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## GRE WORD LIST

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1. **abandon** - extreme enthusiasm; dispensing of all inhibitions
2. **abash** - to humiliate
3. **abate** - to lessen
4. **abbreviate** - to shorten, abridge
5. **abdicate** - to formally give up a position ("to abdicate a throne")
6. **aberration** - departure from the normal; abnormality
7. **abet** - to encourage
8. **abhor** - to hate
9. **abide** - to follow or put up with ("to abide by the rules")
10. **abject** - utterly hopeless; miserable
11. **abjure** - to give up (rights); to deny
12. **ablution** - washing or cleansing the body as part of a religious rite
13. **abnegate** - to deny privilege to
14. **abominable** - something that causes disgust; easily hated
15. **aboriginal** - the first of its kind in a region
16. **abortive** - unsuccessful or fruitless
17. **abrade** - to wear away or rub off; to wear down in spirit
18. **abridge** - to edit a book by shortening the text
19. **abrogate** - to cancel; to nullify
20. **abscond** - to depart secretly, especially to avoid criminal charges
21. **absolve** - to free from blame or responsibility
22. **abstemious** - to be moderate, especially in eating and drinking
23. **abstinence** - the act of refraining from pleasurable activity, e.g., eating or drinking
24. **abstruse** - complex and difficult to comprehend
25. **abuts** - lie adjacent
26. **accede** - to give one's consent
27. **accentuate** - to put emphasis on
28. **accessory** - a partner in a crime
29. **accolade** - a mark of acknowledgement or expression of praise
30. **accord** - a formal reaching of agreement
31. **accost** - to greet; to address
32. **accrue** - to be added to by growth
33. **acculturation** - change of one culture from interacting with another
34. **acerb** - acid; sour
35. **acme** - highest point
36. **acolyte** - novice; young assistant
37. **acquiesce** - to comply; to yield
38. **acquit** - to free from charge
39. **acrid** - biting or harsh in odor or taste; deeply or violently bitter
40. **acrimonious** - bitter and sharp in language or tone; mean-spirited; bitter; ill-natured. ("acrimonious remarks")
41. **acumen** - keen insight
42. **acute** - sharp; shrewd; severe
43. **adage** - a short proverb or saying
44. **adamant** - persistent; stubborn
45. **adaptation** - A composition that has been recast into a new form
46. **addendum** - something additional; an item to be added on
47. **adduce** - to cite as an example or justification
48. **adept** - proficient; expert; highly skilled
49. **adherent** - someone who adheres to an opinion
50. **adjudicate** - to judge; to hear and decide a case in court
51. **adjure** - to command solemnly as if under oath
52. **admonition** - a gentle rebuke
53. **adroit** - nimble; skillful in the use of one's hands or body
54. **adulation** - high praise
55. **adulterate** - to make impure or tainted
56. **adumbrate** - foreshadow
57. **adventitious** - happening by chance; incidental; accidental
58. **adversity** - misfortune, an unfavorable turn of events

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59. **advocate** - to support
60. **aeon** - age
61. **aesthetic** - beautiful
62. **affect** - to influence or produce an effect on
63. **affinity** - a natural attraction between two things
64. **affirmative** - positive in nature; factually valid
65. **affliction** - suffering; a state of pain
66. **affluent** - prosperous
67. **aggrandize** - to raise the importance or make to appear great
68. **aggravate** - to make worse; to intensify
69. **aggregate** - total; to form into a mass or whole
70. **agnostic** - one who says that man cannot understand the nature of God
71. **akin** - showing a similar feature or quality
72. **alacrity** - eagerness; promptness; willingness
73. **albatross** - a significant impediment; handicap; burden
74. **allay** - to lessen fear; put something to rest; to mitigate; to calm
75. **allegation** - a statement that is unproven and needs to be proven
76. **alleviate** - to lighten
77. **allude** - to hint at
78. **alluvial** - pertaining to mud left by running water
79. **aloof** - cool; indifferent
80. **altercation** - a quarrel
81. **altruistic** - unselfish
82. **amalgamate** - to blend into a coherent single unit
83. **ambidextrous** - capable of using both hands with equal skill
84. **ambient** - surrounding atmosphere ("ambience of a restaurant")
85. **ambiguous** - vague; unclear
86. **ambivalent** - having conflicting feelings about something
87. **amble** - to saunter or stroll
88. **ameliorate** - to better
89. **amenable** - responsive; agreeable (to an idea)
90. **amend** - to formally alter from the original
91. **amenity** - a pleasant manner or feature
92. **amiable** - having a pleasant, cordial nature
93. **amicable** - friendly, agreeable
94. **amity** - friendliness
95. **amoral** - without moral standards
96. **amorous** - passionate
97. **amorphous** - formless ("an amoeba is amorphous")
98. **amortize** - to settle a debt by means of installment payments
99. **anachronism** - something in the wrong time period; out-of-date
100. **analogy** - similarity
101. **analyst** - someone who studies data
102. **anarchy** - the absence of government; a disordered and uncontrolled situation
103. **anathema** - a curse; abomination
104. **ancillary** - secondary; subordinate
105. **androgynous** - showing both male and female characteristics
106. **anecdote** - a short, personal story
107. **anemic** - lacking vitality; listless and weak
108. **anesthetic** - causing numbness; something that lessens sensation
109. **animosity** - intense hostility toward a person or thing
110. **annul** - to cancel
111. **annunciate** - to proclaim or announce
112. **anomalous** - abnormal; irregular
113. **anonymous** - nameless, without a disclosed identity
114. **antagonist** - foe, opponent, adversary
115. **anthology** - a collection of stories
116. **antibiotic** - something that kills bacteria
117. **antipathy** - strong dislike
118. **antiquity** - the quality of pertaining to long ago
119. **antithesis** - the opposite; highest possible contrast
120. **apathetic** - lacking feeling
121. **apathy** - indifference
122. **aphorism** - a short saying that illustrates an important principle or observation

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123. **aplomb** - assurance; self-confidence
124. **apocalyptic** - having to do with revelation or prophecy
125. **apocryphal** - of dubious origin; fictitious
126. **apolitical** - having no interest in politics
127. **apostate** - a renegade; one who deserts his principles
128. **appalled** - shocked; disgusted
129. **appease** - to deal with a demand
130. **appellation** - title or name
131. **apportion** - to allot
132. **apposite** - relevant; appropriate
133. **appraise** - to determine worth
134. **apprehensive** - uneasiness about the future; worried
135. **apprise** - to supply notice to
136. **approbation** - an expression of warm approval; praise
137. **apropos** - opportunely; as an apt point
138. **apt** - likely; fit; skillful
139. **arbiter** - a judge
140. **arbitrary** - biased or at random
141. **arboreal** - pertaining to trees
142. **archaic** - old, not contemporary or modern
143. **archetypes** - the original model by which other things are made
144. **archipelago** - a group of islands
145. **ardent** - intense; passionate; devoted; characterized by high emotion
146. **arduous** - challenging and difficult
147. **argot** - slang
148. **aridity** - dryness
149. **aroma** - scent; smell
150. **arrogance** - proud and offensive self-esteem
151. **artless** - frank; without cunning
152. **ascertain** - to find out
153. **ascetic** - self-denying
154. **ascribe** - to give credit for
155. **asinine** - stupid or silly
156. **askance** - distrustfully
157. **askew** - turned to one side
158. **asperity** - harshness; severity in temper
159. **aspersion** - false accusation; slander
160. **assertion** - a positive statement or claim
161. **assiduous** - attentive; diligent
162. **assuage** - soften; alleviate
163. **astral** - pertaining to the stars
164. **astute** - shrewd; very smart; clever
165. **asylum** - sanctuary, shelter, refuge
166. **atrophy** - wasting away (of muscle)
167. **attrition** - grinding down; wearing down
168. **audacious** - bold; brazen; lacking timidity; fearless
169. **augment** - to increase
170. **augury** - prediction
171. **august** - stately; majestic
172. **auspices** - support; encouragement; patronage
173. **auspicious** - of favorable prospect; promising
174. **austere** - severe; strict
175. **authentic** - genuine
176. **autocrat** - a despotic ruler; a mean ruler
177. **autonomous** - self-governing
178. **autonomy** - independence
179. **avail** - to be beneficial or useful
180. **avant-garde** - of, relating to, or being part of an innovative group, especially one in the arts: avant-garde painters; an avant-garde theater piece.
181. **avarice** - greed
182. **aver** - assert
183. **averse** - reluctant; disinclined
184. **avert** - to turn aside; to prevent
185. **avian** - relating to birds
186. **avid** - greedy
187. **avouch** - declare strongly
188. **avowal** - an open admission or statement

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189. **avuncular** - having to do with an uncle
190. **awry** - turned to one side
191. **axiomatic** - self-evident
192. **badger** - to annoy
193. **balderdash** - nonsense; a ridiculous idea
194. **baleful** - deadly; evil
195. **balk** - to stop; to thwart; to frustrate; to prevent
196. **ballad** - a type of poem
197. **balm** - something that reduces irritation
198. **balmy** - mild; refreshing
199. **banal** - commonplace
200. **bandit** - an individual who has broken the law
201. **bandy** - to exchange words
202. **baneful** - destructive
203. **banish** - to put into exile
204. **banter** - casual conversation; jesting
205. **barbaric** - rude; uncultured; primitive; uncivilized
206. **barrage** - concentrated outpouring or volley ("barrage of questions")
207. **bask** - to expose to warmth
208. **bauble** - a cheap toy
209. **beatitude** - highest possible blessedness or contentment
210. **bedraggled** - in a condition of disarray; unkempt; dirty and limp
211. **befuddle** - to confuse or perplex
212. **beget** - to produce offspring; to cause
213. **beguile** - to cheat; to charm
214. **belated** - late or tardy; delayed
215. **beleaguered** - embattled; constantly confronted with obstacles
216. **belie** - to disprove or demonstrate to be false; to contradict appearances
217. **bellicose** - warlike
218. **belligerent** - quarrelsome; fighting a lot
219. **bemused** - bewildered; perplexed
220. **benediction** - a blessing
221. **benevolent** - friendly; generous
222. **benighted** - ignorant; unenlightened
223. **benign** - favorable; kind
224. **benison** - blessing
225. **bequeath** - to give an inheritance to
226. **berate** - to scold severely
227. **bereaved** - in a state of mourning
228. **beseech** - to beg
229. **besmirch** - to make dirty; to soil (like a reputation)
230. **bestial** - relating to beasts
231. **bestow** - to give ("bestow on you three wishes")
232. **bevy** - a large group
233. **bigamy** - being illegally married to two people simultaneously
234. **bigoted** - prejudiced
235. **bilateral** - pertaining to both sides of something
236. **bilk** - to swindle; to cheat
237. **binary** - made up of two parts; double
238. **biogenesis** - the process of life arising from other living things
239. **bipartisanship** - of, consisting of, or supported by members of two parties, especially two major political parties: a bipartisan resolution.
240. **bipolar** - having opposites poles or extremes
241. **bizarre** - strange; fantastic
242. **bland** - mild
243. **blandish** - persuade by flattery
244. **blanket** - something used to provide warmth
245. **blaring** - To sound loudly and stridently: a stereo blaring in the next apartment.
246. **blasphemy** - irreverence
247. **blatant** - noisy; obvious
248. **blather** - to talk ridiculously
249. **blight** - destruction or withering disease
250. **blithe** - carefree; merry
251. **bludgeon** - to beat
252. **blueprint** - plans created by an architect
253. **blurb** - a short notice
254. **bluster** - to threaten

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255. **bog** - an area of soft, naturally waterlogged ground.
256. **bogus** - not genuine
257. **boisterous** - to be loud, or otherwise ostentatious
258. **bombastic** - using impressive but meaningless language; pompous
259. **boorish** - offensive, lacking manners
260. **botanical** - of or pertaining to plant life; the study of plants
261. **bounty** - a reward
262. **bovine** - dull, unresponsive, or slow relating to cows
263. **bowdlerize** - to remove offensive portions in a book
264. **brag** - to show excessive pride
265. **braggadocio** - unjustified boasting
266. **braggart** - someone with a big ego
267. **brandish** - to shake at menacingly ("to brandish a revolver")
268. **brash** - impudent; hasty
269. **brassy** - cheap or showy
270. **bravado** - false bravery
271. **brazenness** - shocking boldness
272. **brevity** - briefness; conciseness
273. **brine** - a type of preservative
274. **bromide** - a commonplace remark; cliché
275. **brunt** - the primary impact of a blow
276. **brusque** - roughly abrupt
277. **bucolic** - pertaining to the country
278. **buffer** - something used absorb shock or scrutiny
279. **bugaboo** - something that causes worry or dismay
280. **bulwark** - a strong defense
281. **bumptious** - boldly conceited
282. **bungler** - someone who has a lot of ineptitude.
283. **buoyant** - happy, elated
284. **bureaucracy** - an inefficient administrative body
285. **burlesque** - a speech or action that treats a serious subject with ridicule
286. **burnish** - to polish
287. **butress** - to support; to prop up
288. **bygone** - an occurrence that took place in the past
289. **cabal** - intrigue; a group plotting secretly
290. **cache** - hiding place
291. **cacophony** - discordant sounds or comments
292. **cadaverous** - haggard; ghastly pale
293. **cadence** - rhythm
294. **cajole** - persuade by flattery or deceit
295. **callous** - insensitive; immature
296. **callow** - lacking adult maturity or experience; immature
297. **calumny** - false, malicious accusation
298. **calvary** - a sad and emotionally painful moment
299. **camaraderie** - trust, sociability amongst friends
300. **canard** - an absurd rumor circulated to deceive the public
301. **candid** - 1. frank; honest; open 2. an informal photograph or snapshot
302. **canine** - relating to dogs
303. **canonical** - conforming to church law
304. **cant** - slang
305. **cantankerous** - irritable; ill-natured; peevish
306. **canter** - a smooth, easy pace
307. **capacious** - capable of holding much; roomy
308. **caper** - skip
309. **capitulate** - to surrender; to give in
310. **caprice** - random spontaneous behavior
311. **capricious** - continuously changing one's mind; whimsical
312. **captious** - quick to find petty fault; extra critical
313. **cardinal** - of major importance ("cardinal rule")
314. **careen** - tip over
315. **caricature** - a grotesquely or absurdly exaggerated representation
316. **carnal** - sensual; sexual
317. **carouse** - to revel; rowdy merriment
318. **carp** - to complain or nag
319. **carrion** - decaying flesh
320. **cartel** - a group of companies trying to control a market ("oil cartel")

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321. **cartoon** - a type of drawing
322. **castigate** - to put into punishment; to punish or criticize
323. **cataclysm** - disaster
324. **catalyst** - something that initiates an event and is itself unaffected
325. **catharsis** - an emotional purging
326. **catholic** - tolerant; universal
327. **caustic** - biting, harsh ("caustic remarks")
328. **cavalcade** - a procession involving people on horses or in vehicles
329. **cavalier** - indifferent ("cavalier attitude")
330. **cavalry** - a group of soldiers on horseback
331. **cavil** - to find petty fault
332. **celerity** - speed, swiftness of action or motion
333. **celibate** - bachelor
334. **censure** - to criticize harshly
335. **certify** - to make official
336. **cessation** - the act of drawing to a close
337. **chafe** - to irritate
338. **chagrin** - disappointment
339. **chalice** - a cup
340. **chaos** - confusion
341. **charismatic** - personally appealing; inspiring
342. **charlatan** - pretender of knowledge; a fake
343. **charmer** - someone who captivates
344. **chastise** - to punish
345. **cherubic** - angelic
346. **chicanery** - deception by sharp practice
347. **chide** - to scold
348. **chime** - sound made by a bell
349. **chimerical** - fanciful; imaginary; unreal
350. **chivalrous** - honorable
351. **choleric** - ill-tempered
352. **choreography** - art of the dance
353. **chronicle** - a long description
354. **circuitous** - indirect, taking the longest route
355. **circumlocutory** - wordy
356. **circumspect** - cautious
357. **circumvent** - to evade by means of deception
358. **citadel** - a stronghold
359. **cite** - to name; to mention
360. **clairvoyance** - supernatural perceptive skills, ability to foresee the future
361. **clamorous** - loud, expressively vehement
362. **clandestine** - kept or done in secret, often in order to conceal an illicit or improper purpose
363. **clarion** - trumpet; sound of trumpets
364. **claustrophobia** - fear of confined spaces
365. **cleavage** - division
366. **clemency** - mercy
367.  **cliché** - a commonplace phrase
368. **clump** - a bunch of bushes
369. **coalesce** - fuse; merge
370. **code** - list of principles (like code of ethics)
371. **codify** - to reduce to the form of a code; arrange; systematize
372. **coerce** - to compel
373. **cogent** - strongly persuasive or compelling
374. **cogitate** - to ponder or consider deeply
375. **cognition** - perception; the process of knowing
376. **cognizant** - aware
377. **cohort** - a close friend
378. **coin** - to create a word
379. **collaborate** - to cooperate, work together
380. **colloquial** - in common conversational use
381. **collude** - to illegally join forces in a secret plot or strategy
382. **combative** - tending to fight
383. **comely** - pleasant to look at; pleasing and wholesome in appearance
384. **comic** - being funny
385. **commandeer** - to seize for military use; confiscate
386. **commendable** - worthy of praise

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387. **commensurate** - having an equal measure
388. **commiserate** - to share in another's sorrow or disappointment
389. **commodious** - roomy
390. **communal** - shared
391. **compassion** - sympathy, helpfulness or mercy
392. **compatible** - agreeable; consistent
393. **compendium** - summary
394. **complacent** - happy; satisfied
395. **complaisant** - eager to please; agreeable
396. **complicity** - partnership in wrongful act
397. **comport** - to agree with ("does not comport with the facts")
398. **composure** - calmness of mind or manner
399. **compounded** - made worse
400. **compress** - to reduce volume
401. **compromise** - to settle a dispute by terms agreeable to both sides
402. **compulsory** - forced; something required
403. **compunction** - strong uneasiness caused by guilt; sorrow for sin
404. **con** - to read carefully
405. **concatenation** - series; linking together
406. **concerted** - mutually devised or planned
407. **conclave** - a secret conference
408. **concomitant** - accompanying
409. **concourse** - an assembly of a large number of people
410. **concur** - to agree
411. **condemning** - criticize
412. **condescending** - possessing an attitude of superiority, patronizing
413. **condign** - deserved
414. **condiment** - a sauce, relish, or spice used to season food
415. **conditional** - depending on a condition, e.g., in a contract
416. **condolence** - sympathy
417. **condone** - to excuse; to overlook ("to condone tardiness")
418. **conducive** - contributing to a result
419. **conduits** - a pipe, channel, for conveying fluids
420. **confabulate** - to chat or talk informally
421. **confederations** - a group of nations
422. **confine** - to give a restriction
423. **conflagration** - a big fire
424. **conflated** - fused together; not distinct
425. **conflict** - a situation that lacks accord
426. **confluence** - a point of meeting or flowing together
427. **conformist** - person who complies with accepted rules and customs
428. **confound** - to confuse; perplex
429. **confrontation** - a fight
430. **congenial** - pleasant
431. **congenital** - existing at birth
432. **conglomeration** - mass of varied elements
433. **congregation** - a crowd of people, an assembly
434. **conjecture** - guess
435. **conjure** - to summon or bring about ("conjure up spirits")
436. **connive** - to plot; to conspire
437. **connoisseur** - an expert in food or drink
438. **connotation** - an implication beyond literal meaning; an unspoken suggestion
439. **consanguineous** - related by blood; of common lineage
440. **consecrate** - to make holy; to hallow
441. **console** - to comfort someone who has bereavement
442. **consortium** - an alliance
443. **conspicuous** - obvious
444. **constellation** - an assemblage of stars or distinguished people
445. **consternation** - dismay; sudden amazement; alarm
446. **construe** - to interpret; to explain
447. **consummate** - (adj.) perfect; (verb) to complete or finalize
448. **contemptuous** - feeling hate, disdain, or scorn
449. **contiguity** - closeness
450. **contravene** - to violate
451. **contrite** - sorry for past wrong actions
452. **contrive** - to plan or conspire

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453. **contumacious** - scornfully insubordinate; rebellious
454. **contumely** - arrogant and contemptuous behavior
455. **convalescence** - the recovering or recuperating from something
456. **convergence** - the state of separate elements joining or coming together
457. **convince** - to cause belief
458. **convivial** - merry; festive; fond of feasting, drinking, and good company; sociable; joyous; amiable
459. **convocation** - an assembly of people
460. **convoluted** - complicated and twisted
461. **copious** - plenteous; abundant
462. **coquettish** - shy; given to flirting
463. **coronation** - a ceremony that inducts a monarch
464. **corporeal** - pertaining to the body
465. **corroborate** - confirm; substantiate
466. **corrupt** - lacking purity
467. **coruscate** - to sparkle
468. **cosmopolitan** - Having constituent elements from all over the world or from many different parts of the world
469. **coterie** - a clique; a circle
470. **counterfeit** - to make fake money
471. **courtiers** - a group of attendants for a sovereign
472. **covenant** - a binding agreement
473. **covert** - hidden; secret
474. **coveted** - desired
475. **covetous** - grasping; craving
476. **crass** - coarsely stupid
477. **craven** - cowardly
478. **credence** - belief
479. **credulous** - gullible, easy to get to believe
480. **criterion** - basis for which to do something
481. **cronies** - close friends
482. **crop** - to reduce a picture in size
483. **crush** - to put too much pressure on
484. **culinary** - pertaining to cooking
485. **cull** - to select
486. **culminate** - to result in
487. **culpable** - guilty
488. **cumbersome** - hard to manage
489. **cumbrous** - burdensome
490. **cupidity** - greed
491. **curative** - curing
492. **curator** - someone who manages a museum
493. **cursor** - hasty
494. **curtail** - to shorten
495. **curtness** - abrupt
496. **cymbal** - an instrument that makes a loud clash sound
497. **cynical** - sneering; sarcastic
498. **cyonure** - center of attention
499. **dais** - raised platform that a lecturer stands on
500. **dalliance** - carefree spending of time ("dilly-dally")
501. **dank** - damp and chilly
502. **daunting** - to abate the courage of; discourage
503. **dawdled** - To take more time than necessary; To move aimlessly or lackadaisically
504. **dearth** - scarcity
505. **debacle** - a collapse
506. **debase** - to reduce in value; lower in character or quality; degrade
507. **debauchery** - acts lacking virtue
508. **debilitate** - to weaken
509. **debonair** - suave; sophisticated; charming
510. **decadence** - characterized by declining moral standards
511. **decorous** - proper behavior
512. **decorum** - dignified conduct
513. **decrepit** - worn out, as by old age; past its prime
514. **decry** - discern; discover
515. **deduce** - to infer or derive
516. **deescalate** - to diminish in size, intensity, or extent (opposite of escalate)
517. **defamation** - a false attack on someone's reputation



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518. **defection**- desertion (of a duty)
519. **defer** - to put off until later
520. **deference** - submission to another's will or opinion
521. **deft** - skill
522. **defunct** - dead; extinct
523. **degenerate** - having regressed or descended to a lower state
524. **deify** - to idolize
525. **deign** - to condescend to ("The snob wouldn't deign to answer our questions.")
526. **delectable** - pleasant; delicious
527. **delete** - to expunge; to cancel
528. **deleterious** - harmful; deadly; injurious
529. **delineate** - to sketch out; to outline; to depict
530. **delinquent** - Overdue in payment
531. **deluge** - flood
532. **delusion** - something misleading or deceiving
533. **demagogue** - leader who arouses by emotional and inflamed speech, often leading to public hysteria
534. **demarcate** - to establish the limits of
535. **demise** - death
536. **demote** - to reduce in rank
537. **demur** - to hesitate
538. **demure** - affectedly modest
539. **denigrate** - to ruin one's reputation
540. **denizen** - inhabitant
541. **denote** - to indicate or make clear
542. **denunciation** - to accuse publicly ("to denounce")
543. **deplete** - to reduce quantity or empty
544. **deplorable** - very bad; wretched
545. **deplore** - lament; to really regret
546. **deport** - remove from a country
547. **depose** - to remove a ruler from office
548. **depravity** - corruption
549. **deprecate** - to protest strongly
550. **derelict** - abandoned vessel; social outcast; negligent
551. **deride** (adj. derisive) - to ridicule
552. **derision** - ridicule
553. **derisive** - making fun of; belittling
554. **derivation** - a source
555. **derivative** - copied or adapted from others
556. **derogatory** - belittling
557. **desecrate** - to render unholy; treat as unholy ("desecrate a temple")
558. **desiccant** - drying
559. **desideratum** - a desirable thing
560. **despicable** - something worthy of contempt
561. **despondency** - dejection; depression
562. **despotism** - authoritarian rule
563. **destitute** - lacking resources or means of subsistence; completely impoverished; poverty-stricken; deprived
564. **desuetude** - disuse
565. **desultory** - aimless
566. **detachment** - having no emotion for
567. **detergent** - cleansing agent
568. **deviate** - to wander from the usual course
569. **devious** - indirect; crooked
570. **devotee** - one who is very loyal to a group, faith, or team
571. **dexterity** - skill
572. **diabolic** - satanic, devilish
573. **diagnosis** - explanation resulting from a careful study of facts
574. **dialectic** - having a logical approach to things ("with dialectic thoroughness")
575. **diaphanous** - transparent
576. **diatribe** - an abusive speech
577. **dichotomy** - division into two contrasting parts
578. **dictum** - authoritative statement
579. **didactic** - instructive; related to teaching
580. **diffident** - shy; modest
581. **diffuse** - lacking concentration
582. **digression** - the act of turning aside, straying from the main point, esp. in a speech or argument

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583. **dilapidated** - something falling apart or run down
584. **dilate** - to expand
585. **dilatory** - likely to cause delay; late
586. **dilemma** - a perplexing situation
587. **dilettante** - amateur dabbler; lacking seriousness
588. **diligent** - hard-working; attention to detail
589. **diminution** - reduction or decrease due to outside influence
590. **diplomacy** - tact the conduct of relations among nations
591. **directory** - a collection of names and numbers
592. **dirge** - a funeral song
593. **disavow** - to disclaim knowledge of
594. **discern** - insight
595. **discerning** - having keen insight
596. **discombobulate** - to confuse; to throw into an awkward predicament
597. **discomfiture** - disappointment; embarrassment
598. **disconcerting** - ruffled; upset
599. **discord** - disagreement; lack of harmony
600. **discount** - to disregard
601. **discourse** - lecture
602. **discredit** - to harm the reputation of, dishonor or disgrace
603. **discredited** - not respected
604. **discreet** - cautious; quietly
605. **discriminating** - picky
606. **discursive** - rambling from one subject to another
607. **disdain** - to regard with scorn or contempt
608. **disgruntled** - unhappy; angry
609. **disingenuous** - less than honest; not straightforward
610. **disinterested** - lacking bias
611. **disparage** - belittle; to speak ill of; to criticize
612. **disparate** - completely different
613. **disparity** - inequality
614. **displace** - remove
615. **disport** - to play; to entertain
616. **dispossess** - to deprive ownership of
617. **disquiet** - to disturb, to increase apprehension
618. **disseminate** - to disperse; to scatter far and wide
619. **dissension** - fighting
620. **dissipate** - to vanish or cease
621. **dissolution** - the act of dissolving into parts
622. **dissonance** - a harsh or inharmonious combination, especially of sounds
623. **dissuade** - opposite of persuade
624. **distract** - absent-minded
625. **distraught** - bewildered; perplexed; troubled
626. **diurnal** - daily; occurring at daytime
627. **divergent** - separating, moving towards different directions from a particular point
628. **divisive** - dividing, creating differences
629. **divulge** - to reveal; to disclose
630. **docile** - submissive
631. **doggerel** - trivial or satirical poetry
632. **dogmatic** - strongly asserting an opinion
633. **doleful** - sad
634. **dolorous** - sad
635. **domesticate** - to make accustomed to home life
636. **domicile** - a residence
637. **dorsal** - pertaining to the back
638. **dossier** - a complete group of documents
639. **dotage** - feeble-mindedness
640. **drab** - monotonous; dull
641. **draft** - the preliminary version of a report
642. **drastic** - extreme in effect
643. **droll** - comical
644. **dubious** - doubtful
645. **dudgeon** - sullen resentment or anger
646. **dulcet** - sweet
647. **duplicitous** - deception (dupe - to deceive)
648. **duress** - imprisonment; compulsion
649. **dwindling** - getting smaller

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650. **dynamic** - energetic
651. **ebb** - to slowly decrease (refers to water tide)
652. **ebullition** - bubbling over; outburst of spirit
653. **eccentric** - unpredictable; erratic or marked by unconventional behavior
654. **ecclesiastical** - pertaining to religious practices
655. **echelon** - a level of command
656. **éclat** - brilliance
657. **eclectic** - consisting of elements from many diverse sources
658. **eclogue** - a poem about the country
659. **ecstasy** - extreme happiness
660. **ecumenical** - universal
661. **edification** - enlightenment
662. **edify** - teach for improvement; enlighten
663. **educe** - to draw out; to reason out
664. **effect** - to accomplish or bring about (a thing)
665. **effeminate** - female-like
666. **effervesce** - to create bubbles
667. **effete** - worn out
668. **efficacious** - producing a desired effect
669. **effigy** - a dummy of a hated person
670. **efflorescent** - blossoming
671. **effrontery** - shameless boldness
672. **effulgent** - radiant; brilliantly shining
673. **egalitarian** - fair towards all parties involved
674. **egocentric** - selfish
675. **egoist** - someone who is selfish
676. **egregious** - outstanding; flagrantly incorrect or bad
677. **ejaculate** - to exclaim
678. **eke** - to survive or subsist ("to eke out an existence")
679. **élan** - enthusiastic vigor and liveliness
680. **elicit** - draw forth; to bring out ("to elicit a response")
681. **elocution** - the way in which a speech is delivered
682. **eloquent** - fluent and articulate (speech)
683. **elucidate** - to make clear
684. **elusive** - difficult to understand, grasp, or perceive
685. **emaciated** - haggard
686. **emanate** - to issue forth; to emit from a source
687. **emancipate** - to liberate
688. **embark** - to cause to board a vessel or aircraft
689. **embellish** - to elaborate upon
690. **embezzle** - to steal
691. **embodiment** - the incarnation of a given thing or idea ("she is the embodiment of virtue")
692. **emeritus** - a person who is retired but still holds an honorary position
693. **eminence** - superiority; outstanding notability
694. **eminent** - famous
695. **emissary** - an agent or messenger
696. **emollient** - something that lessens irritation; a softener
697. **emolument** - payment
698. **empathize** - to share another's emotions (n. empathy)
699. **empathy** - compassion
700. **emphatic** - highlighted; extremely expressive
701. **empirical** - experimental
702. **emulate** - to imitate, follow an example
703. **enamel** - covering on pottery
704. **encomium** - high praise
705. **encumbrance** - a burden
706. **encyclopedic** - extensive
707. **endemic** - indigenous; characteristic of a certain place or people
708. **enervate** - to weaken
709. **engender** - to cause
710. **enhance** - to improve
711. **enigma** - a puzzle
712. **enjoin** - to command or prohibit
713. **enmesh** - to involve, entangle, or implicate
714. **enmity** - mutual hatred
715. **ennui** - boredom
716. **enshrine** - to cherish; to make sacred

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717. **enthrall** - to hold spellbound
718. **entice** - to increase temptation
719. **entity** - something that exists separately
720. **entourage** - A group of attendants for a celebrity
721. **entreaty** - an earnest request; plea
722. **enumerate** - to clearly list out
723. **enunciate** - to articulate or pronounce
724. **envisage** - to visualize or imagine
725. **ephemeral** - short-lived; temporary in time
726. **epicure** - lover of luxurious living
727. **epilogue** - a short section added to the end of a book to provide more information
728. **episodic** - Limited to the duration of an episode; temporary
729. **epitaph** - the writing on a tombstone
730. **epithet** - characterization
731. **epitome** - highest point
732. **equable** - even-tempered; serene; steady; calm; not easily disturbed
733. **equanimity** - calmness
734. **equestrian** - a horseback rider
735. **equitable** - just; fair
736. **equity** - justice
737. **equivocal** - deliberately vague; open to two or more interpretations and often intended to mislead; ambiguous; having more than one meaning.
738. **equivocation** - ambiguous and unclear language
739. **eradicate** - to do away with utterly; wipe out
740. **erode** - wear away
741. **err** - to make an error or a mistake
742. **erratic** - inconsistent; wavering; lacking a set course
743. **ersatz** - an unconvincing substitute ("an ersatz diamond")
744. **erudite** - learned; having extensive knowledge
745. **eschew** - to avoid, to abstain
746. **esoteric** - hard to understand; intended for only a chosen few
747. **espionage** - the act or practice of spying or of using spies to obtain secret information, as about another government or a business competitor
748. **espouse** - to marry; to advocate (as a doctrine)
749. **essay** - a nonfiction literary work
750. **esteemed** - respected
751. **estimable** - admirable; deserving praise
752. **estrangle** - to alienate; to remove from a position or relationship
753. **ethics** - proper conduct
754. **ethnology** - science of racial origins
755. **ethos** - list of values
756. **etiquette** - proper manners
757. **etymology** - science of word origins
758. **eulogy** - praise
759. **euphemism** - mild expression of an offensive fact
760. **euphony** - pleasing sound (of words)
761. **euphoric** - a feeling of great happiness or well-being.
762. **evanescent** - quickly fading, fleeting, short-lived, esp. an image
763. **evasive** - prone to hiding.
764. **evince** - to prove conclusively; to demonstrate
765. **evoke** - to call forth; to summon
766. **exacerbate** - to worsen or aggravate
767. **exacerbating** - irritating
768. **exacting** - require being exact
769. **exasperation** - irritation, frustration; extreme annoyance or irritation
770. **excessive** - lacking moderation
771. **excommunicate** - to banish (usually from a church)
772. **excoriate** - to blame or scold severely
773. **excruciating** - causing pain
774. **exculpate** - to remove guilt or responsibility from
775. **execration** - curse
776. **exemplary** - outstanding
777. **exempt** - to free from duty
778. **exhilaration** - an expression of extreme happiness
779. **exigency** - pressing need
780. **exonerate** - clear of blame

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781. **exotic** - strange; foreign
782. **expatiate** - talk or write at great length
783. **expatriate** - exile
784. **expedient** - convenient; advantageous
785. **expeditious** - speedy and efficient
786. **expel** - remove from school
787. **expendable** - okay to lose
788. **expiate** - to atone for sin
789. **expletive** - an exclamation, interjection, or profane oath
790. **explicit** - clearly expressed
791. **expostulate** - to reason earnestly with
792. **expunge** - to erase
793. **expurgate** - to remove offensive parts of a text
794. **extant** - in existence
795. **extenuate** - to excuse; to lessen the severity of ("extenuating circumstances")
796. **extinct** - no longer existing
797. **extirpate** - to root out
798. **extraneous** - irrelevant; not basic
799. **extrapolate** - to estimate by examining unknown values
800. **extravagant** - to spend a lot
801. **extricating** - to release from an entanglement or difficulty; disengage
802. **exude** - to ooze out
803. **fabricate** - to lie; to make something up
804. **fabulist** - a liar
805. **facade** - outward appearance
806. **facet** - a component or aspect
807. **facetious** - humorous
808. **facilitate** - to make happen
809. **facsimile** - a copy of a document
810. **factious** - causing dissension; divisive
811. **fain** - gladly
812. **fallacy** - a mistake in logic
813. **fallow** - uncultivated
814. **fanatical** - being crazy about something
815. **fanciful** - lacking pragmatism
816. **fanfare** - much attention, a spectacular public display
817. **fastidious** - hard to please; squeamish
818. **fatuous** - silly; stupid or foolish
819. **fawn** - To seek favor or attention by flattery and obsequious behavior.
820. **fealty** - loyalty
821. **feasible** - workable
822. **febrile** - feverish
823. **feckless** - cowardly
824. **fecund** - highly productive; prolific
825. **feign** - to pretend (to deceive)
826. **feisty** - lively; quarrelsome
827. **felicitous** - appropriately expressed
828. **felicity** - great happiness; bliss
829. **feral** - wild and uncontrolled ("feral pigs")
830. **ferocity** - the state or quality of being ferocious; fierceness
831. **fervent** - ardent and enthusiastic
832. **fetid** - smelly
833. **fetish** - an object of irrational devotion
834. **fetter** - chain
835. **fiasco** - a ridiculous failure
836. **fiat** - a decree
837. **fickle** - changeable (as in interest)
838. **fictitious** - imaginary
839. **fidelity** - faithfulness; loyalty
840. **filch** - to steal
841. **fir** - an evergreen tree
842. **fissure** - a crack in the earth
843. **flamboyant** - showy
844. **flaunt** - to display (oneself or a possession)
845. **flawless** - difficult to improve
846. **flay** - to scold severely
847. **fledgling** - young or inexperienced

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848. **flee** - to run away; to attempt to elude
849. **fleet** - moving fast ("fleeting moment")
850. **flippant** - disrespectful; casual; pert; showing an inappropriate disregard for decorum
851. **florid** - red-colored, flushed; gaudy, ornate
852. **flout** - to brazenly or openly break a law or tradition
853. **fluctuate** - waver
854. **flux** - ongoing flow
855. **foal** - baby horse
856. **foible** - a fault or character flaw
857. **foist** - to pass off something undesirable to someone through deception
858. **foot** - something that measures length
859. **fop** - a vain man who cares too much about his appearance
860. **forensic** - relating to public debate
861. **forge** - to make a fake painting
862. **formidable** - dreadfully powerful
863. **formulate** - to make
864. **fortify** - to increase strength
865. **fortuitous** - happening by luck, fortunate
866. **founder** - to sink
867. **fracas** - a noisy argument
868. **fractious** - unruly; troublemaking
869. **fraternal** - brotherly
870. **frenzy** - extreme excitement
871. **frivolous** - not important; silly; trivial
872. **frugal** - thrifty, not wasteful
873. **fruition** - a pleasure resulting from something ("fruition of years of research")
874. **fulminate** - to denounce loudly or forcefully
875. **fulsome** - repulsive
876. **fumigant** - something that kills insects
877. **funereal** - reminiscent of a funeral
878. **furlough** - a leave of absence from duty
879. **furtive** - secretive
880. **futile** - useless (effort)
881. **gainsay** - deny; to declare false
882. **gait** - a particular way of walk
883. **gale** - a very strong wind
884. **gallantry** - something displaying dashing bravery or chivalry
885. **galvanize** - To arouse to awareness or action
886. **gambol** - wander in a playful manner
887. **gamut** - the full range or extent
888. **gape** - to stare with open mouth
889. **gargantuan** - enormous
890. **garland** - a wreath
891. **garner** - to amass, gather, or accumulate
892. **garret** - a room on the top floor of a house, typically under a pitched roof; an attic
893. **garrulous** - talkative
894. **gastric** - of, relating to, or associated with the stomach.
895. **gauche** - clumsy
896. **gaudy** - showy; tasteless
897. **gaunt** - haggard; thin
898. **gauntlet** - a challenge
899. **gazelle** - graceful animal
900. **gelid** - very cold
901. **genial** - kindly or pleasant in disposition ("a genial attitude")
902. **genteel** - refined; elegant; having social superiority (Queen Elizabeth)
903. **gentry** - those claiming high birth
904. **germane** - relevant
905. **gestation** - inception and creation
906. **gesticulate** - to use gestures
907. **gibe** - to mock, scoff, or make fun of
908. **gird** - to fasten; to encircle; to empower
909. **glib** - fluent
910. **gloat** - to show excessive satisfaction
911. **globular** - shaped like a globe; spherical
912. **gnash** - to grind or strike (the teeth, for example) together.
913. **goad** - to prod or urge into action

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914. **gorge** - to excessively feed
915. **gormandize** - to eat in a greedy, ravenous manner
916. **gossamer** - light; thin; gauzy (cloth, cobweb)
917. **gourmet** - a great cook
918. **gradation** - a progression in stages
919. **graft** - insertion of a part of one plant into another where it grows permanently taking advantage of one's position for personal gain
920. **graft** - something put on skin to fix it
921. **grandeur** - the quality of being grand; extravagance in scale or appearance
922. **grandiloquence** - pompous speech or expression; bombast
923. **grandiose** - grand; imposing
924. **gratuitous** - uncalled-for given or granted without charge
925. **greenhorn** - someone who is inexperienced
926. **gregarious** - sociable
927. **grimace** - a facial expression, usually of disgust
928. **grisly** - horrible; gruesome; ghastly
929. **grope** - to reach about blindly
930. **grove** - a group of trees
931. **grovel** - to be subservient; to beg
932. **guile** - cunning; treacherous deceit
933. **guileless** - naive; without cunning
934. **gullible** - easily convinced
935. **gustatory** - pertaining to taste
936. **hackneyed** - clichéd, worn out by overuse
937. **haggard** - thin; gaunt
938. **halcyon** - peaceful; prosperous, carefree
939. **hallmark** - a distinctive event
940. **hallow** - make holy
941. **hamper** - a type of basket
942. **haphazard** - irregular; governed by chance
943. **hapless** - luckless, unfortunate
944. **harangue** - a scolding, especially a lengthy one delivered in public
945. **harbinger** - something foreshadowing a future event
946. **harlequin** - a clown
947. **haughty** - arrogant; lacking humility; scornfully proud
948. **havoc** - destruction
949. **headstrong** - lacking restraint
950. **hedonist** - lover of pleasure; seeker of gratification
951. **hegemony** - strong influence
952. **heinous** - atrocious; evil; reprehensible
953. **hemp** - stuff rope is made of
954. **herbicide** - a chemical that kills plants
955. **herculean** - strong and powerful
956. **heresy** - unorthodox doctrine
957. **heretic** - someone going against traditional beliefs
958. **hermetic** - airtight
959. **hermit** - an antisocial person; someone who seeks solitude
960. **heterogeneous** - from various sources; not uniform; different
961. **hiatus** - an interruption, intermission, or break
962. **hibernal** - wintery
963. **hierarchy** - a formal chain of command
964. **hilarious** - boisterously merry
965. **hirsute** - hairy; bearded
966. **histrionic** - theatrical
967. **hoax** - rumor designed to deceive the public
968. **holistic** - emphasizing wholeness
969. **holocaust** - destruction by fire
970. **homage** - display of special respect or honor
971. **homily** - sermon
972. **homogeneous** - uniform; lacking variation
973. **homonym** - a word that sounds the same as another word
974. **hone** - to sharpen a knife
975. **hoodwink** - to deceive
976. **hortatory** - urging or inciting to action
977. **hot-spur** - a quick-tempered, impulsive person
978. **hour** - something that measures duration
979. **hubris** - excess pride
980. **humid** - damp

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981. **hybrid** - of mixed breed
982. **hyperbole** - excessive exaggeration
983. **hypothesis** - assumption; guess or theory requiring proof
984. **iconoclast** - one who attacks established beliefs
985. **idiosyncrasy** - whim; eccentricity
986. **ignoble** - dishonorable in nature
987. **ignominious** - shameful or disgraceful
988. **illicit** - illegal
989. **illusory** - not actual
990. **illustrious** - distinguished; bright
991. **imbibe** - to drink
992. **imbue** - to absorb; to permeate
993. **immaculate** - spotless
994. **immaterial** - not relevant
995. **immolate** - to kill as if as a sacrifice, especially by fire
996. **immutable** - unchangeable
997. **impalpable** - vague; not understandable
998. **imparity** - inequality; disparity
999. **impasse** - barrier; a situation where no one is willing to compromise
1000. **impassive** - lacking emotion
1001. **impeccable** - flawless
1002. **impecunious** - without money
1003. **impede** - to slow down
1004. **impediment** - obstruction
1005. **imperative** - essential; very necessary
1006. **imperceptible** - unnoticeable
1007. **imperious** - haughty; urgent
1008. **impermeable** - not penetrable (by water)
1009. **impertinent** - rude; brash
1010. **impervious** - not penetrable ("raincoats are impervious to water")
1011. **impetuous** - impulsive; marked by sudden action or emotion
1012. **impetus** - a stimulus
1013. **impinge** - to collide
1014. **impious** - lacking reverence; not pious
1015. **implacable** - not easily pacified
1016. **implausible** - difficult to believe; not plausible
1017. **implement** - to put a plan into effect
1018. **implicit** - implied; understood though not stated
1019. **implore** - to beseech or beg for fervently
1020. **imponderable** - incapable of being weighed or evaluated precisely
1021. **importune** - to plead with
1022. **imposing** - grandest, very large
1023. **imprecation** - to curse
1024. **impregnable** - unconquerable
1025. **impromptu** - without previous preparation; an informal speech
1026. **impropriety** - incorrectness; a misdeed
1027. **impugn** - accuse; attack as false or questionable; challenge in argument
1028. **impunity** - freedom from punishment or penalty
1029. **impute** - to attribute an action to a certain person or group; to charge with; ascribe
1030. **inadvertent** - thoughtless; unintentional
1031. **inane** - pointless; foolish
1032. **inarticulate** - unable to speak clearly
1033. **inauguration** - a ceremony that inducts a president
1034. **incarcerate** - to imprison
1035. **incarnate** - in human form
1036. **inception** - the beginning
1037. **incessant** - continuous
1038. **inchoate** - incomplete; just beginning
1039. **incipient** - just beginning
1040. **incisive** - sharp in analysis; keen; penetrating
1041. **incite** - to increase instigation
1042. **inclement** - merciless; harsh
1043. **incognito** - of concealed identity
1044. **incompatible** - opposed in nature, not able to live or work together
1045. **inconceivable** - doesn't seem possible



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1046. **incongruous** - inconsistent; inharmonious
1047. **inconsequential** - unimportant, trivial
1048. **inconspicuous** - hard to find; not obvious
1049. **incontrovertible** - impossible to dispute; unquestionable
1050. **incorporeal** - lacking form
1051. **incorrigible** - bad beyond correction
1052. **incredible** - unbelievable
1053. **incubus** - an oppressive weight
1054. **inculcate** - to instill (learning) by means of repetition or instruction
1055. **inculpate** - to incriminate
1056. **incumbent** - an office-holder
1057. **indefatigable** - not easily tired
1058. **indelible** - not able to be erased; permanent
1059. **indemnify** - to repay for a loss
1060. **indigenous** - native, not foreign
1061. **indigent** - poor
1062. **indignant** - anger aroused by injustice
1063. **indiscriminate** - not picky
1064. **indistinct** - something that lacks clarity, is not easily visible
1065. **indoctrinate** - to instruct in a body of doctrine or principles
1066. **indolent** - lazy as a way of life
1067. **indomitable** - unconquerable
1068. **induce** - to cause persuasion
1069. **inebriated** - intoxicated; drunk
1070. **ineffable** - indescribable; inexpressible
1071. **ineffectual** - not effective
1072. **ineluctable** - unavoidable; inevitable; impossible to overcome
1073. **inept** - incompetent (n. ineptitude)
1074. **inert** - motionless
1075. **inevitable** - certain, unavoidable
1076. **inexorable** - pitiless; unyielding
1077. **inexplicable** - difficult to explain
1078. **infallible** - not making mistakes; flawless
1079. **infer** - to gather by reasoning
1080. **infernal** - fiendish; devilish
1081. **infidel** - unbeliever
1082. **infinitesimal** - very small
1083. **infrastructure** - foundation; underlying base
1084. **ingenious** - Having genius; brilliant; skillful
1085. **ingenuous** - simple; innocent
1086. **ingrate** - one who is ungrateful
1087. **ingratiating** - work oneself into another's good graces
1088. **inherent** - inborn; intrinsic; basic
1089. **inhibit** - restrain
1090. **inimical** - like an enemy; hostile
1091. **iniquitous** - wicked
1092. **iniquity** - injustice; immoral action
1093. **initiation** - a ceremony that inducts a member
1094. **injunction** - a strong request
1095. **innate** - genetic; naturally inherent; having since birth ("innate talent")
1096. **innkeeper** - someone that provides lodging
1097. **innocuous** - harmless
1098. **innuendo** - a hint; an indirect statement; insinuation
1099. **inoculate** - to buildup resistance to a disease with a special injection
1100. **inordinate** - excessive
1101. **inroad** - an opening or entry for a new idea or undertaking
1102. **inscrutable** - incomprehensible; difficult to decipher
1103. **insidious** - sly; treacherous; more dangerous than seems apparent
1104. **insipid** - flat; tasteless; dull
1105. **insolent** - rude; arrogant
1106. **insouciant** - carefree
1107. **insubordinate** - disobedient to authority
1108. **insular** - detached; isolated
1109. **insurgence** - revolt; uprising
1110. **insurrection** - revolt against government
1111. **intangible** - cannot be touched ("goodwill"); vague
1112. **integral** - being an important part

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1113. **integrity** - decency, honesty, wholeness
1114. **intemperance** - lack of temperance, especially with alcohol
1115. **intercession** - the act of pleading in behalf of another
1116. **interdict** - to forbid
1117. **interim** - the meantime ("in the interim")
1118. **interlude** - anything that fills time between two events (often in a performance)
1119. **interment** - burial
1120. **interminable** - endless
1121. **intermittent** - stopping and starting at intervals; periodic
1122. **internment** - imprisonment; incarceration
1123. **interpret** - to explain the meaning of
1124. **intransigent** - uncompromising; unyielding
1125. **intrepid** - fearless, adventurous
1126. **intrigue** - conspiracy
1127. **intrinsic** - basic; inherent part of
1128. **introspective** - examining oneself
1129. **intruder** - someone who trespasses
1130. **intuitive** - instinctive, untaught
1131. **inundate** - to put too much water on; to flood (n. inundation)
1132. **inure** - to harden; to become accustomed to
1133. **invalidate** - to render void
1134. **invective** - harsh accusation
1135. **inveigh** - to protest strongly
1136. **inveigle** - to persuade by flattery
1137. **inveterate** - deeply rooted
1138. **invidious** - arousing envy
1139. **invigorate** - to increase energy
1140. **inviolable** - not to be violated, indestructible
1141. **invocation** - call to a higher power (usually a god) for help
1142. **irascible** - irritable
1143. **iridescent** - having changing, rainbow-like colors
1144. **irrational** - lacking logic
1145. **irrefutable** - unable to be disproved
1146. **irrevocable** - unable to be withdrawn
1147. **itemize** - to detail item by item, to list
1148. **itinerant** - traveling
1149. **jaunty** - showy; gay
1150. **jejune** - dull or empty
1151. **jeopardize** - to endanger
1152. **jettison** - to throw overboard
1153. **jingoist** - someone with extreme nationalism
1154. **jocose** - humorous
1155. **jocular** - joking; facetious
1156. **jocund** - cheerful; genial
1157. **jostle** - to bump or push, as in a crowd
1158. **jubilation** - joy, celebration, exultation
1159. **judge** - someone who presides over a trial
1160. **judicature** - the authority of a court of law
1161. **junta** - council; conniving group
1162. **jurisprudence** - the science of law
1163. **juxtapose** - to place side by side for comparison
1164. **kaleidoscopic** - constantly changing in scene
1165. **keynote** - the basic idea or theme ("keynote speaker")
1166. **kibosh** - the act of halting or squelching
1167. **kinetic** - pertaining to motion
1168. **knell** - to ring, signaling death
1169. **kudos** - honor or accolades
1170. **labyrinthine** - intricate; perplexing; confusing
1171. **lacerate** - to tear roughly
1172. **lachrymose** - tearful
1173. **lackadaisical** - indifferent; lacking liveliness
1174. **lackey** - a servile attendant
1175. **laconic** - of few words
1176. **lacteal** - milky
1177. **laggard** - one who lags behind or loiters; a slow person
1178. **laggardly** - lacking speed
1179. **laissez faire** - non-interference
1180. **laity** - persons unrelated to a particular profession

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1181. **lambaste** - to reprimand sharply or attack verbally
1182. **lambent** - radiant
1183. **lamentable** - regrettable
1184. **lamentation** - an expression of mourning; major regret
1185. **lampoon** - sharp satire
1186. **languid** - lacking energy or vitality; weak; sluggish; listless
1187. **larceny** - theft
1188. **largess** - generous gift
1189. **lascivious** - indecent; lustful
1190. **lassitude** - sluggishness
1191. **latent** - hidden; not apparent
1192. **laud** - to give praise to; glorify; acclaim
1193. **laudatory** - giving praise
1194. **laureate** - honored as a result of achievements
1195. **league** - a group of teams
1196. **legislation** - something delivered by a senator
1197. **lenient** - merciful; mild
1198. **lethal** - deadly
1199. **lethargic** - sluggish
1200. **levity** - humor; lack of seriousness
1201. **lexicon** - dictionary for a specific group; language; something made up of words
1202. **liability** - a bad thing; something that can hurt you
1203. **liaison** - a connection
1204. **libation** - a drink
1205. **licentious** - highly immodest; lustful
1206. **limpid** - transparently clear
1207. **linguist** - someone who studies language
1208. **lissome** - supple; bending easily
1209. **lithe** - nimble; bending easily
1210. **litigious** - overly inclined to engage in lawsuits
1211. **liturgy** - a church ritual
1212. **livid** - extremely angry; infuriated
1213. **lobbyist** - person who seeks to influence political events
1214. **localized** - a limited area
1215. **locution** - style of speaking
1216. **logistics** - the essential details of how something is to be accomplished
1217. **longevity** - long life
1218. **loquacious** - extremely talkative
1219. **lucid** - clear; intelligible
1220. **lucrative** - profitable
1221. **ludicrous** - absurd to the point of being laughable
1222. **lugubrious** - mournful in the extreme
1223. **luminary** - shining light
1224. **lurid** - gruesome; shocking
1225. **lustrous** - radiant, shining
1226. **macabre** - horrifying; gruesome
1227. **machination** - a conniving plot
1228. **macrocosm** - a representation on a large scale
1229. **maelstrom** - a violent whirlpool
1230. **magnanimous** - benevolent
1231. **magnate** - an industrial leader
1232. **maladaptive** - not easily adaptable
1233. **malady** - an illness or unwholesome condition
1234. **malediction** - a malicious saying; curse
1235. **maleficent** - evil; harmful
1236. **malevolent** - wishing harm to others; malicious; spiteful
1237. **malice** - the desire to commit harmful or unfair acts
1238. **malign** - to slander
1239. **malignant** - very harmful
1240. **malingering** - to avoid work by making up excuses
1241. **malleable** - easily shaped; flexible
1242. **manacle** - handcuff; fetter
1243. **mandate** - authoritative command
1244. **maniacal** - insane
1245. **manifest** - apparent; clear; obvious
1246. **maraud** - to raid
1247. **marionette** - a type of puppet
1248. **marshy** - pertaining to a swamp

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1249. **martial** - appropriate to wartime
1250. **martinet** - strict disciplinarian
1251. **martyrdom** - death or suffering for one's beliefs ("martyr")
1252. **masochist** - one who enjoys his own pain
1253. **masticate** - to chew
1254. **matriarch** - a woman who presides over a family or group
1255. **matriarchal** - society run by women
1256. **maudlin** - overly sentimental
1257. **maverick** - nonconformist
1258. **mawkish** - overly emotional or sentimental
1259. **meander** - to wander in a aimless manner
1260. **meddle** - to intrude into other people's affairs or business; interfere
1261. **mediator** - one who intervenes to help solve a conflict
1262. **medley** - a mix from various sources (usually referred to songs)
1263. **megalomania** - delusions of wealth and/or power
1264. **melancholy** - sadness or depression
1265. **mélange** - a mixture
1266. **melee** - noisy fight
1267. **mellifluous** - smooth and sweet
1268. **melodious** - pleasant to the ear
1269. **melodramatic** - Exaggeratedly emotional or sentimental; histrionic
1270. **menagerie** - a mix of different things
1271. **mendacity** - lying
1272. **mendicant** - begging
1273. **mentor** - a counselor or teacher
1274. **mephitic** - smelly
1275. **mercenary** - motivated solely by money
1276. **mesmerize** - to hypnotize
1277. **metamorphosis** - a transformation
1278. **meticulous** - finicky; fastidious; extremely picky; careful
1279. **mettle** - courage
1280. **microcosm** - a model that reflects a larger thing
1281. **middling** - mediocre
1282. **mien** - appearance; manner
1283. **millennium** - a thousand years
1284. **mimicry** - the act, practice, or art of mimicking
1285. **mirage** - optical illusion
1286. **mirth** - happiness
1287. **miry** - muddy
1288. **misanthrope** - someone who hates people
1289. **misanthropic** - not trusting (esp. of people); n. misanthropy
1290. **misconstrue** - to misinterpret
1291. **miscreant** - villain
1292. **miserly** - cheap like someone who won't let you borrow money
1293. **misnomer** - wrong name
1294. **misogamy** - hatred of marriage
1295. **misogyny** - hatred of women
1296. **missile** - projectile weapon
1297. **missive** - letter
1298. **mitigate** - to lessen the severity of; moderate; soften; lessen
1299. **mnemonic** - meant to aid in memory
1300. **moderator** - someone who presides over a discussion
1301. **modicum** - a small quantity of measure
1302. **modulate** - to vary
1303. **mollify** - to soften; to appease
1304. **momentous** - highly important; of great significance or consequence
1305. **monochromatic** - of a single color
1306. **monograph** - a scholarly article or essay on a certain topic
1307. **monolithic** - huge
1308. **montage** - something made up of pictures laid side by side.
1309. **moot** - debatable
1310. **morass** - bog; swamp
1311. **morbid** - unwholesome
1312. **mordant** - biting
1313. **mores** - customs
1314. **moribund** - dying

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1315. **morose** - frightening or gloomy
1316. **morsel** - a small bit of food
1317. **mortify** - to humiliate; to practice self-denial
1318. **mosaic** - something created by laying tile side by side
1319. **motion** - a formal proposal
1320. **motley** - mixture of diverse elements
1321. **muffle** - to make something quiet
1322. **multifaceted** - having dimensions
1323. **multifarious** - having many components
1324. **mundane** - worldly; ordinary; everyday
1325. **munificent** - generous
1326. **murky** - dark; gloomy; not clear
1327. **muse** - to meditate
1328. **mushroom** - to multiply quickly
1329. **mute** - without sound
1330. **myopic** - nearsighted
1331. **myriad** - innumerable; of massive quantity
1332. **nabob** - wealthy person who is accustomed to luxury
1333. **nadir** - lowest point
1334. **naive** - unsophisticated; simple; lacking wisdom
1335. **narcissistic** - possessed by self-love
1336. **nascent** - emerging; coming into being
1337. **nebulous** - unclear; vague
1338. **necrology** - a list of people who have recently died
1339. **necromancy** - magic involving the dead and/or death
1340. **nefarious** - wicked; evil
1341. **nemesis** - an opponent motivated by revenge
1342. **neophyte** - beginner; a recent convert
1343. **nepotism** - favoritism toward relatives in professional matters
1344. **nether** - lower ("the nether regions of the ocean")
1345. **nexus** - a link or connection
1346. **niggardly** - stingy
1347. **nihilism** - the belief that existence is meaningless
1348. **nirvana** - a point or state of spiritual perfection
1349. **nocturnal** - pertaining to the night
1350. **nomadic** - wandering
1351. **nomenclature** - system of names for purposes of organization
1352. **nominal** - in name only
1353. **nonchalant** - indifferent; calm, casual, seeming unexcited
1354. **nonentity** - nobody; of little importance
1355. **nonfeasance** - failure to perform (a given duty)
1356. **nonpareil** - unequaled
1357. **nonpartisan** - unbiased; not taking sides
1358. **novel** - new; innovative
1359. **novice** - apprentice, beginner
1360. **noxious** - harmful, injurious
1361. **nubile** - sexually mature and or prepared for marriage
1362. **nugatory** - worthless or in vain
1363. **nullify** - to make void
1364. **numismatics** - coin collecting
1365. **nuptial** - relating to marriage; connubial
1366. **obdurate** - stubborn
1367. **obaisance** - submission
1368. **obese** - fat
1369. **obfuscate** - to confuse
1370. **obligatory** - binding; required
1371. **oblique** - angled; indirect
1372. **obliterate** - destroy utterly
1373. **oblivious** - not mindful
1374. **obloquy** - abusive criticism
1375. **obnoxious** - offensive
1376. **obsequious** - compliant and servile to superiors
1377. **obsolete** - out-of-date
1378. **obstinate** - stubbornly adhering to an attitude, opinion, or course of action; unyielding
1379. **obtrusive** - to enter without invitation
1380. **obtuse** - not sharp
1381. **obviate** - to make unnecessary
1382. **occidental** - western

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1383. **occlude** - to obstruct; to block out (n. occlusion)
1384. **occult** - mysterious
1385. **odious** - arousing hatred
1386. **odometer** - instrument used to measure distance
1387. **odyssey** - a long journey that entails danger or adventure
1388. **officious** - meddlesome
1389. **ogle** - to flirt; to look at
1390. **olfactory** - pertaining to smell
1391. **ominous** - threatening; forecasting evil
1392. **omnipotent** - all-powerful
1393. **omniscient** - all-knowing
1394. **omnivorous** - accustomed to eating both animal and vegetable food items
1395. **onerous** - burdensome; troublesome
1396. **onus** - the burden
1397. **opaque** - impenetrable to light; not transparent
1398. **opera** - a type of drama
1399. **opine** - to make one's opinion known
1400. **opportune** - timely
1401. **opportunist** - one who seeks opportunity (n. opportunism)
1402. **opprobrium** - disgrace; infamy
1403. **optimal** - best; favored
1404. **opulent** - wealthy
1405. **opus** - a major work (of art or literature)
1406. **oracle** - a means by which prophetic wisdom is imparted
1407. **orator** - lecturer, speaker
1408. **orderly** - to be in order
1409. **orifice** - opening
1410. **ornate** - overwrought or decorated elaborately
1411. **orthodoxy** - traditional beliefs
1412. **orthography** - correct spelling
1413. **oscillate** - waver; undulate
1414. **ossified** -fixed; difficult to change
1415. **ossify** - to harden; to become bonelike
1416. **ostensible** - apparent
1417. **ostentatious** - showy, excessive, pretentious
1418. **ostracize** - to exclude or banish
1419. **overhaul** - to completely revise
1420. **overt** - open; manifest
1421. **overture** - an introduction to a play
1422. **ovoid** - egg-shaped
1423. **pacifistic** - opposing conflict
1424. **pacify** - to calm down
1425. **palatable** - pleasant to taste
1426. **palaver** - a parley or conference
1427. **palliate** - to lessen the severity
1428. **pallid** - pale
1429. **palpable** - capable of being felt or touched; tangible
1430. **pamper** - to excessively gratify
1431. **panacea** - a cure-all
1432. **pandemic** - widespread
1433. **pandemonium** - chaos
1434. **panegyric** - an expression of praise
1435. **papal** - of or pertaining to the pope
1436. **paradigm** - an example; a model
1437. **paradox** - a seemingly self-contradictory statement that may be true
1438. **paragon** - a model of perfection
1439. **paralysis** - loss or damage of movement ability
1440. **paramount** - supreme
1441. **paraphernalia** - equipment
1442. **paraphrase** - rephrase
1443. **parched** - dried up, shriveled
1444. **pardon** - to free from penalty
1445. **parenthetical** - a comment departing from the theme of discourse; a digression
1446. **pariah** - an outcast
1447. **parlance** - a way of speaking
1448. **parochial** - limited to a small area; related to a church
1449. **paroxysm** - outburst of emotion

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1450. **parsimonious** - stingy
1451. **pastoral** - pertaining to the country
1452. **patch** - something put on fabric to fix it
1453. **patent** - clear; obvious
1454. **pathos** - something that pity or sympathy
1455. **patriarch** - head of a tribe or family
1456. **patrimony** - inherited right
1457. **patron** - someone who gives money as a donation or sponsorship
1458. **patronize** - to act in an offensively condescending way towards
1459. **paucity** - lack of; smallness of number
1460. **peccadillo** - a minor fault
1461. **pecuniary** - pertaining to money
1462. **pedagogue** - educator or teacher (n. pedagogy - the art of teaching)
1463. **pedantic** - making a display of learning
1464. **pediatric** - the branch of medicine that deals with the care of infants and children and the treatment of their diseases
1465. **peerless** - something difficult to surpass
1466. **pejorative** - insulting
1467. **pellucid** - very clear
1468. **penance** - sorry for sin
1469. **penchant** - strong inclination
1470. **pensive** - thoughtful
1471. **penultimate** - next-to-last
1472. **penurious** - miserly; stingy
1473. **penury** - extreme poverty
1474. **perambulate** - to walk around, stroll, or saunter
1475. **peremptory** - final; decisive
1476. **perennial** - lasting a long time, indefinitely
1477. **perfidious** - faithless, disloyal, untrustworthy
1478. **perfidy** - treachery
1479. **perfunctory** - routine; boring
1480. **perilous** - dangerous
1481. **peripatetic** - wandering
1482. **peripheral** - off to the side
1483. **periphery** - border
1484. **perjure** - to lie or give false and misleading testimony
1485. **permafrost** - permanently frozen subsoil, occurring throughout the polar regions and locally in perennially frigid areas.
1486. **permeate** - spread; to penetrate
1487. **pernicious** - causing great harm; destructive; deadly; dangerous
1488. **perpetuate** - to make everlasting
1489. **perquisites** - a payment or profit received in addition to a regular wage or salary
1490. **persnickety** - fussy about small details; snobbish
1491. **perspicacity** - sharp perception
1492. **perspicuity** - clear and easy to understand
1493. **pertinacity** - persistency
1494. **pertinent** - relevant
1495. **perturb** - make uneasy
1496. **peruse** - to read through with attention
1497. **pervasive** - widespread; everywhere
1498. **perverse** - corrupt
1499. **petulant** - highly irritable
1500. **philanthropy** - generosity
1501. **philatelist** - stamp collector
1502. **philistine** - lacking refinement
1503. **philology** - study of languages
1504. **phlegmatic** - sluggish; unemotional
1505. **physiognomy** - the human face
1506. **picayune** - petty
1507. **piebald** - of various colors
1508. **piety** - devotion; religious reverence
1509. **pilfer** - steal
1510. **pillage** - to loot
1511. **pinnacle** - the topmost point
1512. **piquant** - seasoned; racy; lively; exciting
1513. **pique** - to irritate or arouse

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1514. **pitch** - a characteristic of sound
1515. **pithy** - meaningful; terse; to the point
1516. **placate** - to appease, calm
1517. **placebo** - a harmless, phony medicine
1518. **placid** - calm
1519. **plagiarism** - stealing another's ideas
1520. **plague** - a broad-based affliction
1521. **platitude** - a commonplace or useless remark
1522. **platonic** - free from sexual desire
1523. **plaudit** - approval; praise
1524. **plausible** - seemingly trustworthy or reasonable
1525. **playwright** - a dramatist, one who write, produces or acts in plays
1526. **plebeian** - common; relating to the common people
1527. **plebiscite** - vote by the people
1528. **plentitude** - abundance
1529. **plethora** - excessive oversupply
1530. **pliant** - supple
1531. **plight** - predicament
1532. **plumage** - the outer covering of a bird
1533. **plummet** - to drop very fast; decline quickly
1534. **plutocracy** - rule by rich
1535. **poignant** - appealing to the emotions; touching
1536. **polarize** - to separate into opposite groups
1537. **polemic** - (polemical) controversial
1538. **pollster** - person whose work is collecting public opinion polls
1539. **polyglot** - a person who speaks a number of languages
1540. **ponderous** - weighty
1541. **pontificate** - to issue authoritative decrees
1542. **porous** - being full of holes, like a sponge
1543. **portend** - to suggest or foretell
1544. **portentous** - prophetic of evil
1545. **posit** - to stipulate
1546. **posterity** - future generations
1547. **posthumous** - occurring after death
1548. **postulate** - hypothesis
1549. **potable** - drinkable
1550. **potent** - powerful
1551. **potentate** - a powerful person
1552. **powerful** - to have influence
1553. **pragmatic** - practical
1554. **precarious** - dangerously uncertain; insecure; lacking stability
1555. **precedent** - the first for an example; tradition established by time
1556. **precept** - a formal rule
1557. **precipice** - a cliff
1558. **preclude** - prevent; render ineffectual or impossible; forestall; impede
1559. **precocious** - unusually advanced or talented at an early age (esp. mental aptitude)
1560. **precursor** - forerunner
1561. **predatory** - plundering
1562. **predilection** - strong inclination; partiality
1563. **preemptive** - acting on a prior right
1564. **prehensile** - grasping
1565. **premise** - a statement from which a conclusion is drawn.
1566. **premonition** - a warning
1567. **prerogative** - unquestioned right
1568. **presage** - to foretell or indicate or warn in advance
1569. **prescience** - foreknowledge
1570. **presentiment** - feeling of something to come
1571. **presently** - soon
1572. **presentment** - presentation
1573. **presupposes** - to suppose or presume beforehand
1574. **pretense** - an instance of pretending
1575. **pretentious** - pretending to be important, intelligent or cultured
1576. **prevaricate** - to lie
1577. **priggishness** - a smugly proper or prudish attitude
1578. **primordial** - original



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1579. **pristine** - unspoiled; primitive; uncorrupted; in its original state
1580. **probity** - honesty
1581. **proboscis** - nose
1582. **proclivity** - inclination
1583. **procrastinate** - to unnecessarily delay, postpone, put off
1584. **procure** - to obtain
1585. **prodigal** - wasteful or extravagant
1586. **prodigious** - vast
1587. **prodigy** - a person possessing extraordinary skill or talent
1588. **profligate** - extremely wasteful or immoral
1589. **profound** - deep
1590. **profundity** - depth of reasoning or insight
1591. **profuse** - lavishly overabundant
1592. **progeny** - descendants
1593. **prognosis** - forecast; evaluation of a disease
1594. **progressive** - forward-moving
1595. **proliferate** - to multiply or come into being rapidly
1596. **prolix** - tediously wordy
1597. **prologue** - An introduction to a novel
1598. **promiscuous** - indiscriminating; sexually loose
1599. **promulgate** - make known; to advocate
1600. **promulgation** - public declaration
1601. **propagate** - to multiply
1602. **propensity** - inclination; tendency
1603. **propinquity** - nearness
1604. **propitiate** - pacify; calm down
1605. **propitious** - favorable
1606. **propound** - to offer (a theory) for review or consideration; to present
1607. **prosaic** - dull; commonplace (prose)
1608. **proscribe** - outlaw; to prohibit
1609. **proselyte** - a convert
1610. **prosperity** - wealth or success
1611. **protean** - capable of taking many shapes
1612. **protégé** - someone aided by another influential person
1613. **protocol** - formal etiquette
1614. **prototype** - an experimental or trial version of a system or invention
1615. **protract** - prolong
1616. **protuberant** - bulging
1617. **proverbial** - calling to mind a well-known proverb
1618. **providence** - divine care
1619. **provincial** - narrow in interests
1620. **provocative** - tending to produce a response, e.g., anger
1621. **provenance** - outstanding bravery or skill
1622. **proximity** - nearness
1623. **proxy** - one who acts in place of another
1624. **prudent** - careful, cautious
1625. **prurient** - lewd; lustful; obscene
1626. **pseudo** - false
1627. **pseudonym** - pen name
1628. **psychosomatic** - pertaining to disorders having emotional or mental causes
1629. **puerile** - immature; juvenile
1630. **pugilist** - a boxer
1631. **pugnacious** - prone to quarrels or fights
1632. **pulchritude** - beauty
1633. **punctilious** - overly attentive to trifling details
1634. **pungent** - having a sharp taste or smell
1635. **purge** - to cleanse; remove impurities
1636. **purlieu** - neighborhood
1637. **purport** - to claim
1638. **purveyor** - one that furnishes provisions, especially food
1639. **pusillanimous** - cowardly
1640. **putative** - agreed to by most people; by reputation
1641. **putrid** - rotting
1642. **pyrrhic** - gained at an unjustifiably high cost
1643. **quagmire** - a difficult situation
1644. **qualm** - a misgiving or pang of conscience

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1645. **quandary** - dilemma; a perplexing situation that lacks resolution
1646. **quarantine** - to put in isolation
1647. **quarry** - a hunted animal; prey
1648. **quash** - to suppress
1649. **quay** - a pier
1650. **quell** - to subdue
1651. **quelled** - reduced or removed
1652. **querulous** - constantly complaining, irritable; grumbling
1653. **quiescence** - quiet
1654. **quiescent** - lacking movement
1655. **quintessence** - the most perfect state of an essence
1656. **quip** - a witty, offhand remark
1657. **quixotic** - ridiculously idealistic; impractical
1658. **rabid** - intense or mad
1659. **raconteur** - storyteller
1660. **rail** - to complain or condemn bitterly or abusively against
1661. **rambunctious** - hard to control
1662. **ramification** - eventual consequence
1663. **rampant** - unchecked; wild
1664. **rancor** - deep-seated malice
1665. **rancorous** - bitter, hateful
1666. **range** - a bunch of mountains
1667. **rankle** - to cause irritation or festering resentment
1668. **ransack** - to aggressively search
1669. **rapacious** - given to plunder; taking by force
1670. **rapport** - a favorable relationship
1671. **rapprochement** - the repairing of damaged relations
1672. **rapture** - ecstatic feeling
1673. **rarefied** - belonging to or reserved for a small, select group; esoteric; refined; of high caliber ("in rarefied company")
1674. **rasping** - harsh sounding; grating
1675. **ratiocinate** - to reason
1676. **rationed** - a limited amount
1677. **raucous** - harsh sounding; shrill
1678. **ravenous** - extremely hungry
1679. **raze** - level to the ground
1680. **reapportionment** - redistribution
1681. **rebuff** - to reject; to turn down
1682. **rebut** - to disprove
1683. **rebuttal** - the response to an argument
1684. **recalcitrant** - resistant to authority; unruly; stubborn
1685. **recant** - to make a formal denial of (an earlier statement); to retract
1686. **recapitulate** - to summarize in concise form
1687. **reciprocate** - to do the same for in return ("reciprocate the favor")
1688. **reckless** - tendency to risk
1689. **reclusive** - preferring to live in isolation; hermit-like
1690. **recompense** - to give compensation (for suffering or injury, for instance)
1691. **reconcile** - to settle or bring into agreement
1692. **reconciliation** - the act of agreement after a quarrel, the resolution of a dispute
1693. **recondite** - difficult to understand
1694. **reconnaissance** - a search for the purpose of gaining information
1695. **recreant** - cowardly
1696. **recrudescence** - revival
1697. **rectify** - to fix an error
1698. **rectitude** - moral uprightness
1699. **recumbent** - lying down
1700. **redolent** - aromatic
1701. **redoubtable** - arousing fear
1702. **redress** - remedy
1703. **redundant** - superfluous
1704. **refractory** - stubborn
1705. **refulgent** - shining; glowing
1706. **refurbish** - to renovate or repair
1707. **refute** - to disprove
1708. **regale** - to entertain
1709. **regimen** - administration

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1710. **relaxant** - something that reduces tension
1711. **relegate** - to assign to an inferior position
1712. **relentless** - unceasingly harsh
1713. **relevant** - on the subject
1714. **relinquish** - to give up
1715. **remiss** - neglectful
1716. **remonstrate** - reason earnestly with; to protest; to complain
1717. **remorse** - sorrow for sin
1718. **remunerate** - to pay
1719. **renegade** - traitor; turncoat
1720. **renege** - to go back (on one's word); to break a promise
1721. **renounce** - to abandon or deny an connection with
1722. **renovation** - repair, making something new again
1723. **reparation** - process of repairing or making amends; compensation
1724. **repartee** - characterized by wit
1725. **replete** - filled abundantly
1726. **replicate** - to reproduce (an event or action)
1727. **reprehensible** - blameworthy
1728. **repression** - to hold back; to restrain
1729. **reprieve** - a suspension or delay
1730. **reprisal** - paying back for damage sustained
1731. **reproach** - to blame; criticize
1732. **reprobate** - a wicked person
1733. **reprove** - to blame or censure
1734. **repudiate** - to reject emphatically as unfounded, untrue, or unjust
1735. **repugnant** - disgusting
1736. **requisite** - necessary
1737. **requite** - to pay back
1738. **rescind** - to reverse
1739. **rescue** - to free from danger
1740. **resilience** - elasticity; property of a material that enables it to resume its original shape after being bent, stretched, or compressed
1741. **resilient** - quick to recover, bounce back
1742. **resolute** - unyielding in determination
1743. **resonate** - to vibrate or sound in a way similar
1744. **respite** - a pause
1745. **resplendent** - brilliantly shining
1746. **respondent** - one who responds
1747. **restitution** - the act of compensating for a past misdeed; to put back, set up again, restore
1748. **restive** - uneasy; impatient with delay
1749. **restrained** - controlled, repressed, restricted
1750. **resurgence** - reappearance or revival; rising again
1751. **resurrect** - to bring back from the dead
1752. **resuscitate** - to bring back to life
1753. **reticent** - secretive; reserved
1754. **retinue** - a group of companions or followers
1755. **retort** - sharp reply
1756. **retribution** - punishment (as from God) for past wrongdoing
1757. **retroactive** - effective back to a stated point in time
1758. **retrogress** - return to a former condition
1759. **retrospect** - hindsight
1760. **revamp** - to redo
1761. **reverence** - worship, profound respect
1762. **reverie** - a daydream
1763. **revile** - to curse or use abusive language
1764. **reviled** - hated
1765. **rhetoric** - the art of the effective use of language
1766. **ribald** - low in language; crude; offensive; amusingly coarse or lewd
1767. **rigid** - lacking pliancy
1768. **rigmarole** - nonsensically complicated procedure
1769. **rill** - a small brook
1770. **rococo** - extravagantly ornamented
1771. **rogue** - a scoundrel; a person with low morals and habits
1772. **roster** - list of names
1773. **rostrum** - public platform or pulpit
1774. **rotund** - round

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1775. **rubicund** - rosy
1776. **rudimentary** - basic; fundamental
1777. **rueful** - regretful
1778. **ruminant** - to think hard; to ponder (n. rumination)
1779. **rusticate** - to move (a person) to the country
1780. **ruthless** - pitiless
1781. **saccharine** - overly sweet
1782. **sacerdotal** - priestly
1783. **sacrilegious** - irreverent
1784. **saga** - a long story
1785. **sagacity** - wisdom
1786. **salacious** - highly indecent; provocative (pictures or writing)
1787. **salient** - jutting out; relevant to the matter at hand
1788. **saline** - salty
1789. **salivate** - to secrete saliva
1790. **salutary** - promoting physical soundness
1791. **salvo** - the firing of a number of weapons at the same time
1792. **sanctimonious** - outwardly religious
1793. **sanction** - approval
1794. **sanctity** - holiness
1795. **sandbag** - something used to provide protection
1796. **sangfroid** - composure
1797. **sanguine** - 1. cheerful; confident; hopeful; optimistic 2. red
1798. **sapient** - wise
1799. **sardonic** - sneering; bitter or sarcastic ("a sardonic laugh")
1800. **sartorial** - pertaining to clothes
1801. **satiate** - to satisfy fully
1802. **saturnine** - gloomy
1803. **savanna** - land made up of grass
1804. **savant** - a person of extensive learning
1805. **savor** - to taste; to relish
1806. **saw** - a saying
1807. **scapegoat** - person who was blamed for the acts of others
1808. **scathing** - violently critical
1809. **schematic** - having to do with a diagram or scheme
1810. **scintilla** - a trace
1811. **scintillate** - to sparkle (intellectually) ("scintillating ideas")
1812. **scion** - descendent
1813. **score** - music created by a composer; the written music for a musician
1814. **scourge** - 1. to punish severely 2. a source of widespread, dreadful affliction and devastation such as that caused by pestilence or war
1815. **scowl** - to show anger
1816. **script** - the written words for an actor
1817. **scrupulous** - honest or exacting; careful; diligent
1818. **scrutinize** - to observe carefully (n. scrutiny)
1819. **scurrilous** - coarsely abusive in language
1820. **secular** - not belonging to a religious order
1821. **sedate** - calm; dignified
1822. **sedentary** - sitting
1823. **seditious** - inciting rebellion
1824. **sedulous** - attentive
1825. **seemly** - proper
1826. **seer** - one who can predict or see into the future
1827. **seethe** - to boil
1828. **seismograph** - instrument used to detect vibrations
1829. **seismology** - the study of earthquakes
1830. **semantics** - the way something is phrased
1831. **senile** - aged
1832. **sensationalism** - shocking material
1833. **sententious** - meaningful
1834. **sequester** - to set apart from outside influence ("the jury was sequestered")
1835. **serendipity** - accidental discoveries
1836. **serpentine** - snakelike
1837. **serried** - packed close
1838. **sever** - disunite
1839. **sidestep** - to be evasive
1840. **sidle** - move sideways

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1841. **simile** - a comparison in speech or writing
1842. **similitude** - likeness or similarity
1843. **simulacrum** - strange similarity
1844. **simulate** - to pretend
1845. **sinecure** - a position not requiring much work
1846. **sinister** - evil
1847. **sinuous** - winding
1848. **sip** - to slowly drink
1849. **sketch** - 1. a preliminary version of a painting 2. a short description
1850. **skittish** - nervous and lacking confidence
1851. **sleazy** - lacking in substance; flimsy
1852. **sleuth** - someone who studies clues
1853. **slighting** - inflammatory, insulting
1854. **slothful** - lacking activity
1855. **slovenly** - untidy
1856. **smattering** - a little bit
1857. **sober** - not drunk; serious
1858. **sobriquet** - nickname
1859. **sociometry** - study of group relationships
1860. **solace** - consolation
1861. **solecism** - an act that breaks formal rules
1862. **solemnity** - serious
1863. **solicitous** - eager to help; anxious
1864. **soliloquy** - speech in which an actor talks only to himself
1865. **solipsism** - the practice of extreme self-centeredness
1866. **somatic** - physical
1867. **somber** - gloomy; sad; dark
1868. **somnolent** - sleepy
1869. **sonnet** - a poetry literary work
1870. **soothe** - to induce tranquility
1871. **sophisticated** - worldly-wise
1872. **sophistry** - a seemingly convincing argument that is logically flawed
1873. **soporific** - causing sleep
1874. **sordid** - tawdry; undignified
1875. **sovereign** - someone in charge of a kingdom
1876. **sovereignty** - legitimacy as a nation
1877. **specious** - outwardly reasonable
1878. **spectator** - someone who watches an event
1879. **spinster** - a single woman, especially a middle-aged one
1880. **splenetic** - melancholy
1881. **spontaneity** - impulsive action, unplanned events
1882. **sporadic** - occurring at irregular intervals
1883. **spurious** - lacking authenticity, false; not genuine
1884. **squalid** - filthy
1885. **staid** - very grave
1886. **stalemate** - deadlocked position where no one can win
1887. **stalwart** - brave; firm of purpose; steadfast someone who strongly believes in a cause
1888. **stanch** - to stop a flow
1889. **stentorian** - loud
1890. **stigma** - blemish; a sign of disgrace or low status
1891. **stigmatize** - to brand
1892. **stimulation** - to temporarily increase the activity of (a body organ or part).
1893. **stipulate** - to specify a condition (n. stipulation - condition)
1894. **stoic** - 1. indifferent to pain or pleasure(adj) 2. emotionless person
1895. **stolid** - showing little emotion
1896. **strident** - harsh-sounding
1897. **stringent** - strict
1898. **stultify** - to render foolish
1899. **stymie** - to thwart; to stump; stand in the way
1900. **suave** - polished in manner
1901. **subjective** - originating in one's personal observation
1902. **subjugate** - to cause to become subservient; to expose to
1903. **sublimate** - to redirect to a wholesome purpose
1904. **sublime** - grand; lofty; splendid
1905. **subliminal** - below the threshold of conscious perception

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1906. **submissive** - tending to meekness, to submit to the will of others
1907. **subservient** - bending to the will of another
1908. **substantiate** - to verify, confirm, provide supporting evidence
1909. **subterfuge** - deceitful evasion
1910. **subtle** - hard to detect or describe; perceptive
1911. **subvert** - to overthrow; to undermine (adj. Subversive)
1912. **succinct** - concise
1913. **succulent** - juicy
1914. **suffrage** - the right to vote
1915. **sully** - dirty; to besmear or make foul
1916. **sumptuous** - extravagant
1917. **sundry** - various
1918. **superannuated** - very old
1919. **supercilious** - arrogantly proud
1920. **superficial** - shallow, lacking in depth
1921. **superfluous** - extra, more than enough, redundant; unnecessary
1922. **superlative** - to the highest possible degree
1923. **supersede** - to supplant or replace
1924. **supine** - on one's back
1925. **supplanted** - replaced
1926. **supple** - flexible
1927. **suppress** - to end an activity, e.g., to prevent the dissemination of information
1928. **surcease** - to end
1929. **surfeit** - fill to excess
1930. **surmise** - guess
1931. **surrealistic** - unreal
1932. **surreptitious** - secret, stealthy
1933. **surrogate** - substitute
1934. **susceptible** - lacking resistance
1935. **swagger** - to be arrogant; show conceit
1936. **swamp** - a lowland region saturated with water.
1937. **swelter** - to suffer from oppressive heat
1938. **sycophancy** - the act of kissing up
1939. **sycophant** - an ambitious flatterer; brown-noser
1940. **syllogism** - a form of logical argument
1941. **sympiotic** - being a mutually beneficial relationship
1942. **symmetry** - structural balance
1943. **synchronize** - agree in time ("synchronize our watches")
1944. **synergistic** - the interaction of two or more agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects
1945. **synopsis** - a summary
1946. **synthesis** - combination of parts into a whole
1947. **taciturn** - quiet; habitually silent
1948. **tactful** - considerate, skillful in acting to avoid offense to others
1949. **tactile** - pertaining to the sense of touch
1950. **talisman** - a charm
1951. **tandem** - one after another
1952. **tangible** - actual; touchable
1953. **tantalize** - tease; torment
1954. **tantamount** - equal to
1955. **tantrum** - a fit of anger
1956. **tart** - sharp of taste
1957. **taurine** - of or pertaining to bulls
1958. **tautological** - needlessly repetitive; wordy
1959. **taxonomy** - the science of formal classification and naming
1960. **technocracy** - government by technical people
1961. **teeming** - to be full, to pour out
1962. **teetotaler** - someone who does not drink alcohol under any circumstances
1963. **telekinesis** - the supposed ability to move objects by means of mental energy
1964. **telepathy** - the supposed ability to read minds or communicate
1965. **temerarious** - bold
1966. **temperance** - moderation of food or drink
1967. **tempest** - a violent storm
1968. **temporal** - pertaining to earthly matters

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1969. **temporize** - to avoid committing oneself
1970. **tenable** - capable of being maintained
1971. **tenacious** - unyielding; stubborn; determined
1972. **tenebrous** - dark
1973. **tenet** - a principle
1974. **tentative** - experimental; provisional
1975. **tenuous** - weak ("there is a tenuous relationship between grades and success")
1976. **tenure** - describing a permanent job (where one cannot be fired)
1977. **tepid** - lukewarm
1978. **tergiversation** - changing sides
1979. **terrestrial** - earthy
1980. **terse** - to the point; laconic
1981. **tertiary** - third in succession
1982. **testator** - a male writing a will
1983. **testatrix** - a female writing a will
1984. **testy** - easily angered
1985. **tether** - to fasten
1986. **theocracy** - government by religious leaders
1987. **therapeutic** - having or exhibiting healing powers; serving to cure illness or preserve health
1988. **thermal** - pertaining to heat
1989. **thespian** - an actor
1990. **threadbare** - worn-out clothing
1991. **thwart** - to frustrate; to hold back
1992. **timorous** - fearful
1993. **tint** - a characteristic of color
1994. **tintinnabulation** - the ringing of bells
1995. **tirade** - a long speech of abuse
1996. **titillate** - to arouse or excite in a pleasing way
1997. **titular** - by title only
1998. **tome** - a thick or heavy book
1999. **toothsome** - pleasant or appealing (tasty)
2000. **torpid** - listless, phlegmatic, sluggish
2001. **torpor** - indifference
2002. **torrent** - a powerful stream
2003. **torrential** - stormy
2004. **tort** - a civil misdeed requiring compensation (law)
2005. **tout** - to publicize or praise highly
2006. **toxic** - poisonous
2007. **tractable** - easily managed or controlled; governable
2008. **traitorous** - being a traitorous
2009. **trajectory** - the path of flight followed by a projectile
2010. **transcend** - to surpass; to exceed
2011. **transcribe** - to make a copy of (by writing)
2012. **transformed** - totally change
2013. **transgress** - to break a rule; to violate
2014. **transient** - temporary, short-lived, fleeting
2015. **transitory** - something that is continuously changing
2016. **translucent** - allowing some light to show through but not transparent
2017. **transmute** - to change form
2018. **transpire** - to take place
2019. **transpose** - to reverse or change the position of
2020. **travail** - hard work, especially work causing physical pain
2021. **travesty** - ludicrous or burlesque treatment of something; insulting mockery
2022. **treatise** - a scholarly written argument
2023. **trenchant** - cutting or keen; keen-edged
2024. **trepidation** - agitation from fear
2025. **tribulation** - trouble; distress
2026. **triennial** - occurring every three years
2027. **trifle** - something of little importance
2028. **trifling** - insignificant
2029. **trinket** - something of little value
2030. **trite** - stale; commonplace; worn out by overuse
2031. **troglydite** - one who behaves in a beastly, savage, or primitive manner
2032. **troupe** - a company or group, esp. of touring actors, singers, or dancers
2033. **trove** - a valuable item or collection of valuable items discovered; e.g. a treasure-trove

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2034. **truculent** - fierce
2035. **truncheon** - a stick carried by police officers
2036. **tryst** - a prearranged meeting, especially one between lovers
2037. **tuft** - a bunch of grass
2038. **tumultuous** - chaotic
2039. **tureen** - soup dish
2040. **turgid** - swollen
2041. **turncoat** - one who traitorously switches allegiance
2042. **turpitude** - baseness
2043. **tutelage** - the act of providing guided instruction or protection
2044. **tyro** - beginner; novice
2045. **ubiquitous** - existing everywhere
2046. **ulterior** - secret
2047. **ultimatum** - one's last set of demands
2048. **umbrage** - resentment shadow
2049. **unconscionable** - unreasonable; uninfluenced by conscience
2050. **uncouth** - coarse
2051. **unctuous** - overly polite
2052. **undermine** - to weaken
2053. **undulate** - move in a wavelike motion
2054. **unearth** - to disclose from hiding
2055. **unethical** - lacking morality
2056. **unilateral** - undertaken independently, although likely to affect others
2057. **unnerve** - lacking composure, lacking calm behavior
2058. **unprecedented** - Having no previous example
2059. **unremitting** - without stopping
2060. **unswerving** - constant, not changing, steadfast
2061. **unwonted** - unaccustomed
2062. **upbraid** - condemn severely
2063. **upstage** - to distract attention from
2064. **urban** - pertaining to the city
2065. **urn** - a type of vase or vessel
2066. **usurp** - to assume forcibly and or without right
2067. **usury** - charging excessive interest
2068. **utilitarian** - pragmatic
2069. **utopia** - paradise
2070. **vacillate** - to waver between options
2071. **vacillation** - indecisiveness
2072. **vacuous** - vacant; lacking content or substance
2073. **vagary** - whim; a capricious or eccentric idea or action
2074. **valiant** - brave
2075. **vanguard** - in the front; the leading position
2076. **vanquish** - To defeat or conquer in battle
2077. **vapid** - lacking taste; bland; uninteresting; lacking liveliness
2078. **variegated** - changing in color marked by variety
2079. **vassal** - slave
2080. **vehement** - strongly felt or marked by high emotion (n. vehemence)
2081. **vendetta** - bitter feud
2082. **vener** - thin covering over wood; covering on furniture
2083. **venerable** - respected because of age dignified and worthy of admiration
2084. **veracity** - truthfulness
2085. **verbiage** - unnecessary words
2086. **verbose** - speaking with many words; very wordy
2087. **verdant** - green with plant life
2088. **verdict** - something delivered by a juror
2089. **verify** - to determine truth
2090. **veritable** - authentic; true
2091. **vernacular** - common speech; informal language
2092. **vernal** - spring-like
2093. **versatile** - able to do many things
2094. **vertigo** - a sensation of dizziness and disorientation
2095. **vestige** - trace
2096. **vexation** - irritation
2097. **vicarious** - substitute
2098. **vicariously** - experiencing something without being there (such as experience through reading)
2099. **vicissitudes** - changes in fortune



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2100. **victuals** - food
2101. **vigilant** - alert; watchful (n. vigilance)
2102. **vignette** - a brief literary excerpt or description
2103. **vilify** - debase; besmirch
2104. **vindicate** - to clear from blame or suspicion
2105. **vindictive** - revengeful
2106. **virago** - quarrelsome woman
2107. **virile** - manly
2108. **virtuoso** - expert
2109. **virulent** - **malignant; hostile**
2110. **visage** - face
2111. **visceral** - deeply felt
2112. **viscous** - sticky
2113. **vitality** - Physical or intellectual vigor; energy
2114. **vitiate** - destroy effectiveness
2115. **vitriolic** - bitterly scathing; caustic; acidic
2116. **vituperation** - verbal abuse
2117. **vivacious** - spirited; full of life
2118. **vivid** - very clear
2119. **vociferous** - clamorous; marked by noisy exclamation
2120. **volatile** - fickle; potentially unstable
2121. **voluble** - talkative
2122. **voluminous** - having high volume
2123. **voluptuous** - sensually enjoyable
2124. **voracious** - consuming or eager to consume great amounts of food; ravenous; rapacious; greedily hungry
2125. **vulnerable** - conquerable
2126. **vulpine** - crafty; cunning; relating to a fox
2127. **wallow** - to immerse oneself in utterly
2128. **wan** - pale
2129. **wane** - decrease
2130. **wanton** - unchecked; completely unrestrained
2131. **warden** - someone in charge of a prison
2132. **wary** - careful, cautious
2133. **wastrel** - spendthrift
2134. **watershed** - a critical event or turning point
2135. **wayfaring** - tending to travel by foot
2136. **waylay** - to lie in wait for
2137. **weave** - to create fabric
2138. **wend** - to go forward
2139. **wheedle** - cajole; entice
2140. **whim** - random, spontaneous idea
2141. **wily** - cunning
2142. **winnow** - to sift through
2143. **wistful** - longing
2144. **wither** - wasting away of a flower or blossom
2145. **wont** - custom
2146. **wool** - the outer covering of sheep
2147. **wrangle** - quarrel
2148. **writhe** - to twist (e.g. one's body)
2149. **yahoo** - a bumpkin
2150. **zealous** - enthusiastic
2151. **zenith** - highest point