, watch out, pay attention, heed; be on guard, be on the lookout, Inf. keep one’s eyes peeled, keep one’s eyes open; be watchful, be on the alert, be vigilant, keep one’s ears to the ground, look lively, keep one’s eye on the ball.

3. keep watch, stand guard, keep watch and ward, mount guard; patrol, police, go on one’s beat; secure, preserve, safeguard.

4. guard, watch over, protect, keep, shelter, cover; mind, tend, oversee, superintend, look over, overlook; foster, shepherd, nurse, mother, attend, minister; chaperson, escort, accompany, convoy, conduct; look after, see after, take care of, care for, Inf. baby-sit, Inf. sit for.

5. watch for look for, wait for, await, watch out for, look forward to, anticipate, expect, count on, reckon on, be ready for, have in prospect.

6. observation, regard, consideration, contemplation, Inf. the eye; inspection, scrutiny, survey, study, observance, examination, overview; surveillance, view, oversight.

7. guard, lookout, watch and ward, sharp eye, watching; vigilance, watchfulness, watchful eye, weather eye; meticulousness, attention, alertness, attentiveness, wariness; vigil, wake, Eccles. perception, Obs. pervigilation; custody, safeguard, safekeeping, stewardship, guardianship, charge, supervision.

8. timepiece, wrist watch, clock, pocket watch, stopwatch, chronometer, chronograph; timekeeper, timer, Inf. tick; horology, sundial, calendar watch.

9. sentry, sentinel, guard, patrolman. See watchman.

watchful, adj. wary. See wary (defs. 1, 2).

watchman, n. guard, custodian, night watchman; protector, defender, guardian, guarner, guardsman; watch, sentinel, sentry, picket, patrol, garrison; jailer, warder, warden, keeper, turnkey, Sl. screw, Sl. bull; scout, lookout, watchdog.

watchword, n. password, Fr. mot de passe, Fr. passe-phrase, shibboleth, test word; keyword, open way,Inf.

wayfarer, n. traveler, voyager, journeyer, excursionist, Brit. Inf. tripper, trekker; globe-trotter, sightseer, tourist; wanderer, roamer, rover, meanderer,
landlubber, adventurer; gadabout, gallivancer; nomad, gypsy. Bedouin, Kuchi; walker, hiker, tramper. See also walker.

wayfaring, adj. hiking, on the open road, peregrinating, peripatetic; journeying, traveling, itinerant, rambling, roving, roaming; gypsy, nomadic; on the move, on the go, restless, with sand in one’s shoes, with wanderlust.

waylay, v. ambush, ambuscade, lie in wait; lurk, disobeident, willful, self-willed, 1.

adj. Informal. 1.

3. esoteric, exotic, foreign; different, strange, also ultramodern, modernistic; exploratory, experimental, innovative, ground-breaking, preceden-setting.

2. bizzare, strange, odd, unusual, uncommon; abnormal, irregular, persistent, perversion, erratic; queer, peculiar, curious, singular, offbeat; quaint, eccentric, weird, freakish, outlandish; freaky, Inf. kinky, Sl. flaky, Sl. off the wall.

3. esoteric, exotic, foreign; different, strange, glamorous, exciting.

wayward, adj. 1. disobedient, willful, self-willed, contrary, perverse, wrong-headed, cross-grained, balky, uncooperative, froward, refractory, recalcitrant, contrary, perverse, wrong-headed, cross-grained, balky, uncooperative, difficult, restive, unruly, fractious, incorrigible; uncooperative, froward, refractory, recalcitrant, contrary, perverse, wrong-headed, cross-grained, balky, uncooperative, difficult, restive, unruly, fractious, incorrigible.

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weak, adj. 1. frail, fragile, breakable, delicate; unstable, unsteady, unsubstantial; flimsy, jerry-built, gimcrack, rickety, ramshackle, dilapidated, falling apart or down, tumble-down, decayed, rotten.

2. feeble, puny, nonmuscular, nonathletic, energized, enervate, anemic, Pathol. atomic, Pathol. asthenic, Pathol. neurasthenic; dropping, languid, languishing, limp, flagging, Dial. limpsy, tired, worn-out, about to drop, exhausted, spent, effete; ailing, indisposed, infirm, sickly, weak, Valterudnarian in poor health, unwell, unhealthy, debilitated, invalid, bedridden; faltering, shaky, dodging, tottering, trembling, senile, anile, decrepit, Inf. dotty; the worse for wear, declining, failing, on one’s last legs, going downhill, on the way out, failing, sinking, dying.

3. impotent, impuissant, powerless, helpless; inefficient, ineffectual, inefficacious, insufficient, incapable, incompetent, inept, inapt, feckless; unavailing, futile, inutile, useless, hopeless, bootless, nugatory, good for nothing.

4. trifling, trivial, insignificant, meaner, mere, piddling, paltry, niggle, worthless, Archaic. seely; inadequate, insufficient, deficient, wanting, lacking, short.

5. lame, shallow, childish, puerile, sophomoric, superficial, vapid, empty, half-baked, Sl. half-assed, Sl. for the birds; unconvincing, untenable, unbelievable, inconclusive; loose, lax, illogical; unsound, ungrounded, unsupported, unsustained; poor, inferior, unsatisfactory, not up to snuff or par; careless, slipshod, shoddy, sloppy, miserable, Inf. lousy.

6. weak-minded, feeble-minded, dim-witted, soft or weak in the head, balmy, Brit. barmy, Inf. daffy; dull-witted, slow-witted, retarded, imbecile, moronic, unintelligent, stupid, Inf. dumb; simple-minded, simple, foolish, silly, idiotic, asinine. See also feeble-
wealth, n. 1. riches, means, wherewithal, assets, resources, reserves; funds, money, Sl. gilt, Sl. mazuma; monies, cash, capital; plenty, treasure, fortune, Sl. bread, Sl. dough, Sl. moolah, Sl. loot, Sl. gravy, Sl. bucks, Sl. big bucks, blue-chip stocks, gilt-edged securities or bonds; affluence, richness, prosperity, opulence, easy circumstances; nest egg. Sl. cushion, Sl. tidy bundle, nice sum.

2. abundance, heap, pile, mass, ton, great deal; profusion, bounty, plenitude, plenteousness, bountifulness, copiousness, amplitude; cornucopia, bottomless well, treasury, gold mine, mine.

wealthy, adj. 1. rich, affluent, prosperous, moneyed, well-off, well-to-do, forehand, silk-stocking; worth a great deal, Inf. worth a bundle, in the money, Sl. in the bucks, in the chips, Sl. loaded, made of money, Inf. rolling in dough; in clover, Sl. on easy street, in easy circumstances, comfortable, Inf. not hurting, Inf. in velvet; with money to burn, Sl.inking, Sl. stinking or filthy rich, weighed down by diamonds; with the key to the bank, sitting on top of a gold mine, with an oil well in one’s backyard; doing nicely, not having to work, clipping coupons, well-fed, well-heeled; born with a silver spoon in one’s mouth, to the manner born; parvenu, newly rich, Fr. nouveau riche.

2. opulent, sumptuous, elegant, luxurious, lavish, gold mine, with an oil well in one’s backyard; doing well, loaded, made of money, Inf. on easy street, in easy circumstances, comfortable, Inf. not hurting, Inf. in velvet; with money to burn, Sl. stinking, Sl. stinking or filthy rich, weighed down by diamonds; with the key to the bank, sitting on top of a gold mine, with an oil well in one’s backyard; doing nicely, not having to work, clipping coupons, well-fed, well-heeled; born with a silver spoon in one’s mouth, to the manner born; parvenu, newly rich, Fr. nouveau riche.

3. abundant, ample, replete, rife, well-supplied; 2. abundant, ample, replete, rife, well-supplied; 3. abundant, ample, replete, rife, well-supplied; 4. abundant, ample, replete, rife, well-supplied; 5. abundant, ample, replete, rife, well-supplied; 6. abundant, ample, replete, rife, well-supplied; 7. abundant, ample, replete, rife, well-supplied.

wear, v. 1. dress in, don, put on, slip into or on; get into, step into; display, show off, parade, flaunt; display, show off, parade, flaunt; 2. impair, deteriorate, degenerate, worsen, canker, get into, step into; display, show off, parade, flaunt; 3. abundant, ample, replete, rife, well-supplied; 4. abundant, ample, replete, rife, well-supplied; 5. abundant, ample, replete, rife, well-supplied; 6. last, endure, hold up, survive, continue, prove durable.

weather, n. 1. atmospheric conditions, temperature, Inf. temp, relative humidity, barometric pressure; climate, Literary. clime.

2. strong or heavy wind, windstorm, blow, gale, hurricane; storm, thunderstorm, rainstorm, snowstorm.

3. under the weather Informal. a. ill, ailing, sick, Inf. nauseous, nauseated, sick to one’s stomach, queasy.

4. dry, season, expose to the elements.

5. color, bleach; disintegrate, deteriorate, crumble, fall apart, rot or rot out, rust or rust out, Chem. oxidize.

6. bear up against, endure, stand, withstand, resist; surmount, rise above, overcome, get the better of; weather or ride out the storm, keep one’s head above water, Inf.: tough it out, Inf. hang in there; come through, pull through, survive, live through, make it back alive, in one piece, come through with flying colors, land on one’s feet.

weatherman, n. meteorologist, climatologist, weather prophet, forecaster or weather forecaster.

weather vane, n. 1. weathercock, cock, wind vane, vane.

2. barometer, indicator, pointer, indicator, predict, forecaster; indication, sign, omen, augury, token; herald, forerunner, harbinger; hint, clue, idea.

weave, v. 1. interlace, intertwine, interlace, twine, interweave, interwork, work in or together; intertwist, twist together, entwine, entwine, braid, plait, plait; interknit, knit together, join, combine, interlink, interlock, engage, fit together; merge, dovetail, mesh, splice.

2. make or make up, create, compose, form, design, fabricate, construct, build.

3. zigzag, crisscross, go in and out; move from side to side, sway.

web, n. 1. cobweb, spider’s web, trap, snare, entrapment, entanglement; mesh, net, network; interlacement, entwinement, intertwining; lace, lattice, latticework, braiding.
wed, v. 1. marry, wife, espouse, tie the knot, take the plunge, say one's vows, say "I do." walk down the aisle, become man and wife, Sl. splice, Sl. hitch up with, Archaic. husband; lead [s.o.] to the altar, walk [s.o.] down the aisle, give away; hook up, join in holy wedlock or marriage, Sl. hitch.

2. mate, couple, partner, twin, pair up, match up; unite, join, bond, fuse, weld, glue, cohere, stick together, put together; yoke, bind, tie together; connect, link, chain; unify, bring or draw together, make close; associate, affiliate, ally; coalesce, league, club; team, band, herd, pool, merge.

3. combine, mix, commix, admix, conglomerate, agglomerate; amalgamate, blend, homogenize; compound, alloy, Chem. levigate, commingle, mingle, intermingle, intermix, lump together.

wedding, n. 1. marriage, nuptials, marriage or wedding ceremony, marriage, holy marriage, bridal, Class Myth. Nymphaea, spousals, espousals, (among the ancient Romans) confarreation; wedlock, holy wedlock, marital union or bond, nuptial tie or knot.

2. union, alliance, affiliation, merger, liaison, Inf. hook-up, Sl. tie-up; unification, incorporation, amalgamation, consolidation, integration.

weekly, adj. 1. hebdomadal, hebdomary, Fr. hebdomadaire, Ger. wöchentlich, Sp. semanal, It. settimanale.

—adv. 2. by the week, once a week, every week, hebdomadally.

weep, v. cry, shed tears, boohoo, sob; bawl, blubber, weep, adj. weepy, turb, disturb.

1. weight, weigh down a. weight, load, load with, tax; encumber, cumber, hamper, handicap; strain, overload, overburden, overtax. b. burden, depress, trouble, distress, worry, torment, afflict, oppress; try, vex, perturb, disturb.

weight, n. 1. heaviness, heft, heftiness, weightiness, ponderousness, ponderosity, gravity; pounds, tonnage, pressure; mass, density, volume, size; bulk, bulkiness, largeness, bigness, amplitude.

2. load, burden, onus, cross, millstone, albatross; duty, charge, obligation, responsibility, tax; strain, encumbrance, impediment, hindrance, handicap; trouble, care, anxiety, worry; hardship, difficulty, affliction, oppression; trial, tribulation, ordeal; woe, grief.
well, adv. 1. prosperously, profitably, advantageously, beneficially; fortunately, happily, auspiciously.
2. commendably, worthy, laudably, excellently, splendidly, Inf. famously, in fine fashion, with flying colors.
3. satisfactorily, considerably, adequately; sufficiently, enough, O.K.
4. thoroughly, soundly, backwards and forwards, inside out; intimately, personally; carefully, conscientiously, attentively.
5. properly, correctly, rightly, suitably; civilly, nicely, politely.
6. undoubtedly, certainly, unquestionably; obviously, plainly, clearly.

—adj.
7. healthy, sound, in fine fettle, fit, physically fit, in good health; fine, ruddy, vigorous, hale, hearty, hale and hearty, robust, bursting with health.
8. satisfactory, fine, acceptable, O.K.; prosperous, flourishing, thriving, palmy, successful; promising, bright, fortunate, auspicious.

well, n. 1. spring, wellhead, headspring, springhead; fountainhead, fountain, fount, Archaic; font; head; fountainhead, fountain, fount, Archaic, bright, fortunate, auspicious.
2. pit, shaft, crater, abyss; depression, hollow; wellspring, reservoir, source, mine; hotbed.
3. varied, diversified; motley, mixed, heterogeneous.
4. commotion, stir, furor, hubbub, turmoil, tumult; upheaval, disorder, disturbance, confusion, disquiet; noise, clamor, clanging, racket, din, sound and fury; ferment, unrest, agitation, excitement; convulsion, paroxysm; storm, tempest, whirlwind, winds; outbreak, uprising, riot, brawl, wildness.

well-balanced, adj. 1. sensible, sane, rational, reasonable; prudent, judicious, circumspect, thoughtful; sober, moderate, cool, cool-headed, level-headed; sound, commonsensical, practical, down-to-earth, realistic; intelligent, discerning, discriminating; (both of personality) well-adjusted, Sl. together.
2. symmetrical, well-proportioned, proportional, balanced; harmonious, concinnous, congruous; orderly, well-ordered, well-arranged, classic, apollonian; graceful, well-formed, well-made.
3. varied, diversified; motley, mixed, heterogeneous.

well-being, n. See welfare (def. 1).

well-born, adj. highborn, aristocratic, patrician, blue-blooded, silk-stocking; noble, genteel, genteel; royal, princely, kingly, titled.

well-bred, adj. 1. well-brought-up, well-trained, well-mannered, well-behaved, highbred; polite, civil, mannerly, courteous; gracious, ladylike, ladyish, courteously, gentlymanly, gentlemanly; debonair, charming, chivalrous, gallant, cavalier.
2. refined, cultivated, polished, finished; elegant, graceful, Scot. genteel, fine, delicate, exquisite; urbane, suave, sophisticated, cosmopolitan, worldly.
3. (all of animals) thoroughbred, pedigreed, pure-bred.

well-defined, adj. clear, clear-cut, unmistakable, conspicuous, salient, obvious, evident; defined, distinct, discernible, recognizable, well-marked, vivid, graphic; unhidden, undisguised, unconcealed; perceptible, distinguishable, visible, audible; sharp, clean, uncluttered, unblurred.

well-established, adj. 1. fixed, set, rooted, grounded, ingrained, entrenched, inveterate; long-established, established, longstanding, of long standing, traditional; venerable, time-honored, hallowed, immortal.
2. stable, steady, sound, sturdy; dependable, reliable, trustworthy.
3. chronic, habitual, confirmed, inured, hardened, hard-core, die-hard; unchangeable, immovable, incorrigible, irrevocable, irreversible.

well-groomed, adj. clean-cut, clean, spruce, dapper, smart, natty, trim, Sl. nifty; clean-shaven, smooth-shaven, manicured, combed, coiffured; well-dressed, chic, Sl. spiffy; primped up, prinked up, Sl. duded up; neat, meticulous, fastidious, without a hair out of place.

well-known, adj. 1. familiar, known, common, everyday, household, usual, established; customary, conventional, traditional, wonted, habitual; commonplace, trite, stock, hackneyed.
2. famous, famed, renowned, celebrated, prominent, Inf. big-name or name; touted, big-time, popular, on everyone's lips; noted, notable, eminent, preeminent, illustrious, great; immortal, fabled, storied, legendary, historical.

well-nigh, adv. nearly, next to, just about. See almost.

well-off, adj. wealthy, rich, affluent, prosperous, moneyed, well-to-do. See wealthy (def. 1).

well-thought-of, adj. esteemed, respected, admired, highly regarded; venerable, distinguished, honored, exalted, acclaimed; looked-up-to, revered, venerated; prized, valued, valuable.

welth, n. 1. ridge, wale, lump, bump, Inf. goose egg; concretion, bruise, black-and-blue mark or spot; scar, mark.
2. blow, beating, Sl. sock, slap, Inf. whomp, bang, Inf. whack, smack, rap.

welter, v. 1. roll, toss, tumble; heave, surge, swell; spill over or out; emit, send forth, eject.
2. be entangled or snarled, get snarled up, flounder, lose one's way, get bogged down, get mired, get over one's head.

—n.
3. jumble, muddle, tangle, mishmash, hodgepodge; jigsaw puzzle, mosaic, pastiche, collage, patchwork, crazy quilt; clutter, mess, farrago, medley, gallimaufry, mixture, olio, potpourri.
4. commotion, stir, furor, hubbub, tumultuosity, tumult, uproar, chaos, bedlam; upheaval, disorder, disturbance, confusion, disquiet; noise, clamor, clanging, racket, din, sound and fury; ferment, unrest, agitation, excitement; convulsion, paroxysm; storm, tempest, whirlwind, winds; outbreak, uprising, riot, brawl, wildness.

wench, n. 1. peasant girl, country lass, woman rustic; working girl, maid, serving woman.
2. Archaic. strumpet, prostitute, harlot.

—v.
3. womanize, whore, wanton, Sl. sleep around, lecher, Sl. fetch.

wet, adj. 1. dampened, dampened, moistened; moist, damp; soaked, drenched, wringing wet, wet through, saturated; soppy, sopping, dripping, sodden, soggy.
2. misty, foggy, vaporous, dewy; drizzling, showery, rainy; pouring, monsoonal, raining cats and dogs.
3. watery, watered, aqueous; sloppy, spongy, muddy.
4. dank, humid, muggy, steamy, sweaty.

—v.
5. moisten, damp, humidify, dampen; soak, drench, saturate; splash, hose down, sprinkle, irrigate, water; wash, bathe; steep, ret, dip.

—n.
6. moisture, dampness, water, wetness, moistness; dew; seepage, condensation, steam, vapor.
7. rain, shower, cloudburst, downpour, deluge; mist, fog, drizzle, Chiefly Dialect. mizzle.

—v.
7. moisten, dampen, humidify; damp; soak, drench, saturate; splash, hose down, sprinkle, irrigate, water; wash, bathe; steep, ret, dip.

—n.
8. (of animals and children) urine, Sl. pee, Baby Talk. peeppee; void, egest.

whale, n. 1. leviathan, cetacean, Moby Dick; white whale, beluga, blue whale, sulphur-bottom, sperm whale, finback, porqual, humpback; sea monster.
2. Slang. enormity, colossus, titan, giant, mammoth, Inf. jumbo.

Security, Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps; unemployment compensation, Inf. unemployment.
cream, Sl. pulverize, Sl. skunk; crush, trample, quash, destroy, do for, Sl. do in.
5. *Often whip out* pull, yank, yerk, whisk, flick; show, display, exhibit, present.
6. *Often whip into* go into, move into; begin, start, turn on.

7. *Usu. whip around, into, or off* whisk, flit, bus- ter, scurry, scramble, hurry, rush, Inf. hustle; tear, rip, dart, dash, rampage, zoom, Inf. zip; speed, sprint, race, run, hie, fly, shoot, bolt, whiz, Inf. go like light- ning or the wind or the Dickens or a house afire; scoot, scud, scuttle, make tracks, flee, Inf. skedaddle.
8. *—n.* lash, knout, scourge, flagellum, bullwhip, cat-o'-nine-tails, cat, cowhide, rawhide, quart, U.S. blacksnake.
9. lash, swat, whack, thwack, swipe, slap, Inf. lick, Sl. zinger, Sl. smackerow; strike, stroke, hit, buffet, cuff, knock, blow, Inf. wallop, Inf. sock, Inf. whop; stroke, motion, move, fell swoop.

8. *whipping* n. lashing, birching, switching, flogging, scouring, flagellation, strapping, Inf. lacing, Inf. trimming, Sl. belting; spanking, thrashing, threshing, thrash, Inf. tanning, Inf. whacking; smack, smacking, slap, slapped, swat; beating, battering, pounding, pummeling, pelting, Sl. pasting, Sl. the business, Sl. the works, going-over, Sl. what for; chastisement, punishment, disciplining, correction, medicine.

8. *whirl, v.* 1. spin, gyrate, reel, rotate, pivot, pirouette, swirl, twirl; whirl, twiddle, twis- tel; turn, revolve, wheel, roll, somersault, flip-flop; wheel around, swing around, turn around, about-face, do a 180°; circle, circum- volve, circumrotate.
2. rotation, spin, gyration, pivot, pirouette, swirl; turn, somersault, roll, flip-flop; revolution, cir- cuit, circumcursion, circumrotation, round, lap, ambit, orbit, full circle or cycle, 360°; turn, about-face, 180°.
3. round, series, cycle, chain, sequence, succession, progression, train, string, set, bunch, cluster, Sl. whole swel; whirlwind, flurry, flutter, rush.
4. fling, stab, shot, crack, go, try, attempt, essay; tri- al, trial run, testing, tryout, chance, opportunity, break.
5. *whirlpool, n.* maelstrom, swirl, gurge, eddy; vortex, whirlwind, dust devil, dust whirl; tornado, twister, cy- clone, typhoon, simoom, samiel; whirlabout, whirligig, gyroscope, top, propeller, whirling dervish; merry- go-round, carousel.

8. *whirlpool* n. vortex, maelstrom, gurge, swirl, whirl; eddy, countercurrent, counterflow, undertow, underturn.

8. *whiskey* n. alcohol, liquor, spirits, Inf. booze, Sl. hard stuff; rye, Scotch, bourbon; corn, corn liquor, sour mash; moonshine, shine, home brew, Sl. sneaky pete; mountain dew, John Barleycorn, little black snare; mountain dew, John Barleycorn, little brown hard stuff; rye, Scotch, bourbon; corn, corn liquor, sour mash; moonshine, shine, home brew, Sl. sneaky pete; mountain dew, John Barleycorn, little black snare.

8. *white, adj.* 1. snowy, snow-white, nivose, ivory, creamy; milky, milk-white, opalescent, opaline, pearly, newrose; marble, marmoreal; chalky, chalk-white, cretaceous; whitish, albescence; white-hot, candent.
2. light-skinned, Caucasoid, Caucasian.
3. pallid, pale, peaked, wan, ashen; pasty, sallow, waxen; sickly, faint, drained, bloodless, anemic; ghastly, deathlike, cadaverous.
4. colorless, lackluster, dull, dingy, dun, hueless, Optics. achromatic; bland, nondescript, vanilla, insipid; uncolorful, ordinary, Sl. blah.
5. silvery, gray, smoky, hoary, Rare. hoar, hair- haired, white-haired, (of plants) canescent; grizzled, grizzly.
6. pure, unsullied, unstained, stainless, spotless; im- maculate, virtuous, undefiled, chaste, innocent, virgin- al.

8. *whiten, v.* 1. bleach, bleach, pale, gray, wash out; etiolate, achromatize, decolor, decolorize; dim, fade, cloud, grow dull, lose luster or brightness.
2. blench, go white, pale, grow pale, become pallid, Archaic. wan; droop, go, sag, faint, sink to the floor, Inf. pass out, swoon, black out, Inf. keel over.

8. *whitewash* v. 1. calcimine, whiten, Archaic. white; paint over, coat, cover.
2. cover up, gild, color, varnish, gloss over, smooth over, veneer; sweeten, sugar-coat, candy-coat, dulcify; lighten, soften, lessen, diminish, moderate, temper; qualify; palliate, extenuate, minimize, make light of, soft-pedal, tone down, play down, downplay; justify, excuse, rationalize, apologize for, make allowances for.

8. *whiz, v.* 1. whir, burr, hum, buzz, hiss, whistle; rustle, swish; fizzle, sizzle.
2. rush, race, tear, fly, fly on the wings of the wind, outstrip the wind, zoom, Inf. zip; whirl, flit, shoot, dart, skim; scurry, scud, scuttle, scamper.

8. *whole, adj.* 1. entire, full, total, plenary, integral, complete, round, aggregate; comprehensive, universal, inclusive, all-inclusive, all-embracing; extensive, extended, widespread; full, filled, pregnant.
2. solid, unbroken, unscarred, uncut, unshorn, unshortened, unabridged, all in one, unitary; undivided, indecisive, indivisible, undividable, indiscreet, indecisive, unseparable; undissembled, unlessered, unreduced, una- beated.
3. sound, indissoluble, intact, hale, hearty, in one piece; healthy, vigorous, robust, strong, recovered, well; unimpaired, undamaged, unharmed, uninjured, unscathed, unmutilated, unalloyed; faultless, defectless; unblemished, spotless, unspotted, stainless, tasteless, untainted, unsullied, unsoiled.
4. self-contained, self-supporting, autonomous, independent; well-rounded, all-sided, fully realized, com- summate, enlightened.
5. thorough, thoroughgoing, exhaustive, in-depth, A to Z, Brit. A to Zed, Brit. Dial. gradely; absolute, dyed-in-the-wool, full-fledged, complete; utter, gross, rank, sheer, radical, sweeping; outright, downright, out-and-out, straight-out, all-out, across-the-board; unqualified, unmodified, uncompromised, unconditional, unconditioned, unresolved, unmitigated; unrestricted, unlimited, unhampered, unimpeded, unbound; unequivocal, clear, unambiguous, explicit, express.
6. *out of whole cloth* fictitious, untrue, false, unreal, fanciful; imaginary, imagined, invented, improvised, created, feigned, fabricated.

8. *—n.* 7. aggregate, collective, ensemble, Fr. tout ensemble, assemblage, unit; all, alpha and omega, beginning and end, length and breadth; entire amount,
wholehearted, adj. hearty, warm-hearted, cordial, affectionate, open, unreserved; sincere, genuine, real, heartfelt; earnest, fervent, fervid, serious, dedicated, devoted, resolute, single-hearted, single-minded; enthusiastic, eager, zealous, ardent, energetic, spirited, high-spirited.

wholeness, n. 1. completeness, totality, entirety, entireness; comprehensiveness, universality. Rare, omittance, inclusiveness; integrity, integrality, fullness, plenitude; undividedness, indivisibility; thoroughness, utterness, absoluteness; clearness, explicitness.

wholeness, n. 1. as a whole a.Rare, intactness, soundness, solidarity, solidarity; hale and hearty, robust, lusty, strong and healthy. b. as a whole, in all, all in all, in the main, totally, stone, perfectly, plenarily, fully; comprehensive, in the pink, bonny; well, in good health; ruddy, vigorous, full of vigor, hale, hearty, hale and hearty, robust, lusty, strong and healthy.

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crabbed, sour, crusty; morose, sulky, surly, churlish, sullen; irascible, irritable, petulant, cross, testy.
9. dangerous, perilous, hazardous, treacherous, unsafe; risky, chancy.
10. **Slang.** masterly, expert, skilful, proficient; deft, adept, adroit, dexterous; excellent, superior, superlative, admirable, outstanding.

**wickedness**, n. 1. iniquity, evil, vice, improbity, sin, sinfulness, deviltry, ungodliness, godlessness; irreverence, impurity, irrereligiousness; nefariousness, flagitiousness, heinousness; vileness, viciousness, badness, baseness, foulness, meanness; opprobrium, ignominy, disgrace, infamy; atrocity, outrage, abomination, enormity; crime, malefaction, wrongdoing, feloniousness, lawlessness; unregeneracy, impenitence, incorrribility; maleficiency, malignancy; malevolence, malignity, rancor, maliciousness; perfidy, treachery, foul play; villainy, knavery, rascality, delinquency.

2. depravity, turpitude, degradation, degeneracy, corruption, pollution; profligacy, reprobacy, reprountness, immorality, obliquity; immodesty, impudicity, indecency; debauchery, lewdness, lasciviousness, licentiousness, lust, lustfulness, *Archaic* venery; salacity, salaciousness, prurience, wantonness, carnality; unchastity, promiscuity, concupiscence; perversity, bestiality; obscenity, profanity, *Archaic* bawdry, ribaldry, vulgarity.

**wide**, adj. 1. broad, extensive, expansive, expanded, distended; large, beamy, humpy, thick, hippopotamic; outward, spread out, splay; broad-beamed, broad-stermed, massive, broad-ribbed; ample, capacious, roomy, spacious, commodious; full, outstretched, extended, open to the full extent.
2. vast, immense, far-reaching, sweeping; amplitude, voluminous, large; large-scale, far-ranging, wide-ranging, widespread, diffuse, wide-stretching; latitudinarian, catholic, encyclopedic, all-embracing, comprehensive, ecumenical, inclusive; of great scope, general, compendious, inclusive.

—adv. 3. astray, aside, off, away, abroad, afield; wide of the mark, off course, off the track, off the right path.

**wide-awake**, adj. 1. fully awake, open-eyed, up and about, up.
2. watchful, vigilant, alert, observant, on the lookout; aware, wary, on the job; attentive; sleepless, unblinking, unsleeping, unnodding; keen, astute, sharp, quick, smart, bright; clear-witted, quick-witted, nimble, alive, *Inf.* on one's toes, *Sl.* on the ball.

**widen**, v. broaden, expand, extend, distend, spread or spread out, splay; stretch, heighten, lengthen, elongate; enlarge, make greater or bigger or larger, agrandize, *Chiefly Literary* greaten; increase, augment, add to, supplement.

**widget**, n. gadget, device, hickey; *All Inf.* contraption, whachamacallit, thingumajig, thingumabob, thing, doohickey, do-hinky, dingus, doodad, gismo, fandangle, *Australian* doover.

**width**, n. 1. breadth, wideness, broadness, thickness; diameter, radius, cipher, bore; stretch, spread, reach, span; section, piece.
2. extent, magnitude, measure, degree, quantity, amount, fullness; capacity, gauge, volume, proportions, dimensions, size; scope, range, reach, compass, swing, spread.
3. expanse, space, extension, expansion; spaciousness, extensiveness, amplitude, vastness, immensity, largeness, roominess.

**wield**, v. exercise, use, utilize, make use of, employ; hold, have, control, handle, manipulate, manage.
2. raise, lift, hold up, flash; brandish, flourish, wave, swing, shake.


**wiggle**, v. wriggle, move from side to side, move around, squirm, writhe, twist; wiggle or move one's hips, swivel one's hips, shake, shindy, *(both in dance)* grind, bump and grind.

2. wobble, waggle, shake, quiver, move, jerk, twitch.

**wild**, adj. 1. undomesticated, untamed, feral, *ferine, (of animals) Law.* faeae naturae, unbroken; uncultivated, native, natural.

2. uninhabited, empty, barren, waste; desolate, forsaken, godforsaken, isolated, lifeless; unsettled, unvisited, unfrequented.

3. uncivilized, barbarous, barbarian, unenlightened, primitive; uncultured, unrefined, unpollished; uncouth, coarse, vulgar, raffish; churlish, localize, brutish, savage, gross; ignorant, unlearned, untrained, untaught, uneducated; clumsy, gauche, unmanners.

4. violent, furious, forceful, mighty, strong; stormy, tempestuous, turbulent, rampant, explosive, volcanic, dangerous, perilous, dreadful; devastating, wasting, ravaging; destructive, ruinous, disastrous, catastrophic.

5. frantic, frenzied, hysterical, at one's wit's end; distraught, distracted, *Inf.* in a dither, *Inf.* in a tizzy, up, set, extremely agitated; furious, in a furor, beside oneself, out of control, delirious; berserk, *Offensive.* Asiatic, crazy, insane, crazed, mad; stark raving mad, unglued, unhinged, maniac, maniacal; raving, raging, rabid, foaming at the mouth; uncontrollable, ungovernable, like a wild bull.

6. undisciplined, unruly, disobedient, misbehaving; unmanageable, intractable, uncontrollable; rebellious, mutinous, lawless; rough, rough-and-tumble, rowdy, rowdyish, boisterous, noisy; tumultuous, riotous, uproarious, turbulent.

7. unrestrained, unbridled, untrammeled; uncurbed, unreasonable, outrageous, preposterous; foolhardy, rash, headlong, hazardous; rash, hot-headed, brash, unmanageable, like a wild bull.

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9. imprudent, impracticable, exceeding the bounds of reason, careless, reckless, madcap; extravagant, unreasonable, outrageous, preposterous; foolhardy, headlong, hazardous; rash, hot-headed, brash, unmanageable, like a wild bull.

10. disorderly, disordered, deranged; untidy, messy, disheveled, *Inf.* mussed up, messed up, ruffled up, rumpled, tousled, *Chiefly Scot.* Dial.; unkempt, slovenly, sloppy, shoddy; at sixes and sevens, muddled, hagger-mugger.


12. run wild a. grow unchecked, grow every which way. b. run riot, go on a rampage, go berserk, cut loose, create a disturbance, make a commotion, *Inf.* raise a rumpus.

13. *Often wilds* wilderness, desert, the wild. See wilderness.
wile, n. 1. artifice, stratagem, contrivance, device, subterfuge, expedient; trick, ruse, snare, trap; maneuver, move; scheme, plot, plan, design, Inf. game or little game; machinations.

2. wiles cunning, craft, slyness, foxiness, artfulness, wiliness, guile, subtlety, shrewdness.

3. chicanery, trickery, jobbery, swindle, dodge, swindle, dodge; deception, deceit, duplicity, fraud, double-dealing.

will, 1. volition, choice, option; free will, discretion; intent, intention, Psychol. conation.

2. wish, desire, velleity; preference, disposition, inclination, mind, fancy, pleasure, taste.

3. purpose, purposefulness, determination, determinedness, resolve, resolution, firmness, firmness of purpose, decision, will power; commitment, total commitment, single-mindedness; iron will, moral fiber, grit, sand, pluck, mettle, Inf. backbone, Inf. spunk, S.l. moxie.

4. Law. testament, last will and testament.

5. at will a. at one's pleasure, at one's discretion, ad libitum, ad lib; as one wishes, as one thinks best.

—v. 6. determine, cause, effect, bring about, impose one's will; ordain, decree, enjoin, order, command, dictate, prescribe.

—n. 4. victory, winning, triumph, success, conquest; mastery, subdual, vanquishment, besting.

wince, v. 1. finish first, come out first, come out ahead, take, sweep; triumph, conquer, vanquish, prevail over, succeed, carry the day, gain the prize; overwhelm, overcome, overpower, subdue; score a success, gain a victory, take by storm, walk away with, waltz off with, Inf. bring home the bacon, carry off the palm, Inf. win out, carry.

2. gain, get, reach, touch, make; score, earn, pull down, catch, take, capture; acquire, obtain, procure; secure; achieve, attain, Inf. nail down, net, bag, sack; reap, harvest, come into, come by, collect, glean; ac- cumber, ripen, mature, mellow; ripen, mature, mellow, ripen, mature, mellow.

3. win over persuade, convert, convince, induce, influence, sway; predispose, incline, bring, carry, lead; bring around, draw over, gain, prevail upon; talk into, Inf. sell, S.l. hook, S.l. twist s.o.'s arm.

—n. 2-timing, two-faced, Janus-faced.

wind., n. 1. air, breeze, zephyr, stream of air, current of air, draft; puff, breath of air, wiffet, sough; in- flow, indraft, inspiration, inrush; waft, gentle wind, light air, sea breeze, Neat. cat's-paw.

2. gust, blast, squall, gale, flurly, flary, wind, windfall, blow; northeaster, nor'easter, northwest, nor'wester, southeaster, sou'easter, southeastern, sou'wester; east wind, west wind, levantar, levanto, gadget, mistral, kite-wind, bise; trade wind, doldrums, prevailing wind; tempest, storm, equinoctial, hurricane, typhoon, williaw; snowstorm, blizzard, snow squall; sirocco, Sp. leviche, dust storm, sandstorm, haboob; cyclone, tornado, Austral. willy-willy, twister, Sp. baguio, whirlwind, eddy.

3. flatulence, flatus, flatoucity, gas; crepitation, Sl., Vulgar. fart, Med. borborygmus, windiness.

4. empty talk, babble, claptrap, hot air, twaddle, Sl. bull, humbug; swagger, boasting, brag, fistian, rodo- montade, bragadocio; nonsense, balderdash, falde- ral, stuff and nonsense, twiddle-twaddle; hogwash, Inf. rot, Sl. baloney, Inf. flapdoodle, Inf. hooey; blabber, Inf. gibble-gabble, prattle, gibberish.

5. hint, intimation, suggestion, insinuation, inkling; innuendo, information, intelligence, report, news, notice.

wind', n. 1. bend, turn, curve, swerve, loop, crook; meander, zigzag, change course, deviate, warp; tack, heel, yaw, slew, haul, jibe, cast, break, veer, swing; twist and turn, contort, snake, worm, convolute, flow around; wander, rove, Chiefl y Scot. wimple,
windfall

1. unexpected gain, piece of good luck or fortune, stroke of fortune, godsend, manna from heaven, boon, blessing, treasure-trove; bonanza, prize, jackpot, strike, hit.

winding

1. twist, tortuosity, meander, curvature, undulation, wave; coil, whorl, sinuosity, anfractus, convolution, labyrinth, wave, flap, taffeta, twist, tortuosity, meander, curvilinear, siphon, meander, curve, curve, swell, slue, slew, veer, warp, bias, sweep, sheer, yaw, tack, deflection.

2. coiling, twisting; folding, wrapping, tying, roping. —adj. 3. sinuous, anfractuous, turning, twisting, coiling, twining, serpentine, snaky, tortuous, convoluted; circuitous, meandering, indirect; roundabout, ambigious, flexuous, curved, curved; spiral, spiraling, circling, convoluted, volute, coiled; twisted, crooked, bent; mazy, maclike, labyrinthine.

window

n. opening, aperture, ventilator, Scot. winnock, Archit. fenestra, Archit. fenestella; casement, dormer, oriel, bay window, transom, fanlight, lattice, skylight; porthole, port, bull's-eye; (all of fortification) embrasure, loophole, crenal.

windup

n. end, close, finish, completion, finale, conclusion, terminus, termination, Inf. payoff; climax, culmination, consumption, demouvement, resolution, epilogue, Music, postlude; end or final result, outcome, final event or scene, last act, bitter end, finis, curtain, final curtain, Sl. curtains, lights out, catastrophe.

windy

adj. 1. breezy, blowy, blowing, blustery, blusterous; drafty, gusty, gusting, blasty, flawy; stormy, squallish, cyclonic, turbulent, tempestuous, violent.

2. unsubstantial, empty, worthless, useless, meaningless, senseless.

3. verbose, wordy, prolix, loquacious, long-winded, longiloquent, multiloquent, multiloquious, voluble, effusive, fluent; talkative, glib, long-tongued, mouthy, Inf. big-mouthed, Sl. all jaw, Sl. gassy; magniloquent, grandiloquent, orotund, bombastic, bombastical, high-flown.

wing

n. 1. pinion, pennon, ala, Fr. aile; patagium; Inf. arm.

2. appendage, attachment, sidepiece; extension, ell, addition, annex.

3. flying, flight, volitation.

4. on the wing flying, in flight, in the air.

5. under one's wing under one's protection, sheltered, cloistered, protected.

—v. 6. (in the wing or arm) hit, hurt, harm, injure, wound, disable, cripple.

7. fly, glide, soar, travel through the air.

8. wing it Slang. improvise, extemporize, play it by ear, ad-lib.

winged

adj. 1. alar, alate, alated; winglike, wing-shaped, pterygoid.

2. swift, quick, fast, fleet, fleet afoot, speedy; rapid, tantivy, hurried, hasty, express, expeditious; eagle-winged, quick as lightning, swift as an arrow, faster than a speeding bullet.

3. elevated, lofty, high, soaring; inspired, inspirational, inspirational, inspired; exalted, grand, glorious, noble, sublime.

4. (all of the wing or arm) hit, hurt, harmed, injured, wounded, disabled, crippled.

wink

v. 1. nictitate, blink.

2. twinkle, shine, sparkle, gliter, glimmer, glint, glinten, Archie. glister; scintillate, coruscate, gleam, flash, fulgurate.

3. wink at ignore, overlook, shut one's eyes to, disregard, pretend not to notice, tolerate, put up with; done, let [s.t.] go, let [s.t.] ride, let [s.t.] slide, let [s.t.] pass.

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7. hint, signal, sign, Inf. high sign; Inf. glad eye, Sl. come-on.

winner

n. 1. victor, champion, Inf. champ, world champion, Inf. number one; pennant winner, prize winner; bearer of the palm, wearer of the laurel.

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n. 1. win, victory, triumph, success. See win (def. 4).

2. winnings velvet, booty, spoils, prize money.

—adj. 3. victorious, conquering, triumphant, exultant, jubilant, on top, successful; undefeated, unbeaten.

4. charming, engaging, pleasing, attractive, winsome. See winsome.

winnow

v. 1. sift, strain, sieve, pan, rack; separate, differentiate, distinguish, divide, part; sort out, weed out, separate the men from the boys or the sheep from the goats or the wheat from the chaff, thresh; select, choose, pick, cull.

2. drive or drive away, blow or blow away; blow upon, fan.

winsome

adj. winning, engaging, taking, charming; pleasing, delightful, delectable, enjoyable; sweet, agreeable, likable; lovely, pretty, fair, handsome, prepossessing, beautiful, exquisite, graceful, elegant, refined.

wintry

adj. 1. hibernal, hiemal, brumal; cold, freezing, frigid, ice-cold, shiveringly cold; icy, frosty, snowy; arctic, glacial, hyperboreal, Siberian; inclement, stormy, blizzardly, windy; bitter, nippy, sharp, piercing, biting, cutting, brisk; severe, rigorous, hard, cruel.

2. bleak, desolate, stark; cheerless, gloomy, dismal, winterly, uninviting; bare, naked, raw; bare, desolate, barren, barren, stormy, bleak, stormy; bitter, nippy, sandy, bleak, bare, stark; arctic, glacial, hyperboreal, Siberian; inclement, stormy, blizzardly.

—v. 6. (in the wing or arm) hit, hurt, harm, injure, wound, disable, cripple.

7. fly, glide, soar, travel through the air.

8. wing it Slang. improvise, extemporize, play it by ear, ad-lib.

wiped

adj. 1. alar, alate, alated; winglike, wing-shaped, pterygoid.

2. swift, quick, fast, fleet, fleet afoot, speedy; rapid, tantivy, hurried, hasty, express, expeditious; eagle-winged, quick as lightning, swift as an arrow, faster than a speeding bullet.

3. elevated, lofty, high, soaring; inspired, inspirational, inspirational, inspired; exalted, grand, glorious, noble, sublime.

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wisdom, n. 1. sagacity, sageness, sapience, penetration, perceptiveness, discernment; sound judgment, clear thinking, clearheadedness, common sense, rationality; understanding, intelligence, brains, Inf. gray matter, Sl. smarts; judiciousness, judgment, perspicacity, perspicaciousness, acumen; reason, sense, Inf. horse sense, astuteness, perspicacity; intellectuality, prescience, depth, reach of thought, wit, mother wit; long-headedness, shrewdness, foresight, providence, prudence.

2. learning, erudition, knowledge, enlightenment; scholarship, education, attainment.

wise, adj. 1. sagacious, sage, intelligent, discerning, penetrating, perceptive; perspicacious, persipient, insightful, sagient, long-headed, shrewd; smart, rational, reasonable, gash, judicious, politic, prudent, discreet, commonsensical; sensible, sound, sane, well-balanced, balanced; bright, brilliant, sharp-witted, quick-witted, competent, capable; gifted, talented, well-endowed, brainy, sapiential.

2. educated, learned, enlightened, instructed, well-schooled; well-read, versed, knowledgeable, erudite; philosophical, Solomoniac, pensive, deep, profound; knowing, lettered, scholarly, deep-thinking, bookish.

3. Slang: informed, Sl. hip, Sl. hep, Sl. in the know, knowing, up on; posted, briefed, informed, up-to-date, Fr. au courant.

4. advisable, well-advised, expedient, politic; fit, seeming, proper, meet, decorous; judicious, commendable, desirable, fitting, befitting; strategic, safe, diplomatic, calculated, careful, tactful, well-thought-out.

Slang: impudent, insolent, saucy, fresh, pert; disrespectful, rude, Inf. smart-alecky, Inf. cocky, Dial. sassy.

wiseacre, n. smart aleck, wise guy, Sl. smartie, Sl. smartie pants, wiseheimer, know-it-all, Sl. wise ass, Sl. smart ass; witling, Sl. punk, wise fool.

wise man, n. sage, philosopher, philosopher, scholar, savant, pundit, learned man; Solomon, Solon, Hinduism, rishi, Class Myth. Nestor; oracle, authority, expert; venerable, wise old man, rabbi, pantologist, theologian; guru, mandarin, mahatma, thinker, doctor; elder statesman, elder, luminary, Archaic. illuminate.

wish, v. 1. desire, long for, desirer, want; yearn for, hope for, care for, pine for, sigh for; hang on, sit tight; mind, will, whim.

2. wish, desire, have a yen for, covet, fancy, have a fancy for; have an inclination, preference, prédisposition, predilection; appetency, appetite, thirst, hunger; predilection; hankering, itch, fondness, liking, fancy; eagerness, ardor, craving, keenness, avidity, passion; appetency, appetite, thirst, hunger; predilection, inclination, preference, predisposition, predisposition, bent, leaning, disposition; mind, will, whim.

wishful, adj. desirous, desiring, longing, yearning, hankering, desiderative; wishing, pining, hoping, hopeful, in hopes, expectant, anticipative, anticipatory, optimistic.

wisely-washy, adj. 1. weak, thin, watery, runny, watered-down, diluted, cut, stretched, attenuated, of liquor Scot. shilpit; pappy, paplike, milk-and-water, soppy, sodden; insipid, jejune, pallid, Sl. nothing, Sl. blah; bland, tasteless, flavorless, flat, stale, dead, Fr. fade.

2. irresolute, shilly-shallying, tergiversating, indecisive, noncommittal; vacillating, fluctuating, going back and forth, blowing hot and cold, sitting on or straddling the fence; off-again on-again, wavering, of mixed feelings; unsettled, uncertain, undecided, of two minds; edging, meaty-mouthed, weasel-worded; spineless, milquetoast, weak-kneed, white-livered.

wiseful, adj. 1. melancholy, yearning, longing, desirous, wishful; sorrowful, sad, heartick, forlorn, woeful, woebegone, disconsolate, dismal, triste; sulky, moody, gloomy, glum, somber, sullen; dispirited, cheerless, joyless.

2. pensive, dreamy, dreamful, in a reverie; daze, daze-ing, in a trance, absent-minded; thoughtful, thinking, absorbed, immersed, engrossed, lost in thought, preoccupied, bemused, Archaic. museful; contemplative, contemplating, introspective, meditative, meditating, musing, pondering, reflective; ruminative, ruminating, brooding, serious, in a brown study.

wit, n. 1. humor, facetiousness, drollery, funniness, witlessness, cleverness, piquancy, quickness; jocularity, waggishness.

2. badinage, persiflage, repartee, quip, wisecrack, saying, sarcasm; irony, satire, burlesque, parody, caricature, travesty; witticism, Atticism, bon mot, jest, jocosity, joke, pun, wordplay, play on words, spoonerism, double entendre; raillery, banter, joshing; buf-foonery, playfulness.

3. humorist, lampoonist, parodist; joker, joke, comic, comedian, comedienne, slapstick artist, Fr. farceur, droll fellow, funny person, Both Inf. charact, character; wag, reparteeist, banterer, Inf. wisecracker, punster; zany, madcap, Inf. cutup, antic; mummer, mimic.

4. intelligence, brains, braininess, Sl. smarts; sagacity, sageness, wisdom, sapience, acumen, discernment, perspicacity, penetration; perception, perspicience, insight; astuteness, shrewdness, savvy, keenness, long-headedness, head-headedness, common sense; ingenuity, cleverness, aptness, quickness; brilliance, acuity, sharpness.

wit, to wit namely, Latin. videlicet, viz.; that is to say, that is, Latin. id est, i.e.; specifically, explicitly, scilicet; for example, for instance, as a case in point, as an illustration.

witch, n. 1. sorceress, hex, enchantress, Archaic. wight, Circe; dowser, diviner, pythoness, sibyl; prophetess, soothsayer, fortuneteller, seer, clairvoyant, medium.

2. hag, crone, behold, Sl. old bat; fury, battle-ax, fishwife, gorgon, harridan, ogress; helicat, harpy, shrew, virago, xen, nag, Sl. bitch, Xanthipphe.

witchcraft, n. 1. sorcery, magic, sorittlege; necromancy, black magic, black art, thamaturgy, theurgy, wonder-working, wizardry; voodoo, hoodoo, obi; deviltry, demonolatry, diabolism, Satanism; supernaturalism, superstition, psychomancy, occultism, spiritualism; apotropaism, fetishism, magical ceremony, incantation, conjuration.

2. magical influence, witchery, spell, hex; fascination, charm, allure, enticement, captivation; enchantment, entrancement, enravishment; appeal, attraction, draw, pull, magnetism.
withdrawal

adj. 1. retiring, shrinking, in a shell, or wither, v. dry up out, shrivel, shrivel up, wrinkle, v. 1. dissolution, abolishment, abrogation. 7. revocation, annulment, disannulment, nullification.

2. flight, escape, running off or sl. splitting, pullout, retreat, retirement, removal, evacuation, withdrawmarr, countermarch.

3. recession, retrocession; reversion, regression, fall, draw back, give way, lose ground, take flight, flee, beat a retreat.

4. go apart, isolate oneself, secede, separate oneself; retreat, pullout, retreat, retirement, removal, evacuation, pullout, retreat, removal, evacuation.

5. privacy, seclusion, sequestraion; solitude, isolation, concealment, obscurity, reclusion, exile, anchioritism, monasticism.

6. retraction, retractation, disavowal, recantation, unsaying, taking back; renunciation, (usu. under oath) abjuration.

7. revocation, annulment, disannulment, nullification, voidance, cancellation; rescission, repeal, dissolution, abolishment, abrogation.

8. Drug Culture. deprivation, absence, lack, want; need; delirium tremens, inf. the d.t.'s, trembling; delirium tremens, the d.t.'s, trembling.

withdrawal, n. 1. departure, leaving, going away, setting out or off; takeoff, embarkation, sailing; exit, leave, parting, separation; leave-taking, farewell, adieu, good-by, congé.

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2. recalled, called in, off the market, out of circulation.

wither, v. dry up or out, shrivel, shrivel up, wrinkle, pucker, buckle; shrink, contract, constrict, narrow; become limp, droop, sag; dwindle, fade away, fail. See also wilt.

withhold, v. 1. hold back, restrain, curb, check, keep in check, arrest, contain; control, keep under control, harness, bide, rein in, hold in, leash; restrict, fetter, shackel; confine, limit, cramp, constrain; hold in, bottle up, cork up, box up, shut up, seal; block, impede, inhibit, hinder, hamper, deter; detain, keep in, hold, stay; prohibit, forbid, disallow, interdict, prevent, suppress.

2. keep from, hide, conceal, bury, reserve, refrain from giving; keep secret, not disclose, sl. clam up; censor, repress, keep back, inf. pull punches, deny, abnegate; mask, cloak, secrete, veil, screen, shroud, camouflauge, cover up; squeal, muzzle, muffle, mute, still, tone down, hush up, silence, quiet; smother, stifle, choke, gag.

within, adv. 1. inside, interiorly, internally, inwardly.

2. indoors, within doors, in the house, under shelter, at home.

—prep. 3. inside, in, enclosed by; into.

4. not farther than, in the compass of, not exceeding, not beyond, not extending past, no more than, not above.

5. in sight of, in reach of, in the bounds or limits of, in the field or sphere of.

without, prep. 1. not with, with no, unaccompanied by; in the absence of, sans, lacking, short of, wanting, in want of, less, requiring; destitute of, deprived of, in need of.

2. free from, unburdened by, unencumbered by, not having, in default of; exclusive of, excluding, independent of; outside of, out of.

3. beyond, past, apart, away, out of range.

—adv. 4. outside, externally, outwardly, exteriorly.

5. outdoors, out-of-doors, archaic. withoutdoors; in the open air, in the fresh air, alfresco.

withstand, v. 1. oppose, resist, offer resistance, stand up to, stand against, hold out against; defy, challenge, confront, breast, face, encounter; stand fast, stand firm, hold one's ground, hold the fort, stick to one's guns, show a bold front, show fight, put up a fight; stand off, thwart, impede, hold off, repulse, repel.

2. endure, stand, tolerate, bear; put up with, take, weather, brave.

witness, n. 1. testimony, attestation, law. deposition, statement, disclosure, evidence, testification; declaration, assertion, allegation; profession, word, affidavit, sworn statement; proof, facts, data.

2. testifier, law. deponent, attestant.

3. eyewitness, looker-on, observer, spectator, onlooker; watcher, beholder, bystander, passer-by.

—v. 4. testify, give testimony or evidence, depose, bear witness; speak, speak up, speak out; swear, vouch for, bear out, confirm, verify, substantiate.

5. attest, certify, endorse, warrant, certificate, document, circumstance.

6. attend, be present at; stand up for or with, sponsor.

7. see, observe, view, behold; notice, note, mark, take cognizance of, take in; look on, watch, follow, inf. get a load of; inf. get an eye on, sl. check out.

witticism, n. witty remark, clever or bright saying, flash of wit, bon mot, sl. one-liner, sl. a good one; quip, jest, joke, sl. gag; pun, play on words, conceit, crank, epigram; gibe, jab, poke, cut, fling, inf. wisecrack, sl. crack, sl. shot, sl. dig, sl. zinger; sally, comeback, retort, answer, quick answer, riposte.

2. banter, inf. josh, raillery, badinage, persiflage, come back, retort, answer, quick answer, riposte.

witty, adj. clever, original, well-turned, scintillating; penetrating, sharp, quick, smart, bright; wagging, droll, amusing, humorous, piquant, sallie, racy, combical, mirthful, gay; funny, full of fun, jolly, jocular, jocose; comic, farcical, sl. smart-mouthed, sl. wise.

—n. 1. sorcerer, necromancer, diabolist, demonologist, warlock, witch; magician, archaic. mage, magus, Merlin, thaumaturgist, theurgist, enchanter, charmer; medicine man, witch doctor, obi doctor, root doctor, voodooist, voodoo, shaman.
wizened, adj. withered, shriveled, shrunken, wrinkled, dried-up, dry, sere; wilted, faded, wasted; desiccated, dehydrated. 

wobble, v. 1. tip, tilt, lean, incline; teeter, seesaw. 

woe, n. 1. misery, wretchedness, grief, anguish, agony of mind or spirit, bitterness, Archaic. bale; sorrow, sadness, infelicity, unhappiness, dolor, heartache, heartbreak, broken heart, broken-heartedness, heartickleness, heavy heart; desolation, bereavement, prostration, extremity, depths of misery; despair, disconsolation, despondency, depression, gloom, melancholy, melancholia; anxiety, angst, worry, fret, solicitude, concern, care, care; agony, torture, torment, pain. 

2. trial, tribulation, ordeal, load, burden; trouble, adversity, misfortune, affliction, suffering, distress, oppression, mortification; blow, shock, stab, pang, throe; disaster, calamity, catastrophe. 

woebegone, adj. 1. miserable, wretched, woeful, Archaic. woesome, forlorn, Obs. baleful, heartick, downhearted, broken-hearted, heartbroken, crushed, broken, desolate, despairing; worried, anxious, afflicted, stricken, heavy-laden; down, disconsolate, dejected, depressed, despondent, melancholic, gloomy, dismal, lugubrious, funereal; somber, glum, low-spirited, disheartened, discouraged, Inf. broken-up, Inf. cut-up, Sl. bummed-out or bummed; sad, unhappy, infelicitous, sorrowful, doleful, dolorous, dolorific, dreary, Literary. drear, grieved, mournful, tearful, teary; lachrymose, comfortless, joyless, cheerless. 

2. downcast, cast down, crestfallen, chapfallen, hangdog, long-faced, down in the mouth. 

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woman, n. 1. female, she, lady, Scot. cummer, member of the gentle sex or fair sex; girl, maid, maiden, lass, lassie, miss, Irish, Eng. colleen; Inf. gal, Inf. petticote, Sl. skirt, wench, Sl. dame, Sl. broad, Sl. chic, Inf. number, Inf. baggage; dowager, matron, spinster, old maid, hag, crone. 

2. wife, spouse, mate, consort, helpmate, Sl. Facetious. better half. See wife. 

3. beloved, darling, sweetie, sweetheart, ladylove, flame, inamorata, lover; mistress, paramour, courtean, concubine, Sl. doxy, odalisque, kept woman. 

4. female attendant, handmaiden, lady-in-waiting, abigail, maidservant, Archaic. ancilla; housekeeper, maid, chief maid, female servant, cleaning lady, Inf. help. 

woman-hater, n. misogynist, Psychiatry. gynephobe. 

womanhood, n. 1. muliebrity, female maturity, matronhood, wifehood; femininity, femininess, feminicity, womanliness, filiness, matronliness. 

2. women, womenfolk, the female sex, the fair sex, the gentle sex. 

womanish, adj. 1. womanly, womanlike, muliebral, ladylike. See womanly. 

2. effeminate, emasculate, unmasculine, unmanly, unvirile; milksoppy, effete, weak;issy, sissyish, Sl. faggy. 

womanly, adj. womanlike, muliebral, gynecoid, feministic; mature, matronly, ladylike, refined, gentle; feminine, soft, delicate, gentle, tender, sympathetic, motherly. 

womb, n. 1. uterus, Law. venter, Archaic. matrix. 

2. beginning, origin, source, starting point, place of issue; base, basis, foundation, derivation; wellspring, lifeblood, fount, fountain, fountainhead; seed, germ, taproot; family, house, line, lineage, bloodstock. 

3. inside, interior, recess, recesses, penetralia, depth, depths; hold, cavity, vault. 

wonder, v. 1. muse, meditate, ponder, reflect, deliberate, cogitate, think about; speculate, conjecture, theorize; question, query, doubt; puzzle over. 

2. marvel or marvel at, stare, gape, gawk, goggle, look or stand aghast or agog, not know what to make of [s.t.], rub one’s eyes, not believe one’s eyes or ears. 

—n. 3. phenomenon, marvel, wonderful thing, amazing thing, quite a thing, really something, Sl. phenom; miracle, prodigy; sight, spectacle, eye-opener, Sl. stunner, Sl. mind-boggler, Sl. mindblower, Sl. trip; curiosity, nonsuch, gazengstock, Brit. Dial. gapeased; rarity, nonpareil, one of a kind, one in a thousand; All Inf. one for the books, something to brag about, something to shout about, something to write home about. 

4. surprise, astonishment, astonishment, amazement; wonderment; bewilderment. 

wonderful, adj. 1. marvelous, extraordinary, phenomenal, prodigious, remarkable, Australian. bonzer; striking, awesome, awe-inspiring, wondrous; stupendous, amazing, astonishing, surprising, incredible, Sl. unreal, unbelievable, unheard-of, unprecedented. 

2. fantastic, miraculous, fabulous, Inf. great, Inf. super, Inf. super-duper, Sl. stuff, Sl. bad, Sl. cool, Inf. dandy, Inf. jim-dandy; superb, splendid, magnificent, brilliant, dazzling, Sl. bang-up, Inf. smashing, Brit. Sl. ripping; excellent, first-rate, capital, Inf. tip-top, Inf. A-1, Inf. A number 1, first-class, classic. 

wont, v. custom, convention, custom, convention, observance, tradition; use, usage; habit, routine; practice, praxis, way. 

wonted, adj. 1. accustomed, habituated, used to, Archaic. wont; given to, in the habit of, addicted to, Sl. hooked on. 

2. customary, conventional, familiar; usual, regular; habitual, routine. 

woo, v. 1. court, pay court to, make love to, serey, contract, bring down, bring on. 

2. court, pay court to, make love to, serey, contract, bring down, bring on; pursue, chase, chase after, set one’s cap for. 

3. (all in reference to consequences) invite, incur, contract, bring down, bring on. 

3. address, solicit, supplicate, petition, call upon, apply to, invoke, implore, entreat, beg, appeal to; important, press, urge. 

wood, n. 1. timber, lumber; firewood, kindling, fuel. 

2. (usu. woods forest, woodland, timberland, weald, wild, wilderness; grove, thicket, copse, Chiefly Brit. coppice, Archaic. holt, Archaic. bosk. 

3. of the woods secure, safe and sound; out of danger, past the danger zone, out of harm’s way or
reach, in safety, in the clear, Inf. home free.
—adj. 4. wooden. See wooden (def. 1).
wooded, adj. forested, timbered; sylvan, arboeous, woodsly, bosky.
wooden, adj. 1. wood, wooden; ligneous, ligneiform, xyloid.
  2. stiff, Inf. stiff as a board; rigid, solid, stodgy, stuffy; awkward, clumsy, ungainly, gauche.
  3. dull, dull-witted, thick-witted, dim-witted, slow-witted, dim; obtuse, dense, Inf. thick; bovine, doltish, oafish; stupid, witless, Inf. dead from the neck up, Inf. dead between the ears.
  4. expressionless, imperspeccive, impassive; blank, empty, vacant; glassy; spiritless, unmanned, lifeless.
wooer, n. suitor, lover, admirer, secret admirer, infatuate, paramour; beau, swain, inamorato, gallant, It. cicisbeo; boyfriend, gentleman friend, Inf. steady, Inf. fellow, Inf. flame, Brit. Inf. follower.
wool, n. 1. fleece; yarn.
  2. all wool and a yard wide genuine, sincere, real, true, truehearted; faithful, constant, true-blue, Inf. trustworthy; good, excellent.
  4. pull the wool over [s.o.] eyes inveterate, confirmed, inured, hardened, hard-core, die-hard.
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  6. the Word message of Christ.
  7. works unemployed, jobless, out of a job, on the job, at the shop, working, on work; available, free, idle, at liberty.
  8. at work a. on the job, at the shop, working, on duty, walking one's beat. b. in action, in operation, innards; internals, vitals, sides, inner mechanisms, guts, working parts, inside parts, working parts, inside parts.
worker, n. doer, performer, practitioner, operator, craftsman, art, artistry, style, technique; craft, skill, skillfulness, dexterity, adroitness, expertise, mastery, manual, artisanal, professional; talent, genius, gift, knack, flair, touch. 

workshop, n. 1. shop, workroom, atelier, studio, loft; garage, plant, mill, factory, Archaic, manufactory. See also work (def. 6). 2. seminar, discussion group, class.

world, n. 1. earth, globe, sphere, planet, biosphere, terrene, terra, Fr. terre, four corners of the earth, Fr. monde. 2. mankind, humanity, humankind, the human race, the race of man; people, all the peoples of the world, the whole world, the wide world, the world at large; the general public, everyone, everybody, Inf. every Tom, Dick and Harry. 3. society, social milieu or circle, high society, Fr. haute monde, beau monde, fashionable world.

worldly, adj. 1. earthly, terrestrial, terrene, temporal, mundane; natural, human, carnal, fleshly, corporeal, physical, material; secular, secularistic, nonspiritual, unspiritual, ungodly, profane, nonreligious, unreligious, irreligious; lay, laic, laical, nonclerical, nonecclesiastic, nonecclesiastical, non-church, civil. 2. worldly-minded, materialistic, greedy, avaricious, avaricious, covetous, grasping, ambitious, power-hungry; pleasure-loving, hedonist, hedonistic, sybaritic, sybaritical. 3. worldly-wise, sophisticated, cosmopolitan, urbane. See worldly-wise.

worldly-wise, adj. sophisticated, cosmopolitan, Sl. cosmo, urbane; knowing, Sl. wise, wise in the ways of the world, Sl. been around; worldly, Fr. au courant, Sl. hip, Sl. cool, Sl. with it.

world-wide, adj. universal, global, international; all-embracing, all-encompassing, all-inclusive, catholic, ecumenical, pandemic, general; extensive, widespread, far-reaching, wide-ranging.

wormlike, adj. 1. vermiform, vermicular, vermiculate, worm-shaped; sinuous, winding, tortuous; crawling, creeping, slithering, sneaking, worming. 2. groveling, servile, subservient; kowtowing, bowing, bending, crouching, stooping, cowering, squirming; syphonic, toadyish, truckling, Sl. bootlicking, Sl. footlicking, Inf. apple-polishing.

worn, adj. 1. worn-out, time-worn, decrepit; deteriorated, decadent, decayed; fallen apart, broken up, disintegrated, decomposed; dilapidated, broken-down, gone to wear and ruin; in disrepair, unimproved, sleazy, Sl. grungy, Sl. beat-up, Inf. shot, run-down; tumbledown, falling to pieces, crumbled, rickety, shaky; moth-eaten, mildewed, moldy, moldering; threadbare, worn to a thread, faded, ratty, dingy. 2. exhausted, tired, tried out, Inf. dog-tired, dead tired, Sl. dead, dead on one’s feet; overtired, done in, all in, ready to drop; fatigued, weary, worn out, Inf. tuckered out, Inf. bushed, fagged, flagged out, played...
out, spent, 
*, *Archaic*; forspent; *All St.* beat, pooped, pooped out, *(with have)* had it.

**worried**, adj. anxious, distressed, disturbed, troubled, carking, concerned, solicitous; uneasy, ill-at-ease, disquieted, unquiet, fretful, restless, itching; nervous, *St.* ansy, *Inf.* on pins and needles, on tenterhooks; on edge, perturbed, worked or wrought up; watchful, apprehensive, *Inf.* with one's heart in one's mouth, fearful, afraid; anguished, pained, suffering, tormented, tortured.

**worry**, v. 1. fret, agonize, lose sleep over, *Inf.* 2. harass, harry, hassle, plague, torture, tor-ture the mind.


**worth**, n. 1. merit, excellence, quality, superiority, *Sl.* class; character, integrity, probity, uprightness, respectability; honor, virtue, goodness, trustworthiness; eminence, preeminence, distinction, greatness, nobility, transcendence; fineness, perfection, certain something, *Fr. je ne sais quoi.*

2. usefulness, use, utility; advantage, benefit, gain, profit, avail, good, service, help, aid; importance, consideration, consequence, significance, moment, weight.

**worthless**, adj. 1. valueless, nugatory, bastardly, contemptible, cheap, insignificant, trivial, unimportant, unprofitable, profitless, unsuccessful, to no purpose, to no avail, for naught.

2. vaine, bootless, futile, unavailing, useless, Sisyphean, ineffectual, insignificant, fruitless, unproductive, abortive, barren, sterile, impotent, effete; unprofitable, profitless, unsuccessful, to no purpose, to no avail, for naught.


**worthy**, adj. 1. deserving, meritorious, estimable, praiseworthy, laudable, commendable, *Brit.* Diale. gradely, admirable, creditable, acceptable, good enough; suitable, fit, seemly, proper, decorous; appropriate, apt, apposite, apropos; meet, due, right, just, fitting, befitting.

2. virtuous, moral, upright, good, righteous, honest, decent; noble, sterling, excellent, exemplary, matchless; reputable, trustworthy, reliable; of great integrity, incorruptible, irreproachable, unimpeachable, blameless.


**wound**, n. 1. injury, harm, damage, harm, trauma; cut, stab, slash, puncture, tear, laceration, gash; bruise, contusion, sore, lesion, abrasion, scrape, bump, *Sl.* boo-boo.

2. shock, blow, nasty or cruel blow, *Sl.* low blow; insult, mortification, embarrassment; distress, hurt, pang, ache, heartache, throbb, wrench; pain, grief, anguish, torture, torment.

3. injure, hurt, harm, damage, traumatize; cut, lacerate, tear, rend; slit, slash, gash, scratch, *Inf.* cut up; stab, stick, pierce, puncture.

4. wrong, do wrong, do wrong by, aggrieve, sting, *Sl.* burn; grieve, hurt [s.o.'s] feelings, pain, afflic, distress, punish, cut to the quick or the heart, touch a sore spot, touch a raw nerve, *Sl.* hit [s.o.] where he lives, *Sl.* step
wraith, n. ghost, specter, fetch, shade, spirit, revenant, haunt; apparition, phantom, phantasm.

wrench, v. 1. argue, dispute, quarrel, argufy, bicker, haggle, have an altercation; row, brawl, contend, differ, fall out, clash, be at odds, be at loggerheads; fight, spat, tiff, Brit. Archaic, brangle, jangle. Obs. brawlable; haggler, spat, have words, disagree. —n. 2. argument, dispute, quarrel, bickering. Sl. beef, controversy; contestation, litigation, disputation. Inf. words; squabble, spat, tiff; Brit. Dial. fracas; conflict, Inf. run-in, Inf. hassle, Inf. barley, Sl. blowup; row, Inf. dustup, Sl. rhubarb, uproar, brouhaha, brawl, rumpus, Inf. ruckus; fight, tussle, donnybrook, Inf. scrap, Inf. set-to; broil, embroilment, imbroglio. Scot. sturt, Scot. collieshangie.

wrap, v. 1. enfold, envelop, enwrap, encase, enclose, sheathe, cover; muzzle, bundle up, swathe, swaddle, shroud, ensnarl, secure, tuck in, tuck up. 2. package, parcel, pack, do up, wrap up, gift-wrap; box, case, bundle, truss, bale, tie up. —n. 3. coat, jacket, windbreaker, ulster, carcoat, n. —close, sheathe, cover; muffle, bundle up, swathe, Scot., collieshangie, sturt, Scot., Brit. Archaic, warball.

wrestle, v. 1. tussle, scuffle, fight, battle; tackle, dive at, tilt at, joust; struggle, contend, pin oneself against, play against, take on, come to grips with, face, face up to; go all out, do one's best or damnedest, knock oneself out, labor, work like a Trojan, work at, work like a steevedore; take pains, persevere, persist, be assiduous,
Inf. plug at or ahead, knuckle down.

—n. 3. struggle, fight, battle; labor, work, travail, effort, strain, laboriousness; diligence, perseverance, persistence, assiduousness.

wretch, n. 1. unfortunate, miserable or poor being or creature, poor devil, paligarch, sad case, Sl. sad sack, Chiefly Brit. Sl. poor bugger; victim, sufferer, prey, shorn lamb, martyr, scapegoat; outcast, misfit, pariah; ragamuffin, Sl. raggy, tattereddemension, pauper, beggar; vagabond, tramp, Inf. bum, hobro.

2. scoundrel, knave, blackguard, varlet, rascal, rogue, rascal, scrawl, scullawag, scullion, scapegrace, wastrel, ne'er-do-well, Archaic, bezonian, Archaic, caiffiff, Archaic. whoreson; miscreant, repugnate, regenerate, wrongdoing, delinquent, black sheep; criminal, villain, ruffian, thug, culprit, malefactor; felon; rake, deb-auchee, libertine, wanton, lecher; beast, our, bound, viper, skunk, polecat; All Inf. jerk, creep, louse, rat, stinker, bad egg; All Sl. bum, mucker, bastard, SOB; All Brit. Sl. rotter, bounded, blighter.

wretched, adj. 1. forlorn, woeful, woebegone, care-worn, heartick, sick at heart, downhearted, broken-hearted, heartbroken, crushed, broken, heavy-laden, afflicted, desolate, despairing, dismal, despondent; down, disconsolate, dejected, depressed, melancholic, gloomy, disheartened, spiritless, Inf. broken-up, Inf. cut-up, Sl. bummed-out or bummed; sad, unhappy, infelicitous, sorrowful, doleful, dolorous, dolorific, dreary, Literary. dree, griefed, mournful, tearful, teary, lachrymose; comfortless, cheerless, joyless.

2. miserable, sorry, poor, pitiful, pitiable, piteous, Inf. lousy, Sl. rotten; adverse, troublesome, difficult, hard, trying; star-crossed, ill-starred, evil-starred, unlucky, unfortunate, hapless; tragic, ruinous, fatal, dire, black, grievous, grim; abject, stark, sordid, slum-like, poverty-stricken.

3. contemptible, beneath contempt, worthy of contempt, despicable, detestable, base, base-spirited, mean, mean-spirited, low, vile, paltry, Archaic. caiffiff. worthless, useless, pathetic, Chiefly Dial. footy, not worth noting, not worth a rap or straw or damn, not worth a nickel or dime.

wriggle, v. 1. squirm, writhe, wiggle, twist and turn, Inf. have ants in one's pants.

2. worm, snake, slink.

wriggly, adj. 1. wiggly, wriggling, writhing, twisting, twisting and turning, squirming, Sl. antsy or antsy-pantsy.

2. evasive, shifty, slippery, hard to pin down, Inf. cagey.

wring, v. 1. twist, wrench, wret; force from, wrench from, rend from, tear from, rip from.

2. squeeze, extract, put through the wringer.

3. blackmail, exact Law. extort, Sl. shake down, Sl. bleed.

4. torment, torture, agonize, harrow, excruciate, rack; rend, stab, piece, wound.

winkle, n. 1. fold, crease, crimp, gather, pucker; corrugation, furrow, ridge, Chiefly Scot. wimpole, line, crow's foot. —v. 2. crease, crimp, gather, pucker; corrugate, fold, furrow; pleat; knit, pucker; crinkle, crinkle.

winkled, adj. creased, folded, furrowed, ridged, gathered, puckerred; corrugated, lined, puckerred; crinkled, crinkly, crumpled, wrinkly.

write, v. 1. inscribe, Rare. scribe, pen, put pen to paper, commit to paper; jot down, dash off; scrawl, scribble, scrabble, scratch.

2. draft, draw up, write up or out; lucubrate.

3. author, compose, indite; poeticize, poetize, versify, rhyme, sing; pamphletize, pamphleteer.
cuckoo.

3. wrong-headed, misguided, unwise, imprudent. See wrong-headed (def. 1).

4. improper, indecorous, unseemly, unbecoming, unladylike, ungentlemanly, ungentlemanlike; malapropos, inappropriate, inapt, unsuitable, unsuited, unfit, ill-adapted, incompatible, out of keeping, inapposite, inapplicable, irrelevant, out of place; unwarranted, uncalled for, way out of line.

—n. 5. misdeed, misdoing, malefaction, wrongdoing, Inf. no-no; immoral act, sin, moral offense, vice, lapse from virtue, unrighteousness, depravity; mistake, error, misstep, blunder, bungle, flub, muff, dereliction, slip, lapse, oversight, omission, Inf. slip-up, Sl. screw-up, Sl. boot, Sl. lose-up, Sl. E or the big E; transgression, trespass, offense, infraction, violation; crime, criminal act, felony, misdemeanor, delinquency, Law. tort, malfeasance; Chiefly Law. malversation, dirty pool, corruption; bad, bad or naughty thing, evil, wickedness, iniquity, something awful; atrocity, horror, outrage, monstrosity, enormity.

6. impropriety, indiscretion, gaucherie, faux pas, misconduct, terrible thing, absurdity, All Sl. boo-boo, boner, goof, bloop, clunker, clunker, dumb trick, fool mistake.

—adv. 7. awry, amiss, athwart, astray, Scot. and North Eng. agley; out of whack, out of order, on the blink.

8. wrongly, erroneously; injuriously, harmfully, perversely; unfairly, unjustly, inequitably, wrongly, erroneously; injuriously, harmfully, perversely; unfairly, unjustly, inequitably, wrongly, erroneously; injuriously, harmfully, perversely; unfairly, unjustly, inequitably, wrongly, erroneously; injuriously, harmfully, perversely; unfairly, unjustly, inequitably, wrongly, erroneously; injuriously, harmfully, perversely; unfairly, unjustly, inequitably, wrongly, erroneously; injuriously, harmfully, perversely; unfairly, unjustly, inequitably, wrongly, erroneously; injuriously, harmfully, perversely; unfairly, unjustly, inequitably, wrongly, erroneously; injuriously, harmfully, perversely; unfairly, unjustly, inequitably, wrongly, erroneously; injuriously, harmfully, perversely; unfairly, unjustly, inequitably.

9. abuse, misuse, ill-use, maltreat, mistreat, ill-treat, aggrieve, Inf. shaft, Inf. give [s.o.] the shaft, Sl. do [s.o.] dirty or dirt, Sl. kick [s.o.] around or in the teeth, Sl. do [s.o.] wrong; oppress, persecute, keep [s.o.] down; exploit, use, take advantage of, walk all over, impose upon; defraud, cheat, trick, Inf. flam, U.S. Sl. con.

10. transgress, trespass, offend, desecrate, profane, defile, debase, prostitute; malign, slur, impugn, traduce, asperse, vilify, defame, slander, libel, bespatter, make [s.o.'s] name mud; denigrate, belittle, minimize, insult, run or put down, Inf. knock, Sl. bad-mouth; ridicule, mock, scorn, deride, make fun of, laugh at.

wrongdoer. n. malefactor, evildoer, transgressor, trespasser, sinner, offender, culprit; lawbreaker, Inf. scofflaw, criminal, delinquent, juvenile delinquent, Sl. JD, felon, larcener, larcenist, misdemeanor, Law. malfeasant, Law. misfeasor; convict, reprobe, recidivist, Inf. chronic crook, Sl. jailbird; gangster, hoodlum, mobster, racketeer, mafioso, desperado, Sl. hood; miscreant, villain, blackguard, scapegrace, knave, rogue, rascal, wretch, scamp, scoundrel, rapscallion, Inf. scalawag, Sl. no-good, Sl. bad guy, Archaic. caitiff, Archaic. varlet.

wrong-headed, adj. 1. misguided, unwise, imprudent, injudicious; ill-considered, ill-judged, ill-considered, ill-advised, ill-contrived, ill-devised, using or showing poor judgment; impolitic, inexpedient, infelicitous, disadvantageous, unfavorable, the worst possible; unintelligent, stupid, Inf. dumb, Inf. dopey.

2. stubborn, stubborn as a mule, obstinate, recalcitrant, mulish, pig-headed, bullheaded, headstrong, willful, self-willed, opinionated, adamant; contrary, perverse, froward, unconaccommodating, contumacious, cross-grained, Inf. ornery, refractory, intransigent, intractable, Scot. thrawn.

wroth, adj. 1. angry, irate, wrathful. See wrathful (def. 1).

2. stormy, violent, strong, savage, tempestuous, turbulent, wild, rough; threatening, restless, agitated, foaming, boiling, seething; raging, howling, roaring; windy, blustering, blustering, gusty, blowing, squally, squallish.

wrought-up. adj. excited, wound-up, worked-up, beside oneself, stirred-up, stimulated, energized, electrified, hyped-up, Sl. psyched; whipped-up, aroused, inflamed, fired-up, fiery; impassioned, enthused, fervid, fervent, zealous, in a fever pitch, red-hot; overwrought, keyed-up, nervous, high-strung, edgy, on edge, tense, uneasy, restless, restive, fidgety, skittish; frantic, frenzied, wild, hysterical, delirious, feverish, Brit. Sl. bonkers, Sl. out of one's skull or gourd; agitated, disturbed, upset, discomposed, disconcerted, ruffled, fluttered, fluttered, in a dither, Inf. hot and bothered; irritated, annoyed, nettled, nettled, perturbed, exasperated, aggravated, vexed; angry, mad, irate, furious, fuming, raging, Inf. hot, Inf. hot under the collar, Inf. hopped up.

wry, adj. 1. lopsided, one-sided, crooked, askew, awry, twisted, distorted; tilted, inclined, aslant, to one side, sideways, off-center, uneven, unsymmetrical, asymmetric, asymmetrical.

2. devious, misguided, astray.

3. contrary, perverse, wrong-headed, cross-grained. See wrong-headed (def. 2).

4. distorted, taken out of context, twisted, warped, perverted, garbled; misstated, misquoted, misrepresented; misread, misinterpreted, misconstrued, misapprehended, misunderstood.

5. ironic, amusing, droll, witty, dry.
x, n. 1. unknown, unknown factor or quantity, variable; question, big question, question mark, riddle, conundrum, puzzle, sphinx; mystery, obscurity, arcana, secret, occult; mystery man, ghostly figure, faceless person, invisible man; unexplored territory, Latin. terra incognita.
—adj. 2. experimental, pilot, trial, hypothetical, drawing-board, in the trial stages; untested, untried, ready for the shakedown; new, novel, exploratory.
—v. 3. (on a ballot, examination etc.) choose, opt, select, name, pick one's choice, check, single out; vote for, cast a vote, elect, prefer, mark one's preference; mark, signify, indicate.
4. delete, cross out, strike out or over, scratch, blue-pencil, Print. dele, Inf. bleep; expunge, expurgate, bowdlerize, abridge, edit, cut, slash, butcher, kill; erase, blot out, rub out, take out, knock out.

Xanthippe, n. shrew, virago, Sl. battle-ax, termagant, fishwife; harpy, fury, Tartar, she-wolf, Sl. bitch; harridan, hag, beldam, crone, witch; scold, nag, Inf. biddy, Inf. old biddy, Sl. old hag.

Xanthous, adj. yellow, yellowish, golden, honey, daffodil, jonquil, saffron, topaz, canary yellow.

Xenophobic, adj. 1. fearing foreigners or strangers, nationalist, nationalistic, jingoistic, chauvinistic; isolationist; racist, anti-Semitic.
2. parochial, provincial, regional, regionalistic, small-town, microcultural, Sociol. ethnocentric, insular; limited, confined, illiberal, uncatholic; narrow, narrow-minded, small-minded.
3. shy, bashful, unconfident, self-conscious; withdrawn, distant, Inf. introverted, unsocial, unsociable; timid, fearful, apprehensive, anxious; unaggressive, unassertive.

Xerox, v. Trademark. 1. copy, reproduce, duplicate, replicate, double, triplicate; mimeo, mimeograph, ditto, photostat, print, photograph.
—n. Informal. 2. copy, duplicate, carbon, ditto, photostat.

X-ray, n. Roentgen ray, Brit. radiogram; sliagram, radiograph, shadowgraph, roentgenogram, roentgenograph.

Xylophone, n. marimba, vibraharp, Inf. vibes.
yacht, n. 1. pleasure boat, cruising vessel or craft, cruiser, cabin cruiser; sailboat, sailor, Inf. windjammer, motorboat, speedboat; racing boat, racer.

—v. 2. sail, voyage, journey, travel, race.

yahoo, n. brute, savage, ruffian, barbarian; lout, churl, boor, bumpkin, yokel; philistine, low-brow, bourgeois, Fr. parvenu, upstart, Fr. arriviste, Brit. Sl. bounder, Brit. Sl. mucker; peasant, Sl. rube, cad.

yak, v. Slang. chatter, babble, gab, prattle, twaddle; v. 1. yelp, bark, holler, bellow, roar; cater.

yap, v. jerk, pull, tug, pluck, Dial. yerk; wrench, twitch, snatch, jog.

year, n. 1. session, period, space, term, spell, span, stretch.

—v. 2. deviate, go off course, change course, yaw.

yardstick, n. 1. measure, ruler, measuring stick.

yarn, n. 1. thread, fiber, strand.

—v. 2. deviation, divergence, deflection, veering; swerve, shift, Naut. jibe, tack, slue; turn about, wheel, swing; bend, curve, shear, heel, bear off; wobble, turn, warp, skew, bias, twist, dogleg; change about, alter, chop, chop and change.

—n. 2. deviation, divergence, deflection, veering; swerve, shift, Naut. jibe, turn, change; drift, swing, curve, bend, tack; warp, chop, shear, sweep; bias, skew, slant.

yearn, v. desire, wish for, longing, wish, wishing; hope, hoping, pining, sighing; hankering, Inf. yen, Sl. itch, Sl. itching; aspiration, ambition; fancy, fancying, coveting, covetousness, eagerness, ardor, craving; appetency, appetite, hunger, thirst, ravenousness; rapaciousness, voracity, voraciousness; avidity, greed, greediness, avarice; mania, craze, rage; passion, obsession, fixation.

yeast, n. 1. ferment, mold, bacteria, leaven, mother, Brit. Inf. barn; pepsin, enzyme.

—v. 2. foam, froth, spume, lather, suds, bubbles; foaminess, frothiness, spumescence.

yelling, n. desire, longing, desideration, wish, wishing; hope, hoping, pining, sighing; hankering, Inf. yen, Sl. itch, Sl. itching; aspiration, ambition; fancy, fancying, coveting, covetousness, eagerness, ardor, craving; appetency, appetite, hunger, thirst, ravenousness; rapaciousness, voracity, voraciousness; avidity, greed, greediness, avarice; mania, craze, rage; passion, obsession, fixation.

yeasty, adj. 1. fermenting, fermentative, barny, frothy, foamy, spumous, spumy, spumescent, lathery.

—v. 2. exuberant, ebullient, high-spirited, exhilarated, tumult, Inf. a can of worms.

yell, v. shout, clamor, cry out, scream, Inf. holler; exclam, ejaculate, blast out, blurt out, sing out; shriek, screech, squall, hoot, ululate, squeal, whoop; bark, below, roar, yelp, yip, yawl, blare; howl, yowl, yammer;
hollo, halloo, *Fox Hunting*. huic, give cry, raise the hue and cry; cheer, rah, call out, hurrah, huzza; vociferate, shout at the top of one’s voice, rend the air, strain the throat.

**yellow, adj.** 1. golden, gold, aureate, aurific, gilt; honey, xanthous, xanthic, butter, gambogian, quince yellow, zinc yellow, primrose; saffron, daffodil, topaz, banana, jonquil, cadmium yellow, canary yellow; lemon, citron, lutescent, luteous, tawny, amber, ocherous, ochery, buff, fulvous, fallow, ecru; blond, flaxen, yellowish, sandy, straw-colored, stramineous.

2. jaundiced, *Pathol.* icteric, sallow, xanthoderma-

3. Mongolian, Mongoloid, Oriental, Asiatic; Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Laotian, Siamese.


5. *(of journalism)* sensational, lurid, sordid, blood-and-thunder; scandal-mongering, muckraking; melodramatic, Barnumesque.

**yelp, v.** cry, bark, scream, shout, *Inf.* holler, whoop. See yell.

**yen, n.** *Informal.* 1. desire, longing, craving, yearning, hankering, *Sl.* itching, *Itch.* See *yeARNING.*

—v. 2. yearn, set one’s heart on, desire, wish for, have a yen for. See *yeaRN.*

**yEMONIALLY, adj.** loyal, faithful, allegiance, true, true-hearted; devoted, pledged, patriotic, dedicated; steadfast, staunch, true-blue, fast, unwavering, unwavering, firm, stable, solid.

**yes, adv.** 1. aye, ay, yea, affirmative; *Fr. oui, Sp. si, Ger. ja, Russ. da.* *Inf.* yeah, *Sl. yah,* *Sl. yep,* *Sl. yup,* *Sl. uh-huh,* *Sl. yozza.* yes sir, *Inf.* yes siree, *Inf.* yes sir-rebob, *yes ma’am.* O.K., all right, *right, Brit. Inf.* right, *Inf.* alright; of course, sure, by all means, be my
guest; as you say, good, very well, *Sl.* right on, natural-
ly, *Brit.* hear, hear; true, quite so, just so, why yes, in
deed, *Inf.* indeed, yes indeed; certainly, certes, surely, absolutely, precisely, exactly; really, truly, *Brit.* rather, to be sure, why not, assuredly, *Fr. mais oui*; granted, ac-

**yes man, n.** sycophant, lickspittle, toady, toadeater, tufthunter, fawning flatterer, trucker; flatterer, back-

**yest, adj.** 1. at the present time, at the moment; until now, up until now, up to the present time, *as yet,* thus far, hitherto.

2. just now, right now, so soon.

3. in addition, additionally, moreover, too, also, be-

4. nevertheless, nonetheless, *Archaic.* neathess, how-

ever, howbeit, anyway, anyhow; regardless, be that as

**yield, v.** 1. produce, give forth, bear, bring forth, give birth to; blossom, flower, bear fruit, fructify;

2. surrender, deliver up, turn over, hand in, part with; remit; release, let go, relinquish, renounce, for-

3. lose hope of, despair of, give up, abandon, quit, *Sl.* pack it in, give up the ship, cry quits, cry craven, throw up one’s hands, throw in the sponge or the towel; resign oneself to, grin and bear it, lie down and die, *Sl.* lump it.

4. capitulate, submit, succumb to; fall, bite the dust, lay down arms, raise the white flag; acquiesce, comply, accede, give in, cry or say uncle; concede, back down, retract, recant; defer, truckle, give place, give precedence; concur, agree, admit, accept, allow, go along with.

5. bend, flex, bow, *Inf.* cave in; relax, stretch; relent, mellow, soften, melt, thaw, dissolve.

—n. 6. crop, harvest, reaping, produce, fruit; product, result, effect, output, fallout; returns, proceeds, net, earnings, receipts, premium, interest.

**yielding, adj.** 1. submissive, docile, tractable; compliant, obedient, manageable; amenable, complaisant, obliging, agreeable; timid, genteel, meek; deferential, subservient, obsequious, *Archaic.* sequacious, truckling.

2. flexible, pliable, pliant, limber, supple; soft, softened, unresistant; plastic, moldable, fictile, ductile, malleable, impressionable; waxy, clayey, argillaceous, plastic, moldable, fictile, ductile, malleable, impressionable; waxy, clayey, argillaceous, doughy, pulpy; flabby, flaccid, spongy, resilient; elastic, extensible, tractile.

3. *(of a crop, soil, etc.)* productive, fertile, fecund, fructuous, profitable; prolific, luxuriant, fruitful, fructiferous; bounteous, plenteous, teeming; workable, cultivable, arable.

**yoke, n.** 1. harness, collar, frame, oxbow and bar; hitch, link, bond, tie, knot; couple, coupling, connecting; fastening, connection, attachment.

2. *(of draft animals)* pair, brace, span, team, couple.

—v. 3. harness, hitch, attach; fasten, join, connect, unite, bracket, couple, link, concatenate; tie, bond, lash, buckle, chain.


**yonder, adj.** 1. more distant, farther, further; remote, far-off, faraway, yon; ultramontane, transalpine, tramontane, overseas, transatlantic, transmarine; antipodean, inaccessible, out-of-the-way, unapproachable.

—adv. 2. over there, at a distance, yon, thither, thitherward, farther, further; far away, far-off, away,
young

1. youthful, in one's salad days; adolescent, teen-aged, in the teens, pubescent, underage, minor; sophomoric, juvenile, childish, Sl. kiddish, Informal: like a kid, boyish, girlish, puercile, infantile; callow, immature, inexperienced, green, wet behind the ears; unsophisticated, uninhibited, naive, innocent, childlike; undeveloped, unformed, unripe; fresh, blooming, bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked, budding, growing, unfledged, newfledged, baby; baby-faced, beardless, smooth-cheeked, downy-cheeked.

2. active, vigorous, enthusiastic, keen; hopeful, sanguine, optimistic, confident, idealistic; cheerful, laughing, buoyant, light-hearted.

3. early, new, newer, recent, unheard-of.

youth

1. childhood, early life, salad days, boyhood, girlhood; adolescence, teens, teenage, teen years, pubescence; minority, nonage; heyday, springtime of life, bloom or flower of life, golden season of life, day-spring of life; immaturity, growing time, growing up; juniority, pupilage, wardship.

2. girlishness, boyishness, youthfulness, puerility, juvenescence, juvenility; freshness, vigor, light-heartedness.

3. adolescent, teenager, teen, juvenile, minor; youngster, youngling, young one, child, Sl. spring chicken; girl, schoolgirl, lass, lassie, mademoiselle, maiden, maid, slip, sprite, sprig; boy, schoolboy, young man, (in ancient Greece) ephebe, scion, lad, junior, cadet, stripling, fledgling, sapling, whelp, whippersnapper; puppy, cub, kitten, chit, chick, Informal: small fry, Informal: shaver, tyke, Informal: kid.

youthful

1. young, adolescent, childish, callow, innocent, fresh, bright-eyed, buoyant, optimistic, cheerful. See young (defs. 1, 2).

yowl

1. howl, bay, bark; bellow, bray; yelp, yawl, yap; cry, wail, caterwaul, Scot. greet, ululate.

—noun

2. howl, bay, bark; bellow, bray; cry, wail, lament, ululation.

yule

1. Christmas, Christmastime, Christmastide, yuletide, Noel, Advent.

yummy

1. flavorful, flavorsome, savory, mouth-watering, appetizing, toothsome, tasty, Chiefly Scot. gusty; delicious, delectable, delightful, Informal: scrumptious, ambrosial.

2. (all usu. in reference to clothing, ornamentation, etc.) luxurious, gorgeous, glamorous, glorious, resplendent, splendid, divine; fine, elegant, exquisite.
zafīt, adj. 1. (all of a woman) plump, chunky, rotund, rounded, well-fed, well-nourished, full-blown, blooming, lusty; buxom, full-bosomed, bosomy, Inf. busty, Sl. top-heavy, Fr. avec beaucoup de monde au balcon; statopygous, Sl. broad-beamed, Sl. broad in the beam, Sl. beany; well-proportioned, shapely, well-shaped; with a nice or gorgeous figure, with an hourglass figure, Sl. stacked, Sl. well-stacked, Sl. built, Sl. built like a brick outhouse, curvy, Inf. curveful, callygian, well-rounded; voluptuous, attractive, appealing, lovely, comely, gorgeous, beautiful, sensational, Inf. sexy, seductive, provocative, suggestive, inspirational, giving a fellow ideas; stimulating, exciting, arousing, tempting.
2. appetizing, mouth-watering, juicy, delicious, ripe, well-ripened, inviting; palatable, tasty, Inf. scrumptious, Inf. yummify, delectable.

zaniiness, n. clownishness, zaniness, clowning, clownery; buffoonery, buffoonishness, harlequinade; joking, jesting, jocosity, jocoseness, waggishness, waggery, drollery; levity, frivolity, facetiousness; silliness, childlishness, prankishness; foolery, absurdity, inanity, fatuousness, foolishness, folly; craziness, Sl. kookiness, madness, Sl. screwiness, Sl. goofiness.

zany, adj. 1. comical, comic, nonsensical, absurd, ludicrous, ridiculous; amusing, laughable, risible, hilarious, silly, insane, foolish; crazy, daft, Inf. daffy, Chiefly Brit. Inf.otty, Inf. crackpot; All Sl. balmy, dippy, batty, bats, cuckoo, buggy, bughouse, bugs, screwy, wacky, wacko, goofy, loony, nutty.
2. jocund, merry, mirthful, jovial, jolly; gay, frolicsome, sportive, playful, prankish, frivolous, puckish, flippannt.

zap, v. Slang. 1. kill, slay, murder, assassinate, do to death; liquidate, erase, blow out, get rid of; put away or out of the way, carry off, remove, dispatch; silence, finish, finish off, do for, fix, settle, lay out or low, Inf. put the kibosh on; shoot, shoot down, riddle, Sl. blow [s.o. 's] brains out, Sl. pump or fill full of lead; All Sl. off, hit, waste, croak, eighty-six, take off, rub out, snuff out, bump off, knock off, polish off, give [s.o.] the works or business; All Euph. send west, take [s.o.] for a ride, put [s.o.] out of his misery.
2. defeat, conquer, vanquish, rout, discomfit; overcome, overthrow, crush, thrash, trounce, whip, drub, floor; best, worst, outwit, outmaneuver.
3. hit, strike, smite, slap, punch, Sl. sock, smack, cuff; beat, Sl. belt, pommel, pelt, Sl. let [s.o.] have it.

zeal, n. 1. ardor, fervor; fervency; devotion, devotionness; fervorosity, passion, fire, glow, warmth.
2. enthusiasm, eagerness, earnestness, keenness, inteniveness, intensity, excitement; vigor, force, energy, determination, vehementness; relish, gusto, delight, enjoyment; elation, rapture, ecstasy, transport.
3. exuberance, ebullience, vitality, animation, spirit, spiritedness; life, buoyancy, bounce, zest, verve, zing, Sl. oomph.
4. fanaticism, zealotry. See zealotry (defs. 1, 2).

zealot, n. 1. fanatic, enthusiast, energumen; partisan, bigot, sectarian; extremist, radical.
2. devotee, votary, champion, disciple; fan, aficionado, Inf. buff, Sl. nut; addict, Inf. fiend, Sl. junkie, Sl. freak; promoter, supporter, booster, Inf. pusher.

zealotry, n. 1. fanaticism, single-mindedness, obsession, monomania; fervorosity, passion, frenzy, hysteria, insanity.
2. dogmatism, bigotry, intolerance, close-mindedness, narrow-mindedness; prejudice, bias, partiality.

zealous, adj. fervent, earnest, eager, enthusiastic, excited; ardent, Inf. gung-ho, impassioned, passionate; fervid, per fervid, feverish, rabid, monomaniacal; vigorous, vehement, forceful, energetic; determined, persistent, dogged, tenacious; devoted, devout, religious, pious.

zenith, n. 1. summit, vertex, apex, apogee, peak, pinnacle, spire, point, tip, tiptop; top, crown, cap, head, headpiece.
2. acme, meridian, climax, culmination, crowning point, Latin. ne plus ultra; sublimity, supremacy, consummation, perfection; best, finest, utmost, uttermost, extreme, U.S. Sl. the greatest, U.S. Sl. the most; prime, heyday, bloom, full flower, flowering, blossoms, efflorescence.

zero, n. 1. nothing, naught, aught, nil, Sl. nix, Sl. zilch, Tennis. love; cipher, Inf. goose egg; absolutely nothing, nothing at all, Brit. Sl. sweet Fanny Adams or sweet F.A.
2. nobody, nullity, nonentity, Inf. nebbish, Inf. pip-squeak, twerp; jackstraw, man of straw, lay figure.
3. nadir, lowest point; bottom, rock bottom.
—v. 4. zero in on pinpoint, home in on, fix, get a fix on.

zest, n. 1. relish, spice, tang, flavor, seasoning, savor; twang, zing, zip, Inf. pizzazz, Inf. ginger, edge; pungency, piquancy, bite.
2. gusto, dawn, animation, zestfulness, life, spirit, zip, Sl. oomph, Sl. kick; glow, warmth, soul; vivacity, Fr. joie de vivre, liveliness, lustiness, robustness; alacrity, delight, joy, gaiety, spiritedness; exuberance, exhilaration, elation, heartiness.

zestful, adj. 1. piquant, pungent, spicy, nippy;
zigzag

hot, peppery; tasty, toothsome, savory, delicious, luscious.


zigzag, adj. staggered, angled, forked, crooked, askew, abrupt; serpentine, sinuous, meandering, circuitous, anfractuous, roundabout, devious; mazy, labyrinthine.

zing, n. 1. enthusiasm, animation, vitality, vim, gusto. See *zest* (defs. 1, 2).

—v. 2. whiz, buzz, zip, streak, fly. See *zoom.*

zip, n. 1. vigor, vim, energy, vitality, life, spirit; relish, gusto, zing. See *zest* (defs. 1, 2).

—v. 2. *Informal.* speed, rush, fly, jet, streak, barrel. See *zoom.*

zombie, n. 1. walking dead, walking corpse; *Psychiatry.* catatonic.


zone, n. area, region, district, quarter; locality, section, territory, realm, domain, province; department, precinct, bailiwick; tract, stretch, terrain, field; expanse, sweep, reach, surface; arena, ring, sphere, circle, orbit; latitude, hemisphere, climate, clime; locale, location, spot, place, part, situation.


2. *Informal.* madhouse, bedlam, chaos, confusion, three-ring circus; disorder, disarray.
